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Central Maine Healthcare Doctor Receives Direct Navy Commission



Pictured: Richard King, MD, FACS, being sworn in at Central Maine Medical Center and Dr. King with Steve Littleton, DBA, FACHE, president and CEO, Central Maine Healthcare.

LEWISTON, ME (April 26, 2022) -- Richard King, MD, FACS, was sworn in as a U.S. Navy commander today in a ceremony at Central Maine Medical Center.

Dr. King practices trauma and acute surgery for Central Maine Healthcare. He is the trauma medical director for the health system, seeing patients at Central Maine Surgical Associates and Rumford Surgical Associates.

Dr. King's father was a Navy doctor, and Dr. King wanted to follow in his

footsteps. But Navy regulations, which have since been changed, prevented him from going into that branch because of an eyesight issue.

Dr. King instead went into the Army, serving as a medical officer in Europe during the 90s, serving at Allied Forces Central Europe, NATO Headquarters, before leaving the military.

He then left the military. Still wanting to serve in the Navy, Dr. King applied for and received a direct

commission to become a commander in the U.S. Navy.

Commander King, a Navy reservist, will be drilling at the Naval Reserve Center in Bangor. His unit is affiliated with Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

"I could not be prouder of Dr. King's commitment to Central Maine Healthcare, his patients, community and to his country," said Steve Littleton, DBA FACHE, president and CEO of Central Maine Healthcare. "The military has been an enormous help to Central Maine Healthcare throughout the pandemic by helping us run our high-volume vaccination site and opening a swing bed unit during the recent COVID surge. It is great to see one of our own doctors joining their ranks."

Award Spotlights Lewiston as a Place Where Opportunity Lives

LEWISTON, ME (April 27, 2022) -- Opportunity Lives Here rings true once again in Lewiston, as Jules Patry, owner of Davinci's Eatery, is the 2022 recipient of a Maine Preservation's Honor Award for the transformation of the Scruton Block. Since 1998, annual Maine Preservation Honor Awards celebrate excellence in historic preservation, focusing on the transformative rehabilitation of historic buildings and the people who make those projects possible.

Misty Parker, Assistant Director of Economic & Community Development, notes, "Lewiston is fortunate to have passionate small developers like Jules Patry committed to the growth and vibrancy of our community."

Patry purchased the former Marcotte Furniture store at 197 Lisbon Street in 2017 and utilized the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program to redevelop the site. Patry says, "I'm from Lewiston, and when the opportunity to buy the Scruton Block came, I took it. Many people played a significant role in the project. We faced challenges in buying, but I believed in Lewiston and wanted to develop here."

The City of Lewiston provided Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars to complete sidewalk improvements, add additional egress towards the rear of the building, and enhance stormwater management on site. In addition, Mr. Patry returned the historic character to the building's facade and first-floor commercial space while creating three stories of 12 much-desired market-rate apartments.

The project is highlighted in Maine Preservation's 2022 awards video at www.lewistonmaine.gov/patryaward

Parker adds, "Transformation of the Scruton Block did not only revitalize an underutilized historic building; it also ignited new opportunities downtown for more redevelopment. Patry spearheaded the move to list the Lewiston Commercial Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places by partnering with local businesses alongside Lisbon and Main Streets to unlock the benefits of a historic district.

Maine Preservation, founded in 1972, is a non-profit member-based, statewide historic preservation organization.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Maine State Music Theatre Looks Towards “Revival” Season

BRUNSWICK, ME (April 12, 2022) – Teaser Tuesdays: 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.

Each screening includes a free showing of the movie version of a 2022 MSMT mainstage show followed by a talk-back by MSMT Artistic Director, 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.

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

Mainstage Series Season: Tickets are now on sale at Maine State Mu-

sic Theatre for a full summer season at the Pickard Theater on the Bowdoin College campus for the first time since 2019.

The 2022 mainstage series season kicks off from June 8 – 25 with the production of Rodger and Hammerstein’s *The Sound of Music*. One of the world’s most beloved musicals, this family favorite includes the well-known songs “My Favorite Things,” “Sixteen Going on Seventeen,” “Climb Every Mountain,” and, of course, “The Sound of Music.”

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is next from June 29 – July 16. Filled with great music, costumes, laughter, joy, and heart, this sparkling show follows young Joseph as he faces adversity and triumphs through his dreams and his strong, unwavering faith. This magical musical is full of catchy songs from a parody of French ballads (“Those Canaan Days”), to country-western (“One More Angel in Heaven”) and calypso (“Benjamin Calypso”), along with the unforgettable classics “Any Dream Will Do” and “Close Every Door.”

The musical adaptation of Alice Walker’s

Pulitzer Prize-winning novel (and the popular 1985 Steven Spielberg film), *The Color Purple*, comes to the Pickard Stage July 20 – August 6. The most inspirational show of the summer season, *The Color Purple* offers a joyous Grammy Award-winning score featuring jazz, ragtime, gospel, African music and blues. This intensely moving American classic is a story of hope, a testament to the healing power of love, and a striking celebration of life.

The six-time Tony Award-winning *Kinky Boots* ends the mainstage season August 10 – 27 and tells the story of Charlie Price as he reluctantly inherits his father’s failing shoe factory. Trying to live up to his father’s legacy and save his family business, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola – a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos. As they work to turn the factory around, the unlikely pair finds that they have more in common than they ever dreamed possible... and discover that when you change your mind about someone you can change your whole world.

The 2022 Concert Se-

ries starts with *You’ve Got a Friend* on June 19 and 20. Chicago’s favorite leading lady, Heidi Ketterring, lends her signature warmth to the beloved hits of Carole King, Karen Carpenter, Joni Mitchell and Linda Ronstadt in this hit-filled concert with songs including “Blue Bayou,” “So Far Away,” “A Case of You,” and “Superstar” among many others.

Classic Rock on July 10 and 11 features unforgettable hits by Journey, Pat Benatar, Boston, Heart, Kansas, Stevie Nicks, The Electric Light Orchestra and many more. Featuring a six-piece rock band including two dynamic lead singers, Classic Rock takes you back to the concert arena by plucking some of the greatest songs from your album collection and presenting them in all their anthemic glory.

The third in the series, *Darlin’ Companion* on July 31 and August 1 is an all-new tribute to the lives and music of Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash. Starring Scott Moreau (Million Dollar Quartet; Ring of Fire) as Johnny and Allison Kelly (Ring of Fire) as June, these vocal powerhouses recreate

the charisma and energy of Cash and Carter with more than 25 of their best loved songs and duets including “Ring of Fire” and “I Walk the Line” to “Jackson” and “It Ain’t Me Baby.”

The Theatre for Young Audiences series includes *Jack and the Beanstalk* on June 13; the World Premiere of *The Very Fractured Tale of Robin Hood* on July 25; and *Frozen, Jr.* on August 22.

All series are available as subscriptions at discounted rates through June 25.

The off-season Box Office is located at 22 Elm Street, Brunswick until May 30, 2022 when it moves to the Pickard Theater for the summer season. For more information, and to buy tickets for the 2022 season, please visit www.msmt.org or call the Box Office at (207) 725-8769.

All of MSMT’s summer performances take place at the Pickard Theater on the campus of Bowdoin College located at 1 Bath Road in Brunswick.

Maine State Music Theatre’s premier sponsors are Highland Green, Oceanview at Falmouth, and Cumberland Crossing.

Gray Republicans Host Election Integrity Program

GRAY, ME (April 26, 2022) —The Gray Republicans hosted a program about election integrity, titled “Will Your Vote Count in November? Will the Next Election Be Stolen?”

The event was on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bible Believing Baptist Church at 92 Center Road in Gray. The featured speaker was Dorene Lib-

by of New Gloucester, a co-founder of MEAudit.org, a group that has identified voting irregularities in the November 2020 election here in Maine.

Her slide presentation demonstrated that there is enough evidence of mismatches between population numbers and registered voter totals to warrant an audit of the 2020 election and, at the

very minimum, to deal with the potential for fraud going forward.

Jack Wibby of the GRC Executive Committee provided information on voter fraud in November 2020 in six other states: Arizona, Nevada, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin. He cited data from two national reports: one by Peter Navarro and the second by Caroline

Reynolds.

The Chair of the Gray Republican Committee, Peter Falkenberg Brown, presented a short talk on “The 2020 Election: Corruption, Intimidation, and Malfeasance.”

He recommended that ballotcounting machines be eliminated completely, stating: “Ballot machines cannot be trusted, and it has nothing to do with

whether they’re connected to the Internet (which, of course, makes them even less secure). The only secure way to count ballots is by hand, with opposing teams checking the work every step of the way.”

David Reed, a Republican Candidate for the Maine House of Representatives in District 105 (North Yarmouth and Gray), wrapped up the

program with his recommendations on what the Maine legislature could do to create election integrity.

The event was the ninth in a series of educational events hosted by the Gray Republican Committee since January 2019. It was the second event in 2022 and is part of their action plan this year to get out the vote on November 8th.

Please help us in welcoming Fran Gagne to the Champoux Insurance Agency family.

Fran comes to us with over 24 years of knowledge & experience in the insurance industry. Her primary focus is commercial lines, but she also has personal lines experience.



Fran’s clients look to her for her thoroughness and detail-oriented work habits. Fran’s belief is her customers always come first.

In her free time, Fran enjoys spending time with her family & friends and her pride & joy is her grandson, Caiden.



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Lewiston Adult Education Offers Free Course



Greg Yates will serve as the instructor of the upcoming Applied Technology in the Workplace class offered through Lewiston Adult Education.

LEWISTON, ME (April 25, 2022) -- A free Lewiston Adult Education computer class that starts in May will help students earn professional certifications for future employment.

Lewiston Adult Education is offering Applied Technology in the Workplace in partnership with Androscoggin and Oxford County Adult Education programs. Greg Yates will be the teacher.

Upon successful completion of the class, students will earn certification in Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC3), a WorkReady credential and a digital course completion certificate.

Employers recognize IC3 certifications as the global standard for digital literacy. It also validates an applicant's computer skills and serves as an excellent foundation for earning other certifications.

The class is sched-

uled to begin on May 10. Applied Technology in the Workplace will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"It's an all-in-one integrated course, built with you and your employment success at the heart of it," Lewiston Adult Education Director Jen Tiner said.

Classes will be held simultaneously at Region 9 in Rumford, MSAD 52 in Turner, MDAD 44 in Bethel and at Lewiston Adult Education in Lewiston.

For more information and to register for Applied Technology in the Workplace, call Lewiston Adult Education at 207-784-2928.

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

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City of Auburn Permit Report PERMITS ISSUED BETWEEN 3/01/2022 AND 3/31/2022											
Permit Number	Work Class	PID	Address	Description	Issue Date	Owner Name	Contractor Name	Fee Total	Estimated Cost of Construction	Sq Ft	CODE
Commercial Building 15											
CB-17841-2022	Addition	120-001	2879 HOTEL RD	85,000 SF Ground Up Addition to Existing Warehouse Building	03/01/2022	Tambrands	Cumbre Corporation	\$30,125	\$16,155,291	86000	
CB-17862-2022	Alterations	325-004	1225 CENTER ST	Build Out for Daycare	03/01/2022	Jason Demaris	Owner doing work	\$345	\$45,000	0	
CB-17830-2022	Alterations	280-001-000-003	2 WILLOW RUN	Interior Remodel - Move Bathroom, Walls, Painting, & Flooring	03/03/2022	Dirigo Federal Credit Union	David Barker Builders	\$429	\$57,000	0	
CB-17858-2022	Alterations	097-001-000-002	599 DANVILLE CORNER RD	Modify Eligible Wire Facility - Add (3) Antennas and Related Equipment To Existing Tower	03/03/2022	US Cellular	Crown Castle International	\$275	\$35,000	0	
CB-17801-2022	Alterations	240-186	62 TURNER ST	Renovation of Gym & daycare Including Life Safety Upgrades	03/04/2022	YMCA		\$401	\$53,000	0	
CB-17800-2022	Alterations	261-019	223 CENTER ST	Tenant Fit Up for 5 Guys	03/04/2022	Rancourt Associates LLC	M&M Construction Services	\$2,480	\$350,000	0	
CB-17869-2022	Alterations	261-017	245 CENTER ST	Framing additional wall to create office	03/09/2022	FLORIST MALL CENTER STREET	Derek DeSantis	\$65	\$5,000	1594	
CB-17851-2022	Alterations	271-025	360 CENTER ST	Finish & Millwork Upgrades	03/09/2022	DBA Dunkin Donuts	Thompson Building Services	\$1,815	\$255,000	0	
CB-17890-2022	Addition	187-059	726 POLAND RD	lean-to x2 to cover AC unit	03/10/2022	Golden nugget	B&M Developers	\$450	\$0	1200	
CB-17887-2022	Alterations	261-017	245 CENTER ST	Replace Exterior Door	03/10/2022	John's Stone Company		\$65	\$5,000	0	
DEMO-17902-2022	Commercial	280-013-000-001	10 SUBARU DR	Demolition of Ruby Tuesdays	03/11/2022	FCPT Holdings LLC	St. Laurent & Son Inc.	\$250	\$85,350	5296	
CB-17783-2022	Alterations	291-001	600 CENTER ST	Remodel to Convert Space Into Jersey Mikes Sub	03/17/2022	Shawburn Realty Company		\$1,430	\$200,000	0	
MF-17810-2022	Alterations	250-357	110 HAMPSHIRE ST	Replace front rim joint	03/21/2022	Lions Real Estate	Recovery Builders of Maine	\$55	\$4,800		
CB-17684-2022	Alterations	198-046	245 RODMAN RD	Office renovations and code upgrades	03/24/2022	R.A. Cummings Inc (Auburn Concrete)		\$205	\$25,000	17630	
CB-17904-2021	New	250-095	48 PETTINGILL PARK RD	Construction of a New Wood Framed Press Box at Pettingill Park - City Project - Fee Waived	03/29/2022	Auburn City of	H.E. Callahan Construction Co	\$55,000	\$55,000	328	
								\$38,390	\$17,328,441		
I & 2 Family 10											
SFD-17710-2021	Alterations	250-036	29 OAKLAND ST	Replace Single Window With 3 Windows	03/03/2022	Patrick Starbird	Anthony Dixon	\$65	\$8,000	0	
SFD-17711-2021	Addition	250-036	29 OAKLAND ST	Replace/Expand Dome	03/03/2022	Patrick Starbird	Anthony Dixon	\$50	\$8,000	0	
SFD-17852-2022	Alterations	209-032	510 MINOT AV	Replacing Windows	03/04/2022	John Langelier	Owner doing work	\$50	\$5,000	0	
SFD-17785-2022	Alterations	337-002	46 FAIR ST	Interior Renovations	03/07/2022	Red Coral Investment LLC		\$425	\$80,000	0	
DEMO-17911-2022	Residential	156-045	2424 HOTEL RD	Demolition of Interior of House & Garage	03/15/2022	Stanley Brothers Construction LLC	TM Construction	\$100	\$2,500	576	
SFD-17912-2022	Foundation Only	156-045	2424 HOTEL RD	Foundation Only for 24 X 24 Garage	03/15/2022	Stanley Brothers Construction LLC	Stanley Excavation	\$35	\$5,000	576	
DEMO-17917-2022	Residential	208-067	22 GLENDALE AV	Demolition of House Frame Structure & Block Foundation	03/16/2022	Hydram Enterprises	Washburn & Son	\$50	\$0	400	
SFD-17932-2022	Alterations	135-037	82 KYLE LN	Extending roof over porch	03/21/2022	ROGER POISSON	Owner doing work	\$25	\$260	95	
SFD-17909-2022	Alterations	260-014	39 FIELD AV	Replace Screen on Porch With Windows	03/23/2022	David McCutcheon	AI Nickerson	\$25	\$2,350	0	
SFD-17935-2022	Alterations	227-036	45 CANDLEBERRY DR	Remove Wall to Replace Oil Tank Then Rebuild Wall	03/25/2022	Jonathan Whitmore	Comeau & Sons Inc.	\$25	\$3,875	0	
								\$850	\$114,985		
Electrical 47											
EL-17875-2022	Residential	217-048	301 STEVENS MILL RD	Electrical for Duplex Building 1 CMP W/O # 10300854751	03/03/2022	Fiske Properties LLC	Latini Electric	\$116	N/A	N/A	
EL-17876-2022	Residential	217-048	301 STEVENS MILL RD	Electrical for New Duplex - Building 2 CMP W/O # 10300854751	03/03/2022	Fiske Properties LLC	Latini Electric	\$116	N/A	N/A	
EL-17872-2022	Residential	239-202	14 WEAVER ST	Electrical For New Modular	03/03/2022	Ryan Smith	Pelchak Electric	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17880-2022	Residential	240-154	86 HAMPSHIRE ST	Upgrading Service - CMP W/O #10300866540	03/04/2022	Russell & Timothy Wing	Bill Hicks Electrical	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17882-2022	Residential	178-019	2053 HOTEL RD	Service Upgrade	03/07/2022	Patrick Munsell	Z-Tyburski Electric	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17883-2022	Residential	250-007	29 WESTERN PROM	1700 Sq Ft Remodel of Bathroom, Bedroom, & Kitchen	03/07/2022	David & Jean Egdall	Nathan Blodoue	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17859-2022	Commercial	299-003	1250 TURNER ST	Heat Pump Install	03/08/2022	Central Maine Community	Pity Mechanical, Inc.	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17892-2022	Commercial	271-025	360 CENTER ST	Interior Remodel, New LED Lights, Outlets, GFCIs, New Exterior LED Lights, Panel GFCI Protection	03/09/2022	DBA Dunkin Donuts	Perry Electric, Inc.	\$87	N/A	N/A	
EL-17893-2022	Residential	277-003	44 WYMAN RD	Service Upgrade to 200 Amp With Generator Hook Up	03/09/2022	Mike Kemp	Sheehan Electric LLC	\$44	N/A	N/A	
EL-17878-2022	Residential	144-005	2510 HOTEL RD	Upgrading From 100 to 200 Amp Service, Replacing 10 Light Fixtures, & Installing Heat Pump	03/09/2022	Jenn Ruda	Integrated Electrical Services, Inc	\$44	N/A	N/A	
EL-17894-2022	Residential	237-073-000-043	71 AQUAMARINE CT	Install Heat Pump	03/09/2022	Annette Hutchins	Libby Heating	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17895-2022	Commercial	280-001-000-003	2 WILLOW RUN	Move Lighting and Move Outlets	03/09/2022	Dirigo Federal Credit Union	Kaplan Electrical Construction Inc. DBA Mid-Maine Generators	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17896-2022	Commercial	241-026	95 MAIN ST	Running Computer Wiring on 4th Floor	03/10/2022	Robco Properties, LLC	City of Auburn Electrical Department		N/A	N/A	
EL-17897-2022	Commercial	261-017	245 CENTER ST	Electrical Repairs	03/10/2022	EL Tequila	Roy I Snow, Inc	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17899-2022	Residential	239-057	134 CONANT AV	Service Upgrade & Sump Pump	03/10/2022	Jennifer King	ESM Electrical Systems of Maine	\$34	N/A	N/A	
EL-17900-2022	Commercial	290-010-001	985 TURNER ST	Home show set up	03/10/2022	Auburn City of	Advanced Wiring	\$75	N/A	N/A	
EL-17903-2022	Residential	135-060	1010 SOUTH MAIN ST	Renovation of Entire Building	03/11/2022	Summit Holdings	J. Wolfe Electric, LLC	\$58	N/A	N/A	
EL-17907-2022	Residential	209-143	111 BAXTER AV	Kitchen Remodel - Putting in Counter Top Circuits, Cabinet Lighting, Range Hood, and Light Fixtures Replaced in Home	03/14/2022	Leigh Croteau	Green Light Electrical Services	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17908-2022	Commercial	261-019	223 CENTER ST	Relocate 400 Amp Service - CMP W/O #10300869698	03/14/2022	Seasmoke Extracts	M-Raz Electric	\$130	N/A	N/A	
EL-17901-2022	Commercial	186-005	230 MERROW RD	Heat pump	03/14/2022	Alice Keene	Pro Tech Refrigeration	\$142	N/A	N/A	
EL-17910-2022	Residential	239-043	34 GRANITE ST	Wiring Heat Pump	03/15/2022	Mac's Grill - GPG INC	KENNEBEC ELECTRIC	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17916-2022	Residential	206-050	1052 MINOT AV	Camera System	03/15/2022	John & Doris Bonneau	Chandler Security Systems Inc.	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17918-2022	Residential	297-014	85 WEST AUBURN RD	18 KW Generator Installation	03/16/2022	DBA Econo Lodge	ESM	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17919-2022	Commercial	260-193	170 CENTER ST	Installed New Hot Water System	03/16/2022	Corissa Haury	Pro Tech Refrigeration	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17913-2022	Residential	249-116	43 DAVIS AV	Panel Swap & ABC Breakers	03/17/2022	ATRH Auburn LLC	Bell Electric	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17921-2022	Commercial	206-003	1175 MINOT AV	Wall sign 4x4	03/17/2022	DAVID MALO	Burr Signs	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17923-2022	Residential	209-170	62 BENNETT AV	Wire Porch	03/17/2022	Shawburn Realty Company	Etech	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17925-2022	Commercial	291-001	600 CENTER ST	4 Outlets for Shaws Drive Up & Go	03/18/2022	Staples	ESM Electrical Systems of Maine	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17927-2022	Commercial	240-173	89 UNION ST	Sign - Adding Cabinet to Pylon	03/18/2022	Allegiance Trucks	ESM Electrical Systems of Maine	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17929-2022	Commercial	206-003	1175 MINOT AV	Lights - Sign Circuit	03/18/2022	Tambrands	Cumbr Corp	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17905-2022	Commercial	120-001	2879 HOTEL RD	New Building Addition	03/22/2022	G. M. Morin Enterprises, Inc.	Morellec Electric	\$348	N/A	N/A	
EL-17937-2022	Commercial	210-087-001	28 WELLINGTON CT	Wiring 6 Units	03/22/2022	Timothy & Patricia Griffin	Thibodeau Electric LLC	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17938-2022	Residential	239-025	30 DEXTER AV	Panel Replacement & Rewire Receptacles and Outlets	03/23/2022	Sharon Raczyński	ESM	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17946-2022	Residential	389-004	300 JOHNSON RD	18 KW Generator Installation	03/24/2022	Auburn Plaza Inc	NEOKRAFT	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17945-2022	Commercial	280-010	550 CENTER ST	Sign - Inside Auburn Mall	03/24/2022	Mac's Downeast Seafood	ESM	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17948-2022	Residential	237-073-000-024	19 AQUAMARINE CT	24KW Generator Install	03/24/2022	Amy Finim	Marcel Caron Electric, Inc.	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17952-2022	Residential	415-007	181 STONE RD	Install Subpanel & Water Heater	03/25/2022	Community Little Theatre, Corp	Northlight Electric	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17959-2022	Commercial	230-163	277 MAIN ST	New Lights Under Awning	03/25/2022	Dirigo Safety	ESM Electrical Systems of Maine	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17960-2022	Commercial	241-026	95 MAIN ST	Add 120V Outlets in Suite 3	03/25/2022	Steve Austin	ESM	\$32	N/A	N/A	
EL-17961-2022	Residential	111-016-006	88 DANBURY DR	22 KW Generator Install	03/25/2022	J.F. MURPHY HOMES	Roy I Snow, Inc	\$42	N/A	N/A	
EL-17965-2022	Commercial	270-007	325 SUMMER ST	Service to garage	03/28/2022	Androscoggin Orthodontist PA	Flander Electric, Inc.	\$42	N/A	N/A	
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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Spring Paddling is Simply the Best!

Guest Column by
Ron Chase

(April 29, 2022) --

For over four decades, I've looked forward to spring whitewater paddling. For me, the exciting rapids announce the most dramatic seasonal change of all. Each year, my outdoor club, the Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society (PPCS), provides the opportunity and impetus to realize that aspiration with a comprehensive schedule of whitewater trips beginning in March.

Again this spring, Souadabscook Stream in Hampden was one of our earliest outings. Nick-named the "icebreaker trip" by Trip Coordinator, Eggman DeCoster, there was no ice on the stream, but the water temperature was frigid. Eleven intrepid Chowderheads turned out to test their skills on Class II/III whitewater with a Class IV waterfall, Grand Falls. Substantial age diversity was represented in the group that included three teenagers and one ancient mariner; that would be me.

We consisted of six kayakers, two solo canoeists, a tandem canoe

team, and a single blade paddler in a decked boat called a C-1. All were well-equipped for ice cold water, most wearing dry suits while a handful sought protection with dry tops and paddle pants. Helmets and lifejackets are required on all PPCS whitewater trips.

A painted gauge on the bridge abutment below Emerson Mill Falls indicated the stream was flowing slightly under a medium level, perfect for an early spring excursion. We launched above a pushy Class II rapid a little upstream of Manning Mill Bridge. When I descended the circuitous route in my kayak, an icy wave broke over my head; a frosty reminder that this was not a day for rolling practice.

Soon after, Team Icebreaker arrived at a river wide play wave. Eager participants determinedly practiced their surfing techniques. The C-1 boater flipped and missed his roll, experiencing the first ice cream headache of the day. Following a plummet down the waves of Boy Scout Rapid, we approached a substantial ledge drop, Emerson Mill Falls. Most

paddlers had clean descents but a solo canoeist capsized when attempting a turbulent passage on the left. Safety conscious Chowderheads were quick to affect rescue.

More surfing preceded Crawford's Falls, a technical Class III that everyone successfully navigated on the left. After negotiating through feisty waves in Papermill Rapid, it was decision-making time: to paddle or walk Grand Falls. One kayaker, a solo canoeist, and a father and son tandem canoe team decided to take the plunge. The solo canoeist had a short swim at the bottom before executing a difficult self-rescue, while the others were triumphant. There were more thrills and spills before taking out at Route 1A in Hampden.

Each April, Souadabscook Stream is host to a demanding downstream canoe and kayak race. A chapter in my latest book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine*, describes the challenges encountered by a tandem canoe team competing in the Junior/Senior Class.

Three kayakers and two canoeists turned out

for another PPCS favorite, Togus Stream in Chelsea and Randolph. I grew up playing along Togus Stream but never knew anyone who had paddled it until the club organized a trip there a few years ago. This day, we were confronted with a succession of exciting paddling obstacles when navigating the attenuated freshet. Descending through large culverts, ducking under bridges and low hanging branches, navigating numerous rapids, and por-



Members of the Penobscot Paddle Club launch on Souadabscook Stream in Hampden



A boater capsizes in icy water at a play wave on Souadabscook Stream

taging around dangerous impediments were some of the many exploits we experienced. I provided unintended entertainment hand paddling a rapid after accidentally dropping my kayak paddle while attempting to take photographs in a tiny eddy.

A few days later, five seniors not acting their ages met in Henniker, New Hampshire, to paddle the Contoocook River, one of the most popular whitewater excursions in New England. We enjoyed an excellent water level while twice successfully maneuvering through the stimulating 2.5 mile course

that included two difficult rapids, S-Turn and Freight Train.

Cobbossee Stream in Gardiner was the site of another exhilarating PPCS whitewater escapade. The water was high when four Chowderheads launched below a dam to begin the Class III outing. After they had surfed some play waves and portaged around another dam, the excitement began in earnest with about a mile of non-stop action that required a complex move around a bridge abutment. One canoeist took a short swim but quickly completed a self-rescue.

Only a couple of

weeks into spring and Chowderheads have already experienced a multitude of whitewater adventures. There's much more to come!

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/maine-al-fresco.html>. His 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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MaineCF Scholarships Available For Adult Learners

PORTLAND & ELLSWORTH, ME (April 25, 2022) — Adults considering career changes or advancement in their field could be eligible for scholarships from the Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF).

Short-term scholarships are available for adult learners pursuing career changes or earning workplace credentials for programs including Certified Nursing Assistant, phlebotomy, coding, cosmetology, and commercial drivers' licenses.

"These short-term awards are a great way for adults who are pursuing ca-

reer changes or want to earn credentials in their workplace," said Liz Fickett, director of grants and scholarships. "We encourage adult learners to take advantage of these scholarships," said Liz Fickett, director of grants and scholarships.

In 2021, MaineCF awarded a total of \$86,848 in short-term scholarships to 76 applicants throughout the state, including new Mainers, students either returning to educational programs or taking them for the first time, and those who are residents of the state corrections facilities.

Applicants are eligible for a short-term award if the

program lasts less than a full semester and will earn a certificate or credential at the end of the program, not a degree. Short-term awards have a rolling deadline of the first of each month and applicants should apply at least one month before the program begins. Decisions are typically made within three weeks of each deadline. Scholarship amounts will depend on the individual need, but most awards will be up to \$1,500.

Visit www.maineef.org to apply. For more information, contact Jackie Shannon, scholarship coordinator, at 207-412-2004 or jshannon@mainecf.org.



The Maine Community Foundation awards short-term scholarships for adult learners who are pursuing career changes or want to earn workplace credentials, such as commercial drivers' licenses.

Guest Column: Memorial Day and Military Appreciation Month

Guest Column by Joseph Reagan

(April 27, 2022) — On Memorial Day, 1945, the war in Europe had ended but the fighting in the Pacific continued; Lt. Gen. Lucian Truscott voiced remarks at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery at Nettuno, Italy. Turning his back on the assembled VIP's he faced the rows upon rows of headstones and apologized to the 20,000 fallen Americans who had been laid to rest far from home. He was quoted as saying, "All over the world our soldiers sleep beneath the crosses. It is a challenge to us — all allied nations — to ensure that they do not and have not died in vain."

Fast forward to Memorial Day 2022, and the familiar voices of brothers in arms begin to call one another on the phone. People usually think of reconnecting with former military buddies as a joyous happening. However, for this Memorial Day, the topic of conversation was not an armistice, a promotion, or even a daughter's wedding or new addition to a home, it was about the latest in a string of suicides that silence the voice of our broth-

ers but brought renewed connections from other familiar voices. One desperately said, "Sir, I needed to call someone who could understand this."

Everyone in the greatest generation understood war. At home they experienced rationing, school-children collected scrap, and women took up factory jobs while overseas the troops endured combat and were witness to some of the largest and most brutal atrocities in the modern age. When the war was over, they followed the lead of Lt. Gen Truscott and committed their lives to ensure that they "have not died in vain." The shared sacrifice of a generation united them and helped them solve tough problems.

In subsequent wars, such as the Korean and Vietnam era, Veterans did not experience the same level of understanding and thus either turned their voice inward or used their voice to fight for one another on subjects that varied from Agent Orange, PTSD, and other once-silent conditions.

The War on Terror introduced a unique time in our nation's collective

history as acts of war played out in real-time on our media devices. Although only one percent of Americans served post 9/11, it seems 100 percent of the country used their voice to express their opinions of this shared history as it unfolded.

For Korea and Vietnam Veterans, war was not a shared experience and therefore various voices having various opinions helped further the national conversation regarding the treatment of veterans leading to safer and more thoughtful approaches. Unlike the veterans of Korea and Vietnam, the veterans of the last several decades did not return home to the voices of dissent that could be addressed directly, instead, they returned to a polite nation that creates media of dissent and very little opportunity for honest, open dialog.

This new era of media, learning, and personal discussions bring rise to the question, "Do people really remember why we hold our veterans in a place of honor?" For years, voices saying meaningless phrases like "the enemy gets a vote" or "there's nothing you could have done" were

meant to comfort those of us who have held the heavy responsibility of leading troops in combat. However, many people seem to lack the understanding that our hearts have been forever scarred by the invisible wounds of war, scarred by guilt and grief, and by the longing for forgiveness that will never come. Even if forgiveness was offered, it would be hard to accept as no mere words can undo a life experience and because of this, we often feel isolated, misunderstood, and undervalued therefore our voices remain silent.

As conversations with

the voice on the other end of the phone come to its inevitable conclusion, I am reminded that to remain silent is a betrayal of my obligation to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. As Horace Bushnell once said, the best thing for us to do is to remember "what they have put it on us to do for the dear common country to which they sold their life." As we gather as one nation this Memorial Day, my hope is that instead of directing shallow words of gratitude at each other, we do as Lt. Gen. Truscott did and direct our gratitude directly towards those who

made the ultimate sacrifice. In both our words and actions, let us all commit ourselves to serve the country to which they gave their lives.

While there is still much work to be done, the generation of Veterans from this century have access to vast resources, life-saving technology, and increased information. This same generation of Veterans is just now starting to define our post-service legacy and like our grandparents, return home with a deep commitment to service, and a desire to address the many

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Maine Music Society Chorale Presents Elle Chante / She Sings



LEWISTON, ME (April 26, 2022) -- Please join the Maine Music Society Chorale, conducted by Dr. Richard Nickerson in his debut season as Artistic Director, Saturday May 14 at 7:30 pm and Sunday May 15 at 3:00 pm at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston as we perform an array of beautiful songs in a program featuring all-female composers.

The concert will open with the Medieval music of Hildegard von Bingen reminiscent of the Gregorian chants. The Chorale will also explore the modern madrigals of Emma Lou Diemer, love songs of Elaine Hagenberg, and the gospel music of Rosephayne Powell. Finally, Dr. Nickerson will lead the Chorale on a journey into the more contemporary world with the music of Carole King, Joni Mitchell

and others. The variety of genres will provide wonderful listening for everyone and have you moving to the music.

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Tickets are available online at www.mainemusicsociety.org or by calling our business office at 207-333-3386. Tickets can also be purchased at the door; however, MMS encourages you to purchase your tickets ahead of time.

Ticket Informa-

tion: All General Admission: 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 is no longer requiring proof of COVID vaccination or of a negative COVID test for attendance to its concerts. Wearing a mask is optional.

The Maine Music Society thanks our season sponsors Hardy, Wolf & Downing and the Ladd Foundation, event Sponsors Sun Journal and Norway Savings Bank, and Co-Sponsors Andrucki & King and Liberty Mutual for making this concert possible.

Palaver Strings to Bring its Tour to Franco Center Stage May 7



LEWISTON, ME (April 18, 2022) – Palaver Strings, a musician-led string ensemble and non-profit organization based in Portland, Maine, will bring its touring production of Welcome Here to the Franco Center stage at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 7. The multidisciplinary performance celebrates Maine's cultural diversity, resilience, and stewardship and features guest artists of Congolese, Puerto Rican, and Wabanaki heritage. Storytelling is directed by Sherri Mitchell and co-presented by the Abbe Museum, Immigrant Welcome Center of Greater Portland, and Indigo Arts Alliance.

Welcome Here explores themes of Motherland, mother tongue, and mother love, interweaving stories of relationships with the natural world, cultural and linguistic traditions, and dreams for future generations. Musicians will perform on violin, viola, cello and bass.

According to the group's website, "palaver" comes from the term "palaver hut," a traditional setting for discussion and conflict resolution found in Liberia and other West African countries. The group was inspired by the concept of the palaver hut as they seek to come to creative agreement when they make

music. Founded in 2014, Palaver has established itself as a forward-thinking ensemble whose mission is to strengthen and inspire community through music.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15 each for adults and \$10 each for students/seniors. Fees will be added to each ticket at the time of purchase. Tickets can be purchased online at www.francocenter.org or by phone at 207-689-2000. The Franco Center is at 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Parking is available at the mill across the street. Handicap parking is available on the Lincoln St. Alley side of the building.

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Landry Awarded \$1,000 Scholarship

LEWISTON, ME (April 28, 2022) – Leah Landry has been selected as the 2022 Milestones Federal Credit Union scholarship recipient. Leah will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship provided on behalf of the credit union’s membership.

Leah is a Senior at Lewiston High School, and plans to study Biomedical Engineering at Union College. Leah is the daughter of Brian Landry and Amy Landry.



YCCC Announces York County Promise Free College Scholarship

WELLS, ME (April 21, 2022) -- York County Community College (YCCC) is pleased to announce the York County Promise Free College Scholarship. The new initiative was passed by the State of Maine Legislature and signed by the Governor making Maine high school graduates from the classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 eligible for a scholarship that covers the tuition and fees of an Associate’s degree or one-year certificate at York County Community College.

Last year, YCCC offered the York County Promise to the class of 2021 who graduated from York County high schools. This new opportunity expands on YCCC’s York County Promise to all students across Maine with graduation years 2020 - 2023. Now they all can receive a quality, relevant education that will prepare them to enter the workforce.

“The York County Promise Free College Scholarship is another way YCCC is working to supply a trained and educat-

ed workforce to Maine’s businesses,” said YCCC President Michael Fischer. “Much like the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, the Free College Scholarship invests in Maine residents to help them receive the training and education needed to support long term economic growth in Maine.”

The York County Promise Free College Scholarship is a last-dollar scholarship, which will cover tuition and fees of an Associate’s degree or one-year certificate at YCCC. As a last-dollar scholarship, eligible students must first accept all Federal and state grants awarded to them. Any remaining costs associated with tuition and fees will be covered by the York County Promise Free College Scholarship.

To qualify, students must:

Have a high school diploma or equivalent from 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. This includes homeschooled students, and students earning a GED or Hi-SET during those years.

Enroll full time, earning 30 credits per year.

Pursue an associate degree or academic credential.

Accept all federal and state grants and scholarships. This is a last-dollar scholarship.

Participate in academic planning and advising to stay on track to completion.

Live in Maine at the time of enrollment and while enrolled in the program.

For more information about the York County Promise Free College Scholarship or to APPLY please access

<http://yccc.meritpages.com/news/YCCC-Announces-York-County-Promise-Free-College-Scholarship/26695>

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

Nathaniel Hawthorne’s Boyhood Home to Open May 7

RAYMOND, ME (April 25, 2022) – Kicking-off with a celebratory Open House on Saturday, May 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.—to which the public is cordially invited—the boyhood home of the legendary author of *The Scarlet Letter* in Raymond (40 Hawthorne Road) will be transformed into a cozy, inviting events center available for everything from meetings to receptions to small weddings to crafts fairs to birthday parties and more, from May through September each year.

The free Open House on May 7 will feature refreshments, hors d’oeuvres, and live music from popular singer-guitarist Gary Wittner from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The occasion will mark the successful completion of Phase 1 of The Hawthorne Community Association’s three-year-

long effort to raise \$75,000 to make urgent structural repairs to the building affectionately referred to as “the Hawthorne House.” Those funds enabled essential repair of the building’s foundation and other critical elements of its structure, as well as an attractive makeover of the interior into a cozy, welcoming meeting place. Phase 2 of the fundraising campaign will seek to raise an additional \$30,000 to cover the costs of a new roof and new siding and painting.

Event rentals at the Hawthorne House will help fund Phase 2 of the fundraising campaign. Rates are

\$25 per hour for nonprofits and Hawthorne Community Association members, and \$50 per hour for non-members (minimum of two hours).

To donate to Phase 2 of the effort to fully repair Nathaniel Hawthorne’s Boyhood Home, please consider a much-appreciated check payable to “Hawthorne Community Association” / PO Box 185 / South Casco, ME 04077. PayPal donations may be made online at: <https://www.hawthorneassoc.com>.

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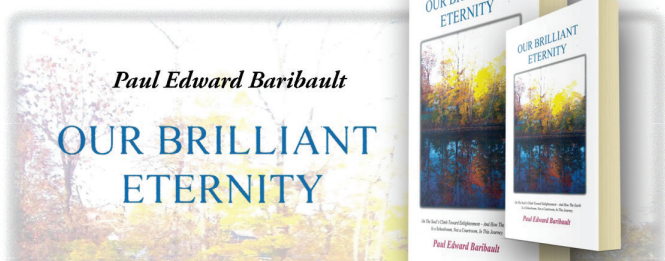
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Stanton Bird Club Hosts Online Event



Jeri Maurer, President of the Stanton Bird Club.

AUBURN, ME (April 28, 2022) – Spring is the time to welcome back migratory birds as they use our region for breeding or as part of a flyway as they head further north for the season. This talk, presented by Jeri Maurer, President of the Stanton Bird Club, will focus on some of the birds that you may see and hear as you step outside.

The Stanton Bird Club has been actively engaged in conservation work and nature education for adults and children for over 100 years. The Club will soon be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary, a 450-acre preserve located in Lewiston.

This program will take place via Zoom and registration is required. To register, visit the events page of Auburn Public Library's website – www.auburnpubliclibrary.org – or email dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org. Registrants will be emailed the Zoom link on May 12, the day of the program.

When: Thursday, May 12, 2022; 4-5 p.m.

Where: Online, via Zoom

Contact: Donna Wallace, 333-6640, ext. 4

SeniorsPlus Holds Free Workshops Via Zoom

Free Workshop: A Matter of Balance to be held in Lewiston

L E W I S - TON, ME (April 25, 2022) — SeniorsPlus, in partnership with Healthy Living for ME, will be offering a free workshop to help individuals prevent falls and improve strength. A Matter of Balance will be offered beginning May 3rd and run through May 26th. Workshop participants will meet twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Education Center, located in their Lewiston office on 8 Falcon Road.

A Matter of Balance emphasizes practical strategies to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels. Participants learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable, set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and exercise to increase strength

and balance.

This series is free and open to the public. Please call 1-800-620-6036 or email info@healthylivingforme.org for more information and to register. This program is supported, in part, by a grant from the Administration on Community Living, US Department of Health and Human Services.

All workshops are listed at healthylivingforme.org.

Free Workshop: Living Well with Chronic Pain to be held via Zoom

LEWISTON, ME (April 25, 2022) — SeniorsPlus, in partnership with Healthy Living for ME, will offer a free workshop to help individuals manage their chronic pain. Living Well with Chronic Pain will be offered beginning May 10 and running through June 14. Workshop participants will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 1-3:30 p.m.

via Zoom.

Living Well with Chronic Pain is ideal for people who are experiencing a wide range of chronic, non-cancer-related pain conditions. Participants in this class learn practical tools to help develop self-management skills, as well as ways to communicate about the pain they experience, and healthy eating, with an emphasis placed on creating action plans and setting realistic, attainable goals.

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Auburn Celebrates Opening of Custom Fit Physical Therapy & Wellness

LEWISTON, ME (April 26, 2022) — A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the opening of Custom Fit Physical Therapy & Wellness in Auburn at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Auburn Mayor Jason Levesque was joined by City of Auburn Director of Communications & Community Engagement Liz Allen, City of Auburn Downtown Coordinator Jennifer Boenig, Lewiston Ward 7 City Councilor Stephanie J. Gelinas, President + CEO of the LA Metro Chamber Shanna Cox, and members of the public.

Custom Fit Physical Therapy & Wellness was the winner of Startup Auburn, and provides expert hands-on physical therapy care with one on one sessions with Dr. Jennifer Frazier, DPT. These customized sessions are tailored to each patient to reduce pain, improve strength, and restore function after injury/surgery in a local state-of-the-art, comfortable setting.

“My patients can trust that I am listening to them and their story in order to develop a customized plan that results in optimum levels of function and ability,” says owner Dr. Jennifer Frazier, DPT.

Through initial evaluations, Custom Fit Physical Therapy & Wellness develops personalized treatment plans that progress each patient's rehabilitation and healing, followed by a long term plan to prevent future injuries.

‘Parlez-vous?’ French-Speaking Club to Meet at Franco Center

LEWISTON, ME (April 28, 2022)—The Franco Center has announced it will host a French-speaking social club called “Parlez-vous?” at 10:30 a.m. on alternate Thursdays beginning May 12, in Heritage Hall, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston.

Conversations will be geared to beginner and intermediate levels. Club coordinators include Jan Sullivan and Joanne Ducharme. Meetings will be about an hour long but may be extended until noon if the club needs the extra time.

Information will be gathered from attendees at the first meeting to discuss the expectations of the club's leaders as well as partici-



The Franco Center board members, from left, Jan Sullivan, Dr. Don Christie, Dawn Hartill, Elaine Roop, and Mike Lajoie met to discuss new events and programs being planned for the performance center. Submitted photo.

pants. “This information will be a good way to gauge everyone's level of communicating in French,” stated Sullivan. “We hope that French will be spoken 100 percent of the time that the club meets.” She noted that the club is not meant to be instructional, but rather conversational.

The club coordinators will share reading materials with its members such as Reader's Digests, newspapers, and books that can be brought home to read so that members can prepare a summary in French of the material read. “These summaries will be shared during our club meetings,” said Sullivan. The purpose of this exercise “would give us all a reason to look up different words and practice writing in French as well as speaking it.”

Franco Center board chair Elaine Roop said, “The Franco Center has had requests from the community for several types of French language programs including this conversational French club. We are glad to host this program.”

For more information or to register, contact Jan Sullivan at 207-239-0063 or Joanne Ducharme at 207-713-8324. Parking is available in the mill lot across the street from the Franco Center. The Franco Center is handicap accessible.

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SCREWBALL COMEDY – Final Weekend!



From left to right: actors Mike Anthony, Heather Dilly, Danny Vaccaro and Jessica DiGiovanni from a scene in Screwball Comedy.

LEWISTON, ME (April 29, 2022) -- Imagine the great classic comedy His Girl Friday meets the zaniness of The Carol Burnett Show and you've got the fast-paced, non-stop hilarity of Screwball Comedy now playing at The

Public Theatre, Lewiston/Auburn's professional theatre, April 29 – May 8th. Filled with snappy banter that will remind you of the classic comedies with Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn it's fun with a capital F. The final weekend for

Screwball Comedy runs May 5, 6, 7, 8. Show times are Thurs/Fri at 7:30pm, Sat at 3pm & 7:30pm, and Sun @2pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for anyone 18 and under. For tickets call 782-3200 or visit www.thepublictheatre.org

Free Computer Certification Training through CMCC

AUBURN, ME (April 27, 2022) -- The Center for Workforce and Professional Development (CWPD) at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) has received funding through the Harold Alfond Foundation to provide free computer training CompTIA A+ Certification. The CompTIA A+ course is the industry standard for establishing a career in Information Technology (IT) in occupations such as technical support specialists, field service technicians, and IT support specialists.

12:30 P.M. Students who successfully complete this course and pass the certification exam will be able to demonstrate baseline security skills for IT support professionals; configure device operating systems, including Windows, Mac, Linux, Chrome Operating Systems (OS), Android and iOS and administer client- and cloud-based (SaaS) software; troubleshoot and problem-solve core service and support challenges while applying best practices for documentation, change management, and scripting; and support basic IT infrastructure and networking.

old Alfond Foundation. Participants must be at least 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma, GED, or HiSet, and be a U.S. citizen and/or authorized to work in Maine.

For more information or to register please visit <https://bit.ly/3qqym2f>, or contact Central Maine Community College's Center for Workforce & Professional Development at workforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu or 207-755-5280.

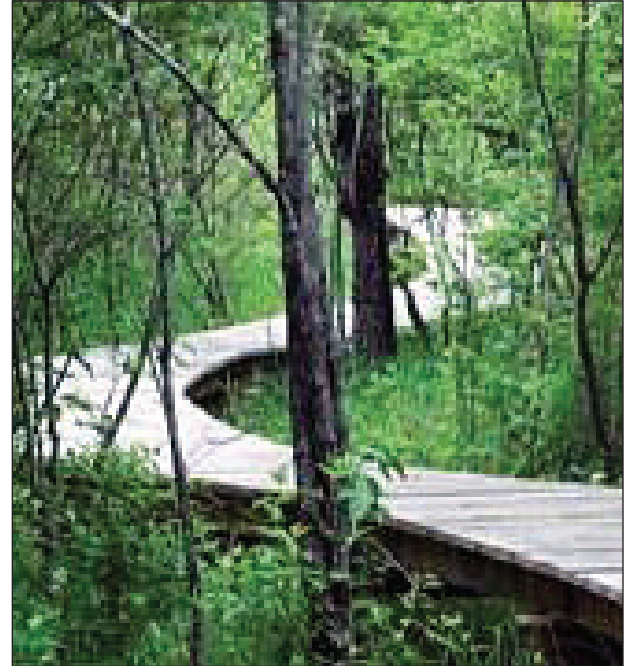
Central Maine Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and employer. For more information visit www.cmcc.edu/eec or contact Human Resources at (207) 755-5396.

The CompTIA A+ training is delivered in-person at CMCC's Auburn campus May 11 – July 25, 2022, Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30 A.M. –

This free course is made possible by the Har-

Lewiston's New Nature Park - We Want Your Input!

LEWISTON, ME (April 26, 2022) -- NEW NATURE PARK IN LEWISTON - a natural park space on 14 acres of wooded land in the Webster Street neighborhood! This park will offer walking trails, an elevated boardwalk over wetlands, and a natural play area within a forested setting. Check out the link for a storyboard (scroll through it) about all aspects of the park. At the end, there is an online survey for your input to guide the final design at access points, trail configuration, and natural play area elements. <https://bit.ly/LewistonNaturePark> Thank you!



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Remembering Maine Workers Who Died on the Job

LEWISTON, ME (April 29, 2022) -- Union members and allies commemorated the Mainers who died from workplaces injuries and illnesses over the past year at events in Rumford and Lewiston as part of this year's Workers Memorial Day, which fell on Thursday, April 28.

Papermakers with United Steelworkers Local 900 held a ceremony to remember those who have suffered and died on the job, and to renew our fight for safe workplaces at the USW Local 900 Hall on Route 108 just outside of Rumford and the Smith-crossing section of town, on Thursday, April 28th at 5 pm. There was a reading of all the workers in Maine who have lost their life from workplace accidents or illnesses, within the past year. After each name was read, there was a somber ringing of a bell, for each fatality. A so-

cial, with light refreshments, was provided following the Memorial.

The Western Maine Labor Council held its Annual Workers' Memorial Day/International Workers Day (May Day) dinner and awards ceremony to remember the workers we've lost and reaffirm our commitment to fight for stronger workplace protections on Sunday May, 1st at DaVinci's Eatery in Lewiston.

"More than 50 years ago on April 28th, the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 took effect, granting every worker the right to a safe workplace. As a result, work-related fatalities dropped dramatically," said Cynthia Phinney, President of the Maine AFL-CIO. "This law was made possible because union members organized and demanded our elected leaders protect workers on the job. However, the

COVID-19 pandemic has exposed how much work still needs to be done to strengthen these protections and ensure no family has to experience the grief of losing a loved one as a result of earning a living. With another Workers' Memorial Day and May Day upon us, we pledge to build more worker power in our movement so we can push for stronger protections and continue to fight back against efforts to gut workplace safety laws."

According to the 2022 edition of the AFL-CIO's "Death on the Job: The Toll of Neglect" report, since the Occupational Safety and Health Act took effect, the number of work-related deaths in the US dropped from 18 percent in 1970 to 3.4 percent per 100,000 workers in 2020, saving roughly 647,000 deaths. According to the Maine Department of Labor, roughly 19 Mainers died of work

related injuries, although the total number of work-related COVID deaths is not tracked.

The "Death on the Job" report finds that 20 Mainers died in workplace fatalities in 2020 for a 3.1 per 100,000 rate — ranking Maine 20th in workplace fatalities in the nation. There were 16,700 workplace injuries and fatalities in private industry in 2020, representing a rate of 4.3 per 100 workers — nearly double the national average of 2.7.

This year's report also reveals that on the national in 2020:

340 working people die every day because of hazardous working conditions.

More than 4,764 workers were killed on the job from injuries alone.

An estimated 120,000 workers died from occupational diseases.

Latino and Black workers remain at greater risk of dying on the job than all workers.

Employers reported nearly 3.2 million work-related injuries and illnesses.

Musculoskeletal disorders continue to make up the largest portion (21%) of work-related injuries and illnesses.

Underreporting is widespread—the true toll of work-related injuries and illnesses is 5.4 million to 8.1 million each year.

Despite these disturbing findings, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) still does not have the resources needed to hold employers accountable for workplace safety. Last year, there were only 1,719 OSHA inspectors nationwide, 755 on the federal level and 965 on the state level. That's just one inspector for every 81,427 workers. Federal OSHA's

budget amounts to \$4.37 to protect each worker, with no federal standards for protections against workplace violence and COVID-19. In Maine, there are eight OSHA inspectors for the whole state. The report estimates that it would take 325 years for OSHA to inspect each workplace in Maine once.

"We've certainly made progress in protecting workers over the past 50 years, but assaults on work protections continue as some anti-worker politicians seek to shift workplace safety responsibilities to individuals by undermining workplace safety agencies," Phinney added. "It is critical that we protect workers from work-related injuries, diseases and deaths and continue to fight to ensure all workers, union and non-union alike, have the fundamental right to a safe workplace."

Raise-Op Breaks Ground On New Buildings



From L-R: Lynnea Hawkins, Shawn Yardley, Beth Boutin, Dan Brennan, Hilowle Aden, Evan Carroll, Shaad aMasood, Craig Saddlemire, Carl Sheline, Hollie Sprague, Brendan Akers, Franky Duro, Shanna Cox

AUBURN, ME (April 28, 2022) -- The Raise-Op, a local housing organization led by its residents, broke ground on two new buildings today. Consisting of 9 units each, these developments will infill vacant lots in the Tree Street Neighborhood at 198 Blake Street and 84 Walnut Street.

The development is

the result of an investment partnership between the Raise-Op and Evernorth, a regional syndicator of affordable housing, with financing from MaineHousing. Lewiston Housing will provide property management services, and Raise-Op staff will provide the resident services.

These two buildings

represent many groundbreaking achievements for Lewiston and the partners involved:

These will be the first passive-house certified buildings in Lewiston, a rigorous design standard for building operation regarding energy efficiency and air quality, the result of which is an extremely

comfortable and healthy living environment for the residents, and a lower carbon footprint as the building demands less energy consumption.

The first time that low-income residents of the Tree Street Neighbor-

hood have programmed and designed new multi-unit apartment buildings from the very beginning of the design process. A process that served as a model for the City's Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan.

The first open-source

building design that will be shared with the City of Lewiston for the purposes of helping create more small-scale infill housing in the neighborhood that meets the goals of the Choice Neighborhood Transfor-

See **Raise-Op**, page 16

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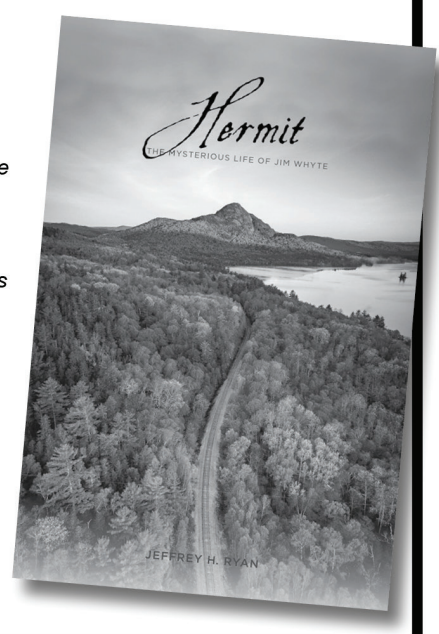
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BDA Hosts Behind-the-Scenes Event

BRUNSWICK, ME (April 29, 2022) – The Brunswick Downtown Association (BDA) Speaker Series will go “on the road” to Maine State Theatre’s rehearsal space at 22 Elm Street in Brunswick as they continue to support the arts in downtown Brunswick

Discover the excitement that goes on Behind-

the-Scenes of a theatre production at Maine State Music Theatre in Brunswick Maine! From set design, costume creation and lighting to auditions and choreography, we’ll learn how it all comes together! \$35 per person includes:

Refreshments: Heavily house-made appetizers by OneSixtyFive, Inn at Park Row, including char-

cuterie with Lakin’s Gorges Cheese Award Winning Rockwell Cheese, delicious house-made onion dip, chicken satay and much more!

Cash bar available with wine, beer, cocktails and mocktails.

Live music. Q & A with Curt Dale Clark.

Tours! This is your

chance to see MSMT’s prop shop, costume shop, scenery room, welding, and paint decks. See where the magic happens! Plus, tour the recently renovated apprentice quarters.

Date: Thursday, May 12 Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Registration and net-

working begin at 5:00, program: 5:45 – 6:30, Tours: 6:30 – 7:00

Cost: \$35 per person (+ processing fee)

Registration Link: brunswickdowntown.org/events/bda-speaker-series-behind-the-scenes

The BDA Speaker Series is generously sponsored by:

Atlantic Federal Credit Union; Avita of Brunswick; Sunnybrook Retirement Community; Mid Coast Parkview Health.

The BDA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. BDA’s Mission Statement: To promote Downtown Brunswick as a vibrant and attractive place to live, work, play and do business.

Vivid Motion Dance’s Spring Show Returns

PORTLAND, ME (April 26, 2022) - After a pandemic hiatus, Vivid Motion Dance will once again welcome audience members to see its spring production in the St. Lawrence Arts Center. Tickets for *Flowers and Ashes: A Modern Greek Romance* are on sale now and performances begin Friday,

May 6th. Exploring the themes of love, dedication, and fate, *Flowers & Ashes: A Modern Greek Romance* is a reimagining of the stories of Persephone and Hades, Eros and Psyche, and Orpheus and Eurydice. Featuring ballet, lyrical, disco, and contemporary dance, this is the Greek

Myths done VivMo style.

Flowers & Ashes: A Modern Greek Romance features Jessica Jane Means and Venus Murphy as Aphrodite, Alison Odlin and April Kurtz as Persephone, Brigitte Paulus as Eurydice, Trevor Bean as Orpheus, Caelistus Paulus as Eros, Maren Root as Psyche, and Matt Begin as Hades.

Vivid Motion provides opportunities for dancers with a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. This year’s cast includes dancers from Freeport, Bath, Portland, Scarborough, Westbrook, Brunswick, North Berwick, Saco, Standish, Readfield, Auburn, Durham, and Dover, New Hampshire.

Vivid Motion is proud to be a fully vaccinated company and is requiring all patrons to present proof of vaccination and photo ID prior to entering the theater. We are not accepting negative test results as a replacement for being vaccinated.

Patrons must wear masks while in the theater and refunds will not be given for unvaccinated patrons. Concessions, if they are sold, will not be allowed in the auditorium this year. The full COVID policy is available at vividmotion.org/audience-covid-policy.

WHO: Vivid Motion Dance, Portland’s innovative and kinda quirky dance company

WHAT: *Flowers & Ashes: A Modern Greek Romance*

WHEN: Friday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 7th, at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 8th, at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 15th at 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Lawrence Arts, 76 Congress Street, Portland

Tickets are available at vividmotion.org.

Flowers & Ashes: A Modern Greek Romance is sponsored by BIS Tools, Rudy Ferrante of Guild Mortgage, Petit Jete, WJZP 107.9, Letterpress Books and Beneath the Bark Woodworking.

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Guest Column

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problems that we face.

One such issue needing to be addressed is helping Veterans find purpose in their post-service lives. Truscott’s apology to the dead are not empty words, but a strong voice reminding us that we have an obligation to choose resilience and purpose when faced with guilt or grief. As an example, Gold Star Families, who have experienced tremendous loss, continue to serve their communities to maintain the legacy of the loved one they lost. I often recall a colleague of mine responding to the question “why do you do so much to help Veterans?” he simply held up his finger, choking back tears he responded, “for the one I couldn’t save.” By choosing to use his voice to advocate for other veterans, he not only helped them find their purpose – he found his own.

It’s often said that for those who have served “every day is Memorial Day,” a traditionally silent observance in the Veteran’s mind that can best be described as an impossible trinity made up of an overwhelming sense of guilt, grief, and grit. Usually, a moment of silence on this day is a welcomed and solemn way to honor the voices from our past, but for myself,

after losing three former soldiers to suicide in the past few months, silence is no longer an option and the freedom to use our voice is the greatest gift that our veterans have to offer this Memorial Day.

Joseph Reagan is the Director of Military and Veterans Outreach for Wreaths Across America. He has almost 20 years experience working with leaders within Government, non-profit, and Fortune 500 companies to develop sustainable strategies supporting National Security, and Veterans’ Health. He served 8 years on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Army including two tours to Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division. He is the recipient of multiple awards and decorations including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

To view resources for service members, veterans, and their families, please visit learn.wreathscrossamerica.org/veteranresources.

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Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

lewistonmaine.gov, or go to lplonline.org/events/teen-tabletop-rpgs/

May 4 and every Wednesday

GORHAM—10:00am Weekly story time has resumed at the North Gorham Public Library! Storytime is open to children & their caregivers. Join us weekly for stories, songs and crafts every Wednesday at 10am. 2 Standish Neck Rd, Gorham ME.

May 7

GORHAM — 4:30-5:30pm Take Out Bean Supper (Pre-order Required) White Rock Community Clubhouse; 34 Wilson Road, Gorham

Saturday, May 7,

4:30-5:30pm. Last Dinner of the season! \$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, May 4. Call Fran at 892-9521.

May 10

GORHAM -- 6:30pm Town Council FY 2022-23 Budget Workshop with School Department Council Chambers

May 13

GORHAM -- Gorham, Windham, Westbrook TRIAD'S next meeting will be May 13 at 9 a.m. at the Gorham Police Dept. All are welcome. The guest

speaker will be Lynda Adams. She is a Certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach who helps people become aware and make changes in all areas of their lives (physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually) to improve their overall health. Lynda will guide us to review these areas of our lives and help us come up with ways to make some simple changes that will have long term, lasting positive results.

May 15

BUXTON -- AGE FRIENDLY BUXTON SPRING CLEAN UP DAY MAY 15, 2022, 9-11 AM, RAIN OR SHINE. Help our community and be part of our first annual Buxton Clean-up Day! Our project will begin at 9am at the Buxton Transfer Station. If possible, bring your own trash bag; some will be



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June 4

AUBURN -- The

Maine Iris Society announces its upcoming Iris & Spring Flower Show being held on Saturday, June 4th from 130pm to 4pm at the Auburn Middle School, 38 Falcon Dr, Auburn. Admission is free and will feature a sale of Potted Perennials and Irises. Bare-Root Iris Rhizomes will also be available for \$1 each.

LATC's Citylink Invests Another \$1.3 Million in Transit Fleet

AUBURN/LEWISTON, ME (April 28, 2022) -- The 10 route, transit bus line connecting residents of Lewiston and Auburn with bus service since 1976. As the service continues to grow, refine, and become even more responsive to the community, it continues to leverage the maximum federal, state, and local funding opportunities to invest in more

tions over the next couple weeks. Citylink has been providing Lewiston and Auburn with bus service since 1976. As the service continues to grow, refine, and become even more responsive to the community, it continues to leverage the maximum federal, state, and local funding opportunities to invest in more

modern, reliable, and lower emissions vehicles. These three new Gillig transit buses were purchased using a combination of funds from the Federal Transit Administration and Maine Department of Transportation through state bond funds and VW Emissions Settlement funds. They will replace older, smaller,

lower efficiency buses. These new additions bring citylinks' 4-year equipment investment to nearly \$3 million.

These buses will aid in the citylink mission to provide, safe, reliable, accessible, economical, and environmentally friendly local transit service for the Lewiston Auburn Area.

The current citylink system operates Monday through Friday, generally 6:00 am – 6:00 pm, with service on Saturday from 9:15 am to 5:15 pm. The service hubs are in Lewiston on Oak Street and at Great Falls Plaza in Auburn. Passengers traveling from as far away as Farmington can use Western

Maine Transportation Services' GreenLine to connect to citylink service while their Lisbon Connection is available to those traveling from Lisbon to Lewiston's Oak Street hub.

For Fares, schedules, and more information, you can visit the citylink website at <https://purplebus.org> or scan the QR Code

Welcome Back to the Movies!

GORHAM, ME (April 29, 2022) -- When was the last time you've been to a movie? For many Americans, it's been a while. While some theaters stayed open throughout the pandemic and others have been reopened for over a year, Hollywood has finally been releasing the myriad of films that were postponed which gives audiences a reason to return.

People are flocking

back to their local cinemas and recent films such as Sonic 2 and Spider-Man: No Way Home prove that people are excited to return to the big screen. The future for Hollywood is looking much brighter.

What's New?

This week action star Liam Neeson returns in Memory, a remake of the 2003 Belgian film. An assassin-for-hire finds he's the target after he refuses

to complete a job.

Coming Soon

Dr. Strange in the Multiverse of Madness Opening May 6th; early shows May 5th

Dr. Strange casts a forbidden spell that opens the door to the multiverse and a threat to all humanity. Tickets on sale now!

Downton Abbey : A New Era May 20th with early shows May 18th & 19th

The Crawley family

returns to the big screen and goes on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa. Based on the hit TV show. Tickets on sale now!

Top Gun: Maverick In theaters May 27th, tickets on sale May 3rd

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mation Plan. The design is meant to be easily adapted to any standard lot in the neighborhood.

The first time a housing cooperative in Maine has served as the developer of housing that utilizes the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program as a financing mechanism. Given the complexity of LIHTC financing, and the unique nature of a housing cooperative, this has been a learning experience for all parties involved.

The Raise-Op acquired the lots at 198 Blake Street in 2018 with financing support from Community Concepts, and with a grant from Healthy Neighborhoods installed community artwork and facilities to make a small dog park. Raise-Op's long term vision for the space was permanently affordable housing that would meet the needs of residents in the way that existing buildings cannot achieve due to their age and design. This included physical accessibility, air quality, energy efficiency, and more privacy for residents in their homes so that people of different lifestyles and cultures can live next door to each other with less conflict.

Since its founding in 2008, the Raise-Op has strived to create homes for residents where they have the opportunity to know their neighbor and work together to create opportunity and positive change in their community. The Raise-Op currently owns 3 apartment buildings, containing 15 affordable homes for its 50

residents, who meet on a regular basis to discuss the budget and other issues that affect their buildings and the neighborhood. Raise-Op played a critical leadership role in the City's Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan, outreaching to residents to have a voice in the Transformation Plan in every step of the process.

Seeking to double the size of the development - and also test the adaptability of their design - the Raise-Op purchased additional land from the City of Lewiston and applied for MaineHousing's 4% Tax Credit program. Matt Peters, a development consultant, has provided support to Raise-Op throughout the development process.

The 18 units of new housing will include one-, two-, and four-bedroom apartments, and will be available to rent for families who earn 60% or less of Area Median Income. Each unit will provide heating and cooling, air ventilation, dishwasher, and electricity included in the rent. The four-bedroom apartments will feature two full bathrooms each. First-floor apartments will be physically accessible, including ramps and accessible parking spaces. The building at 84 Walnut will provide office and community room space to residents of both properties. Residents provided feedback on all aspects of the design, down to details of kitchen layout relative to the living room, so that parents in the kitchen can keep kids away from the stove but also keep an eye on them in the living room.

Raise-Op will provide

resident services, including facilitation of House Committee meetings, where residents will meet together to learn about the building's budget, operations, and discuss issues of interest to them. Residents can also serve on the Board of the Raise-Op. "An important difference from previous Raise-Op buildings is that residents of Blake & Walnut will be tenants, not cooperative owners. This is a requirement of the Tax Credit program. So, this experience for residents at Blake & Walnut will be different from our other properties. But we still think these will be great homes and that the resident services provided by Raise-Op will help to make residents feel empowered and included in the process," said Craig Saddle mire, Development Organizer for the Raise-Op.

"In our economic and business development work, it has become clear that a lack of housing is one of the biggest limiting factors of economic growth. We are excited to see these much needed additions to the local inventory, and to see the partnerships that made it possible." - Shanna Cox, LA Metro Chamber President + CEO

"Blake & Walnut is going to help address housing issues for tenants who are struggling to get an apartment. It will help to unite neighbors, and help people to afford their homes. These buildings will offer 4 bedroom apartments, each with 2 bathrooms, which is very important to help large families have some privacy. I've never seen an apart-

ment like that before in my life. It will be very helpful. It will make a huge difference in the life of these families. In other rental buildings, tenants who live next to each other, they never talk, they never know each other. We hope other landlords learn from what we do. In Maine, many landlords make it hard for their tenants to communicate or learn, and they live in fear. In Raise-Op, tenants get to know each other. They meet regularly and plan things together. They learn from each other. This is also a good example for younger generations, to learn how they can communicate, participate in meetings, and address concerns together. As a group, as a team, as a community. There's a proverb that says 'One finger cannot wash a face, it takes five fingers to wash a face.' One person cannot act alone. If we work together, we can all succeed." - Hilowle Aden, Resident and Board Director of the Raise-Op

"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



From L-R: Lynnea Hawkins, Shawn Yardley, Beth Boutin, Dan Brennan, Hilowle Aden, Evan Carroll, Shaad aMasood, Craig Saddle mire, Carl Sheline, Hollie Sprague, Brendan Akers, Franky Duro, Shanna Cox

who took part in our planning and design process, so that their neighbors could have new affordable and healthy homes. We believe the inclusion of people most impacted by the housing crisis - in the development of these and future projects - 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.

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." - Shaad Masood, President of Raise-Op

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