

Former Gov. Paul LePage Attends Ribbon Cutting in Lewiston



Former U.S. Congressman Bruce Poliquin, former Maine Gov. Paul LePage, co-chair of Maine GOP Aqeel Mohialdeen, new Mainer Ali Jashaami and Maine GOP Chair Demi Kouzounas cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening of the RNC. TCT photo by Laurie Steele.

The Republican National Committee and Maine Republican Party officially opened its 16,000 square-foot facility in downtown Lewiston on July 30. The event included the opening of a RNC victory office and the second Maine GOP Multi-Cultural Center. The center is located at 184 Main Street in Lewiston.

Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice Holds Butterfly Release

Lewiston, ME (July 28, 2022) – On Saturday, July 16th, a record breaking 400 individuals gathered at Geiger Elementary School in Lewiston for Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice’s Annual Butterfly Release Celebration. Held in person for the first time since 2019, guests came together to honor and remember loved ones in a uniquely beautiful way.

Led by Master of Ceremonies, David Eid of WGME-13, the ceremony included stories of remembrance, poems, and live music performed by Androscoggin employees, Karen Flynn, Sarah Gillespie, and Kerry O’Leary. The celebration concluded with the much-anticipated reading of loved ones’ names and the release of 800 Monarch butterflies, providing a tranquil backdrop for guests

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Sen. Collins Secures \$1M for L/A YMCA



WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 28, 2022) --U.S. Senator Susan Collins, a senior member of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, announced that she secured \$925,000 for YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston in the draft Fiscal Year 2023 Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill.

As the Ranking Member and lead Republican on the Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator Collins secured funding for this project in the bill, which was officially released by the full Senate Appropriations Committee today and must now be voted upon by the full Senate and House.

“Community institutions like the YMCA are wonderful assets for towns that bring families and neighbors together,” said Senator Collins. “This funding for the Auburn-Lewiston YMCA would significantly expand access to child care, creating a safe, structured environment for children to play and learn while their parents are at work. In addition, this new pavilion could be utilized by local residents and other non-profits for community events. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I will continue to champion this funding as the appropriations process moves forward.”

The funding would be used to construct a Community All-weather Pavilion, which would provide a year-round, multi-use space for public, private, and civic use at the YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston’s 95-acre Outdoor Learning & Education Center in Auburn.

The pavilion would increase child care and school age programming by adding up to 142 additional year-round school age slots per day to current YMCA programming. In addition, this space would allow the Y to better utilize “rainy day” spaces at its Turner Street location, which provides the opportunity to expand programming to an additional 70 participants per day. This capacity expansion is equivalent to 3 full-time large centers opening in the local area.

The Outdoor Learning & Education Center is open to the public, free of charge, from sunrise to sunset year-round. The Y also provides no-cost use of the property to dozens of community and civic organizations, and low-cost programming to public entities like schools, colleges, and municipalities, and as well as non-profits such as the Dempsey Center and hospitals. In a partnership with Evergreen Outdoor Education, the Y hosts local safety classes (hunting, land use, invasive species mitigation) and veteran outreach events that would not be otherwise locally available.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Solar Jobs Up in Maine, Increase 9% Nationwide in 2021

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 26, 2022) — Solar energy jobs were up in 47 states and increased 9 percent nationwide from 2020 to 2021 to a total of 255,037 solar workers. These findings are in the annual National Solar Jobs Census released today by the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC), an independent national nonprofit organization.

This job growth took place in a year of record solar installations driven by increased demand for renewable energy among residential customers, municipalities, businesses, and electric utilities. Overall, the solar industry added 21,563 jobs in 2021, with more than two-thirds of these new jobs (14,350) at installation and project development firms.

Maine has 684 solar jobs as of 2021, a 15% increase from 2020.

“America’s solar industry came back strong from the pandemic to expand the clean energy workforce across all regions of the country,” said Larry Sherwood, President and CEO at IREC. “The future remains uncertain in light of the supply chain disruptions, trade issues, and stalled federal policy in the first part of 2022. There is potential for unprecedented job growth in the coming years if federal, state, and local leaders take action to expand clean energy use and address climate change.”

Over the past decade, U.S. solar employment has more than doubled from 105,145 jobs in 2011 to 255,037 jobs in 2021. The most significant growth has taken place in the installation and project development sector, where employment more than tripled since 2011 to reach 168,960 jobs in 2021.

At the state level, California continues to lead in the total number of solar jobs with 75,712 jobs as of 2021, followed by Florida (11,761 jobs), Massachusetts (10,548 jobs), New York (10,524 jobs), and Texas (10,346 jobs). These are followed by Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, and Ohio, each with 7,000 to 9,000 jobs.

California also led for the number of jobs added in 2021 (7,035 new jobs), followed by Massachusetts (+1,053 jobs), Nevada (+1,019 jobs), and Arizona (+932 jobs). Other strong growth states were Ohio, North Carolina, New Jersey, and Georgia, each with 800–900 new jobs. A complete table of solar jobs by state and job growth from 2020 is available at <https://irecusa.org/programs/solar-jobs-census/>.

“Solar energy is an economic growth engine,

creating new jobs while it helps us confront the climate crisis,” said Dan Reicher, Senior Scholar, Stanford Woods Institute and former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Energy. “There is vast and untapped potential to expand solar installations and related jobs across the United States, in an environmentally sustainable manner, as we help businesses and families access this renewable energy source.”

The solar industry still has more work to do to meet its goals for diversity, equity, and inclusion and extend the benefits of the clean energy economy to underrepresented groups. The report found that women made up just under 30 percent of the solar workforce in 2021, while Black employees made up 8 percent of the workforce, Latino or Hispanic workers made up 20 percent, and Asian workers made up 9

percent. Fewer than one-third of solar firms reported strategies to increase female, ethnic or racial minority, or LGBTQ+ hires.

The solar industry can offer a path to advancement and a family-sustaining career, including for those without a two- or four-year college degree. Less than one-third of entry-level solar jobs (31 percent) require a bachelor’s degree, while 65 percent of firms provide on-the-job training. In a year with a tight labor market, 89 percent of firms reported difficulty finding qualified applicants, including 35 percent that said it was “very difficult.”

“These 2021 findings highlight that we can create family-sustaining jobs at the same time that we reduce carbon emissions,” said Tom Starrs, Vice President, Government and Public Affairs at EDP Renewables. “They

also highlight the critical importance of supportive policies to unlock the full potential of the solar industry to drive employment, foster local energy resilience, and confront climate change.”

This report analyzes data from the U.S. Department of Energy’s U.S. Energy and Employment Report 2022 and a supplemental followup survey of solar establishments. Both surveys were administered by BW Research Partnership. The National Solar Jobs Census defines a solar employee as someone who spends 50 percent or more of their time on solar-related work.

The National Solar Jobs Census was first published in 2010 by The Solar Foundation, which merged with IREC in 2021. The full report and related data can be downloaded at <https://irecusa.org/programs/solar-jobs-census/>.

HART’s Annual Yard Sale at Cumberland Fairgrounds is Back

CUMBERLAND, ME (July 28 2022) -- HART (Homeless Animal Rescue Team) of Maine, adoption center and shelter for cats, is pleased to announce their annual Yard Sale event Thursday, August 11 through Sunday, August 14, 2022 at the Cumberland Fairgrounds, 175 Blanchard Road, Cumberland, Maine. Admission is free.

All proceeds from items sold at this flagship fundraising event will go directly to providing essential care for the hundreds of cats they take in each year. The money raised will help pay for food, litter, general medical care, and the costs associated with more complex medical needs that some surrendered cats require to survive, thrive, and be ready for adoption.

Joann Wallace, long-time HART volunteer and organizer of the event, noted, “Last year, we raised just over \$38,000 for HART. This year, we are looking to exceed that amount, with a stretch-goal of \$40,000. And, I know we can do it, based on the generous support of our community and our dedicated volunteers, who make it all happen.”

Andy Hanna, HART’s Operations Director, added, “With this year’s inflationary concerns, this event couldn’t come at a better time. Not only are operating expenses higher right now, but with tougher economic times, we tend to see an increase in the number of cats surrendered by folks who are no longer able to financially care for them.”

ABOUT HART’S

ANNUAL YARD SALE Admission to HART’s Annual Yard Sale is free. The event runs 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Thursday, August 11 – Saturday, August 14, 2022 and 8 a.m. – Noon Sunday, August 15, 2022. The Yard Sale is located in the Exhibition Hall at the Cumberland Fairgrounds, 175 Blanchard Road, Cumberland, Maine 04021.

SIP & SHOP PREVIEW On Wednesday evening, August 10, 2022 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., HART will open the Yard Sale doors early for a Sip & Shop preview event. A \$25 admission fee will allow shoppers exclusive early access to the Yard Sale, and also a complimentary beverage and snacks.

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS STILL WELCOME Donations

of items to be sold at the Yard Sale are being accepted through Saturday, August 6 at the shelter at 302 Range Road in Cumberland. Then, HART will continue to accept items (especially furniture), at the Cumberland Fairgrounds Exhibition Building, Monday, August 8 through Thursday, August 11, 8 a.m.– 6 p.m. They are looking for previously loved, yet delicately used, furniture, home decor, kitchen gadgets, small appliances, clothing, toys, tools, garden equipment, holiday decorations, collectibles, books and more.

For a complete list of needed items, as well as those not accepted, visit their website: <https://www.hartofme.org/yard-sale>.

Volunteers are also still welcome to help set up for, as well as during the event. For more information on volunteering, visit their website: <https://www.hartofme.org/yard-sale> Homeless Animal Rescue Team of Maine PO Box 351, 302 Range Rd, Cumberland, ME 04021 | Phone: 207-829-4116 | Fax: 207-829-6176 www.hartofme.org | info@hartofme.org

ABOUT HART HART (Homeless Animal Rescue Team) of Maine is a no-kill shelter and adoption center for cats in Cumberland, Maine. HART’s mission is to provide refuge, comfort, and comprehensive medical attention for all of the cats that have been

surrendered, abandoned, injured, or abused—and to find appropriate community placements for them. HART is a primarily volunteer-run organization that provides a safe refuge to hundreds of homeless cats each year. They receive no public funding, relying on the support of individual donors to help rescue and provide shelter for these innocent animals. HART is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation licensed by the State of Maine. HART is a member of the American Humane Association, the American Partnership for Pets, and the New England Federation of Humane Societies. To learn more about HART, please visit <https://www.hartofme.org/about>

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

August 6 Is Hiroshima Day

LEWISTON, ME (July 27, 2022) -- A gathering takes place in Lewiston, Maine on August 6 aimed at recommitting ourselves to no-nuclear-war and commemorating Bernard Lown, the Nobel Prize-winning namesake of the local Bernard Lown Peace Bridge. The place is the Gendron Franco Center on Cedar Street and the time is 10:00 AM. That day marks the anniversary of the U.S. nuclear attack on Hiroshima, Japan in 1945.

After the program in the Center is completed, the assembly moves to the monument honoring Dr. Lown at the nearby Bernard Lown Peace Bridge. Further reflections will be offered and the observance ends at 11:30 AM.

Lewiston Mayor Carl Sheline will offer welcoming remarks. Auburn resident Allen Harvie will be presiding. The following people are speaking:

Former Lewiston Mayor Laurent Gilbert will recall the contributions of Dr. Lown and the campaign in 2008 to rename the bridge in Dr. Lown's honor.

Doug Dransfeld MD will testify to the urgency of eliminating nuclear weapons and, as head of the Maine chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, will report on the group's work toward that cause.

Ted Walworth MD, experienced in working for Doctors Without Borders, will reflect on the public role of physicians advocating for world peace.

Denny Dreher and Fred Brodeur will speak on behalf of Pax Christi Maine.

The short film "DR. LOWN: A Documentary"

will be shown. It documents U.S. and Soviet physicians collaborating for peace.

Organizing the August 6 event are: Maine Veterans for Peace, Peace Action Maine, and Physicians for Social Responsibility – Maine Chapter. Sponsors include PeaceWorks of Brunswick, Maine and Pax Christi Maine.

Dr. Lown, who died in 2021, was the famous cardiologist who invented the DC defibrillator. He and Soviet cardiologist Eugene Chazov in 1980 co-founded the group International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, which remains active (See <https://www.ippnw.org/>). Through their efforts, physicians joined in a worldwide campaign for a moratorium on nuclear weapons. For Dr. Lown, this was "the greatest political issue of our time." Drs Lown and Chazov together received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985.

Bernard Lown immigrated from Lithuania with his family, and studied at Lewiston High School and the University of Maine before entering medical school. He was a co-founder in 1961 of Physicians for Social Responsibility. He served as that group's first president.

Former Mayor Gilbert, a member of Florida and Maine Veterans for Peace and friend of Bernard Lown, has guided arrangements for the day. He and Allen Harvie led community efforts in 2008 to recognize Bernard Lown and carry out Allen Harvie's idea of renaming the former South Bridge to honor Dr. Lown. Involved in that project were the

Lewiston and Auburn City Councils, the Maine State Legislature, and former Governor John Baldacci.

Doug Rawlings, an organizer of the upcoming event, recalled recently that, "When we formed Veterans for Peace in 1985 here in Maine, we were, and still are, thinking of the children whose lives are impacted by war. Many of us, as veterans, looked into the eyes of these children. On August 6, 1945, the bomb was dropped on the children of Hiroshima at 8:15AM, just as they were settling into their classrooms."

According to Rawlings, "peace cranes" will be available to people attending on August 6. These origami paper cranes represent the story of Sadako Sasaki, a Japanese child-victim of the bombing. They are now a worldwide peace symbol.

Organizers of the August 6 event require that attendees wear protective facial masks inside the Gendron Franco Center. They will be provided.

Bridgton Hospital Golf Tournament Details Announced

BRIDGTON, ME (July 28, 2022) -- Bridgton Hospital is hosting its 30th Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, August 31 at Bridgton Highlands Country Club. This long-standing tournament has raised more than \$1 million over the years to support the many services and programs offered by

Bridgton Hospital.

"We are grateful to the local businesses and community members who have come out year after year for this annual fundraiser. The proceeds from this year's tournament will support critical trauma equipment for Bridgton Hospital's Emergency Department, ensuring

the high-quality care the community needs, close to home during a medical emergency," said Peter J. Wright, FACHE, president of Bridgton Hospital and Rumford Hospital.

Player registration and sponsorships are available now at www.cmhc.org/bridgton-golf.

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Out and About

Hugh and Grace Keene 60th Wedding Anniversary

By Rachel Morin
Joanne Sabourin and I attended our dear friends, Hugh and Grace Keene’s 60th Wedding Anniversary at Agora Grande, the former historic St. Patrick’s Church at 220 Bates St. in Lewiston.

It was a beautiful day in early July and the former church, having celebrated it’s 100 years anniversary in1990, held many historic memories and countless family memories and stories.

It is now a reception hall designed to bring new friends and old friends together to create new memories and gather once again in friendship to celebrate their lives and sharing their family stories.

As soon as we entered the hall, we felt the

warmth and welcoming atmosphere and saw many of our Edward Little High School classmates, as well as those from our Lewiston High School days and now, the current Lewiston Auburn Senior College classmates.

There was Hugh and Grace standing in front of the podium, smiling and welcoming friends who were lining up to greet them. After greeting Hugh and Grace, Joanne and I joined several folks who were perusing the display tables showing photo albums and souvenirs from their many trips abroad and other mementoes.

One table had a surprise. Hugh had written a book! “My Life Stories”. The Cover photo showed an attractive Hugh Keene



Hugh and Grace Keene of Auburn celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary at St. Patrick’s Church in Lewiston.

smiling up at us. The book looked very interesting and several friends thumbed through it saying

“Maybe I’ll buy it.”

A little later, our attention was drawn to Hugh and Grace seated on a bench in front of Reverend Monsignor Daniel Greenleaf, Pastor of Prince of Peace Parish. He was reading from the portrait of The Apostolic Blessing: “The Holy Father Francis cordially imparts The Apostolic Blessing to Hugh Keene and Grace Keene on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.”

It was a lovely afternoon with folks mingling and talking in the large center space and exchanging family news and meeting new friends. Soon it was time to line up at the large table of hot and cold foods arranged so attractively that we couldn’t decide which to choose.

After preparing our plates, Joanne and I sat at one of the round tables where we saw friends we hadn’t seen in a long time. We enjoyed our time talking together and spent the rest of the afternoon taking photos of each other to exchange and send to each other when we returned home.

We were all remarking how well the Keene daughters had prepared the afternoon celebration with every detail in place. A perfect celebration for Grace and Hugh to cherish for many years.

We enjoyed seeing the old church and how it had been lovingly transformed into a gathering place for friends and good

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A picture from the wedding album shows how resplendent the couple looked in their wedding attire.



The wedding cake shows the nurturing begins!



Belinda Castonguay was the first to sign the Guest Book.



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family get-togethers.

Hugh and Grace have two daughters, Elizabeth Ann Keene and Sue Ellen Hannon and two sons-in-laws, Frank Cuff and Paul Hannon. They have one granddaughter, Julia Grace Ann Hannon.

High and Grace are well known in the Lewiston-Auburn area for their community work and church work. They are members of St. Patrick's Church and are Eucharistic Ministers.

Grace has sung in the choir for many years and was the Director of Religious Education at St. Patrick's. She taught at Walton Junior High School, New Auburn, where she met Hugh who was Vice Principal at the time.

Grace later worked in the library at ELHS. She was an active member of

the Auburn Art Club and St. Vincent de Paul Society. Hugh and Grace worked in The United Way and are members of AREA (Androscoggin Retired Educators Association.) They are also members of MEA-R (Maine Educators Association- Retired)

Hugh is Chairman of the Board at Community Credit Union. He taught Physics at Edward Little High School and later at Lewiston Auburn Senior College. Hugh was Director of Dramatics at ELHS for many years and directed 61 plays. He is the Director for Androscoggin Readers Theater in Lewiston Auburn Senior College.

Hugh and Grace have two daughters, Elizabeth Ann Keene and Sue Ellen Hannan and a granddaughter, Julia Grace Ann Hannan. They have two sons-in-law, Frank Cuff and Paul Hannan.



Edward and Madelyn Given are long time friends of the Keenes.



A surprise at one of the tables. Hugh Keene has written a book that has attracted a lot of attention!



Joanne Sabourin, Sally Belisle and Cindy Peters, long time classmates at Lewiston Auburn Senior College, are also long time classmates with Hugh and Grace.



The altar remains at St. Patrick's Church.

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Arts & Entertainment

CLT Announces Production Team for *School of Rock*



AUBURN, ME (July 29, 2022) -- Director Paul G. Caron has announced the production crew for the upcoming Community Little Theatre production of *School of Rock – The Musical*. Based on the 2003 movie starring Jack Black, *School of Rock – The Musical* tells the story of wannabe rock star Dewey Finn, who is cast out by his dive-bar bandmates and finds himself in desperate need of cash. Posing as a substitute music teacher at an elite prep school, he exposes his students to his rock idols and transforms them into a mind-blowing rock band with one prima-

ry goal - to win the Battle of the Bands! Featuring 14 new songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber, all the original songs from the movie, and a band of insanely talented kids, *School of Rock* will warm your heart and blow you away in equal measure. Director Caron’s production team is pictured here at a recent rehearsal. Left to right in front are Connor Davis (stage crew), Makenzie LeBlanc (sound designer), Noah Keneborus (audio engineer), Sarah Chaloux (assistant stage manager), and Brandon Chaloux (stage manager). In the middle row are Ashleigh St. Pierre

(producer), Paul G. Caron (director/music director), Sue Caron (assistant director), and Dan Kane (set design/construction lead). In back are Colleen Keith (props master), Jane Mitchell (lead costumer), Maria Groover (choreographer), and Maddi DuBois (stage crew). Missing are Matt Conklin (lighting design), Joshua Conklin (light board), and Manis Hermann (stage crew). *School of Rock* will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on August 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20; and at 2:00 p.m. on August 14 and 21. Call 207-783-0958 or visit LA-CLT.com for tickets and information.

Lewiston Celebrates Opening of Obscura Café & Drinkery

LEWISTON, ME (July 27, 2022) — A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for the opening of Obscura Café & Drinkery in Lewiston at 10:30 AM on Thursday, August 4, 2022. Lewiston Mayor Carl Sheline will be joined by John Rice, Director of Operations at Schooner Estate Senior Living Center and Board Chair of the Board for LA Metro Chamber, Senator Susan Collin’s Office Representative Carlene Trembly, Congressman Jared Golden’s Office District Representative Katherine Drummond, and members of the public.

Obscura Café & Drinkery is a 1920’s reminiscent eatery, drinkery, and entertainment venue that aims to bring an all inclusive experience to Downtown Lewiston’s Arts District. Serving an American style menu of paninis, salads, flatbreads, specialty waffles and charcuterie, Obscura provides a creative menu that is also accessible for guests with gluten sensitivity and vegan diets. Our bar features a large selection of craft beers, canned cocktails, and wine. The space boasts a large projection theater screen above the



bar that shows silent films and speakeasy style lounge downstairs for performances and events that will be opening soon. You can learn more at www.obscuramaine.com. “We’ve always had the vision to give the iconic Lamey-Wellehan building a second life while preserving the history of the space and of the Wellehan family legacy. With the full support and belief of Jim Wellehan, we made that happen”, says co-owner and Lewiston native, Corey DuFour. “As a company that is owned and operated by several artists, we wanted to create a space that creatives could gather and be represented. From fine artists, to musicians, artisans and other performers of the arts, we will have opportunities to hold events and displays that will showcase

the talents of our local art community”, says co-owner and local artist, Angie Lafrance. Ms. Angie Lafrance, will be speaking on behalf of Obscura Café & Drinkery at the ribbon cutting ceremony on August 4th. Obscura will then be open for patronage following the ceremony. What: Ribbon Cutting for Obscura Café & Drinkery When: Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 10:30 AM Were: 108 Lisbon Street, Lewiston, ME Who: Obscura Café & Drinkery, City of Lewiston, LA Metro Chamber Why: To celebrate the opening of Obscura Café & Drinkery, a new eatery in Downtown Lewiston that pays tribute to the past, present, and future in the iconic and historical Lamey-Wellehan building.

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State of Maine Ends 2022 Fiscal Year in the Black

AUGUSTA, ME (July 29, 2022) -- The Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) announced today that the State of Maine has ended the 2022 Fiscal Year in the black.

According to Maine State law, when year-end revenues exceed projections and result in a General Fund surplus that is not appropriated, those funds are allocated to certain accounts – including the Budget Stabilization Fund – through the process known as the “cascade”.

For this Fiscal Year, the Legislature identified three additional funds to receive one-time monetary support: the Highway and Bridge Reserve Fund to support the capital improvement of the federal and state highway network; a newly created Education Stabilization Fund to help the State maintain its commitment - achieved for the first time ever under Governor Mills - to fund public schools at 55

percent; and the Disaster Recovery Fund to fund the State’s percentage of costs in the event of a FEMA-declared disaster.

“The State of Maine has ended the Fiscal Year in the black, and, consistent with State law, has transferred unappropriated funds to the accounts prescribed in law by the Legislature,” said Kirsten Figueroa, Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. “The State continues to operate in a fiscally responsible manner by building up the Rainy Day Fund and preventing the need to bond for transportation projects.”

Consistent with State law, the \$595.1 million in General Fund surplus has been allocated via the “cascade,” including the following distributions:

- \$401.9 million to the Budget Stabilization Fund
- \$135.5 million to the Highway and Bridge Funds

\$15 million to the Education Stabilization Fund and \$3.3 million to the Disaster Recovery Fund. Following the transfers, the Budget Stabiliza-

tion Fund stands at a record high of \$895.9 million, which represents 16.6 percent of prior year General Fund Revenues – just short of the statutory 18 percent maximum prescribed in law.

Combined with earlier fiscal year 2022 and 2023 budget efforts, these Highway and Bridge transfers result in an unprecedented \$291.4 million in General Fund support for the Maine Department of

Transportation for capital projects – a record investment to improve Maine’s transportation infrastructure and preventing, for the first time in years, the need to bond for transportation money.

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Perfect Scores on Education Record for Sen. Claxton

AUGUSTA, ME (July 29, 2022) — Sen. Ned Claxton, D-Auburn, earned a 100 percent rating from the Maine Education Association for his voting record on legislation to support students, teachers, and families. Sen. Claxton is one of 19 state senators to earn a perfect score for their 2022 voting record from MEA.

“As a parent, I know that our public schools are critical for our kids – not only to give them a good education, but for their overall health and well-being,” said Sen. Claxton. “During my time in the Legislature, I have been proud to stand with our students, educators and schools, and I have worked hard to make sure that all Maine children can access a quality education. I’m proud of the progress we’ve been able to make in recent years, and I’m grateful to receive this perfect score from the Maine Education Association.”

This year, Sen. Claxton voted to continue funding free, universal school meals, fully fund education at 55 percent, invest in career and technical education, and provide two years of free community college for Maine high school graduates from the graduating classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. In addition, he supported the creation of an Education Rainy Day Fund to ensure the state is able to continue funding K-12 public education at the 55 percent threshold. Last year marked the first time in the state’s history that the Legislature met the threshold mandated by Maine voters at

the ballot box in 2004. This fund will ensure the Legislature fulfills its obligation going forward and will alleviate the burden that often falls on property taxpayers.

Sen. Claxton also voted in favor of bills to expand family and medical leave protections for hourly school employees and ensure that teachers can take time off for COVID-19 related illness even if they don’t have accrued leave.

MEA represents 24,000 Maine teachers and advocates for policies and investments that ensure that educators’ voices, values and priorities are heard and respected both in the workplace and at the State House.

The 2022 Maine legislative scorecard from MEA can be found at <https://maineea.org/mea-scorecard-130-session-final-grades/>.

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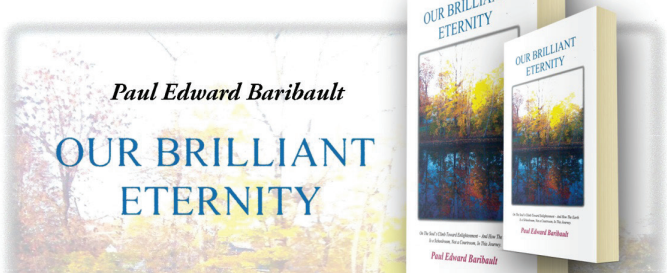
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Auburn Welcomes New Downtown Project

AUBURN, ME (July 27, 2022) – The City of Auburn and Great Falls Construction are pleased to announce that Great Falls Construction is planning to purchase 186 Main Street, a city-owned lot in the heart of Auburn’s beautiful downtown district. Based in Gorham, Great Falls Construction



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(GFC) has more than 30 years of experience in construction management, design build, and general contracting. Their plans for the site include an extraordinary new mixed-use facility. The hope is that the ground and first floors will be occupied by a brewery, distillery, restaurant tenant, while the remainder of the facility will have rental apartment units with a variety of studio, 1-bedroom, and 2-bedroom offerings.

“This is a true economic development ‘win’ for our downtown,” said Jay Brechick, Auburn’s director of economic development. “It has been a pleasure working with Great Falls Construction and exploring their vision for this property; we’re proud to help make this project a reality.”

According to president and owner Jon Smith,

the team at Great Falls Construction is excited about the project. “This is a gorgeous location, near the Androscoggin River and within walking distance to Auburn’s vibrant downtown. We are pleased to not only bring a top-notch eatery to central Maine, but also to help add some much-needed housing units. This beautiful building will complement the charm and character of Auburn’s downtown district and demonstrate our team’s meticulous craftsmanship.”

The project aligns well with the city’s strategic vision for the downtown, according to Mayor Jason Levesque. “Focusing on our downtown and the Androscoggin River emerged as a final recommendation of our recent strategic plan,” said Levesque. “And for the

last several years, we have worked hard to transform our downtown into a place where people can work, live, and play. With this significant investment by Jon and the terrific crew at GFC, that will become reality.”

“It has been a pleasure working with the economic development team in Auburn,” added Smith. “Their vision for the city, commitment to excellence, and great customer service have helped make this project a reality for our team and the Auburn community.”

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



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Payroll Management Inc. Employee Retires After 19 Years



Left to right: Elaine Hemenway, Principal & CMO; Paul Morlock, IT Director (standing); Gary Hemenway, President & CEO of Payroll Management, Auburn, Maine

AUBURN, ME (July 26, 2022)—Payroll Management’s first ever employee, Paul Morlock, is retiring in 2022 after 19 years employed at the family-owned and operated payroll processing, time and attendance, and

updated many times over the years. “A loyal and even-tempered man, Paul has been with me since Payroll Management’s very first days and has trained many new faces over the years,” said Gary Hemenway, President & CEO of Payroll Management. “I couldn’t have asked to have a better employee by my side as the company grew to where we are today. He will be missed by all of us here at Payroll Management. We wish Paul the best in his retirement.”

ABOUT PAYROLL MANAGEMENT
Payroll Management is a family-owned and operated independent payroll processing, time and attendance, and tax support services provider for small and medium-sized businesses that want personalized service from real people. Headquartered in Auburn, Maine, they have served clients throughout New England since 1989. (payrollmgt.com)

Arts Jubilee Presents New Legacy Swing Band & Fireworks

NORTH CONWAY, ME (July 29, 2022) — Arts Jubilee presents the New Legacy Swing Band and fireworks this Thursday, August 4th at Cranmore Mountain Resort. The MWV Band will open the concert at 6 PM, followed by the New Legacy Swing Band at 7. The New Legacy Swing Band entertains enthusiastic dancers and listeners throughout New England. Based in the Seacoast area of New Hampshire, their extensive music library includes big band, jazz, swing, waltzes, Latin, rock n’ roll, and R&B tunes from all music eras. Immediately following the concert, there will be a spectacular fireworks show presented by Atlas Pyrotechnics. Concert admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$5 for students, and free for kids 12 and under. Pre-order tickets online at www.artsjubilee.org, or pay at the gate on the night of the show (cash or credit). There’s plenty of free parking on site, food and beverages will be available for purchase, and there will be a raffle for a variety of great prizes at every concert. Please note that we are using an alternate front gate entrance due to the current construction at Cranmore. We will have volunteers and signage ready to greet and direct you. Seating is not provided at the venue, so concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the show. Animals are not allowed on the property except for leashed service dogs. All concerts are rain or shine. For more information visit www.artsjubilee.org.

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Maine Outing Club Fundraising for Sugarloaf Cabin Renovations

SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN, ME (July 21, 2022) -- The Maine Outing Club’s cabin in Carrabassett Valley near Sugarloaf Mountain has been selected for renovation by the Magnolia Network’s Maine Cabin Masters. Now, the University of Maine club is fundraising for the \$20,000 needed to complete the renovation before September 1.

Maine Cabin Masters is a docu-follow television show on the Magnolia Network (formerly known as DIY Network) documenting the restoration and renovation of cabins in Maine by the Kennebec Cabin Company, led by contractor Chase Morrill, his designer sister Ashley Morrill and her carpenter husband Ryan Eldridge, along with carpenters Jared Baker and Matthew Dix rounding out the team. The show debuted on January 2, 2017, and completed its seventh season earlier this year.

The Maine Cabin Masters receive thousands of applications each year from cabin owners who want to participate in the show. Orion-Bay Tucker, treasurer of the Maine Outing Club, said that the student group entered their cabin for consideration as “a shot in the dark” when a former member’s father suggested they apply. Tucker says he and the other club leaders figured that, on the off chance that they

were chosen, the renovations would be a great way to celebrate the upcoming 100th anniversary of the club in 2023.

The club members were shocked – and thrilled – when they learned their cabin had been selected.

The Maine Outing Club’s cabin is an important part of the university club’s history. The original 1926 cabin at Chemo Pond was used as an off-campus trip destination for teaching basic camp skills before the building moved to Orono in 1938. The club’s cabin went through several rounds of demolishing and rebuilding on campus until 1958, when the club leased land near Sugarloaf Mountain from the Scott Paper Company to build a cabin that would serve as a central hub for club ski trips. Tucker says the cabin hosts dozens of students every winter.

“We as a club just want to get more people to experience outdoor recreation and we do a really great job with that in the fall and in the spring, but it’s difficult in the winter,” he explains. “One of the highlights of the club has been the cabin and the access to Sugarloaf Mountain and the camaraderie it brings.”

Tucker says that the



The Maine Outing Club at their cabin in Carrabassett Valley near Sugarloaf Mountain. Photo courtesy of Orion-Bay Tucker.

cabin has always been bare-bones, but the club applied to Maine Cabin Masters with the goal of addressing basic structural issues to ensure a safe and fun student bonding experience – for example, replacing the sagging foundation, swapping propane lights with electricity, improving the insulation and ensuring the fire escapes work on the top floor.

Still, Tucker says the Maine Outing Club told the Maine Cabin Masters that they hope to keep the simple charm that makes the cabin special.

It’s special because it’s this rustic four-walled wood structure that, while it’s degraded over the years, the memories that people have there really haven’t,” Tucker says. “When we talked to them, we said we wanted to keep that culture, so we advised them to keep as much as

you can intact but just make it structurally sound. They are doing some extra things but they didn’t tell us because they want it to be a surprise.”

The Maine Cabin Masters began renovations on June 21 and are expected to finish on September 1. The episode featuring the cabin will air next season.

“Maine has a long tradition of outdoor sports and recreation, many members of our team are University of Maine graduates. We are proud to be involved in the preservation of such a unique cabin that is a part of so many Mainers past and future,” says Chase Morrill.

The agreed upon budget for the build was set at \$20,000 for the labor, materials and other costs of renovations. Tucker hopes that area businesses will chip in, as well as UMaine

alumni who have enjoyed the cabin in the past. Any additional money raised before the end of the build will go to “wish-list” items requested by the students that fall outside the necessary structural upgrades.

“When we posted about this on the Maine Outing Club on Facebook, there were so many comments like, ‘Oh, I practically lived there in the eighties,’ ‘I remember splitting wood,’ ‘I remember meeting the love of my life here,’” Tucker laughs. “It’s cool to scroll through the comments and see how the cabin has changed so little.”

To donate, visit the Our UMaine campaign webpage at <https://our.umaine.edu/s/300/13-ORONO/foundation/17crowd/interior.aspx?sid=300&gid=13&pgid=3051>

\$2.25 Million to Support STEM for Maine Pre-K Students

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 13, 2022)—U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King announced that Bowdoin College and the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance (MMSA) have received a total of \$2,251,730 to improve instructional materials of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) for pre-k and kindergarten students and teachers. This funding was awarded through the National Science Foundation (NSF).

“Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics are critical skills in the 21st century economy that unlock countless doors to high-paying, in-demand

fields. Introducing these subjects to Maine’s youngest learners can help them build a strong foundation to succeed throughout their school years and the rest of their lives,” said Senators Collins and King in a joint statement. “We welcome this investment, which will leverage Bowdoin’s

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LPL Hosts Whales of the World

LEWISTON, ME (July 24, 2022) -- The Summer Reading Program continues on Monday, August 8th with a presentation by Marine Mammals of Maine at 5:30pm in Callahan Hall at the Lewiston Public Library. This free public event is aimed towards adults but is open to all ages if interested.

Whales play a vital role in the ocean ecosystem that helps to support all life on Earth. Marine Mammals of Maine (MMoME) will give a presentation of the various types of whales present in the world and the struggles they face in everyday life and in the case of a stranding. It will start with a basic overview of what species have been spotted in the Gulf of Maine, common and uncommon, and investigate the adaptations that these large mammals have in order to survive in their ocean home. This program will also focus on cetacean stranding response here in Maine, and highlight a few of MMoME's most fascinating cases. Participants can also expect to learn about the challenges these animals face and the difficulties encountered by the rescue team of MMoME when a report of a stranded cetacean comes through their hotline.

Marine Mammals

of Maine is a fast growing non-profit organization dedicated to marine mammal and sea turtle response, rescue, care, research and education. With two staff and a dedicated volunteer team, MMoME provides expert stranding response across roughly 2,500 miles of Maine's coastline (including islands), covering the geographic area of Kittery to Rockland. Annually, MMoME responds to nearly 300 live and dead marine mammals and sea turtles, making it one of the busiest seal stranding areas on the east coast. It operates a 24/7 marine mammal and

sea turtle reporting hotline. Through this hotline, anyone can report a stranded seal, whale, dolphin, porpoise or sea turtle to an experienced, dedicated and compassionate team ready to respond. MMoME operates a unique triage and rehabilitation center for seals. MMoME's work also heavily encompasses important research to learn about marine mammals, their habits, and human impacts on their populations.

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City of Auburn Permit Report										
PERMITS ISSUED BETWEEN 6/01/2022 AND 6/30/2022										
Permit Number	Work Class	PID	Address	Description	Issue Date	Owner Name	Contractor Name	Fee Total	Estimated Cost of Construction	Sq Ft
Commercial Building										
CB-18253-2022	Foundation Only	130-001-004	160 CASCADES DR	Foundation Only	06/02/2022	LPI, LLC		\$3,259	\$645,625	0
CB-18192-2022	Alterations	241-026	95 MAIN ST	Remodel 4th Floor Section	06/02/2022	Robco Properties, LLC	RDB Construction	\$310	\$40,000	4,000
CB-18190-2022	New	299-003	1250 TURNER ST	Construct Lab Space	06/06/2022	Central Maine Community College		\$568	\$80,000	1,536
CB-18270-2022	Alterations	250-362	114 HAMPSHIRE ST	Replace Repair Doors, Flooring, Siding, Windows, Etc.	06/06/2022	Chun Wu	RESTORATIONS HOME	\$730	\$0	100,000
CB-17930-2022	New	279-006-001	0 MOUNT AUBURN AV	128 Unit Residential Development W/Two 4-story Apartment Buildings Connected By Amenity Space	06/08/2022	A.R. Building Company	A.R. Building Company - NE Construction	\$54,575	\$14,000,000	155,843
CB-18120-2022	New	206-058	51 MYSTIQUE WAY	80 X 56 Medical Cannabis Greenhouse	06/13/2022	Mystique Way LLC	Raymond Construction	\$1,598	\$420,000	4,480
CB-18200-2022	New	130-001-004	160 CASCADES DR	Pre-engineered metal building with factory and business use	06/13/2022	LPI, LLC	JHL, LLC	\$19,245	\$5,800,000	54,900
CB-18347-2022	Addition	250-339	11 BEARCE ST	Entry way for apartment building	06/22/2022	Nathan Garnett	Able Builders	\$37	\$3,500	20
								\$80,322	\$20,989,125	320,779
1 & 2 Family										
SFD-17868-2022	Addition	021-010	1850 POWNAL RD	Addition - Garage with Master Bedroom above and Breezeway	06/01/2022	Scott Provost	Scott Provost	\$25	\$100,000	1,064
SFD-18113-2022	New	110-009-029	MOUNTAIN VIEW DR	2400 SF Home With Attached 3-Car Garage	06/01/2022	WCB LLC	B & M Developers	\$25	\$725,000	2,400
SFD-18153-2022	Foundation Only	312-002	62 SAMANTHA LN	Pour concrete slab	06/01/2022	C37 Capital Auburn LLC	A1 Masonry	\$50	\$4,200	0
SFD-18148-2022	Mobile Home	312-002	62 SAMANTHA LN	800 sq ft mobile home	06/01/2022	Mark Hsu	Stephen Morin	\$50	\$80,000	0
SFD-18139-2022	Mobile Home	312-002	40 LEXIS LN	800 sq ft mobile home	06/01/2022	Mark Hsu	Stephen Morin	\$50	\$80,000	0
SFD-18140-2022	Mobile Home	312-002	42 LEXIS LN	800sq ft mobile home	06/01/2022	Mark Hsu	Stephen Morin	\$50	\$80,000	0
SFD-18133-2022	Mobile Home	312-002	15 LEXIS LN	800 sq ft Mobile Home	06/01/2022	Mark Hsu	Stephen Morin	\$50	\$80,000	0
SFD-18136-2022	Mobile Home	312-002	7 LEXIS LN	800 sq ft Mobile Home	06/01/2022	Mark Hsu	Stephen Morin	\$50	\$80,000	0
SFD-18152-2022	Foundation Only	312-002-000-117	17 GAGE LN	Pour concrete slab	06/01/2022	C37 Capital Auburn LLC	A1 Masonry	\$50	\$4,200	0
SFD-18151-2022	Mobile Home	312-002-000-117	17 GAGE LN	800 sq ft mobile home	06/01/2022	Mark Hsu	Stephen Morin	\$50	\$80,000	0
SFD-18265-2022	Accessory Structures	387-054	33 SKILLINGS CORNER RD	Replace Deck	06/02/2022	Charles & Yvonne Hargraves	Iron Horse Carpentry	\$25	\$12,522	160
SFD-18231-2022	Addition	249-006	250 PARK AV	Garage Expansion	06/03/2022	Clara Clark	Straight Line Roofing & Siding Inc.	\$25	\$50,000	740
SFD-18264-2022	Accessory Structures	237-073-000-028	35 AQUAMARINE CT	14 X 16 Deck	06/06/2022	Pauline Raymond	Rob Pratt Carpentry	\$25	\$11,500	224
SFD-18267-2022	Addition	248-043	2 ROBIN RD	Add bay to Garage	06/09/2022	Terry Macfield	Segars Building & Remodeling	\$25	\$32,500	264
SFD-18290-2022	Accessory Structures	270-064	7 MALLARD DR	Attached 22 X 22 Garage	06/10/2022	DFT Realty Inc	DFT Realty Inc	\$25	\$20,000	484
SFD-18275-2022	Accessory Structures	111-039	81 TOURNAMENT DR	12X14 Free Standing Pavilion	06/14/2022	Mark Larson	Mark Larson	\$25	\$3,000	168
SFD-18320-2022	Alterations	249-144	117 LAKE ST	Build 2 Sets of 3.5 X 7 Stairs With Landing	06/15/2022	Bethany & Matt Edwards	Able Builders	\$25	\$3,000	48
SFD-18237-2022	Accessory Structures	249-210	152 DAVIS AV	26 X 32 garage	06/16/2022	Kevin Bahier		\$25	\$0	832
SFD-18282-2022	Alterations	209-092	46 VALLEY ST	Garage Doors Into Norman/Door/Covering	06/16/2022	Alexandrea Savard		\$25	\$700	0
SFD-18188-2022	Alterations	239-103	33 GRANITE ST	Remodel of Existing Garage to In Law Apartment	06/16/2022	Robert & Lisa Mancini	32 Riverside Dr LLC	\$175	\$30,000	391
SFD-18252-2022	Alterations	271-028	53 BROADVIEW AV	Rebuild Second Level of Home	06/17/2022	Laura Wolfson	Bouchard Cleaning & Restoration	\$825	\$160,000	0
SFD-18189-2022	Alterations	250-121	148 SUMMER ST	Finishing Attic To Create More Living Space - VETERAN. FEE WAIVED	06/21/2022	Ryan & Rachelle Gauthier			\$5,075	0
SFD-18318-2022	Accessory Structures	107-013	83 FOSTER RD	Add 2 More Bays to Existing Open Carport	06/21/2022	Eric Hutchins	Eric Hutchins	\$25	\$3,500	504
SFD-18348-2022	Alterations	230-012	87 WESTERN AV	replace and/or repair existing deck VETERAN. FEE WAIVED	06/22/2022	Jeff & Kathy Young	Arthur Freeman		\$0	400
SFD-18308-2022	Accessory Structures	133-069-000-004	22 HARVEST HILL LN	Add 12 X 19 Patio on Existing Concrete	06/22/2022	Celeste Sampson	Perrier Construction	\$25	\$6,500	228
SFD-18337-2022	Alterations	250-276	16 WOOD ST	Repair/Replace Exterior Staircase	06/22/2022	Jonathan Anich	Bourque Builders	\$25	\$3,500	1,607
SFD-18301-2022	New	275-026-001	444 YOUNGS CORNER RD	Repair/Replace Exterior Staircase	06/23/2022	Brenda Carney	Bower Construction LLC	\$25	\$384,000	2,081
SFD-18310-2022	Addition	391-068	24 EAST WATERMAN RD	Bathroom Extension - VETERAN. FEE WAIVED	06/24/2022	Ross Morin			\$8,000	88
SFD-18326-2022	Alterations	276-021	105 WYMAN RD	Installing New Windows and Siding	06/24/2022	James & Diana Sullivan	James & Diana Sullivan	\$125	\$20,000	0
SFD-18276-2022	Addition	209-114	106 POLAND RD	Replace Existing Back Porch & Add Deck	06/24/2022	Susan Chalmers	David & Tracy Jefferson	\$25	\$15,000	77
SFD-17633-2021	Alterations	095-025-002	45 SPENCER DR	Roof Mounted Solar Panel Installation - Panels Installed By Owner	06/28/2022	Max Baldwin		\$290	\$24,069	0
SFD-18354-2022	Addition	218-004	174 STEVENS MILL RD	Addition	06/28/2022	Julie Macomber	V & G Home Improvements	\$25	\$162,000	520
SFD-18311-2022	Alterations	319-019	582 WEST AUBURN RD	Installation of a 12.2 kW Grid Tied Roof Mounted Solar Array	06/29/2022	Peter Alexander	Cstanty Energy LLC	\$286	\$52,200	0
SFD-18315-2022	Alterations	312-008	12 CORNELL ST	Solar PV	06/29/2022	Edward Rose	Northeast Electric	\$180	\$15,600	0
SFD-18367-2022	Alterations	145-015	35 COUNTRY CLUB DR	Extending existing deck	06/30/2022	Althaus Chase	Harold Phair	\$25	\$2,051	32
SFD-18375-2022	Alterations	249-035	271 GAMAGE AV	Renovating the Entry Porch & Roof	06/30/2022	Roland Bernhe Jr.	Roland Bernhe Jr.	\$25	\$1,700	0
								\$2,679	\$2,339,317	12,280
Electrical										
EL-18272-2022	Commercial	280-001-001	648 TURNER ST	Circuit, Wiring, Receptacle for New Equipment	06/01/2022	Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar-Picor Enterprises VII, Inc.	Casco Bay Electric	\$42	N/A	N/A
EL-18274-2022	Residential	170-001	296 FAIRWAY DR	Installing Mini-Split Ductless Heat Pumps	06/02/2022	Dean Carter	Little River	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18278-2022	Commercial	271-072	279 CENTER ST	Fire Alarm	06/03/2022	Tre LLC	Eastern Fire	\$142	N/A	N/A
EL-18287-2022	Residential	250-121	148 SUMMER ST	Rewiring 2nd Floor, Upgrading Service From 2 Meter Panel to 3 Meter Panel, 1st Floor Panel and 2nd Floor Panel	06/06/2022	Ryan & Rachelle Gauthier	JMC Electric	\$134	N/A	N/A
EL-18288-2022	Residential	144-029	356 EAST HARDSCRABBLE RD	Changing Out Neutral Panel and Added Basement Lighting	06/06/2022	Joe Deen	JMC Electric	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18289-2022	Residential	276-018	86 EVERETT RD	Rewire House	06/06/2022	Blue Summit Prop	Japelo Electrical Contractors	\$58	N/A	N/A
EL-18280-2022	Commercial	229-007	555 COURT ST	Temporary Service	06/06/2022	American Development Group	JNC ELECTRIC	\$42	N/A	N/A
EL-18292-2022	Residential	227-064-001	1159 HOTEL RD	14 KW Generator Installation	06/06/2022	David Shuele	ESM	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18291-2022	Residential	145-058-001	211 BEECH HILL RD	200 Amp U/G Service & Garage Wiring	06/07/2022	Sean Bowie	JNC ELECTRIC	\$51	N/A	N/A
EL-18295-2022	Residential	228-049	65 DAWES AV	New Home	06/07/2022	Richard Theriault	Renard Depris	\$58	N/A	N/A
EL-18298-2022	Commercial	240-322	77 HARRIS ST	City of Auburn Project. Fee Waived	06/08/2022	Auburn City of	Connectivity Point			
EL-18281-2022	Residential	209-092	46 VALLEY ST	Rewire House	06/08/2022	Alexandrea Savard		\$58	N/A	N/A
EL-18297-2022	Residential	228-054	24 HILDRETH ST	Above Ground Pool - Fee to paid with building permit	06/08/2022	Joshua Roy			N/A	N/A
EL-18256-2022	Residential	270-027-000-018	22 UNIVERSITY ST	Heat Pump	06/09/2022	Martin Keim	Royal River Heat Pumps	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18300-2022	Residential	095-025-002	45 SPENCER DR	Roof Mounted Solar Panel Installation - Owner Did Work	06/09/2022	Max Baldwin	Max Baldwin	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18303-2022	Commercial	291-001	600 CENTER ST	1 Wall and 1 Ground Sign for Jersey Mikes	06/09/2022	Shaw's #2550	Burr Signs	\$50	N/A	N/A
EL-18273-2022	Commercial	208-059	7 MILLETT DR	Service & Wire New Equipment for Car Wash	06/13/2022	Cystal Clean Holdings, LLC	Delbois Electric	\$249	N/A	N/A
EL-18312-2022	Residential	097-001	575 DANVILLE CORNER RD	Repairing Electrical Service Meter Trip and Outside Cable	06/13/2022	Jon & Theresa Gerry	Dan Brown Electrical	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18314-2022	Residential	145-062	8 JENNIFER DR	Heat pump install	06/13/2022	James Jackson	Daves World Heat Pumps	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18313-2022	Residential	228-011	21 HILDRETH ST	Install standby Generator & ATS	06/13/2022	Rogers Haicauters	Mid-Maine Generator Sales & Service	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18319-2022	Residential	184-036-003	80 CARRIER CT	Heat Pump Wiring	06/14/2022	Shawn MacWhinnie	Daves World Heat Pumps	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18316-2022	Residential	312-008	12 CORNELL ST	Solar PV	06/14/2022	Edward Rose	Northeast Electric	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18251-2022	Commercial	280-013-000-001	10 SUBARU DR	2 Alarm System	06/15/2022	Olivia Gaudin	Peter Libby	\$48	N/A	N/A
EL-18323-2022	Residential	220-059	76 MONROE ST	Swimming Pool - Fee paid with building permit	06/15/2022	Mark & Barbara Sawyer	Advanced Wiring		N/A	N/A
EL-18324-2022	Commercial	187-055	47 GOLDTHWAITE RD	5 Ton A/C Units	06/15/2022	Bearded Delight Holdings LLC	Pro Tech Refrigeration	\$42	N/A	N/A
EL-18329-2022	Commercial	221-105	47 BROAD ST	CCTV System	06/16/2022	Gerry Gagne	Chandler Security Systems Inc.	\$42	N/A	N/A
EL-18336-2022	Commercial	130-001-004	160 CASCADES DR	New Building	06/16/2022	LPI, LLC	Industrial Electrical Services LLC	\$737	N/A	N/A
EL-18333-2022	Residential	201-058	45 LORING AV	Service/upgrade / Hot Tub Circuit	06/16/2022	Gina Malhotra	ESM Electrical System of Maine	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18338-2022	Commercial	194-001	1524 MINOT AV	10 Receptacles, 6 Outside Flood Lights, 9 Interior Lights	06/16/2022	Coleman Collision Center	Integrated Electrical Services, Inc	\$42	N/A	N/A
EL-18340-2022	Residential	247-032	62 YANKEE WY	Remove Wires to Existing Panels for 3 Rooms (Revised description 6/17/22)	06/17/2022	Wilfred Allen	Wilfred Allen	\$58	N/A	N/A
EL-18341-2022	Commercial	324-025	1150 CENTER ST	Electrical Punch List of Safety Concerns	06/17/2022	1150 Center St Auburn Maine SRL LLC	Tyler Electrical Services	\$42	N/A	N/A
EL-18343-2022	Residential	221-190	52 THIRD ST	Add Homeworner Panel: 1 - 240 Volt and 2 120 volts	06/17/2022	Daniel Annunzio	Marcel Caron Electric, Inc.	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18321-2022	Commercial	230-139-002	26 MYRTLE ST	Removal of old burner add new	06/17/2022	Venessa McInnis	Pro Tech Refrigeration	\$42	N/A	N/A
EL-18335-2022	Commercial	207-064	828 MINOT AV	Install new vacuum system	06/17/2022	Eight Twenty Eight Minot Avenue	CARMEL ELECTRIC INC	\$42	N/A	N/A
EL-18346-2022	Residential	085-004	860 SOUTH WITHAM RD	Electricity to garage	06/21/2022	Ryan Mevieve	Integrated Electrical Services, Inc	\$130	N/A	N/A
EL-18355-2022	Residential	280-022	86 WEST DARTMOUTH ST	Upgrade service	06/23/2022	Brandon Poslin	Maurice Poslin	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18356-2022	Residential	113-010	255 HARMONS CORNER RD	Heat Pumps	06/23/2022	Shirley Bowen	Jonathan French	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18334-2022	Residential	133-020	129 GARDEN CIR	Install wiring / bonding for new pool (no fee-included in building permit), adding outlets in garage, and new service entrance panel (200amps)	06/23/2022	David Sherwood	Marcell Electrical Service	\$49	N/A	N/A
EL-18304-2022	Commercial	290-004	730 CENTER ST	Wire Restaurant	06/23/2022	EVP Management LLC	Ryan Petit Electric LLC	\$72	N/A	N/A
EL-18357-2022	Residential	218-004	174 STEVENS MILL RD	New Service & Addition	06/24/2022	Julie Macomber	CMES	\$52	N/A	N/A
EL-18358-2022	Residential	260-153	50 HARVARD ST	Heat Pump Wiring	06/24/2022	David Dillon	Daves World Heat Pumps	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18361-2022	Residential	209-118	118 POLAND RD	Install Heat Pump System	06/28/2022	Barry Schmicks	LaPlante Electric	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18369-2022	Residential	319-019	582 WEST AUBURN RD	Install of roof mounted solar array	06/30/2022	Cynthia Alexander	CMES - Daniel Stevens	\$32	N/A	N/A
EL-18359-2022	Commercial	261-006	180 CENTER ST	Installing 3 Lighted Signs	06/29/2022	Tou Juan's Margaritas	Bailey Sign Inc.	\$75	N/A	N/A
EL-18370-2022	Commercial	231-033	296 MAIN ST	Canopy sign & light connections	06/28/2022	CN Brown Company	Gaftek, LLC Wayne Under	\$115	N/A	N/A
EL-18380-2022	Commercial	186-005	230 MURROW RD	ductless cooling only (heat pump)	06/30/2022	Sea Suites Development	Pelchat Electric	\$42	N/A	N/A
EL-18385-2022	Residential	206-020	28 HEATH LN	Heat Pump	6/30/2022	Diane Benton	Jonathan French	\$32	N/A	N/A
								\$3,890		
Plumbing										
PL-18266-2022	Subsurface/Wastewater	021-010	1850 POWNAL RD	Replacement System	06/01/2022	Scott Provost		\$265	N/A	N/A
PL-18268-2022	Subsurface/Wastewater	240-092	59 JAMES ST		06/01/2022	Hugo Guerrero	Just Right Plumbing & Heating	\$50	N/A	N/A
PL-18260-2022	Subsurface/Wastewater		386 SOUTH WITHAM RD	Non engineered disposal field off property (City portion of fee waived- Veteran	6/3/2022	Cory Cullen		\$38	N/A	N/A
PL-18277-2022	Subsurface/Wastewater	295-012	178 YOUNGS CORNER RD	Plumbing for New Home	06/03/2022	Ben Fletcher	Norman Michael	\$190	N/A	N/A
PL-18283-2022	Subsurface/Wastewater	212-004	33 JOSEPH LN	Replacement System	06/07/2022	Lance Gagne		\$200	N/A	N/A
PL-18305-2022	Internal	120-004	225 FIRST FLIGHT DR	Good facility - Kitchen	06/10/2022	Bowie Properties LLC	Plumb Bob Plumbing Comp	\$40	N/A	N/A
PL-18306-2022	Internal	241-026	95 MAIN ST	Changing Fixtures to ADA Standards on 4th Floor	06/13/2022	Robco Properties, LLC	Melbros Refrigeration	\$50	N/A	N/A
PL-18325-2022	Internal		92 NORTH AUBURN RD	Treatment Softener	6/16/2022					

UMaine Extension Holds Field Day & Workshops



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UMaine Extension holds Tidewater Farm field day Aug. 18

FALMOUTH, ME (July 29, 2022) — University of Maine Cooperative Extension will hold a free Tidewater Farm field day 5–6:30 p.m. Aug. 18. at the Tidewater Farm demonstration gardens in Falmouth.

Hands-on demonstrations about deadheading and extending the season

include best practices for annuals and perennials, as well as late-season vegetables to plant and protections against frost. UMaine Extension staff and Master Gardener Volunteers lead the event.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Pamela Hargest, pamela.hargest@maine.edu; 207.949.4524.

More information also is available on the events webpage.

UMaine Extension offers injury-prevention and wellness workshops for land, sea farmers in August

ORONO, ME (July 29, 2022) — University of Maine Cooperative Extension will offer two free, in-person workshops in August for farmers, farm workers, fishermen



Ben Scheetz, Tessa Shanteler, and Camille Kavanah from Wise Acre Farm in Kenduskeag.



Alyse Kearns from Green Spark Farm in Cape Elizabeth and Tim DeChristopher from a farm in Camden, with Cynthia Flores of Freeport, founder of Labor-Movement.

and foresters with a focus on body mechanics, injury prevention, movement, health and wellness. The Safe Labor-Movement workshops are from 5–7 p.m. on Aug. 16,

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, 294 Crosby Brook Road, Unity; and Aug. 30, Alan Day Community Garden, 26 Whitman Street, Norway.

Cynthia Flores, Labor-Movement founder, will lead both sessions that include time for questions and answers. Participants also have access to one month’s coaching via text and email.

The workshops are free; registration is required. Find details and how to register on the workshop webpage. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Izzy Ruffin, 207.570.8308; mainefrsan@maine.edu.

Workshops are a project of the Maine Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network, funded by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, awarded to the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, and managed by University of Maine Cooperative Extension. The funds are part of a national and regional effort to increase awareness and amplify existing resources around mental health and farm stress, in addition to fostering connections for farmers and land stewards in Maine to access wellness support.

STEM
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expertise and allow the Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance to build on its proven track record of promoting STEM teaching and learning in schools

across the state. By supporting preschool and kindergarten teachers’ efforts to engage their students in STEM through play, this program can inspire young students and serve as a model nationwide.”

Dr. Alison Riley Miller, Bowdoin’s Principal Investigator, shared that, “Learning through play is critical in all aspects of child development. We are building on prior research that demonstrates how

rich, meaningful science sense-making happens naturally through play, and we are interested in understanding how teachers can create environments that may deepen and enrich these opportunities for children.”

Dr. Kate Cook, MMSA’s Principal Investigator on the project, added that, “Maine offers an incredible context to study how children naturally engage in science and engineering practices through play and how teachers can create environments to deepen and enrich these experiences. In our project, we will be collaborating with Maine educators who are already doing this

work. We look forward to leveraging their expertise and building professional learning for teachers across Maine to continue to strengthen and refine their practice.”

MMSA received \$1,300,317 and Bowdoin received \$951,413 for this collaborative project, which will conduct research at more than a dozen participating preschool and kindergarten classrooms from three demographically distinct areas. The project will investigate how and to what extent preschoolers and kindergarteners can engage in science and engineering practices in play-based learning environments. The project

will also explore how spaces, materials, and instruction can support and extend children’s engagement with science and engineering practices.

MMSA is a leader in STEM policy and works to advance STEM education in Maine as well as establish relationships among schools, organizations, individuals, and communities to further this mission.



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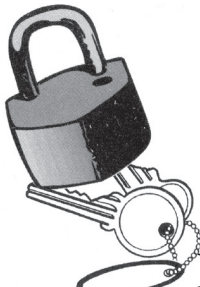
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Wednesdays
GORHAM – 10:00am
Weekly story time has resumed at the North Gorham Public Library! Storytime is open to children & their caregivers. Join us weekly for stories, songs and crafts every Wednesday at 10am. 2 Standish Neck Rd, Gorham ME.

July 12 – August 16
ZOOM -- -Living Well for Better Health workshop; Tuesdays July 12th-August 16th 9 am-11:30am Via Zoom. Registration required: contact kmills@seniorsplus.org 207 207 440-2390.

Living Well for Better Health is a free, self-management workshop where participants learn to better manage their chronic conditions so they can live healthier, more active lives.

July 20 - August 17
FALMOUTH -- University of Maine Extension staff and volunteers will lead a hands-on, interactive program to teach youth ages 9 and up how to grow and preserve the garden's harvest. The 4-H Kids Can Can program will be held from 9-11 a.m. on Wednesdays, July 20-Aug. 17.

Each session will begin in Extension's Tidewater Gardens in Falmouth where youth will harvest the fruits and vegetables needed to make jam, pickles, salsa and more. The program then moves to the UMaine Regional Learning Center Demo Kitchen

Calendar

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where participants will prepare a batch of preserved foods. Each participant will take home a jar of preserves. Current 4-H enrollment is not required for participation.

The \$5 fee per child covers all classes. Register and find more details on the program page online. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, call 207.781.6099 or 800.287.1471 (in Maine).

August 8
LEWISTON -- Monday, August 8 at 5:30pm at the Lewiston Public Library: WHALES OF THE WORLD

Join Marine Mammals of Maine as they dive deep into the world of whales – a vital part of the ocean ecosystem that helps to support all life on earth. Learn about whale survival adaptations, stranding responses in Maine, and other challenges that these unique creatures face.

In Person & Virtual 513-3135; www.LPLonline.org

August 9
AUBURN – The Heather Pierson Duo will perform as a part of the City of Auburn's Summer '22 Anniversary

Park Acoustic Music Series on Tuesday August 9th at 6:00 pm.

August 10
LEWISTON -- LANDING THE LOBSTER, Wednesday, August 10th at 4:00PM

Join us and Maine State Museum educators as we go on a virtual lobster adventure in a fishing boat! You will hear stories from Maine fisherman and facts about lobsters from the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

This in-person program will allow participants to meet virtually through the big screen in Callahan hall. Free. For all ages in Callahan Hall. No registration required. 513-3133; www.LPLonline.org

August 10 - 14
CUMBERLAND -- Thursday, August 11 through Sunday, August 14, 2022, HART adoption center & shelter for cats will be holding their huge annual Yard Sale event at the Cumberland Fairgrounds. Admission is free and all proceeds will go directly to providing essential care for the hundreds of cats they take in each year.

On Wednesday evening, August 10, 2022, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.,

HART will open the Yard Sale doors early for a Sip & Shop preview event. A \$25 admission fee will allow shoppers exclusive early access to the Yard Sale, and also a complimentary beverage and snacks.

August 11 – 21
AUBURN -- The L/A Community Little Theatre will present the musical School of Rock, with songs by Andrew Lloyd Webber, from August 11-21. General admission ticket prices (including fees) are \$22 for adults, \$19 for seniors and \$14 for students. Tickets can be purchased online at www.laclt.com, by calling the Box Office at 783-0958, or at the door.

August 12
GREENE -- Erica Brown & the Bluegrass Connection perform on Friday, August 12th at 2 & 7PM at the Sawyer Memorial. 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. FMI 946-5311 or sawyer-foundation.com

August 13
LEWISTON -- SUMMER CELEBRATION WITH LPL KIDS!, Saturday, August 13 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM

Celebrate summer with LPL Kids! Come join our end of summer reading celebration on Saturday, August 13 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and enjoy games and crafts, giveaways and prizes, mini golf, a frozen sweet treat, and fun photo opportunities with mermaid tails, pirate treasure, shark

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heads, and giant fish!
This program will take place in Callahan Hall, on the 3rd floor of Lewiston Public Library, and is open to all kids ages 12 and under and their families. No registration required. We hope to see YOU there!! 513-3133; www.LPLonline.org

August 13 – 27
ACROSS MAINE -- DaPonte String Quartet Concerts in August: Thompson "Alleluia", Beethoven Quartet in C Minor, Op. 18 no 4 & Schubert Quartet in A Minor, "Rosamunde" with guest Alexander Romanul, violin

Saturday, August 13, 7:00 pm Tides Institute, Eastport

Sunday, August 14, 4 pm Surry Arts at the Barn, Surry

Thursday, August 18, 7:30 pm Robinhood Free Meetinghouse, Georgetown

Saturday, August 20, 7:30 pm Ocean View Grange, Tenant's Harbor *
Thursday, August 25,

7:30 pm Union Church, South Bristol *

Friday, August 26, 7:30 pm St. Paul's Union Chapel, Waldoboro *

Saturday, August 27, 7:30 pm Meetinghouse Arts, Freeport *
<https://dapontequartet.org/>

August 18
LEWISTON -- BALLOON BONANZA, 4-5pm, Children's Program Room, third floor, Lewiston Public Library

Hold on to your hats: the Balloon Bonanza is in town! Join Ms. Alexis in an experiment with balloon balance using beads and buttons. Create a creature and take it for a ride in your very own helium "hot air" balloon. And all week long, come by the library to make your own spinning 3-D paper balloon. Free, no registration or library card required.

Contact info. 513-3133, LPLKids@lewiston-maine.gov

Celebration Barn Presents Psychic Wolf: She's Back!

SOUTH PARIS, ME (July 29, 2022) -- On August 6 at 7:30 PM, Celebration Barn presents Psychic Wolf: She's Back! The show is an avant-garde style homecoming performance by Celebration Barn alumnus and Portland, Maine-based artist Dyer Rhoads, with surprise guest performers.

Dyer Rhoads stars in the show as alter-ego Psy-

chic Wolf. While Dyer has spent time at the Barn as an artist honing their craft, Psychic Wolf has never even heard of the place. What transpires is a one-of-a-kind performance that defies categorization and transforms the Barn for One Night Only.

Dyer is an artist, writer, director, teacher, and performer. Dyer is a guest artist with Spindleworks. Dyer is

also a dramaturg and production associate for Nile Harris, most recently on This House Is Not A Home: fill it with air call it self care/there's a leak in this house, and for Cricket Brown on Hooters Play (as Tech Guy). They have also collaborated with and learned from Lincoln Center Education, the Children's Theatre of Maine, Celebration Barn, Figures of

Speech Theatre Company, Shakespeare & Co, and the North Carolina Symphony. Dyer is also Psychic Wolf, who works with an ever expanding community of collaborators to produce one-off performance events.

Tickets to Psychic Wolf: She's Back! on Saturday, August 6 at 7:30 PM are available for \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors (65+), and

\$10 for kids (17 and under). All 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 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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