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La Rencontre Luncheon To Feature Local Musicians



Bob Mathieu, Fernande Caron Cyr, and Nel Meservier will bring musical entertainment to Heritage Hall at the Franco Center during the La Rencontre luncheon which takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8. The trio have been performing together and separately for years in the Lewiston-Auburn area. The Franco Center is at 46 Cedar St., Lewiston.

LEWISTON, ME (August 25, 2022)—The La Rencontre luncheon at the Franco Center will feature local musicians Bob Mathieu, Fernande Caron Cyr, and Nel Meservier from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8.

After socializing, lunch will be served followed by entertainment. Lunch will consist of pot roast, potatoes, a vegetable, roll/bread, and apple crisp for dessert. La Rencontre (the gathering) is not restricted to French-speakers or even those

of Franco descent.

Meservier, a lifelong resident of the Lewiston-Auburn area, comes from a musical family. Between his brother, nephews, and nieces, at one time various family members were in a total of seven bands playing everything from rock and roll to folk music to French music. Meservier, who plays keyboard, has been performing since the age of 15. He has been a volunteer at the Franco Center since it was established in 2000.

Mathieu is a Lewiston native who has performed in local bands including playing bass with the original Royal Knights. He has also performed with The Fascinations and is a long-time member of the Holy Family choir. He has performed with the Lewiston-Auburn Community Little Theatre. He has entertained at previous La Rencontre luncheons and continues to perform at local nursing homes.

Cyr has been singing all her life including the glee club while attending St. Dom's High School, with Community Little Theatre, in the choir at St. Phillips Church in Auburn, and at funerals. She has performed at the Franco Center in the past with her nephew, pianist Paul Caron and will be performing at this La Rencontre event with Paul's uncle, Nel Meservier.

Elaine Roop, Franco Center board president, said, "We are very fortunate to have our French cultural programs such as La Rencontre supported by FACE Foundation, TV5 Monde, and the Quebec Delegation. French culture is a big part of Lewiston's and Auburn's cultural heritage." Future La Rencontre events in the 2022-23 season at the Franco Center will be held on Dec. 8, 2022, March 9, 2023, and June 22, 2023.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend this event. Tickets are \$15 per person and must be purchased by noon Tuesday, Sept. 6. For tickets call 207-689-2000, order online at francocenter.org/shows, or visit the box office in person at 46 Cedar St., Lewiston, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Parking is in the mill lot. Handicap access is via Lincoln St. Alley.

APL Hosts Author Talk: Paris & Parisians

AUBURN, ME (August 22, 2022) -- Jayne Boisvert will present Paris and Parisians, the title of the second guidebook in her Cheapo Snob series. She will offer information on finding lodging and restaurants to suit just about anyone's pocketbook. She will also discuss interesting attractions found in the capital like the Opera Garnier and the Pantheon as well as the beautiful Chateau de Fontainebleau outside the city limits. In addition, we will examine the lives of a variety of famous French residents—from Brigitte Bardot and Coco Chanel to Victor Hugo and Erik Satie, to name but a few. Come take an armchair tour of one of the greatest cities in the world!

An ardent traveler, Dr. Boisvert has visited many different areas of France and the Francophone world over the years. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase.

This program will take place in person, in the Androscoggin Community Room.

For more information on this or other upcoming programs offered by the Auburn Public Library, visit our website (auburnpubliclibrary.org), our Facebook page (Auburn Public Library Advocates), or call the Reference Desk at 207-333-6640, ext. 4.

When: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 – 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Where: Androscoggin Community Room, Auburn Public Library

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

Senior College in the Community Partners with APL

AUBURN, ME (August 22, 2022) -- Lewiston-Auburn Senior College has a long standing relationship with community partners. After two years of Covid constraints, Senior College in the Community is once again being offered through its partner, Auburn Public Library. In addition to this program, Lewiston-Auburn Senior College offers inperson, zoom, and

hybrid enrichment classes at its location 51 Westminster St. Lewiston, ME.

Our first Senior College in the Community program, to be held at the Auburn Public Library, is titled Portugal. It will be held at The Auburn Public Library, 49 Spring St., Auburn, Maine on September 8, 2022 at 2pm.

Portugal will be presented by Lucy

Bisson and Judy Hierstein. They have recently visited Portugal, which they describe as "a magical place". Despite Covid restrictions, they had a wonderful experience which they will share with you. Lucy and Judy are two ladies who like to travel and take lots of pictures. Both have been active on the Board of Directors of Lewiston Auburn Senior College.

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

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

\$19.7M for Brownfields Investment in Southern Maine

PORTLAND, ME (August 2, 2022) – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) New England Regional Administrator David Cash, along with Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, Maine Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Melanie Loyzim, and Portland Mayor Kate Snyder, highlighted \$19.7 Million in Brownfields funds being awarded to 12 entities in Maine at an event in Portland. This is part of a greatly increased Brownfields investment in New England this year made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to revitalize communities across the country by cleaning up contaminated and blighted sites and redeveloping them for productive use.

“EPA’s Brownfields program has a long track record of making critical investments that are a catalyst to revitalize communities in Maine and across New England,” said EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash. “Thanks to funding from Congress and the Biden Administration in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, EPA is making a historic investment to help

communities in Maine perform Brownfields assessments and cleanups. These projects will jump start economic redevelopment and job creation, and will do so in many neighborhoods that have been underserved and are ready to turn environmental risks into economic assets.”

“Hazardous sites not only pose a health danger to Mainers—especially as extreme weather becomes more common—but they also limit important economic activity in our communities,” said Congresswoman Chellie Pingree. “As Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for the EPA, I’m thrilled to see nearly \$14 million coming back to Maine’s First District to help towns and underserved areas mitigate pollution by cleaning up and repurposing contaminated sites to create valued community spaces. Thanks to President Biden, this money from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will make generational investments in each of these towns, creating hundreds of jobs and securing more space for Mainers to create and expand their businesses.”

“We welcome this

funding from the EPA’s Brownfields Programs, which will help identify potential hazards and encourage community development across Maine,” said Senators Susan Collins and Angus King in a joint statement. “In addition to cleaning up hazardous substances and improving our environment, this investment will help communities create new development opportunities to attract businesses that create good jobs for Mainers.”

The following municipalities will each receive a \$500,000 assessment grant:

City of Bath: The community wide assessment grant will be used to address sites within the city’s downtown and waterfront areas, including the former Texas Steamship Shipyard and properties in the South End.

City of Gardiner: The community wide assessment grant will be used to assess the impact of paper mills and other brownfields within the city, including the Cobbossee stream corridor and the downtown Water Street area.

City of South Portland: The community wide assessment grant will ad-

dress the impacts of sites related to industrial and ship building activities, including the Fore River Waterfront and the Main Street Corridor.

City of Waterville: A first time grant winner, the City of Waterville will be using their newly acquired funds to assess former mills and other sites in the city, including those in the Downtown and College Avenue areas.

Town of Gray: The community wide assessment grant will be used to address sites throughout the town, with a focus on the Gray Village Center intersection and the Route 100/Portland Road corridors. This is the town’s first grant from the EPA to address brownfields.

The City of Rockland: will receive a \$500,000 cleanup grant to remediate the former Shafter’s Junkyard.

The following regional organizations will each receive RLF Supplemental funding to recapitalize their ongoing and successful Brownfields RLF programs:

Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments: will receive \$1M to help fund Brownfields cleanups at important sites throughout the Androscoggin Valley, including the Auburn, Lewiston, Rumford and Lewis communities.

Greater Portland Council of Governments: will receive \$3.9M to assist in the continuation and initiation of Brownfields cleanup projects throughout the Greater Portland area.

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments: will receive \$1M to provide funding for cleanups in their member communities.

Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission: will receive \$3.9M to fund Brownfields cleanups at mills and other important sites in their member communities.

The City of Portland: will receive a \$3M RLF supplemental grant to provide funds for businesses and non-profits to clean up contaminated properties within the city.

The Maine Department of Economic & Community Development will receive a \$3.9M RLF supplemental grant to provide state grant and loan assistance to a wide array of site cleanup and redevelopment projects throughout the state.

Brownfields sites often lie in proximity to overburdened and vulnerable communities where people live, work, play, and pray. These funds serve to support underserved and economically disadvantaged communities in assessing

and cleaning up abandoned industrial and commercial properties and are part of a historic national EPA investment in Brownfields remediation. Brownfields funding helps begin to address the economic, social, and environmental challenges that have burdened these communities for far too long.

The new Brownfields funding announced this year includes approximately \$180 million from the historic \$1.5 billion investment from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help turn brownfield sites across the nation into hubs of economic growth and job creation, along with more than \$75 million from appropriated funds.

EPA’s Brownfields grants and assistance to organizations in Maine this year are among other significant annual investments by EPA to help New England communities to address brownfield properties. Across the six New England states this year, EPA will be awarding over \$51 million to assess or clean contaminated Brownfields sites in 42 communities.

In New England, since the beginning of the Brownfields program, EPA has awarded \$125 million in assessment grant funding, \$122 million in revolving loan fund grants and supplemental funding and \$87 million in cleanup grant funding, totaling \$334 million. These grant funds have paved the way for more than \$4 billion in public and private cleanup and redevelopment investment and for over 23,000 jobs in assessment, cleanup, construction and redevelopment.

Background
A brownfield is a
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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Alzheimer's Association Maine to Hold Walk To End Alzheimer's

LEWISTON, ME (August 24, 2022) – The Alzheimer's Association is inviting Mainers to join the fight to end Alzheimer's by participating in the Lakes and Mountains Area Walk to End Alzheimer's in Lewiston and the Maine Beaches Area Walk to End Alzheimer's in York Beach on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. On Walk day, participants honor those affected by Alzheimer's with the poignant Promise Garden ceremony — a mission-focused experience that signifies our solidarity in the fight

against the disease.

"We encourage people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to help us take the first step toward a world without Alzheimer's by joining us for the Walk to End Alzheimer's," said Drew Wyman, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association Maine Chapter. "This event helps us continue to provide resources and programs for Maine families affected by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, and fund important research to end this devastating disease."

In 2021, more than 200 residents from the Lewiston/Auburn area joined the Lakes and Mountains Area Walk to End Alzheimer's while raising over \$37,000,

and more than 300 York County residents joined the Main Beaches Area Walk to End Alzheimer's while raising more than \$100,000. This year, the two Walks have a collective goal of \$152,500.

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease — a leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 11 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. In Maine alone, there are more than 29,000 people living with the disease and 46,000 caregivers.

To register and receive the latest updates on this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit alz.org/maine/walk.

Court Street Baptist Church Welcomes Organist Bradley Hunter Welch



AUBURN, ME (August 15, 2022) -- The Music Committee of the Court Street Baptist Church invites the community to hear guest organist Bradley Hunter Welch on Sunday, September 4, at 9:45 a.m., at 129 Court Street, Auburn.

Welch is the organist of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and is Artist-in-Residence at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, Dallas. He is a well-known recitalist, concert soloist, and collaborative artist. He is the 2003 winner of the Dal-

las International Organ Competition.

The Mark Thallander Foundation, which sponsors concerts and music festivals in collaboration with churches and Christian communities, makes this event possible.

Free CNA Training Offered

AUBURN, ME (August 16, 2022) – The Center for Workforce and Professional Development at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) is partnering with Oxford Hills/Nezinscot Adult Education Office and offering free Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training from October 3 – December 22, 2022. Information and links to register for the program are available at <https://www.bit.ly/CW-PDRegistration>. Prospective students also need to register and pass entrance assessments with Oxford Hills/Nezinscot Adult Education by emailing adult-ed@msad17.org or calling 207-743-8842.

The CNA course is taught by a registered nurse and includes introductory concepts of nursing care, anatomy and physiology, nutritional and medication care, and disease management. Successful candidates complete a total of 130 hours of coursework, consisting of 70 hours of in-person instruction, 20 hours of lab time and 40 hours of clinical work. The skills lab and exam are also free. Students who successfully complete the course and pass the certi-



fication exam will be eligible for immediate employment.

Two additional cohorts will be offered through Lewiston Adult Education in January 2023 and Region 9 Adult Education in March 2023.

This program is funded by the Maine Jobs and Recovery Program (MJRP). Participants must be at least 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma, GED, or HiSET, and be a U.S. citizen and/or authorized to work in the U.S. Criminal background check and current flu and Covid vaccination records will be required. MJRP-funded courses are designed for candidates who have been impacted by Covid-19 or are dislocated, unemployed or are underemployed. Underemployed can be considered as working part-time but looking for full-time work or working in an occupation below one's skillset.

For more information or to register, please contact Central Maine Community College's Center for Work-

force & Professional Development at workforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu or 207-755-5280.

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Help Local Families and Win a Trip to Paris with Veggies to Table



Veggies to Table founder, Erica Berman.

NEW CASTLE, ME (August 26, 2022) -- Veggies to Table, a non-profit farm that grows and donates organic produce to locals experiencing hunger, and flowers to bring joy, is excited to announce a once-in-a-lifetime French inspired sweepstakes. The grand prize is a week-long stay in a gorgeous Paris apartment (with panoramic views and balcony) along with many French inspired

runner-up prizes. All proceeds from this unique fundraiser will help Veggies to Table grow and donate even more farm-fresh veggies and flowers while bringing YOU to Paris or, Paris to YOU!

Veggies to Table founder Erica Berman moved from Paris to Maine 10 years ago with her French husband and co-founder, Alain Ollier. To share a bit of France

with you all, they have organized this incredible sweepstakes.

Grand Prize:

- A week stay for two in Berman's Montmartre apartment w/a balcony and panoramic views
- A chauffeur to and from the airport
- Champagne and flowers upon arrival
- Lunch for two at Le Bon Georges
- Lunch for two at Mokonuts Bakery and Café

- A gift certificate for Treize au Jardin
- A standard trip planning service by Paris, Perfected

Runner-up prizes:

- A weekend in Montreal with club access at the Le Centre Sheraton hotel
- A set of luxury French bed linens
- A language class at the Penobscot Bay Language School
- Handmade chocolates from French owned, Maine based, Chocolats Passion

- A set of French Utility Soap, dish towels and a wooden dish brush from sustainable shop du Jardin AND MANY MORE PRIZES

Hunger is on the rise — With higher costs all around, food insecurity is on the rise and more local families, children, and

elderly are in peril. Help Veggies to Table feed the maximum amount of the 1 in 7 Maine families living with hunger (1 in 5 children). In its first three seasons Veggies to Table grew and donated 31,000+ pounds of farm-fresh produce and gifted over 2,100 flower bouquets (40,000+ stems) to spread joy. With YOUR help they can provide even more top-quality nutrient dense produce to

those in need.

What you can do to help Veggies to Table feed more of the hungry in our community:

- enter the Sweepstakes
 - donate to Veggies to Table
 - visit us on the farm
 - volunteer on the farm or behind the scenes on grants and fundraising
 - connect with us
- The Sweepstakes

will run from Aug 7 - Sept 17 with winners selected online on September 18. YOU can make a difference. Help us feed our neighbors living in the crisis of hunger, and you just might win a week in a Paris apartment, a weekend in Montreal or one of the many other French inspired prizes!

To Enter: <https://vegiestotable.rallyup.com/winaweekinparis>



Erica Berman with her French husband and co-founder, Alain Ollier.



A view of the Grand Prize--the Paris apartment's bedroom.



The Paris apartment's kitchen.

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Whitewater Thrills and Spills on Throwback Cruise



Paddlers congregate for instructions on the Throwback Cruise



A father daughter tandem canoe team blast through a hole on the Dead River



Throwback Cruise trip coordinator Kyle Duckworth navigates a rapid in a circa 1965 aluminum canoe

By Ron Chase
More than three dozen whitewater paddlers in over thirty boats recently assembled at Webb's Campground in West Forks on a beautiful summer day. They gathered for the annual Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society (PPCS) Throwback Cruise on the Dead River. Joining the Kennebec River at The Forks after sixteen miles of almost continuous Class I through Class IV whitewater, the Dead is one of the most popular whitewater outings in the northeastern United States and a PPCS favorite. PPCS founders pioneered early descents on the Dead more than 50 years ago.

Each year, eighteen Dead releases are scheduled from Long Falls Dam at the outlet of Flagstaff Lake. The levels vary from 1300 to 6000 cubic feet per second (CFS). During a typical year, the PPCS hosts numerous club trips on the Dead.

In 2017, frequent PPCS Trip Coordinator, Kyle Duckworth, introduced a novel river experience on the Dead designated the Throwback Cruise. The whitewater adventure is a celebration of old-time boats and gear, and the consequential PPCS Dead River history. Participants are encouraged to paddle crafts from the 1980s or earlier. A relatively low 1800 CFS release is selected for the event, so it is also intended to provide new paddlers with the opportunity to attempt first descents with the support of veteran club members.

Enthusiastic Chowderheads loaded a wide array of boats on Webb Shuttle Service trailers for the drive to the top. Included were a 1970s Old Town Tripper tandem canoe, a vintage Blue Hole Starburst solo canoe, and some Perception Dancer kayaks from the 1980s. The first principle of a leader is to set the example. Kyle sported

a circa 1965 aluminum canoe outfitted with inflated tire inner tubes for floatation. An elderly paddler, I have throwback boats but they're all canoes which are problematic because I can no longer kneel in them. Instead, I brought my big volume 10.5 foot expedition kayak which looks something like an old-time kayak with a pretty new face.

During the lengthy shuttle ride to the put-in at the outlet of Spencer Stream, whitewater adventures past were the primary topics of conversation. Dead River veterans related river anecdotes, many including scary mishaps, while newcomers listened with interest and angst.

The small launch area was far too crowded and chaotic to organize a trip that included over 30 boats, so paddlers were instructed to meet at a beach at the bottom of the first rapid, Spencer Rips. After plummeting through the Class

III waves, everyone congregated next to shore where Kyle announced river plans and safety protocols. Experienced paddlers were introduced and Dead River debutants were urged to follow them through the more difficult rapids. Lead and sweep boats were assigned.

Then the fun began. Paddlers navigated through some easy whitewater followed by Quattro Pitch where more skilled boaters enjoyed some stimulating surfing. Just beyond, complicated 1.1 mile Minefield Rapid was negotiated before stopping for lunch at Hayden's Landing.

Seasoned Chowderheads led the way through complex Hayden's Rapid, where a multitude of potential hazards were avoided. Everyone relaxed during a relatively placid stretch called the Doldrums. This was the calm before the storm as the difficulty level soon began to increase appreciably.

After stopping to rest

at the mouth of Enchanted Stream, paddlers encountered substantial waves and a gnarly hole at Elephant Rock. A couple of minor mishaps occurred but were quickly remedied. Shortly after, Mile Long, the longest rapid on the river, began. A baffling assortment of large waves and boulders caused a canoeist to capsize but a successful rescue was affected.

A series of easier rapids led us to the most formidable descents on the Dead, Upper and Lower Poplar Falls. Paddlers were tiring and mistakes more common. Kyle organized a team to guide the less experienced boaters through these two exacting whitewater challenges. Upper Poplar went smoothly but difficulties were encountered on Lower Poplar. Fortunately, accomplished Chowderheads trained in swift water rescue reunited errant paddlers with their boats.

The remaining float

to West Forks was a time to reflect on our unique river excursion; a throwback for some and a stimulating introduction to the world of whitewater for others.

Read about more exciting trips on the Dead River and rousing exploits on eight additional Maine whitewater streams and rivers 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.

\$49.6M Awarded for Maine Transportation Projects

WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 11, 2022) -- Today, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg announced that the Biden-Harris Administration has awarded \$49.6 million to support two projects in Maine from the Rebuilding American In-

frastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program to help move forward on projects that modernize roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports, and intermodal transportation and make our transportation systems safer, more accessible, more afford-

able, and more sustainable. This year's total allocations nationwide include more than \$2.2 billion thanks to the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which provides an additional \$7.5 billion over five years for the program to help meet the strong demand to help

projects get moving across the country.

"We are proud to support so many outstanding infrastructure projects in communities large and small, modernizing America's transportation systems to make them safer, more affordable, more

accessible, and more sustainable," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "Using funds from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this year we are supporting more projects than ever before."

Projects were eval-

uated on several criteria, including safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness and opportunity, partnership and collaboration, innovation, state of good repair, and mobility and community

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Arts & Entertainment

CACC to Perform The Music Man

BATH, ME (August 15, 2022) –The Chocolate Church Arts Center (CCAC), at 804 Washington Street in Bath, will kick off their 2022 performance season with a stylized production of Meredith Wilson’s classic show, *The Music Man*, opening on Friday September 9.

The iconic musical, with books, music, and lyrics written by Meredith Wilson, first became a hit on Broadway in 1957, when it won five Tony Awards. The show tells the story of con man Harold Hill (played by Joshua Beach of West Gardiner), who poses as an organiz-

er of children’s bands, and sells instruments and uniforms to the people of River City, Iowa. Harold’s plans to then skip town are complicated when he becomes romantically involved with the town librarian and piano teacher, Marian Paroo (played by Hope Horton of Bath).

The CCAC production is co-presented with Studio Theatre of Bath, and will be a slightly nontraditional version of the show. Under the co-direction of Marc Rodriguez and Thom Watson, several actors will take on multiple roles, and the show will be presented in choreographed and

staged scenes. Musical Director Courtney Babbidge will provide accompaniment, while using software to control a virtual orchestra, and Ashley Steeves will provide delightfully playful choreography.

Performances of *The Music Man* will take place over two weekends – Friday, September 9 to Sunday, September 11, and Thursday, September 15 to Sunday, September 18. All shows will begin at 7:30pm, with the exception of the two Sunday matinees, which begin at 2pm.

Tickets for *The Music Man* are \$18 in advance



Joshua Beach of West Gardiner, who plays Harold Hill



Hope Horton of Bath, who plays Marian Paroo

or \$22 on the day of the show. Tickets, and a full schedule of Fall 2022 performances at the Chocolate

Church Arts Center can be found at www.chocolatechurcharts.org or by calling (207) 442-8455.

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Oasis of Music Begins New Season

LEWISTON, ME (August 23, 2022) – The Oasis of Music will begin its new season at Trinity Church in Lewiston Wednesday September 7, from 12:30 to around 1:00, with a clarinet trio performing classical music selections.

The Oasis of Music is a weekly music series of performances of roughly thirty minutes, running from September to May. Admission is free, with donations accepted.

The musical genres vary greatly, in largely, but not exclusively, acoustic formats. COVID restrictions of optional mask-wearing and social distancing are observed. For more information, call 207-344-3106.

Admission is free, with donations accepted. For more information call 344-3106.

Upcoming performances include:
September 7 Clarinet Trio, classical
September 14 Greg

Boardman, fiddle
September 21 Jessy Kendall, experimental all vocal loop layers
September 28 Lansley and Howard, classical flute and piano
October 5 Jim Gallant, singer-songwriter guitarist
October 12 Seyr Duo, Middle Eastern Music
October 19 David Pontbriand, sitar
October 26 Owen Kennedy, fiddle

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Collins, King Announce \$24.2 Million to Cleanup & Revitalize

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King announced a \$24.2 million investment from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support under-served and economically disadvantaged communities across the State of Maine to conduct brownfields assessments and clean up abandoned industrial and commercial properties.

“We welcome this funding from the EPA’s Brownfields Programs, which will help identify potential hazards and encourage community development across Maine,” said Senators Collins and King in a joint statement. “In addition to cleaning up hazardous substances and improving our environment, this investment will help communities create new development opportunities to attract businesses that create good jobs for Mainers.”

Maine is receiving nine grants under the Brownfields Cleanup and Assessment Grants, two grants under the Revolving Loan Fund program, and six grants for supplemental funding under the Revolving Loan Fund program.

The funding will be allocated as follows:

The Brownfields Cleanup Grants are as follows:

Our Katahdin will receive \$1,000,000 to assess and address the Former Great Northern Paper Company.

City of Rockland will receive \$500,000 to address Shafter Junkyard.

The following Community-wide Brownfields Assessment Grants will be used to address various sites throughout the indicated cities, towns, or planning organization service areas:

City of Bath will receive \$500,000 for community-wide site assessments, including 65 Bowery Street.

City of Belfast will receive \$500,000 for community-wide site assessments, including 126 Church Street.

Eastern Maine Development Corporation will receive \$500,000 for community-wide site assessments, including Former Striar Textile and Great Northern Paper.

City of Gardiner will receive \$500,000 for community-wide assessments, including Cobbossee Steam Corridor.

Town of Gray will re-

ceive \$500,000 for community-wide site assessments, including Cobb Equipment.

Piscataquis County Economic Development Corporation will receive \$500,000 for community-wide site assessments including Greenville, Dover-Foxcroft, and Milo.

City of South Portland will receive \$500,000 for community-wide assessments, including Fore River Waterfront.

City of Waterville will receive \$500,000 for assessment work in the downtown area.

The Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grant and Supplemental RLF grants are to the following organizations:

Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments will receive \$1,000,000 to supplement their successful RLF program which serves the Androscoggin Valley area.

City of Belfast will receive \$1,000,000 for a new Brownfields RLF program for the city to help support Brownfields cleanups at sites such as 126 Church Street and others.

Eastern Maine Development Corporation will receive \$1,000,000 for a new Brownfields RLF program to help support Brownfields cleanups throughout the area including sites such as Great Northern Paper and others.

Greater Portland Council of Governments will receive \$3,900,000 to supplement their successful RLF program which serves the Greater Portland area.

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments will receive \$1,000,000 to supplement their successful RLF program which serves the Kennebec Valley area.

Maine Department of Economic and Community Development will receive \$3,900,000 to supplement their successful RLF program which serves the entire state.

City of Portland will receive \$3,000,000 to supplement their successful RLF program which serves the City of Portland.

Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission will receive \$3,900,000 to supplement their successful RLF program which serves the southern Maine area

EPA’s Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Brownfields grants provide funding for a grant recipient to capitalize a revolving loan fund and to provide loans

and subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites. Through these grants, EPA strengthens the marketplace and encourages stakeholders to leverage resources to clean up and redevelop brownfields. When loans are repaid, the loan amount is returned into the fund and re-lent to other borrowers, providing an ongoing source of capital within a community. The supplemental RLF funds announced today are going to communities that have demonstrated success in using their revolving loan funds to clean up and redevelop brownfield sites. The supplemental funds will be used to continue their progress in reusing vacant and abandoned properties and turning them into community assets such as housing, recreation and open space, health facilities, social services, and commerce opportunities.

A brownfield site is a property that contains a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant that can hinder the potential to reuse or redevelop the site. The EPA’s Brownfields Programs assist states and local communities as they assess, safely clean up, and reuse brownfield sites for economic development projects.

Auburn’s Newest Police K-9 Makes First Apprehension

AUBURN, ME (August 1, 2022) – The Auburn Police Department’s newest K-9 has only recently completed his patrol certification and is already protecting and serving the community. Deputy Chief Tim Cogle reports that last evening at 12:25AM, emergency dispatchers received a 911 call from a female who was believed to be in distress. Officers were able to locate the female at 514 Turner Street. She reported that she had been assaulted by a male subject known to her during a domestic dispute. The assailant was reported to have fled into nearby woods once he knew the police were on their way.

K-9 Brick, Auburn’s newest police dog along with his handler, Officer Andrew Jarman were called to the scene to assist in the search for the suspect.

“Once deployed and given his search command, Brick immediately began to pull officers deep into the woods,” said Cogle. “Brick directed the officers to a large, overturned tree where the suspect was located, crouched down, trying to hide from them.”

The suspect was taken into custody without incident and charged with Felony Domestic Violence Assault and Violating Conditions of Release.

“Without Brick, this



Officer Jarman and Brick.



suspect would not have been captured so quickly and efficiently, preventing a larger police search of the area,” said Cogle. “He’s a great dog; smart and determined. And Officer Jarman

is doing an outstanding job with him. We anticipate years of exceptional work from this K-9 team.”

Brick completed his first level of training, patrol certification, on July 20.

SOURCES SOUGHT

Wreaths Across America is issuing this Sources Sought Notice to identify parties having an interest in providing approximately 2.8 – 3.0 million domestically-grown balsam wreaths for procurement to support Wreaths Across America’s wreath project and the resources needed to support this requirement for wreaths beginning with the 2023 season. It should be noted that Wreaths Across America does not provide purchase orders for wreath procurement contracts.

THERE IS NO SOLICITATION AT THIS TIME. This is a request for capability information only and does not constitute a request for proposals. The submission of any information in response to this request is purely voluntary. Wreaths Across America assumes no financial responsibility for any costs incurred.

If your organization has the potential capacity to perform these services, please provide the following information: 1.) Organization name, address, email address, Web site address, telephone number, and size and type of ownership for the organization; and 2.) Tailored capability statements addressing the particulars of this effort, with appropriate documentation supporting claims of organizational and staff capability.

Telephone inquiries will not be accepted or acknowledged, and no feedback or evaluations will be provided to companies regarding their submissions.

Submission Instructions: Interested parties who consider themselves qualified to perform the above- listed services are invited to submit a response to this Sources Sought Notice within 28 business days of the first posting of this notice. All responses under this Sources Sought Notice must be emailed to domn@drydengroup.com.

If you have any questions concerning this opportunity, please send them to domn@drydengroup.com.

LPL's Summer Reading Program Has Far-Reaching Impact



Amelia, enjoying her prize.

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and I'm proud of the programs that Sara and the Children's Department have developed for all ages this past summer."

The summer reading program, which ran from June 27th – August 13th, provided all ages with reading logs that also served as bookmarks. Participants could log reading time combined with other activities such as signing out a State of Maine park pass or signing out a nature backpack filled with educational activities on the topics of birds, wildlife, and plants. The backpacks were provided by the Maine Audubon Society.

Turner adds, "Adults were part of the enrichment and fun too. Not only did they complete more reading logs than last year but also enjoyed book discussions with ReadME in partnership with the Maine Humanities Council; listened to the musical stylings of New York Blues Hall of Fame inductee Marc Blac; and learned about community solar, whales of Maine, and first amendment rights in the modern age."

Turner notes, "Every person has different learning styles, and we want to provide accommodations for more than just reading. It's about experience, it's about engagement, and educational enrichment in many learning forms. We

want a connection with the Lewiston Public Library to be safe, a place where people feel accepted, and a place where they are understood."

That approach certainly worked for young Amelia (pictured). Her proud father recently emailed Turner and shared what the summer program's engagement has meant to his daughter. "I just wanted to let you know how much use she is going to get from her summer reading prize. She's been outside most of the night (even in the light drizzle) playing with her new gear and inspecting insects. She's also been listening to the Harry Potter Play-away during her brief moments inside. Thanks again!"

In addition to in-person activities with an "Ocean of Possibilities" theme, the reading program provided educational presentations; a magician and puppeteers; lecture talks & crafts for adults; and learning enrichment programs about sharks, cephalopods, and the importance of keeping the environment clean. Participants also visited with Mr. Drew & His Ani-

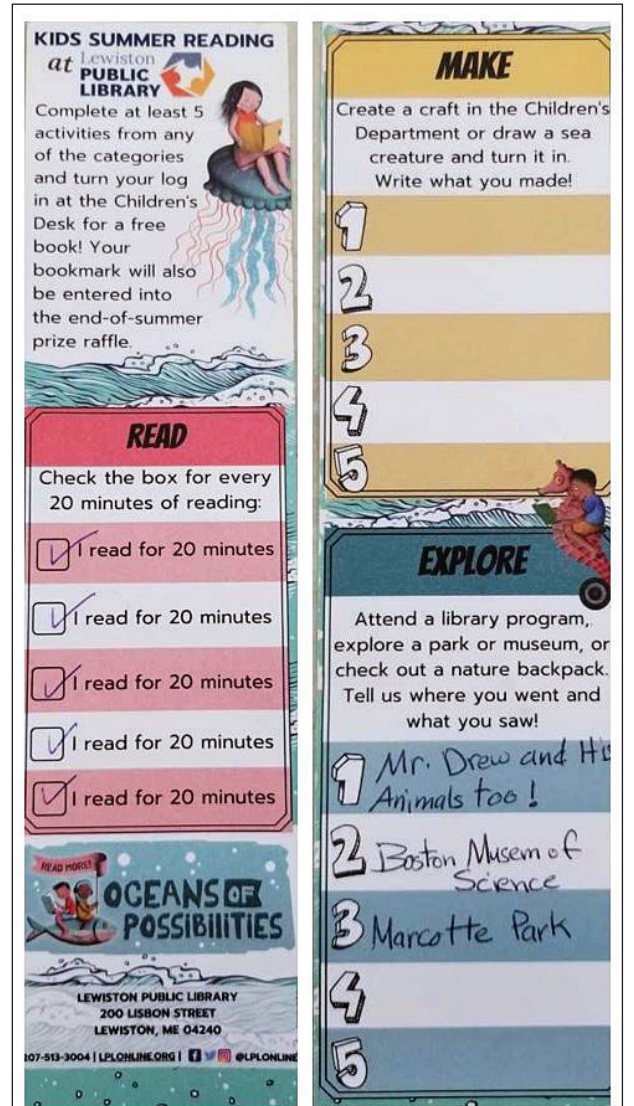
LEWISTON, ME (August 26, 2022) -- Did the Lewiston Public Library's Summer Reading Program make an impact on participants? Yes, indeed!

In fact, Children's Librarian Sara Turner recently experienced a memorable moment with a little girl who popped into her office, "I know you; you were at my school yesterday."

When Turner asked if she got a book to take home, she reported that she got 'Dog Man' and added, "I then begged and begged my sister to bring me to the Library!" Turner wel-

comed the opportunity to tell her she loved hearing that and that she was so glad she was now at the Library! That student was one of many who received a "brand new book" upon completing their Summer Reading Program log. The log's "Read, Make, Explore" theme encouraged individuals of all ages to not only read but to get out into the community, exploring and visiting new things and places.

Mayor Carl L. She-line shared his enthusiasm of how Read, Make, Explore reached community members, "The Library is a cornerstone of our city,



LPL's Reading Log encouraged reading and rewarded young readers for their accomplishments.

mals Too in Kennedy Park.

Turner adds that Tree Street Youth also visited the Library each week over the summer, which pro-

vided youth with access to various activities, books, and interaction with Library staff. Turner reports

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Reading

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that the relationship with Tree Street Youth will continue into the fall.

To be sensitive to the time and possible transportation and language barriers for parents/guardians to bring children to the Library, Turner also brought the summer reading program to each Lewiston elementary school where 21st Century and Early Promise Education summer camps were being hosted. She notes that at the end of the program she rolled in carts of books to give away.

“Seeing the smiles spread across each child’s face as they selected a book was worth the effort. There’s nothing like receiving a brand new book as your very own, especially if you’ve only had used books. Even in these small moments, you never know how it can impact a child’s life,” stated an emotionally moved Turner.

In total, the Children’s Department gave away over 400 new books this summer!

Library Director Marcela Perez echoed the Mayor’s sentiments, “Mainers love to take full advantage of summers, so Lewiston

Public Library staff work hard to offer programming that engages community members of all ages in a season of joyful learning and enrichment. We hope that through the Library’s Summer Reading Program each year, kids, teens, and adults will use their extra time to challenge themselves to learn new skills, meet others with similar interests, and celebrate our community of learners.”

Turner continued, “Reading helps kids, for example, understand people who are different than them, develop empathy, understand the world around them, and see themselves in characters and stories. They can relate!”

She further explained that reading “fosters social-emotional development through programs and outreach while discovering the joy of stories and elevating the importance of lifelong learning. Summer reading opportunities are a plus towards higher reading achievement and can also result in improved reading skills, motivation, confidence, and enjoyment.”

Additional creativity at the Library continued throughout the summer with Lewiston High School 21st Century teens weekly utilizing the



Kids enjoying LPL’s in-person Ocean of Possibilities event.



Kids holding up their books.

teen space, and the Teen Tabletop RFG Program, which will continue into the fall, brought many new teen patrons into the teen space. In addition, Library staff and teen volunteers also hosted story times within the community, and the teen space was also a popular venue for teens and families to play games, read, watch movies, do crafts, and stay cool.

Did the Library’s multi-faceted Summer Reading Program and day-to-day offerings make a difference in people’s lives . . . a million times over, indeed!



Mayor Sheline with Love to Read bags.



A magician and puppeteers offered entertainment.



Kids visiting with Mr. Drew and His Animals Too in Kennedy Park.

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Back To School: Early Enrollment Up 12% At MCCS

AUGUSTA, ME (August 26, 2022) — Boosted by a new Free College scholarship for recent high school graduates, fall enrollment at Maine’s community colleges is up 12 percent, according to early enrollment figures. Preliminary fall enrollment was 12,765 students as of August 25, up from 11,359 students last year on the same date. Sev-

eral thousand more early college students are expected to enroll in the next several weeks. Final fall enrollment figures are tallied on October 15. Enrollment remains open at all seven colleges and students still have time to enroll for this fall. Of the total fall enrollment, 42 percent – 5,399 students – qualify for the Free College schol-

arship. “This increase in enrollment shows how important the promise of a great education is to Maine residents. Getting the skills needed for jobs in today’s economy is close at hand, affordable, and vitally important to landing a great job with good pay,” said David Daigler, president of the Maine Community College System. “We deeply appreciate the state’s support in providing the funding for Free College, and we are eager to see these students, who otherwise may not have continued their education, thrive and succeed in pursuing their goals,” Daigler said. The Free College Scholarship, announced in April, covers all tuition and mandatory fees for full-time students who graduated from high school or passed an equivalency exam in 2020-23. The Free College scholarship was funded with a one-time \$20 million state allocation. The fall semester begins Monday, August 29, at five of the seven colleges (Central Maine Community College in Auburn, Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor, Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle, Southern Maine Community College in South Portland, and York County Community College in Wells.) Washington County Community College in Calais start August 31, and Kennebec Valley Community College starts September 6. The average cost of tuition and mandatory fees at Maine’s community colleges is \$3,700 a year. The colleges offer a broad range of two-year degree programs, one-year certificate programs, and short-term workforce training courses that take between a few weeks and less than a year to complete.

Total Enrollment for Fall Term

College	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Delta 2021-2022	
					#	%
CMCC	2,429	2,364	2,086	2,283	197	9.4%
EMCC	1,945	1,629	1,456	1,672	216	14.8%
KVCC	1,718	1,688	1,429	1,456	27	1.9%
NMCC	647	589	502	619	117	23.3%
SMCC	5,511	5,175	4,598	5,167	569	12.4%
WCCC	315	230	271	299	28	10.3%
YCCC	1,293	1,199	1,017	1,269	252	24.8%
TOTAL	13,858	12,874	11,359	12,765	1,406	12.4%

Data as of 8/25/22

Maine Collecting Unwanted Pesticides Free of Charge

AUGUSTA, ME (August 22, 2022) -- The Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program protects Maine’s natural resources and prevents agriculture pollution by promoting the safe and proper disposal of outdated, unused, or unwanted pesticides. The program is made possible by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry’s Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The program is open to homeowners and family-owned farms who are encouraged to bring unwanted pesticides—including herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, and similar products used in agricultural production or around



Photo courtesy of Maine Board of Pesticides Control.

the home to collection sites in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, and Portland. *lete Pesticide Collection Program*

Removal of obsolete and unwanted pesticides is important for protecting the public, wildlife, and environmental health. Improper pesticide handling and disposal, such as placing it in the trash or pouring it down the drain, can contaminate land and water resources. The Maine Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program ensures that they are handled properly. Since 1982, the program has saved more than 250,000 lbs. of pesticides from entering the waste stream. Collected pesticides are taken to licensed, out-of-state disposal facilities by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Learn more on www.think-firstspraylast.org.

More details coming soon, including drop-off locations.

Pre-registration is required by September 26 to participate, drop-ins are not permitted.

Details including registering and supplying the obsolete pesticides inventory form, a list of banned and unusable products, storage and transportation guidelines, other disposal options are found on the BPC website www.think-firstspraylast.org.

About Maine’s Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RE: Rejane L. Gosselin, Deceased

TO: ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DECEDENT

The above-named Decedent, established a Living Trust, entitled **Gerald and Rejane Gosselin Living Trust Dated March 22, 1994 and Restated February 23, 2004.**

The name(s) and address(es) of the Trustee(s) is/are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent’s

Trust (and/or estate) must file their claims with the Trustee listed below **WITHIN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is September 1, 2022.

Sandra Boland, Trustee
19749 Ellendale Dr. Land O Lakes, FL 34638
813-493-3281

Investment

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property for which the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

Redevelopment made possible through the program includes everything from grocery stores and affordable housing to health centers, museums, greenways, and solar farms.

The Brownfields Program delivers on the Biden

Administration’s Justive40 initiative, which states that at least 40 percent of the benefits of certain government programs flow to disadvantaged communities. EPA is committed to meeting and exceeding this goal.

This funding helps communities begin to address the economic, social, and environmental challenges caused by brownfields by stimulating economic opportunity and environmental revitalization in historically overburdened communities.

What do you think?

We strongly encourage Letters to the Editor, Op/Eds, columns or any other submissions from our readers. Agree with us or another columnist? Disagree? Write to us and let us know! Email all submissions, including name, address and phone number, to the editor.

VA Maine Offers Whole Health Learning Live Educational Events



LEWISTON, ME (August 24, 2022) -- WHO: VA Maine Healthcare System

WHAT: Whole Health Learning Live Educational Event for all Maine Veterans

WHEN & WHERE: Multiple dates at multiple VA Maine Clinics. All 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

October 5, 2022 – Lewiston VA Clinic: 15

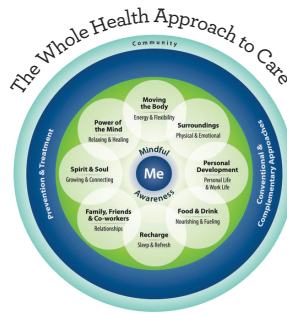
Challenger Drive, Lewiston, ME 04240

WHY: Whole Health is VA's approach to care that supports Veteran's health and well-being and centers around what matters to the Veteran, not what is the matter with them. This process includes their health team getting to know Veterans on a more personal level to develop a personalized health plan based on their values, needs, and goals.

Whole Health puts Veterans in control of their care. It focuses on self-care, skill building and support. These services are not diagnosis or disease based, but support the personal health plan of each Vet-

eran. Approaches such as stress reduction, yoga, tai chi, mindfulness, nutrition, acupuncture, and health coaching are available.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: Explore the Wheel of Health via experiential activities and browse information & resources provided by VA Maine Healthcare System. Attention Maine Veterans: you are invited to consider what matters to you and explore the many components that contribute to your Whole-Health while mixing with fellow Veterans & VA staff while learning about the WholeHealth model of care and services available to Veterans at the VA Maine Healthcare System.



Whole Health Learning Live! @ VA Clinics across Maine 11am-1pm

Caribou Clinic: 9-13-2022
Lincoln Clinic: 9-14-2022
Calais Clinic: 9-15-2022
Bangor Clinic: 9-22-2022

Lewiston Clinic: 10-5-2022
Rumford Clinic: 10-06-2022
Portland Clinic: 10-19-2022

Consider what matters to you & explore the many components that contribute to your Whole Health.

Mix with fellow Veterans & VA staff while learning about the Whole Health model of care and services available to Veterans at the VA Maine Healthcare System.

Explore the Wheel of Health via experiential activities and browse information & resources provided by VA Maine Healthcare System

- Whole Health Department
- Veterans Benefits Administration
- TeleHealth Services
- Maine Vet Centers
- VA Center For Development & Civic Engagement (Formerly Voluntary Services)



All Maine Veterans, their families & VA Maine employees are invited to attend this outdoor event!

This event will be complying with current National CDC and Veteran Health Administration pandemic response guidance.

City of Lewiston Gives Update on Riverfront Island Master Plan

LEWISTON, ME (August 19, 2022) -- The City is excited to partner with Halvorson Tighe & Bond in an update to the Riverfront Island Master Plan, which includes the canals, the riverfront trail, and Simard-Payne and Veteran's Parks. There are five focus areas for the Master Plan: Connections between the Riverwalk and the Downtown (Lisbon Street), Redevelopment of Island Point, Urban Infill and Market Study, Simard-Payne Park Revi-

talization, and the Canal System Revitalization. It is anticipated that the update will be completed in late winter or spring of 2023.

The City is launching a website for the project where updates will be posted, upcoming meetings listed, and public input gathered. An initial survey is available to take now, with questions likely to change this fall as the work progresses. There is also a map where specific comments can be tagged to

a part of the study area.

To sign up for updates on the project and to take the survey, visit: <https://lewiston-riverfront.com>. Paper surveys are available at the City Clerk's Office and the Library.

LPL to Hold Baby Storytime

LEWISTON, ME (August 26, 2022) -- Join the Lewiston Public Library for Baby Storytime in-person in the Children's Department weekly on Tuesdays starting September 6th from 10:15am to 11:15am. Recommended for children ages 0 – 24 months old and their caregivers.

Enjoy an interactive storytime with your baby that includes early literacy fun with books, songs, rhymes and body movement. Play and social time immediately follow

the program. Siblings are always welcome. Please stay home if you or your child are sick and not feeling well.

This program is free, open to the public, and no registration is required.

The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street. More information on Storytime programs is available by contacting the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3133 or LPLKids@lewiston-maine.gov.



Baby Storytime in person!

Tuesdays @ 10:15am

Lewiston PUBLIC LIBRARY Children's Department 3rd floor

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: MICHAEL TIMOTHY ZEKOVITCH, JR.

IN RE: ROSEMARY BELLE WILLIAMS and JERRY RICHARD WILLIAMS VS. MICHAEL TIMOTHY ZEKOVITCH, JR.

In Re: River Zekovitch (b.d. 7/14/2015)

Korrine Casey Zekovitch (b.d. 2/24/2018)

Children Under the Age of Eighteen Years

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Petition filed, which is sworn to, that the Respondent, Michael Timothy Zekovitch, Jr., is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon MICHAEL TIMOTHY ZEKOVITCH, JR., it is ORDERED that said Respondent MICHAEL TIMOTHY ZEKOVITCH, JR., file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court in Knoxville, Tennessee, and with CAROLE COLE, an Attorney whose address is 135 Fox Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37922, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication. If the Respondent fails to file an answer within the time limit, the Petitioners shall be permitted to file a Notice of Default Judgment and serve the Defendant by leaving a copy of said notice with the clerk of this court. This cause will be set for hearing Ex-Parte as to you before Chancellor Weaver in the Knox County Chancery Court, Part I, 400 W. Main Street, Suite 125, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This Notice will be published in *The Twin City Times Newspaper* for four (4) consecutive weeks.

This 8th day of August, 2022.

HOWARD HOGAN
CLERK AND MASTER

St. Dom's Senior Named Amirault Scholarship Winner



Michael Moseley, senior at Cheverus High School in Portland.

PORTLAND, ME (July 15, 2022)—A Saint Dominic Academy student who plans to study psychology and a Cheverus High School student who is eyeing a career in medicine are this year's winners of the Lila Grace Sullivan Amirault Scholarships, each receiving \$5,000 to put towards college tuition.

"It's very exciting. It's awesome," said Michael Moseley, a senior at Cheverus High School in Portland.

"It's just a huge burden off my shoulders and also my parents' shoulders," said Patrick Manson, a senior at Saint Dominic Academy in Auburn.

The Lila Grace Sullivan Amirault Scholarship

Fund was established with the Catholic Foundation of Maine in 2013 by Patrick Amirault, now deceased. Amirault wanted to create a lasting tribute to his wife, Lila, and to show his gratitude for the care and education he received at a Catholic school in Massachusetts, where he grew up as one of nine children in a poor family. To be eligible for the scholarship, a Catholic high school senior must be accepted at an accredited college or university and must plan on working while in college.

Teachers and counselors at St. Dom's and Cheverus say this year's winners are well-deserving.

"A responsible young man, Patrick is thoughtful, caring, and has shown

on countless occasions a willingness to help others. He doesn't hesitate," said Anne Pontbriand, a theology teacher at St. Dom's.

"Michael is a model citizen. He is respectful, kind, and courteous," said Paul Johnson, a mathematics teacher at Cheverus. "He is the perfect combination of student and citizen – as well-rounded as they come."

Both students have been active members of their school and local communities. Both are avid swimmers and lifeguards. Both volunteered at church Vacation Bible Schools. And both are members of their school Key Clubs, with Patrick serving as vice-president of the one at St. Dom's. The Key Clubs engage in different charitable activities, most especially turkey drives at Thanksgiving.

"I did the turkey drive each year, which is awesome, especially when you're a senior, because you get to bring the turkeys to people," said Michael.

"It was a very cool thing to do and was very eye-opening, too, just seeing people from different walks of life who don't have the same privileges that I do but are still able to find hope," said Patrick.

Patrick, who has attended St. Dom's since pre-kindergarten, also played the title role in this year's Drama Club production of *Aladdin*, took on the

part of Jesus a few years ago in the school's Lenten presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross, and is one of the school's assistant chaplains, helping to organize the altar servers for school Masses and to plan retreats.

"We do a lot of retreats, and those have always been a favorite thing of mine to do, because I know almost everyone in the school," he said. "I know everybody, so it's awesome to go on the retreats and see how everyone has grown. It's just a really cool thing to watch the students bond, watch them learn."

Michael says he has also enjoyed the retreats at Cheverus and, like Patrick, helped plan his school's freshman retreat.

"Because I liked the freshman retreat so much when I did it, I wanted to lead it," he said. "I think it's just a good experience, getting to know people, and then, the reflective time is nice as well, because it kind of forces you to be reflective, rather than trying to do it when you're going through your day."

Michael also plays the piano, including at All Saints Church in Ogunquit, and he is studying the organ, having won a scholarship from the Young Organist Collaborative. He also has served as a greeter at church, has helped out at Knights of Columbus events and at the free



Patrick Manson, senior at Saint Dominic Academy in Auburn.

Matthew 25:35 meals put on monthly in Sanford by youth ministry members, and has volunteered at York Hospital.

Michael plans to attend Loyola University Maryland in the fall and to pursue a career in medicine, although he's not sure which field yet.

"Doctors and nurses are fueled by an unlimited thirst to help people, which I've heard Jesus proclaim ever Sunday for the past 18 years," he said.

Wanting to help people struggling with mental illness, Patrick plans to pursue a degree in psychology at Saint Michael's College in Vermont.

"I feel called to help those struggling with mental illness. More than ever, people are dealing with

inescapable pain emerging from their minds and hearts. I want to be a counselor for these people," he said. "I believe my deep empathy, compassion, and strong work ethic will ultimately lead me to this goal."

Thanks to the Amirault Scholarship Fund, both young men are a little closer to accomplishing their goals.

If you would like to learn more about how you can create a lasting legacy like the one left by Patrick Amirault, please contact Elizabeth Badger, executive director of the Catholic Foundation of Maine, at elizabeth.badger@portlanddiocese.org or (207) 321-7820. You can also visit www.catholicfoundationmaine.org.

Projects

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connectivity. Within these areas, the Department considered how projects will improve accessibility for all travelers, bolster supply chain efficiency, and support racial equity and economic growth – especially in historically disadvantaged communities and areas of persistent poverty.

In Maine, the following projects will benefit from RAISE awards:

Downtown Sanford Village Partnership Initiative – The Maine Department of Transportation will receive \$25 million to complete improvements on Cottage Street (Route 202), William Oscar Emery Drive, Main Street (Route 109), Washington Street, and School Street in Downtown Sanford. This includes constructing and/or replacing streets, sidewalks, crosswalks with ADA-compliant upgrades, traffic calming effects, roadway features that improve walkability and bike-ability, modern underground utility ducts, energy efficient streetlights, adequate parking

spaces for electric vehicles, stormwater improvements, and trail connections. It will also construct a park and ride facility on Emerson Street. The project will restore roads and sidewalks and build a modern park and ride. The project incorporates innovative technology and materials for the stormwater drainage system and lighting that can be monitored and adjusted by officials. The Complete Streets improvements provide more affordable transportation options for the community.

Interstate 95 at Hogan Road Improvement Project – The Maine Department of Transportation will receive \$24.6 million to replace Maine's busiest diamond interchange at I-95 and Hogan Road in Bangor with a safer and modern Diverging Diamond Interchange. The project will improve safety to a known hazard area by employing traffic calming features to slow vehicles along Hogan Road. The lack of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure around the interchange is a concern as Bangor's popula-

tion grows and non-motorized transportation becomes more popular.

Today, Secretary Buttigieg is in Tucson and Phoenix where he is visiting two of the projects receiving RAISE awards. Later this month the Secretary and other senior USDOT officials will fan out across the country to visit additional sites that are receiving RAISE awards to highlight the ways that the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is helping invest in communities and get important infrastructure projects moving in communities large and small.

Additional background:

2022 RAISE grants are for planning and capital investments that support roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports, or intermodal transportation.

50% of funding is designated for projects in rural areas, and 50% of the funding is designated for projects in urban areas.

Nearly two-thirds of projects are located in

areas of persistent poverty or historically disadvantaged communities.

The largest grant award is \$25 million. Per statute, no more than \$341.25 million could be awarded to a single state in this round of funding.

Among this year's selected projects, 11 included a local hire provision.

Several projects in-

clude workforce development aspects including four projects that have project labor agreements, eight projects that have registered apprenticeship programs and an additional eight projects with other workforce development provisions.

The RAISE program is one of several ways communities can secure funding for projects under

the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's competitive grant programs. Later this year, the Biden-Harris Administration will announce recipients of the first-ever National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) program, as well as the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program and the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (RURAL).



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Wednesdays
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September 8
LEWISTON -- Southern Maine Squadron SAFB will be getting together at noontime September 8th at the Governors Restaurant in Lewiston. The Squadron was formed by a group of veterans that went to Sampson AFB for basic

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Petco Love Invests in the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society

LEWISTON, ME (June 21, 2022) – The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society received a \$15,000 grant investment from national nonprofit Petco Love during a special celebration at the Auburn Petco at 105 Mt. Auburn Avenue on Thursday, June 23rd in support of their lifesaving work for animals in Androscoggin County.

Petco Love is a national nonprofit leading change for pets by harnessing the power of love

to make communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier. Since its founding in 1999, Petco Love has invested \$330 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. And Petco Love helps find loving homes for pets in partnership with Petco and more than 4,000 organizations — like ours — across North America, with 6.5 million pets adopted and counting.

“Our investment in the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society is part of

more than \$15M in investments recently announced by Petco Love to power local organizations across the country as part of our commitment to create a future in which no pet is unnecessarily euthanized,” said Susanne Kogut, president of Petco Love. “Our local investments are only part of our strategy to empower animal lovers to drive lifesaving change right alongside us. We recently celebrated the one-year launch anniversary of Petco Love Lost, a nation-

al lost and found database that uses pet facial recognition technology to simplify the search for lost pets.”

“We are so thankful for the generous support from Petco Love, which will allow us to help support families struggling to keep their animals, as well as provide second chances for animals in need of rehoming” said Katie Lisnik, Executive Director of the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society.

Incorporated in 1885, the Greater Androscoggin

Humane Society is a nonprofit organization welcoming mainly companion animals. Every day they enrich lives and engage the community by providing effective, accessible and innovative services and advocacy for animals. In addition to the foundation of the shelter-adoption and saving lives; many of their key programs focus on affordable medical care, and wellness and spay/neuter assistance to help people provide better lives for their pets.

For more information about the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society, visit SavingPetsInMaine.org. Learn more about Petco Love here: petcolove.org.

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Day's Jewelers Hires New VP of Merchandising



WATERVILLE, ME (July 28th, 2022) – Day's Jewelers has hired Julie Collins for the Vice President of Merchandising position in their corporate office. Julie previously worked as the Gemstone and Watch Buyer for Day's. She has worked for the company

since 2002, when she began as an office manager in the company's Auburn, Maine location. Julie transitioned to office manager in the Manchester, NH location, worked as the manager of Inventory Operations in the corporate office, and spent 10 years buying various categories including gemstones, watches, gold, silver fashion, and giftware. Julie holds an Associates in Science degree, as well as a Bachelor's in Business. She and her husband, Mark recently built a new home in Sidney, where they reside with their two sons.

Julie was hired as Day's Jewelers' new Vice President of Merchandising

on July 14th and began the position on July 25th. Of being hired for the position, Julie says, "20 years ago I started working at Day's knowing absolutely nothing about the jewelry business. This is an amazing industry with so many people willing to share their knowledge and experience. I am very excited to lead our incredibly strong and experienced merchandising team."

In her new position, Collins will provide leadership, guidance, and training to Day's' ten employees within the merchandising department. This department handles the acquisition, quality control, dis-

tribution, and security of all products that are purchased or developed by the company. Additionally, she will oversee Day's' 15-million-dollar inventory and will be responsible for maintaining relationships with over 200 gemstone and fine jewelry suppliers worldwide, including DeBeers, the world's largest diamond mining company. Above all else, Julie will ensure that Day's offers the best jewelry style and quality in the industry, so that Day's can continue to seamlessly offer the best service to their valued customers.

Day's Jewelers is excited to see where Julie

will take the merchandising department, and the Day's family extends our most sincere congratulations to Julie as she begins this exciting new chapter with the company.

The company's previous VP of Merchandising, Kathy Corey, bought Day's Jewelers alongside her husband, Jeff Corey, in 1988 and has been a strong influence in the success of the company ever since. Kathy was involved in the search for a new Merchandising VP and says of Collins, "Through the various positions she's held, Julie has acquired a broad knowledge of Day's Jewelers store operations and customer

insight, especially in the areas of merchandising as Inventory Operations Manager and as a fine jewelry buyer for the last 14 years. I'm extremely proud that one of our own employees was Day's preferred choice as our new Vice President of Merchandising. Julie is well prepared to take on her new leadership role and adopt innovative ideas for the future of Day's."

Kathy Corey will no longer be employed with the company but will continue to serve on Day's Jewelers Board of Directors. The Day's family wishes her the absolute best in her retirement from the company.

Patricia Vampatella Receives Service Award

LEWISTON, ME (July 28, 2022) — Patricia "Pat" Vampatella, a member of the Board of Directors of SeniorsPlus who was its Board Chair until this past June, was recognized by UnitedHealthcare as one of their 2022 New England Champions proving that "Amazing Knows No Age," on June 30 at an awards dinner that was held at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

Vampatella was one of six individuals in New

England who received the award, which celebrates New Englanders 65 and older who make extraordinary contributions to the health and well-being of their communities. She was recognized for her contributions to her community through her volunteer work at SeniorsPlus.

The award was presented to Vampatella by Doug Flutie, former National Football League quarterback and recipient of the 1984 Heisman Trophy.

"Pat has always been a force on the board, championing our strategic planning efforts so they become realities and other initiatives," said Betsy Sawyer-Manter, President and CEO of SeniorsPlus, who nominated Vampatella for the award.

A resident of New Gloucester, Vampatella has volunteered for SeniorsPlus for almost twenty years, mostly at the board level. In 2017, SeniorsPlus presented her with its annual Margaret Ross



Pat Vampatella, a member of the Board of Directors of SeniorsPlus, (center), stands with Mary Snyder, CEO, UnitedHealthcare, and football legend Doug Flutie, after receiving her UnitedHealthcare New England Champion award for her volunteerism at SeniorsPlus.

Award, which recognizes outstanding volunteerism.

A registered nurse, she has taught at colleges and

worked at hospitals in the area.



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