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Sabattus Rec to Hold Running For Any Sport Sessions & 5Ks

SABATTUS, ME (June 23, 2022) -- The Sabattus Rec Club Running Program will be holding two free, one-hour training sessions designed to help middle and high school-aged students learn how to run better. The Running For Any Sport program will be held on Saturday, July 23 on the Oak Hill HS football field in Wales.

The first session will start at 9 a.m. for middle school students from the Oak Hill area and will be followed at 10 a.m. by the high school students. The sessions are open to both boys and girls.

These will not be specific sport coaching sessions, and no personal training will be offered. Regardless of the sport, though, there will be helpful information for all athletes. Among other things, participants will learn warm-up and balance tips, running efficiency, breathing exercises, workout suggestions, and cooldown methods.

Attendees should wear a good pair of running shoes, bring hydration and a towel or blanket, and be prepared to run.

FMI, email running@sabattusrec.com

Sabattus Rec Club To Hold Summer 5Ks

Each year, the Sabattus Rec Running Program holds two fun, mainly non-competitive 5K events. These are designed for all ages, and anyone can win a prize. There is a very low registration fee of just \$5!!! (There are prizes for first place male and female at each event, but most prizes are not based on time.) Each event is held at the Oak Hill Middle School on Ballpark Rd in Sabattus. Each event begins at 6 p.m., with registration starting at 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 21, 6 p.m.: The first event is the Blackjack 5K. Participants will collect two cards on the course, and if they get a Blackjack, they will win a prize. If they don't get Blackjack, they can get one more card at the finish line to try for a 3-card total of 21. All 21s will win a prize. Then we will raffle off the remainder of all the prizes.

Thursday, August 18, 6 p.m.: The second event is the Prediction 5K. Partici-

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Auburn Savings Named Park Sponsor at Celebrating Lewiston Event

LEWISTON, ME (June 25, 2022) -- "Lewiston is the best place to do business in Maine, with affordable opportunity," noted Craig Tribuno of Davinci's as a member of the "Why I Do Business in Lewiston" business panel at today's Celebrating Lewiston event hosted by the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council (LYAC).

He was joined by Peter Geiger of Geiger and Shivam Kumar of Mother India who also shared the many opportunities to grow and evolve their businesses by calling Lewiston home.

One of Lewiston's businesses shined brightly today, as Auburn Savings Bank was announced as the naming sponsor of the field at event site Mike McGraw Park; that sponsorship will maintain, support, promote, and beautify the field for years to come! The field's name is now "Auburn Savings Recreation Field at Mike McGraw Park."

William Tracy, President/CEO of Auburn Savings, was on hand and enthusiastically encouraged LYAC—amidst extreme heat—as they finished up the day's activities of showcasing Lewiston!

From cultural dance, musical perfor-



mances, a drumming extravaganza, historic presentations, I LOVE LEWISTON selfie backdrop, Lewiston logo positive comment posts, the Lewiston Career Center, face painting, dunk tank, Lewiston Library children's activities, the Good Food Bus, the Bakery Barn, the Colisee, The Sanctuary family yoga, and more, it was a valiant undertaking to cheerlead our city!

Mayor Carl Sheline, Councilor Rick LaChapelle, Councilor Linda Scott, Councilor Robert McCarthy, Councilor Scott Harriman, Councilor Stephanie Gelinas, and Council President Lee Clement were also on hand to interact with constituents and to support LYAC! Also, Corrie Brown was the winner of the Lewiston Scavenger Hunt!

Go, Lewiston! #celebratinglewiston

41st Band Concert Season About To Start

AUBURN, ME (June 21, 2022) -- The Auburn Community Concert Band, under the direction of Milt Simon, will kick off its annual summer series of weekly outdoor evening concerts at Festival Plaza in downtown Auburn on Wednesday, July 6th.

The 7:00 p.m. performance is the first of 8 free concerts scheduled for this Main Street location. The concerts will continue weekly on Wednesday evenings through August 24th, weather permitting. There will be no rain location this summer due to COVID-19 concerns. In the case of inclement weather, that evening's concert will be cancelled, and an announcement will be posted on the band's website at www.auburncommunityband.com.

This year marks the organization's 41st anniversary. Founded by director



Milt Simon in the Fall of 1981, the group has varied in size from 24 to over 50 members. This season's 31 volunteer musicians range in age from late teens to early 80's, and collectively represent a total of 12 Maine communities.

Simon stated that the organization "gives many individuals a chance to utilize musical talents neglected since their high school or college days, and the entire community benefits." He added that the Auburn group "is one of the larger community bands in the state of Maine, and often attracts over 300 people to its weekly concerts." The City of Auburn has partnered with the group since its inception.

Each Wednesday evening throughout July and August, the band will present a 75-minute program featuring popular hit songs from the 60's through the present. Simon predicts that the group's repertoire of songs will appeal to audiences of all ages. "If you have a favorite song that's been heard on the radio or in the movies, chances are good that our band will perform it sometime during the upcoming 8-week concert series", Simon said.

People planning to attend any of the Wednesday evening performances at Festival Plaza should bring their own lawn chair on which to sit, and are advised to arrive well before the 7:00 p.m. concert start time, as large audiences are

again expected this summer. Ample free parking is available in the parking garage located across the street from the Plaza. The City has placed porta potties alongside the garage for use during the concert season.

For more information, visit the band's web site at www.auburncommunityband.com.

The members of this summer's concert band are:

FLUTE: Hannah Abbott, Sharon Blodgett, Barbara Jabaut, Julie Mann, River Stickney

CLARINET: Denise Leavitt, Patti Pelletier, Rick Rau, Louise Theberge

BASSOON: Hayden Pelletier
ALTO SAXOPHONES: Steve Allman, David Griswold

TENOR SAXOPHONE: Angela Greenwald

BARITONE SAX: Jason Toussaint
TRUMPETS: Alisson Morin, Maurice Morin, Nancy Morris

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TROMBONES: Sonny Begin, Mark Jacobs, Chip Morrison, Allison Neal, Tom Nelson

BARITONES: Hadley Blodgett
TUBAS: Gabrielle Cyr, Duncan Webster

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Jackson, Vitelli, & Daughtry React to Overturning of Roe v. Wade

AUGUSTA, ME (June 24, 2022) – This morning, the U.S. Supreme Court issued an opinion in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, officially overturning the abortion rights affirmed in the case of *Roe v. Wade*. The ruling comes a month after a draft opinion purportedly supported by a majority of the justices on the court was leaked to the press.

Senate President Troy Jackson, D-Allagash, Senate Majority Leader Eloise Vitelli, D-Arrowsic, and

Assistant Senate Majority Leader Mattie Daughtry, D-Brunswick, released the following statements in response to the ruling:

President Jackson:

"Unfortunately, today's devastating decision made by a conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court to restrict the right to an abortion and erode almost 50 years of precedent does not come as a shock. However, that doesn't make this reality any easier to swallow nor does it do much to alleviate the fear that millions

of Mainers and Americans are experiencing.

"The right to decide if and when to start a family is fundamental to who we are as Americans and our freedom. It's a deeply personal decision that should not be made by politicians or justices. In the wake of this decision, please know that Maine Senate Democrats will fight back against efforts to undermine abortion rights and stand united for reproductive freedom."

Senator Vitelli:

"There are those of us

who remember a time before *Roe v. Wade* — when people were forced to go underground and put their lives on the line to access an abortion. Far too many of us know far too well that banning abortion doesn't stop people from getting abortions, it just stops people from getting safe abortions. This ruling from the Supreme Court is unconscionable. Rather than protecting the sanctity of life, it will only endanger the lives of everyday people. I vowed in my youth to fight for the right to access

abortion care, and it's clear this fight is far from over. I join with countless people across our state when I say, despite this decision handed down to us from Washington, Maine will not go back."

Senator Daughtry:

"Abortion is health care, and health care is a human right. No health care decision is made easier or better by having a politician or judge get in the way. What the Supreme Court has done today will hurt people across our country, but especial-

ly those who are already marginalized — people of color, people from low-income households, and people trying to survive domestic abuse. I'm proud that our Legislature has done so much in the past few years to ensure Mainers have access to quality reproductive health care, regardless of how much money they make or where they live. Maine lawmakers will continue to do all we can to protect this right, even as those who sit on the highest court of the land fail us."

Maine Right to Life Pleased with Decision to Overturn Roe v. Wade

Press Release by Maine Right to Life

AUBURN, ME (June 24, 2022) -- We are very pleased that the court recognized that abortion on demand was never a part of the constitution. Overturning *Roe* does not prohibit abortions. Rather, the Court's decision will allow states to pass Pro-Life legislation. It goes back to the people and state legisla-

ture, and it allows states to choose abortion policy representative to the citizens.

This is a victory for women, the unborn and the Pro-Life movement that has worked so hard to save and promote life. For far too long, pro-abortion groups have gotten away with the sky-is-falling argument that overturning *Roe* would outlaw abortions or reverse "abortion

rights". They wanted people to believe that reversing *Roe* would automatically outlaw abortion.

Polls consistently show that there has never been majority support for the holding of *Roe* which was abortion on demand throughout all 9 months of pregnancy. In a 2021 Marist Poll, 76% of respondents opposed abortion on demand and would

limit abortion to the first three months of pregnancy (25%), only in cases of the life of the mother, rape, or incest (28%), only to save the life of the mother (11%) or felt that they should never be permitted in any circumstance (12%).

A lot has changed since *Roe* was decided. In 1973, the technology didn't exist to allow babies to survive outside the

womb at 21 or 22 week's gestation. With scientific advancement, more babies are surviving prior to what was once considered "viability".

While some have changed their position on abortion with this knowledge, many members of the public, as well as women contemplating abortion may not realize how developed a baby is at various

stages of pregnancy. At 15-weeks of gestation, a baby's heart has been beating for over two months. Brain waves are detectable at 8 weeks. At nine weeks a baby is kicking and swimming. At 10 weeks a baby can begin to hear.

Women deserve to get accurate information when facing an unplanned pregnancy. So they can

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CWA of Maine Applauds Overturn of Roe v. Wade

Press Release by Concerned Women for America of Maine

BELGRADE, ME (June 24, 2022) -- Maine stands ready to welcome women and unborn children. Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Maine calls on our citizens, members of the Maine Legislature, and the Executive Branch to strongly support a culture of life that protects all.

CWA of Maine State Director Penny Morrell,

speaking for Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee, has this to say concerning the Supreme Court *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision:

"The Supreme Court has finally overturned *Roe*, and now it is up to us, the people of Maine, to do our part. We must now work tirelessly to elect legislators and a governor who support the culture of life. We are pro-women, pro-babies, and pro-families. We

support life from conception to natural death and pregnancy centers that help women make the best decision to keep their babies. Adoption and many other options are available that better serve families.

"The *Dobbs* decision will allow the citizens of Maine to debate and discuss this issue with their state legislators. Decisions about abortion going forward will be made by Mainers, not by judges. That is something worth celebrating!"

Senator Collins' Statement on SCOTUS' *Dobbs* Decision

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 24, 2022)

—U.S. Senator Susan Collins issued this statement following the release of the Supreme Court's decision on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*:

"The threshold question of whether abortion is legal needs to be consistent at a national level. States can account for regional differences with regulations like parental notification requirements, but the basic right needs to be the same for all American women.

"The Supreme Court has abandoned a fifty-year precedent at a time that the country is desperate for stability. This ill-considered action will further divide the country at a moment when, more than ever

in modern times, we need the Court to show both consistency and restraint. Throwing out a precedent overnight that the country has relied upon for half a century is not conservative. It is a sudden and radical jolt to the country that will lead to political chaos, anger, and a further loss of confidence in our government.

"This decision is inconsistent with what Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh said in their testimony and their meetings with me, where they both were insistent on the importance of supporting long-standing precedents that the country has relied upon.

"Earlier this year, Senator Murkowski and I introduced the *Reproductive Choice Act* to codify the abortion rights estab-

lished by *Roe v. Wade* and affirmed by *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. I am also working with Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) on a bipartisan bill that would codify *Roe*, *Casey*, *Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstedt*, and *Griswold v. Connecticut*. Our legislation would enshrine important abortion protections into law without undercutting statutes that have been in place for decades and without eliminating basic conscience protections that are relied upon by health care providers who have religious objections to performing abortions.

"Our goal with this legislation is to do what the Court should have done — provide the consistency in our abortion laws that Americans have relied upon for 50 years."

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

APL to Hold Dive into the Gulf of Maine With Allied Whale

AUBURN, ME (June 24, 2022) -- Allied Whale, one of the foremost marine mammal research organizations, works to conserve and educate the public about the animals they study. They maintain one of the largest collections of humpback and fin whale photo identification information; a collaboration between researchers at College of the Atlantic and scientists around the world, which allows them to establish a whale's identity and track movement. Allied Whale also operates a stranding network across nearly half of Maine's coastline, with trained volunteers responding to reports of abandoned, injured, or deceased marine mammals.

Research interns Thomas and Morgan will visit the Auburn Public Library to discuss their summer work, ongoing research at the lab, and share some facts about the whales spotted in the Gulf of Maine.

This program will be presented as part of APL's Adult Summer Reading Program, "Oceans of Possibilities" wherein adults will spend time exploring Maine's waterways. Although an adult program, children ages 8 and up are welcome to attend with an adult. This program will take place in person and, for planning purposes, registration is required.

For more information about this or other programs which are part of this summer series or to register for this presentation, visit the Events page of the Auburn Public Library website - www.auburnpubliclibrary.org, or call the Reference Desk at 207-333-6640, ext. 4. When registering, please indicate how many will be attending.

When: Thursday, July 7, 2022; 3-4 p.m.

Where: Auburn Public Library, Androscoggin Community Room

Other Activities at Auburn Public Library:
Nature in Poetry: Poetry Contest in partnership with Androscoggin Land Trust - Now through July 19

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act and APL is pleased to offer an amateur poetry contest to celebrate the conservation of our natural world in this art form. Contestants are asked to be inspired and celebrate conservation and clean water in the poetry form of their choice. See details on our website! Open to all ages!

APL Teen Space Renovation Reveal Party & ESports Workshop: July 12 at 12:30 PM

Visit the newly renovated Teen Space at APL! Light refreshments provided.

Immediately following, join our friends from Central Maine Community College as they teach kids 12-18 about the exciting world of Esports. Following the workshop there will be an esports mini tournament!

Where Does Your Water Come From? July 20 at 3:00 PM

Join the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission to learn where your water comes from. This presentation will follow a drop of water through the Lake Auburn Watershed, and into the community. This event for all ages will cover the different pollutants a drop of water might find, different environments it might cross, and the treatment process so it can become drinkable.

APL's 2nd Annual Book Around Town Fundraiser is still on! Get yours before they're gone. Filled to the brim with discount coupons to your local favorite businesses and handmade goodies from Moonstone Pottery, Slattery's Maple Farm, and 3 Spicy Boys BBQ to just name a few! Purchase yours today at the lending desk or online at: www.auburnpubliclibrary.org/product/book-around-town-swap-bag-2022/

Please visit the APL website for details: www.auburnpubliclibrary.org/

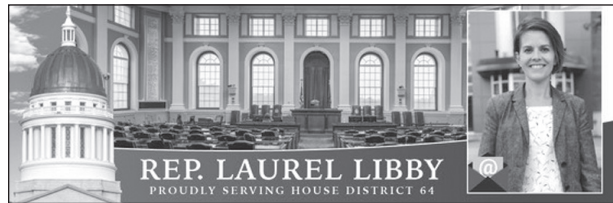
Rep. Libby Calls on Gov. Mills to Support Suspension of Gas Tax

AUGUSTA, ME (June 22, 2022) -- Rep. Laurel Libby (R-Auburn) is calling on Governor Janet Mills to call a special session of the Legislature for the express purpose of suspending Maine's gas tax. Suspending Maine's portion of the gas tax would save Maine consumers approximately 30 cents per gallon.

"Maine citizens need relief from high gas prices," said Rep. Libby. "I proposed suspending Maine's gas tax for the remainder of 2022 this spring, but Democrat leaders used an obscure parliamentary trick to deny a vote on whether or not

the Legislature could even consider my bill. It is now June and the President of the United States is calling for a suspension of federal and state taxes to give relief to people and families that are hurting. To those offering excuses for not acting, I say 'if there is a will, there is a way.' I urge Governor Mills to call the Legislature back into session for the single purpose of suspending Maine's gas tax. Maine citizens deserve leaders who will get back to work to address the current crisis, and prepare us for the harder times ahead."

Rep. Libby proposed "An Act to Suspend Maine's Gas Tax" in March. Maine had an extra \$1.3 billion in over-collected tax revenues that could have been used to offset the cost of her proposal



with no harm to state road funding or municipalities. Democrat leaders prevented Legislative consideration of her after-deadline bill, which required an affirmative vote of the Legislative Council. The Council canceled a meeting and the Presiding Officers collectively refused to circulate a ballot on the question. Speaker Fecteau, who is term-limited, voted no and President Jackson voted yes by email, preventing a vote by the full Legislative Council as unanimity was required to proceed.

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Out and About

Gay Pride Parade at Portland Maine

By Rachel Morin
PORTLAND, ME
(June 25, 2022) -- My daughter, Liz, and I, were visiting in Portland on Saturday, June 18, and decided to take our lawn chairs and set up on the corner of Congress and High Streets where a huge crowd had assembled on sidewalks on both sides of the street.

It was the perfect spot as we saw the parade round the corner to where we were seated. We were the first spectators to see the parade marchers first and no obstructed views.

The massive crowds on the sidewalks were in a festive mood, laughing, applauding and hollering words of encouragement as the marchers strutted their stuff and showed off the costumes, and the signs



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and banners with special messages.

We were on our feet the entire time as no one would want to sit during such a colorful parade and miss the spectacular and colorful units that marched by. The mood was infectious, laughing, singing, joking, and words of en-

couragement, friendship and welcoming rang out. No one would sit and miss this.

Liz took lots of photos and we even included ourselves. We have pictures of the crowds on the sidewalks. Thousands of people! Applauding, applauding, applauding, non-

stop! We have never seen the likes of crowds jamming the sidewalks, standing shoulder to shoulder.

We saw parents with small babies in arms, young children, teenagers, couples, older women, older men all as one, laughing, applauding and hollering out words of en-

couragement to the marchers with their messages on signs.

We saw schools, colleges, churches, businesses and stores represented. We have never seen such unison in mind and spirit. We felt the solidarity.

I must say everything

was well done, Everyone happy and smiling, and talking to each other, parade participants and parade watchers. Not one sign of anything negative or unkind.

Here are some of the pictures Liz took of the parade and the crowd.



Great signs.



The Drum Corps had a great beat and was a crowd favorite.



Even the pets had Pride and Spirit as this little guy did walking with this fun group. Note the woman beaming her approval at him.



These stylish women chose their fun and colorful costumes as their special outfit for the day celebrating Gay Pride.

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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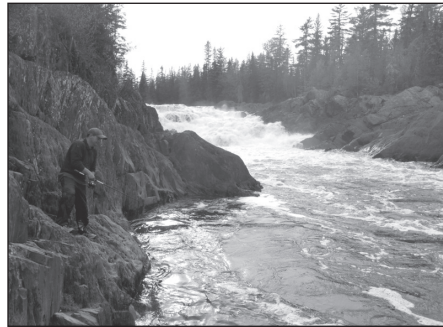
Paddling Remote Ross Stream and the Allagash River Part Two: Allagash River



A tandem canoe team paddles a section of the Allagash



A young moose poses for a photo on the Musquacook Dead Water on the Allagash



A paddler takes a break to fish at the foot of Allagash Falls



Guest Column by Ron Chase

(June 24, 2022) -- Seven of us navigating in four canoes and an expedition kayak were camped adjacent to the remains of washed out Long Lake Dam on the Allagash River. We were on day three of a five-day voyage down remote Ross Stream and the Allagash Waterway. The descent of Ross Stream was finished the previous afternoon and about forty-five miles remained to Allagash Village.

After a cool night, the sun was shining when we arose. Our goal for the day was to reach Round Pond and possibly climb Round Pond Mountain. For some

of us, the entertainment began with a plummet through the short steep rapid created by the former dam.

A welcome tailwind and high water facilitated our travel north through a continuum of easy rapids in a seemingly endless conifer forest. After turning abruptly east, waters calmed as we approached Round Pond. Solo canoeist, Brent Elwell, stopped to gather fiddleheads while the remainder of the group navigated varying routes through a cluster of islands to the pond.

Round Pond Mountain could be observed on the opposite side of the pond. We consulted maps

and took a compass bearing to a clearing on the shore below the mountain before battling a blustery one mile traverse to what turned out to be Tower Trail Campsite.

After establishing camp, we hiked an obvious trail northeast towards Round Pond Mountain. Although a couple of muddy areas and a few blow-downs were encountered, overall the two mile trail was in good condition. A steep section preceded arrival at the summit dominated by a lofty tower. "Climb at your own risk" warned a sign on the stanchion next to a tall ladder. I invoked one of my over-70 rules; I don't climb tall

ladders. The remainder of the group ascended into the cab that offered spectacular views of the surrounding area. Upon return, we feasted on a dinner supplemented by delicious fiddleheads, courtesy of Brent.

Gale force winds diminished overnight and day four began with blue skies and calm conditions. We decided on a long paddling day to Allagash Falls. After exiting the pond, lengthy Round Pond Rips led to Musquacook Dead Water where a curious young moose posed for photos near the mouth of Musquacook Stream. A tailwind helped propel us to Five Finger Brook Campsite where we stopped for a break. Warm sunny weather and pleas-

ant surroundings stimulated an impromptu yoga session.

While advancing north in quick water and easy rapids, we encountered a ranger who instructed us to sign out of the waterway at Michard Farm Ranger Station. A steady current continued for several miles to Michard Farm where everyone carefully studied the updated weather forecast. Rains were predicted to begin late afternoon and continue into the night. Intent on setting up camp before precipitation arrived we had an enhanced sense of urgency. The relatively short remaining paddle to Allagash Falls was hurriedly completed.

A caution sign an-

nounced our arrival at the hazardous cataract. While unloading gear, I met an old paddling friend, Andy Abello, who was assisting in the portage with his group. We complemented one another on remaining in the game despite our advancing years. The Maine paddling world is a small one.

There are several campsites at Allagash Falls. We selected the closest one and set up camp with tarps in anticipation of rain. The Allagash Falls portage trail is a good one. Boats were soon transported to the bottom. At my urging, my son Adam and our friend Christian Patrick carried a kayak cart in their tandem canoe to assist with

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Arts & Entertainment

TAM Brings “Make Love Not War” Play to the Stage



MONMOUTH, ME (June 22, 2022) – Theater at Monmouth opens the *It’s Greek (and Roman) to ME!* Season with this funny, poignant, and political comic romp. On a mission to end the Peloponnesian war, Lysistrata bands together the women of Greece in a pact to withhold sex until the men declare peace. As the women tantalize and tease their way to a cease-fire, a timeless story emerges of sexual politics, political power struggles, and the battle between the sexes. Make love not war with one of Aristophanes’ “best-known comedies” Saturday June 25th at 7:30 p.m. through Thursday, August 18th including matinee and eve-

ning performances on both weekdays and weekends. The women of Greece want the Peloponnesian War to end. Led by a strong Athenian woman, Lysistrata, a pact is made for the women to not sleep with their husbands until the men agree to end the war. After some time, the women begin to feel the pressure building and consider giving up the pact. Lysistrata bands them together and speaks to a prominent magistrate in Athens on the conditions and effects of war on both men and women. Way ahead of his time, Aristophanes used his plays to voice political and social concerns. Lysistrata reflects these views as well as those on gender,

war, and sexuality. Director Danielle Drakes shares, “Lysistrata has given many women throughout history feelings of purpose or power, and its influence can only grow from here as the rights of women continue to be a pressing issue in our world today. Her motivation is not only to end the war but to open up entirely new lines of communication between the sexes. With Lysistrata, Aristophanes challenges the concept of classical female sexuality by introducing a protagonist who takes the idea of sex as something that both parties desire, not simply as a means of reproduction and male pleasure. Strong central themes include war

and peace, gender roles, sexuality and the battle of the sexes, rebellion, patriotism, and the political power of comedy.” Lysistrata features Erin Amlicke as Lampito, Thomas Ian Campbell as Cinesius, Trezure Coles as Lysistrata, Michael Liebhauer as Magistrate, Jamie Saunders as Myrrhine, Ray K. Soeun as Herald, and Tannah Sillah as Calonice. Directed by Danielle Drakes; Set Design by Nadir Bey, Costume Design by Elizabeth Rocha, Lighting Design by Jim Alexander, and Sound Design by Simon Marland, Stage Management by Hailey Glick. Performance Calendar: **OPENING 6/25 at**

7:30 p.m.; additional performance dates 7/9, 7/13, 8/2, 8/, 8/18 at 7:30 p.m., 7/24, 7/30, 8/11, 8/16 at 1:00 p.m. Audience Engagement Programs Post-Performance Discussions. Join us on selected weekend evening performances for Post-Performance Discussions with the cast and creative team. Discuss the critical historical, artistic, and cultural perspectives of the worlds of each individual play. Post-Performance Discussions will take place on the following dates: Saturday July 9, following the performance of Lysistrata, Sunday July 24, following the performance of Antony + Cleopatra, Sunday July 31, following the performance of Comedy of Errors, Sunday, August 7, following the performance of Amphitryon, Sunday August 14, following the performance of Eurydice. Tickets, Subscriptions, and Ways to Save. A TAM subscription offers savings and exclusive benefits like priority seating and ticket exchanges. Gold, Flex, General, or Senior Passes are available for purchase, so whether you want a ticket for each show or five tickets to one show, there’s an option for

you. Single tickets for the Summer Repertory and Fall Play are \$37 for adults, \$32 for senior citizens, and \$23 for students (18 and under). Family Show tickets are \$18 for adults, \$13 for children. Opening Nights are Educator Nights. Educators receive 20% off the general ticket price with a valid photo ID at the Box Office. Under 30 Rush Tickets. For patrons under 30, \$10 Rush Tickets are available for up to 20 audience members at each performance in the season excluding the Family Show and Special Events. Contact the Box Office by email boxoffice@theateratmonmouth.org or by calling 207.933.9999 after 11 a.m. on the day of the show. Requests made before the Box Office is open will not be processed. For calendar and reservations, please contact the TAM Box Office at 207.933.9999 or visit www.theateratmonmouth.org.

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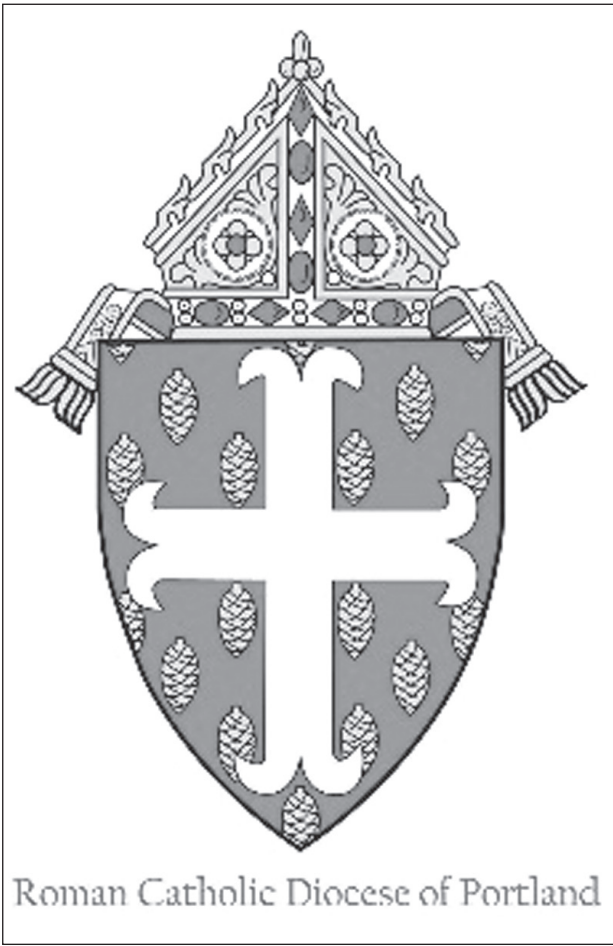
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Free Basilica Summer Concert Series Returns in Lewiston on July 6



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LEWISTON, ME (June 22, 2022) --The popular summer concert series at the Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul, located on 122 Ash Street in Lewiston, will return on Wednesday, July 6, with concerts being held each Wednesday through August 10 from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. The performances are

free and open to the public, but donations to help with the preservation of the historic Casavant organ at the Basilica will be gratefully accepted. Here is the schedule:

July 6 Organist Henry Lowe

Lowe is the director of music emeritus at Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore, Maryland, and has served in parishes in Baltimore, New York City, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Canada. In 2016, following a 50-year career in the Episcopal Church, he retired from the Church of the Redeemer, where he led choirs of children and adults in weekly rehearsals and liturgies. His recital career has taken him to many parts of the United States, England, Holland, Germany and France, playing at such noteworthy places as St. Paul's Cathedral in London and Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.

July 13 Organist Ray Cornils

Cornils was the municipal organist for the

City of Portland from 1990 to 2017. He has performed throughout the U.S. and in Germany, France, Spain, Russia, New Zealand and Ecuador. He has been a featured recitalist for conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the Organ Historical Society. In addition to his solo work, he performs regularly with the Portland Symphony Orchestra.

July 20 Organist Harold Stover

Stover is a graduate of the Juilliard School in New York, and a charter member of the faculty of the Portland Conservatory of Music. His recital career spans more than 50 years and includes performances on most major New York recital series and at Westminster Abbey in London, the National Cathedral in Washington, Harvard and Princeton universities, and many other distinguished venues. He has been featured as performer, composer, and lecturer at regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists.

July 27 Organist Sean Fleming

Fleming performs regularly with the Bowdoin Chorus, Down East Singers, Lincoln Academy Lincolnaires, Lincoln Festival Chorus, St. Cecilia Chamber Choir, Sheepscot Valley Chorus, and Tapestry Singers. He is the assistant director of the 120-voice Midcoast Community Chorus, the music director for the Hearts Ever Young troupe, and a member of the Maine Friends of Music chamber ensemble. For the past 25 years, he has served as organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New-castle. He has also directed or accompanied over 80 musical theater productions nationwide.

August 3 Organist Dr. Bridgette Wargovich

Dr. Wargovich is the director of sacred music at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. She studied at Boston University, earning a doctorate in organ performance and a master's degree in sacred music.

She served as director of sacred music in Massachusetts churches for almost ten years, including performances at ordinations for the Archdiocese of Boston. Her education is matched by her experience not only as a director and instrumentalist but also as a choral singer. She has a strong drive for excellence in music while keeping faithful to all Church documents and liturgical instructions.

August 10 Organist Randall Mullin

Mullin is a freelance musician who accompanies the choir of the Cathedral of St. Luke in Portland. He was also a featured performer with ChoralArt for "Grand Opera meets the Mighty Koltzschmar" in 2016 and for the Maurice Duruflé "Requiem" in 2019. He has played throughout the country with more recent recitals at Trinity Church in Boston, Methuen Memorial Music Hall in Methuen, Massachusetts, and Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.

Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife: Update on Avian Influenza

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (June 24, 2022) --The Northeast is currently experiencing an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). Recently we have received a number of reports of dead or dying birds on coastal beaches believed to be a result of the virus. Avian influenza, or bird flu, is a respiratory disease caused by infection with a type of influenza virus.

At this time we ask that you do not touch or remove any dead or dying birds that you encounter on beaches or other public property. Officials are aware of the issue and will work to remove them as quickly as possible.

Birds that appear to

be sick or injured should be left alone! The National Wildlife Disease Program recommends NOT handling deceased or injured wildlife. PLEASE DO NOT transport birds that appear to be sick or injured to any rehab facility as it may further spread the virus.

Birds found dead on private land and/or beaches can be removed by the homeowner at their discretion. If removed, we are encouraging the use of masks and gloves when doing so. The dead bird should be buried or can be bagged and placed into the trash. Sick acting birds should be left alone.

If an eagle is found, please call Maine Police

dispatch at 207-624-7076.

Avian flu viruses normally spread among wild water birds, like ducks and geese. These viruses can spread to domestic poultry, like chickens, ducks, geese, and guinea hens.

Avian flu viruses do not normally make humans sick but human infections with avian flu viruses have occurred. People who have regular contact with poultry or wild birds are most at risk.

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Congrats to Flagship Cinema's Hidden Popcorn Winners

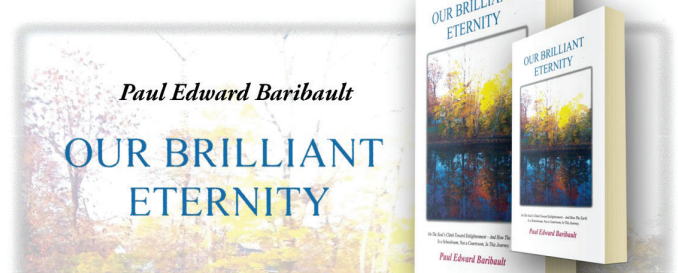
GORHAM, LEWISTON/AUBURN, ME (June 24, 2022) -- Congratulations to this

month's Hidden Popcorn winners! They found the hidden popcorn and have won 2 free passes to

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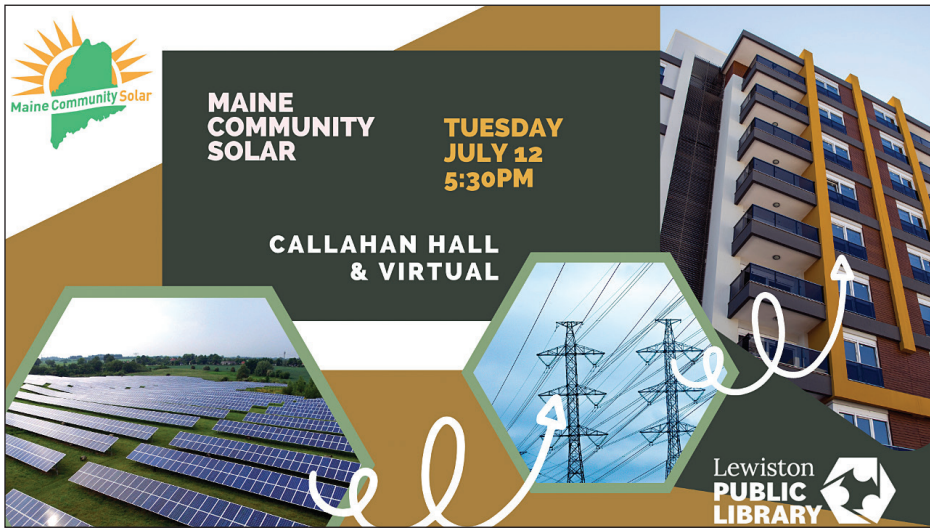
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LPL to Host Summer Reading and Maine Community Solar



LEWISTON, ME (June 22, 2022) -- SUMMER READING AT LEWISTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The 2022 Summer Reading program at Lewiston Public Library begins June 27th and will run until August 13th. The library will have free, public Oceans of Possibilities themed events and reading programs for children, teens, and adults throughout the summer. Check the library's website at www.lplonline.org/events-programs to see upcoming events.

This summer all ages will be using a bookmark to track reading and activities for prizes. Pick up a bookmark at the library, complete the activities listed, and turn it in at the library to be entered into our end-of-summer prize drawings. Children and Teens will also get to choose a free book to keep for every reading bookmark completed. All ages may complete as

many reading bookmarks as they wish throughout the summer reading program.

Admission is free to all Summer Reading events and no library card is required to participate in the reading programs. Prizes must be picked up in person at the library. <http://www.myspace.com/guthriesplace>The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street. More information on the 2022 Summer Reading program is available by contacting the Lewiston Public Library at 207-513-3135 or LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov.

KIDS ACTIVITIES

We've got pirates, magicians, sharks, tall tales, tide pools, and more! We'll have different themes each week, plus events and crafts, and you can participate in our book prize program! Follow us on Facebook [@LPL Kids](https://www.facebook.com/LPLKids) for updates.

Starting the week of

June 27, we'll have fun craft activities in our program room you can do anytime you stop by the library, and an ocean of fun events! Here's a sneak peak of the free, family-friendly events we've got coming up:

June 26-July 2: Pirates & Treasures crafts in the program room all week, plus:

June 27: Summer Reading Kick-off Event at Festival Plaza (Hosted by Auburn Public Library)

July 2: Phil the Magician

July 3-July 9: The Seven Seas crafts all week in the program room all week, plus:

July 9: Matinee movie at Lewiston Public Library

July 10-July 16: Our Blue Planet crafts in the program room all week, plus:

July 14: Climate Clean-up! with Ms. Alexis

July 17-July 23: Shark Week crafts in the program room all week,



plus:

July 20: Mr. Drew and His Animals, Too!

July 23: Shark Attack! with Ms. Sara

July 24-July 30: Ocean Animals crafts in the program room all week, plus:

July 27: Great Tentacles! Cephalopods STEAM with Ms. Ivy

July 30: Magnificent Monster Circus

MAINE COMMUNITY SOLAR

The Lewiston Public Library will host Maine Community Solar for an information session on Tuesday, July 12 at 5:30pm in Callahan Hall and streaming virtually on Zoom and Facebook. This free, public program will cover what community solar is, how it

works, and what the benefits are to Maine residents.

With solar farms going up across the state and flyers arriving weekly in the mail, it can be difficult to parse what all this information means and how the average citizen can take advantage to have a lower monthly electric bill. After the presentation, there will be an option to ask additional questions. If you think you might be interested in participating in community solar, bring a copy of your most recent electric bill and get one-on-one assistance with signing up for a program that is the best fit for you.

Maine Community Solar is a local organization educating Maine businesses and consumers about

the benefits of community solar and helping them enroll in the program that's right for them. They are on a mission to make Maine a leader in sustainability and renewable energy. For more information, please visit www.mainecommunitysolar.org

Admission is free to all Library events. Registration required for Zoom participation only. Event will also be livestreamed to Facebook. <http://www.myspace.com/guthriesplace>The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street. More information is available by contacting the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3135 or LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov.



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Laurel Libby to Run for Re-Election



AUBURN, ME (June 6, 2022) – State Representative Laurel Libby (R-Auburn) has announced that she is seeking re-election in House District 90, part of Auburn and Minot. Libby, a known advocate for disenfranchised communities, is completing her first term in the Maine House of Representatives, where she serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

“The best decisions are made when everyone has had the opportunity to participate in their government,” said Rep. Libby. “Whether it’s lowering gas prices by 30 cents a gallon, promoting educational choice, or support-

ing our elderly citizens, I am not shy about bucking the establishment in order to give voice to those who feel shut-out of the political process. Maine citizens are smarter than the people who have been making decisions for them, and smarter with their own money. If re-elected, I will support economic policies that grow our economy by increasing family budgets.”

Libby owns an interior decorating business, with a focus on real estate

staging. A strong advocate for educational choice, Libby is a homeschooler. She previously worked as a registered nurse and was part of a federal disaster relief team. Both born and raised in Maine, Libby and her husband John are raising five children in Auburn.

On June 3rd, Libby held a re-election launch party with 200 supporters in attendance. The Libby campaign has seen unprecedented support, quickly becoming one of the lead-

ing recipients of small, first-time donations from Mainers seeking to become involved for the first time. Supporters are drawn to Laurel Libby because of her efforts to give voice to the concerns of her constituents and opportunities for them to be heard in Augusta.

For more information on how to support Laurel Libby and bring about a change in state government, contact her at (207) 632-7619 or by email laurel@laurellibby.com

Humane Society Announces Summer Raffle Winners

LEWISTON, ME (June 22, 2022) – The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society announces the winners of their Annual Summer Raffle. With over \$12,000 in tickets sales the winners were: Sherry Bellmore of Lewiston, winning \$500 cash; Cynthia Peters of Lewiston, winning \$300 cash; Nancy Couture of Jay, winning \$200 cash; and Dorothy Bowyer of

Auburn, winning \$100 cash. All proceeds from the raffle directly benefit the Humane Society.

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society provides a safe haven for over 3,000 sick, homeless and abused animals in the greater Androscoggin area per year. The primary support for the shelter comes from fundraising events and donations of concerned

citizens.

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society is located at 55 Strawberry Avenue in Lewiston. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering at the Shelter or adopting an animal call 783-2311 or visit the website at www.SavingPetsInMaine.org. You can also join them on www.facebook.com/GAHumane.

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Registration Open for Healthy Living for ME July Workshops

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (June 22, 2022) -- Healthy Living for ME has announced its July workshop schedule. Through its network partners, Healthy Living for ME is able to offer in-person and online workshops statewide. In July, the workshops include programs that help people improve their fitness, help people manage chronic conditions, and provide support and resources for caregivers.

"We're pleased to be able to offer a variety of both online and in-person workshops with our network partners in northern, mid-coast and central Maine this summer," said Jennifer Fortin, Fidelity & Training Manager of Healthy Living for ME. "Whether you're looking for support in your role as a caregiver, or would like to take steps to improve your own health and wellness, Healthy Living for ME's evidence-based work-

shops can help." Tai Chi for Health and Balance - This workshop is focused on practicing Tai Chi, which can help people improve balance and health as well as relieve pain.

An in-person Tai Chi for Health and Balance workshop is being offered by Healthy Living for ME network partner, Spectrum Generations at the Richmond Area Senior Center beginning July 11th. The workshops will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00am and runs through September 19th. The cost for participants is \$45.

An online Tai Chi for Health and Balance workshop is being offered by Healthy Living for ME network partner, Aroostook Agency on Aging beginning July 12th. The workshop will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00-9:00am, and runs through September 15th.



The cost for participants is \$20.

Living Well for Better Health - This workshop helps participants deal with ongoing conditions such as diabetes, COPD, arthritis, and high blood pressure. Topics covered include: handling frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation; appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, and endurance; appropriate use of medications; communicating effectively with family,

friends, and health professionals; nutrition; and evaluating new treatments.

Living Well for Better Health is being offered online by Healthy Living for ME network partner, SeniorsPlus. The workshop begins on July 12th. It will be held on Tuesdays from 9:00-11:30am, through August 16th. There is no cost for participants.

Bingocize - This workshop combines a bingo-like game with exercise and health education with

the goal of increasing older adults' functional fitness, health knowledge, and social engagement.

Bingocize is being offered online by Healthy Living for ME network partner, Aroostook Agency on Aging beginning July 13th. The workshop will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays, 1:00-2:00pm, through September 16th. There is no cost for participants.

Savvy Caregiver - The Savvy Caregiver Program helps caregivers better understand the changes their loved ones are experiencing and how to best provide individualized care for their care recipients throughout the progression of Alzheimer's or dementia. There is no cost for participants.

Two sessions of this workshop are being offered by Healthy Living for ME network partner, Spectrum Generations. The first will be held online, beginning

July 19th. It will be held on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30am, through August 23rd.

The second will be held in-person at Center Point Church in Waterville, beginning July 21st. It will be held on Thursdays, 9:00-11:00am, through August 25th.

For virtual workshops, participants who do not have the necessary technology may be eligible to borrow an iPad from Healthy Living for ME in order to participate.

Registration is required for these workshops. Please contact Healthy Living for ME at 1-800-620-6036 or info@healthylivingforme.org for more information and to register. You can also register via our website, www.healthylivingforme.org.

To learn more about these and other workshops offered by Healthy Living for ME, visit www.healthylivingforme.org.

Blood and Platelet Donors Needed Around Fourth of July

PORTLAND, ME (June 22, 2022) — As summer officially begins and people gather for holiday celebrations, the American Red Cross reminds communities that patients are counting now on the generosity of blood and platelet donors, especially around the Fourth of July.

The Red Cross sees about a 21% decline in blood and platelet donations during holiday weeks, including Independence Day. When blood donations drop, so does the blood supply, making it extremely challenging to ensure blood is available when hospitals need it.

By scheduling and

keeping appointments in July, donors can help provide for those in immediate need of lifesaving care. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you for helping, all those who come to give June 30-July 10 will receive an exclusive Red Cross recycled cotton tote bag, while supplies last.

Health insights for donors

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all

blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if appli-

cable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Blood drive safety

The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety and infection control. The Red Cross will continue to socially distance wherever possible at blood drives, donation centers and facilities. While donors are no longer required to wear a face mask, individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask for any reason. The Red Cross will also adhere to more stringent face mask requirements per state and/or local guidance, or at the request of

blood drive sponsors. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at a drive.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental

consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Local Students Make Dean's Lists

BOSTON (Grassroots Newswire) (June 17, 2022) -- The following lo-

cal students have made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for

the Spring 2022 semester. Mikaela Estes of Auburn, ME (04210)

Molly Sherr of Auburn, ME (04210)
Jacob Willette of Auburn, ME (04210)
Charats Burch of Brunswick, ME (04011)
Tobias Roy of Durham, ME (04222)
Brodi Farinas of Lew-

iston, ME (04240)
Owen Kelly of Lisbon, ME (04250)
Thomas Worden of Minot, ME (04258)
Jessica Seeley of Poland, ME (04274)
Andrew Pulsifer of Topsham, ME (04086)

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Protecting Mainers from Price Gouging

Guest Column by Sen. Nate Libby

(June 17, 2022) --

High gas prices are forcing many of us to make changes, whether that's canceling a summer road trip, carpooling to work or cutting down on trips to the grocery store. There are many reasons prices are up, primarily global supply chain issues and the Russian invasion of Ukraine with its political and economic ramifications. But something isn't adding up. While gas companies want us to think that we're paying more simply because their costs are up, we can't ignore the fact that at the same time these companies are raking in record

profits. For example, Exxon Mobil's first quarter profits this year are triple what they were during the first quarter of last year. When Mainers are giving up more and more at the pump while executives and investors line their pockets, it's important we stop and consider what other factors may be at play.

Whenever Mainers are struggling, it's the responsibility of lawmakers to make sure we're doing all we can to help ease the burden. Earlier this month, dozens of my legislative colleagues and I, including other members of Lewiston's legislative delegation, wrote a letter to Maine Attorney Gener-

al Aaron Frey asking his office to determine whether fuel companies are engaging in market manipulation. For those who don't know, price gouging occurs when sellers charge much more than is fair for their product or service, often relying on the fact that consumers don't have the opportunity to go without that good or service, or can't purchase it elsewhere. Importantly, price gouging is also illegal. While fuel companies have every right to make a profit off of the product they sell, we must ensure that profit is earned fairly, not by extorting consumers for a commodity – like gas – that they can't do without.

In the meantime, there is some help on the way. The \$850 checks authorized by the Legislature earlier this year have already begun arriving in mailboxes. Over 850,000 Mainers qualify for these checks, which are meant to provide some relief as we deal with the high price of gas and other pandemic-driven inflation.

Qualifying for the check is straightforward and easy: As long as you meet the income guidelines and file your 2021 Maine individual income taxes, you will automatically receive your check in the mail. To qualify, you must have earned less than \$100,000 if filing singly, less than \$150,000

if filing as head of household, or less than a combined \$200,000 if you're a couple filing jointly. If you still have questions, you can visit portal.maine.gov/refundstatus/payment to confirm your eligibility.

If you haven't filed your 2021 taxes yet, you have until Oct. 31 of this year to do so. For people who receive Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, or who otherwise don't usually make enough money to file taxes, you will have to file in order to receive the check. If you need help filing, call 2-1-1 or visit www.cashmaine.org to find free, qualified help. For other questions about the

checks, visit www.maine.gov/governor/mills/relief-checks, call Maine Revenue Services at (207) 624-9924, or reach out to my office any time.

I know times are difficult, and there is no easy solution to the problems we face in this global market. If you or your family need help finding resources to get by, you can also reach out to my office any time by calling (207) 287-1515 or emailing me at Nathan.Libby@legislature.maine.gov. You can also visit mainesenate.org to sign up for my regular e-newsletter, which contains the latest information about programs that may be able to help you and your family.

Area Students Graduate, Make Dean's List

Saint Anselm College Releases List of 2022 Graduates

MANCHESTER, NH (June 21, 2022) --

Saint Anselm College has released the list of 540 graduates for the 2021-2022 school year. Members of the class of 2022 were celebrated for academic achievement and for overcoming the challenges brought on by the pandemic during the 129th Commencement Exercises. The college's first graduate school class also received diplomas that day, with 22 students completing a 4+1 Master of Arts in Criminal Justice program.

The following students graduated Saturday, May 21:

Auburn, ME Melissa Pawlina, Bachelor of Arts, psychology and criminal justice

Lewiston, ME Joshua Fortin, Bachelor of Arts, finance

During the commencement exercises speaker and honorary de-

gree recipient Fr. Columba Stewart, O.S.B., addressed the members of the class of 2022 focusing on the themes of courage, providence, friendship and gratitude. He shared the story of his journey from an undergraduate at Harvard University who thought his path would lead him to graduate school but instead led him to a monastic life in Minnesota and a vocation "partnering with communities around the world to preserve their handwritten heritage, their manuscripts."

College President Joseph A. Favazza, Ph.D., shared with the class what it means to be a graduate of Saint Anselm College. "You commence from us today as Anselmians and we are so, so proud of you." "But never forget that what you have been given is not a private good - rather, it is to seek and to serve the common good as an active member of your community. "Volunteer, vote, be a generous

donor to worthy causes, read broadly, choose social media wisely, and be an activist for equality and justice. Push limits even when you are unsure and uncomfortable instead of settling for the comfortable cave of certainty."

Area residents named to dean's list for the Spring 2022 semester at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, CT

(June 20, 2022) -- The following area students were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2022 semester at Quinnipiac University:

Lewiston, ME Kwesi Akuffo-Anoff

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

Suffragette Camille Lessard Bissonnette Honored

LEWISTON, ME

(May 30, 2022) -- As part of the national votes for women trail, Camille Lessard Bissonnette, 1883-1970, is being recognized for her contribution to the suffragist movement.

The William G Pomeroy Foundation & Votes for Women, Historic Marker Grant Program awarded grant money for fabrication of plaques for 5 sites in Maine including 223 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, as the site of the newspaper office for Le Messenger, the longest running French language newspaper in Maine, where Ms. Bissonnette was employed and wrote her weekly column in French, in support of suffrage.

"Camille was a lone voice in the French heritage culture of the state of Maine expressing her views on pro-suffrage issues. She was brave to express her views about women's lives given the lack of status of the French in Maine", Rhea Cote Robbins.

"Women's page editors would often use their columns to debate men's arguments against suffrage, or to argue with other women who were less sympathetic towards the cause. Most suffrage supporters were not shy of public speaking but expressing their views in print allowed them to reach a wider audience. This was especially true of Camille Lessard-Bissonnette, a columnist for Le Messenger of Maine. Lessard-Bissonnette is often overlooked as a suffrage supporter in the annals of both Canadian suffrage and Canadian women of the press, perhaps because she spent part of her life writing for the Quebec diaspora in the United States. But in those days the debate across borders was fluid, and Lessard-Bissonnette engaged with other French-Canadians as well as with Franco-Americans (Shideler 74). She offered scathing observations about the hypocritical nature of saying that women

should not get involved with politics or voting because it would soil their superior virtue" (Shideler 70), Megan Cécile Radford.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to unveil the plaque and honor the contributions of Camille Lessard Bissonnette on June 2, 2022 at 223 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, Maine.

For more information about Camille Lessard-Bissonnette:

Biography: Camille Lessard-Bissonnette: The Quiet Evolution of French-Canadian Immigrants in New England

Bio by Janet L. Shideler

<http://www.amazon.com/Camille-Lessard-Bissonnette-French-Canadian-Francophone-Literatures/dp/0820428337>

"Franco-American Women's Suffrage Movement and Legislators" by Rhea Côté Robbins

https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/francoamerican_occ_papers/11/

Running

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pants guess their finish time when they register, and no watches, trackers, earbuds, or any electronic devices are allowed on the course. Prizes will be awarded starting with the closest to their guess, and work down the list. We will also raffle off more prizes after the top 10 guesses.

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Business Advisors Receive Certification

MAINE STATE-WIDE (June 1, 2022) -- The Maine Small Business Development Centers (Maine SBDC), a state-wide program that helps entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses, recognized eight (8) business advisors who received their Core Competencies Certification from the New England Professional Development (NEPD) group on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. Newly certified advisors include Christine Cole (Portland), Tina Oddleifson (Portland), Anne Lancaster (Biddeford), Lori Allen (Auburn), Christina Ramsdell (Auburn), Brandon McDonald (Caribou), Alison Lane (Bangor), and Peter Piconi (Waterville).

NEPD is a professional development collaboration of the six Small Business Development Centers in New England and includes the Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island programs. The NEPD program provides a comprehensive, core knowledge training program and is a key element of the SBDC's ability to provide

valuable and high-quality services to clients and meet the needs of stakeholders. The certification training is comprised of two elements – participation in specified on-line technical content and an in-person, two-day intensive group session.

The eight newly certified business advisors include:

Christine Cole is located in Portland and serves small businesses in Cumberland and York Counties.

Tina Oddleifson is located in Portland and serves small businesses in Cumberland and York Counties.

Anne Lancaster is located in Biddeford and serves small businesses in York County.

Lori Allen is located in Auburn and serves small businesses in Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin counties.

Christina Ramsdell is located in Auburn and serves small businesses in Androscoggin, Oxford, and Franklin counties.

Brandon McDonald is located in Caribou and serves small businesses in Aroos-

took County.

Alison Lane is located in Bangor and serves small businesses in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties.

Peter Piconi is located in Waterville and serves small businesses in Somerset & Northern Kennebec Counties.

Individuals interested in working with the Maine SBDC can visit www.mainesbdc.org or call 207-780-4420.

About the Maine Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)

The Maine SBDC provides no-cost, business advising to small businesses throughout Maine through its network of business advisors. It is a program of the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, and the University of Southern Maine. The SBDC is accredited by America's SBDC. For more information or to request a business advising appointment, visit the website: www.mainesbdc.org or call 207-780-4420.

Maine Receives Final Round of American Rescue Plan Funding

AUGUSTA, ME (June 24, 2022) -- The Department of Administrative and Financial Services announced today that it has delivered the second half of the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received from the Federal government through the American Rescue Plan to Maine municipalities. This second and final round of funding totals \$59,611,822, which, when combined with last year's first round distribution, amounts to \$119.2 million in total investment in Maine communities.

These funds were distributed to municipalities with less than 50,000 population. Maine's largest cities, along with Maine's 16 counties have already received their second tranche payment directly from the U.S. Treasury Department and are not included in the \$119.2 million. This second tranche payment required no additional work on the part of municipal offices. A duplicate amount

as the first payment was automatically sent via the same method as the first round of funds.

The amounts of Local Fiscal Recovery Fund payments distributed to local governments were based upon their relative share of the non-entitlement unit population, not to exceed the amount equal to 75 percent of the most recent municipal budget as of January 27, 2020, in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Treasury.

The Local Fiscal Recovery Program is part of a more than \$4.5 billion Federal investment in Maine from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which also includes stimulus payments to Maine families, recovery efforts like bolstering public health including COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, broadband infrastructure, and direct payments to Maine's county governments and so-called "entitlement" cities.

The remaining approximately \$1 billion additional ARPA funding received by the State of Maine has been used to deploy the Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan, the Governor's plan, approved by the Legislature, to improve the lives of Maine people and families, help businesses, create good-paying jobs, and build an economy poised for future prosperity.

It draws heavily on recommendations from the Governor's Economic Recovery Committee and the State's 10-Year Economic Development Strategy, transforming them into real action to improve the lives of Maine people and strengthen the economy.

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

List

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NORTHFIELD, VT. (Grassroots Newswire) (June 15, 2022) -- The following student from your readership area has been recognized on the Dean's List at Norwich University for the Spring 2022 semester:

Garrett Mack, Lewiston
Full-time undergraduate

uate students, who earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.40 are awarded Dean's List honors.

About Norwich University

Norwich University is a diversified academic institution that educates traditional-age students and adults in a Corps of Cadets and as civilians. Norwich offers a broad selection of traditional and distance-learning

programs culminating in Baccalaureate and Graduate Degrees. Norwich University was founded in 1819 by Captain Alden Partridge of the U.S. Army and is the oldest private military college in the United States of America. Norwich is one of our nation's six senior military colleges and the birthplace of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). www.norwich.edu

Seniors

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the portage. While some marginal benefit was derived, overall it was a disappointment.

The magnificent falls provide a remarkable location to camp. Everyone in our group spent time at the falls savoring the spectacular beauty, contemplating paddling routes they'd never try, or fishing at the base. Fortunately, the rain didn't happen.

Our final day began with some surfing in a

wave train below the falls. Another tailwind facilitated our fourteen mile cruise to Allagash Village, completed in less than three hours. While unloading, we predictably discussed possible trips for next year.

Read about more tales of adventure on the Allagash and an expedition down the feisty Musquacook Stream tributary in my book Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine.

Ron Chase resides

in Topsham. His latest book, "Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine" is available at <https://www.northcountrypress.com/maine-al-fresco.html> or in bookstores and through online distributors. His previous books are "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals – New England." Visit his website at www.ronchaseoutdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.

Decision

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make an informed choice that they can live with a feel good about.

In this age of promoting choice to women facing unplanned pregnancy, women deserve to know

all of their choices – that they have options, and that abortion is not women's reproductive healthcare. Knowledge is power, and many people have come to see this issue differently based on what they have come to know and experience.

America has grown from the atrocities of slavery and changed. America can grow from the atrocities of abortion and change as well. The Supreme Court decision is the first step. The next step is to educate and heal. God bless America.

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

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

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.

or check) at the door, 207-846-5378, or <http://www.midcoastsymphony.org> for details. Under 18 and college students are free.

the chance to Live, Learn and Recover. Deb York began An Angel's Wing in 2017 and has been helping our community since.

July 2
LEWISTON -- Satur-

day, July 2nd at 11:00AM: **MAGICIAN PHIL SMITH**
 Be ready to be amazed in Phil Smith's comedy magic show with juggling, storytelling, sleight-of-hand, mind reading and the magical production of a rabbit! For all ages in Callahan Hall. No registration required. Free. 513-3133; www.LPLonline.org

July 12
LEWISTON -- The Southern Maine Squadron Sampson AFBVA will be having a get together at noon time at the Governors Restaurant in Lewiston. During the Korean War era, those who chose the Air Force went to Sampson AFB, on the East Shore of Seneca Lake near Geneva NY, for basic training before going on to Tech Schools. Now some

of these veterans gather monthly through the summer months for lunch and share stories. All veterans are welcome to join.

FMI call 657-4909 Bob Sawyer Sampson, 1953 wwmtk-wkr1933@gmail.com

July 12
LEWISTON -- Tuesday, July 12 at 5:30pm at the Lewiston Public Library: **MAINE COMMUNITY SOLAR**

This free, public program will cover what community solar is, how it works, and what the benefits are to Maine residents. If you think you might be interested in participating in community solar, bring a copy of your most recent electric bill and get one-on-one assistance with signing up for a program that is the best fit for you after the presentation concludes.

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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 nonfiction selection for this year's Read ME statewide summer reading program. Copies available to borrow. Advance registration required at 513-3135 or lpreference@gmail.com.

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 lpreference@gmail.com.

Fontaine's 8th Annual Virtual Auction Raises \$26,486



AUBURN, ME (June 23, 2022) -- Fontaine Family - The Real Estate Leader's Bid for Wishes Virtual Auction was created back in the summer of 2014 as a vir-

tual fundraiser Facebook event in order to grant a wish for a seriously ill Maine Wish kid. Fontaine Team has been involved with fundraising for Make-A-Wish Maine since 2009.

At that time, they were participating in the Walk for Wishes. The first year of their Bid for Wishes auction consisted of just a handful of agents but managed to collect 50 items,



had 30 attendees and raised a little over \$900. They just hosted their 8th annual Bid for Wishes auction with major success; the team members of both Auburn and Scarborough locations collected 316 items, had over 400 attendees, and raised \$26,486 - their best turnout yet!

They are happy to

announce that half of the funds raised this year went to Lewiston teen Johnathan Morin and half to Make-A-Wish Maine. The Fontaine Family would like to thank the local businesses for all the donations, Fontaine Team members who took the time out of their busy days to request donations and collect auction items,

and also all those who bid on the items for making this event such a huge success. If you would like to donate an item for the 9th Annual Fontaine Bid for Wishes scheduled for May 2023 on their Facebook business page (fb.com/fontaineteam), send an email to crystal@fontaineteam.com.

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Lewiston Adult Ed. Awarded \$1.3 Million for Apprenticeship Training



Lewiston Adult Education Director Jen Tiner, left, speaks at a June 3 news conference with Governor Janet Mills announcing funding for apprenticeship programs.

LEWISTON, ME (June 7, 2022) – Governor Janet Mills on Friday announced \$12.3 million in grants to 14 organizations to expand apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs across Maine.

Lewiston Adult Education is one of the recipients. It has received a \$1.3 million grant to create pre-apprenticeship programs in the construction trades and health-care occupations, including personal support specialist, certified nursing assistant and medical assistant.

Mills announced the grants during a visit to Lewiston Adult Education’s Adult Learning Center at Longley School on June 3.

“Apprenticeships are a win for our workers, our employers, and our economy, providing on-the-job training that results in a stable workforce, good-paying jobs, and a stronger, more diverse economy,” Mills said. “These funds will allow organiza-

tions across Maine to expand or create new apprenticeship opportunities and more than double the number of apprentices, helping to get more people – especially younger folks – into new, exciting fields that can provide a good paycheck and strengthen our economy.”

She visited classrooms after her speech to learn more about nursing and technology classes.

“We are excited and eager to begin the process of building apprenticeship pathways in healthcare, construction and manufacturing, to leverage the resources within our school community, including Lewiston Regional Technical Center, to increase the depth and breadth of workforce trainings that are critical to economic development and will provide opportunities for adults throughout our state to achieve their career goals. This work will strengthen our economy, enhance collaboration between employers and education academies, and it

will bring a future of hope to the Lewiston community and to the entire state of Maine,” Lewiston Adult Education Director Jen Tiner said.

The 14 organizations awarded funds will partner with the Maine Department of Labor’s Registered Apprenticeship Program to expand or develop new apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs. The funding is expected to provide more than 3,000 Maine people with new apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship opportunities, more than doubling the number of Maine’s current apprentices, and add 150 new employer sponsors.

One expansion is the addition of the state’s first roofing and siding apprenticeship, which will be established and run by Industrial Roofing Co. in Lewiston. Apprenticeship programs offer Maine residents the opportunity to learn a skill or trade through paid, on-the-job training combined with classroom instruction.

Other recipients included General Dynamics Bath Iron Works, Portland Adult Education, Associated General Contractors of Maine and Revision Energy. Funding for the Jobs Plan is through the American Rescue Plan Act, which allocated \$4.5 billion in stimulus funds to Maine in 2021.

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