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4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Kennedy Park

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6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Dufresne Plaza

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The community is invited to attend this spirited, family friendly event held December 11th from 4:30 pm.—8:30 p.m.

"Light Up Your Holidays" by attending the City of Lewiston's December 11th Holiday Celebration. Sponsored by Androscoggin Bank, festivities will span two Lewiston parks, that of Kennedy Park and Dufresne Plaza. Festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. on December 11th and extend through 8:00 p.m.

Neil J. Kiely, CEO of Androscoggin Bank, notes, "We are happy to sponsor

the 2021 Lewiston Holiday Celebration and invite all members of our community to enjoy all the great events the City has planned."

"The planning committee wanted a 'wow' factor this year, and attendees are sure to get just that. We wanted the 2021 celebration to be unique and memorable, and we are particularly grateful to Andro-

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Newly Sworn Public Safety Chiefs for Lewiston

Lewiston Police Chief David St. Pierre and Lewiston Fire Chief Mark Caron were sworn into office at the November 16th City Council meeting. Many police and fire employees, friends, and family members were on hand to support the new public safety chiefs, and City Administrator Heather Hunter shared sentiments about the two appointments, "Both personnel selected for the chiefs positions have successfully risen through the public safety ranks, have strong ties and fondness for the community of Lewiston, and have shared great strategic visions for their respective departments. They possess great experience and vast respect within their departments that will allow them to pursue many initiatives as well as confidently face emergencies placed before them."

David St. Pierre has been a member of the Lewiston Police Department for over 29 years; having served as a sworn officer since August of 1992. He has served in many capacities from patrol officer, special agent with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, detective, sergeant,



Police Chief David St. Pierre, sworn officer since 1992, is excited to begin this new chapter serving the community.

Chief St. Pierre notes, "I am thrilled and honored to have been chosen as Lewiston's Chief of Police. I'm excited to continue my law enforcement career of over 29 years in this new role as chief, leading the many devoted and hardworking men and women of the Lewiston Police Department and serving my hometown community of Lewiston."

Mark Caron has been employed by the Lewiston Fire Department since February 1996, serving as a firefighter at the Central, Main, and Lisbon Street fire stations. Promoted to Lieutenant in 2011, he was assigned to Ladder 1 on A Platoon at Central Station. In 2017, he served as Interim Assistant Chief; was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief in 2019; and most recently served as Interim Fire Chief. He has an Associate Degree in Fire Science from Southern Maine Community College and an Associate Degree in Computer Science from Central Maine Community College. Chief Caron also has certifications as Firefighter I & II, Fire Instructor I & II, and Fire Officer I, II, III, & IV. In addition, he has served several terms as Vice President of the Lewiston Firefighters Association. Chief Caron is married to wife Susan and has three adult children.

Chief Caron praised fire personnel and stated that he looks forward to "continuing the proud tradition of the Lewiston Fire Department."



Fire Chief Mark Caron, experienced firefighter since 1996, is prepared to uphold the "proud tradition of the Lewiston Fire Department" in this new beginning.

sergeant of detectives and lieutenant of both patrol and most recently of the Support Services Division where he was the agency's public information officer. Born and raised in Lewiston, he attended local schools and later earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire, and continued his education at the University of Southern Maine. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy's 271st Session in March of 2018 in Quantico, Virginia. Chief St. Pierre is married to wife Corey and has three adult stepchildren.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Collins Urges President Biden to Protect Afghan Women and Girls

U.S. Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine) joined all 24 female Senators in a bipartisan letter to President Joe Biden calling on him to protect the rights of Afghan women and girls following the U.S. military withdrawal from Afghanistan.

In a letter to the President, Senator Collins and her colleagues wrote, “In the wake of the U.S. mili-

tary withdrawal from Afghanistan, we write to urge your Administration to develop an interagency plan to preserve the political, economic, social, and basic human rights of Afghan women and girls.”

“Last year an estimated 3.5 million girls were in school, with 100,000 women enrolled in public and private universities. Women also began to succeed in

business and government . . . However, lacking a legitimate Afghan government and military forces to protect them, women and girls are now suffering the predations of a Taliban regime with a track record of brutalizing, isolating, and denying them life and liberty,” the Senators continued.

“You have committed to press the Taliban to

uphold the rights of women and girls, and you have stated that America will maintain an enduring partnership with the people of Afghanistan resisting Taliban rule. We will advise, support, and enable those efforts through legislation and engagement with your Administration. Afghan women and girls need our action now,” the Senators concluded.

In addition to Senator Collins, the letter was co-signed by Senators Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Tammy Duck-

worth (D-Ill.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.), Tina Smith (Minn.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.).

Chad Vander Lugt Named Executive Creative Director of Rinck Advertising

Rinck Advertising, a creative agency founded in Lewiston, Maine, is continuing to expand its team. The award-winning agency has hired Chad Vander Lugt as Executive Creative Director, making this the

ninth hire in 2021 for the fast-growing agency.

“In March 2020, Rinck went fully remote due to Covid. Although we still have our headquarters in Maine, we have made several key strategic hires

across the United States including Illinois, Virginia, New Jersey and now South Dakota,” stated Rinck CEO, Peter Rinck. “If there is a silver lining to the post-pandemic workforce, it is that we have expanded our talent pool and are able to seek the most experienced, innovative team members who fit our clients’ evolving needs.”

Vander Lugt will be responsible for leading the creative, studio, and digital departments in brand building and strategic campaign development across multiple industries, markets

and media. In his role, he will work closely with the agency’s Senior Director of Client Strategy, Kristy Phinney.

“This will be a fascinating new challenge for me. I am thrilled to be joining this dynamic team and I look forward to bringing my experience and creative philosophy to bear on Rinck’s diverse and exciting roster of clients. And my family and I absolutely love Maine. We left for family reasons in 2016, but the notion of one day moving back has always been on our hearts and minds. We

are overjoyed to be coming home,” said Vander Lugt.

Until then, Vander Lugt will remotely lead his team from Sioux Falls, SD where he was the executive creative director at Henkin Schultz. He has previously worked with The VIA Agency in Portland, ME; FCB in Chicago, and Tracy Locke in Dallas. Vander Lugt has experience with major brands including Frito-Lay, Ingersoll Rand, Harrah’s, Tabasco, Welch’s, People’s United Bank and Sam’s Club. His work has been recognized with multiple awards in-

cluding two Adweek Ad of the Day mentions.

“We wanted to hire top notch talent for this role and interviewed candidates across the country,” continued Rinck. “Chad stood out for his strong strategic brand building methodology and brand experience. He has jumped in with both feet, demonstrating his passion for brand storytelling and his desire to elevate the work we do. The fact that he and his family want to move back to Maine is truly icing on the cake and we are thrilled.”

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Portland Tree Lighting being Broadcast Live on Nov. 26


Downtown Portland had a sneak preview of the holiday tree delivery at Monument Square recently. The tree lighting can be viewed live on their webcam at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPzBI1Qzd8Y> Friday afternoon, November 26th.

Downtown Portland is a historic seacoast town with a funky vibe, working waterfront, loads of galleries, hundreds of one-of-a-kind shops, and award-winning restaurants serving everything from classic lobster rolls to exotic nouvelle cuisine. You are invited to explore their Arts District, Historic Old Port, fine dining, parks, and distinctive neighborhoods.




Downtown Portland has their tree cam up and running during certain times to allow viewers access to the tree's delivery and lighting. The tree will return the afternoon of Friday, November 26th when the tree will be lit. Tree delivery is expected around 9:00 a.m. that same day.

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What’s going on

Auburn Contest Encouraging Entrepreneurs



Startup Auburn seeking to reward small businesses and entrepreneurs in community for their hard work and is accepting applications through November.

The City of Auburn values small business and in an effort to attract and encourage new startups, the city has partnered with the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Auburn’s new Staples Connect loca-

tion to launch “Startup Auburn.” During a ribbon-cutting/grand opening event held earlier today at Staples Connect, 89 Union Street, Mayor Jason Levesque shared the details of this exciting new program. The city will begin to accept ap-

plications for Startup Auburn through November. Three entrepreneurs will be selected and will receive four months use of a dedicated desk in the co-working space at Staples Connect (\$1,596 value), courtesy of the City of Auburn and Staples Connect. Perks include 10% discount on select in-store purchases, 500 free business cards, unlimited meeting room space, free parking, and black and white printing; Marketing and communications consulting from Auburn Mayor Jason Levesque & the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce; 1-year Entrepreneurs Membership at LA Metro Chamber of Commerce (\$200 value), courtesy of the Chamber; \$500 Staples gift card, courtesy of Staples.

“Auburn is a thriving community with a large population of small businesses and entrepreneurs,” said Staples Connect General Manager Jameson Rodrigues. “Our team is so grateful for the opportunity to help with their continued growth through the Startup Auburn initiative, and to serve as a partner through the upgraded products and services in our new store.”

The term “startup” refers to a company in its first stages of operations. Startups are founded by one or more entrepreneurs who want to develop a product or service.

“These companies generally start with high costs and limited revenue,”

said Levesque. “Which is why the City of Auburn - and our extraordinary partners - are dedicated to nurturing and support the efforts of these entrepreneurs. By making this incredible new co-working community available to them, we hope to help position them for success. Because when our businesses succeed, Auburn succeeds.”

Auburn’s Director of Business and Community Development agrees: “Having a national resource like Staples Connect to assist our local entrepreneurs is a game changer in our community,” said Glen Holmes. “Being able to partner to provide just a bit of assistance is very exciting for the city.”

“This is a great example of how business and municipalities in this region partner to invest in the success of entrepreneurs and small businesses,” said Shanna Cox, President & CEO of the LA Metro Chamber. “When a startup has access to the resources and support offered here, it gives them a leg up into business ownership and success. We are invested in each business’s success because we know that leads to a strong local economy.”

Entrepreneurs interested in applying for the Startup Auburn program should watch for details on the city’s Economic Development website, goauburn.me.

Weekly Virtual Library Programs for Children Begins Nov. 23

The public is invited to join the Lewiston Public Library for their virtual weekly combination of Babytime and Preschool Storytime via Zoom every Tuesday, starting November 23rd from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. for children ages 0-5. To register, please call or email the Children’s Department at 207-513-3133 or email LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov.

Storytime is a fun and interactive activity for children and their caregivers that helps introduce children to the world of books, learning, and the library. Early literacy concepts such as print awareness and phonics will be introduced to parents and children. Enjoy stories, songs, fingerplay, and more. Siblings are always welcome.

The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner

of Pine Street. More information on Storytime programs is available by contacting the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3133 or LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov. This program is free, open to the public.

Babytime and Preschool Storytime are online, fun, interactive activities for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. These programs help introduce children to the world of books, learning, and the library.



Lewiston Dog Licensing for 2022 Now Available

Any Lewiston resident who owns a dog may now license their pet for the 2022 calendar year. Dog licenses are due January 1st of each year. All dogs that are six months old or older within Lewiston must be licensed per state law. A pet owner can receive a license for their dog at the Lewiston City Clerk’s Office located at City Hall. In order to license a dog, the owner must show proof that the dog has a current, State of Maine rabies certificate which is proof that the dog has been immunized against rabies. If an animal is spayed or neutered, the owner should bring proof from the veterinarian of this as well. All dog licenses expire on December 31st of each year. Dog license fees are \$11 for a male or female dog and \$6 for a spayed or neutered animal. Dog licenses renewed after January 31st are subject to the mandatory \$25 late fine.

Residents unable to make it into City Hall can use the outside red drop box for all City Hall services. This is located by the Park Street entrance and accessible 24 hours a day.

Lewiston residents with questions regarding

barking dogs or the City’s animal control ordinance, should contact Lewiston Animal Control Officer Wendell Strout. Officer Strout can be reached at the Lewiston Police Department at 795-9010, ext. 322. Any stray, lost, or injured dogs should be reported to ACO Strout as well. Residents are welcome to visit the City’s website for information regarding dog licensing at www.lewistonmaine.gov/123/dog-licenses.

Rabies is a serious problem in the State. Residents are urged to take the time to protect their pet against this deadly virus. If an animal is suspected of having rabies, they are quarantined. If during this time the signs of rabies still appear, the only way to test an animal for rabies is to euthanize the animal. Dog licensing ensures rabies vaccination which protects the health of your pet.

The City Clerk’s

Department has office hours on Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:00pm. Residents can also renew the dog license online at www.lewistonmaine.gov/101/online-services. Questions can be directed to the City Clerk’s Department at 513-3124.

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Mental Health Summit at the Augusta Civic Center on Nov. 30

How has the pandemic impacted mental health and mental health services in Maine? What dire problems and gaps in community services has it revealed and exacerbated? How can we meet skyrocketing demand for services, while acute problems such as staffing shortages make delivering those services so challenging? These and related critical issues will be spotlighted at “Mental Health Summit: Reimagining Mental Health Services in Maine,” a one-day conference for providers, consumers, advocates, and legislators to be held on Tuesday, November 30th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive.

The summit is being sponsored by Alliance for Addiction and Mental Health Services, Maine; Behavioral Health Community Collaborative; Consumer Council System of Maine; NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Maine; and Pathways of Maine. The special keynote speaker via Zoom will be Chuck Ingoglia, President/CEO of the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, who is available for pre-Summit media interviews by calling (207)-512-0532.

“Mental Health Summit: Reimagining Mental

Health Services in Maine” is being held at a time when the global pandemic has rocked the nation’s mental health and health services. According to a recent Morning Consult poll released by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, 78 percent of mental health and substance-use treatment organizations report increased demand for services over the past three months, continuing a relentless surge that began more than a year ago. The same poll also revealed workforce shortages have made it extremely difficult for mental health and substance-use treatment organizations to keep up with demand. Fully 97 percent of them report it has been “difficult to recruit employees”; 83 percent report increased demand for mental health treatment; 78 percent report increased demand for crisis services; 76 percent report increased demand for social support services; 69 percent report increased demand for substance-use treatment.

“The pandemic has exacerbated our nation’s mental health and substance-use crisis. It also has made it more difficult for treatment organizations to provide clients the care they need and deserve,” said Chuck Ingoglia, President/CEO of the National Council for Mental Wellbeing.

“This crisis demands that we find solutions that allow clients to get the treatment they need and provide organizations the resources they require to attract and retain staff in a competitive marketplace.”

The schedule for “Mental Health Summit: Reimagining Mental Health Services in Maine” will include the following: 10:00 a.m. – Opening / Welcome. 10:15 a.m. - Keynote Presentation – Chuck Ingoglia, President/CEO of the National Council for Mental Wellbeing. 11:00 a.m. – Consumer & Advocates Panel (adult services). 11:45 a.m. - Family & Advocates Panel (children’s services). 12:30 p.m. – Lunch Presentation (box lunch provided). 1:15 p.m. – Provider Panel. 2:00 p.m. – Legislator & Policymaker Panel. 2:45 p.m. – Closing Remarks.

Mental health providers, consumers, and advocates, along with Maine state legislators, are urged to attend this critical one-day summit. To register for this upcoming event held on Tuesday, November 30th, please visit the following web address: www.eventbrite.com/e/mental-health-summit-reimagining-community-services-in-maine-registration-194783612027

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Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 date of service. The Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington St, Bath, ME. For more information call 2074428455 or visit chocolatechurcharts.org.

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Day's Jewelers transfers ownership to employees

This November, Day's Jewelers transferred ownership as family-owned business to its employees. The Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) will benefit its 120 employees, making Day's the only employee-owned and operated jewelry company in Maine and New Hampshire.

"Since my wife Kathy and I purchased Day's in 1988, we have always set out to build a company that stands the test of time," said Jeff Corey, vice president of marketing and co-owner of Day's Jewelers. "Becoming an ESOP and placing our future in the hands of our tremendous employees will ensure the continued success of the company and culture we've built over the past several decades."



Jeff, Joe, and Kathy Corey transfer ownership of Day's Jewelers to employees.

Kathy Corey, Day's co-owner said, "Since its founding in 1914, Day's Jewelers has held the important core principle of providing the best value to our customers. When considering the future of the company, we weighed the options of selling to an outside buyer or selling to our employees. By converting the business to an ESOP, the future of the business would be kept in the hands of our employees, and we could keep our current leadership and the amazing Day's family culture we have built."

Day's joins a number of other high-profile employee-owned companies in Maine, including Cianbro, Moody's Collision, Clark Insurance, ReVision Energy, as well as Yankee Publishing, Inc., Cirtronics Corp., and Hypertherm in New Hampshire.

Discrepancy in Health Care Worker Vaccination Data

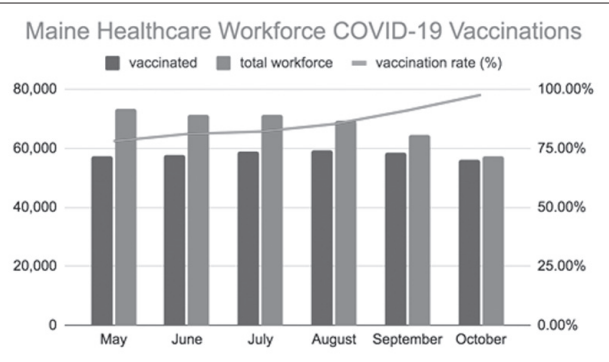


Chart displaying the data Nick Murray speaks on in his statement pertaining to vaccinations of health care workers.

Maine Policy has been tracking the state's health care worker vaccination data since it became available in May. Maine Policy Institute analyst, Nick Murray, released a statement after the release of the Health Care Worker COVID-19 Vaccination report for the month of October. In his statement, he asserts the following:

The Maine DHHS and CDC's own data disputes claims it made today in its press release related to the total number of health care workers whose vaccination status has been reported since the agency began collecting these data in May. The release issued today claims the total staff reported by health care facilities fell by only 516 (1%) between May and October. The agency's own data available on its public dashboard show there are 16,046 fewer workers at these facilities than in May.

According to the agency's data, since July, the last month before Governor Mills announced the mandate for health care workers, the overall workforce reported at facilities impacted by the rule has declined by 19.65%. Since May, there are 1,242 fewer vaccinated workers and 14,804 fewer unvaccinated workers at these facilities.

Growth in the state's vaccination rate for health care workers over the May to October reporting period is entirely a product of shrinking denominators. Thousands of workers have left the workforce at designated health care facilities impacted by the rule, with the largest losses coming in the two months leading up to the enforcement deadline of the vaccine mandate.

The explanations provided by the administration related to normal expansion and contraction, reporting rate fluctuations, and seasonal changes in workforce cannot explain this dramatic shift in the overall number of staff reporting vaccination status at these facilities. There is little doubt that the governor's vaccine mandate is the cause of these irregular losses in staff experienced by designated healthcare facilities. Maine DHHS and CDC need to answer to the discrepancy in the data reported on their public dashboard and the numbers released to the public in today's press release.

New Chief Financial Officer for Seven Islands Land Company



Nick Ireland, newly appointed CFO, is set to bring his commendable skills set to the team of Seven Islands Land Company.

Seven Islands Land Company announces that Nick Ireland has been ap-

pointed as the company's Chief Financial Officer. Ireland succeeds Theresa Triandafillou, who retired as CFO from the company in June following a 27-year career.

Ireland most recently served as Chief Financial Officer for the Gardner Companies, a forest-based group of companies based in Lincoln, Maine. Ireland began his career working for Baker Newman Noyes, holding a number of diverse roles and ultimately serving as a Managing Director, specializing in financial institutions, commercial businesses, and employee benefit plans.

Seven Islands' President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "I am excited to welcome Nick to the Seven Islands leadership team. We believe that his proven track record of results-driven leadership, financial acumen, and strategic thinking, along with his love of the Maine outdoors, make him the right choice to lead our financial operations."

Ireland commented, "It's an honor to join the Seven Islands team. I look forward to helping Seven Islands work towards its goals while furthering the legacy as a good steward of Maine's forest and positive contributor to Maine's economy."

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Arts & Entertainment

Auburn Art Club Meeting Dec. 6 at Park Avenue Methodist Church

The Auburn Art Club will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6th, 2021, at the Park Avenue Methodist Church in Auburn. Ulla Hanson will be the guest pianist and will play some Christmas music. Ulla is the organist at Sixth St. Congregational Church and is an accomplished artist. Donna Sweetser is the chairperson for this meeting. She will be assisted by Bonnie Ross, Grace Keene, and Sue Morgan. All members are invited to attend.

Festive Lecture with Dustin Pari Held Dec. 6



Get into the holiday spirit this year with paranormal enthusiast, motivational speaker, and lecturer Dustin Pari.

If you are struggling with the holiday blues and are looking for a little yuletide boost, “How To Be a Festive Soul” is the lecture for you. Playful and fun, yet serious and thoughtful, “How To Be A Festive Soul” teaches lessons that can foster a positive spirit in you all year long. Dustin Pari takes an in-depth look at the characters and some of the notable scenes from the Rankin & Bass classic “Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer” and breaks it down as only he can. This is truly a present for the soul that you will want to share with your friends and family. Dustin Pari is best known for his fascination

with the paranormal, as a part of television’s Ghost Hunters, Ghost Hunters International, and appearances on Destination Truth and Ghost Nation. In addition to conducting his paranormal research, Dustin also does a lot of work as a motivational speaker, suicide awareness advocate, and Christian lecturer. His annual holiday themed motivational lectures are not to be missed! Drawing on various pop culture themes mixed with Christmas television classics, Dustin’s holiday motivation is second to none! For more information on Dustin, visit his website at www.DustinPari.com.

The public is invited to join via Zoom for this uplifting lecture that will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 6th. To register for this event, visit the events calendar on their website (www.auburnpubliclibrary.org), or email dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org. Registrants will be sent the Zoom link on the day of the program to participate.

Name that Park Contest Kicks Off Nov. 16

The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) is facilitating a naming contest for the newly established municipal athletic park on Bartlett Street in Lewiston. The land was previously occupied by Hudson Bus Lines. The City of Lewiston is nearing completion of the park, and at their November 16th, 2021, meeting, the City Council approved a naming rights program, authorizing LYAC to publicly seek naming for the park and field/sledding hill, through a contest and a naming rights sponsorship opportunity.

LYAC will first focus on the park naming via a contest format. An online contest submission form is at www.lewistonmaine.gov/parkcontest.

A hard copy for printing, completion, and emailing or mailing can also be accessed at www.lewistonmaine.gov/parkcontestform. A hard copy can be emailed to dottie@lewistonmaine.gov or mailed to LYAC c/o Administration, Lewiston City Hall, 27 Pine Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. The submission deadline is December 16th, 2021.

Keira Potvin, LYAC Vice-Chair who presented the project to the City Council, notes, “The naming contest enables the community to be engaged and hopefully enthusiastic about this new athletic offering in Lewiston.”

LYAC member Nafisa Tasnia added, “Actually, the park naming contest

provides an opportunity to make a bit of history here in Lewiston.”

The online and hard copy contest form requires a proposed name along with a brief narrative explaining why that name proposal should be selected.

Submissions will be reviewed by Lewiston staff and LYAC. Should there be multiple exemplary submissions, the “top 3” will result in interviews being scheduled to acquire further information about each proposed suggestion. The final name selected is subject to Lewiston City Council approval. Following the park contest, LYAC will seek a monetary sponsor for the naming of the park’s field/sledding hill.

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Chocolate Church Arts Center Begins Holiday Season Performances Nov. 27



Còig, 2020 Canadian Folk Music Awards winner, will be performing a musical Christmas special on December 17th at CCAC.



David Benoit, exceptional pianist and Grammy nominee photographed by Lori Stoll, will be performing a Charlie Brown tribute at the CCAC on December 3rd.

The Chocolate Church Arts Center (CCAC), at 804 Washington Street in Bath, will present a jam-packed schedule of holiday-themed events in late November and throughout December. The eclectic lineup will feature everything from a Motown concert to a Charlie

Brown tribute show from piano legend David Benoit to a winter solstice celebration with award-winning roots and bluegrass artists. To kick things off, on Saturday, November 27th, Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations will return to the Chocolate Church stage



Low Lily, an American Roots band, will be playing alongside Matt Flinner December 18th with a splendid variety of musical talents to display.

with A Motown Christmas. This live, old-school R&B revue, complete with back-up singers and a full horn section, will feature soulful takes on Christmas tunes, as well as classic hits from The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, The Supremes, and more.

David Benoit, a three-time Grammy nominee and icon of contemporary jazz piano, will make his debut at the arts center on Friday, December 3rd with A Christmas Tribute to Charlie Brown. Benoit took over from Vince Guaraldi as music composer for the beloved Charlie Brown specials more than a decade ago and the concert will feature Guaraldi's classic compositions, along with

Benoit's original tunes. Guest vocalist Courtney Fortune will make a special appearance.

Maine's own Don Campbell Band will play a Christmas-themed show on Saturday, December 10th. Campbell, who was recognized for six consecutive years as the Maine Sunday Telegram's favorite Maine songwriter, will perform a mix of holiday classics and original songs inspired by his home state.

December 11th will bring A Beatles Holiday Celebration, which will feature Star Club, a premier Massachusetts-based Beatles Tribute Band. Star Club provide the full "Fab Four" holiday experience complete with suits, mop-tops,



Matt Flinner, multi-award-winning bluegrass mandolinist will be present and performing December 18th at CCAC.

holiday hits, and Beatles favorites.

The following weekend is another double-header, starting with Còig on Friday, December 17th. Còig, the 2020 Canadian Folk Music Awards winner, will play a special Christmas show, in which the musicians will shift between century-old tunes of past generations to original and contemporary compositions, featuring the band's range of over a dozen instruments.

On Saturday, December 18th, multi-award-winning bluegrass mandolinist Matt Flinner teams up with American Roots band Low

Lily to celebrate the Winter Solstice. This high-energy show will feature instrumentals alongside impeccably arranged songs to celebrate the season. Between them, the musicians play mandolins, guitars, fiddle, banjo, double bass, and sing in three and four-part vocal harmonies.

The season will come to a close at CCAC on Monday, December 20th with an adapted version of Sing! It's Christmas, a beloved community sing-along that has taken place at the venue for decades. The family-friendly event, which will feature local performers, is free to the public, but will have limited seating and will require pre-registration.

Tickets for all events at the Chocolate Church Arts Center are available for purchase at www.chocolatechurcharts.org, or by calling the box office at 207-442-8455. All performances will be subject to the center's current COVID-19 related policy, which requires audience members ages 12 and up to be fully vaccinated or have a negative COVID-19 test result within 48 hours prior to arriving at a performance, along with a matching photo ID.

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Friends of Lewiston Public Library is excited to host this book sale on Saturday, December 4th. Bring a bag or buy a bag from LPL between 10:30 a.m.-3:00p.m.

The Friends of the Lewiston Public Library are excited to announce that they will be hosting a book sale at the Lewiston Public Library on Saturday, December 4th. The event will be held in Callahan Hall and will run from 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., preceded by the Friends annual meeting at 10:00 a.m. There will be a large selection of fiction and nonfiction items for all

ages including audiobooks, music CDs, and DVDs. Payment must be in the form of cash or check only.

The pricing is a fill-a-bag method as follows: \$5 to fill a plastic bag provided by Shaw's. \$8 to fill your own standard size reusable shopping bag. \$10 to purchase and fill a larger LPL logo bag.

All proceeds from sales and donations are

used to fund library programs, special events, and purchases not covered by the annual budget.

The Friends of LPL is a non-profit organization that assists the library with facility, service, and resource development. For many years, the Friends have enthusiastically supported programming at the library (helping, for example, launch what we now know as LA Arts). More recently, Friends' contributions have been even more tangible. In 1995, members of the Friends successfully lobbied the Lewiston City Council to expand the library facility. A year later, the Friends initiated a capital campaign that resulted in \$600,000 in gifts from more than 400 individuals, businesses, and foundations, enough to complete the final expansion of the library and to secure the furniture and equipment necessary for a state-of-the-art facility. If you're interested in learning more or joining the Friends, please visit <http://lplonline.org/about/support-the-library/friends/>.

Ralph Lenfestey is appointed Lewiston's Finance Director



Ralph Lenfestey, newly appointed Finance Director of Lewiston, pictured being sworn into this vital role.

Ralph Lenfestey is Lewiston's new Finance Director, appointed at the November 16th, 2021, Council meeting and sworn in by City Clerk Kathy Montejo.

Lenfestey was lauded by City Administrator Heather Hunter, whom he is replacing, as her "right-hand man for the last 24 years." Hunter added, "I'm sure he's looking forward to the challenges placed before him, and it is with great pleasure that I would recommend this approval."

Since being hired as Senior Staff Accountant in 1997, he has also held the positions of Senior Accountant, Business Manager – Public Works, Chief Accountant, Assistant Finance Director, and most recently Interim Finance Director. He is also currently serving as Treasurer for the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority.

Finance Director Lenfestey notes, "I'm excited to have this new opportunity and to continue working with the dedicated folks in the City's Finance Department."

Lenfestey received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a major in Accounting from the University of Maine at Augusta. He was also certified as a Municipal Treasurer for the Maine Municipal Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association. Before commencing his career with the City of Lewiston, he served as Treasurer for the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

He is married to wife Toni, and they have three children.

Small Business Saturday Nov. 27

The Cities of Lewiston and Auburn celebrate their local small businesses and the contributions they make to the local economy and community on Small Business Saturday. According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 31.7 million small businesses in the United States. They represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, and they are responsible for 65.1% of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2019. Small businesses employ 47.1% of the employees in the private sector in the United States, 88% of U.S. consumers feel a personal commitment to support small businesses in the wake of the pandemic, and 92% of small business owners have pivoted the way they do business to stay open during the pandemic. A total of 97% of Small Business Saturday shoppers recognize the impact they can make by shopping small. 85% of them also encourage friends and family to do so as well. A total of 56% of shoppers reported they shopped online with a small business on Small Business Saturday in 2020. More than 50% of consumers who reported shopping small endorsed a local business on social media or shopped at a local business because of a social media recommendation.

Lewiston and Auburn support local businesses, recognize that they create jobs, boost the economy, and preserve communities. Advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations across the country, have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday. As a result, Lewiston Mayor Mark A. Cayer and Auburn Mayor Jason J. Levesque have proclaimed November 27, 2021 as Small Business Saturday within their respective municipalities and urge local residents, as well as communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on both Small Business Saturday and throughout the year. This proclamation was signed November 12th, 2021 by Mayor Mark A. Cayer and Mayor Jason J. Levesque.

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Lakeside Norway Tree Lighting and Caroling for a Cause Dec. 11



Tree standing alone at Lakeside Norway. This spruce in the field on the old CB Cummings Landing on Route 118 in Norway will be where the event is held.

Lakeside Norway, Pleasant Hill Property Services and Norway Brewing are teaming up with the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine (CRCof-

WM) for a Tree Lighting and Caroling to honor those in our lives and those who have passed on Saturday, December 11th, 6:00-7:00 p.m., at 'The Tree at Lakeside Norway' a lone spruce tree in the field on the old CB Cummings Landing on Route 118 in Norway. Local musician, Dave Knightly, will lead everyone in a round of holiday songs. Hot chocolate and cider will be provided courtesy of Norway Brewing.

"This is really the first of what we hope will be many years of holiday tree lighting and caroling," said Jason Shiers, owner of Pleasant Hill and President of Lakeside Norway. "We are glad to help raise funds for CRCofWM since cancer affects us all—directly or indirectly. It is important that we fight together, celebrate life together and enjoy the holidays together!"

For a \$10 donation, a handmade birch ornament will be personalized by

the CRCofWM and then placed on 'The Tree at Lakeside Norway,' before December 11th.

"This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one, remember anyone who has passed, or send a bit of holiday cheer from you or your family," said Diane Madden, Executive Director of the CRCofWM. "It has been a tough year for many and we are excited to work with Lakeside Norway, Pleasant Hill and Norway Brewing Company to create a new meaningful community tradition."

100% of the proceeds from the ornament sale will go directly to support the needs of cancer patients and survivors in Oxford county and its surrounding towns. For any person being honored or remembered that is or was impacted by cancer, a pink (breast cancer) or purple (denotes all other cancers) ribbon is available to be added to the ornament.



Sample of the festive ornaments crafted by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine.

Ornaments can be ordered online at www.crcofwm.org or in person at the CRCofWM, at 59 Winter Street, Norway, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (with cash or a check) at the

New Ventures Maine Offering Free Online Classes Dec. 2

New Ventures Maine has announced tuition-free online workshops and classes for December and January that are designed to help people in Maine start a business, build a career, and manage money. The full class schedule is growing with new class offerings for January and is accessible online at bit.ly/NVME-Classes.

December and January classes include Job Search Series, held Thursdays December 2nd–December 16th from 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. If you are ready for a new job or a career change, join them for one, two, or all three of these workshops. On December 2nd, Job Search Strategies; December 9th, Resume Strategies; December 16th, Interview Strategies.

Matched Savings Information Session will be held Monday December 6th from 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Learn about matched savings programs such as the Rainy Day Savings and Family Development Account programs. They can help you save for a goal by matching your savings with additional funds. Find out how the programs work, check on eligibility, and ask questions.

Making Career Choices will take place on Tuesday, December 7th, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Are you ready for a career change but do not know where to start? This workshop will help point you in the right


direction.

Currently, there is a preview available for January 2022 as new classes are being added daily. The first of these is My Next Career Move: access online as of January 5th, 2022, and work at your own pace. In this class, take charge of your career and create an action plan to achieve success. My Money Works will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m., January 11th–February 8th. In this class, make a plan to achieve greater financial stability. Next, there is Building Confidence: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m., January 12th–January 26th. Learn concrete tools to help you build your confidence and keep it strong.

Visit bit.ly/NVME-Classes or call toll-free in Maine: 800-442-2092 for more information and to sign up.

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Navigating the Porcupines



By Ron Chase

Chowderheads with the Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society had a multitude of outdoor adventure opportunities scheduled for the second day of our annual fall festival weekend on Mount Desert Island. Mountain hikes, bike rides on the Acadia National Park Carriage Roads, war canoe competitions were included and some members planned to participate in the unique Belt Sander Races at the Atlantic Brewing Company. I proposed a sea kayak trip. My preference was a traverse along the rugged east shore of the island from Seal Harbor to Bar Harbor. The usual elderly suspects

signed on.

The day began with a solemn event, a memorial service for recently departed and much loved member Tee Brower. Held on the beach at Seal Harbor, her husband, John Brower, conducted the ceremony sharing memories and photos of Tee’s long remarkable life.

As the service concluded, I realized that contrary to the weather forecast, winds were blowing from the north instead of the southeast complicating my kayaking plan. A weather check indicated the forecast had changed and variable winds were predicted throughout the day. Recalling the same trip had to be aborted a few

years prior due to strong unexpected winds, I decided to explore alternatives. After consulting with the other intended participants, we elected to complete a circumnavigation of the Porcupine Islands. Our choice was in no way a sacrifice as the area is one of the most scenic in Maine.

The closest location to begin a trip around the Porcupines is a rudimentary landing at the end of Bridge Street in downtown Bar Harbor. The tide was rising when we arrived at the busy launching area. A multitude of hikers were negotiating a sand bar between the shore and Bar Island, and a large group of kayakers were preparing to depart on a guided trip. By the time we unloaded our kayaks and gear and found parking on nearby West Street, some of the hikers who had misjudged the tide were wading back from Bar Island.

We began our voyage by rounding the west end of Bar Island in Frenchman Bay and continuing on the north side of the archipelago. Proceeding with modest winds from the north, the views were phenomenal in all directions. During previous trips in this area, we encountered cruise ships moored amongst the islands. Banned due to

Covid concerns, none were present this time.

After passing Sheep Porcupine Island, we navigated to a secluded gravel beach on the northwest side of Burnt Porcupine Island for lunch and a respite. A wonderful view of Schoodic and Black Mountains on the mainland made my bland outdoor fare much more appetizing.

Continuing east past tiny Rum Key, we persisted along the largest island, Long Porcupine. At the eastern terminus, we approached a narrow channel between Long Porcupine and a miniature atoll called The Hop. From a distance, it was unclear if there was sufficient depth for safe navigation. One Chowderhead successfully probed the passageway and everyone followed.

Turning west, we began our return to Bar Harbor on the ocean side of the island chain. For the remainder of the excursion, we were blessed with continuous views of the mountains of Acadia National Park. Alas, the summit of the tallest, Cadillac Mountain, was enveloped in clouds.

The character of the south-facing periphery of the Porcupines is significantly different as tall, imposing cliffs dominate the shorelines. A differ-

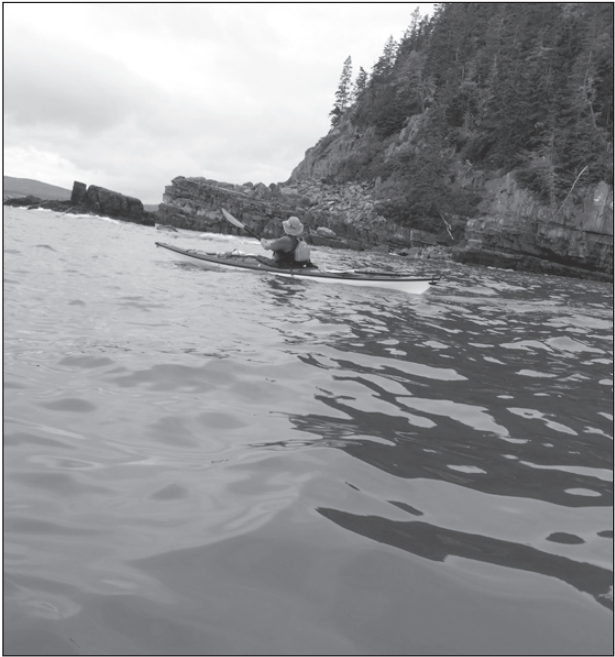
ent wind direction from the southeast caused some turbulence between Long and Sheep Porcupines. The rolling waves crashed against the precipitous bluffs adding a little drama to our excursion.

The waters calmed as we passed in lee of Bald Porcupine Island and entered bustling Bar Harbor. Large yachts, tour boats, and a multitude of smaller crafts cluttered the congested waterfront.

When we arrived at Bridge Street Landing, the half mile sand bar between Bar Island and the shore was completely submerged by a high tide. The landing was empty of people except for another group of kayakers who were preparing for the next guided tour.

Ours had been a most excellent paddling endeavor. I had no regrets about our decision to forgo the traverse which would have exposed us to varying winds and possible hazards particularly turning Great Head and Otter Point. Maybe next year we’ll have cooperative conditions.

The author of “The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery” and “Mountains for Mortals – New England,” Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, “MAINE AL FRESCO: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine” will soon be released by North Country Press. Visit his website at www.ronchase-outdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.



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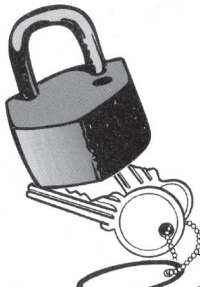
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All November
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. During the month of November, Youth Services will be handing out a variety of take-home crafting kits intended to create gifts for loved ones.

The library will also be promoting their outdoor

Calendar

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literacy spaces as activities to do with the family. These include the newly installed Bee and Butterfly Discovery Garden outside the library; the Maine Birthday Book Story-walk at Cherry Hill Farm and the Literacy Scavenger Hunt on the Claire Drew Trail. The library has ukuleles to check out, along with video tutorials online by our own Mr. Jeff. They also now have a metal detector and telescope available for checkout.

Every Tuesday in November

GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library. November Story Adventures 10am. Each Tuesday event will include a different book, movement break and activity, all held outdoors. It will be cancelled if weather is extreme. This is geared towards children aged 2-5.

Every Wednesday

SABATTUS - Sabattus Rec free group runs. The Wednesday night runs start and end in the Sabattus Mini-Mall parking lot, in front of Mixer's Nightclub. The social workouts head out at 6:00 p.m. each week, and usually last 30-45 minutes. The group runs are open to all abilities, from walkers to experienced runners. Distances

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by calling the Box Office at 783-0958, or at the door. Located at 30 Academy St, Auburn, ME 04210 info@lactl.com, boxoffice@lactl.com.

Thursday/Friday November 25 & 26

GORHAM – Municipal Center, Administrative Offices & Library closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.

Saturday, November 27

GORHAM – Annual Burn Off the Turkey 5K hosted by Gorham Recreation Around Robie Park The 5k Run/Walk starts at 8:30 a.m. To register and learn more, visit GorhamRec.com/info/activities then under Programs select Community Events then click on Burn off the

Turkey 5K.
Sunday, November 28
GORHAM – Annual Light Parade and Tree Lighting. The parade will start 4 p.m. on Main Street and wrap up with a tree lighting at Robie Park.
Monday, November 29
GORHAM – Tentative Joint Town Council Capital Improvements Committee (CIP) & School Facilities Committee Meeting. Room TBD at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 6
GORHAM – Planning Board Meeting Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7
GORHAM – Town Council meeting. Town Staff and Skate Park Advisory members are completing final interviews for the skate park design build RFP. Town staff are hopeful to have a company selected for endorsement by this date. Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8

GORHAM – School Committee Meeting Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 21

GORHAM – Tentative Recurring Town Council Workshop Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 24

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Tiny House Presentation by Sam Smith Dec. 13



Sam Smith stands proudly by his recently constructed tiny house in which he will live rent and mortgage-free. He is excited to host a presentation explaining the benefits of this endeavor on December 13th.

Who wants to live in a tiny house? Sam Smith does—and he will tell us about it in a Food for Thought presentation. USM/LA Senior College is delighted to have a talk with Mr. Smith and see the slides of his construction project. Have you ever wondered what it's like inside a tiny house? He likes the idea of "simple," and he is now enabling interested parties to learn how he does it.

Sam Smith is an Occupational Therapist who has his own business in Rockland, Maine. A graduate of Husson University, he studied psychology as an undergraduate and went on to get a master's degree in Occupational Therapy. Growing up around the midcoast area, he worked many summers as a stone mason/landscaper. When he decided that he wanted to live without rent or a mortgage, he could not imagine a better way to do so than to build himself a tiny house. He began construction about two and a half years ago and has just recently moved in.

Sam Smith's presentation is free and open to the public via Zoom. He welcomes the public to join him for an enjoyable and interesting discussion about a new, environmentally friendly way of living. Email laseniorcollege@gmail.com to get a link. He will speak on Monday, December 13th at 3:00 p.m. Be sure to request your link by noon on December 12th.

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Out and About with Rachel Morin

My theater friend, Joanne, and I were looking forward to seeing Lewiston Auburn Community Little Theatre’s presentation of Music Theatre International “All Together Now!” A global event celebrating local theaters across the world. It was being staged here in our own Lewiston Auburn Community Little Theatre on Academy St. in Auburn.

There were four performances at CLT the weekend of Nov. 12, 13 and 14. This was held simultaneously across the USA with over 2,500 theaters in all 50 states and over 40 countries performing the exclusive musical revue on the same weekend.

As CLT was selling general admission tickets to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions, so that we could also practice social distancing and sit where we would be most comfortable. Masks are required throughout the building.

Joanne and I decided to arrive extra early to get good seats to enjoy the show. We were pleased to see a good attendance and saw many of our friends and the regular CLT fans.

Once the show started it was spectacular. We were surprised at the powerful voices. Song after song was so well done. We couldn’t remember when soloists had sung so powerfully before.

The choreography flowed beautifully and intricately, without a hitch, so very well done. We loved the coordinated costumes, for the large group dance acts how beautiful they were and colorful. In the large group acts, the dancing was performed perfectly. We just couldn’t get over how special the voices sounded and the power of the voices.

A large selection of songs were featured in this brand new musical revue from shows including Rent, Into the Woods, Disney’s Beauty and the Beast, Fiddler on the Roof, Little Shop of Horrors, Guys and Dolls, Mamma Mia, Oliver, My Fair Lady and many more.

At the finale, the cast returned to a rousing standing ovation. We would have enjoyed a repeat performance the next day, but time conflicts ended that attempt.

In alphabetical order, here are the singers in the program, each singer has a head shot and a brief biography in the program.

Shayna Barnhard, Maddie Dubois, Julia Groover, Maria Groover, Gregory Judd, Dan Kane, Luci Lantos, Marlena Lantos, E. Chris L’Hommedieu, Heather Marichal, Sofie Messina

Charlotte Morin, Lynn O’Donnell, Brian Pfohl, Ellie Pfohl, Ashleigh St. Pierre, Alex Venturelli and Ansley Watson.

Special Guest Appearances by Darwin O’Donnell Kane and Megatron O’Donnell Kane, beautifully costumed and gracefully choreographed their performance, trotting on four legs, across the width of the stage on cue.

The crew included Lynn O’Donnell, Director, Choreographer, Costumer; Paul G. Caron, Musical Director; Dan Kane, Producer; Brandon Chaloux, Stage Manager;

Sarah Wing Chaloux,

Assistant Stage Manager; Jereme Gray, Spot Light Operator; Noah Keneborus, Sound Operator and Design; Makenzie Leblanc, Sound Assistant;

Roger Philippon and Danielle Eaton, Publicity; Penny Drumm, Program.

The Design Work was done by Central Maine Graphics.

CLT is opening its 2021-2022 Season January 13-16 & 20-23, 2022 with “Let it Be” a celebration of the music of The Beatles. A story set during the civil unrest of the 1960s follows two families living long-time next door neighbors. Beatles fans will enjoy many of the iconic songs from the Beatles.

Lewiston High School students, Rabbi Dresdner & wife Lisa, Church of All Nations, and the ADS Church. Santa will be on board for free photos by Creativeone’s Photography, mitten giveaways will occur compliments of Rinck Advertising’s mitten drive, and the Salvation Army will provide free tasty treats. The lighting of the Christmas tree and the Menorah will also occur.

A spirit of giving will also be present, with a Lewiston Public Works bucket loader, decked out in holiday lights, serving as a donation spot in Kennedy Park for canned goods. Items collected will be given to local entities distributing food to those in need.

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