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YWCA & Lewiston Partner to Open Kennedy Park Pool

LEWISTON, ME (June 6, 2022) -- Lewiston's Kennedy Park will be the site of water fun in the sun this summer due to the YWCA Central Maine partnering with the City of Lewiston to open the Kennedy Park pool and splash pad.

YWCA Central Maine's involvement in staffing Kennedy Park Pool has been vitally instrumental, as Lewiston Recreation has been navigating the national lifeguard shortage, while also working to re-build an aquatics program that has been closed for two seasons.

Nicole Welch, Lewiston Recreation Director, notes, "YWCA's involvement will ensure that our community will have access to a safe and healthy summer activity. Access to recreation facilities and outdoor spaces are essential building blocks for our growing youth and are important for their physical and mental well-being as a whole. We are looking forward to working with the YWCA this summer and are looking forward to partnering with them for future programs."

Mayor Carl Sheline adds, "This is wonderful news! I am grateful to the YWCA Central Maine for their partnership with Lewiston Rec. The youth of our community are the winners in this partnership, and I am look forward to additional collaborative efforts community-wide."

The Kennedy Park Pool will be open Wednesday - Friday from June 29 - August 19, with hours still to be determined.

Lewiston families and residents will be able to register for a FREE 2022 Kennedy Park pool membership beginning the week of June 13th. Membership forms will be available at www.lewistonrecreation.com and at the Lewiston Recreation Department, 65 Central Avenue, located at the Lewiston Armory. Inquiries may be directed to Lewiston Recreation at 207-513-3005.

Five Guys Opens Newest Maine Location in Auburn



LEWISTON, ME (June 9, 2022) — Five Guys has announced the opening of its newest Maine restaurant in Auburn, located at 223 Center Street. It officially opened to the public at 11:00am on Monday, June 6, 2022.

Five Guys will be open seven days a week from 11:00am to 10:00pm and will employ approximately 50 crew members all hired from the greater Auburn and Lewiston communities. The restaurant features plenty of comfortable seating and a welcoming environment for guests to enjoy Five Guys'

famous high-quality burgers, fries, hotdogs, and milkshakes. Guests will be able to take advantage of its new state of the art mobile pickup window, slated to open to customers later in the month of June. Guests can take advantage of a variety of delivery and pickup options by visiting: <https://restaurants.fiveguys.com/223-center-st>

Five Guys hosted its grand opening ceremony on Wednesday June 8, 2022 at 10:30am, and welcomed the mayor and other local dignitaries. "We are so excited to welcome the first Five Guys to the city

of Auburn. It's great to see a new business opening in the city, and it's even better because it's one of my favorite spots to eat!" said Mayor Jason J. Levesque.

Auburn will be home to Five Guys' second mobile pick-up location in New England and first in Maine. This offers customers a safe, convenient option to enjoy the fresh food for which Five Guys is known.

"Five Guys is thrilled to officially open in the Auburn community and provide our guests the option of fresh beef patties, hand cut fries, unlimited free toppings, and genuine hand spun shakes" said Greg Vasey and Jody Goehring, the local Five Guys Franchisees. "Five Guys' passion for food is shared with our fans, which is why we never compromise."

What to expect: "Fresh ingredients, hand prepared that bring your craving to life."

Bailey Library to Host Shenna Bellows June 22nd

WINTHROP, ME (June 6, 2022) – Secretary of State Shenna Bellows will give a talk at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22 at the Bailey Library in downtown Winthrop. The event will kick off the 13th Annual Summer Speaker Series hosted by the Bailey Library.

The presentation will focus on the importance of literacy, reading, and community; how to spot scams and misleading solicitations; and information regarding the upcoming election.

Shenna Bellows lives in Manchester and grew up in Ellsworth. She earned



a B.A. in International Politics and Economics from Middlebury College in Vermont, where she spent a semester in Costa Rica. While in Costa Rica she started a Junior Achievement chapter at a high school in Panama that promotes economic and educational opportunities for women and girls.

After college Bellows served as an AmeriCorps volunteer, working to promote educational and economic empowerment for youths in Nashville's largest public housing project.

Bellows is the former executive director of the Holocaust and Human Rights

Center of Maine and LearningWorks in Portland. She also ran Bellows & Company, a communications consulting firm.

After representing District 14 in the Maine Senate, she was selected by the State Legislature to serve as Maine's Secretary of State. She's the 50th person—and the first woman—to serve as Maine's Secretary of State, a role that involves overseeing state elections as well as the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Maine State Archives.

For more information, call the Bailey Library at 377-8673, or visit: www.bailey-library.org.

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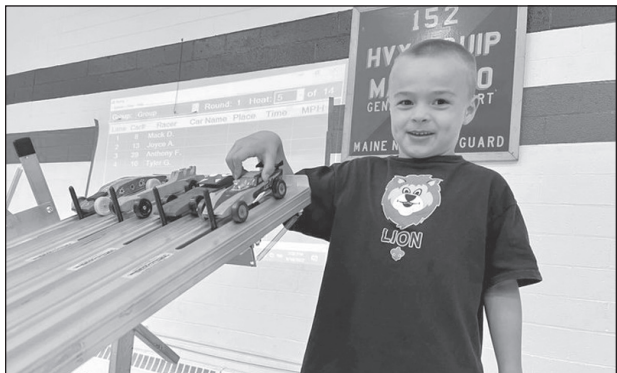
Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Scouting Honors Healthcare Workers

AUGUSTA, ME (May 24, 2022) -- Since the Coronavirus pandemic began in 2020, Maine has recorded 259,058 cases of COVID-19 and sadly 2,343 deaths. Doctors, nurses and other healthcare providers have been on the frontline of the fight



Chuck Hayes of MaineGeneral addresses the audience to thank the Scouts and share his appreciation to all of those who have struggled during the pandemic.



During the event, Scouts -including Mack Demers seen here of Augusta Cub Scout Pack 603, leaders and healthcare workers took part in a Pinewood Derby which is a traditional Cub Scout event. Prizes were awarded to the runners of the fastest cars. Mack is the son of Josh and Tiffany Demers of Windsor.

even as another variant has brought a new surge of cases to our state. The Scouts of Kennebec Valley District recently showed their appreciation to the healthcare workers during the annual Distinguished Leadership Reception.

Kennebec Valley District-- which is part of Pine Tree Council and serves youth in Kennebec, Somerset, Franklin, Lincoln and Knox Counties-- annually recognizes a business or other leader for their "Good Deeds" to the community. This year, the Scouts honored the employees of MaineGeneral and all those who work to keep us healthy.

Event Chairman Roger Pomerleau presented the award to Chuck Hayes, President and CEO of MaineGeneral Health during the event at the Augusta Armory on May 18. "Courage, dedication, determination, sacrifice, empathy, loyalty are just some of the words that describe the health care workers of Kennebec Valley," Pomerleau said from the stage which was turned into a campsite with tents, chairs and a fire pit. "It took tremendous teamwork at every job at every

level in healthcare delivery to meet the unprecedented demands of the pandemic. Tonight, the Scouts want to say thanks and declare that we never want to take your efforts for granted. The residents of the Kennebec Valley area are privileged to have such a quality of healthcare provided by such a dedicated workforce."

During the evening, staff from MaineGeneral and other medical providers joined Scouts and Scouters to race Pinewood Derby cars and share fellowship over dinner that had been prepared by area Scouting volunteers led by Tammy Smith of Winthrop and Joe Poulin of Oakland.

"It is fitting for a program like Scouting, which "builds" leaders, to celebrate the leaders of our community," said Pine Tree Council Scout Executive Matt Klutzaritz. "The opportunity to celebrate the return of this event, which had been on hold during the pandemic, and honor those community leaders who worked so tirelessly throughout an unprecedented event, is truly a reason to celebrate."



Roger Pomerleau presents the Distinguished Leadership Award to Chuck Hayes for all healthcare workers



Pine Tree Scout Executive Matt Klutzaritz said that Maine's healthcare workers have lived up to the Scouting Motto "Be Prepared" and the part of the Scout Oath that encourages Scouts to "Help Other People at All Times."

AARP Announces Recipients for Maine State Walking College

PORTLAND, ME (May 13, 2022) -- AARP Maine today announced the names of 12 local advocates who have received fellowships to participate in the inaugural Maine State Walking College.

The Maine State Walking College program is presented in partnership with AARP Livable Communities and America Walks, a national education and advocacy organization which works to advance

safe, equitable, accessible, and enjoyable places to walk and move by giving people and communities the resources to effectively advocate for change.

"We are delighted to welcome this group of passionate community leaders, who are working to improve walkability and livability in communities throughout the state," said Noël Bonam, AARP Maine State Director. "The fellows represent a range

of backgrounds and experiences, including health and wellness, traffic engineering, economic development, and education."

The 2022 Maine State Walking College fellows are:

- Paul Armstrong, Palermo
- Anne Ball, Hallowell
- Christine Bartkowiak, Portland
- John Bastey, Hallowell
- Catherine Cooper,

Brunswick

Anthony Donovan, Portland

Dawn Gordon, Augusta

Michael Hall, Augusta

Charley LaFlamme, Ogunquit

Pat Pinto, Portland

Barbara Riddle-Dvorak, Millinocket

Duane Scott, Augusta

The following Maine State Walking College mentors have been appointed to provide coaching and facilitate discussion groups: Kirsten Brewer, Climate Corps Coordinator, Volunteer Maine; Jean

Sideris, Executive Director, Bicycle Coalition of Maine; Cary Tyson, Executive Director, Portland Downtown.

For more information about the 2022 Maine State Walking College fellows and mentors, please visit <https://states.aarp.org/maine/2022-walking-college-launch>.

The Walking College curriculum has been designed to expand the capacity of local advocates to be effective community change agents. Fellows will complete a six-module distance-education program this summer, covering the

science behind the benefits of walking, evaluation of built environments, as well as communication skills and building relationships with decision makers. At the end of the course, each fellow will develop an individual walking action plan for their community.

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

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

Auburn Savings Employees Donate \$1000 to Local Organizations

AUBURN, MAINE (June 7, 2022)—Auburn Savings bank employees Sherri Vaughan and Julia Rathbun each chose to donate \$500 of awarded funds as winners of the bank’s “U Make Us Better” employee recognition program to local organizations Canton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice.

The donated funds are awarded quarterly as part of the bank’s “U Make

Us Better” program created by Auburn Savings bank to honor employees who go above and beyond in their work and display a commitment to our community. Recognized employees get to choose the organization that funds are donated to.

“I am a member of both the fire department as their secretary and the Auxiliary as their treasurer. My husband and son are both members of the department,” said



Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice Development & Community Relations Manager Jillian Netherland accepts a five hundred dollar donation from Auburn Savings bank, represented by Julia Rathbun.

Vaughan. “Small volunteer departments need help, both financially and with personnel. This donation helps them purchase things that are important but not required without affecting their operating budget.”

The donation to the Canton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is planned to be used to purchase signs to alert drivers approaching emergency scenes. Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice plans to use the funds

to support their mission. “Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice is grateful for the ongoing support from our community,” said Executive Director Ken Albert. “Thanks to the kindness and generosity of partners like Auburn Savings Bank, we are able to continue our mission of enhancing quality of life by providing innovative and compassionate medical care for all—regardless of ability to pay.”

CMCC Welcomes New Dean of Academic Affairs



AUBURN, ME (June 7, 2022) -- Central Maine Community College is pleased to announce that Dr. Jennifer Jefferson has joined the College as the new dean of academic affairs. In this position, Jefferson serves as the chief academic officer, oversee-

ing all academic programs. Jefferson comes to CMCC with nearly twenty years of higher education experience. She recently served as interim vice president of academic affairs for Manchester Community College in New Hampshire. Before that,

Jefferson was a longtime English professor, having taught at Northeastern University, Bentley University, Endicott College, and University of New Hampshire Manchester. She has directed the writing center at Endicott College and the learning centers at UNH Manchester and MassBay Community College. In addition to her extensive teaching experience, Jefferson is also a published author who has written about writing center theo-

ry and practice, women in higher education leadership and diversity and lifelong learning.

Jefferson holds a bachelor of arts in English literature from Hamilton College, a master of arts in English from Northeastern University and a doctorate of education in educational leadership in higher education from Endicott College.

“Dr. Jefferson is an impactful and experienced leader who will bring a focused and collaborative

approach to her role,” said Dr. Betsy Libby, president of Central Maine Community College. “Her extensive leadership experience and commitment to lifelong learning will benefit all areas of the College.”

“I’m very excited to be joining such a warm, welcoming community college with an excellent reputation for serving students and community needs,” Jefferson said. “I look forward to working closely with students, fac-

ulty, staff, and the larger Central Maine community.”

When she is not working, Jefferson enjoys exploring the area’s hiking trails with her husband.

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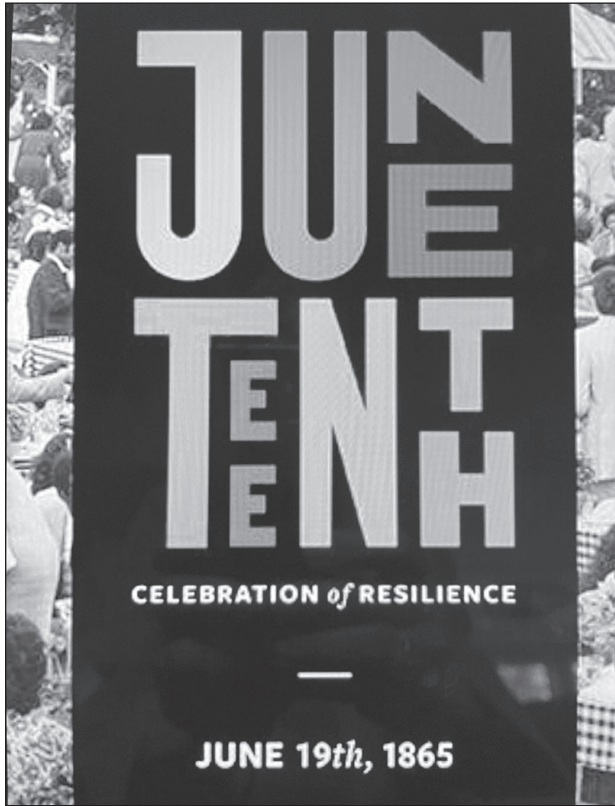
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Wiscasset Celebrates Its First Juneteenth



To celebrate the first state and national Juneteenth holiday, Wiscasset residents will host a picnic on Wiscasset Common on June 19 from 1-3pm. Bring a picnic and a family story to share.

WICASSET, ME (June 10, 2022) -- Wiscasset residents will be commemorating their first Juneteenth on Wiscasset's Common, Sunday, June 19, from 1 to 3pm, with an informal BYO picnic, music, and storytelling. In the tradition of Juneteenth celebrations around the coun-

try, it's a day of sharing stories and food, embracing loved ones, and never forgetting that the price of freedom is high and dear. Juneteenth began in 1866, a year after federal troops marched into Galveston, Texas, announcing that all enslaved people were free. This was more

than two years after Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared that slaves in Confederate states would be free. The day became a 'Jubilee Day' of celebration by newly freed African Americans in Texas and, with migration, was quickly embraced in other states.

Juneteenth is now celebrated throughout the U.S. with family gatherings, prayer, music, and remembrance of the hard fought struggle for emancipation. In Maine, Juneteenth became an official state holiday in 2021, the same year the U.S. designated the day, June 19, a federal holiday. Both holidays are being celebrated in 2022 for the first time.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Common and celebrate our shared humanity together. Wiscasset Juneteenth attendees are encouraged to bring stories about heritage, pivotal moments, personal history, lost loved ones, new births, and whatever makes your heart full and for which you are grateful.

For more information, call 617-974-7720 or email to ludroby@verizon.net

Maine DOE Awards \$2.5 Million to Support Education Innovation

AUGUSTA, ME (June 9, 2022)—The Maine Department of Education (DOE) today awarded \$2.5 million in Rethinking Responsive Education Ventures (RREV) funding to support education innovation in twelve school administrative units (SAUs) across Maine. These funds will be used to support educational research and design projects focused on alternative education strategies, interdisciplinary/experiential learning, environmental stewardship, Wabanaki culture and heritage, outdoor education, and internship opportunities, as well as supporting unique approaches to remote learning.

Awardees for this third round of RREV funding include Lee Academy, Brunswick, Kennebunk in RSU 21, Maine Indian Education, Bath in RSU 1, Brewer, Belfast in RSU 71, MSAD 6 - Bonny Eagle, Bucksport in RSU 25, Falmouth, Searsport in RSU 20, and Kittery. The first round of RREV investments were made last fall, a second round in March, and total RREV investments now near \$6 million.

"RREV investments help fuel educational research and design and the innovation and creativity of Maine educators," said Education Commissioner Pender Makin. "We're excited to invest in these educator-led efforts to deep-

en student engagement through interdisciplinary learning, expand learning beyond the traditional classroom to include the outdoors and environmental stewardship, explore Wabanaki culture and heritage, expand alternative education strategies, and allow students to explore career paths that fuel their passions."

The Maine DOE was awarded \$16.9 million from the U.S. Department of Education's Rethink K-12 Education Models Funding. As one of 11 States to receive funding, Maine created RREV to support the work of visionary educators to develop innovative pilot programs around remote and outside of the classroom learning, including professional development and pilot design classes. Courses in innovative design process are available through several of Maine's public and private universities at no cost to Maine educators who wish to participate. In addition to the innovative pilot development classes, the Department is also offering asynchronous, innovative principles webinars which are available to all educators in self-paced, independent modules.

"RREV has not only helped us to reinvent how we deliver instruction but how we look at changing education as a whole," said Renita Ward-Downer, Director of Instruction in

Brewer.

"Maine Indian Education's RREV pilot project will allow us to build a connected and immersive, community-based middle school experience that empowers students to always put first their Wabanaki knowledge," said Beth Clifford, Curriculum Coordinator for Maine Indian Education. "We are eager to develop place-based and project-based educational experiences that connect learning and communities to increase student engagement and academic outcomes, promote partnerships and collaboration, and deepen our understanding of the world around us. Wabanaki history, culture and life will be a core element of programming."

For more information on how to get involved in RREV and to learn more about the pilots, visit <https://www.maine.gov/doe/rrev>. View the map of all RREV recipients.

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Notice of Guardianship Hearing

Notice is hereby given that on July 11, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. the County Court of Phelps County, Nebraska will consider a Motion for Appointment of Guardian of Dezirae Hardin.

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Acadia Wilderness Lodge Opens for Inaugural Season

TREMONT, ME (May 20, 2022) – Acadia Wilderness Lodge officially opened for the season Thursday morning, with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours of the grounds.

“This day has been a long time coming,” said Kenya Hopkins, who owns Acadia Wilderness Lodge with her husband, James. “This idea hatched about five years ago, and we’re so excited to be open and ready for guests.”

The 2-acre resort includes 8 yurts, all of which are named and themed after elements associated with nature. The yurts have two bedrooms, a kitchen with a full size refrigerator, a living room space with a smart TV and gas fireplace, and individual outdoor cooking and seating areas with a gas grill and outdoor fireplace. There is also a full bathroom in each yurt, complete with luxury soaking tubs, and aromatherapy, hydrotherapy, and relaxation therapy products available. The village itself includes a community fire pit for guests at the lodge; a game area with ping pong, cornhole and other fun games; an apple orchard and a garden with fresh herbs.

“This is a unique place because our focus is



A living room space is seen inside one of the eight yurts at Acadia Wilderness Lodge in Tremont. Each yurt contains a gas fireplace, smart TV, two bedrooms, a kitchen with a full size refrigerator, a spa-style bathroom, and individual outdoor cooking space and seating. (5.19.2022)



One of two bedrooms is seen inside one of the eight yurts at Acadia Wilderness Lodge in Tremont. Each yurt contains a bedroom with twin beds, and the second bedroom has a King-size bed. The yurts also include a kitchen with a full size refrigerator, a spa-style bathroom, and individual outdoor cooking space and seating. (5.19.2022)

connecting wellness with the wilderness,” said Hopkins. “When people come to Maine, many of them



The community fire pit in the village center at Acadia Wilderness Lodge in Tremont is lit on the day of the ribbon cutting. Two of the eight yurts that make up the village are seen in the background, behind the sitting area. (5.19.2022)



Kenya Hopkins, who owns Acadia Wilderness Lodge with her husband James, thanks the community and partners for their support before cutting the ribbon on the 8-yurt village in Tremont. (5.19.2022)

want to experience nature. Acadia Wilderness Lodge offers that opportunity to do so comfortably, and

to be in one of the most beautiful areas in the entire world, but not in the thick of the hustle and bustle of it all. We’re minutes from Acadia National Park, and have access to gorgeous hiking trails nearby. We’re excited for all of the relaxation, fun, and memories our first season will bring.”

Hopkins says that the focus of Acadia Wilderness Lodge is wellness, connectivity, and nature. She feels that Tremont is an ideal place where visitors from near and far can connect with nature.

“Tremont is a very special part of Mount Desert Island,” said Hopkins. “The town has been great, and we are being very respectful of the natural beauty and elements of this space.”

Machias Savings Bank, Eastern Maine Development Corporation, and the Maine Small Business Development Corporation worked with Acadia Wilderness Lodge on financing. The Acadia Wilderness Lodge website has been actively taking reservations for the summer season at www.AcadiaWildernessLodge.com. Acadia Wilderness Lodge plans to remain open for the season through at least October.

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Arts & Entertainment

CCAC Presents Outdoor Concerts from David Mallett & Mount Eerie



BATH, ME (June 6, 2022) -- The Chocolate Church Arts Center (CCAC) will present two outdoor concerts in June on the shipyard at the Maine Maritime Museum at 243 Washington Street in Bath.

er-songwriter David Mallett will perform. In a career spanning four decades, Mallett has recorded 17 albums, and has written the classic American folk song "Garden Song (Inch by Inch, Row by Row)." Mallett has performed in clubs, concert halls and festivals across the US, Canada and Europe, and has appeared on numerous broadcasts, including NPR's A Prairie Home Companion. Known for his carefully written, poetic offerings, his body of work has provided material for an eclectic list of artists that includes Alison Krauss, Pete Seeger, Hal Ketchum, Emmylou Harris, John Denver, and the Muppets.

On June 18, singing with Phil Elverum, who has released critical-

ly acclaimed music both as Mount Eerie and as The Microphones. Elverum, who hails from the Pacific Northwest town of Anacortes, is known best for his stunningly original and emotionally resonant music, from early tape experiments in the 1990's to the immersive "sound-diary" sound of The Microphones. His recordings represent just a portion of his artistic output, which has ranged from running a label and co-organizing festivals to self-publishing books, photography, and painting.

Elverum's music has been a favorite among critics and journalists for over a decade. Mount Eerie's 2017 album A Crow Looked At Me was written after the death of Elverum's wife (the artist



Geneviève Castrée), and received especially widespread critical acclaim. Jon Caramanica of the New York Times called the album "harrowing but tender — much more tender than harrowing." The music publication Pitchfork rated the album 9.0/10 and named it #14 on their "Best Albums of 2017" list.

Tickets for either Mount Eerie or David Mallett are \$25 advance or \$30 day of show. Tickets for all events and more information can be found at www.chocolatechurcharts.org, or by calling the box office at 207-442-8455.

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Lewiston Celebrates Expansion of Kings and Queens Hairstudio

LEWISTON, ME (June 9, 2022) — A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the opening of Kings and Queens Hairstudio's second location in Lewiston at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. Lewiston Mayor Carl Sheline was joined by President + CEO of the

LA Metro Chamber Shanna Cox, and members of the public.

After their first location opening in Brunswick in 2016, Kings and Queens Hairstudio is excited to celebrate the expansion of their business to Lewiston. Their experienced barbers and stylists

are ready to give you the perfect look - from the basic men's cut, fades, and designs, to women's cut and color, and everything in between. Their team is focused on all the hottest and latest trends, and guarantees you'll feel like royalty when you leave their shop.

Free Concert Introducing Pianist and Organist Ryan Slocum

AUBURN, ME (June 9, 2022) -- Please join us on June 24th at 7 pm at the West Auburn Congregational Church at 811 West Auburn Road, Auburn, Maine 04210.

Ryan is a student at the University of Southern Maine. He is the Music Coordinator at the West Auburn Congregational

Church, and the Oxford Seventh Day Adventist Church. Ryan is the organist at Norway Center Church and was the pianist at Poland Community Church until they closed down.

Ryan has performed at The Basilica of Saint Peter and Paul in Lewiston, The Methuen Memorial



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Goodwill Offers \$3 Furniture to Support Sustainability Work

NEW ENGLAND (June 9, 2022) – All furniture will be \$3 at Goodwill on Fridays starting June 10. The Furniture Friday deal will continue through September 30, during the nonprofit's busiest furniture donation season.

"Shoppers will get a great deal on nice furniture pieces, but there are other reasons for this deal — sustainability and employee safety," said Kosi Gamedah, Senior Vice President of Retail Operations. "Furniture is one of a few items we can't usually recycle. That means unsold furniture must go to landfills, which is the last thing we want. The \$3 price point isn't revenue-generating, but it helps the Earth, which is a huge part of why we made this decision."

The sustainability move will also cut transportation costs and the related fossil fuels because unsold furniture gets toed to the nearest Goodwill warehouse, where it has another chance to be sold for even steeper discounts, down to 25 cents.

June through September is furniture donation season for the local nonprofit. Furniture tends to be the largest, heaviest items at Goodwill. That means when a few donations of couches, tables and wardrobes come in, the back rooms of the store can fill quickly. By offering the furniture at [operational] cost, Goodwill hopes to



keep backrooms of stores clear and safe for all employees.

"We're incredibly grateful to this community for their continued support by donating their furniture, shirts, shoes and more," Gamedah said. "Revenue from stores funds Goodwill's mission to invest in people who need support achieving their work and life goals — including our own employees. We can't do it without these donations."

This move is one of many recent investments in

sustainability by Goodwill Northern New England. In January 2017, the Northern New England based nonprofit voluntarily banned single use plastic bags from its stores. In February 2021 it upgraded its fleet of tractor trailers to improve its transportation fuel efficiency and reduce its carbon footprint. In 2022 it announced a multi-year, 3-phased logistics and supply chain optimization initiative, which included replacing boxes and wood pallets with more durable materials to reduce waste.

Celebrate Summer at the Movies!

LEWISTON/AUBURN and GORHAM, ME (June 9, 2022) – There is nothing like a summer blockbuster. After a long day in the hot sun, relaxing in the dark, air conditioned theater is the ultimate relaxation. This summer Hollywood is making sure there are plenty of good

reasons to come catch a flick. For the kids, the Minions sequel, DC League of Super Pets, and Paws of Fury are sure to entertain your littles while you get a much needed break. This week Disney-Pixars Lightyear is coming to the big screen - a nostalgic and fun

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Maine College of Health Professions Celebrates Class of 2022

LEWISTON, ME (May 25, 2022) -- Maine College of Health Professions (MCHP), the state's only health professions college and home to Maine's oldest nursing and radiologic technology programs, graduated 51 Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, 18 Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology, 4 Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 1 Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration, and 4 Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging students on May 6, 2022 in a ceremony at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland.

Faculty and administration awarded Bachelor of Science and Associate Degrees in Applied Science for Nursing and Medical Imaging. Several graduating students received awards during the ceremony, which celebrated the special achievements of students who had, according to Dr. Bissell, "survived an inferno." Dr. Bissell went on to thank students "for inspiring us, for putting your faith in us and for choosing us to guide you through this educational crucible."

Graduates, friends, and family gathered with faculty, staff, and administration gathered to honor the accomplishments of the class of 2022, which endured and persevered in the midst of the pandemic. Providing reflections of the class were Grace Burchard, 2022 Nursing Class Presi-



dent; Taylor Maddocks, 2022 Medical Imaging Advisory Council Student Representative, Amber Lewis, 2022 Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduate, and Cole Harrado, 2022 Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging Graduate.

To recognize students who demonstrate leadership qualities, display concern and understanding for others, make decisions and assume responsibility for their actions, and establish trust in their interactions with others, Ken Albert, Esq., RN, Chair of MCHP's Board of Trustees and MCHP alumnus, presented the MCHP Board of Trustees Award to Bahja Abdi (Nursing) and Phoebe Morrison (Radiology).

Dr. Bissell presented the MCHP President's Awards for the senior associate of science students attaining the highest academic achievements to Grace Burchard (Nursing), and Mackenzie Arsenault (Radiologic Technology). This award is given to the students with the highest GPA in each program of study.

Members of the MCHP Class of 2022 are:

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing: Bahja M. Abdi of Raymond, NH, Alyssa N. Anderson of Gray, Matthew P. Bell of Windham, Tatum L. Belote of Mechanic Falls, Grace Crosby Burchard of Lewiston, Brianna Chaisson of Sanford, Heather M. Chamberlain of Alfred,

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L. Lapointe of Lewiston, Bailey Madore of Belgrade, Ivory McDonough of Limington, Stephanie Morgan of Gray, Dancile Nshimirimana of Lewiston, Jeanine Nshimirimana of Auburn, Taylorlee Nye of Winthrop, Rhianon L. Palmer of North Waterboro, Alexis Paradis of Dover, NH, Monyech Prak of Portland, Allison Marie Ross of Bridgton, Kelsi Severson of Lisbon, Stephanie Kim Somerville of Lewiston, Alicia Elizabeth St. Michel of Old Orchard, Rebekkah Judith Starbird of Lisbon, Lisa Johanna Theberge of Windham, Dena Vannest of West Bath, Tyla-Ann Walker of Windham, Marybeth Jo Weeden of Seba-

go, Danielle West of Monmouth, Samantha Wilder of Lewiston, Margaret Laurel Zappala of Sanford

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COVID STILL SUX: The Musical Part 2 Presented at Franco Center

LEWISTON, ME (June 9, 2022) -- NYC's Royal Family Productions, a theatre company known for its innovative productions and development of new original work, continues to bring quality family theatre to Maine. Following the sold-out success of COVID SUX: The Musical at Cumston Hall, Chris Henry and Mark Falconer have written a new sequel to their previous original musical comedy about the pandemic featuring parodies of hit Broadway songs from shows like Hamilton, Les Miserables, Tick Tick Boom, West Side Story, Chicago, and Annie. This show is directed by Chris Henry with Danny Gay and features choreography by Emily Anne Davis. This production will take place at the Franco Center, located at 46 Cedar St, Lew-

iston, ME. Tickets are \$20 for general admission with \$100 preferred seating and \$250 VIP tickets. Tickets need to be purchased in advance by visiting www.RoyalFamilyProductions.org.

Henry is a native of Winthrop, Maine, and is thrilled that Royal Family is able to continue to produce top-quality theatre in her home state.

Following COVID Protection guidelines, the audience is required to provide proof of vaccination and remain masked throughout the performance.

Covid Still Sux: The Musical, Part 2 will star Danny Gay, Cade Parker, Maggie Langhorne, Glenn Atkins, Amy Griswold, Maria Groover, Julia Groover, and Graci Gillen with Emily Anne Davis

and Caitlyn Morgan. The creative team includes music supervision by Lars Jacobsen and Mark Falconer and sound design by Noah Keneborus. The Maine Production Team includes Danny Gay, Ann Fairchild, Lily Webb, and Cade Parker.

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The Public Theatre's Silent Auction is Open for Bidding



LEWISTON, ME (June 10, 2022) -- Starting Friday, June 10th, and ending midnight, Sunday June 26, we are holding our annual Silent Auction ONLINE!

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Collins, King Announce \$54.5 Million Contract to Bath Iron Works



WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 9, 2022)—U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King announced today that the U.S. Navy has awarded Bath Iron Works

(BIW) a \$54,527,203 contract modification to a previously awarded contract for Planning Yard Services for the DDG 51 Class Guided Missile Destroyer

program. "Arleigh Burke-class destroyers are the workhorses of the Navy, defending our national security and protecting

our interests around the globe," said Senators Collins and King in a joint statement. "This funding will allow BIW's engineers, designers, and planners to continue providing technical expertise to the Navy and strengthen Maine's economy. The hardworking and highly skilled men and women

at Bath Iron Works build the world's highest quality ships, and we will continue our efforts to ensure they have the resources they need." This funding is a cost-plus-award-fee modification to a previously awarded contract for planning yard services. The majority of the work will

be performed in Bath and Brunswick and is expected to be completed by June 2023. Senator Collins is a senior member of the Appropriations Committee and the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Senator King is a member of the Armed Services Committee.

BLOOM '22 Moved to September

SCARBOROUGH, ME (June 9, 2022) -- The Kids First Center announces that the Bloom '22 gala has been rescheduled for September 29, 2022. Some in our community have expressed a hesitation to return to live indoor events this month. The pandemic has also created unforeseen planning challenges with vendors and supporters. Even though we are emerging from the pandemic, our community is still recovering. We completely understand and have made a choice to be as inclusive of our friends and supporters as possible. As such, we have made the decision to postpone the scheduled June 23, 2022 event to September 29, 2022.

can expect a successful and enjoyable gala in the Fall. No one knows what level of health concerns will be with us in September, but the goal has always been to have an event that all can attend without unnecessary risk to health or burden on our business partners.

If you have already bought tickets, thank you! They will be good for the new date. If that date is inconvenient for you, a full refund is also being offered. We will be reaching out to those who have purchased tickets and our sponsors to check in with you.

The Host Committee appreciates the great support of Bloom '22 business partners and event sponsors. Any sponsorship will be transferred to the new date. Please contact the

Kids First Center with any questions at (207) 761-2709 or directly with the Executive Director by email at trobbins@kidsfirstcenter.org.

More information about Bloom '22 will be in your email boxes over the summer and on the Kids First website, www.kidsfirstcenter.org. See you in September at Bloom '22, be well, and have a healthy summer.

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

Strawberry Festival Coming to Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home



RAYMOND, ME (June 7, 2022) – One of southern Maine's beloved annual events—the Strawberry Festival at Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home in Raymond (40 Hawthorne Road)—returns this year on Saturday, June 25 at 6 p.m. Featuring a very special discussion by Loon Lessons author, scientist, naturalist, and educator James Paruk on the Common Loon, the festival will raise funds for the ongoing restoration and preservation of the boyhood home of the legendary author of The Scarlet Letter. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children aged 8 and under, with reservations at Hawthorne@Maine.RR.com prior to June 20

strongly recommended, although walk-ins also are welcome. The annual festival will kick-off with a brief update offered by Abel Bates, Hawthorne Community Association member, on the Hawthorne House's ongoing fundraising efforts and the association's vision for the future of the Hawthorne House as a new community center. This will be followed by the special presentation by James Paruk on the biology, migrations, and mysteries of the iconic Common Loon, as well as some of the latest research and Mr. Paruk's personal experiences with this amazing bird. Wrapping up the event, all attendees will

enjoy yummy homemade strawberry shortcake, served with coffee, punch, and lots of friendly smiles! How to Donate to Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home Those who would like to donate to the ongoing restoration of Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home in Raymond may do so by sending 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. For more information, please contact Abel Bates at (207) 318-7131 or jrbates4@maine.rr.com.

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CMMC's June Art Exhibit Celebrates Thorncrag's 100th Anniversary



Thorncrag Visited - Sandra Pealer

(June 8, 2022) -- In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary, the Woman's Hospital Association (WHA) Rotating Art Gallery at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston is hosting an exhibit of paintings and photographs inspired by Thorncrag.

Over the last year a number of artists have gathered at Thorncrag, the 450-acre nature sanctuary owned by the Stanton Bird Club, to participate in plein air days in anticipation of the year-long celebration of Thorncrag's anniversary. Paintings by Michael Everett, Julie Garvey, Jud Pealer, Sandra Pealer, Anita Poulin, and Michael Ranucci are on display as well as photographs by Dan Marquis and Richard Plourde.

In 1922 the Stanton

Bird Club accepted the first gift of 45 acres on Thorne's Hill to create a 'model bird sanctuary' from Dr. Alfred Anthony, his wife Gertrude Libbey Anthony and his sister Kate Anthony. Anthony was a professor and administrator at Bates College and his wife was a 1911 graduate of the college. When the Stanton Bird Club was formed 1919, it was named in memory of Professor Jonathan Stanton, who had been well-known throughout New England for his knowledge of birds.

Over the last two years, Thorncrag has been a resource for community members, young and old as people have coped with the pandemic. Families have found a place to relax and learn about nature by participating in the scavenger hunts provided, essential



Thorncrag - Dan Marquis

workers (including health-care workers at local hospitals) have been able to get away and forget the challenges they have faced during their work day, and elders of our community have had a place to walk where they do not have to worry about being in a crowded environment.

The works on display may be purchased through

the WHA Gift Shop located adjacent to the main lobby at Central Maine Medical Center. A percentage of sale proceeds benefits patients of CMMC. As a result of the hospital safety precautions due to the pandemic, the art gallery is only available for viewing for staff, patients, and their designated visitors at this time.

Celebrating Lewiston Scavenger Hunt Launches

LEWISTON, ME (June 6, 2022) -- Celebrating Lewiston on June 25, 2022, will be a billboard of how great Lewiston is according to the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council (LYAC). The members have been diligently planning an event at the new Mike McGraw Park, 280 Bartlett Street, to highlight Lewiston music, art, history, business input, career opportunities, recreational opportunities, and more!

LYAC's goal is to help educate attendees about what Lewiston has to offer.

Hannah Arsenault, LYAC member, notes, "This event involves youth and adults in what we do here. Sometimes people get in the habit of going to or being involved with the same things over & over, but this event can show what other things are available. They may be surprised as to what else they might like in Lewiston!"

The June 25th event will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. Drumming Extraordinaire Damon DeWitt, a former LYAC member, will kickoff the event with a dynamic presentation, followed by a packed schedule of offerings for all ages. The day's schedule—which continues to evolve—can be viewed at www.lewistonmaine.gov/lyac.

CHECK SCHEDULE FOR TIMES: Attendees are encouraged to check the schedule, as several offerings will have specific time slots, while other offerings will be on site all afternoon, like The Coliseum, which will highlight facility programming, hockey team info, billet family opportunities, and season tickets.

Mayor Carl L. She-

line, who will have a 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Meet the Mayor time slot is enthusiastic about LYAC's undertaking, "I am so pleased that the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council has put this event together to showcase various aspects of what the City of Lewiston has to offer. It's also inspiring that these young people take pride in their city and want others to know that it's a vibrant place with many opportunities."

City Council Liaison to LYAC Linda Scott concurs, "The future of Lewiston are these bright, creative students who have shown on a daily basis their passion and commitment to celebrate our community and make it better place for all who live here. I couldn't be more proud to stand beside them and promote all they do."

SCAVENGER HUNT LAUNCHES TODAY! Leading up to Celebrating Lewiston, today LYAC is launching a go-at-your-own-pace Lewiston-themed Scavenger

Hunt. LYAC member Candence Nadeau developed the Google-based hunt submission process, and LYAC collaboratively came up with 17 clues. To read the clues, begin the hunt, and review the interactive submission process, interested individuals may visit www.lewistonmaine.gov/lews-cavenger.

Visits to the required locations/photos to be uploaded can be done over a period of time, but all answers and photos need to be uploaded and submitted in ONE submission at the same time. Submissions will be part of a drawing at the June 25th event; hunt participants may be eligible to win a \$100 Mother India gift card, a \$50 Forage gift card, or a \$50 Italian Bakery gift card.

The June 25th afternoon offerings will include musical entertainment by local performer Josie French; the Lewiston High School Jazz Band; Somali & Wabanaki history presentations; a "Why Do I Do Business in Lewiston?"

panel discussion and Q & A featuring businesses Geiger, Forage, and Mother India; an iconic Lewiston image "paint night" type activity provided on a first-come, first-serve basis by Melanie Therrien of Wick-ed Illustrations; and the Lewiston Public Library will lead an interactive activity for children to design a booklet about Lewiston for later display.

The St. Mary's Nutrition Center Good Food Mobile Bus & a mini Farmer's Market will also be at the event. But, there's much more! Lewiston firefighters, with Engine #7, will be on site to meet with children and provide educational handouts. A yoga class will be held by The Sanctuary, Lewiston, at 1:30 p.m. and interested participants are encouraged to bring a mat, towel, blanket, or use the grass. The Lewiston Career Center will be on site from 12 noon – 5 p.m. providing job/career information, and attendees can learn more about Veterans Memorial Park from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

An "I Love Lewiston," selfie backdrop will be on site with photo props for attendees to have some fun "repping Lewiston," and a hashtag will be provided for photo distribution.

In addition, an enlarged version of Lewiston's honeycomb logo will be on site for "What Do You Love About Lewiston" posts by attendees.

3 Lewiston-themed face painting compliments of LHS art teacher Deanna

Ehrhardt will be available from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., and Lewiston High School Assistant Principal Doug Dumont and "teachers he can round up" will be the focus of a 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. dunk tank experience compliments of Recovery Connections of Maine.

LYAC member Brea Mathieu believes the event will bring people together after a challenging two years. "It will be good to

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Engineers Conduct Top Enlisted Changeover

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Sarah Myrick BRUNSWICK, ME (June 8, 2022) (readMedia)— The Maine Army National Guard’s 133rd Engineer Battalion held a change of responsibility ceremony at the Brunswick Armed Forces Reserve Center June 4, 2022. Command Sgt. Maj. Alpha Williams relinquished responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Graves.

Both Graves and Williams have an extensive

history of working with the 133rd Engineer Battalion. “Working with all these fine soldiers has allowed me an opportunity to get to know a lot of great leaders in this organization that I hope to get the pleasure to serve with you again in the future,” said Williams. “The staff within this battalion are bar none some of the best in the state. A battalion command team cannot be successful without a talented team, and we have some of the

best.” Williams enlisted in 2000 and started his career with the 152nd Support Maintenance Company. He has served as the first sergeant for both the 133rd’s Forward Support Company in Brunswick and the 185th Engineer Support Company in Presque Isle and Houlton. He has served as the command sergeant major of the 133rd since July 2019.

“The camaraderie and esprit de corps in this battalion are unlike anything else,” said Williams. “Having been the CSM for this battalion and serving with you all has truly been an honor.”

Graves enlisted in the Army in 1991 and transferred to the Maine Army National Guard in 1998, serving as a driver for the 133rd’s Headquarters and Support Company. His service in the 133rd includes time as a heavy equipment operator, team leader, squad leader, platoon sergeant, and operations sergeant. Graves deployed to Iraq in 2004 and 2013 with the 133rd, and has served as first sergeant for both the 133rd’s Headquarters and Headquarters Company in Brunswick and the 136th Engineer Company out of Lewiston and Skowhegan.

“Thank you CSM Williams,” said Graves. “Be assured that I will do my best to protect, serve, and guide all of these soldiers for a successful future



Master Sgt. Reed presents Command Sgt. Maj. Williams with a display of all the 133rd subordinate unit guidons.



Command Sgt. Maj. Alpha Williams gives his comments during the ceremony.



Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Graves, after receiving the 133rd Engineer Battalion colors during the ceremony.

in the Maine Army National Guard and the continued legacy of the 133rd Engineer Battalion.”

Graves holds a bachelor’s degree in science from Southern New Hamp-

shire University. He and his wife, Shunna, reside in Brunswick and have two children, Haylee and Tristan.

Williams holds a bachelor’s degree in busi-

ness management from the University of Maine at Augusta. He and his wife, Danyl, reside in Jefferson and have five children: Ethan, Gavan, Alpha, Tessa and Lydia.

MSAD 52 Adult & Community Launch HiSET Completion Campaign

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (June 7, 2022) -- The Maine Department of Education’s Office of Adult Education launched a campaign today to encourage adult learners to complete the HiSET, Maine’s high school equivalency test. Those who complete the HiSET are eligible for two

years of free community college in Maine. As part of the campaign, ‘It’s time for HiSET’ yard signs will be displayed throughout Maine and local programs will use social media with hashtag #HiSET4ME, mail postcards, and sponsor community events to promote HiSET completion.

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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.

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June 4-26

FREEMAN -- **CARAVAN OF DREAMS**, written and directed by Stephen Legawiec; presented by Ziggurat Theatre Ensemble and the Desert of Maine Center for Arts and Ecology. Opens: June 4 and continues through June 26.

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

Held at Desert of Maine; 95 Desert Road; Freeport, ME 04843. Parking is available in the Desert of Maine lot. For tickets, see <https://caravanofdreams.eventbrite.com> or call (207) 854-8882. General Admission: \$25.00; Seniors/Students/veterans \$20.00; Kids 17 or under: \$5.00.

June 16-19, 23-26

AUBURN -- The L/A Community Little Theatre presents the classic comedy *You Can't Take It With You*, one of the most popular and successful plays of modern times. Show dates are June 16-18, 23-25 at 7:30 p.m., and June 19 and 26 at 2:00 p.m. Visit the website at laclt.com for more information or to purchase tickets.

June 17

GREENE -- Erica Brown: Josephine County will perform on Friday, June 17th 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

June 23-26

Mozart Divertimento & Ravel Duo
Thursday June 23, 7:30pm at Union Church, South Bristol

Friday June 24, 7:30pm at St. Paul's Union Chapel, Waldoboro

Saturday June 25, 7:30pm at Ocean View Grange, Tenant's Harbor

Sunday June 26, 4:00pm at Surry Arts at the Barn, Surry

June 25

AUBURN -- The Knight House/Downing Shoe Shop will be open 1-4 on Wednesday, June 25. Free tours and fun for ev-

eryone.

Contact person is Penny Jessop 784-0586. The Knight house/Downing Shoe Shop is located at the north side of the Garden Hilton Hotel on the West Pitch of the Falls in Auburn, Maine. AHS's was founded by the DAR in 1923 and its purpose is to promoting the study of the history of Androscoggin County and its citizens and preserving in its archives, records, relics and mementoes of that history. Located on the third floor of the Androscoggin Court House at 2 Turner St in Auburn.

June 25

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June 25

GRAY -- Dine in Supper - First Congregational of Gray; Saturday, June 25, 5:00 at the Parish House, 5 Brown St., 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 accept-

ing only 50 Reservations! Cut off for reservations will be Wednesday, June 22 at 2:00 P. M.

The menu includes: Baked Pea Beans, Red Hot Dogs, Bread/Biscuits, Variety of Casseroles and Salads, Assortment of Desserts, and Beverages. Meals are single sized and are \$10.00 each. Please pay at the door.

June 25

NORTH YARMOUTH – The public is invited to the 27th Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 25, 1-3 pm, held outdoors at North Yarmouth Congregational Church, 3 Gray Rd, North Yarmouth. Come and enjoy delicious strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, homemade strawberry and strawberry-rhubarb pies, strawberry-rhubarb punch, ice cream sundaes, and jam. Freshly-picked quarts of strawberries can also be purchased.

FMI call the church office at (207) 829-3644.

July 13

LEWISTON -- Wednesday, July 13, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Couture Room, Lewiston Public Library. **READ ME BOOK DISCUSSION:** "SIGH, GONE," BY PHUC TRAN. Join us to discuss the non-fiction selection for this year's Read ME statewide summer reading program. Copies available to borrow. Advance registration required at 513-3135 or lpference@gmail.com.

August 24

LEWISTON -- Wednesday, August 24, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Couture Room, Lewiston Public Library. **READ ME BOOK DISCUSSION:** "BENEFICENCE," BY MEREDITH HALL. Join us to discuss the fiction selection for this year's Read ME statewide summer reading program. Copies available to borrow. Advance registration required at 513-3135 or lpference@gmail.com.

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Scavenger

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show what happens here and to show that unity exists in Lewiston."

Information will also be on hand about the City of Lewiston, The LA Metro Chamber, Bates College, and the Gendron Franco Center, to include the area's updated Explore & Discover Guide.

The event will conclude with LYAC's announcement of a 10-year sponsor for the field at Mike McGraw Park. LYAC has selected a field sponsor through a sponsorship application submitted by a local entity, and the sponsor's name, as well as the name of the field will be announced/unveiled. Permanent signage will be eventually erected.

LYAC's Keira Potvin notes that at the end of July 2022, ten (10) graduating seniors will be concluding their tenure on the youth council. "This is our last hurrah, and we really want to leave our mark on Lewiston."

"It has been very exciting to watch LYAC members plan this event. The creativity and energy at meetings is uplifting, and their teamwork is impressive. They clearly set the bar high as positive ambassadors for the City of Lewiston," notes Dottie Perham-Whittier, Community Relations Coordinator/LYAC Advisor.

The extent of work includes traffic signal fiber connectivity and ADA upgrades. A public meeting to review and discuss the proposed project will be held on Thursday, June 16 at 4:30PM at Auburn City Hall, Community Room (second floor).

Auburn to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss Traffic Signal Upgrades

AUBURN, ME (June 7, 2022) -- The City of Auburn will be upgrading traffic signals in the following locations: Turner Street/Hampshire Street/Great Falls Plaza; Center Street/North River Road/Center Street Plaza; Center Street/Lake Auburn Avenue, Turner Street/Mt. Auburn Avenue; Mt. Auburn Avenue/Walmart Entrance/Home Depot Entrance.

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Hobo Train - Meredith, NH - September 21, 2022 - Enjoyable 2 hour ride on the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad. While on board, enjoy a turkey dinner from Hart's Turkey Farm with all the fixings. Price is \$85.00 and includes bus, train ride, turkey dinner and bus driver tip. Deadline to sign up is August 12, 2022. Purchase tickets at the Lewiston Senior Citizens' office at 65 Central Avenue.

Flag Hill Distillery and Winery in Lee, NH - October 11, 2022 - Lunch at Warren's Lobster House in Kittery and an afternoon tour and tasting at Flag Hill Win-

ery. Time for shopping after the tour. Price is \$83.00 per person which includes the bus and tip for the driver, lunch, and tour and tasting at the winery. Purchase tickets at the Lewiston Senior Citizens Office at 65 Central Avenue, Lewiston.

Ogunquit Playhouse for the play "CLUE" - October 16, 2022 - Clue is a fast paced hilarious whodunit comedy. After the show we will go to Cracker Barrel in South Portland for dinner on your own. The price is \$90.00 and includes bus, show and driver tip. Purchase tickets at the Lewiston Senior Citizens' office at 65 Central Avenue.

Mackinac Island Trip - September 10-18, 2022 - Trip includes 9 days and 8 nights - 14 meals - Guided tour of Mackinaw City - Guided Carriage Tour in Mack-

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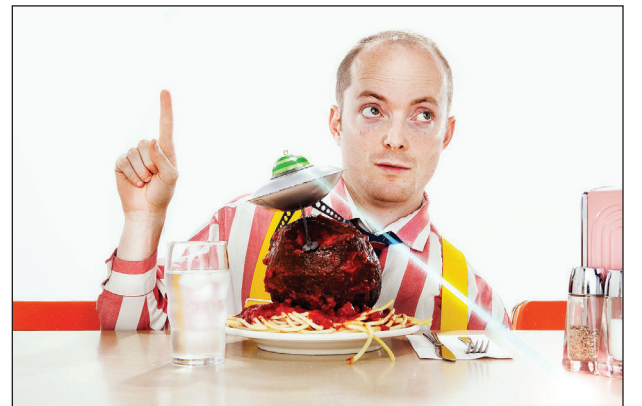
Magical Exploding Mime Show by Dean Evans

SOUTH PARIS, ME (June 6, 2022) -- Celebration Barn presents Dean Evans's *Magical Exploding Mime* on Saturday, June 18 at 7:30 PM. This wordless, action-packed show is great for all ages.

Creator and performer Dean Evans reaches beyond the limits of language to playfully turn the conventions of mime and clown on their heads in *Magical Exploding Mime*. Evans morphs through a series of alter egos, fantastical eccentric forces, and disagreeable inanimate objects. From a child with mind control powers, to an amoeba struggling for life, to a cosmonaut cast helplessly adrift in outer space, this show presents original narrative with physical precision and deep feeling.

Through expert visual storytelling, *Magical Exploding Mime* transcends the need for speech altogether. The *Chicago Reader* called Evans's performances "ingenious, brain-teasing works." *Newcity* called the show a "showstopper piece," and named Evans one of its top 50 players.

Limited tickets to *Magical Exploding Mime*



Dean Evans (photo courtesy of Celebration Barn)

on Saturday, June 18 at 7:30 PM are available for \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors (65+), and \$10 for kids (17 and under). Tickets are general admission. The lobby and concessions open at 7:00 PM. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended.

All patrons ages five and up attending a show at Celebration Barn must present proof of full vaccination against Covid-19. Adults are also required to show a matching photo ID. A booster shot, while recommended by the CDC, is not required in order to attend a show at this time. Attendees 4 and under who are not yet eligible for vaccination are only required to wear a mask.

To purchase tickets, visit celebrationbarn.com. Celebration Barn Theater is located just off Route 117 at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris, Maine.

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