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City of Lewiston Receives \$150,000 Grant

LEWISTON, ME (April 14, 2022) -- The City of Lewiston is announcing a \$150,000 grant that it has received from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in cooperation with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The grant is part of the ongoing effort by the City to implement the Hart Brook Watershed Management Plan (www.lewiston-maine.gov/hartbrook) and improve the water quality of Hart Brook.

Public Works Director Mary Ann Brenchick was pleased to hear the good news, "I am so proud of our engineering staff for seeking out these grants and being successful in bringing them home to make a difference in our community."

This project will provide for the construction of two storm water treatment areas. One will be located on Saratoga Street and the other on Forestall Street. Funding will also include the planting of trees along the stream channel. Construction is expected to begin early summer this year.

Funding for this project, in part, was provided by the US Environmental Protection Agency under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The funding is administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in partnership with EPA; EPA does not endorse any commercial products or services mentioned.

Parking Garage Closed for Repairs

LEWISTON, ME (April 12, 2022) -- Starting April 20, 2022, the Canal Street/Centerville Parking Garage will be closed for approximately four (4) weeks for repairs. There will be no vehicle access in or out of the garage during that period. As such, users are asked to remove vehicles from the parking garage prior to that date. Vehicles that remain in the parking garage during that period may be accessed but cannot be moved.

It is recommended that the Chestnut Street Parking Garage be used as an alternative during repairs, but all other parking garages will also be available for use. In addition, paid parking on Canal Street will be available at no charge, and parking meters will be covered. Also, eight (8) on-street parking spaces on Ash Street and Canal Street will be designated for handicap accessible parking.

Outreach will be undertaken once the Canal Street garage is again operational. Questions or concerns may be directed to the Building Division of Lewiston Public Works by contacting Louie Turcotte at lturcotte@lewistonmaine.gov. Turcotte notes, "We appreciate users' patience as we work to improve their parking experience at that site."

Celebrate Earth Day on Friday 4/22 with Outdoor Films

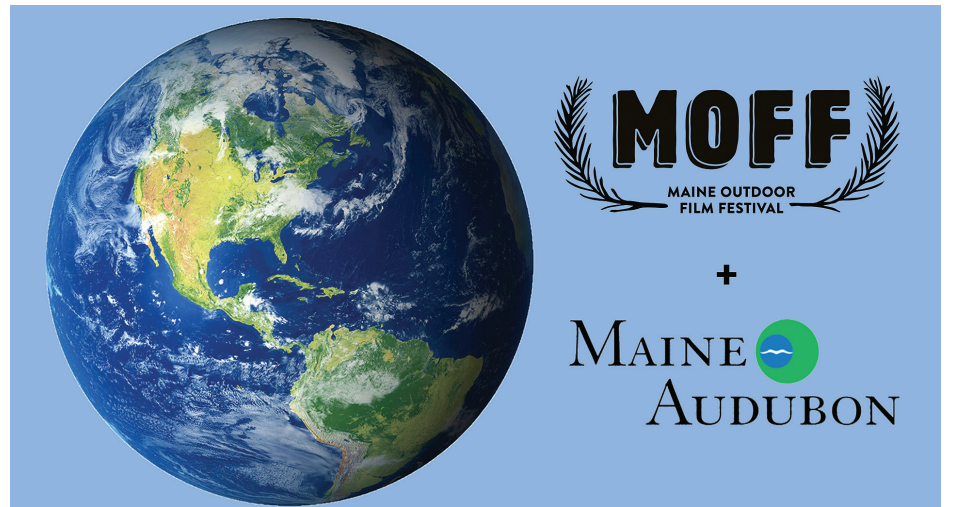
FALMOUTH, ME (April 12, 2022) -- Celebrate with Outdoor Films, Shown Outdoors at Maine Audubon in Falmouth.

Earth Day Film program:
HOME OR HIGH WATER – 11.5 minutes – by Dave Weich – from Portland, Oregon

Short synopsis: Battered by stronger, more frequent storms, residents are faced with an impossible decision: rebuild their home, or abandon their property and find a way to start again somewhere else. This film brings the conversation about the climate crisis into the practical reality of people's lives. How are communities at risk adapting to these ever-progressing challenges?

BORN FROM JUNK – 14.5 minutes – by Mike Horn, Galin Foley – from CO

Short synopsis: Born From Junk traces the outlaw roots of mountain biking



back to its raw beginnings in Crested Butte, where a crew of unlikely pioneers in pursuit of wild times in the mountains blossomed

into a global phenomenon.
RECOLONIZING THE ELWHA – See *Earth Day*, page 5

Groundbreaking of Raise-Op Housing Cooperative Celebrated

LEWISTON, ME (April 15, 2022)

— A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for the groundbreaking of Raise-Op Housing Cooperative in Lewiston at 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 28, 2022. Lewiston Mayor Carl Sheline will be joined by Lewiston Economic & Community Development Director Lincoln Jeffers, Lewiston Ward 3 City Councilor Scott Harriman, President + CEO of the LA Metro Chamber Shanna Cox, an Androscooggin Bank Representative and members of the public.

"I am thrilled to see the Blake and Walnut buildings start to rise in this neighborhood, which is rich in history and tradition. The buildings carry the grit and cooperative spirit that is Lewiston. The start of construction is a validating and inspiring moment for all of the residents of Raise-Op who took part in our planning and design process, so that their neighbors could have new affordable and healthy homes. The inclusion of people most impacted by the housing crisis in the development of these and future projects - we believe it is crucial to making homes that are truly responsive to people's needs and desires, and will make for more meaningful social change in our community," said -Shaad Masood,



President of Raise-Op.

"These buildings are not just units of housing, they are homes, and they represent a resolve to end housing instability in Lewiston, and promote community building. We are grateful for the relationships we have developed through this process, beginning with our residents, and including the designers, engineers, builders, lenders,

investors, consultants, housing authorities, and public sector workers who all helped to make this possible," continued Masood.

The Raise-Op Housing Cooperative develops and operates affordable homes that are inclusive and empowering for its residents. The Raise-Op has been operating in the Tree Street Neighborhood since its founding in 2008.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Bangor Savings Bank Foundation

Announces Nonprofit Grant Recipients

BANGOR, ME (April 11, 2022) -- Environmental protection, food security, and crisis support – these are examples of the important services offered by the Maine and New Hampshire based nonprofits selected by the public to receive grant awards through the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation's 2022 Community Matters More program.

With thousands of community votes shared, a total of \$158,000 will be awarded across 45 nonprofit organizations in 11 regions throughout Maine and New Hampshire. The organization with the highest number of votes in each region will receive a \$5,000 grant. Runners up and write-in winners will receive grant awards ranging from \$1,000-\$4,000.

As the signature program of the Bank's Foundation, Community Matters More aims to highlight local nonprofits that are positively impacting their Maine and New Hampshire

communities. It does so by inviting residents of these communities to decide the grant winners through a public vote.

"Community Matters More remains a truly grassroots program that is guided by community input. It's wonderful to see our community members voice their support of so many deserving nonprofits," said Bob Montgomery-Rice, President and CEO of Bangor Savings Bank. "We're proud to continue supporting these nonprofits so that they can further contribute to the economic vitality and common good of the communities in which we live, work, and raise our families."

In honor of its 15-year anniversary, the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation also awarded a one-time special grant of \$15,000 to the organization that garnered the most overall votes. That winner is Sarah's House of Maine, an organization that provides temporary lodging in a

comfortable environment for cancer patients and their caregivers.

"Sarah's House is truly honored to be a grant recipient of the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation Community Matters More program. As a privately funded organization, donations like this mean so much," said Delores Landry, Executive Director of Sarah's House of Maine.

"We are a nine-bedroom cancer hospitality house providing a clean, comfortable home away from home for more than 500 guests and their caregivers to date, who have traveled to the area for their cancer treatments. We have saved our guests more than one million miles of travel already! Like every home, there are always needs. This year's projects include a new roof on part of the house and repairs to the parking area. With costs of everything increasing, this will certainly help. We appreciate the opportunities this donation

provides and are extremely grateful to all of those who voted for us."

The 2022 Community Matters More grant recipients are:

Androscoggin/Franklin/Oxford Counties

Franklin Animal Shelter (\$5,000) / Center for Wisdom's Women (\$4,000) / Androscoggin Land Trust (\$3,000) / Greater Androscoggin Humane Society (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

Aroostook/Northern Penobscot/Piscataquis Counties

PAWS of Milo Penquis Animal Welfare Sanctuary (\$5,000) / Millinocket Memorial Library – Gear Library (\$4,000) / Greenville Junction Depot Friends (\$3,000) / Halfway Home Pet Rescue (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

Cumberland County Make-A-Wish Maine (\$5,000) / WinterKids (\$4,000) / Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maine (\$3,000) / MSSPA Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals (\$1,000

Write-in Winner)

Hancock/Washington Counties

Hancock County SPCA (\$5,000) / Camp Capella (\$4,000) / Downeast Horizons (\$3,000) / Bagaduce River Equine Rescue (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

Kennebec/Somerset Counties

Humane Society Waterville Area (\$5,000) / Sexual Assault Crisis and Support Center (\$4,000) / Augusta Food Bank (\$3,000) / Jackman Region Community Association (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

Knox/Lincoln/Sagadahoc/Waldo Counties

Knox County Homeless Coalition (\$5,000), Caring for Kids (\$4,000), Neighbor's Cupboard (\$3,000), Window Dressers (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

Southern Penobscot County

Bangor Area Homeless Shelter (\$5,000) / Eastern Area Agency on Aging (\$4,000) / Courageous Steps Project (\$3,000 Write-in Winner) / Bangor

Humane Society (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

York County

Center for Wildlife (\$5,000) / Rett's Roost (\$4,000) / Special Surfers (\$3,000 Write-in Winner) / Foundation4Love (\$1,000

Coos/Carroll/Grafton Counties

Coos Animal Sanctuary (\$5,000) / Warriors at 45 North (\$4,000) / Child Advocacy Center of Coos County (\$3,000) / Weathervane Theatre (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

Belknap/Cheshire/Hillsborough/Merrimack/Sullivan Counties

Animal Rescue League of NH (\$5,000) / Granite State Dog Recovery (\$4,000 Write-in Winner) / Building Dreams for Marines (\$3,000) / Friends Program (\$1,000)

Rockingham/Strafford Counties

Seacoast Youth Services (\$5,000) / Gundalow Company (\$4,000) / Portsmouth Historical Society (\$3,000) / Our Place Inc. (\$1,000 Write-in Winner)

Snowlion Announces Premiere of "The Secret Princess"

FREEPORT, ME (April 11, 2022) -- Snowlion Repertory Company, whose mission is to create, develop, and present new theater works of cultural, ethical, and spiritual value, announces the world premiere production of the new musical comedy *The Secret Princess* running April 29 through May 8 at Meetinghouse Arts, 40 Main Street in Freeport.

In the duchy of Klugenstein in 1221, young Duke Conrad has a terrible secret - since birth, he has been disguised as a boy by his scheming mother, even though he - she! - is really

a girl. Romantic complications ensue, and the ultimate outcome for Conrad and those he/she loves depends on the audience, who must vote to decide not only Conrad's fate but also who gets the girl - or guy!

Based on Mark Twain's short story "A Medieval Romance," *The Secret Princess* is a gender-bending, naughty medieval musical romp with a surprise ending - guaranteed!

The Secret Princess was written by MK Wolfe (book & lyrics) with music by Thomas Adams. Adams and Wolfe are the

team behind *The Freaks Club*, which premiered at Snowlion Rep in 2013, and *The Sock Who Lost His Mate*, which was presented by Snowlion Rep at the New York Children's Musical Theater Festival in 2015.

With a comic and lively story, *The Secret Princess* features a traditional musical comedy score. Despite its comic underpinnings, the show actually carries a powerful message - that we are often so bound by the rules of society that we must exhibit immense courage to be "other" in the world. Though we must be fearless when we flout the

"Law of the Land," the resulting freedoms are worth the struggle. *The Secret Princess* is the story of a society bound by strict (and hilariously ridiculous) laws, and how some brave souls challenge the status quo. It is a message right in keeping with Snowlion Rep's mission, and the zeitgeist of 2022.

The Secret Princess will have six performances as follows:

Friday April 29 at 7:30 pm
Saturday April 30 at 7:30 pm
Sunday May 1 at 3:00 pm
Friday May 6 at 7:30 pm
Saturday May 7 at 7:30 pm
Sunday May 8 at 3:00 pm

Performances are at the Meetinghouse Arts performance venue located at 40 Main Street, Freeport. Tickets are \$26 and can be purchased at www.snowlionrep.org or by calling (207) 315-6612. For more information, visit www.snowlionrep.org. Recommended for age 14+.

The show is directed by Al D'Andrea+. The musical direction is by Betty McIntyre, who will lead a three-piece band. Choreography is by Vanessa Winfield Beyland. The production stage manager is Hannah Publicover with Andrew Shepard as assistant stage manager. Set design is by Craig Robinson, lighting design is by Heather Crocker, and costume design (featuring medieval period costumes) is by Brittney Cacace.

The cast is as follows: Mary Johnston Letellier as Conrad, the Duke of Klugenstein and Prince-in-Waiting of Brandenburg

Zachariah Stearn as

Maximillian the Gezetmeister (Minister of Law) of Klugenstein

Colleen Katana as Princess Constance of the Kingdom of Brandenburg

Rita Micklus as Guda ("like the cheese only spelled different"), lady-in-waiting to Princess Constance

Nancy Durgin as Duchess Margareta, Conrad's mother and ruler of Klugenstein

Jesse Reich* as Count Detzin, the host of the evening's festivities

Pat Scully as King Ulrich of Brandenburg

Craig Capone as Mark Twain and other colorful characters

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Leading Cardiologist Joins Central Maine Healthcare

LEWISTON, ME (April 11, 2022) – Michael Berlowitz, MD, MBA, FACC, has joined Central Maine Healthcare as chief of the Central Maine Heart and Vascular Institute (CMHVI), and medical director of the cardiovascular service line for the health system.

In his new role, Berlowitz will lead a team of cardiologists, cardiothoracic and vascular surgeons and other skilled professionals in redesigning patient care and elevating the reputation of Central Maine Healthcare in Lewiston and other locations in central and western Maine. He plans to reorga-

nize and integrate operations, positioning CMHVI in becoming patient-centric and world class.

Berlowitz was previously chief of clinical operations of the Cardiovascular Division of the University of South Florida and an associate professor of medicine. He was also medical director of coronary services at Tampa General Hospital, which is nationally ranked in cardiology by U.S. News and World Report and is the primary teaching affiliate of the University of South Florida College of Medicine.

“The depth and



breadth of experience that Dr. Berlowitz has gained over more than 25 years will be an incredible asset to our patients and to the growth of the Central Maine Heart and Vascular Institute,” said Jason Krupp, MD, FACP,

president of Central Maine Medical Group. “In addition to his business acumen, he is an inspirational leader and a committed physician.”

The patient experience is central to Berlowitz’s philosophy.

“Treating patients is an endeavor of humility. There is no greater purpose or responsibility,” Berlowitz said. “I firmly believe that my success depends on supporting the success of the people around me. I believe patient experience must be perfect – on all levels and at all points of contact. We must believe in ourselves and have trust in

the system.”

A graduate of Cornell University, Berlowitz earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School and his MBA from the Auburn University’s Harbert College of Business. He trained at Emory University in Atlanta, and completed fellowships at Montefiore Medical Center, the academic medical center and university hospital of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and Rhode Island Hospital, the principal teaching hospital of The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

He is board certified in cardiology and interventional cardiology and has won multiple national Press Ganey patient satisfaction awards. He was recognized as “Tampa’s Best Doc” and “Tampa Doctor of the Year” multiple times in cardiology and interventional cardiology.

Send all items for What’s Going On to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.

Maine’s Nursing Shortage and What the Legislature is Doing to Meet Its Demands

Guest Column by Sen. Nate Libby

AUGUSTA, ME (April 15, 2022) -- Maine’s hospitals have been facing a shortage of nurses for years and have since been exacerbated by the pandemic. Things were so severe throughout the last year that Gov. Mills activated and deployed members of the Maine National Guard to combat staffing shortages at Maine’s largest hospitals various times. By the middle of January Gov. Mills had activated over 200 National Guard members to assist health care facilities across the state. In Lewiston, St. Mary’s Hospital received help from 12

Guard members in January, and Central Maine Medical Center received help from 37 Guard members between the months of December and January. While these desperate measures may have temporarily eased staffing shortages, we know that there’s still a massive shortage of Maine nurses that needs to be addressed.

Samantha Hewey RN, BSN, is currently employed at St. Mary’s Hospital and a nurse instructor at Central Maine Medical Center. In her recent testimony before the Legislature’s Education and Cultural Affairs committee, she shared that there have been times where nurse to patient ratios

in our hospitals have been as bad as seven to one with very few staff on hand. She has seen emergency rooms overflow with patients because there simply are not enough nurses available at a given time to care for them. There are a lot of problems to be acknowledged here, the least of which is the acute burnout our nurses have been experiencing. This coupled with the fact that nearly 1/3 of Maine’s nurses are aged 56-65 and nearing retirement means that we have to take action to ensure our nursing workforce has the numbers it demands.

In the Legislature, one of the ways we are propos-

ing to combat this problem is by bolstering our investments in Maine’s excellent community college nursing programs all over the state. Sen. Mattie Daughtry, D-Brunswick, has championed a bill to allocate funds to the Maine Community College System in an effort to expand their nursing education programs. This money will be used to hire more staff to handle a higher volume of students. Some schools will expand their programs to have night or weekend classes, which will also make these programs accessible to many who may not have been able to get this education previously. Our community

college nursing programs have seen a lot of success and provide the same outstanding education as the rest of Maine’s colleges and universities. In fact, Maine Community College System’s five current nursing programs all rank in the top eight programs in the state.

Testifying in favor of Sen. Daughtry’s bill, faculty at Central Maine Community College reported that they “have been inundated with requests from employers seeking to hire our nursing graduates. Each year we experience nearly 100% job placement for our nursing graduates.” These are high-quality programs that produce quality jobs

that help to fill a shortage in our nursing workforce. That is why it is important that we boost our ongoing investment in Maine’s community college nursing programs. I am proud to support this bill and I will be a strong advocate that it becomes law. More than anything, I am hopeful of the positive impact it will have in our local hospitals and community colleges.

As always, if you or your family need help finding resources, please visit 211maine.org, or reach out to my office at any time. You can email me at Nathan.Libby@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at (207) 287-1515.

Absentee Ballots Available

LEWISTON, ME (April 14, 2022) – The Lewiston School Budget Validation Referendum Election will be held on Tuesday, May 10. Absentee ballots for this election are currently available from the City Clerk’s Office for Lewiston voters.

Registered voters needing an absentee ballot may order one by calling the City Clerk’s Office, mailing in an application form downloaded from the City’s website, or coming into the City Clerk’s Office, located on the second floor of City Hall.

Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:00pm.

Per state law, completed absentee ballots cannot be submitted to the City Clerk’s Office until after the City Council adopts the school budget which is scheduled for May 3. Any absentee

ballots submitted before this date must be rejected per state law. Voted absentee ballots can only be submitted to the City Clerk’s Office between the timeframe of after the City Council adoption of the school budget and 8pm on election night, Tuesday,

May 10.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is 4pm, Thursday, May 5.

The City’s website contains a sample ballot, directions to the polling place and other information that voters may

find useful. The website address is: <https://www.lewistonmaine.gov/117/Elections>

Voters are encouraged to contact the City Clerk’s Office at 513-3124 with any questions they may have.

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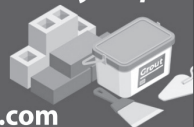
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Spring Reminders from Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife



MAINE, STATE-WIDE (April 13, 2022) -- The air is warm but the water is dangerously cold... ALWAYS wear a lifejacket

If you think you will have time to find and put on your lifejacket after you are in the water, think again. A lifejacket can only help save your life when you wear it!

Fifty-five degree water can be deadly... and this time of year, Maine's lakes, rivers, and ponds are much colder than that. Even the strongest of swimmers succumb to the cold water within minutes.

The sudden shock of your body plunging into cold water can cause dramatic changes in breathing, heart rate, and blood pressure. If you survive the initial threats of cold shock, you may start to lose control of your muscles, making swimming and staying afloat nearly impossible without the

help of a lifejacket or other personal flotation device.

Please wear your lifejacket at all times and pay close attention to changing weather patterns. The weather can change in a matter of minutes and you don't want to be caught in poor conditions.

Help us keep it Maine: Protect our waters from aquatic invasive species

Maine has some of the country's most pristine and healthy waters, which support high-quality habitat for fish and wildlife as well as endless opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Unfortunately, Maine waters, as well as the fish, wildlife, and recreation they support, are threatened each year by introductions of fish, plants, diseases, and other aquatic invasive species that compete with and displace native natural communities.

It is up to everyone who enjoys Maine's waters - boaters, paddlers, and anglers - to protect our waters. Learn how to clean + dry your boat to prevent the spread.

Take steps now to prevent conflicts with black bears

Spring has sprung and wildlife is wasting no time shedding winter's grip

to enjoy the nice spring weather.

For many of these animals, such as black bears, they have lost a significant amount of body weight and are on the move looking for food after emerging from their winter dens. While denning, black bears enter a state of torpor, slowing their metabolism and respiration, breathing only once per 15 to 45 seconds, and dropping their heart rate to 8-21 beats per minute. Even with a lowered metabolic rate, bears still lose significant body fat. Unlike true hibernators, bears don't eat, drink, urinate, or defecate during this time.

Once spring comes and bears emerge from their den, for two to three weeks bears are working to regulate their bodily functions slowly until normal activity ensues. At this time of year, natural foods are limited, and bears may take the risk and wander into backyards in search of easily accessible food.

Take steps now to prevent black bears from coming to your yard: Rake up unused bird seed from the ground; Remove birdfeeders between April 1 and November; Keep pet food and trash inside or in fenced areas; Clean grills thoroughly after use

Spring is in the air, and for many, that means hiking season is almost here!

Before lacing up your hiking boots, the Maine Warden Service has a few reminders:

Always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return. Should something happen, this will be key to helping the Maine Warden Service and other search and rescue personnel help find you.

Know that conditions will vary significantly across the state and at different elevations. It might feel like spring in southern Maine, but in northern parts and at higher elevations, there is still plenty of ice and snow! Some trails are extremely muddy and closed to prevent trail damage - research your trip before you go.

Dress for the weather and in plenty of layers.

Hiking boots with ankle support and tread are ideal. It is best to avoid icy conditions altogether, but just in case, pack a pair of crampons or ice creepers.

Be prepared for no cell phone service. Know your route without the help of your cell phone.

Remember that it gets dark much earlier in the spring than the middle of summer. Plan accordingly, and always pack a flashlight in case.

Pack essential items, including high-protein snacks, water, and a fire starter. Learn more.

Roads may be impassable due to mud, snow, or a combination. Have a plan B, and stick to the places you know in the spring. Save your bigger adventures for later in the season.

Respect the land by picking up after yourself and staying on the trail. 94% of Maine's forest land is privately owned and more than half of that land area is open to the public.

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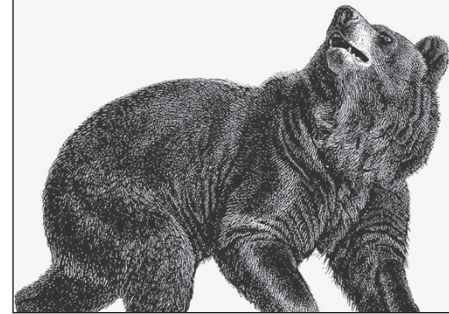
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ALA Announces Route for 2022 Trek Across Maine

BRUNSWICK, ME (April 14, 2022) – Today, the American Lung Association announced the route for the 38th annual Trek Across Maine fundraising bike ride, scheduled for June 17-19. The 2022 Trek Across Maine will now start at Thomas Point Beach and Campground in Brunswick, Maine, while still hitting famous spots like St. Joseph's College, Team Tent City and the potato bar at Bates College. Registration is open for participants to sign up as individuals or as a team for the three-day, 180-mile, in-person cycling adventure.

Those interested can learn more at the dedicated Trek website here.

Since 1985, the Trek has raised more than \$30 million for lung health. This year's goal is \$1 million, with Trek riders and volun-

teers already raising more than \$250,000 to support healthy lungs and clean air. For those riders not able to join in-person, there is a virtual option. Volunteers are needed for the Trek Across Maine weekend. For those interested in volunteer opportunities, see the ALA site.

Trekkers, both in-person and virtual, can download the "Cycle for Air" app or join the Trek Strava Club to stay connected to the Trek community. There will be additional recommended ride routes, scavenger hunts, Trek Bingo and weekly giveaways on the Trek website and social media pages.

Participants can track their miles using activity trackers (i.e. Apple Watch, Fitbit, and Garmin devices), sharing their personal achievements and fund-

raising efforts on social media and within the Trek community. Trekkers, volunteers and the general public can also make a donation to the event to support a participant or team and raise funds for lung disease research, including lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and COVID-19.

"After doing the Trek virtually during the pandemic, we are very excited to welcome home Trekkers, volunteers and sponsors with our in person live event this year. That said, the virtual option is also available for those who are interested in cycling from home and their own neighborhoods during the winter months up until the end of June," stated Gale Auclair, development director. "We have a great lineup of sponsors, includ-



The Trek Across Maine covers a 180-mile route over three days and raises funds for the American Lung Association. PHOTO CREDIT: Karsten Moran for the American Lung Association of Maine

ing our presenting sponsor, VIP Tires & Service, and others such as L.L. Bean, a new route, a mix of tradi-

tional activities and surprises. Many of our riders have begun raising money toward their rides, so I hope people

will join us as a volunteer, cyclist or donor to make this one of our biggest years ever for the Trek!"

Connecting Women to Construction Careers Coming May 4

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (April 12, 2022)— New Ventures Maine has opened registration for a free, 90-minute workshop designed for women to explore high-wage careers within the construction trades in Maine.

Connecting Women to Construction Careers will be offered on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. online.

This is an opportunity to learn about low-cost or no-cost training programs and job opportunities in a variety of in-demand construction careers in Maine.

"We held two workshops on construction trades last month and had interest from a number of potential participants for an alternate date, so we are planning a new session," said Suzanne Senechal-Jandreau, New Ventures Maine Workforce Development Manager.

Previous participants provided the following feedback:

"I was very interested to hear about the apprenticeship programs, as I was apprehensive of starting a job with which I had little experience. But hearing that employers actively look for people to train gave me a new sense of hope."

"(The presenter) was very respectful and knowledgeable, presenting information in a way that made me feel confident in my goals not in spite of being a woman, but BECAUSE of it. The video interviews were great, too. Thank you!"

"We know there are contractors who are looking to hire this spring," said Senechal-Jandreau, "so we want to provide current information to women, not only about training, education, and earn-while-

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Earth Day

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8.6 minutes – by Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission/North 40 Productions – from Pacific Northwest

Short synopsis: Ten years ago, the world's largest dam removal began on the Elwha River, allowing salmon to recolonize their lost habitat. This is the story of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe's connection to that river and the hatchery that kept those salmon runs alive.

PROJECT 20/20 – 9 minutes – by Geoff Nickerson – from Maine

Short synopsis: This film documents an artist's journey along the Island Maine Island Trail.

TREE TO BOARD – 16 minutes – by Torsten Brinkema – from Maine

Short synopsis: This film follows Filmmaker Torsten Brinkema's journey from tree to board as he shapes a surfboard from sustainably harvested North Atlantic Cedar.

THE SEA FARMERS – 9.13 minutes – by Nathan

Golon & Emilie Silvestri, GoodFight Media – from Portland, Maine

Short synopsis: All Amanda did was give Emily one floating line of rope in the ocean, but that action sparked a livelihood. Amanda's small gesture of kindness allowed Emily to imagine a life on the water she hadn't considered before: as an oyster farmer.

UNDERSTORY – A JOURNEY INTO THE TONGASS – 40 minutes

– by Colin Arisman – from VT

Short synopsis: Three women set sail on a 350 mile expedition through Alaska's massive Tongass National Forest, exploring how clearcut logging in this coastal rainforest could affect wildlife, local communities and our planet's climate.

In-Person Tickets (21+ only): Available here. (tickets include two drinks)
Virtual screening:

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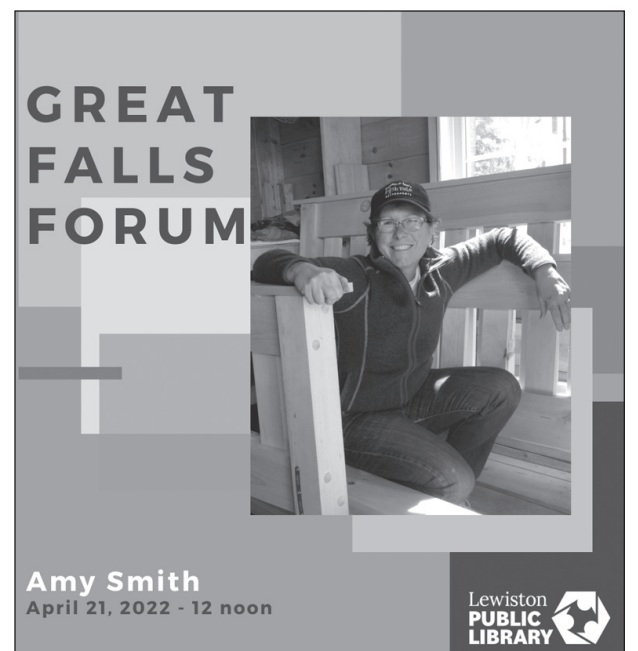
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Great Falls Forum With Amy Smith

LEWISTON, ME (March 25, 2022) -- The 2021-2022 season of the Great Falls Forum continues on Thursday, April 21st, featuring Amy Smith, Founder and Executive Director of Healthy Homeworks, with a talk entitled "Falling in Love with Lewiston." This free, public program will take place from 12 noon to 1 PM virtually via Zoom and streamed to the Lewiston Public Library Facebook page.

Ten years ago, Amy Smith was living in her Yarmouth, Maine home of 20 years, watching her youngest of three children get ready to graduate from high school. Now she lives in the heart of Lewiston's Tree Streets, managing 22 affordable rental units, serving on the Board of Directors of Avesta Housing and Healthy Neighborhoods, and managing 2 non-profits: Healthy Homeworks and Lewiston Rowing. What gives? In her Great Falls Forum talk, Amy will share her story about falling in love with housing in general, and Lewiston in particular.
Amy graduated from Dartmouth College in 1984



and worked in the software industry for 32 years defining, designing, and delivering high quality technical solutions to critical business problems. She raised three children in Yarmouth, ME, where she managed various booster groups and created a high school rowing program. In 2016, she transferred her management and design skills to creating durable, quality, affordable housing, and focused her philanthropic work on creating a parallel organization where she could invest time in the

community. In 2021 she brought her love of rowing to Androscoggin by way of Riverfest 1.0.
Admission is free to all Forum events. The Zoom link will be posted to the Library website and Facebook prior to the event. For more information, please contact the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3135 or LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov.
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A tandem canoe team descends Magog Chute on the St. George River

Guest Column by Ron Chase

(April 15, 2022) -- For the past five years, the Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society (PPCS) has held the Skip Pendleton Memorial Trip on the St. George River each spring. Skip, who passed away in 2017, was an exceptional outdoorsman who twice crossed the United States on a bike and completed a transatlantic voyage in a sailboat. He was active as a trailblazer in his hometown of Belfast and several trails now exist due to his efforts. Later in life, he found whitewater. Skip joined the PPCS and learned to kayak and canoe in his seventies, the consummate senior not acting his age. The St. George was his favorite river and he assisted with its downriver race for many years. I've had the honor of leading or co-leading all of the memorial outings.

We had high water for the St. George trip this spring. It was a cool, gray morning when twenty-three paddlers in seventeen boats turned out for the event. Nine kayakers, two solo canoeists, and six tandem canoe teams assembled at the takeout next to a bridge on Route 105 in North Ap-

pleton. Since almost half of the group consisted of seniors not acting their ages, Skip would have been impressed. After a safety talk and a remembrance of Skip, the eager paddlers doubled up boats and participants for a vehicle shuttle to the launch site in Searsmont.

The five mile excursion began in a pool of calm water above a bridge on Route 131 on the east side of the village of Searsmont. Boats were unloaded and prepared for navigation. Chowderheads assembled paddles and gear, packed water and snacks, added final layers of paddling attire to protect against the frigid water, and donned life jackets.

We departed through a stand of partially submerged alders before entering the St. George River from the east. High water helped propel us along in a winding sector of flat water where periodic maneuvering around fallen trees was required. The sizeable entourage was spread over a few hundred yards. Participants in the rear encountered a large deer thrashing in the river while it desperately tried to climb a steep muddy embankment without success. Recognizing the futility of

its efforts, Karen Franceour responded to the emergency by using her kayak to gently nudge the struggling animal downstream where it was able to escape the predicament. That was the first rescue of the day but not the last.

A substantial downed tree blocked most of the top of a long rapid that began above Ghent Road Bridge. We entered far left to avoid the hazard. Large waves were encountered, some covered boulders concealing treacherous pour overs that were difficult to identify. I stopped in an eddy just above the bridge to set up safety with a throw bag and take photos. Just after exiting my kayak, I was surprised to observe one of our experienced tandem canoe teams swimming past with their empty capsized canoe trailing behind. Always aware of their surroundings, several dedicated Chowderheads were in hasty pursuit. Unbeknownst to me, a solo canoeist had also flipped just below the bridge. Thanks to the determined efforts of PPCS rescuers, all paddlers, boats, and paddles were soon reunited.

The whitewater continued unabated. Farther along, a kayaker missed

an eddy and was lodged partially upside down in shallow water tangled in brush. Alert Chowderheads hurried into action. Scott Nelson, Dave Boyle, and others quickly assisted the kayaker out of the water while recovering kayak and paddle.

Following more rapids and a stretch of quick water, everyone successfully navigated through substantial waves in Magog Chute, the steepest descent of the day. Some of the more hardy members of our intrepid band surfed in the waves below for several minutes. The teenage tandem canoe crew of Mason Galway and Will Spaulding impressed us seniors with their skills by nailing a difficult wave surf. Indeed, they were acting their ages.

No further problems were encountered during the remainder of our journey as we meandered through farm lands to the takeout located on the right immediately below the Route 105 Bridge. Typical of club camaraderie, Chowderheads assembled in teams to assist carrying boats up a steep bank to the

muddy parking area.

Skip Pendleton would have been proud of the teamwork exhibited during our exciting expedition named in his honor. We were privileged to know him.

Readers are encouraged to attend a book talk on my latest book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in*

Maine at the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick on April 21st at 6:00 P.M.

Ron Chase resides in Topsham. He previous books are "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals - New England." Visit his website at <https://www.ronchaseoutdoors.com> or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.

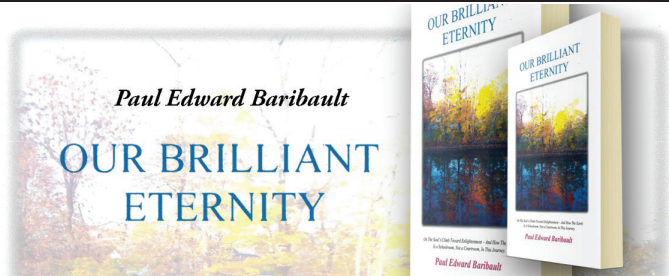
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MCP Announces the Cast of *The Addams Family Musical*



The main cast Addams clan: Jackie Senft, Samantha Melquist, Ray Fletcher, Danny Gay, Karen Lipovsky, Ginger Smith and Zach Hodge

as stage manager, Nancy Keneally as Costumer, and Emily Kalafarski and Birdie Gay as Co-Producers.

Featuring a family who live in an upside-down world where pain is joy, sad is happy and death and suffering are dreams to aspire to, The Addams Family brings the deliriously delightful world of Gomez (Danny Gay of N. Monmouth), Morticia (Karen Lipovsky of Monmouth), Uncle Fester (Ray Fletcher of Monmouth), Grandma (Ginger Smith of Winthrop), Wednesday (Samantha Melquist of Bath), Pugsley (Jackie Senft of Hallowell) and Lurch (Zach Hodge of Manchester) to spooky and spectacular life.

The story is every father's nightmare - Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family. And if that weren't upsetting enough, she confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before - keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host

a dinner for Wednesday's 'normal' boyfriend, Lucas Beineke (Shawn Jiminez of N. Gardiner), and his parents, Mal (Henry Quintal of Augusta) and Alice (Jane Mitchell of Greene), and comedic chaos ensues!

The multi-talented cast of Addams family members, Beineke's and Ancestors join from all over central and southern Maine, including: Ken Mansur (Mal u/s), Kyle Mansur (Primary Dancer) and Debby Mansur (Primary Dancer) of Auburn; Charlotte Morin (Alice u/s) and Justine Wiesinger (Morticia u/s) of Lewiston; Karen Lipovsky, Danny Gay, James Wright (Pugsley u/s) and Ray Fletcher of Monmouth; Shawn Jimenez and Kathryn Ross (Wednesday u/s) of Gardiner; Zach Hodge of Manchester; Lucas Ford (Gomez u/s) of Brunswick; Henry Quintal of Augusta; Jane Mitchell of Greene; Samantha Melquist and Mary Mehquist (Grandma u/s) of Bath; Andy Tolman (Lurch u/s) of Readfield; Talon Moody (Lucas u/s) of Richmond; Julie Sanborn (Primary Dancer) of Farmington; Amara Beganny (Primary Dancer) of Litchfield; Ginger Smith of Winthrop; Reese Madarasz

(Fester u/s) of Topsham; and Jackie Senft of Hallowell.

The Addams Family will play at the historic Cumston Hall in Monmouth April 21 - May 1, 2022. Performances will be at 7:30pm on 4/21, 4/22, 4/28-4/30, and matinee 2pm shows on 4/23-4/24 and 5/1. There will be two performances starring the understudy cast,

and those will be April 22nd and the 30th at 7:30pm. Presented through special arrangement by Theatrical Rights Worldwide. (TRW). For more information, or to purchase tickets, please feel free to email the theater at mcpboxoffice@gmail.com, call them at (207)370-9566, or visit their website at monmouthcommunityplayers.org.



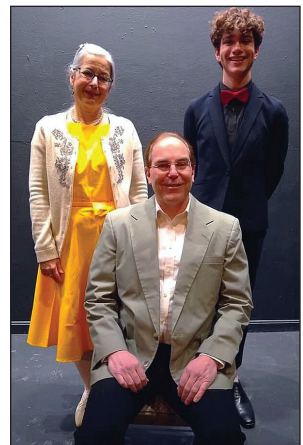
The understudy Addams clan: James Wright, Kathryn Ross, Reese Madarasz, Lou Ford, Justine Weisinger, Mary Melquist & Andy Tolman

MONMOUTH, ME (March 11, 2022) -- The Monmouth Community Players, along with marquis sponsor the Monmouth Federal Credit Union and show sponsor Optometric Associates, welcome you to experience the 'intoxicating smell of the graveyard' as you join them for their performance of Broadway's

multi award-winning, upbeat musical-comedy, *The Addams Family*. At the helm of this production are Josie French as director and Josh Caron as Music Director. Rounding out the team are Emily Carlton as Choreographer, Steve Barter as rehearsal Pianist, Kayla Newmeyer as Props Mistress, Hannah McAdam

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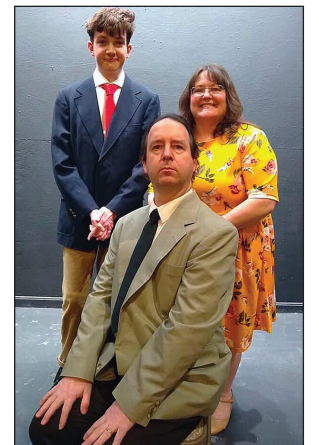


The main cast Beineke family: Henry Quintal, Jane Mitchell, Shawn Jiminez

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Primary Ancestor Dancers: Kyle Mansur, Julie Sanborn, Debby Mansur, Amara Beganny



The understudy Beineke Family: Ken Mansur, Talon Moody and Charlotte Morin

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New Storywalk at McMahon Nature Trail



LEWISTON, ME (March 31, 2022) -- The Lewiston Public Library, in partnership with Lewiston Public Schools recently placed 20 permanent Storywalk panels on the McMahon Nature Trail behind McMahon Elementary School. The McMahon Nature Trail at 151 N. Temple Street in Lewiston is accessible to the public off N. Temple Street and from behind the school when it is closed. This project was made possible through a CARES Act grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

A Storywalk is a series of stationary sign posts that feature pages of a picture

book that allow readers to interact with the story as they walk. Storywalks encourage family literacy alongside physical activity. Currently, the featured children's book is Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall.

In June 2020, the Lewiston Public Library received a \$121,846 CARES Act grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support library programming and community outreach during the COVID pandemic. Lewiston Public Library's Children's Librarian, Sara Turner notes "The NEH grant allowed us to partner with the public schools in a way we have never done before. We were

able to extend our reach in the community by mailing library information and services to every student in the public school system. The Storywalk is a fun educational activity that combines the pleasure of reading fantastic children's books with the joy of walking together outside." Lewiston Public Schools Elementary Librarian, MaryAnn Lopes states, "During our conversations about how to use the grant, Sara told me to dream big and I did. Thanks to the NEH Grant that dream came true to serve our schools and community."

The National Endow-

ment for the Humanities (NEH) is an independent federal agency created in 1965. It is one of the largest funders of humanities programs in the United States. The NEH promotes excellence in the humanities and conveys the lessons of history. The endowment accomplishes this mission by awarding grants for

top-rated proposals examined by panels of independent, external reviewers. In 2020, the NEH invited applications from organizations seeking support for projects impacted by the coronavirus. The Lewiston Public Library was among the 14% of applicants to be awarded grants.

What is next for the Storywalk? April is Child Abuse and Neglect Preven-
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Pick-up Will Occur Week of April 25 – 29, 2022

During the week of April 25 – April 29, 2022, the City of Lewiston's Department of Public Works will collect brush debris (butt ends are to face the street) from the City's residential properties. Such clean-up uses the same route and days as waste and recycle collection.

ATTENTION: Residents must have brush debris placed **curbside no later than Sunday, April 24, 2022.**

- Quantities are limited to one (1) standard pick-up truck load per residence (3 yards).
- Once Department of Public Works staff has cleared a street of curbside brush, they will not return to that street to collect additional brush.
- Curbside collection is restricted to wood/tree waste and brush **ONLY**.
- Wood/tree waste that will **not be collected includes:** tree stumps (regardless of size), tree limbs greater than 12 inches diameter, demolition wood – fencing, decking, and/or wood from construction/demolition projects.

IN ADDITION, residents may bring one (1) standard size pick-up truck load to the Solid Waste Facility, 424 River Rd, Lewiston—for this week only—at no charge.

To dispose of other household waste items, please refer to the City of Lewiston web site: www.lewistonmaine.gov/householddisposal

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Chocolate Church Arts Center Presents Spring Musical

BATH, ME (April 11, 2022) -- The Chocolate Church Arts Center (CCAC), at 804 Washington Street in Bath, will present the musical *The Last Five Years*, opening on Friday April 22. The production is presented in collaboration with Studio Theatre of Bath, and is the first live theater presented at the venue since March of 2020.

The Last Five Years is written by Jason Robert Brown, and is an emotionally powerful and intimate musical that charts the five-year relationship of Jamie and Cathy, two 20-something New Yorkers who fall head over heels in love. But in a city where professional and personal passions collide, navigating the waters of love and matrimony can

sometimes prove to be too much. Jamie, an up-and-coming writer, struggles to balance his sudden success with his increasingly tumultuous love life, while Cathy, an aspiring actress, deals with the frustrations of her own stalled career while watching her husband from the sidelines.

The show was named one of *TIME Magazine's*

ten best shows of 2001, and as a testament to the show's longevity, *The Last Five Years* enjoyed an Off-Broadway revival at Second Stage in 2013. A film adaptation was released in 2014, starring Anna Kendrick and Jeremy Jordan.

This production stars Kyle Aarons and Becca Lewis and is co-directed by Marc Rodriguez and Thom

Watson. Courtney Babbidge provides musical direction, and Ashley Steeves is choreographer. The show runs April 22 through May 1, with Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees at 2pm.

Tickets for all events at the Chocolate Church Arts Center are available for purchase at [www.chocolate-](http://www.chocolate-churcharts.org)

[churcharts.org](http://www.chocolate-churcharts.org), or by calling the box office at 207-442-8455. All performances will be subject to CCAC's current COVID-19 related policy, which requires audience members age 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.

Gaslight Theater Announces Auditions for April 24 & 25

HALLOWELL, ME (February 10, 2022) -- Auditions for Gaslight Theater's upcoming summer show, *I Hate Shakespeare*, written by Steph DeFerie and directed by Meg Matheson will be held outdoors at 5:30pm on Sunday, April 24 and Monday, April 25 at the Vaughn Homestead Pavilion located at 1 Litchfield Road in Hallowell. Please bring proof of Covid-19

vaccination to auditions. Show consists of comedic vignettes with doubling. Roles can be done by any gender and number and ages of cast can vary. Auditions are cold readings. Show dates are July 8, 9 and 10 in Augusta and July 15, 16 and 17 in Hallowell. If you are unable to make one of the audition dates, but wish to audition, please contact Meg at 623-2416 or email



Gaslight Theater rehearsal of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in August 2019, pictured are Emily Fournier, Ray Fletcher and Gregor Smith. Photo by Richard Bostwick

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Founded in 1937 as the Augusta Players, and since doing business as Gaslight Theater, we are the oldest continuously operating community theater in Maine. Productions have taken place in Hallowell City Hall since the late 1970s (until COVID intervened). We hope to return to our regular schedule in 2023

which is normally four shows a year, usually in late winter, early summer, late summer, and the fall, featuring a balance among musicals, mysteries, comedies, classics and new or experimental plays. For each show, we have at least six performances over two weekends, including Sunday matinees. For more information visit [Gaslight Theater online at www.gaslighttheater.org](http://www.gaslighttheater.org).

Maine State Music Theatre Looks Towards "Revival" Season

BRUNSWICK, ME (April 12, 2022) -- In preparation for their 2022 summer season at the Pickard Theatre, Maine State Music Theatre will host four special Teaser Tuesdays films during the month of May at 6 PM at Brunswick's Curtis Memorial Library's Morrell Meeting Room at 23 Pleasant St, Brunswick, ME. The film series is free and open to the public.

Curt Dale Clark. The series starts with the 1965 film version of *The Sound of Music*, starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plumber on MAY 3 at 6 PM. Based on the real-life story of the Von Trapp Family singers, Julie Andrews plays the tomboyish postulant at an Austrian abbey who becomes a governess in the home of a widowed naval captain with seven children, and brings a new love of life and music into their lives.

2000 and starring Donny Osmond on MAY 10 at 6 PM. The Old Testament tale of Joseph and his coat of many colors gets a splashy, vigorous treatment with an energetic cast, Las Vegas-style glitz, and catchy, eclectic songs.

The third film is 1985's *The Color Purple* starring Whoopi Goldberg and Oprah Winfrey on MAY 17 at 6 PM. This epic tale spanning forty years in the life of an African-American woman living in the South, is a story of hope, a testament to the healing power of love, and

a striking celebration of life. Based on the novel by Alice Walker.

The series ends with *Kinky Boots*, the 2005 comedy/drama starring Chiwetel Ejiofor and Joel Edgerton on MAY 24 at 6 PM. After his father's demise, Charlie Price inherits the family business, a shoe factory in Northampton, England, and finds inspiration in the form of a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos.

For more information on these programs please call (207) 725-8769 or visit www.msmt.org.

Next up is *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* released in

Corvettes Doo Wop Concert April 30



FRYEBURG, ME (April 11, 2022) -- The national touring Corvettes are returning to the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center for another all out Doo Wop celebration on Saturday, April 30th at 7:30 pm.

The Corvettes perform the great music of the Doo Wop era with a fresh, new energy. The band's incredibly entertaining show and comical stage antics have left many a happy audience screaming for more. Some of the timeless hits you might hear at a Corvettes Doo Wop Revue show include *Twistin' the Night Away*, *Earth Angel*, *Rock Around the Clock*, and so many more! And don't miss the Kustom Cruisers Club

of Maine's car show at 5:30, featuring a vast selection of customized classics on display outside on the LHE/PAC patio.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$10 for students. Order online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac, or call the box office at 207-544-9066. The LHE/PAC is located on the campus of Fryeburg Academy at 18 Bradley Street in Fryeburg, Maine.

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Mayor Sheline Announces Water & Sewer Division Information

LEWISTON, ME (April 12, 2022) -- Mayor Carl L. Sheline is announcing that a Lewiston Water & Sewer Division information notice (below) about protecting the water quality of Lake Auburn will be included in the next round of Lewiston municipal water bills.

"As Mayor, I believe it is imperative that our water ratepayers have the facts and information they need to evaluate the risk to our water and the possibility of losing our filtration waiver," notes Sheline.

At a March 21, 2022, press conference, Mayor Sheline shared risks to the watershed surrounding Lake Auburn created by the City of Auburn's recent zoning and ordinance changes. These changes may affect

the water quality of Lake Auburn and the lake could lose its filtration waiver from the Environmental Protection Agency. If that happens, it will necessitate the building of a filtration plant at a cost of \$40-60 million and \$1 million in increased yearly costs. Those costs would negatively impact local ratepayers.

The City of Lewiston has previously sent a demand letter to the Auburn Water District to stop all development in the watershed until a full and comprehensive study of the effects of development in the watershed is complete and until the Maine Department of Health and Human Services has determined, after a review of the study, that development would not have an adverse

effect on the conditions for maintaining a waiver from the filtration requirements. The City of Lewiston has also sent a demand letter to the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission to request that the Auburn Water District uphold their duty to protect the water quality according to their by-laws.

Sheline continues, "I am concerned about the hard-working families in our community, older adults on fixed incomes, and businesses that are already burdened. Our residents and businesses won't benefit from decreased water quality and subsequent higher costs."

Lewiston has 9,221 residential water ratepayers and 996 commercial/industrial water ratepayers.

"I encourage residents

and business owners to thoroughly review the Lewiston Water & Sewer Division information and to speak up about any concerns they may have. Our city needs safe, clean, and affordable drinking water. This is the water our kids drink."

Notice to Lewiston Water Customers

Changes That Could Affect Your Water Rate

The City of Auburn/Auburn Water District and the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission are considering changes to zoning and septic sewer system ordinances around Lake Auburn.

As you know, the lake provides the drinking water for both Lewiston and Auburn. If the proposed zoning and septic ordinances are adopted by the City

of Auburn, this will allow for more residential and commercial development. This increased development in the Lake Auburn watershed may increase the runoff of phosphorus and other chemicals leading to a decline in water quality of Lake Auburn.

If there is a decline in water quality, this will require Lewiston to build a drinking water filtration plant at an approximate cost of \$40-\$60 million with operational costs of additional \$1 million per year.

Construction costs and operating costs of a drinking water filtration plant will increase the amount you pay for water. Initial estimates project that current water rates could more than double (2x) for Lewiston water customers.

IMPORTANT MEETING TIMELINE: The Auburn City Council: Monday May 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm (Adopt proposed zoning and septic ordinances) Auburn Hall, 60 Court St, Auburn

If you would like to express your opinion about your drinking water and the costs of filtration, you may:

1. Contact the Maine Public Utilities Commission: www.maine.gov/meopa/puc-information/file-a-complaint
2. Contact a City of Auburn Elected Official: www.auburnmaine.gov/pages/government/City-Council
3. Contact an Auburn Water District Official: www.awsd.org/contact-us-2/
4. Contact the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission: www.lakeauburnwater.org

All Invited to Divine Mercy Sunday Ap. 24



AUBURN, ME (March 25, 2022) -- A special celebration of Divine Mercy will be held on April 24, 2022 after the 11 a.m. mass at Sacred

Heart Church on Western Avenue in Auburn. Pictured with the Divine Mercy Icon are Knights of Columbus, Andy Valley Council 8742 Grand

Knight, Norm Gray and Roland Bergeron, Council Church Director. The Icon was blessed by Pope Saint John Paul II. All are welcome!

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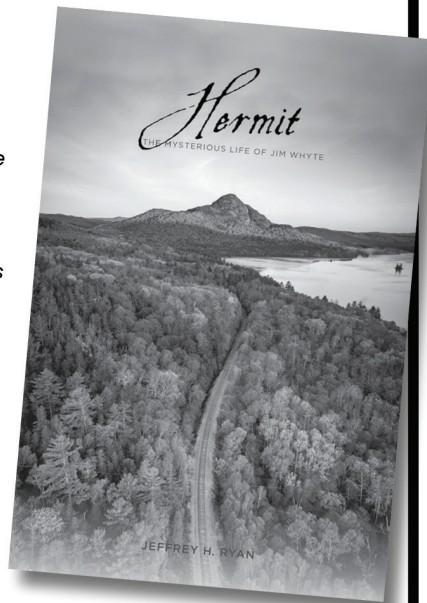
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Frontline Paper Celebrates Anniversary at Monson Arts Gallery

MONSON, ME (April 8, 2022) -- Frontline Arts, a New Jersey based veteran-led art program, is celebrating the tenth anniversary of its Frontline Paper project with an exhibition at the Monson Arts Gallery from April 8 to May 8.

Frontline Paper artists have traveled throughout the northeast with their mobile workshop making paper from military uniforms and then making imagery on the paper. The veterans who

participate in the process cut uniforms (sometimes ones they wore themselves, and others that were donated) into small pieces to be made into paper pulp and then sheets of paper that they draw, write, paint, and print on. While they are working, they engage in conversations with their fellow veterans about their military experience. The imagery and words on the paper often deal with responses to combat and returning home. The exhibit

represents a decade of artwork created by these veteran artists with over 150 pieces of original artwork on display.

Ron Erickson, artist and Program Manager at Frontline Paper spoke at the opening reception. In explaining how the program works he says, "Coming home is hard. When you make a piece of art and hang it on the wall, that gives a little seed to start a conversation. When you talk about it once, you can talk about

it again." The workshops are a place for veterans to come together and speak freely. At the exhibit opening, many residents in the area who attended felt a deep connection to the stories on view, as they are veterans and military family members.

Director of Monson Arts, Chantal Harris said, "It has been amazing to see how impactful this work is. Everyone who walks through feels the emotional power in this room." Monson Arts has

partnered with Frontline Arts to award an artist in residence placement to Mark Oldland this October. Mark is an artist and veteran who has participated in many workshops with Frontline.

Frontline Paper Ten Year Anniversary: The Power of the Collective is on view through May 8th, 2022. The Monson Arts Gallery is located at 8 Greenville Road, Monson Maine and is open Wednesday through Friday 10:00am – 3:00pm or

by appointment by calling 207-997-2070.

Monson Arts is an artists' residency and arts center in Monson, Maine supported by the Libra Foundation. Established in 2018, Monson Arts' programs include residencies, intensive shorter workshops, and educational partnerships with area schools. Located at the edge of Maine's North Woods near the Appalachian Trail, the town is surrounded by areas of stunning natural beauty.

Students in Maine Craft Blankets for Families Without Homes

WASHINGTON, DC (March 28, 2022) -- Children in Maine schools are now participating in the Homeless Memorial Blanket Project by creating blankets made in classrooms to be contributed to families without homes.

The project is a nationwide effort to encourage and compile homemade blankets for distribution to unhoused individuals and families.

"Children are naturally creative and empathetic and drawn to

help others," said Maire Trombley, 5th grade teacher at Wentworth School in Scarborough, Maine. "When they heard about this project, they were all in. And it's been an amazing combination of life skills: kindness first but also re-

sourcefulness, creativity and machinery. The kids learned about the math, art and history of quilting and are designing, cutting and sewing themselves."

Photos and videos of children designing and sewing quilt squares for

group blankets in three 5th grade classes have been posted online: <http://www.tinyurl.com/maine-schoolkids-blankets>

"It's a hands-on group project that is empowering children to do something about an issue that matters to them," said Ms. Trombley. "You can feel the love in their quilt squares and knowing our final product will help humanize and bring attention to people in need is a great feeling — one I imagine will stick with these kids for a long time to come."

5th-graders at Wentworth School expressed their enthusiasm for the Homeless Memorial Blanket Project and their deep concern for the blankets' recipients.

"This project is making blankets for people who need it and it's going to be sent to Washington DC," said Benedita Alberto. "I like doing this because it's helping others and I have kind of experienced this before. I am an immigrant and we had to be in a new place and couldn't work. We would have been homeless but other people helped us."

"I like making this quilt because I get to put my own creativity into something that someone will cherish and love and it will help keep them warm," said Clara Humble.

"The Maine students and I had zoom meetings to chat about homelessness," said Pat LaMarche, founder of the Homeless Memorial Blanket Project. "They were attentive and inquisitive. Kids at 10 or 11 years old understood the

need to change the status quo. They responded with empathy and in the end asked me how they could get more kids like themselves involved."

"That's the attitude that saves the world — one fifth grade math class at a time," said Ms. LaMarche.

The Homeless Memorial Blanket Project is preparing a display of blankets to cover 9,000 square feet of the West Lawn of the US Capitol in Washington, DC on Dec. 21, 2022.

The project has participants in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. The most active states are currently Pennsylvania, Maine, Massachusetts, and South Carolina.

Each state is being asked to make at least 100 blankets, providing ten for the Capitol Lawn display and donating another 90 or more to outreach programs in their area. Typical blankets dimensions are 35" x 80" and 60" x 80" with a variety of fabrics, fibers, and colors.

The Homeless Memorial Blanket Project is hosted by the Charles Bruce Foundation (<https://charlesbrucefoundation.com>), which is located in central Pennsylvania. The Dec. 21 display will be an arts installation by this nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. MORE INFORMATION: Homeless Memorial Blanket Project on Facebook (national group)

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Ap. 23
GRAY -- Dine-In as well as Take-Out Baked Bean Supper is now being offered by the First Congregation Church of Gray. Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the Parish House, 5 Brown Street. Gray. Take-Out pick up is between 4:30 - 5:00 P.M., Dine In begins at 5:15 P.M. You must make reservations for both Dine-In or Take-Out.
Contact Carol 650-9093 and let her know your name, phone number, how many meals you would like, choice of pie, and whether

you will be eating in or taking out. Cut off for Reservations is Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. Meals are single-sized and are \$10.00 each. Please pay at the door. The menu includes: Baked Pea Beans, 2 Red Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, Biscuit, and Apple or Blueberry Pie.
Ap. 30
BUXTON -- Haddock Supper Buffet - Saturday, April 30, 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

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Franco-American Genealogy Society Elects New Leaders



LEWISTON, ME (March 10, 2022) – The Franco-American Genealogy Society announces its newly elected officers and board members. MFGS Officers and new Board Members from left to right; Marie Murphy, Arthur Allard (Vice President), Jeanne Letourneau, Father Robert Parent (President), Simeon Breault (Webmaster), Ann Nadeau.

Murphy was employed for the City of Lewiston for 37 years. She now enjoys spending her time with her granddaughter. She was born and raised in Lewiston and proud of her deep Canadian roots which

include the family names of Cloutier, Dostie, Nadeau and Veilleux.

Allard originally from New Hampshire, served 4 years in the U.S. Coast Guard. He also worked for the Lewiston Public Schools system for 31 years. He joined the MFGS in 1998 and served as VP, President and Research Director.

Letourneau has served as a MFGS Board member for approximately 6 years and is also a Board Member on the Minot Historical Society.

Father Parent has served as a Board Member, Librarian and President for

several terms. He brings a wealth of information and many contacts that help to expand the resources at the library.

Breault is a retired US Air Force officer (25 years) and as a school bus driver for 17 years. He was born in Lewiston but now resides in Brunswick. He joined MFGS in 2018 serving as a board member, librarian, "obituary clipper" and webmaster. He recently completed a ten-generation chart and is still collecting details on the Breault-Bazinet family ancestors.

Nadeau is semi-retired after working 15 years at Oxford Networks as a Marketing and Human Resource Coordinator. She also served as a volunteer and Board Member for the Womens' Hospital Association at CMMC. She is currently working on her 10 generation family chart which includes the family names of Miville-Deschaines, Morneault.

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The McMahon Nature Trail is located at 151 N. Temple Street behind McMahon Elementary School. The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street.

For information on the McMahon Nature Trail Storywalk please contact the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3133 or LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov. For information about parenting support or classes, please contact Cassandra Wallace with Community Concepts at cwallace@community-concepts.org or 713-9759.



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Commercial Real Estate Public Forum to be Held

LEWISTON, ME (April 15, 2022) -- A Commercial Real Estate Public Forum: "Building the Case for Investment in Lewiston" will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Callahan Hall at the Lewiston Public Library, 200 Lisbon Street. Five panelists will address creating opportunities and solving challenges for local business investment.

Mayor Carl L. Sheline is looking forward to the interactive forum, "Our city is growing and businesses are choosing Lewiston. I really look forward to this discussion about development and commercial real estate."

Misty Parker, Assistant Director of Economic & Community Development, concurs, "When you take a closer look at Lewiston, it's easy to see the City is full of abundant opportunity. This is a chance to dive into Lewiston's commercial development market and talk with talented developers on how best to realize our fullest potential."

The panel format will be moderated by Architect Mark Lee, and other panelists are listed below:

Matt Assia, Director of Asset Management, Chinburg Properties; Jim Brady, President, Fathom Companies; Thomas Platz, Architect, Platz Associates; Paul



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