

Poll: Mainers Support Policies To Reduce Waste, Act On Climate

AUGUSTA, ME (May 6, 2022) – The vast majority of Mainers support policies to curb pollution by reducing waste and acting on climate according to a new poll of Maine voters conducted in Spring 2022.

The poll confirms that actions taken by the Maine Legislature over the past few years to encourage solar energy, reduce plastic pollution, and require large corporations to pay for the disposal of packaging waste have received widespread support among Maine people.

“There is no question that Maine people overwhelmingly support actions taken by the Legislature to protect our environment, climate, and communities,” said Lisa Pohlmann, CEO of the Natural Resources Council of Maine. “Now more than ever, Mainers value our clean air, clean water, and healthy environment, and they appreciate and expect leadership by Maine’s elected officials in addressing issues such as climate change and plastic pollution.”

According to the phone and online survey of a representative sample of 622 Mainers across all political parties conducted by Digital Research, Inc. in March and April 2022:

8 out of 10 voters support laws that reduce the amount of plastic waste in the state’s environment, including 52% who

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Gorham Announces New Public Works Director

GORHAM, ME (May 6, 2022) – Gorham proudly announces the appointment of Deputy Public Works Director Terry Deering as the Town’s Public Works Director. He joined the Town’s management team effective May 2, 2022.

Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak appointed Deering as Acting Public Works Director in December 2021 to fill the vacant position resulting from the departure of the former Public Works Director Robert Burns earlier in the month.

During his time as Acting Public Works Director, Deering managed the department very well while demonstrating outstanding leadership, excellent communication, and effective critical thinking skills.

Deering has served the Gorham community and Gorham Public Works as Deputy Public Works Director for over 33 years, further solidifying his invaluable knowledge of the department’s operations.

“I look forward to leading the Public Works department, and working with the other departments and Town officials” said Deering. “We will strive to move forward in a positive proactive manner and try to keep up with the Town as it grows. I feel very fortunate to be working with a great group of people.”

Paraschak shared, “I am pleased to see a hard-working, dedicated employee like Terry achieve a well-deserved po-



motion. I have every confidence that he will perform well in his new role as Public Works Director, and lead the department to meet the needs of our growing

community.”
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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Community Health Options Continues Commitment to Wellness

LEWISTON, ME (May 2, 2022) – Lewiston-based Community Health Options (Health Options), the only Maine-based, nonprofit, Member-led health insurer and plan administrator, has awarded grants to ten Maine nonprofit agencies focused on encouraging physical activity to improve overall health and wellbeing in the state.

Grant recipients include: the Boys & Girls Club of Bangor, Central Maine Community Health Corporation (Healthy Androscoggin), Fit Girls of Wilton Maine, Healthy Communities of the Capital Area, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Intercultural Community Center, Operation ReBoot Outdoors, Teens to Trails, Tree Street Youth, Inc., and

Women for Healthy Rural Living.

“From fly-fishing programs that will help the wellbeing of our veterans to youth outdoor enrichment programs, it’s inspiring to see the healthy initiatives influencing our communities across the state,” said Kevin Lewis, president and CEO of Health Options. “We are thrilled to support these community-based organizations that will have a positive impact on the lives of Mainers for years to come.”

By supporting these organizations, Health Options hopes to shine a light on nonprofits in Maine building the basis for wellness through physical activities.

At Teens to Trails, the team is busy preparing for their Explorer Clubs for



nature and outdoor skill activities across the state. Teens to Trails Executive Director, Alicia Heyburn comments, “Sharing time outdoors provides essential nourishment, inspiration, and wholeness in the lives of our youth who are the future stewards of our land. We are thrilled to offer Outdoor Explorer programs for middle school students in partnership with recreation departments across Maine.”

Healthy Androscoggin looks forward to creating a Story Book Trail

at the Park Avenue Elementary School in Auburn with the Health Options’ funding. “The trail will encourage physical activity for students and community members while reading their favorite stories through the school garden and orchard,” says Emily Smith, Health Promotion Coordinator.

Tree Street Youth, Inc., also in the Androscoggin area, looks forward to building more programs outdoors for children and teens. Julia Sleeper, Co-Founder and Executive

Director remarks, “These funds will go towards supporting our youth to get outside and create opportunities for them to explore, learn, and foster healthy lifestyles beginning at an early age.”

Similarly, in Westbrook, “Funding will enable the Intercultural Community Center to offer no-cost, structured opportunities for physical activity to immigrant, low-income, and historically marginalized families”, says Christopher Feely, youth program director for the center. “Youth and adult students will be able to engage in a wide array of fun and healthy activities, such as swimming, basketball, gymnastics, hiking and aerobic exercise.”

A Maine non-profit focused on veterans’

wellbeing will also benefit from a Health Options’ grant. At Operations Reboot Outdoors, the organization’s president, Nicole White, states, “We believe in the healing powers of the outdoors as a critical weapon in the battle against the Veteran Suicide Epidemic. The Community Health Options Grant will help fund our Fly-Fishing and Fly-tying seminars, allowing us to bridge the gap between military and civilian life for an additional 80 Veterans, Service Members, and Law Enforcement Officers each year.”

Health Options will hold another grant cycle in the Fall supporting small community-based programs that encourage physical activity as a way to improve overall health and wellbeing.

Expanded Nursing Begins at Maine’s Community Colleges

AUGUSTA, ME (May 3, 2022) – Maine’s community colleges are adding new night and weekend nursing programs, expanding the number of seats available, and ultimately doubling the number of nursing graduates, thanks to \$2.5 million in new state funding that is being matched by the state’s two largest healthcare providers.

The new state allocation was included in the supplemental budget signed by Governor Janet Mills on April 20.

“Some of our nursing programs have hundreds of applicants that are turned away because classes are full. At the same time, demand for nurses is at a crisis level. This expansion is key to increasing the number of skilled nurses in Maine,” said David Daigler, president of the Maine Community College System (MCCS). “We are

so grateful for the state’s investment in nursing, and to our longtime, valued partners, MaineHealth and Northern Light Health.”

The \$2.5 million, matched by the healthcare providers, allows Maines’ community colleges to double the number of nursing program graduates from approximately 240 people per year to 480 per year.

Northern Light Health and MaineHealth are matching the state’s \$2.5 million.

“Northern Light Health welcomes partnering with the Maine community college nursing programs along with MaineHealth to increase the number of nursing graduates,” Northern Light Health President and CEO Tim Dentry said. “While Maine has made progress increasing nursing education capacity, we continue to be challenged by a

shortage of nurses who are needed to meet patient care needs throughout Maine. This immediate action will show results; the most exciting thing is this will open doors to the great profession of nursing to so many people.”

MaineHealth Chief Executive Officer Andy Mueller, M.D., agreed the effort would help.

“These funds to expand the nursing programs in the Maine Community College System are a significant investment in addressing the nursing shortage in our state. Training the next generation of nurses and providing the educational support to help them succeed in this important career path is a win-win for everyone,” Mueller said.

Among the highlights of the planned nursing expansion:

Central Maine Community College: Adding

40 new nursing students annually, by using the existing lab space on nights and weekends. Hiring eight new nursing faculty, simulation tech and simulation coordinator positions.

Eastern Maine Community College: Adding 12 new students at WCCC, up to 12 new students at Pen Bay Medical Center in Rockport, and another 24 new students in expanded summer start and evening programs. Hiring two full-time faculty, two adjunct faculty, and simulation lab staff. Purchasing equipment.

Kennebec Valley Community College: Adding eight new students in fall 2022, and an additional eight students in fall 2023, for a total of 56 seats. Hiring additional faculty and a clinical coordinator.

Northern Maine Community College: Adding eight new students in 2022-2023, and an additional eight students in 2023-2024, for a total of 48 seats. Hiring additional nursing faculty members, a simulation operations

specialist, and purchasing additional equipment for the simulation laboratory. Adding support for students to increase retention.

Southern Maine Community College: Adding 42 new students in a new evening nursing program at the South Portland campus and hiring six new nursing instructors. Doubling nursing capacity at the Midcoast Campus in Brunswick, with a new nursing cohort starting every year instead of every other year.

Washington County Community College: Building a new WCCC nursing program while partnering with EMCC to provide an opportunity for a cohort of 12 students starting next academic year. Hiring at least two new nursing instructors, and immediately adding a new health occupational certificate program to prepare future nursing students to enter the new WCCC program. The new nursing program anticipated launch date is 2023 at the Calais location.

York County Community College: Launching new nursing program with 32 seats in fall 2022. Hiring four full-time faculty.

The nursing programs at Maine’s community colleges are top-ranked, with EMCC recently ranked as #2 in the Northeast for two-year nursing programs by NursingProcess.org. Our colleges consistently post among the highest pass rates on the NCLEX, the national licensing exam. The seven colleges also offer many other healthcare programs, training medical assistants, physical therapy assistants, community mental health workers, child care and gerontology specialists, front-office staff, and more.

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Plan Released to Develop, Support, and Sustain a Robust Education Workforce

AUGUSTA, ME (May 6, 2022)—The Maine Department of Education released the Teach Maine Plan, a comprehensive roadmap to develop, support, and sustain a robust educator workforce in the state. Unveiled during Teacher Appreciation Week, the Teach Maine Plan and new website provide a set of strategies and actions to inspire a talented and diverse future educator workforce, and to support and develop Maine’s current educator workforce.

The Teach Maine Plan is organized around four key themes: incentivize recruitment and retention efforts; expand and diversify educator workforce efforts; support educator development, growth, and leadership; and elevate educators and the education profession. While the Teach Maine Plan has multiple themes, strategies, and actions, they are interdependent and not designed to be implemented in isolation.

“The Maine Department of Education is committed to developing, supporting, and sustaining a vibrant and diverse education workforce, and honoring the expertise and leadership of Maine’s education professionals,” said Maine Education Commissioner Pender Makin. “Maine’s educators give it their all each and every day to teach, inspire, and nurture their students, and the Teach Maine Plan provides the resources and supports they need to keep doing what they do best while also attracting

more amazing educators into our schools. I want to thank the many educators and stakeholders who contributed to this effort and we look forward to collaborating on moving this plan into action.”

The report is the result of contributions by education stakeholders throughout Maine, who provided feedback via multiple channels, including regional Think Tanks, focus groups, surveys, organizational meetings, and informal conversations. Additionally, the Department of Education convened an Educator Talent Committee, a core group of internal and external stakeholders, to share their experiences, look at research and trends, and to make recommendations on how to address Maine’s educator shortage.

“Teach Maine provides a blueprint that will help to develop, attract, and retain quality educators that the children in Maine deserve. The future of Maine’s economy is grounded in providing our students with a diverse and rigorous educational experience. Teach Maine will provide the foundation to ensure that Maine students graduate with the passion, knowledge, and skills to be productive members of the world they will lead,” said Maine School Superintendents Association Executive Director Eileen King.

“The themes of the Teach Maine Plan hit upon key issues to ensure that our system of public education in Maine will continue to be strong. Recognizing, respecting, and

rewarding our educators for the vital work they do every day is critical to providing the education our students deserve,” said Maine Education Association President Grace Leavitt.

“We are very excited to see the impact that Teach Maine will have on our profession. By having a stronger emphasis on recruitment, and then providing mentoring and ongoing support that educators and educational leaders need, will only help keep high quality professionals in education. This is what our students deserve,” said Maine Principals’ Association Executive Director Dr. Holly Blair.

“Teachers are the most important element in ensuring Maine has a well-educated citizenry that is essential for our future workforce and democracy. These strategies will help strengthen the teaching profession in Maine,” said Educator Talent Committee member and University of Southern Maine Chair and Associate Professor of Teacher Education Dr. Flynn Ross.

The first theme of the Teach Maine Plan, incentivize recruitment and retention efforts, focuses on compensating educators competitively; providing financial incentives for high-needs subjects and locations; providing financial incentives for teacher expertise and teacher leadership; encouraging alternative compensation strategies, including housing, transportation, childcare, creative use of time, and sabbaticals; increas-

ing scholarship and loan forgiveness programs; expanding service loan forgiveness and tax incentive programs; and increasing awareness of funding sources.

Research shows that low salary scales continue to negatively impact the educator pipeline, as well as the retention of practicing teachers. Compared to college-educated professionals in other fields, beginning teachers earn about 20 percent less, with the gap widening to 30 percent by mid-career. While the Mills administration made a significant step in addressing overall teacher compensation to guarantee a minimum salary of \$40,000, more must be done to make working in education a financially sustainable career.

The second theme, diversify and expand educator workforce efforts, includes strategies to recruit, prepare, and hire racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse educators; retain diverse educators by addressing the policies and practices of structural racism; increase educator recruitment efforts; reduce costs; increase marketing for active recruitment of educators; increase high retention pathways into teaching such as teacher residencies, grow your own, and education career pathways starting in high school; promote teacher residencies for high-need School Administrative Units (SAUs) and content areas; promote additional dual certification programs for high-needs content areas; grow your own

education technician and community college partnerships; and education career pathways in high school/CTE schools.

Building an educator workforce that reflects the racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity of the student population has been shown to have positive impacts on student achievement. Research has shown that matching teacher racial identity with student identity can improve academic achievement, high school graduation rates, and college enrollment rates. And all students who have had teachers of diverse races or cultural backgrounds are better prepared for success in a global world.

The report finds that to make progress towards recruitment and retention initiatives, Maine needs a comprehensive and transparent data collection and management system. The strategy to expand data systems includes actions to characterize the current educator population in greater detail; determine educator needs geographically in Maine; create a statewide job board; and collect SAU-level data such as exit interviews and surveys.

Theme three, support educator development, growth, and leadership, includes strategies to expand induction and mentoring for new educators; strengthen state and SAU supports for mentoring and induction; scaffolded induction with time to learn, including not just orientation and access to mentors but also access to coaches, common plan-

ning time with mentors, and resource allocation to support success; establish a network of new educators for peer support; strengthen ongoing professional support through professional learning opportunities at the school, SAU, regional, and state level; develop and support high-quality teacher leadership; and develop and support well-qualified school and SAU leaders.

The support that new educators are given throughout their pre-service career and first few years of teaching has a direct impact on their retention as career educators. Key elements of high-quality induction strongly associated with reduced rates of teacher turnover include assigning mentors from the same field, common planning time and opportunities to collaborate with teachers in the same subject area, and being part of an external network of teachers.

Theme four, elevate educators and the education profession, includes strategies and actions to promote the positive public perception of public education and the education workforce, and expand and diversify educator recognition programs. To recruit and retain a vibrant educator workforce and make teaching an attractive profession also requires strengthening public perception and confidence in Maine schools and demonstrating appreciation for educators not just during teacher appreciation week, but every week of the year.

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DHHS Launches New Resources for Child Abuse Prevention

AUGUSTA, ME (April 26, 2022) — The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced today the launch of an online resource for Maine families and the pilot of a new tool for mandated reporters to submit concerns about child safety during Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

In proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Maine as part of a national awareness campaign, Governor Janet Mills urged Maine people to dedicate themselves to improving the quality of life for all children and families by working together to increase awareness of abuse and neglect and promote activities that support children's social and emotional wellbeing.

"Maine people share the goal of ensuring that children grow up in a safe and stable environment that provides them with every opportunity to succeed," said Governor Janet Mills. "My Administration is working with partners throughout the state to address the underlying issues that often contribute

to child abuse and neglect and to support child protective caseworkers on the front lines in our communities. Prevention is the best way to protect children and strengthen families and succeeds when Maine people work together."

"There is no higher priority for the Department and for the people of Maine than keeping children safe," said Health and Human Services Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew and Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) Director Todd Landry. "Together, we can work towards preventing child abuse by strengthening programs and resources that support healthy and thriving families. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with Maine people, the Legislature, and the many partners throughout the state who are devoted to this critical work."

Ensuring that parents and caregivers have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need helps promote the social and emotional well-being of children and prevent child maltreatment within fam-

ilies and communities. "Protective factors" that reduce the risk for neglect and abuse and support positive outcomes for children, youth, and families include knowledge of parenting and child development, parental resilience, social connections, and concrete supports.

To that end, the DHHS Office of Child and Family Services partnered with other Department Offices and state agencies to develop and launch this month Access Maine, an online guide of programs and resources tailored for families to connect them to services and resources. Access Maine includes information about meeting basic needs, such as nutrition and child care, as well as domestic violence support, mental health and substance use resources, and other programs, complementing Maine's 211 directory.

Access Maine is part of OCFS' Federal Family First Prevention Services Act plan, which expands prevention services to help keep children and families healthy and safe and prevent the need for children

to come into the care and custody of the State. In September 2021, Maine became the first New England state to gain approval to implement Family First and will receive approximately \$2.4 million in additional Federal funding annually.

Additionally during this Child Abuse Prevention month, OCFS is piloting a new online portal for selected mandated reporters to submit reports of suspected child abuse and neglect. The portal is available only to those categories of mandated reporters who are permitted under statute to make non-emergency reports electronically: medical professionals, hospitals and hospital staff, school personnel, and law enforcement personnel. OCFS is promoting the new portal with these professionals, with plans to expand the tool to all mandated reporters in the future.

Anyone in Maine, including mandated reporters, may continue to call the 24-hour Child Protective Hotline at 1-800-452-1999 to report suspected abuse or neglect.

The Mills Administration has upgraded the child protective hotline system as part of systematic improvements at OCFS, including replacing the decades-old Maine Automated Child Welfare Information System with a new system, Katahdin, in January 2022 on time and on budget, streamlining work and saving caseworkers' time. The Administration also established a Background Check Unit to improve investigations and has made major changes to the intake process.

The new supplemental budget includes key initiatives and over \$10 million to bridge gaps in the child welfare workforce, fill key staffing gaps, and implement recent child welfare recommendations from a range of experts. These recommendations align with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services' Child & Family Services Strategic Plan to improve policies and practices to ensure child safety.

Recognizing that child safety is impacted significantly by forces outside of the child welfare

system, the Mills Administration has also worked to address systemic challenges facing Maine. Upon taking office, Governor Mills prioritized responding to the opioid epidemic, expanding work to prevent drug use and enhance the availability of treatment and recovery resources — important initiatives as the pandemic has worsened the opioid epidemic both in Maine and across the country. Governor Mills also reestablished the Children's Cabinet, which has made significant strides in supporting early childhood development as well as successful transition of youth to jobs and education.

As part of Child Abuse Prevention month nationally, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, and several partners have developed the 2021/2022 Prevention Resource Guide which provides more information for stakeholders and families and highlights examples of innovative prevention approaches being implemented by communities across the country.

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Katherine grew up in an aging rural community with health disparities, so she has always been motivated to help others improve their quality of life and provide underserved areas with access to health services. Her love for community involvement stems from experience opening and managing a local business at the age of 16. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Public Health with a focus

on community health. That training lead to a professional career working with the non-profit Girls Inc. She has also worked in pediatric outpatient care, all of which has helped her uncover a passion for working with vulnerable populations.

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Art2022 at the Harlow Gallery, Annual Juried Show



Holden Willard's 'Quinn Sleeping' / Oil,

HALLOWELL, ME (May 2, 2022) -- The Harlow is excited to present Art2022, our 27th annual juried show. This year's juror was photographer and co-founder of Hinge Collaborative, Séan Alonzo Harris. Art2022 features 35 works of art by 31 artists from across Maine. Art2022 opened on

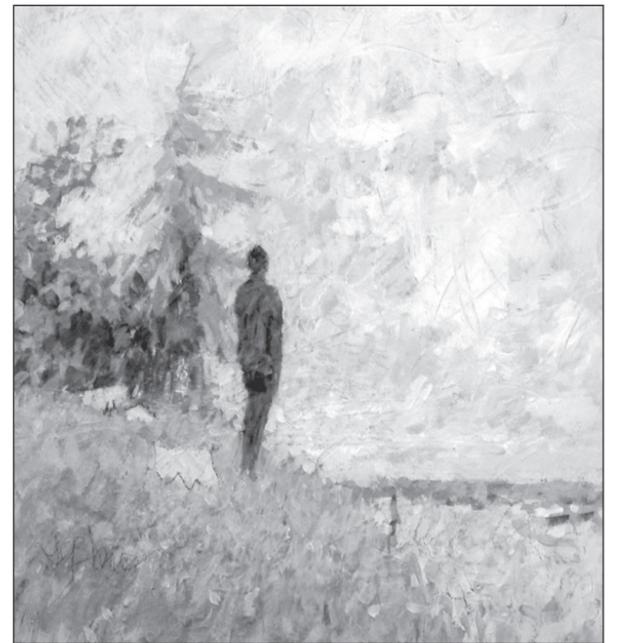
Friday, April 22, and will be on view until Saturday, May 28th. On Friday, May 20th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM the Harlow will hold a closing reception and awards ceremony, with live music by the Harlow Acoustic Jam Club. The Harlow invites the public to join us in celebrating the art + artists of Art2022!

Hélène Farrar, Harlow Board President states, "What an elegant show. It's quiet. And it feels that each piece is just starting to tell a story." This year's exhibit is rich with figures and abstracted landscapes. It seems that it represents the interest of this year's Juror Sean Alonzo Harris, who shares in his Artist Statement, "I'm genuinely curious about peoples' lives and the experiences that shape their world."

The following Artists and their hometowns are listed below:

- Angelique Luro, Kennebunkport
- Brandy Youland, Buxton
- Caroline Ridout, Pittston
- David Estey, Belfast
- Dean Mccrillis, South Portland
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- Miranda Dixon, Lewiston
- Nancy Nicol, Dresden
- Nikki Millonzi, Norway



John LeBlanc's 'Waiting at the Beachline' / Acrylic on Panel

Rabee A Kiwan, Portland
 Regan Emily Bell, Westbrook
 Rosalind Fedeli, York
 Sally Stanton, Northport
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Escape to the Movies

This movie news segment is sponsored by Flagship Premium Cinemas

MAINE (May 6, 2022) -- What draws us to the movies? For some it is the thrill, the soundtrack, and the stunts on the big screen. For others it's their fandoms and their celebrity crushes. For many though going to the movies is about escapism – leaving the world and forgetting about it for a couple hours. In this day and age, we need to escape more than ever. Watching movies at home just isn't the same; that pile of laundry staring you down and your phone or kids, a constant distraction. There is something magical about treating yourself to some popcorn,

silencing your cellphone and sitting in a dark theater to be totally engrossed in a new world. Whether you want to fly in the skies with Tom Cruise or live the lavish life at Downton Abbey, your local cinema is here to provide you a much needed escape.

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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. After more than 30 years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell is where he belongs, pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot and dodging the advancement in rank that would ground him.

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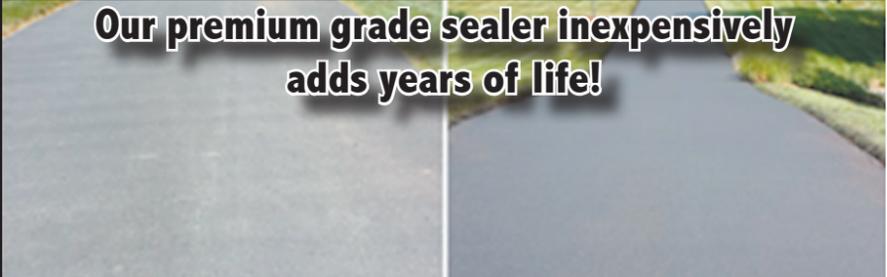
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Arts & Entertainment

Dyer Library and Saco Museum Offer Summer Activities

Boom, Bust, and Beauty: Commerce and Culture in Southern Maine, 1785-1835 May 28 - August 13

The Saco Museum presents Boom, Bust, and Beauty: Commerce and Culture in Southern Maine, 1785-1835. The early 19th century was an eventful time in southern Maine, a time when the boom times were alternating with the bad. The profitable lumber trade with the West Indies brought Maine ships laden with rum and molasses. Fine houses and fashionable goods flourished, but causes for celebration were tampered by the Embargo of 1807, the War of 1812, the "year without summer" of 1816, and other local disturbances. Using archival materials and rarely-seen objects from the museum's collection, Boom, Bust and Beauty will describe how these events affected the people of southern Maine.

Watercolor Classes with Judith Kinsman Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Watercolor classes have resumed! Beginners to advanced watercolor artists: bring your paints and materials to the Deering Room of the Dyer Library. Learn new techniques or practice old ones with famed Saco artist Judith Kinsman. These classes are available in 4-week sessions, \$70 per 4-week session. Individual class fees are also available. To register for classes, contact judithkinsman@gmail.com for more details.

Dyer Library Hallway Gallery Month of May

Maine artist Micheline E. Callahan is the featured artist this May. She studied at the Portland School of Fine and Applied Art (now MECA) and teaches drawing at the York County Senior Col-



lege. Her displayed works are both her originals and various studies of the Masters, including Vermeer, Botticelli, Van Gogh and more. If you would like to have your artwork featured at the Dyer Library, please contact Robert Dunn at rdunnjr@gmail.com for more information.

Guest Author Jennifer Dupree Tuesday, May 31, 6:30 p.m.

Author Jennifer Dupree will be visiting the Deering Room to discuss her novel, The Miraculous Flight of Owen Leach, a story about what it means to be a "good" mother

through the adventures of two alternating women. She will be joined by her author friend Kristine Delano from Saco, and together they will discuss the ins-and-outs of writing and publishing.

Dyer Library Book Club Wednesday, June 1, 4 p.m.

The next book up for discussion for the Dyer Library Book Club will be The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murphy, a historical-fiction novel about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, who as a

Black American woman was forced to hide her true identity. Contact Kat at the Front Desk for more details and a copy of the book to borrow (limited copies available).

Romp & Rhyme Story Time Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Join Ms. Cheryl for some songs, rhymes, dancing, and stories in the Deering Room!

Lego Club Challenges Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.

Come join the Lego Club Challenges held every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Deering Room! Legos are provided!

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Saco Bay Garden Club Plant Sale Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Saco Bay Garden Club Annual Plant Sale is back! Come to the Dyer Library/Saco Museum parking lot for a wide variety of perennials, annuals, succulents, gardening books and more!

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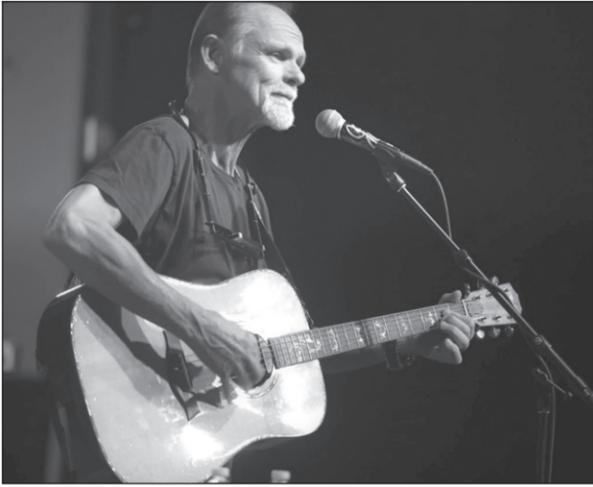
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CCAC Presents Upcoming Concerts



Jonathan Edwards

BATH, ME (May 4, 2022) – Chocolate Church Arts Center Presents Jonathan Edwards

The Chocolate Church Arts Center (CCAC), at 804 Washington Street in Bath, will present an evening with veteran singer-songwriter Jonathan Edwards on Friday, May 13.

Edwards' impressive repertoire of songs includes the anthemic "Sunshine (Go Away Today)," which resonated with thousands of frustrated and angry young people when it was first released in 1971, as well as classics like "Sometimes," "One Day Closer," "Don't Cry Blue," "Everybody Knows Her," and "Shanty."

Since 1971, Jonathan has released 15 albums, including Blue Ridge, his standard-setting collaboration with bluegrass favorites the Seldom Scene, and Little Hands, his collection of children's songs,

which was honored with a National Library Association award. Five decades into a stellar career of uncompromising musical integrity, Jonathan Edwards simply delivers, night after night – songs of passion, insight, and humor, all rendered in a pure and powerful tenor which has only grown sweeter with age.

An artist who measures his success by his ability to attract and take good care of an audience for over forty years, Edwards maintains that it is the feedback he receives after his shows that keeps him going, saying "It is really gratifying to hear someone say 'Your stuff has meant a lot to me over the years.'"

An Evening with Paula Cole. The Chocolate Church Arts Center (CCAC), at 804 Washington Street in Bath, will present an evening with GRAMMY-winning singer-songwriter Paula Cole

on Saturday, May 21.

With a musical catalog defined by honest and deeply personal lyrics carried by her powerful, radiant voice, Cole has a gift for discerning the underlying humanity in stories from her own life as well as those around her, and channeling those emotional elements into captivating music. In 1997, Cole received the GRAMMY award for Best New Artist and her album *This Fire* garnered seven nominations. That album included the timeless hits "Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?" and "I Don't Want to Wait" (later the theme song for hit TV series *Dawson's Creek*).

Along with winning Best New Artist in 1997, Cole was the first sole woman (without collaborators) nominated as Producer of the Year, and she has consistently used her voice "for women," she reflects. "Being a feminist has always informed my music. I do this for my great-grandmother, I do this for my mother, I do this for me, and I do this for my daughter, who I want to be a strong woman in the world."

Cole's latest album, *American Quilt*, interprets a selection of classic blues, jazz, folk, gospel, and pop songs – each of which provide an entry point for rediscovering America's interwoven cultural lineage. *American Quilt* follows 2019's ac-

claimed album of originals, *Revolution*, deemed by PopMatters as "an exceptional piece of work, a timely reminder of how soulful and perceptive a writer and singer Cole is and has always been."

Outdoor Concert with Lady Lamb.

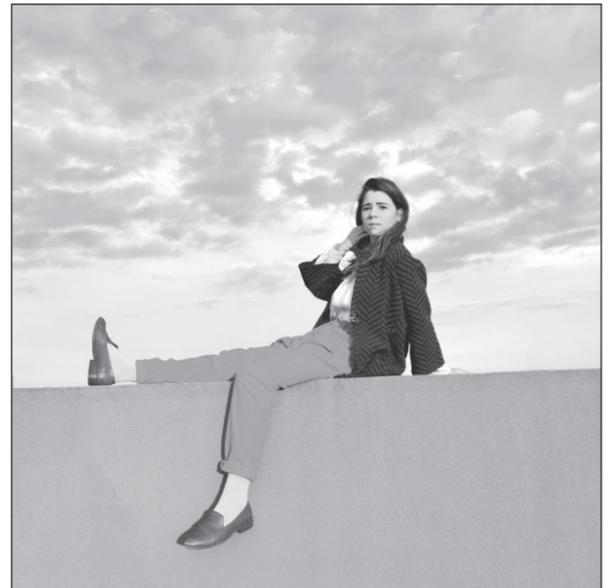
The Chocolate Church Arts Center (CCAC) will present a concert with the indie singer and songwriter Lady Lamb on Sunday May 22. The show will take place outdoors at the Maine Maritime Museum at 243 Washington Street in Bath.

Lady Lamb is the stage name used by Aly Spaltro, who began her songwriting career while living in Brunswick in the mid 2000's. It was there that, while working the closing shift at the local video store, Spaltro used the space as a makeshift, after-hours music studio. In 2010, she moved to Brooklyn, NY and was eventually approached by Ba Da Bing Records to record an album. In 2013, Ripely Pine became Lady Lamb's first nationally distributed release. The album earned enthusiastic reviews and led to extensive touring in the United States, Europe, and the United Kingdom.

She jumped to Mom + Pop Records for her next full-length album, 2015's *AFTER*, which landed on the Billboard rock, independent, and Heatseekers albums charts. She followed it in late



Paula Cole



Lady Lamb

2016 with the self-produced EP *Tender Warriors* Club, recorded at Kristian Matsson's home studio in Sweden. After much anticipation, her 3rd full-length LP, *Even in the Tremor*, was released on Ba Da Bing Records in April 2019 to critical acclaim.

Tickets for all Choc-

olate Church Arts Center events at are available for purchase at www.chocolatechurcharts.org, or by calling the box office at 207-442-8455. This all-ages show takes place outdoors and will not require attendees to provide proof of vaccination or negative COVID test.

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Registration for Great Maine Bike Swap in Gorham Opens

PORTLAND, ME (May 4, 2022) – Seller registration for the Great Maine Bike Swap at USM Gorham on June 12 has opened, the Bicycle Coalition of Maine announced Wednesday.

“After a successful Swap in Lewiston on April 24, we are happy to open registration for our second Swap of 2022,” BCM Event Manager Emily Lozeau said of the consignment-style sales event.

The upcoming Swap will be held inside the USM Field House on the University of Southern Maine campus in Gorham on Sunday, June 12. Sellers will need to register their bikes online between now and June 9, with bike drop-off set for Saturday, June 11.

There’s a \$5 per-bike fee for sellers, as well as a \$5 entrance fee for everyone age 12 and over, although USM students can attend for free. A 15% commission fee for every bike sold goes to the BCM. All fees and commissions are used just to cover the cost of the event, which is in no way a fundraiser, the Coalition says.

The Bike Swap was traditionally held on the USM Portland campus, but ongoing renovations to the Sullivan Gym have necessitated a move elsewhere. After a pandemic pause in 2020, the event temporarily moved to Kennedy Park in 2021, but the USM Office of Sustainability is once again partnering with the Coalition to hold this year’s

events. The Gorham location will ensure people in the Greater Portland area will still have a place nearby to buy road and mountain bicycles, as well as gravel bikes, kids bikes, hybrids, tandems, and more.

As per the COVID policies of both USM and the BCM, all attendees age 12 and over must show proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test administered by a testing provider within the last 48 hours. Additionally, all attendees are required to wear a mask inside USM buildings.

Visit bikemaine.org/events/bike-swap/ for more details, to register a bike for sale, or to sign up as a volunteer.



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GO MAINE Expands Push for Commuting Alternatives

MAINE STATE-WIDE (April 28, 2022) -- The GO MAINE state-wide ride-sharing program is expanding its push for environmentally friendly, green travel choices in its biggest, most robust initiative to date.

Previously focused on the work commute, the expanded GO MAINE program now has a broader vision, showcasing a variety of smarter, lower impact transportation choices for every trip Mainers make. Trip reduction strategies such as walking, biking, using public transportation, carpooling, and working from home help reduce vehicle-miles traveled, a key goal of the Maine Climate Council's Maine Won't Wait climate action plan.

To date, nearly 10,000 Mainers have signed up for the program and dozens of organizations have incorporated GO MAINE as part of their cultures.

In addition to continuing its signature, green commuting recruitment tools, GO MAINE is introducing several exciting, innovative programs for 2022. Those programs include:

- GO MAINE'S Access-Anywhere Online "Trip Planner"

GO MAINE members can access an interactive mobile app with a Trip Planner that can generate a list of green travel options for any route in Maine. A free resource for both daily commuters and anyone traveling in the state,

the Trip Planner provides details on carpools, vanpools, local transit, mass transit, Park & Ride options, designated bicycle routes, and more.

- New Employee Rewards and Incentive Programs to Benefit Employers

Dozens of Maine organizations have made GO MAINE an appealing aspect of their cultures, and the green commute program plans to recruit many more. GO MAINE now offers expanded employee outreach and reward programs with more incentives, prizes, monthly drawings, seasonal promotions, and employer outreach opportunities.

- Doubling Down on the Way•2•GO MAINE Challenge

Way•2•GO MAINE will be in May and October this year. GO MAINE's highly successful How Green Can You Go competition is now a twice-yearly event. Way•2•GO MAINE gives green commuters and employers a chance to up their alternative travel games; build their own company teams; and vie for incentives, prizes, and bragging rights. This year's top prizes include Maine State Park vehicle passes, a Lumos bike helmet, a National Parks interagency annual pass, and gift cards! Details on May's Way•2•GO MAINE happenings are coming soon.

With our current high gas prices, GO MAINE provides members a great opportunity to save mon-

ey. Those taking advantage of the program can also reap additional financial benefits through GO MAINE's reward system, earning reward points that add up to money-saving offers from local and national businesses, stores, and restaurants.

GO MAINE carpooling commuters also qualify for GO MAINE's Emergency Ride Home Benefit. In the event of a qualified emergency, GO MAINE covers the cost of a ride home from work, a special plus for businesses with participating employees.

"Whoever you are and wherever you're going in Maine, GO MAINE offers travel options that are a win for individuals, for organizations, and for

the environment," said Dale Doughty, Director of the Maine Department of Transportation's Bureau of Planning. "We'd like everyone to know that GO MAINE offers the greenest possible trip solution for you, no matter where you're headed, every day and every way."

GO MAINE is a program of the Maine Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority. All GO MAINE programs and services are free. More information on the GO MAINE program can be found at GoMaine.org. Organizations interested in organizing their own GO MAINE program are welcome to contact Emily Becker, Program Manager at emily@go-maine.org.

UUCB Concerts for a Cause: Paul Sullivan



BRUNSWICK, ME (April 19, 2022) -- Award-winning pianist and composer Paul Sullivan will perform live at the Brunswick UU Church for their Concerts for a Cause series on May 14, 2022 at 7:30 to raise money for this season's charities: Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program and the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

MASKING IS REQUIRED. MUST SHOW PROOF OF COVID VACCINES OR NEGATIVE TEST AT THE DOOR.

Paul Sullivan has enjoyed a richly varied and

distinguished career as a composer and a pianist. His music blends jazz, classical, and new age styles. As a soloist, with his trio, and as a member of the Paul Winter Consort, he has played concert tours in most of the United States and Europe, as well as the Middle East, Central America, and Asia. Sullivan has worked in some of New York's most prestigious jazz clubs as well and played with a wide variety of masters. His 18 CDs have sold over 300 thousand copies and have won 3 Indie Awards.

His music has been broadcast internationally,

as well as on all the major American networks, including National Public Radio. He received a Grammy Award for his work on the Paul Winter Consort CD, Silver Solstice. In the theater world, he has worked as a Musical Director, pianist, and conductor for many Off-Broadway and Broadway shows. Sullivan also received commissions to write two musicals, including "The Last Ferryman" for which he wrote both the music and lyrics. He has worked extensively in the Modern Dance world, playing piano for Merce Cunningham's classes, and writing music for the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall.

He has also enjoyed a long friendship with the Pilobolus Dance Theater, for whom he has written close to 20 scores. Add to that composing and playing music for films, corporate productions including the IBM Golden Circle Awards, and a very happy three-year stint as the Music Teacher at the Brooklin Maine Elementary, and you get the picture: A long, lovely, lucky career, which shows no signs of stopping.

For the May 14th Concert, Paul will be playing a mix of original music from his CD's, some new compositions he has been working on, some favorites from the American Songbook, and some Chopin.

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cation classroom at Gorham High School in a Workplace Learning Experience. These students are applying

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Over 25 Maine Churches Hosting Special Rosary Gatherings

PORTLAND, ME (May 3, 2022)—During the month of May, in honor of Mary, the Mother of God, Maine churches are planning special gatherings, processions, and events centered on praying the Rosary.

On May 13, 1917, three shepherd children named Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco saw a vision of the Blessed Mother in Fatima, Portugal. They looked up to see, in Lucia's words, "A lady, clothed in white, brighter than the sun." The woman was holding a rosary and said to the children, "Do not be afraid, I will not harm you. I come from heaven." Mary appeared to the children monthly, a total of six times, bringing a message of prayer, penance, and reparation. She urged them to pray the rosary every day to bring peace to the world and an end to war.

In alphabetical order, here is a list of the Rosary gatherings planned throughout May. Up-

dates and additions will be made to the list in the Month of Mary web section (www.portlanddiocese.org/content/celebrating-month-mary).

Augusta -- St. Monica Chapel, 5 Kendall Street
The Rosary will be prayed on Mondays at 6 p.m.

Bangor -- St. John Church, 217 York Street

The Rosary will be prayed following the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Friday, May 6, Monday, May 9, and Monday, May 13, which is the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima.

Bangor -- St. Mary Church, 768 Ohio Street

The Rosary will be prayed on Friday, May 13, on the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Biddeford-- St. Joseph Church, 178 Elm Street

The Rosary will be prayed in St. Anne's Chapel each night at 6 p.m. (with the exception of Tuesdays when it is prayed in Saco).

Bridgton -- St. Joseph Church, 225 South High Street

The Rosary will be prayed on Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Brunswick -- Brunswick Mall on Maine Street
All Saints Parish will host a Rosary Rally in the gazebo on Saturday, May 14, at noon. All are welcome.

Fort Fairfield -- St. Denis Church, 147 Main Street

The Rosary will be prayed on Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

Fort Kent -- St. Louis Church, 26 East Main Street

A special devotion to Mary on Sunday, May 15, will include a live Rosary dedicated to the oppressed people of the world and for people's special intentions. The Rosary is also prayed at the church prior to Wednesday 7 a.m. and Saturday 4 p.m. Masses.

Gorham -- St. Anne Church, 299 Main Street
A Rosary Rally will

be held outside St. Anne Church on Saturday, May 7. The celebration will begin with Mass at 11 a.m. in the church, followed by the rally at noon, and then fellowship time. The rally is sponsored by Maine Needs Fatima.

Island Falls -- St. Agnes Church, 76 Sewall Street

The Rosary will be prayed at the church on Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Kittery -- St. Raphael Church, 6 Whipple Road

The Rosary will be prayed on Fridays after 9 a.m. Mass

Lewiston -- Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, 122 Ash Street

The Rosary will be prayed on Mondays through Fridays at 6:25 a.m. and on Saturdays at 7:45 a.m.

Lisbon Falls -- Holy Trinity Church, 67 Frost Hill Avenue

The Rosary will be prayed on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

North Caribou -- Sa-

cred Heart Church, 1143 Van Buren Road

The Rosary will be prayed on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Norway -- St. Catherine of Sienna Church, 32 Paris Street

The Rosary will be prayed on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.

Oquossoc -- Our Lady of the Lakes Church, 43 Rangeley Avenue

The Rosary will be prayed at the Mary Shrine at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Peaks Island -- St. Christopher Church, 15 Central Avenue

The Rosary will be prayed outdoors on Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m.

Portage -- Our Lady of the Lake Church, 2111 Portage Road (Rt. 11)

The Rosary will be prayed on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Portland -- Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 307 Congress Street

A Rosary Rally will be held on the lawn of the cathedral on Saturday, May 14, at noon. In the event of rain, the gathering will be held in the chapel.

Presque Isle -- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 333 Main Street

The Rosary will be prayed on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.

Rumford -- St. Athanasius & St. John Church, 126 Maine Avenue

The Rosary is prayed daily at 7:30 a.m., prior to the 8:15 a.m. Mass

Saco -- Most Holy Trinity Church, 271 Main

Street
The Rosary will be prayed on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Sanford -- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 912 Main Street

Join in praying the Rosary prior to the Saturday 6 p.m. Mass.

Sanford -- Holy Family Church, 66 North Avenue

A Rosary procession will be held on Sunday, May 15, at 11 a.m., following the 10 a.m. Mass. A reception will follow.

South Berwick -- Our Lady of the Angels Church, 162 Agamenticus Road

The Rosary will be prayed Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

South Portland -- Holy Cross Church, 124 Cottage Road

The Rosary will be prayed on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., followed by adoration.

Van Buren -- St. Bruno-St. Remi Church, 174 Main Street

The Rosary will be recited daily at noon in the parking lot of St. Bruno - St. Remi Church by the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Waterville -- Notre Dame du Perpetuel Secours Church, 116 Silver Street

All are invited to join in praying the Rosary on Mondays at 11:30 a.m., prior to the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

Winthrop -- St. Francis Xavier Church, 130 Route 133

The Rosary will be prayed Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m.

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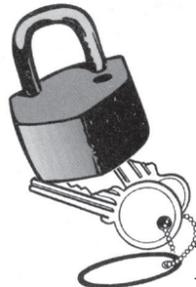
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LEWISTON -- 1st & 3rd Thursdays from April-June, 4-6pm at the Lewiston Public Library: **TEEN TABLETOP RPGS.** Calling all adventurers and explorers! LPL Teen will be hosting a series of one-shot tabletop role-playing games, in person in the teen lounge on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 4-6pm, from April-June. Supplies will be provided – just bring yourself and your creative mind! Each drop in session will feature a different one-shot tabletop RPG, run by game master Hallie. No previous RPG experience is required. This program is intended for teens ages 13-19. For more information, contact the Adult & Teen Services department at 207-513-3135 or lpref@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 13
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Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

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May 14
May Dance at Minot Ave VFW. 7-11 pm. No cover. Live music w/ Arron C. Money & raffle prizes. Snacks w/Old Goat & His Lady dips. Come have some fun. Dance the night away!!!

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 available. We will then disperse to clean our own neighborhoods, leaving the bags at curbside for the regular pickup day. Sponsored by the newly formed AARP Aging in Buxton Team. Spread the news and bring a friend!! aginginbuxton@gmail.com for details.

May 20
GREENE -- Alan Elze presents "Lincoln Highway" on Friday, May 20th at 2 & 7 PM. The Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Road, Greene. Free admission! FMI call 946-5311, visit sawyer-foundation.com or

www.facebook.com/sawyer.foundation1937

May 28
GRAY -- Dine In Supper - First Congregational Church of Gray, Saturday, May 28, 5:00 at the Parish House, 5 Brown Street, Gray. Handicapped accessible. You MUST make reservations in advance. Contact Carol at 650-9093 and let her know your name, phone

number, and how many in your party. We are accepting only 50 Reservations! Cut off for reservations will be Wednesday, May 25 at 2:00 P. M. The Menu includes: Baked Pea Beans, 2 Red Hot Dogs, Biscuit, Limited Casseroles and Salads, Assortment of Desserts, and Beverages. Meals are single-sized and are \$10.00. Please pay at the door.

June 1
AUBURN -- Grand Opening of a second An Angel's Wing - Second Chance Thrift Shop Boutique, located in the Auburn Mall (across from Bath & Body Works, in the old leather shop) on June 1. An Angel's Wing is a 501(c)3 - We earn money to help those who are ready for detox, rehab, sober living, for their families, and for anyone who is affected by Substance Use Disorder. An Angel's Wing believe that everyone deserves the chance to Live, Learn and Recover. Deb York began An Angel's Wing in 2017 and has been helping our

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strongly support such laws.

79% of Mainers support the 2021 Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging law and believe that corporations that create product packaging should be responsible for its recycling and disposal costs.

75% of Maine voters would support actions to encourage solar electric facilities in their communities, with almost half strongly supporting such actions. Two out of three Mainers believe that global warming will negatively impact the state within the next ten years, compared to roughly four out of ten in 2018.

72% of Mainers support additional funding to make community streets safer for children, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Four

out of ten strongly support these actions, which can help reduce air pollution by eliminating car trips.

In the past two years, the Maine Legislature enacted ambitious greenhouse gas reduction requirements; expanded solar energy sources; and cracked down on plastic pollution by restricting single-use plastic bags and foam food containers and requiring more recycled content in plastic beverage containers. Maine was the first state in the nation to pass an Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging law to shift the cost for disposing of wasteful packaging away from taxpayers to large corporations and manufacturers.

"This poll demonstrates that Maine people continue to place a high priority on protecting the natural resources that make our state such a special place to live, work, and visit," said Pohlmann.

Northeast Bank Donates \$10,000 to Good Shepherd Food Bank



From left to right: Matt Powell, Good Shepherd Food Bank; Allison Coombs, Marketing Manager, Northeast Bank; Ethan Minton, Major Gift Officer, Good Shepherd Food Bank; and Heidi Jacques, Senior Vice President, Director of Human Resources, Northeast Bank. Photo Credit: Rune Ravenwolf, Good Shepherd Food Bank

Lewiston, ME -- **January 7, 2022** Northeast Bank announced today a \$10,000 donation to support Good Shepherd Food Bank. The Bank's donation will provide approximately 30,000 meals to help eliminate hunger in Maine.

"We are proud to support the Good Shepherd Food Bank and its mission to improve access to nutritious food for Mainers in need," said Heidi Jacques, Senior

Vice President, Director of Human Resources at Northeast Bank. "In this unique time we are all living through, our employees were excited to give back through our virtual food drive. We also look forward to volunteering again in the near future."

The donation makes Northeast Bank a Guiding Partner corporate donor and illustrates the Bank's commitment to improving the communities it serves.

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TOA Announces Pre-Game Event to Support Mainers

SOUTH PORTLAND, ME (May 6, 2022) – The Opportunity Alliance (TOA), a local community nonprofit, in partnership with the Portland Sea Dogs, announces a new and exciting event called Community Cares Game Day to support the 55 programs they offer to care for vulnerable Maine families all year long. Slated for May 22nd, 2022, this event will provide an afternoon of fun

for all ages. Community Cares Game Day will include: a pregame on-field ceremony recognizing some key partners and community members, an all-you-can-eat buffet lunch of classic ballpark fare, opportunities to meet and get autographs from Slugger, Kids Creation Station including games, crafts, a balloon artist, and face painting, a silent auction with lots of family-friendly items and



baseball memorabilia, and the opportunity for kids 12 and under to RUN THE BASES at the end of the game!

Joe Everett, TOA's President and CEO

shares, "After two long years of a pandemic this event is a much-needed opportunity for our community to gather and celebrate with a day of fun. It's also a crucial

fundraiser that will empower our programs and the essential services we provide to Maine's most vulnerable. The Sea Dogs have always been a great partner of The Opportunity Alliance and we can't wait to see everyone at the game."

Community Cares Day will be a great day of fun for attendees and provide vital support to TOA programs, including those that support the

youngest at-risk Mainers and their families such as visiting services for pregnant women and infants, childcare and Head Start classrooms, mental health support for children, parent education, WIC, and Homeless Youth Services.

For more information and tickets to this family-friendly event, visit TOA's website, follow our event page on Facebook, or contact Connor Archibald.

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New Homeowner Assistance Program

On Thursday, May 5, Governor Janet Mills, U.S. Senator Angus King, and Representative Chellie Pingree announced a new \$50 million Homeowner Assistance Fund through the Maine Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection, to provide direct relief to Maine homeowners at risk of losing their homes because of hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Homeowners can apply for up to \$25,000 in mortgage benefits, including up to \$15,000 in property tax assistance and \$10,000 in utility payment relief.
- To be eligible for assistance, homeowners must be below certain income limits, own and occupy a 1 to 4-unit dwelling in Maine, and have experienced a COVID-19 related financial hardship after January 21, 2020.

Learn more:
www.Maine.gov/HomeAssist

Tractor Supply Unveils Major Remodel at Lewiston Store

LEWISTON, ME (April 20, 2022) – Tractor Supply announced today the completion of an exciting remodel of the entire store at the Lewiston location that will transform the shopping experience for local customers.

The enhanced store features an improved layout for convenient and accessible shopping as well as a new Customer Service Hub with upgraded digital tools to help customers find what they need. Additionally, customers can now shop from an expanded assortment of apparel, tools, hardware, pet food, animal feed and more.

"At Tractor Supply, we constantly work to improve the customer experience, from product offerings to in-store features. These

exciting upgrades have completely transformed our store, making it an even better option for customers shopping for Life Out Here," said James Foote, manager of the Lewiston Tractor Supply store. "We are excited for customers to visit our new space that now features more products than ever before, including our new apparel department, expanded feed and food selection and broader tool assortment. We know that customers will love these upgrades as much as we do, and we hope to share them with both familiar and new faces from the Lewiston community."

With these enhancements, the Lewiston Tractor Supply continues to serve the needs of homeowners,

livestock and pet owners, gardeners, hobby farmers, ranchers, tradesmen and others. Tractor Supply customers can shop from a wide range of products including workwear and boots, equine and pet supplies, zero turns and riding mowers, pet food, lawn and garden supplies, power tools, fencing, welding and more.

The Lewiston Tractor Supply store, at 1619 Lisbon St, keeps regular business hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. To learn more about Tractor Supply Company, visit TractorSupply.com. For information on Tractor Supply's Neighbor's Club loyalty program, please visit NeighborsClub.com.

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