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Lewiston to Host Maine's First Outdoor Fitness Court



LEWISTON, ME (August 30, 2022) — Maine's first new Fitness Court® for ages 14 and over and all fitness abilities opens in September thanks to a partnership between Community Health Options, the City of Lewiston, and National Fitness Campaign (NFC). The Fitness Court, north of the canal at Simard-Payne Park, Lewiston, opens at 10:30 a.m., Friday, September 9, 2022.

A Fitness Court challenge and demos led by trained local ambassadors will follow a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Parking for attendees will be available at the 16 Lincoln Street parking garage, and residents are invited to attend.

NFC has designed the Fitness Court to be the world's best outdoor gym that en-

ables people to use their own body weight to undertake a complete workout using seven exercise stations—in as little as seven minutes. Partners for the local Fitness Court are committed to expand free access to high-quality workouts and create equitable exercise access.

Lewiston Mayor Carl L. Sheline is enthusiastically looking forward to the Court's opening, "This outdoor Fitness Court will complement Simard-Payne Park nicely and is an exciting addition to our riverwalk and downtown. I appreciate Community 2 Health Options & National Fitness Campaign for making this possible and for their commitment to Lewiston."

Kevin Lewis, Community Health Options President & CEO, says, "We are

proud to be the exclusive sponsor of National Fitness Campaign Fitness Courts here in Maine and look forward to expanding the network across the state. As such, we are pleased to support the City of Lewiston in its official launch of the first Community Health Options Fitness Court in Maine." He continues, "This project is just one part of our commitment to the health and well-being of Maine people, which includes making fitness opportunities free and accessible to help build healthy communities. This also promotes enjoyment of the outdoors—especially given the beauty of this park nestled along the Androscoggin River—and encourages physical activity, whether alone or with friends or colleagues."

Created with individuals aged 14 and over with all fitness abilities in mind, Fitness Court workouts are adaptable for all fitness levels, allowing participants to move at their own pace. Users may also download the free Fitness Court App which acts as a coach-in-your-pocket resource, elevating the outdoor gym to a digitally supported wellness experience.

Mitch Menaged, Founder of the National Fitness Campaign, is also excited about Lewiston's celebration, "National Fitness Campaign is proud to welcome the City of Lewiston to the Campaign as a leader in health and wellness for Maine and across America."

For more information about the September 9th ribbon cutting, please contact Lewiston's Community Relations Coordinator, Dottie Perham-Whittier, at 207-513-3018. For more information on Community Health Options' support of the National Fitness Campaign, <https://nationalfitnesscampaign.com/maine>.

MCP Presents Shorts Festival in Auburn

AUBURN, ME (August 28, 2022) — The Monmouth Community Players (MCP) are excited to present their 2nd Annual MCP Shorts Festival coming up September 9-11, 2022 in Anniversary Park in Auburn, ME. The MCP Shorts Festival originally evolved out of a desire for artists to continue doing work during COVID times. Our first play festival took place completely online and the work was live streamed for our audiences. That first production had 7 total plays showcased. Wanting to continue the tradition of celebrating all of the amazing work that local playwrights do, we have expanded the festival and look forward to bringing it to you live and in person this Fall. The 2nd Annual MCP Shorts Festival will feature 12 ten minute plays from 11 different playwrights in Maine and nearby states..

These 12 plays have never been fully produced before, and many of them were written specifically for this festival. The only guidelines given to playwrights were to keep the play to approximately 10 minutes in length and to base their play, in some way, around the theme of waiting. One of the exciting things about our short play festival is that we get to showcase local talent, both the actors and playwrights. The selected playwrights include Bob LeBlanc (Newburyport, MA), Dan Marois (Rochester, NH), JoAnne Walton (Portland, ME), Jake Lewis (Marlborough, MA), Emily Carlton (Fairfield, ME), Josie French (Lewiston, ME), Laura Emack (Prospect, ME), Izzy Hamann (Monmouth, ME), Danny Gay (Monmouth, ME), Greg Simpson (Minot, ME), and Randy Hunt (Westbrook, ME). These 12 plays will be directed by 8 local directors and the acting talent also comes from the Lewiston/Auburn area.

We hope that you are able to join us for the show. Shows will be performed outdoors in Anniversary Park (8 2nd st, Lewiston, ME 04240) the weekend of September 9th. Show times will be 6:00pm on Friday September 9th and

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

CRCofWM Annual Appeal in Full Swing

NORWAY, ME (September 2, 2022) -- The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine (CRCofWM) launched its Annual Appeal Campaign in early June. Funds raised from this appeal are critical to the Center's mission to embrace anyone affected by cancer in a community that offers hope and caring through support, education and concepts in healthy living – because no one should face cancer alone.

Finding support and resources for those impacted by cancer outside of Maine's populated areas is often difficult – especially for cancer patients living in rural western Maine where oncology services are limited. The CRCofWM serves cancer patients and their families in Oxford County and surrounding towns with a focus on

non-medical needs. The Center provides a patient-centered approach, offering one to one support from a cancer resource navigator and an oncology social worker. This support includes: travel and food assistance, help with basic needs, support groups for men and women, educational programs, in-person and virtual wellness programs, help with accessing complementary therapy services through the Live Well Program, new wigs and a variety of comfort items for those going through active treatment. These services are all free to anyone impacted by cancer in Oxford County and the surrounding towns. The Center also collaborates with the Oncology offices at Stephens Memorial, Rumford, and Bridgton Hospitals, all of whom often refer Oxford



The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine

county clients they think would benefit from one to one cancer resource navigation and support. In 2021, despite the restrictions imposed by COVID, the Center served 130 new cancer patients from 46 different towns in western Maine – a 50% increase from 2020.

According to Diane Madden, the Executive

Director of the Center, the Center has benefited from generous grant funding from the Maine Cancer Foundation, which goes directly to help patients with travel needs. The high cost of gasoline is a barrier for many cancer patients who need to travel to Lewiston or Portland for daily radiation treatments, often over the course of 5 – 7 weeks.

In addition, many patients must travel multiple times to Boston for more specific cancer evaluation and treatment. Even as the price of gas comes down, many patients find they need to spend upwards of \$350 for treatment related travel. "We see patients struggling with making a decision between getting to treatment, paying their bills or putting food on the table" Madden reports. While the Center is grateful for the grant funding they receive, the money only goes so far, especially when the need is so high. The Center tries to keep their overhead costs low, allowing them to put more dollars back into the communities they serve. "This is why this annual appeal is so important" Madden said.

"We are very grateful for the amazing donations

we have received thus far for our annual appeal," said Judy Stone, CRCofWM Board President, "and we are a little more than halfway to meeting our 2022 campaign goal. Every dollar donated makes an impact: A \$50 donation will cover gas costs for a patient to make four trips (out of thirty) for radiation treatments in Lewiston or Portland or provide a gift card to a grocery store; and a \$100 donation will provide a gift card to purchase non-covered medical supplies or personal hygiene/cleaning supplies not covered by food stamps."

The CRCofWM Annual Appeal Campaign continues through the end of December 2022. Donations can be made to the mailing address below, online at www.crcofwm.org, by visiting the Center or by calling (207) 890-0329.

VA Holds Woman Veterans Town Hall and Public Forum

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (August 30, 2022) -- VA Maine Healthcare System will hold a Veterans Town Hall and Public Forum online at <https://bit.ly/womenveterans->

townhall or call in (audio only) at 213-282-6316, Conference ID 912 041 752#

The town hall will be held Tuesday, September 13, 2022, from 6:00

p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

VA Maine provides comprehensive care to our women Veterans, which includes reproductive health. VA Maine's Women's Health Director Pau-

la Greenleaf, DO and VA Maine's Gynecological Surgeon, Dr. Mike Ting, DO will present the reproductive health options and care that is provided to our women Veterans.

Get to know the services VA offers in Reproductive Health, including specialized care from our Gynecological Surgeon.

VA Maine's highly qualified, committed, and compassionate Women's Health providers will be at the town hall. Anyone can attend the town hall, including advocates and community partners interested in the care VA Maine offers.

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questions in advance or during the Town Hall to VAMEEngagements@va.gov.



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Auburn Community Concert Band Invites New Members

AUBURN, ME (August 29, 2022) -- The Auburn Community Concert Band has announced that rehearsals for their Fall concert season will begin on Wednesday, September 14th. This is an ideal opportunity for former high school and college band musicians to again experience the enjoyment of making music and performing in front of large audiences. Membership requires a commitment to the group's weekly schedule of Wednesday evening rehearsals. Members must

be able to read music, and have their own instruments. Currently, the Auburn band has an immediate need for clarinet players, and for people who can play snare and/or bass drum. All members are required to be fully vaccinated for Covid-19. Weekly rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the High Street Congregational Church, located between High and Pleasant Streets, in Auburn. The band's annual holiday concert for this year



is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston. Last year's performance was cancelled due to the pandemic. Currently, the ACCB

has 31 members, ranging in age from late-teens to mid-eighties. These members collectively represent a total of 12 central Maine towns. Before joining this organization, many of the

group's volunteer musicians had last played in a school or community band some 10 to 20 years ago, according to band director Milt Simon. "New members are often nervous when they first join, because of the lapse of time since they last practiced" said Simon. He added that "most people regain their playing skills relatively quickly." New members should email their intentions to Director Simon at auburncommunityband@gmail.com prior to attending their

first rehearsal. Prospective members, who are unable to participate in any of the September rehearsals, will have a second opportunity to join the band during the group's next "Open Membership Month", happening in January. The concert band is currently celebrating its 41st season. The organization was established by Simon back in 1981. Additional information regarding membership can be found on the band's website at www.auburncommunityband.com.

RSU Staff Honored for Years of Service

POLAND, ME (September 1, 2022) -- During RSU 16's annual

Opening Day Ceremony on August 29, staff members were honored for

their 10 or 20 years of continued service to RSU 16.



20 year milestone: Dan Knott, Carol Depot, Lauren Hendry, Elaine Fryda, Michael Hayashida, Michelle Smith, Holly Toothaker, Sue Marston, Judy Rowe



10 year milestone: Steph Storer, Julia Edwards, Julie Purdy, Martha Connolly, and Don Drake.

MaineTransNet Teen Tabletop Tuesdays At LPL

LEWISTON, ME (August 28, 2022) -- This fall, Lewiston Public Library and MaineTransNet Youth are joining up to host monthly tabletop role-playing sessions in person in the LPL teen space. All supplies will be provided and no previous RPG experience is required. Sessions will run from 3-5pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September – December 2022, with the first session on September 20th.

This program is open to teens ages 13-19 and is a safe space for everyone, regardless of race, color,

creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, ancestry, national origin, or physical or mental ability. Discrimination, hate speech, and harassment will not be tolerated. MaineTransNet is a community based organization led by transgender people for transgender people. They provide peer-to-peer support groups, social and community events, advocacy for the transgender community across Maine, and transgender cultural competency training for medical, mental health, and social service provid-

ers. The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street. More information on this program is available by contacting the Lewiston Public Library Adult & Teen Services Department at 513-3135 or LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov.

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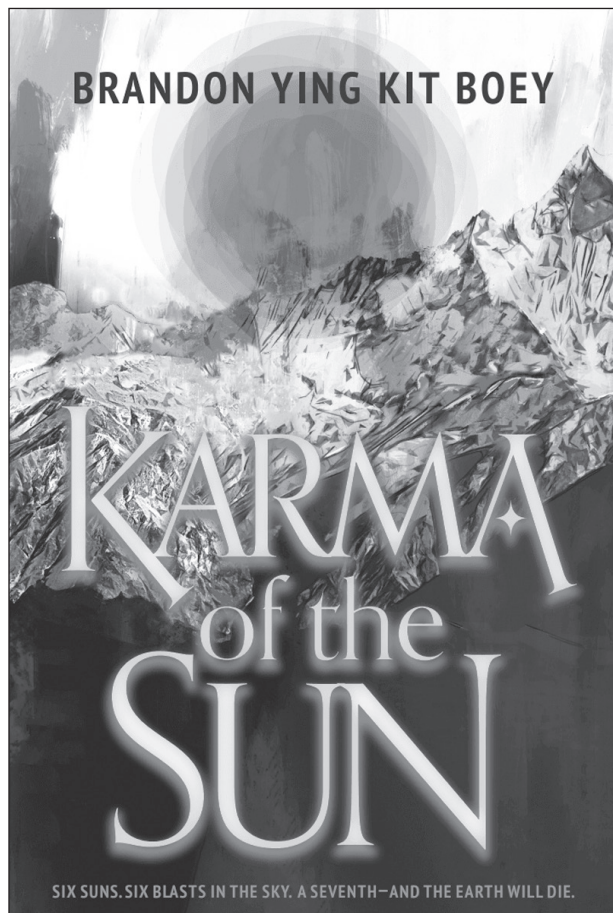
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Maine Author Reinvigorates The Hero's Journey with a Twist



MAINE (August 30, 2022) -- Debut author Brandon Ying Kit Boey decided to write *Karma of the Sun*, to be released from CamCat Books on January 17, 2023, because he had never seen a novel about the end of the world from an Asian perspective, despite a richness of Eastern cosmological and eschatological traditions.

"This book came about at a time when there was a sense of pessimism and darkness in the world," says Boey. "Many people I knew had an understandably fatalistic view of the future. As a parent of young children, I wanted to test that conclusion in an extreme setting, to try taking a belief held by much of the world, i.e., that the world is going to end, and ask: If the end was really around the corner and everyone knew it, could peo-

ple still have hope?"

Karma of the Sun follows a young Tibetan Sherpa, in an imagined future of the earth's last days, who hunts for his missing father in the ruined nuclear winterland of the Himalayas, racing against a final calamity that threatens to destroy all humanity.

Readers will enjoy the rich world that *Karma* discovers on his journey and will be rooting for him as he finally reaches his destination.

About BRANDON YING KIT BOEY was born in California, and spent his childhood moving throughout parts of Asia and the US. He graduated from New York University and Brigham Young University Law School, subsequently working in Asia, the UK, and across the US before settling in coastal Maine,



where he currently lives with his family. When not at work on his next novel, he can be found wandering the woods with his chil-

dren, practicing law at his day job, or writing poetry. Website: www.brandonyingkitboey.com | Twitter: @BrandonYKBoey

Start a Business & Manage Money with Tuition-Free Workshops

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (August 29, 2022)—New Ventures Maine has announced tuition-free online workshops and classes for September, including self-paced and interactive online workshops that are designed to help people in Maine gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to start a business,

build a career, and manage money.

The full class schedule with offerings for September 2022 and beyond is accessible at bit.ly/NVMEClasses.

Self-paced classes include:

Grow Your Business Online: Gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence

to create a compelling web presence and website for your small business. Made possible by Empower by GoDaddy in partnership with New Ventures Maine. Enroll anytime. Work at your own pace. Complete by December 31.

My Next Career Move: Assess your skills, interests, and experiences

and relate them to career options. Identify high-growth job fields, explore education and training options. Strengthen your resume for a targeted job search. Enroll by November 18. Work at your own pace. Complete by December 31, 2022.

Additional online classes include single- and multi-session workshops:

Manage Your Money My Money Works: Wednesdays, September 7 – October 5, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Gain the skills and confidence you need to stretch your money, pay your bills, reduce debt, find money for savings, plan for retirement, and set personal financial goals with a plan to achieve greater financial stability.

Managing Your Money: Tuesdays, August 30 – September 13, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Learn to budget, repair your credit, and create a savings plan. Join us for one, two, or all three work-

shops. August 30: Budgeting Basics; September 6: Let's Talk About Credit; September 13: Build Your Savings.

Build Your Career Building Confidence: Thursdays, September 22 – October 6, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Whether you are navigating recent changes, looking for a job, starting a business, or simply want to be more confident, join this class to assess your confidence and learn concrete tools to help you build your confidence and keep it strong.

Job Search Workshops: Tuesdays, August 30 – September 13, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Ready for a new job or a career change? Join us for one, two, or all three of these workshops. August 30: Job Search Strategies; September 6: Resume Strategies; September 13: Interview Strategies.

Making Career Choices: Tuesday, September 6,

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Ready for a career change but don't know where to start? This workshop will point you in the right direction. We will cover what to consider when making a career choice and resources to help you succeed. (Also offered Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

Building a Strong Future: Tuesdays, September 27 – October 11, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Take steps toward work that aligns with your values and skills while also meeting your needs, such as desired salary and benefits. In three, 90-minute class sessions, you will begin to build your plan for the strong future you envision. (Also offered October 19 – November 2, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.)

Start a Business Business Success Series: Wednesdays, September 7 – October 19, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Business Success is a series of eight online dynamic workshops, created to help you understand and manage the many components of starting and growing your business successfully. Register for one or more workshops in the series.

Introduction to Self-Employment: Wednesday, September 7, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Is self-employment the right choice for you? The class covers the pros and cons of owning your own business, steps needed for start-up, major elements of a business plan, and resources to help you succeed.

To sign up for any of the above classes, visit bit.ly/NVMEClasses or call toll-free in Maine: 800-442-2092.

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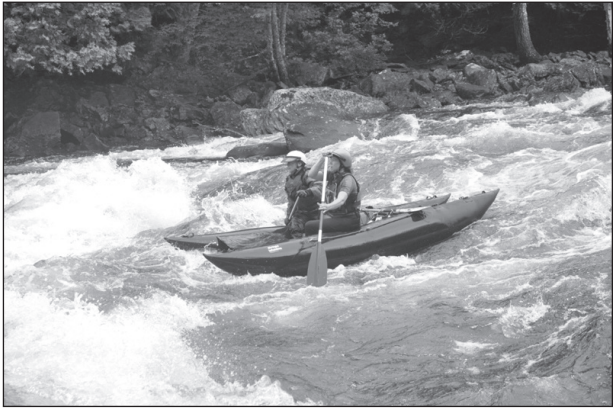
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Exciting Class III Whitewater on the Kennebec River



A shredder team navigates big waves on the Kennebec River



A shredder is loaded at Carry Brook



A group of paddlers move ahead of rafts on the Kennebec River

By Ron Chase

On the second day of the Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society weekend of paddling near West Forks, the schedule was exclusively whitewater. While a handful of Chowderheads planned to navigate the Dead River, most chose outings on the Kennebec.

The Kennebec Gorge below Harris Dam was the starting point for two trips. Releases from the dam were the source for both exciting whitewater excursions. One group planned to arrive early and negotiate a low volume voyage popularly called the “fish flow.” The Class II/III fish flow begins at 350 cubic feet per second (CFS) and climbs incrementally until it reaches the rafting level at 10 A.M. A second team of whitewater boaters would test their skills on the Class IV 5000 CFS rafting release.

Nancy and I announced a Class II/III trip that starts about four miles downriver from Harris Dam at Carry Brook and continues for nine miles to West Forks. Our plan was to meet the fish flow crew and catch the rafting release bubble expected to arrive around 11:30.

We left a shuttle vehicle in West Forks and a kayaker joined Nancy and me for the drive to Carry

Brook. The Carry Brook excursion begins with a steep carry down a long twisting staircase to the river. On a typical summer weekend, the Kennebec River between Harris Dam and West Forks is a bustling place. Kayakers, canoeists, inflatable boaters, and rafters were climbing and descending the busy stairway when we toted our boats down. The rafting release had arrived by the time we reached the river and the fish flow contingent was anxiously waiting to paddle.

Gathered next to the shore was a mass of rafts loading supplies and exchanging passengers for the remainder of their journey. We would paddle amongst several rafting companies for our entire outing. The prospect of collisions with large rafts in difficult rapids was a concern. Smaller crafts are always the losers when such incidents occur. Our strategy was to ensure there was adequate space separating us prior to entering the more demanding rapids.

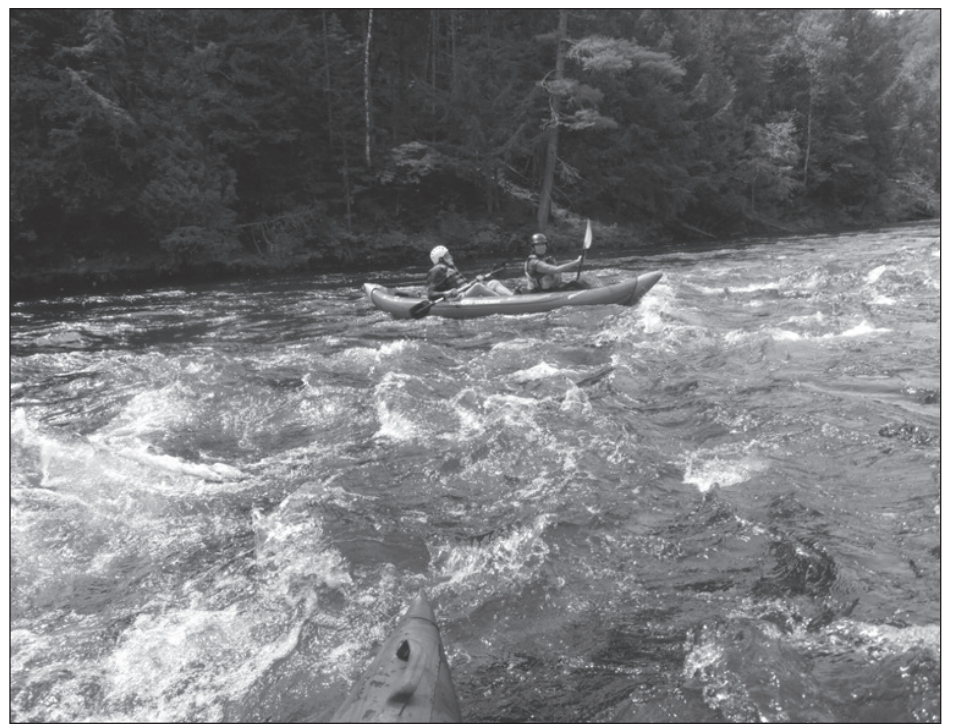
Our enthusiastic group paddled an assortment of boats. Ten Chowderheads navigated three solo kayaks, a solo canoe, a tandem canoe, a tandem inflatable kayak, and Nancy and I were in a shredder. Nancy’s shredder is a

two-person inflatable boat propelled by single blade paddles. Several years had elapsed since we last shared a shredder; so we expected to be challenged especially by the large waves in Big Black Brook Rapid.

Launching amidst two rafting companies, we immediately attempted to separate ourselves in preparation for the longest most difficult sector of whitewater of the day, extensive Big Black Brook Rapid. We slowed to let one company move ahead while continuing a pace sufficient to stay in front of the other.

Proceeding around a sweeping right turn, we could see large swells marking the beginning of Big Black. Just below, the powerful current careened against sheer rock walls on river right resulting in a long stretch of substantial exploding waves. Most of us rode the left side of the wave train while a few of the more daring paddlers caught eddies next to the wall and attempted to surf the surging waves.

Chowderheads skirted a large boat-flipping hole with the unpleasant moniker, Dory Eater, as Big Black continued. More excitement followed as the protracted rapid ended with a feisty



An inflatable kayak prepares to enter Big Black Brook Rapid

passage through breaking waves and gnarly looking pour-overs. Everyone in our group successfully navigated the complex network of obstacles.

From that point, the difficulty level gradually diminished and the paddling agenda could be aptly described as “different strokes for different folks.” Some surfed and played while others floated and socialized. Particularly noteworthy was the skilled father-daughter tandem canoe team of Ryan and Krea Galway who put on a wave surfing clinic.

The weather was superb, the water level excellent, and the company even better. It was a great way to end an exceptional weekend of paddling escapades.

Read about many more exciting whitewater exploits on Maine rivers and streams in my book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine*. Upcoming book signings will be held at Sherman’s Maine Coast Book Shops in Portland on September 3rd between 1 and 3 and Damariscotta on September

10th between 1 and 3.

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.

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Nor'easters & Maine-ly Harmony "Singing Together Again"



The Nor'easters Men's Barbershop Chorus. Photo courtesy of Kathy Robitaille and Lea Davis.



Maine-ly Harmony Women's Barbershop Chorus. Photo courtesy of Kathy Robitaille and Lea Davis.

AUGUSTA, ME (September 1, 2022) — The Nor'easters men's barbershop chorus, based in Bath/Brunswick, directed by Kathy Robitaille, and Maine-ly

Harmony women's barbershop chorus, based in Augusta, directed by Kathy Greason, are pleased to be "Singing Together Again!" after two years of Pandemic

silence! However there seems to be a hitch! It's a battle of the choruses when the women declare in song that they can do anything better than the

men. "Anything You Can Do (I Can Do Better)" is a show tune composed by Irving Berlin for the 1946 Broadway musical "Annie Get Your Gun." The fun begins on

Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the South Parish Congregational Church in Augusta. For advanced ticket information to "Singing Together Again", con-

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MET 'Live in HD' Returns to the LHE/PAC This Fall

FRYEBURG, ME (September 1, 2022) — The Met: Live in HD, the Metropolitan Opera's award-winning series of live high-definition cinema simulcasts, will begin its 16th season on October 22, with a live transmission of Cherubini's Medea, a Met-premiere production starring soprano Sondra Radvanovsky in the title role.

the 2022–23 Live in HD season will feature two more company premieres, both led by Met Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin: Kevin Puts's The Hours, in its world-premiere production, starring the powerhouse trio of soprano Renée Fleming, mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato, and soprano Kelli O'Hara, and the Met premiere of Terence Blanchard's first opera,

Champion, about the life of boxer Emile Griffith. Four additional new productions will be presented throughout the season: Giordano's Fedora with soprano Sonya Yoncheva in the title role; Wagner's Lohengrin starring tenor Piotr Beczala; and two Mozart operas conducted by Nathalie Stutzmann, including a cinematic staging of Don Giovanni by Ivo van Hove

In addition to Medea,

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Schedule for The Common Ground Country Fair Goes Live

UNITY, ME (August 30, 2022) — The wait is over: The Common Ground Country Fair schedule for 2022 is now available! With a comprehensive list of exhibitors, workshops, vendors, musicians, speakers, children's activities and more at this year's Common Ground Country Fair, it is not too early to start planning how you'll spend your time the weekend of September 23, 24 and 25 at the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association's (MOFGA) Common Ground Education Center in Unity, Maine.

This year the fair has 66 different areas where fairgoers can engage in educational talks, demonstrations and performances. Farmers and gardeners can find a wide range of talks including topics such as urban beekeeping, growing figs in Maine and seed saving. Families can enjoy a diversity of activities from the iconic sheep dog demonstration to haystack

jumping to the bike parade. There will be a dedicated space for holistic living, another for political advocacy, and yet another for do it yourself home hacks. Fairgoers are bound to find something to suit their interests and to walk away inspired.

"Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, staff and knowledgeable community members, we are thrilled to offer three full days of educational programming and fun. Consider joining us on Sunday, if you are looking for a vibrant Fair experience with smaller crowds," says April Boucher, the fair's director.

There is no wrong way to experience the Common Ground Country Fair!

Take in garden specimens of all kinds on display in the Exhibition Hall, including giant squash and vegetable oddities, home baked goods and children's apple pie competitions.

Support Maine makers in the exhibitor tents

and two farmers' markets, and go home with hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind art and delicious Maine-produced food.

Work a volunteer shift. The fair wouldn't happen without the support of thousands of volunteers helping to park cars, sorting through compost and recycling, working in the Country Store, and so much more.

And part of the fair experience is getting there! You can take the historic railcar from Thorndike or Unity or bike in like MOFGA board member Ellen Sabina who says, "I love arriving at the Fair by bike — it's a great way to cut down on car time and avoid traffic, and bikers receive an extra warm welcome at the gate. Just be sure to bring a good-sized backpack for all the goodies you'll find from local farmers and makers!"

Visit MOFGA's website for a complete schedule and all your other fair needs (mofga.org/

the-fair). If you're having a hard time deciding how to spend a day at the fair or want a pro tip, you can view and download example itineraries. You can also sign up to volunteer at the event; review all of the available volunteer shifts on MOFGA's Vomo website (mofga.vomo.org/campaign/2022-common-ground-country-fair).

In exchange for a four-hour shift, volunteers receive free admission that day, a classic fair T-shirt and a meal in the volunteer-powered Common Kitchen.

Advance tickets for the event are on sale now through September 21, 2022, at MOFGA's website. Fairgoers will receive

their tickets via email and can download them to a smart phone or print them out to be scanned at the gate. Fairgoers who do not have access to the internet may purchase tickets at The Maine Organic Marketplace in Freeport, Maine. Starting on September 22, tickets are full price through the event.

Workshop for Small Business Owners Offered

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (September 1, 2022)—New Ventures Maine will offer an online, tuition-free website development class, Grow Your Business Online – Promote My Site, on Wednesday, September 14 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The Promote My Site class will cover three main topics:

Getting found through SEO: Familiarize and utilize search engine optimization (SEO)

Grow with email marketing: Use email marketing to gain, keep and engage subscribers

Mastering social media: Why, when, and how to leverage social media accounts

Free tools will be provided by Empower by GoDaddy in partnership with New Ventures Maine and are part of an in-depth course, Grow Your Business Online, designed to

provide small business owners the tools, skills and mentorship to build a successful digital presence.

Pre-registration is required and accessible online at bit.ly/GYBO-PromoteMySite-Sept14. For more information and to register, contact Karleen Andrews at (207) 557-1885 or karleen.andrews@maine.edu. There is no fee for the training.

New Ventures Maine is a statewide community economic development program of the University of Maine at Augusta, University of Maine System. New Ventures Maine creates an empowering environment for Maine people to define and achieve their career, financial, and small business goals. Through tuition-free classes and individual coaching, they help people find good jobs, start or return to college, launch small businesses, man-

age their money and build their assets. All interactive classes and workshops are currently online. Individual coaching is available by appointment. For more information on classes and other programs and services offered by New Ventures Maine, visit newventuresmaine.org.

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Saco Museum Presents PSME's 2022 Open Juried Exhibition



Laurinda O'Connor, Open Fields, 2019 Best in Show, PSME 19th International Juried Exhibition, Pastels Only

SACO, ME (August 31, 2022) — The Pastel Society of Maine (PSME) is hosting their 2022 Open Juried Exhibition, "Pastels Only," at the Saco Museum. This special exhibition will display works of pastel artists from Maine and beyond. "Pastels Only" will be on view from August 24 through October 21, 2022.

PSME, originally established in 1999 as the Pastel Painters of Maine (PPOM), promotes public awareness of pastels and creates a network for local and regional pastel artists. The general membership of PSME meets quarterly with an educational program or artist demonstration. Yearly activities include paint-outs, paint-ins, retreats, workshops, and exhibitions. The society publishes a newsletter several times a year and

has a well-stocked lending library available to all PSME members.

PSME currently has a membership of about 116 from Maine and across the U.S. and Canada. Their Juried Exhibition "Pastels Only," an annual event since 2000, includes a demonstration conducted this year by Laurinda O'Connor, the 2019 Best in Show award winner for the PSME 19th International Juried Exhibition, Pastels Only. Members are invited to participate in all shows.

For more information about the Pastel Society of Maine:

<https://www.facebook.com/pastelsocietyofmaine/>

<http://pastelsocietyofmaine.org>

Exhibition programs: Friday, September

9 from 1:00-3:00, a free pastel demonstration by Laurinda O'Connor

Friday, September 9 from 4:00-6:00, the presentation of awards and reception

Dyer Library/Saco Museum Information:

The Dyer Library/Saco Museum is located at 371 Main Street (Route 1) in historic downtown Saco, Maine.

Free parking. Museum is handicapped accessible. Museum Hours and Admission: Tues, Wed, Thurs 12 – 4 pm; Friday 12 – 8 pm (FREE from 4 – 8 pm); Saturday 10 am – 4 pm. Regular admission: Adults \$5; Seniors & Students \$3; Children (7 – 18) \$2; Children 6 and under; no charge. Admission is ALWAYS FREE to DL/SM Card holders and their guests. Group tour rate available for groups

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Gerald Walsh Hired as Manager of LA Arts

LEWISTON, ME (August 2, 2022) -- The Board of Directors of LA Arts is pleased to announce that Gerald Walsh has been selected as its new Arts Agency Manager.

Walsh, a visual artist, received his MFA from the Vermont College of Fine Arts and has exhibited his work across the Northeast for the past two decades. He has taught at several art schools, as well as Central Maine Community College, and has done curatorial

work for private galleries; he currently works as an Art Preparator at the Bates College Museum of Art. He was also the sole Proprietor and Baker at Knead Bakery, specializing in soft pretzels, and worked as a Lead Baker at Forage Market. Walsh, who has served on the Boards of Museum L-A and LA Arts, brings extensive experience in visual and performing arts, art installation, entrepreneurship, and community en-

agement to this role. His love for supporting Maine artists, craftspeople, performing artists, and makers rounds out his expertise.

"I am more encouraged than ever by the LA Arts mission to engage and inspire a vibrant community through arts and culture. I see potential everywhere and look forward to advancing the organization's strategic work in this exciting arts landscape," says Walsh.

James Parakilas, Chair of the LA Arts Board, adds: "Gerald will bring a terrific combination of professionalism, vision, imagination, and arts advocacy to this role. We look forward to working with him to grow our programs in the coming years, particularly as we move

into our new space at 168 Lisbon Street this fall."

Walsh lives in Lewiston, with his wife Sherie Blumenthal and their two children.

Walsh succeeds Alison Gibbs, who joined LA Arts as Office and Communications Manager in 2019 and has played a

pivotal role in extending the organization's reach into the whole community, especially with its public art program, and in sustaining the organization's initiatives through the COVID-19 pandemic. Gibbs will continue to play an important role at LA Arts as a Board member.



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City Kids Provides Funding to Generational Noor of Lewiston

PORTLAND, ME (August 18, 2022) – City Kids, a youth education nonprofit created by City Realty Group Managing Partners Fred Starikov and Stephen Whalen, is providing \$5,000 in startup funding to Generational Noor. A new organization based in Lewiston, Maine, Generational Noor works to end the stigma around substance abuse, mental health, alcoholism, and drug abuse in immigrant households and helps people get help leading to rehab and recovery. City Kids makes this donation to support Generational Noor’s mission and to ensure the organization has resources to address substance abuse among the immigrant community in Maine.



City Realty Group Managing Partner and City Kids Co-Founder Stephen Whalen traveled to Portland, Maine to personally present Generational Noor Founder Arman Osman and volunteers with the startup funds. Whalen sat down with the brilliant youth behind Generational Noor to hear about their experiences and discuss their future plans for the program. Whalen, who grew up in



Pictured are Generational Noor Volunteers receiving \$5,000 from City Kids. (Left to Right) Mazin Ahmed of Westbrook, Maine; Generational Noor Executive Director & Founder Amran Osman of Lewiston, Maine; Amran’s sisters Safa (12) & Samiira (17) Noor, both also from Lewiston; Liiban Adaan of Portland, Maine; City Realty Group Managing Partner & City Kids Co-Founder Stephen Whalen of Brookline, Massachusetts (originally from Lewiston, Maine).

Lewiston, Maine himself, understands the fact addiction has been an issue in Maine for many years and the immigrant community sometimes takes a

backseat when it comes to resources to address substance abuse and related issues. The City Kids and Generational Noor Founders discussed ways this donation can help Generational Noor in the early stages of the program.

“One of our goals is to have the funds to hire someone from the community who can really help us take Generational Noor to the next level. There are a lot of passionate people who want to help and are currently looking for work,” said Osman.

Whalen told Osman he supports the idea and will remain committed to helping this new organization grow. “That is certainly a win-win. Because not only will you

be giving somebody a job, but a job in the movement. You are off to an incredible start and one of my goals is to help put Generational Noor on the map. Once known, Generational Noor will have all the support it needs,” said Whalen.

Generational Noor seeks to educate and change the way certain immigrant communities look at substance abuse. This includes preventing youth from falling into drug addiction, helping others overcome it, and giving those who have been incarcerated for drug related crimes a chance to land on their feet. For more information about Generational Noor please visit www.generationalnoor.com.

REALTOR Foundation Awards Local Grants Totaling \$80,000

AUGUSTA, ME (July 26, 2022) – The Maine Association of REALTORS® Foundation, the charitable arm of Maine Association of REALTORS®, has awarded \$80,000 through its 2022 Competitive Grant Program to nine organizations to address various housing needs across Maine. The grants funded from the REALTOR® Affordable Housing Fund (RAHF) offers non-profit organizations who are helping Maine’s most vulnerable households to apply directly for the funding they need to provide meaningful housing solutions.

Seven organizations each received a \$10,000 grant:

Emmanuel Homeless Shelter will use its grant funds to expand the operation of their Diversion Program and provide financial assistance to Hancock County individuals and families at risk of homelessness.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor will

purchase building materials for their Critical Home Repair Program which addresses health and safety issues and enables Penobscot County homeowners to continue to live in their home.

Maine Seacoast Mission will purchase materials and pay salary expenses of staff overseeing the rehabilitation of sub-standard homes of low-income seniors, families, veterans, and people with disabilities in Washington County.

New Beginnings serving Androscoggin, Kennebec, and Franklin counties will provide rent assistance and case management services to homeless youth transitioning from a shelter to stable, independent housing.

New Hope Midcoast will pay for emergency lodging costs and deliver case management services to individuals living in Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties at risk or experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence.

Rebuilding Together

– Lewiston/Auburn will purchase building materials and repair homes of those who, due to financial hardship, age, and/or disability, cannot do the work themselves.

Rural Community Action Ministry will deliver home repairs, accessibility modification, emergency housing and homeless prevention programs in rural Central and Western Maine counties.

Two organizations each received a \$5,000 grant:

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland will purchase Critical Home Repair Program building materials and pay contractors, when needed, to address unsafe roofing and flooring, lack of heat, and electrical and plumbing hazards of struggling homeowners in Cumberland County.

Sebago Lakes Region Fuller Center for Housing serving aging adults and veterans in the Raymond, Standish, and Windham area will install a new ADA entry door and

build a deck and ramp for a homebound senior couple.

According to Judy Oberg, 2022 Chair of the Maine Association of REALTORS® Foundation and Broker at Oberg Insurance and Real Estate Agency in Bridgton, Maine, “Members of the Maine Association of REALTORS® have a rich history of advocating for affordable housing, giving back to the communities in which they live and

work, and participating in the REALTOR® Affordable Housing Fund. More than ever, REALTORS® remain dedicated to providing financial assistance to experienced non-profit organizations on the front lines delivering programs and services that assist with homebuying, housing rehabilitation, and combat homelessness.”

The REALTORS® Affordable Housing Fund (RAHF) was established in

1989 and derives its revenue from interest earnings paid by financial institutions on real estate trust accounts administered by REALTOR® offices across Maine.



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Sen. Collins: Honoring Veterans Through Resources & Recognition

By Sen. Susan Collins

(July 19, 2022) -- Recently, I attended a White House signing ceremony for three bills I championed to help ensure that America's veterans receive the benefits, resources, and recognition they earned through their service to our country. It was a pleasure to witness the President sign into law two important bills that will strengthen breast cancer detection and prevention services, and one to pay tribute to the courageous Army Ranger veterans of World War II.

Women are the fastest-growing part of our veteran population. The bipartisan MAMMO for Veterans Act I co-authored will expand veterans' access to high-quality breast cancer screening and life-saving cancer care. Specifically, the law will require the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a strate-



gic plan to improve breast imaging services, create a telemammography pilot program for veterans in areas where VA does not offer in-house mammography, and expand veterans' access to clinical trials through partnerships with the National Cancer Institute.

As a companion to that bill, the President also signed the SERVICE Act of 2021. This legislation expands eligibility for VA mammography screenings to veterans who served in areas associated with burn pits and other toxic exposures.

The U.S. Army Rangers Veterans of WWII Congressional Gold Medal Act provides for the award of a Congressional Gold Medal to World War II

Army Rangers in recognition of their heroic service. Approximately 16 million Americans served in the U.S. military during that war. Among those soldiers, only 7,000 were Rangers. Of that elite group, there are now just a handful of living World War II Rangers left.

Those Rangers distinguished themselves in both the European and Pacific theaters. They are perhaps best known for their astonishing bravery and determination on D-Day, when they scaled the sheer 100-foot cliffs at Point du Hoc to eliminate the German threat to the amphibious landings at Omaha and Utah beaches below. Six months later in the Philippines, another Ranger battalion carried out a daring

operation behind enemy lines to rescue more than 500 Allied POWs from a Japanese prison camp. That legendary special-operations unit established a legacy that continues to inspire us eight decades later.

In addition, both chambers of Congress have overwhelmingly passed historic legislation to address toxic exposure among service members. The Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022 will ensure all generations of toxic-exposed veterans receive the health care and benefits which they have earned.

The bill is named after Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson, who deployed to Kosovo and Iraq with

the Ohio National Guard. Tragically, he died in 2020 from toxic exposure as a result of his military service. Among its many priorities, the PACT Act will expand VA health care eligibility to Post-9/11 combat veterans, which includes more than 3.5 million toxic-exposed veterans. It will add 23 burn pit and toxic exposure-related conditions to VA's list of service presumptions, and it will expand presumptions related to Agent Orange exposure to include Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Guam, American Samoa, and Johnston Atoll. Additionally, it will strengthen federal research on toxic exposure, improve VA's resources for toxic-exposed veterans, and expand training for VA health care and benefits professionals.

The brave men and women who have served in our military put themselves in harm's way, and it

is our responsibility to provide them with the highest quality health care for any illnesses linked to their military service. For far too long, veterans exposed to toxic substances such as Agent Orange and burn pits during their deployments have not received the recognition or resources they needed. This comprehensive legislation puts us on the path to fulfilling the enormous debt we owe these veterans by expanding critical research on toxic exposure and providing relief to toxic-exposed veterans who may be experiencing serious illnesses and debilitating symptoms.

Our nation has a duty to honor the courage and sacrifices of those who serve, not just with words, but also with actions. As a Senator and the grateful daughter of a veteran, I am committed to ensuring that the government keeps that sacred obligation.

Applications Open for Study Abroad Program in Germany

High School students may apply now for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) program to study abroad in Germany. ASSE is one of four well-established international exchange organizations that administer this prestigious program, which is jointly sponsored by the U.S. Department

of State and the German Bundestag (Parliament). ASSE has 50 scholarships available to American youth from the western and northwestern regions of the USA. ASSE is responsible for promoting the CBYX program, recruiting applicants, and selecting finalists. Students are encouraged to learn more and

apply at www.UsaGermanyScholarship.org. The deadline to apply is December 1, 2022.

The CBYX high school program is administered regionally by four well-renowned international exchange organizations. CBYX is committed to representing the vast diversity of the United States.

Therefore, we encourage applications from all U.S. citizens ages 15-18 to apply regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Funding provided by the United States Government.

New Efficiency Standards For Appliances Saves Mainers Money



Natural Resources Council of Maine
Protecting the Nature of Maine – join us!

AUGUSTA, ME (September 1, 2022) – New efficiency standards adopted today for certain residential and commercial appliances, plumbing, and lighting products will save Maine residents and businesses money, according to the Natural Resources Council of Maine.

The new efficiency standards cover a wide variety of products, from computer monitors and commercial food service heating units to faucets, shower heads, and other similar plumbing fixtures. It is estimated that Maine households and businesses could realize \$9 million in utility bill savings per year by 2025 and \$36 million annually by 2035 as a result of the new standards, according to the Appliance Standards Awareness Project.

“Making our homes and businesses more efficient will save us money, reduce harmful air pollution, and make sure we’re not wasting precious water and energy resources,” said Jack Shapiro, NRCM’s Climate & Clean Energy Director.

At its September 1st meeting, the Board of Environmental Protection gave final approval to new standards first established last year by the Maine Legislature (LD 940) that align Maine’s appliance and product performance requirements with nation-leading efficiency regulations already in use in California.

Maine’s new efficiency standards will apply only to new products. No one will be required to replace an existing, less efficient appliance.

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.**

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Making Sure We Support Our First Responders

Guest Column by Sen. Ned Claxton

AUGUSTA, ME (September 2, 2022) --

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the 21st anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on our nation. I know for me and so many other Americans, we can remember right where we were when we heard the news. Many of us sat there glued to our televisions, struggling to grasp the reality of the situation. It was a dark day for our country – nearly 3,000 people perished. We were shaken to our core. Among the pain that was felt, both by loved ones of the victims but also by Americans as a whole, there were those who made heroic efforts

that day to save as many people as possible. These first responders displayed a truly remarkable amount of courage. On Sunday, Sept. 11, I will be attending the Auburn Fire Department's ceremony honoring these heroes, as I have done for years. This is always a solemn but special ceremony, and I would encourage you to join if you're able. It will take place at 8:15 a.m. at 550 Minot Ave. in Auburn.

In the Legislature, my colleagues and I know how critical our first responders and EMS personnel are, and we have worked to support them and help resolve the longstanding issues they face. One of the toughest issues is the workforce shortage, and while

it's hardly limited to EMS departments in Maine, the stakes are much higher when we can't find folks to be there for us in our most dire times of need. Rural Maine communities have struggled the most with this in recent years, and despite EMS workers going above and beyond, working long hours and doing all they can to serve the community, we simply can't get around the fact that we need more people in this profession.

One new law we passed this year established a new Blue Ribbon Commission to examine these issues. The commission, which had its first meeting on Sept. 1, will look for ways we can ensure EMS

services are available to all Mainers, attract workers, improve workforce development, and more. There's no doubt that these are complicated issues with no one simple solution, but by getting lawmakers, advocates and EMS personnel in a room together to discuss them, I'm hopeful that we will come away with recommendations that will make a real difference.

Another new law we passed this year established a grant program for communities across Maine to plan for the future of EMS services in their area. Again, the workforce shortage is a huge issue. One disturbing statistic shows that Maine EMS departments have lost over 20

percent of personnel since 2013. This grant program will allow a department to plan for long term sustainability in a process known as "Informed Community Self-Determination." This is where experts in rural EMS delivery work with local service providers in order to look at the department's strengths, weaknesses, challenges and prospects for the future to become sustainable in the long term. That information is then shared with the folks in the community as a whole, so everyone can be knowledgeable about the current state of the department and be involved in shaping steps to move forward. We need to plan for the future and this new

grant program will help us do that.

EMS providers do incredible, heroic work on a daily basis and are vital members of our community. However, they have been overworked, and faced too many challenges on their own without enough support. My colleagues and I are working hard to change that reality, so these folks can do their job, and Mainers can know that someone will be there to help when they have an emergency. I'm proud of the progress we were able to make in the last year.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me by email at Ned.Claxton@legislature.maine.gov or by phone at (207) 287-1515.

Androscoggin Historical Society Announces Newly-Elected Officers

(June 30, 2022) -- At its annual meeting on June 7 in the Danville Grange, the Androscoggin Historical Society elected the following officers and directors to one-year terms.

David Chittim, President

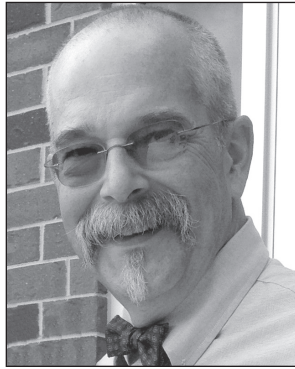
Penny Jessop, Vice President

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Rebecca Drew, Beverly Robbins, Joline Fronton, Douglas Hodgkin, Laura Juraska, and Elizabeth Young.

The newly elected president is a semi-retired Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor who lives in an 1801 home in Lewiston with Penny, his partner of 50 years. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering at Northeastern University and a master's in environmental engineering at Purdue University.

With both sons married and their farming days behind them, David and Penny have redirected their



Newly-elected president, David Chittim.

focus to civic engagement, principally with the Historical Society, but also Stanton Bird Club, Lewiston Historic Preservation Review Board (which he chairs), and other local public-benefit organizations.

David served as Treasurer of the Society for 9 years, during which time the value of its investment portfolio tripled, giving the Board greater flexibility in planning future growth.

As a result of his stewardship, the Board acquired the financial capacity to purchase a new home

and begin the transition from its comfortable third-floor existence to becoming an exciting and vibrant force in the center of downtown Lewiston. With an exuberant and revitalized Board, the Society is developing educational outreach programs and has plans

to expand its access and availability with more open hours each week and an increased on-line presence.

During his tenure, David is focusing on extending and enhancing the momentum developed by Past-President Curt Jack (with whom he switched

roles) and ensuring that 93 Lisbon Street will take full advantage of its accessibility in the heart of downtown.

Additionally, he is encouraging the Society's membership to become involved in the day-to-day workings of the Society,

contributing their skills in areas of their interest or expertise. This will also help transition the board away from its traditional "Working Board" function toward one directing its attention to proactive planning and broader utilization of the Society's hidden resources.

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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.

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and Simon McBurney's production of *Die Zauberflöte*, which raises the orchestra pit to allow interaction with the cast.

"Our 2022-23 Live in HD season picks up where we will have left off at the end of the current season, with more new productions and more Met premieres than in recent decades," said Met General Manager Peter Gelb. "Our lessons learned during the two years of the pandemic are that the future of the Met, and of opera, rely upon ceaselessly breaking new and diverse artistic ground. It's our path forward."

Live in HD audiences will also have the chance to see Michael Mayer's

celebrated production of Verdi's *La Traviata* starring soprano Nadine Sierra as Violetta; and the return of two of Robert Carsen's productions, including Verdi's *Falstaff*, with baritone Michael Volle singing the title role in his first Verdi opera at the Met, and Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier*, with soprano Lise Davidsen and mezzo-soprano Isabel Leonard as the Marschallin and Octavian.

Live in HD tickets are \$28 for adults, \$25 for seniors (65+), and \$10 for students. Purchase tickets online at www.fryeburg-academy.org/pac, or call the box office at 207-544-9066. The LHE/PAC is located at 18 Bradley Street in Fryeburg, Maine on the campus of Fryeburg Academy.

Texas Campers Find Fun at Wiscasset Art Walk



During July's Wiscasset Art Walk, Rick Burns of Wiscasset makes cajóns while a group of Houston campers stops by to watch. (Wiscasset Art Walk photo)



Young campers from Houston took turns playing a cajón during July's Wiscasset Art Walk. (Wiscasset Art Walk photo)



Campers and their counselors from Houston's Camp Serendipity enjoyed the sidewalk activity during July's Wiscasset Art Walk. (Bob Bond photo)

WISCASSET, ME (August 12, 2022) – If serendipity is a happy accident, an unexpected but delightful adventure, then young visitors to July's Wiscasset Art Walk had many serendipitous moments!

During July's WAW evening, Jim Doble from Union and Rick Burns of Wiscasset were hand-making percussion instruments under tents on the sidewalk. Steve Almasi, a percussion player, was setting up his cajón, a Peruvian box drum, nearby. At that moment, a group of boys in brightly colored tie-dyed t-shirts came sauntering by, clearly watchful for something energetic to do. Steve invited the boys to play his cajón and after his

20 second demo, the boys stepped up, one by one, to give it a try. Bystanders were awed by these zestful kids as they encouraged and applauded each other's musical daring.

The 12 campers, aged 8 through high school, are from Houston and were on a summer camping trip to Wiscasset with Camp Serendipity. Their local base of operation was Winter's Gone Farm, the Wiscasset home of Jan Flowers, who, with the support of husband Larry and other colleagues, founded the Texas camp nearly 20 years ago.

Before retiring in 2019 and moving to Wiscasset, Jan had taught at a private school for children with learning differences. And during the summers,

she began taking them on trips. Jan explained that there were two essentials needed to prepare for success. It was very important to know the parents, she said, and have their trust. She would explain to parents that their children would be working hard, sleeping in tents, helping to cook, and keeping their spaces clean – no coddling. For the campers, she would set expectations from the beginning of the adventure by letting them know "this is how we act, and this is what we expect of you." She found from experience that if she provided the instruction they needed to be successful, they would rise to expectations. And the results,

consistently, were that the campers deepened friendships, gained confidence in their abilities, and had fun.

Another lovely aspect to this saga is that Jan's earliest helpers were her nieces and nephews who accompanied her on the camping trips. Now, they are adults and are carrying on the Serendipity trips from Houston with the Flowers' home in Wiscasset as one of their destinations.

When Jan thinks about the many camping trips she's planned and the many campers she's gotten to know, she says with pride that some of these young people "are going to make a difference

in the world because they think outside the box." Even if they have learning differences now, she says, they are able to look for unexpected solutions, and that, along with constant encouragement, will help them know their own strengths. Wiscasset Art Walk was a small but happy stop on their journey.

At the following Wiscasset Art Walk, held August 25, 2022, the cajon and other percussion instruments were on the Village sidewalks for visitors to play and make their own serendipitous moments!

Wiscasset Art Walk 2022 is made possible by the generosity of Lead Sponsors Donna and Frank Barnako and Ma-

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For more information about Wiscasset Art Walk, www.wiscassetartwalk.org or email to wiscassetartwalk@verizon.net. Wiscasset Art Walk is a program of Wiscasset Creative Alliance.

Cloutier Selected for Council of State Governments Fellowship

AUGUSTA, ME (July 11, 2022) – Rep. Kristen Cloutier, D-Lewiston, has been selected for the Council of State Government's 2022 Henry Toll Fellowship. She is one of just 48 chosen to participate in the fellowship, the nation's premier leadership development program for state officials.

"I am so incredibly humbled to have been selected as a member of the 2022 class of the Council of State Governments' Henry Toll Fellows," said Cloutier. "I am excited by the opportunity to examine and assess my own personal leadership style and assumptions, and to grow my skill set in ways that will help me best craft and shepherd successful legislation in consultation with affected stakeholders and my constituents in Lewiston."

Each year, the CSG Henry Toll Fellowship brings officials from all

three branches of state government to the organization's national headquarters in Lexington, Ky., for an intensive, five-day leadership boot camp. The program's sessions are designed to stimulate personal assessment and growth while providing networking and relationship-building opportunities.

"I congratulate Rep. Cloutier on being named a 2022 Toll Fellow," said Speaker Ryan Fecteau, D-Biddeford. "I know her genuine passion for our work and her deep respect for our constituents and the issues that impact them. I believe her participation in the Toll Fellowship Program will have ripple effects in the state of Maine; I envision a bright future for her in the Legislature and I was proud to nominate her for this important opportunity."

"I have had the privilege of witnessing Rep. Cloutier grow as a legis-

lator and a leader over the last four years," said House Majority Leader Michelle Dunphy, D-Old Town. "She is introspective, always willing to embrace new opportunities and holds a steadfast commitment to her community and our caucus. I am confident these qualities will aid in her success as a 2022 Toll Fellow, and I look forward to the leadership skills she will bring to our state legislature in the future."

"Rep. Cloutier will be an invaluable member of the 2022 Toll Fellowship program, and I know she will bring all she learns from this unique experience back to our work on behalf of the people of Maine," said Assistant House Majority Leader Rachel Talbot Ross, D-Portland. "Our state continues to be fortunate to benefit from the Council of State Government's research and programs, including this prestigious fellowship."

The CSG Henry Toll Fellowship encourages participants to evaluate and adapt the way they interact with each other and the world around them, providing an opportunity unlike any other in the nation. Providing a variety of exercises and sessions, the content of the program is different each year.

Since the program began in 1986, more than 1,300 officials have graduated from the Toll Fellowship, including ten current members of Congress and

five sitting governors.

"While the CSG Henry Toll Fellows come from every region of our nation, from both political parties and all three branches of state government, they share one thing in common — they are all people of purpose with a passion for public service," said CSG Executive Director and CEO David Adkins, a former Kansas state senator and 1993 Toll Fellowship alumnus. "Toll Fellows are selected based on their demonstrat-

ed commitment to solve problems, to work collaboratively to get things done, and their belief that state government can and must be a force for good."

Cloutier is serving her second term in the Maine House and represents part of the City of Lewiston. She is a member of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and serves as the House chair on the Commission to Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program.



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Free. 513-3133; www.LPLonline.org

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.

September 9-18

BATH -- AllAboard! Next stop, River City! For the CCAC/Studio Theatre of Bath co-production of this 1957 Meredith Willson Broadway musical hit, THE MUSIC MAN.

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Tickets On Sale at <https://chocolate.na.ticketsearch.com/sales/sale-sevent/13788>

September 10

GORHAM -- Indoor Yard Sale Fundraiser, 34 Wilson Road, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. White Rock Friendship club is sponsoring an indoor yardsale. All money raised will go toward a scholarship for a Gorham High School senior! If you have any items you'd like to donate, please message us on Facebook. We will schedule a drop off at the Community Clubhouse Building. <https://www.facebook.com/events/744288096679010>

September 14

AUBURN -- The Androscoggin Retired Educators' Association will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14 at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 109 Sixth Street in Auburn.

The speaker for this meeting will be Jamie Caouette from Lewiston High School's Store Next Door, a store which provides needed goods, both personal and educational for many homeless students who attend Lewiston High School. AREA members are asked to bring items for the Store Next Door including toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, etc.

The luncheon, to be prepared by members of the church, will cost \$12, and will be Chef's choice. This includes coffee or tea and dessert.

AREA meets five times per year: September, October, November, March and April. Dues are \$10 per year for members, \$6 for the non-teacher spouse or partner. Honorary members who are age 85 or older no longer need to pay dues.

All educators are welcome. This includes teachers, teacher assistants, guidance counselors, custodians, secretaries, administrators, anyone who has worked in education. You need not have worked in Androscoggin County or even

in the State of Maine.

Please send reservation and a check for dues and lunch to Gina Fuller, 36 Elliott Avenue, Lewiston, ME 04240 by September 7.

September 20 – December

LEWISTON -- 3rd Tuesdays from September-December 2022, 3-5pm at the Lewiston Public Library: MAINE-TRANSNET TEEN TABLETOP TUESDAYS

This fall, LPL Teen and MaineTransNet Youth are joining up to host monthly tabletop roleplaying sessions, on the 3rd Tuesday from 3-5pm in person in the LPL teen space. All supplies will be provided and no previous RPG experience is required – just bring yourself and your creative mind!

This program is open to teens ages 13-19.

For more information, contact the Lewiston Public Library Adult & Teen Services Department at 513-3135 or LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov. www.LPLonline.org

October 4

LEWISTON -- Public Hearing is Scheduled to Amend FY2021 - 2022 HOME Budget to Include Additional Allocation in HOME-ARP Funding. <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov//CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1567>

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The prospectus and other details can be found on the gallery's website: www.boothbayartists.org.

Works will be juried by artist Kathleen Galligan who is represented by Portland Maine's Greenhut Gallery and Littlefield Gallery in Winterport.

Festival

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2:00pm on Saturday September 10th and Sunday September 11th. We ask that the audience bring their own seating, whether that's a camping chair, blanket, or otherwise. There is a grassy area to sit on. Tickets are a general admission fee of \$10 and all proceeds support the Monmouth Community Players in continuing to do this important work of celebrating local theater as well as their other productions. Tickets can be purchased online at www.monmouthcommunityplayers.org or in person. If you have any questions please contact the MCP Box Office at mcpbox-office@gmail.com or by phone at 207-370-9566. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates about some of the plays in the production.

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Flag Hill Distillery and Winery in Lee, NH - October 11, 2022 - Lunch at Warren's Lobster House in Kittery and an afternoon tour and tasting at Flag Hill Winery. Time for shopping after the tour. Price is \$83.00 per person which includes the bus and tip for the driver, lunch, and tour and tasting at the winery. Purchase tickets at the Lewiston Senior

Citizens Office at 65 Central Avenue, Lewiston.

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

Mackinac Island Trip - September 10-18, 2022 - Trip includes 9 days and 8 nights - 14 meals - Guided tour of Mackinaw City - Guided Carriage Tour in Mackinac Island. Boat ride through the Soo Locks with free time and sight-seeing in Sault Saint Marie, visit to Mackinaw Crossing and "Michigan's Little Bavaria" and much more. A \$75. deposit is due upon signing up. Price is \$899. pp double occupancy. Make checks

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Lewiston Native Completes Internship with Sen. Collins



Senator Collins with Hunter Steele

WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 22, 2022) – U.S. Senator Susan Collins announced that Hunter Steele, a Lewiston native, has completed a summer internship in her Washington, D.C., office. Hunter is a graduate of Lewiston High School.

“Hunter has a commendable work ethic, and he has demonstrated impressive leadership skills in the classroom and through his extracurricular activities,” said Senator Collins. “I was delighted to welcome him to my Washington, D.C., office, and I am pleased that he had the opportunity to see the legislative process firsthand as well as to serve his fellow Mainers.”

Hunter is a rising senior at Bowdoin College, where he is double majoring in economics and religion with a minor in classics. Hunter is

the President of Bowdoin Mock Trial; the Senior Campus Ambassador for the Mitchell Institute; and a goalie on the Men’s Lacrosse Team, which just posted its best season in history with an appearance in the NCAA quarterfinals. Upon graduation from Bowdoin, Hunter plans to attend law school.

Maine students who are interested in applying for future sessions of the internship program can do so through Senator Collins’ website at: <https://www.collins.senate.gov/services/students>

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Area ServPro Owners Recognized for Outstanding Performance

AUBURN, ME (Grassroots Newswire) (July 14, 2022) -- SERVPRO held its 53rd annual convention from July 5-9 at the Hilton Anatole Dallas in Dallas, TX, and recognized the following franchisees at a gala award ceremony that was a highlight of the gathering.

Anthony Wolverton, Owner of SERVPRO of Augusta/Waterville, who can be reached at (207) 622-7166 or kwolverton@servproaw.com, received the MILLIONAIRE’S Gold award.

James & Alison

Brigham, Owners of SERVPRO of Lewiston-Auburn, who can be reached at (207) 783-2500 or abrigham@servprolewis-tonauburn.com, received the CHAIRMAN’S Bronze award.

These top performing entrepreneurs joined a group of more than 1,050 franchise owners in attendance. The event also recognized 58 SERVPRO entrepreneurs who surpassed a million dollars in revenue for the first time in the past business year.

“It’s exciting and satisfying to recognize this

type of exceptional performance,” said Rick Isaacson, CEO of Servpro Industries, LLC, “particularly in this difficult business environment. At a time when there seemed to be more challenges than solutions, these teams of dedicated remediation specialists continued to provide reliable, prompt, professional fire and water cleanup and restoration, mold mitigation, and remediation services to home and business owners in their communities when they needed help. My sincere congratulations to these outstanding

entrepreneurs.”

This year’s convention, themed “Building Teams, Achieving Dreams,” was the first time since 2019 that the entire SERVPRO franchise system gathered in person for a week of seminars, training sessions, and a franchise-to-franchise exchange of ideas, inspiration, experience, networking, and team building. This year’s keynote speaker was Troy Hazard, a seasoned business leader, author, television host, and franchise expert. Convention attendees could select from

47 workshops and breakout sessions covering all aspects of franchise ownership and management, the latest innovations from SERVPRO, and the latest developments in disaster recovery and restoration.

“We were excited to be able to host a system-wide, in-person gathering again this year,” said Isaacson. “More than 90 percent of our franchise system registered for this event, and it was a great week of networking and re-energizing for both our corporate team and our franchise owners and their key team

members. As always, I am proud to recognize our high-achieving franchisees and excited to share the latest SERVPRO innovations and business support tools with our franchise family. Congratulations to our award winners, and thanks to every member of the SERVPRO team for another great year of service to their communities.”

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