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## Marine Core League Hosting Tribute for Vietnam Veterans

**LEWISTON, ME (March 9, 2022)** -- The Marine Corps League, Central Maine Detachment 810 and the Lewiston/Auburn Veterans council will host a Remembrance tribute to our Vietnam War/Vietnam Era veterans at the Lewiston Armory. Following the tribute there will be a presentation of a wreath at the Vietnam war memorial as well as a 21-gun salute, taps, and a small cannon firing. The date is March 29 at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Marine Corps League Central Maine Detachment 810 is inviting the public to this event and would consider it an honor to see individuals participating in this tribute to the men and women who served during America's most controversial war. The Lewiston Armory is located at 65 Central Avenue.

## GAHS To Host Two Free Vaccine Events, Powered by Petco Love

**Lewiston, ME (March 7, 2022)** -- The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society (GAHS) is partnering with national nonprofit Petco Love to give pets their best shot for a healthy life by hosting two free pet vaccine events on Saturday, March 12th and Saturday, March 26th.

Petco Love established March as "National Pet Vaccination Month" to encourage pet parents to keep their pets up to date on vaccinations and will provide free pet vaccines to the GAHS for family pets in need. As puppy and kitten season approaches, pet exposure to contagious and deadly diseases -- parvovirus, distemper, and panleukopenia -- increases but is preventable with a simple vaccine.

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society aims to vaccinate 350 pets through this effort. The first free vaccine event will take place at the Shelter at 55 Strawberry Avenue in Lewiston from 9am to 12 noon. The second free vaccine event will be on Saturday, March 26th at the Minot Town Hall, 329 Woodman Hill Road in Minot from 11am to 2pm. Vaccines distributed through the Petco Love initiative will be the DAPPv Canine and HCP Feline vaccines. GAHS will also be distributing free Rabies Vaccines. Please bring proof of previous vaccine history.

"Thanks to Petco Love, we can offer these important vaccines at no cost to pet owners," said Katie Lisnik, Executive Director. "We urge community members to take advantage of these free resources to help reduce the spread of disease and ensure the health and wellness of our community's pets."

The Give Pets Their Best Shot initiative makes crucial pet vaccines accessible to pet parents who may be experiencing financial challenges and assures that cost is not a barrier to protecting pets from preventable diseases.

See GAHS, page 16

## Dancing Games Runs Through March 20

**LEWISTON, ME (March 11, 2022)** -- Suzannah Herschkowitz as Senga Quinn and Jed Peterson as Ever Montgomery in "Dancing Lessons." The play opens Friday, March 11, and runs through March 20, at The Public Theatre in Lewiston.

A professional dancer with a career-ending injury is thrown for a loop when a geoscientist shows up on her doorstep asking for a dance lesson. Offering her an absurd amount of money to teach him enough moves to avoid embarrassing himself at an awards dinner, these two mismatched souls engage in a series of lessons that lead them both out of their comfort zone.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday; with a matinee show as well at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 19.

Tickets are \$25/Adult; \$22/Group (10 or more); \$20/Student (19+ with ID); and \$10/Youth (4-18).

For anyone unable to attend in-person, a Video-On-Demand ticket to watch a recording of a live performance is available. The stream will be available March 15-20. \$25/Single (one person) or \$50/Household (two or more people).

For tickets, go online to [thepublictheatre.org/dancing-lessons](http://thepublictheatre.org/dancing-lessons) or call 207-782-3200.



Suzannah Herschkowitz as Senga Quinn and Jed Peterson as Ever Montgomery in "Dancing Lessons."

The Public Theatre is taking its decision to resume live performances very seriously and has upgraded the entire HVAC system with MERV filters for improved air-handling throughout the building that meets or exceeds all CDC safety guidelines for air circulation and filtration.

We are also requiring proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID test within 24 hours to attend, and a mask must be worn while in the building. For more information on The Public Theatre's complete COVID safety protocols, visit [thepublictheatre.org/public-health-announcement](http://thepublictheatre.org/public-health-announcement).

## Greatest Hits of the Past 400 Years



**LEWISTON, ME (March 8, 2022)** -- Please join the Maine Music Society Chorale, conducted by Dr. Richard Nickerson in his debut season as Artistic Director, March 26 at 7:30 pm and March 27 at 3:00 pm at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston to hear us perform some of the most famous and favorite choral arrangements from the Renaissance Era to the Present. We will be singing works that singers love to sing and that audiences love to hear.

You will enjoy both Handel's and Beethoven's triumphant versions of "Hallelujah," plus familiar pieces by Mozart, Bach, and Tallis. Soprano Christy Comeau-Pierce, Tenor Brian Pfohl, and Bass Carl Steidel are the soloists rendering the angel voices in Haydn's inspiring "The Heavens are Telling."

You will also enjoy the music of several modern composers: Randall Thompson will take you down Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken;" Aaron

Copeland will have you dancing in your seat to "Zion's Walls;" and Carl Orff will stir your soul with the sounds of "O Fortuna" from Carmina Burana. With Bridget Convey at the piano, you will easily imagine you are hearing a full orchestra.

Choral music is alive and well in the Twin Cities. If you are a fan of choral music, you will be excited to hear these familiar melodies and texts. If you are thinking about exploring this musical genre, the MMS Chorale is ready to demonstrate that choral music is lively, fun and exciting!

**IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE:** Audience members 12-years or older must provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or of a negative authorized COVID-19 test result for admission, and all attendees must be masked while in the Franco Center. This policy is for our collective health and safety, and will remain in effect until further notice. For details and updates go to [www.mainemusicsociety.org](http://www.mainemusicsociety.org).

Tickets are available online at [www.mainemusicsociety.org](http://www.mainemusicsociety.org) or by calling our business office at 207-333-3386.

MMS encourages you to purchase your tickets ahead of time.

Ticket Information: No reserved seating

Adult - \$22\*; Senior - \$20\*; Student - \$10\*

Children under 12: free when accompanied by an adult

Group rates: 20% off price before handling fee for 10 or more tickets to the same performance purchased at the same time.

\* Handling fee: \$2 per ticket  
The Maine Music Society thanks our season sponsors Hardy, Wolf & Downing and the Ladd Foundation, this event Sponsor Platz Associates, and Co-Sponsors Paris Farmers Union and Lee Auto Mall for making this concert possible.

# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Red Cross Testing for COVID-19 Antibodies

**PORTLAND, ME (March 10, 2022)** — For a limited time, the American Red Cross has resumed testing all blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. Plasma from routine donations that have high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used as convalescent plasma to help meet the needs of COVID-19 patients with weakened immune systems.

At the same time, the Red Cross blood supply remains vulnerable, and individuals are urged to schedule a blood or platelet donation. In the days and weeks ahead, it's critically important the Red Cross maintains a readily available blood supply so hospital patients can receive the care they need. To make

an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross first tested donations for COVID-19 antibodies earlier in the pandemic to provide convalescent plasma for patients. When infection rates decreased and new treatment options became available, the Red Cross discontinued the program. With the surge of new variants, hospitals began to seek out more treatments for their most vulnerable patients, and new clinical trial data has shown that convalescent plasma may benefit immunocompromised patients. The Red Cross is resuming this program to ensure doctors have every tool

available to support treatment.

**How it works**  
Antibody testing will indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus following vaccination or infection, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Donations will be tested using samples pulled at the time of donation and sent to a testing laboratory where they will also undergo routine infectious disease testing. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available 1-2 weeks after donation in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test.

Thanking all-star donors in March

All who come to give blood or platelets in March will get a \$10 e-gift card, thanks to Fanatics. Plus, donors will also automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for two to the 2022 MLB® All-Star Game® in Los Angeles, California, when you come to give March 1-31. The package includes two tickets to 2022 MLB® All-Star Saturday, the 2022 Home Run Derby, and the 2022 MLB® All-Star Game®, round-trip airfare to Los Angeles, four-night hotel accommodations (July 16-20, 2022), plus a \$750 gift card for expenses.\*

**Blood drive safety**  
Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows a high level of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

Save time during donation

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. With RapidPass®, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online,

on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass®, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

## Chet Jordan Scholarship Available for Student Leaders

**PORTLAND & ELLSWORTH, ME (March 7, 2022)** — Student leaders are encouraged to apply for the Chet Jordan Leadership Award at the Maine Community

Foundation (MaineCF). A native of Portland, Jordan graduated from South Portland High School in 1945. He then joined the service and following World War II

and entered the United States Merchant Marine Academy in King's Point, New York. He graduated in 1948 with a degree in marine engineering. Jordan returned to Portland and took over the family meat-processing business, Jordan's Ready-to-Eat Meats. He led the company to become one of the largest independent meat processors and distributors in the country.

Jordan's family and

friends established this scholarship to celebrate the rich legacy of his leadership in business and civic affairs in his beloved state of Maine.

Eligible applicants are graduating seniors at Maine high schools who are pursuing post-secondary study in a two- or four-year certificate or undergraduate degree within the University of Maine System, Maine Community College System, Maine

Maritime Academy and all vocational/technical schools in the state. Recipients will demonstrate leadership, independent thinking, initiative, hard work, and the ability to rally others to causes in their communities.

The application deadline is April 15. To apply, visit [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org), or contact Scholarship Coordinator Jackie Shannon at [jshannon@mainecf.org](mailto:jshannon@mainecf.org) for more information.

Headquartered in Ellsworth, with additional personnel in Portland, Dover-Foxcroft, Mars Hill, Rockland and Rockport, the Maine Community Foundation works with donors and other partners to provide strong investments, personalized service, local expertise, and strategic giving to improve the quality of life for all Maine people. To learn more about the foundation, visit [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org).

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## Food Boxes Now Available to Maine Seniors Monthly

**AUGUSTA, ME (March 10, 2022)** -- Seniors in all Maine counties can access nutritious monthly food boxes by applying through their county's supporting agency. Each food box, valued at \$50 and freely available to eligible seniors, contains

a variety of canned fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, and poultry, pasta, rice, peanut butter, juice, shelf-stable milk, cereals, and cheese. Participating seniors pick up their boxes at a designated time and place each month.

**How to Apply for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program**

Contact the supporting agency for your county of residence:

Androscoggin, Ken-

nebec, Somerset, Waldo, Knox, Lincoln, and Sagadahoc Counties Contact: Spectrum Generations, (207) 622-9212 or toll-free (800) 639-1553

Aroostook County Contact: Aroostook Agency on Aging, (207) 764-3396 or toll-free (800) 439-1789

Cumberland, Oxford, and York Counties Contact: Wayside Food Programs, (207) 775-4939

Washington, Han-

cock, Penobscot, and Piscataquis Counties Contact: Eastern Area Agency on Aging, (207) 941-2865 or toll-free (800) 432-7812

Franklin County Contact: Western Maine Community Action, 207-645-3764 or toll-free (800) 645-9636

Eligibility: 60+ years old, live in Maine, and an income at or below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

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## New Ventures Maine Offers Small Businesses Website Development

**MAINE, STATE-WIDE (March 10, 2022)** -- New Ventures Maine is launching an online, on-demand course, Grow Your Business Online, which is designed to provide small business owners the tools, skills and mentorship to build a successful digital presence. This course is offered at no charge to participants and is made possible through Empower by GoDaddy in partnership with New Ventures Maine.

Grow Your Business Online will be offered beginning March 1 through an online design and de-

velopment platform. Entrepreneurs will complete lessons at their own pace on topics that focus on their company's brand, determining the most effective website type, creating captivating content, getting to the top of web search results, creating and building a website, making the social media/website connection, using email marketing to grow sales, and understanding cybersecurity to keep customer information safe.

Entrepreneurs who participate in the class receive free tools:

domain name and

hosting package  
web builder (software) access

branded email address

email marketing solution

SEO for a two-year term

Participants engage in remote orientations, working/lab sessions, and drop-in hours with a skilled web developer which are strategically scheduled for participating entrepreneurs to network and troubleshoot in a remote group environment as they develop their online presence. Additional

mentoring opportunities are built into the program via a partnership with MicroMentor by Mercy Corps.

"A digital presence is a necessity for today's businesses. This course will help business owners create an online presence, from foundational content through complete development of a functional website," notes Karin Petrin, Business Advisor and Microenterprise Specialist for New Ventures Maine and one of the facilitators of the workshops. "We are excited to bring this free program and connection

to global digital marketing experts to Maine's rural entrepreneurs."

Pre-registration is required and accessible online at [bit.ly/GYBO-2022](http://bit.ly/GYBO-2022). For more information and to register, contact Karin Petrin at 768-9468 or [karin.petrin@maine.edu](mailto:karin.petrin@maine.edu). There is no fee for the training.

New Ventures Maine is a statewide community economic development program of the University of Maine at Augusta, University of Maine System. New Ventures Maine creates an empowering environment for Maine people

to define and achieve their career, financial, and small business goals. Through tuition-free classes and individual coaching, they help people find good jobs, start or return to college, launch small businesses, manage their money and build their assets. All interactive classes and workshops are currently online. Individual appointments are available by video conference or phone. For more information on classes and other programs and services offered by New Ventures Maine, visit us online: [newventuresmaine.org](http://newventuresmaine.org).

## Mitchell Center Hosts Talk on Equity and Environmental Justice

**ORONO, ME (March 9, 2022)** -- The Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions at the University of Maine will host a talk by Jessica Scott of the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future on efforts to move Maine toward climate and environmental justice on Monday, March 21, 3-4 p.m.

The Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future (GOPIF) has been working with a

variety of state agencies, the Maine Climate Council and members of the public to explore opportunities to advance climate and environmental justice for the state. In this talk, Jessica Scott, senior climate advisor with GOPIF, will share recent achievements, highlight ongoing work and discuss opportunities for collaboration with universities and other organizations across Maine to bring the benefits of climate action to all Maine people.

Prior to joining GO-

PIF, Scott was assistant secretary for the environment for the State of New York, where she developed policy and programs to advance former Governor Andrew Cuomo's climate goals with a focus on clean transportation, natural and working lands and the inclusion of equity and justice across all policies. She has more than a decade of climate and environmental policy expertise, working with academic institutions, nonprofit organizations and local, state and federal

governments.

All talks in the Mitchell Center's Sustainability Talks series are free and will be offered both remotely via Zoom and in person at 107 Norman Smith Hall on the UMaine campus in Orono. Registration is required to attend remotely via Zoom; to register and receive connection information, see the event webpage.

Please note that face coverings are required for all persons—students, staff, faculty, visitors and

others—when indoors at a University of Maine System facility. For the latest health and safety guidance, please see [umaine.edu/return](http://umaine.edu/return).

Updates for this event will be posted to the event webpage. To request a reasonable accommodation, contact Ruth Hallsworth, 207.581.3196 or [halls-worth@maine.edu](mailto:halls-worth@maine.edu).

About Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions: The Mitchell Center for Sustainability

Solutions at the University of Maine aspires to be a leader and valued partner in understanding and solving problems related to the growing challenge of improving human well-being while protecting the environment. We collaborate with diverse stakeholders and bring together faculty and students from many different fields. By connecting knowledge with action, we seek to create a brighter environmental, social and economic future in and beyond Maine.

## USM LA College Presents Franco-American Community Celebration

**LEWISTON, ME (March 11, 2022)** -- Welcome back to the Franco-American Collection! We are excited to bring you our long awaited exhibit "Notre Pain Quotidien/Our Daily Bread: Franco-American Entrepreneurs Sustaining Community" and a night of musical celebration! The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:00-5:15: "Notre Pain Quotidien/Our Daily Bread: Franco-American

Entrepreneurs Sustaining Community" Exhibit Opening in the LAC Atrium Gallery, featuring a welcome from Franco Collection board chair Juliana L'Heureux. Also at this time, we will sign a partnership "Fleur de Lys" agreement with the Quebec Delegation from Boston.

5:45-6:15: Reception with refreshments and beer and wine bar in the lobby outside of the Collection. Piano music will be played by Jeannette Gregoire.

6:15-6:30: Recognizing and presentation of memorial plaques in honor of Aliette and Ron Couturier.

6:30-7:30: Lionel Meservier and Eddie Boucher singing favorites from the C'est Si Bon Band and local Franco-American Festivals. Accompanied by Gerry Meservier (drums), Sue Caron (vocals), Lorraine Giasson (vocals), and Michel Giasson (guitar).

7:30-8: Troubadour singalong—the Trouba-

dours will perform some of Aliette Couturier's favorite songs.

**DUE TO CURRENT USM CAMPUS COVID-19 POLICY, MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY AND DURING PROGRAMMING.**

There is no fee for our programs which are made possible by the generous sponsorship of the Québec Delegation in Boston, Severin Beliveau and Paul Dube on behalf

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For more information or to RSVP, contact the FAC archivist, Anna Faherty at [anna.faherty@maine.edu](mailto:anna.faherty@maine.edu) or by phone (207) 753-6545.

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# Seniors Not Acting Their Age

## Maine Al Fresco is a Senior Aspiration Fulfilled



A sea kayaker approaches Baker Island with the mountains of Acadia National Park in the background

By Ron Chase  
 Seventeen years ago I retired from a thirty-three year career with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). My immediate plan was to travel and experience as many outdoor adventures as possible while I was still young and fit enough to enjoy them. My wife, Nancy, enthusiastically joined me.  
 In addition to traveling while embracing the outdoors, I had the nebulous idea that I'd like to

try writing professionally. Combining my love of the outdoors with the literary endeavor seemed a logical formula. How I would actually accomplish the goal was a mystery.  
 Shortly after retiring, we loaded a truck camper with bikes, whitewater kayaks, hiking gear, and departed for southern and western United States for the winter. I decided to keep a journal of our exploits and write a travel-

ogue book when I returned. Had I known the difficulties usually encountered trying to find a publisher, I would have dismissed the idea as quixotic.  
 When we returned five months later, I had assembled a chronicle filled with detailed descriptions of our many exploits. Unfortunately, my numerous attempts to find a publisher proved futile. By chance, I stumbled onto an opportunity to write an outdoor

column for a Maine newspaper and also began contributing articles to regional magazines.

Years of failed efforts to find a publisher for my travelogue book ended when I contacted the managing editor for Menasha Ridge Press. He was also unimpressed with the idea. However, since I was an avid hiker, he asked if I'd consider researching and writing a New England mountain guidebook. My first book, *Mountains for Mortals - New England*, was born.

Encouraged by the guidebook success, I began marketing a satire about life in the IRS. Scores of rejections later, I met a fellow while winter hiking who had known legendary Vietnam War hero, bank robber, and Maine native Bernard Patterson. The result was a biography about Bernard entitled *The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery*, published by Downeast Books. The three year journey researching and writing the book was a very rewarding undertaking.

Disappointment continued in my efforts to find a publisher for the IRS satire. When I researched the website for North Country Press in Unity as a potential publisher, their submissions schedule was full with the exception of a possible book about Maine outdoors. That stimulated a proposal regarding a concept I'd considered for several years: a collection of short stories about real life exploits in Maine's most challenging and scenic environments with a guidebook style addendum at the end of each chapter. Owner/Publisher Pat Newell was interested and procedural discussions followed.



A cyclist passes Jordan Pond on the Carriage Roads of Acadia National Park



A tandem canoe team descends the Kennebec River Gorge

We agreed on a book about the fifty finest outdoor adventures in Maine. Included would be mountain hikes, bike trails, island bike rides, sea kayaking, whitewater kayaking and canoeing, Nordic skiing, lake paddling, canoe trips, backpack trips, and downriver canoe and kayak races. Topics I'd been writing about since the beginning of my retirement, authoring the book was the fulfillment of my initial writing aspirations.

What constituted the fifty finest outdoor adventures in Maine was clearly subjective. Some, such as climbing Mount Katahdin, sea kayaking the Bold Coast, exploring Acadia National Park, navigating Moosehead Lake, canoeing the Allagash, racing on Kenduskeag Stream, and

paddling the Kennebec and Penobscot Rivers were obvious. The cumulative experiences of my friends and I dictated the remaining choices. A labor of love ensued.

Serendipitously, I'd been preparing to write the book since my outdoor adventures began more than forty-five years ago. Other than the actual exploits, the most important ingredient was the accumulation of a large group of exceptionally capable outdoor friends who are an integral part of each episode. The end result is a collection of escapades we've shared over the decades. The publisher and I believe we have created a very unique book that will inspire while simultaneously providing guidance on how to safely  
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participate in the activities. Upon reflection, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine* is the culmination of my original retirement goal. I was a youthful senior then. Now, at 74, I'm an old man and time is short. However, my senior experiences have left me optimistic. I've finished writing the IRS satire tentatively entitled *Up Your Tax Bracket* and continue to pursue a publisher. Pat Newell and I have discussed the possibility of future outdoor guidebooks. I have additional book themes in mind.



A Nordic skier descends a steep hill in Mount Blue State Park

This senior not acting his age will plod ahead as long as the fates allow. Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, *"Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine"* is now available at <https://www.northcountrypress.com/>



A team of kayakers cross Moosehead Lake towards Mount Kineo

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# MaineHealth, agilon health Partner



**PORTLAND, ME (March 11, 2022)** – MaineHealth said today it has signed a letter of intent to enter into a long-term partnership with agilon health (NYSE: AGL), a company that empowers physicians to transform community health.

Through the partnership, MaineHealth will work with agilon health to transform its primary care delivery system for its Medicare Advantage patients from a fee-for-service model to a sustainable value-based care model that will improve patient care while working to lower costs to the health system.

"Our partnership with agilon health is a di-

rect reflection of our vision of 'working together so our communities are the healthiest in America'," said Andy Mueller, MD, chief executive officer, MaineHealth. "Through the partnership with agilon health, we will be accelerating the transition to a payment model defined by value and investing more deeply in our primary care delivery system. The depth of patient need, especially among our growing senior population, necessitates us to think very differently about what the primary care delivery system in our community needs to look like today and in the future."

Value-based care is an important health care de-

livery model under which providers are paid based on the health outcomes of their patients and the quality of services delivered versus the quantity. Through agilon health's partnership model and purpose-built platform, the company has helped 17 of the nation's best physician groups accelerate at scale their transition to a value-based, Total Care Model that places the primary care physician at the center of delivering patient care. MaineHealth is the first integrated health system to partner with agilon health.

"Through our partnership, agilon health is proud to support MaineHealth's vision to create the nation's healthiest communities and to help build a more sustainable model for

their Medicare Advantage business," said Steve Sell, chief executive officer, agilon health. "By helping to establish a new primary care delivery system within MaineHealth's integrated care ecosystem, we will be able to deliver better outcomes and quality of care for their patients, particularly the most vulnerable."

MaineHealth and agilon health have begun implementation work and will finalize their agree-

ment in coming months. When the partnership is in place, agilon will support MaineHealth physicians in identifying patient conditions and mapping out care plans, making sure senior patients get the preventive care they need as well as ongoing management of any health concerns. This will allow MaineHealth to more confidently enter into value-based contracts within the Medicare Advantage system that reward pro-

viders for keeping patients healthy.

"We are constantly researching better ways to provide care for our patients," said Aileen Micky, MD, MHA, president, MaineHealth Medical Group. "With the acceleration in the shift to value-based care across the country, this partnership is a significant milestone in ensuring we are ahead of the curve in the future of primary care delivery, and it advances our mission to provide our senior patients and communities high-quality, affordable care."

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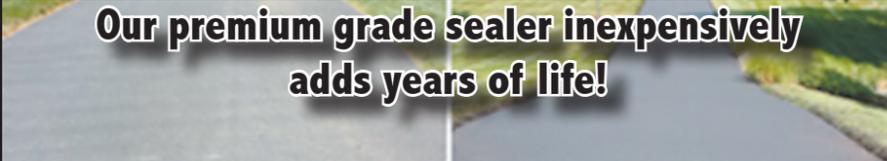
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Maine Event Comedy Presents Jody Sloane at the Franco Center



**LEWISTON, ME (MARCH 11, 2022)** -- Maine Event Comedy presents Jody Sloane at the Gendron Franco Center on Friday, March 25 at 7:30pm. The show will also feature Al Ghanekar and Kevin Neales.

Sloane cut her entertainment teeth as a cheeky "Conductor" named Penny Wise on the Boston Duck Tours. She's since logged over 4,000 tours and has become one of

New England's top comics. Impishly perverse, she'll have you convinced that the darkest corners of truth are ripe for laughter. Sloane is a regular at comedy venues throughout New England and has performed at Gotham Comedy Club in New York City and Comix Comedy Club at Foxwoods.

Ghanekar left a full-time technology job to pursue stand-up comedy. He's worked with nation-

al headliners at New York City's Gotham Comedy Club and Broadway Comedy Club and has performed in Sydney, Australia, and Mumbai, India.

Neales has worn a hat while slinging jokes at the world-famous Comedy Studio in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Maine Comedy Festival, and The Ice House in Pasadena. He's worked with nationally touring comedians Mike Birbiglia, Justin

McKinney, and Tom Cotter.

The Gendron Franco Center is located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. The show is for ages 18-and-over and will contain adult language and content. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, and may be purchased at FrancoCenter.org.

FMI: Call/text (207) 513-0742 or email maineventcomedy@gmail.com.

## Maine State Museum Listening Tour At LPL

**LEWISTON, ME (February 24, 2022)** -- The Lewiston Public Library will be hosting the Maine State Museum's Listening Tour on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. This free, public program will take place from 5:30 to 7 PM on Zoom.

The Maine State Museum is seeking community input to find the stories and broader themes that resonate with and reflect the many voices, interests, and identities of the people of Maine. There will be a series of discussions in different communities across the state from which the participants' responses will inform the museum's ongoing work.

The Lewiston Public Library will be hosting one of these virtual discussions so that the people of Lewiston have an opportunity to weigh in. No prior knowledge or experience with the museum is necessary.

This meeting will be recorded so that Maine State Museum staff members can capture the information you share with them. Your responses could then be used to inspire exhibits, student activities, public programs, and what kinds of things the museum collects to share with future generations.

Even if you do not know much about museums or Maine history, we

can still learn from you. We want to know what people living in Maine today think is important. After all, what has happened in your life is part of Maine history.

The Maine State Museum, based in Augusta, is one of the nation's oldest state-funded museums. Generations of students have trekked there on field trips and return to visit with the next generation. While the museum is currently closed to the public for renovations, its programming has moved online and museum staff are busy reimagining the museum for its reopening.

The Maine State Museum seeks to share

what is meaningful about Maine and its place in the world in order to inspire people to discover Maine's past, understand its present, and imagine its future.

Admission is free. Registration is required.

In order to make sure everyone's voices are heard throughout the discussion, attendance will be limited to 15 participants.

The Maine State Museum Listening Tour at LPL is co-sponsored by the Lewiston Public Library and the Maine State Museum. The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street. For more

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# USDA Launches Pilot Program to Deploy Renewable Energy Infrastructure to People in Rural Towns

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 19, 2022) – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the Department is making up to \$10 million available to help people living in rural towns develop community renewable energy projects that will help them cut their energy costs and con-

tribute to the nationwide effort to reduce pollution that contributes to climate change. These funds will be targeted to help people who live in communities that have been historically underinvested and disinvested.

USDA is making the funds available through the new Rural Energy Pilot Program to help the

people of rural America build back better, stronger and more equitably than ever before. Through this program, USDA is supporting the Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment to making environmental justice a part of every agency’s mission to address the disproportionate health, environmental, economic and climate im-

pacts on disadvantaged communities.

“Under the leadership of President Biden and Vice President Harris, USDA is providing grant assistance for people who live in particularly underserved rural towns to help them cut their household energy costs and address climate change at the local level,” Vilsack said. “As

we continue to rebuild the nation’s infrastructure, USDA is targeting resources and investments to help meet our nation’s energy needs and combat climate change. The new program we’re announcing today will pilot the viability of community-scale renewable energy investments to mitigate the energy-burdened circumstances of

particularly disadvantaged rural communities. This assistance will help to keep people in their hometowns by supporting good-paying jobs, business opportunities, and a more affordable cost of living.”

See <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/energy-programs/rural-energy-pilot-program> to apply.

# UMaine Announces Tuition-Free Summer Courses for High School Students

ORONO, ME (March 10, 2022) — University of Maine Early College summer course registration is open, with over 50 online courses available to high school students tuition-free. Qualified high school students can earn up to 12 college credits per year at UMaine and its regional campus in Machias. Early College students have access to world-class faculty at Maine’s flagship university and only Carnegie R1 top-tier research in-

stitution. UMaine’s flexible summer schedule includes online and live courses, and several unique on-site experiences summarized below:

Live and online classes May 9–Aug. 19: UMaine has a long history of being a leader in supporting Early College programming. Classes are taught by expert faculty and many meet general education requirements of the University of Maine System, as well as

the majority of colleges nationwide. Students statewide will benefit from the flexibility and variety of online and live Early College courses offered this summer.

INT 188 (Introduction to Integrated Science and Career Exploration) July 18–Aug. 12: INT 188 is a three-credit course that involves lecture and laboratory instruction in data collection and analysis; measuring and graphing techniques; scientific writ-

ing; and evidence-based thinking. It includes group work, a research project, a career-planning assignment focusing on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields — which entails informational interviews with industry leaders — and a final Research Symposium at the end of the course. The 4-week course will have three location options: Orono, Machias or the Hutchinson Center in Belfast.

Outdoor Leadership

Experience Aug. 8–17: Students will attend an intensive 10-day training at UMaine’s 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond. Students will earn four University of Maine credits through a series of two courses: KPE 207 (Wilderness First Aid) and KPE 265 (Outdoor and Adventure Activities). Students will also become certified in CPR and wilderness first aid. This residential program is limited to 10 students. Room and

board is \$725.

Registration online at [explore.umaine.edu](http://explore.umaine.edu). Interested students and parents are encouraged to contact Kari Suderley, director of Early College Programs, 207.581.8024; [um.earlycollege@maine.edu](mailto:um.earlycollege@maine.edu) or Christy Alley, director of Early College at Machias, 207.255.1268; [ummearlycollege@maine.edu](mailto:ummearlycollege@maine.edu) to learn more about the application process. Applications are due 1 week prior to course start dates.

# NBRC Announces 2022 State Grant Round

MAINE STATE-WIDE (March 10, 2022) -- The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) is pleased to announce the 2022 State Economic & Infrastructure Development grant application opportunity. Eligible organizations, which include nonprofit and governmental entities (state, local & Indian tribes), will be able to access grant application details (available via NBRC’s website, [nbr.gov](http://nbr.gov)) beginning Monday, March

14th. Please note that as of the date of this release, the NBRC is operating under a continuing resolution, and as such, grant awards are subject to the enactment of full-year FY 2022 appropriations by Congress.

New for 2022 is the requirement that applicants express interest through a Letter of Interest, which must be submitted to [loi@nbr.gov](mailto:loi@nbr.gov) by April 22nd at 5PM. Initial inquiries concerning eligibility, suitability, and integration with

economic development priorities, should be directed to each NBRC State’s Program Manager (contacts listed below). Questions about the application itself should be directed to the NBRC’s Program Director, Andrea Smith, at [asmith@nbr.gov](mailto:asmith@nbr.gov), or (603) 369-3001.

As always, applicants are encouraged to review the application materials closely this year for several programmatic changes.

“The communities

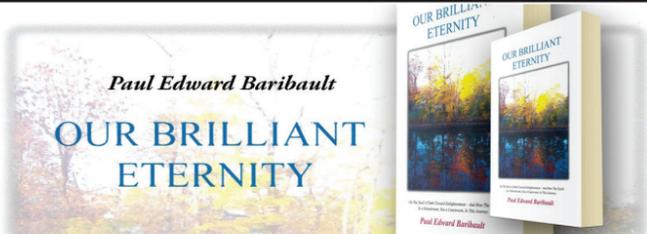
of this region are working hard to build resilient local and regional economies during a time of continual change,” said NBRC Executive Director Rich Grogan. He added, “The NBRC looks forward to partnering

with these communities to help them realize their vision for a vibrant economic future.”

The funds for this program, and all NBRC programs, are available thanks to the support of the

Congressional Delegations of all four NBRC states: Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. For Maine, contact Charlotte Mace, 207.624.7448 [charlotte.mace@maine.gov](mailto:charlotte.mace@maine.gov)

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# New Local Photography at WHA Rotating Art Gallery



Old Course, Saco River – Beth Francis

Falls, worked in Lewiston for 20 years at a print shop, then owned and operated The Storekeepers, a convenience store in Hebron, with her husband for 25 years.

“Maine brings me many moments to enjoy and appreciate nature,” said Francis. “I have an affection for waterways, bright blue skies, grey skies and especially clouds. They, of course, can be seen anywhere but they make interesting back drops for the Western Maine scenery I so dearly love”.

The works on display may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop located adjacent to the main lobby at Central

Maine Medical Center. A percentage of sale proceeds benefits patients of CMMC.

As a result of the hospital safety precautions due to the pandemic, the art gallery is only

available for viewing for staff, patients, and their designated visitors at this time.



Puffin, Seal Island -- Marian Marks

**LEWISTON, ME (March 11, 2022)** -- The Woman’s Hospital Association (WHA) Rotating Art Gallery at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston is proud to display the work of two local photographers, Marian Marks and Beth Francis for the months of March and April.

When not serving as pastor at the Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn, Marks can often be found behind the lens of her camera capturing the beauty of Maine whether it’s a puffin off the coast on Seal Island or the changes of the seasons.

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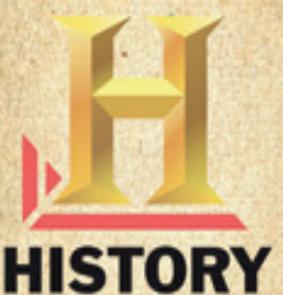
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# Lewiston High School Expansion Grand Opening, March 24<sup>th</sup>

**LEWISTON, ME (March 10, 2022)** -- The grand opening celebration of the Lewiston High School (LHS) renovations and new two-story wing is set for March 24<sup>th</sup> (storm date, March 31<sup>st</sup>) from 5 to 7:00pm. All Lewiston residents and other interested people are cordially invited to attend.

A brief program and ribbon cutting ceremony will take place in the lobby of new wing at 5:30. Music will be presented by LHS musicians, and student art and sculptures will be featured during tours of the new facilities. Refreshments will be provided by the culinary arts students and staff of The Green Ladle. For folks who are unable to at-



tend, the LHS Expansion Facebook page's Face-

book Live will stream the event.

The \$13.4 million renovation and expansion

project, very generously approved and supported

by Lewiston taxpayers, was completed within budget, and features the beautiful new lobby and secure main entrance, gallery hallways, large instrumental and choral music rehearsal spaces, studios for fine arts education, an adult education office, special education classrooms, a new administrative suite and nurse's office, and other elements which will enhance Twenty-first century education in Lewiston. The open house also signals the beginning of Phase III, exploration of revenue raising options to construct a state of the art performing arts center, which would complete the campus virtually as envisioned five decades earlier.

# Auburn Contest Helps Launch Local Start-Ups

**AUBURN, ME (February 22, 2022)** – The City of Auburn values small business. In November of 2021, to attract and encourage new startups, the city partnered with Staples Connect, the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and The Malloy Firm to launch "Startup Auburn."

Earlier this week, three exceptional entrepreneurs were selected as the winners of the contest:

Custom Fit Physical Therapy & Wellness | Jennifer Frazier

Sugar and Spice Baking | Emily Maines

L/A Tacos | Katie Lemieux

In her program application, Jennifer Frazier described herself as a first-time business owner who is working to open her own physical therapy practice (Custom Fit Physical Therapy & Wellness) from the ground up. "It would be beyond valuable to have a mentor as I navigate the first year of business," she said. "A membership with

the Chamber is a no brainer for building a strong business and community connections, but as anyone knows who has started a new business, money is tight. A gifted membership would be fantastic."

Emily Maines' application mentions her desire for help with marketing her home baking business, Sugar and Spice Baking. "As of right now, my baking business is (promoted) solely through social media. I'm finding it difficult to determine the best way to reach a broader spectrum of people and I need guidance on the best way to market my business."

Katie Lemieux has 8 years of experience in a food truck, explaining in her application that she is "inspired to operate my own with the knowledge I've gained. This will give me the chance to get a better head start with all that is required to make this business (L/A Tacos) successful!"

Each of the contest winners will receive the

following prize package:

- Four months use of a dedicated desk in the coworking space at Staples Connect beginning on March 1, 2022 (\$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 b&w printing
- Marketing and communications consulting from Auburn Mayor Jason Levesque and the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce

- Consultation on business entity selection and Q&A on common legal questions of startup businesses, courtesy of Michael Malloy, Esq. from The Malloy Firm
- 1-year Entrepreneurs Membership at the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce (\$200 value), courtesy of the Chamber
- \$500 Staples gift card, courtesy of Staples Connect

Auburn Mayor Jason Levesque is delighted with

the list of winners. "These are three brand new businesses in our community, and their success will be an inspiration for other entrepreneurs who have a dream to own and run their own business," he said. "As we all know, 'a rising tide lifts all boats,'" he added. "This program sends the message to startups and entrepreneurs that their community believes in them."

"With the introduction of Staples Coworking in Auburn, Maine, Staples is able to better support and connect with our local community, one that I am especially passionate about as I grew up in Auburn," said Jameson Rodrigues, Staples Connect General Manager, Auburn, ME. "Our partnership with the city of Auburn and The Chamber to bring the Auburn Startup initiative to fruition is an exciting opportunity for Staples Connect to further give back to our small business customers by providing the lucky winners with dedicated workspace within our vi-

brant coworking community."

Contest runners up will have the opportunity to get 50% off a 3-month open seat or private space membership at Staples Connect, as well as an invitation to a startup Q & A "lunch and learn" with The Malloy Firm. They will also be encouraged to

re-apply for future Startup Auburn contests.

"Our greatest asset is our people, and I'm proud of the city and our partners for nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit and the desire of our residents to build something positive," said Levesque. "We want people to build their dream here in Auburn."

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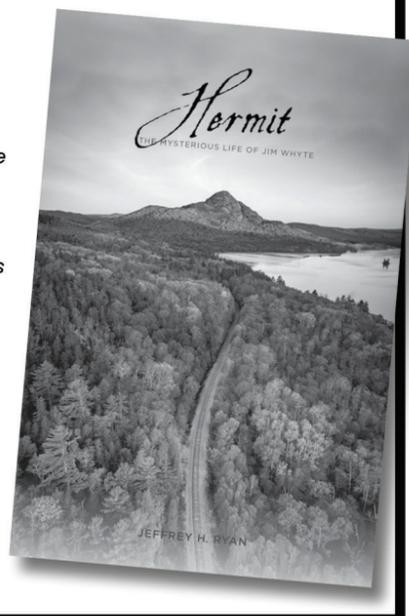
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# Green Independents Nominate Meiklejohn for Special Senate Election

**ELLSWORTH, ME (February 14, 2022)** -- Benjamin Meiklejohn was nominated as the Green Independent candidate for Senate District 7 in the upcoming special election being held on June 14. The Hancock County Green Independent Committee met on Feb. 13 and voted unanimously to nominate Meiklejohn.

Meiklejohn, 50, of Mount Desert, will provide voters a rare opportunity to support a Green Independent in a large jurisdiction. In State Senate elections, candidates must usually collect 100 signatures from enrolled party members in order to get on the ballot. The Green Independent Party's lower enrollment

numbers typically prohibit it from gaining access to the ballot in larger districts. However, because the special election is being held to fill a vacancy that resulted from Former Senator Louis Luchini's resignation, parties are allowed to nominate candidates at the county committee level without needing to collect 100 signatures.

"The State of Maine's laws are designed to make it as difficult as possible for any political parties that aren't Democratic or Republican, to access the ballot, or gain any momentum" said Meiklejohn. "They really don't want there to be any choices except for them. We are seizing this opportunity to give voters

a Green Independent option."

Meiklejohn, who previously served on the Portland School Committee for six years, also ran for state representative in 2020, seeking to represent Bar Harbor, Lamoine and Mount Desert. In that election, Meiklejohn received nearly 15% of the vote, despite having lived in the district for less than a year at that time.

In 2018, Meiklejohn served as a legislative aide in the Maine Legislature, under the direction of House Green Independent minority leader, Rep. Ralph Chapman.

"We fought against corporate welfare for Bath Iron Works, and against

loosening environmental protections for mining," Meiklejohn said, "but the Democrats pushed them both through."

Unlike the other nominees for state senate, Meiklejohn said he does not plan on running in the November election. "This is a rare opportunity to give our constituents a moment to breathe, to get a reprieve from the tense and antagonistic behaviors of the two major party institutions," said Meiklejohn. Because of the timing of when a replacement senator will be inaugurated, Meiklejohn said there is one single reason that he would be the most effective person to serve as a transitional senator--and it

has nothing to do with issues.

"The special budget session," Meiklejohn said. "If the Legislature goes into a special budget session this summer, the consent of every party caucus in the Legislature is required in order to proceed."

Meiklejohn said a Democratic or Republican senator would not be able to wield the same influence to secure funds for Hancock County as a person who could outright block a special budget session from happening would be able to.

"It's time to mix things up," said Meiklejohn. "Voters are feeling a lot of fatigue as the major parties solidify increasingly cultish qualities." Meiklejohn said he hopes to reach the "disenfranchised and alienated" voters, to "give them a voice." "The oppositional dichotomy of two major parties constantly battling each other in the quest for power does not have to be the status quo," he said.

Meiklejohn said the winner will be inaugu-

rated in June, after nearly all legislation has already been voted on. "We candidates can give flowery speeches about the issues all we want," he said, "but the reality is, this short term of only a few months left, is going to be all about constituent service, platitudes aside."

Meiklejohn said when he was on the Portland School Committee, constituents, both conservatives and liberals alike, recognized his ability to hear all viewpoints and be fair.

"I'm the best person for this position," he said, "because I'm not beholden to a left or right ideology and I know how to listen." "Democrats and Republicans spend too much time alienating and shunning each other. It's not healthy, it's toxic." Meiklejohn said if he were to win, his brief term as a transitional senator for several months will give the district a chance to reset the political outlook.

"People deserve a break from the Democrats and Republicans," he said, "even if only for a few short months."

## MSMT Holds Second Round of Adult and Children's Auditions

**BRUNSWICK, ME (March 4, 2022)** -- Maine State Music Theatre will hold open call local auditions for children and teens aged 5 - 18 on Saturday, April 1, 2022 from 4 PM - 8 PM for the productions of The Sound of Music, Frozen, Jr., Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Kinky Boots.

The theatre will also hold open call local adult and teen auditions for on Sunday, April 2 from 11 AM - 3 PM for all productions in the 2022 season.

Auditions will be held at 22 Elm Street in Brunswick.

For all details on

how to prepare for the audition and what to expect from being a member of our acting company, visit [msmt.org](http://msmt.org) and click on the auditions tab.

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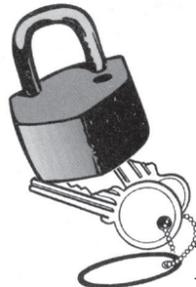
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# Calendar

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**Mar 17.**  
LEWISTON -- Care Partner Support Series – Five Sessions to Change: virtual webinars presented in conjunction with Positive Approach® to Care, the international program led by founder Teepa Snow. This class is designed to educate and connect care partners of a person living with dementia. Participants must agree to attend all five sessions, as well as an introductory program, and have appropriate internet access. Thursdays, March 17-April 14th, 5:30 – 7 pm, SeniorsPlus, 8 Falcon Road, Lewiston, ME 04240

Registration required: call 1-800-427-1241 or email [gnelson@seniorsplus.org](mailto:gnelson@seniorsplus.org)

**Mar. 17**  
GORHAM -- 6:30pm Tentative Recurring Board of Appeals Meeting, Council Chambers

**Mar. 17**  
GORHAM -- 6:30pm Tentative Recurring CIP Meeting TBD

**Mar. 19**  
LEWISTON -- 11:00am-1:00pm IN-PERSON program at the Lewiston Public Library Children's Department: GRAPHIC NOVELS TO THE RESCUE! Join the Lewiston Public Library Children's Department for an in-person program celebrating graphic novels. This program will take place on Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 11:00am-1:00pm in Callahan Hall on the 3rd floor of the library. No registration is required for this program, and it is free and open to all kids up to age 12 and their families. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Stop in anytime between 11:00am - 1:00. Activities (until supplies last) will include making comic strips, masks and capes, and posing in front of the cityscape backdrop

for photos!

**Mar. 19**  
LEWISTON -- Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra presents "Family Classics" featuring popular guest artist Wayne du Maine on trumpet and piano. Saturday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar St. Lewiston. Tickets: \$22 (advance) \$25 (cash or check) at the door, 207-846-5378, or <http://www.midcoast-symphony.org> for details and discounted ticket offers. Seating is limited. Under 18 and college students are free with advance reservations.

**Mar. 21**  
LEWISTON & AUBURN -- 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM, on Zoom, Lewiston Public Library & Auburn Public Library: TOUGH TIMES: FROM HAVING A BAD DAY TO DYSTOPIAN APOCALYPSE Art has always helped get us through difficult times. In this presentation, the Museum Of Bad Art explores some of the ways artists react to disasters small and large, real and imagined. Free. Registration is required. The Zoom link will be posted to the Library website and Facebook prior to the event. You can also register by contacting Donna Wallace at [dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org](mailto:dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org) or 207-333-6640 ext. 4. 513-3135; [www.LPLonline.org](http://www.LPLonline.org)

**Mar. 26**  
GRAY -- Takeout Bean Supper - First Congregational Church of Gray. You MUST order in advance. Contact Carol at 650-9093

and let her know your name, phone number, how many meals you want,

and choice of pie. Cut off for reservations will be Wednesday, March 23 at 2:00 P. M. Please park at the Parish House, 5 Brown St. and enter the Parish House by the Front Door. Meals are single-sized and are \$10.00 each. Pick up time is 4:30 to 5:30 P. M. Please pay at time of pick up. Menu - Baked Pea Beans, 2 Red Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, Biscuit, and choice of Apple or Blueberry pie. Face masks and Social distancing required. Remember, Cut off for reservations will be Wednesday March 23!

**Mar. 26**  
BUXTON -- Had-dock Supper Buffet - Saturday, March 26, 2022 - 5:00 pm at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$8 Adult, \$4 Child, \$20 Family. Please note: We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating. Wearing of face masks for those who are not vaccinated is suggested. Hand sanitizer is available for those who wish to use it.

**Mar. 28**  
GORHAM -- 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting TBD

**Mar. 29**  
LEWISTON -- 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, on Zoom, Lewiston Public Library: MAINE STATE MUSEUM LISTENING TOUR AT LPL The Maine State Museum is seeking community input to find the stories and broader themes that resonate with and reflect the many voices, interests, and identities of the people of Maine. There will be a series of discussions in different commu-

nities across the state from which the participants' responses will inform the museum's ongoing work. The Lewiston Public Library will be hosting one of these virtual discussions so that the people of Lewiston have an opportunity to weigh in. Free. Space is limited - registration is required. 513-3135; [www.LPLonline.org](http://www.LPLonline.org)

**Apr. 2**  
ZOOM – 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM. Keynote Address: "Developing Youth Leadership through Model United Nations: A Conversation with Yanina Nicless Facilitated by Bret Bergst." Yanina Nicless, a riveting speaker, is the former Maine Model UN Secretary General and USM graduate from Ukraine. This event is sponsored by the Maine Chapter of The United Nations Association of the United States of America during its annual meeting. FMI go to our website: [unmaine.org](http://unmaine.org).

**Apr. 2**  
GORHAM -- Bean Supper To Go. Pre-order Required White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Road, Gorham. Saturday, April 2, 4:30-5:30pm. \$20 for double or \$10 for single orders. Meal includes kidney & pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and a dessert bar. Please, pre-order by Wednesday, March 30. Call Fran at 892-9521.

**Apr. 4**  
GORHAM -- 8:30am Gorham Village Alliance Meeting Conference Room A

**Apr. 4**  
GORHAM -- 7pm Planning Board Meeting Council Chambers April 5 6:30pm Regular Town Council Meeting Council Chambers

**Apr. 6, Apr. 13**  
LEWISTON -- 3:30PM, Lewiston Pub-

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**Apr. 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17**

Community Little Theatre (CLT) presents Disaster!, a new musical comedy with hit songs from the 1970s and plot elements reminiscent of disaster cult films. Performances at 7:30 p.m. on April 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16; and at 2:00 p.m. on April 10 and 17. Call 207-783-0958 or visit BOX OFFICE | [lact-1](mailto:lact-1) for tickets and information. Please visit at <https://www.lact.com/covid-19-protocols> for information on safety protocols.

**Apr. 9**  
GORHAM -- Spring Vendor/Craft Fair, White Rock Grange #380, 33 Wilson Road, Gorham. Saturday, April 9, 2022 9am -2pm

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**Apr. 9**  
GORHAM -- 9am – 2pm Town Council FY 2022-23 Budget Workshop with Department Managers Council Chambers

**Apr. 12**  
GORHAM -- 7pm Conservation Commission Meeting Conference Room A April 13 7pm School Committee Meeting Council Chambers

**Apr. 18**  
GORHAM -- 6pm Planning Board Meeting Council Chambers

**Apr. 19**  
GORHAM -- 8am Ordinance Committee Meeting Conference Room A

**Apr. 19**  
GORHAM -- 6:30pm Town Council Workshop Council Chambers

**Apr. 20**  
GORHAM -- 8am Gorham Economic Development Corporation Meeting Conference Room A

**Apr. 21**  
GORHAM -- 4pm Ecomaine Board of Directors Meeting TBD

**Apr. 21**  
GORHAM -- 6:30pm Tentative Recurring Board of Appeals Meeting Council Chambers

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# CLT Announces Cast for *DISASTER!*



**AUBURN, ME (March 11, 2022)** -- Director Brandon Chaloux has announced the cast for the upcoming Community Little Theatre production of *Disaster!*, a hilarious spin on the indelible disaster movies of the 1970's. The show includes many nostalgic hits from that decade including "Knock on Wood," "Hooked on a Feeling," "Sky High," "I Am Woman," and "Hot Stuff."

The story takes place in 1979 at the opening celebration of a floating casino

and discotheque. The colorful guest list includes the hottest New York A-listers, along with a faded disco star, a sexy nightclub singer with her eleven-year-old twins, a disaster expert, a feminist reporter, an older couple with a secret, a pair of young guys looking for ladies, and a nun with a gambling addiction. What begins as a night of boogie fever quickly changes to panic as the ship succumbs to multiple disasters, including, but not limited to, earthquakes, tidal waves, and infernos.

Cast members pictured here left to right in the back row are Justin Morin, Connor Davis, Annabeth Treadwell, Jeffrey Fairfield, Dan Kane, Tracy Kuklinski, and Marlena Lantos. In front are Danielle Eaton, Ashleigh St. Pierre, Sophie Messina, Gregory Judd, Jennifer Fox, Ansley Watson, Renee Davis, John B. Nutting, and Walks Tall Keith. In the colorful pants in front is Alex Venturelli.

The show will be performed April 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 at 7:30 p.m.,

and April 10 and 17 at 2:00 p.m. Call 783-0958 or visit [LACLT.com](http://LACLT.com) for tickets or more information, including CLT's COVID policies.

L/A Community Little Theater, located at 30 Academy Street in Auburn, has been producing live theater since 1940. A volunteer, non-profit organization, our goal is to provide affordable and quality entertainment in the performing arts as well as education, training, and experience in theater for area youth. [www.laclt.com](http://www.laclt.com).

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## Letter to the Editor

Ambassador Maulian Dana represents the Penobscot Nation as she advocates for LD 1626, legislation attempting to fix racist abuses and exploitations by the State of Maine upon Maulian's people.

Maulian has nerves of steel. Her role model is one of optimism, integrity, humility, courage and honesty

for future leaders. She's built an amazing and successful record fighting for social and economic justice, all while being threatened with rape, murder, lynching, and even called a "squaw". Our middle class should watch carefully, and consider her high level skill set to represent Maine in the US Senate.

The middle class is

getting screwed. Natives have been taken advantage of much more.

It's time to be represented in the Senate by someone like Maulian Dana who knows what it's really like when the system fails. She's a stateswomen and hero to me who won't cave to rich people's lobbyists.

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