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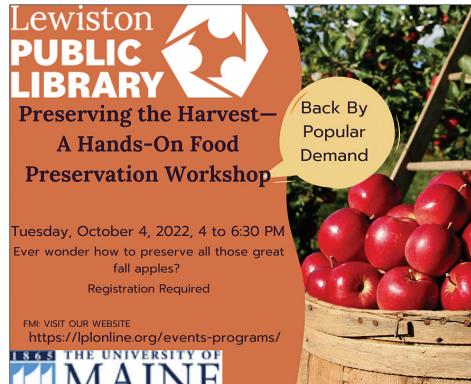


Patrick Dempsey's sister, Mary Dempsey (r.) prepares to begin the morning ride at the Dempsey Challenge on Sunday with her grandson Mason. Pictured with Mason's mom, Nicole Evans, holding baby Trace and Ethan Evans. TCT Photo by Laurie A. Steele. More photos on pages 7-10

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# **Preserving The Harvest Workshop Held at LPL**



**LEWISTON, ME (September 22, 2022)** -- Lewiston Public Library is happy to announce that another Hands-On Food Preservation Workshop will be returning this fall due to popular demand. This time it will be featuring apples. This event is free to the public and will take place on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, from 4 to 6:30 PM in Callahan Hall at the Lewiston Public Library.

Cooperative Extension

Ever wonder how to preserve all those great fall apples? This hands-on food preservation workshop, taught by UMaine Extension volunteers and staff, teaches you the basic steps for canning and freezing applesauce. Participants will receive a "Preserving the Harvest" food preservation packet and learn recommended methods for preserving apples, the latest and safest recipes and equipment, and how to check for properly sealed jars. Please bring a potholder with you to the workshop. All other supplies with be provided to attendees. Registration is required to participate in this event due to limited space. To register for the event, please send an email to LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov or call 513-3135.

Kate McCarty has been the Food Systems Professional at UMaine Cooperative Extension since 2009, after serving in the AmeriCorps VISTA program. She has completed the Master Food Preserver program, intensive, hands-on training in all aspects of home food preservation. Kate manages the volunteer efforts of the 60+ Master Food Preserver volunteers statewide and teaches food preservation programs in 6 Maine counties.

The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine and Lisbon Street. More information on Tuesday's workshop is available by contacting the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3135 or LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov or by visiting our website at www.LPLonline.org.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

*Out and About* **The Two Latest Tee Shirts** 



Art Turner wearing Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022 shirt. (Rachel Morin Photo)

### **By Rachel Morin**

In last week's edition, we saw photos of Art Turner's tee shirts featuring all things English or British and read about Art's high regard for The Royal Family.

We wondered which Tee Shirt Art would wear on the day of Queen Elizabeth II's Funeral. Perhaps you may have wondered as well.

Here are the two NEW tee shirts Art wore the day of the funeral. The Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022 in early morning and the God Save the King in the afternoon.

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



Art Turner wearing God Save the King shirt. (Joyce Theriault Photo)

## Fire Prevention Week Spotlights Fire Escape Planning

AUBURN, ME (Grassroots Newswire) (September 22, 2022) --During the week of October 9, 2022, the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) observes the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week<sup>TM</sup>, the public longest-running health observance in the United States. The timing of the annual event commemorates the date of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

In support of this year's theme for Fire Prevention Week - "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape<sup>TM</sup>" - the fire and water cleanup and restoration specialists with SERVPRO® in the Auburn area remind home and business owners that the single most important thing to do when fire breaks out is to get out of the building. "This is especially true in a home fire," says Rick Isaacson, CEO of Servpro Industries, LLC. "The NFPA warns that today's homes burn faster than ever, leaving residents two minutes or less to safely escape a home fire after the smoke alarm sounds."

According to the NFPA, your ability to escape from a fire depends on two things: early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. Their Fire Prevention Week website (https://www.nfpa.org/ fpw) offers information and resources in English and Spanish to help property owners choose and maintain a smoke alarm,



plan an escape route, and ensure that every person, including children and the elderly, knows what to do in case of a fire.

If your home is affected by fire, the next challenge you face is cleanup and restoration. "This is where a disaster remediation specialist like SERVPRO can help," says Isaacson. "Our website offers answers to FAQs that can help you understand what you should do first after a fire, how the fire repair and restoration process works, and more. Even small fires or neighboring fires can cause extensive damage to walls, ceilings and contents in a home, so it's best to check with a professional to see if remediation is the way to go.'

Additional fire-related frequently asked questions covered include:

What items can survive a house fire?

Can smoke damage be removed?

How much does it cost to fix a fire damaged house?

How to clean after fire damage?

What should I do with all the water that was used to put out the fire?

How to recognize and deal with smoke damage even if your home hasn't been directly impacted by fire?

SERVPRO specializes in fire and water cleanup and restoration services and repair services, helping to remediate damage for both commercial and residential customers. For more information about SERVPRO, please visit www.servpro.com/. For more information on SERVPRO in the Auburn area, please contact please contact one of the local business owners below.

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# **CMCC Offering Behavioral Health Professional Program**

AUBURN, ME (September 22, 2022) - The Center for Workforce and Professional Development at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) is offering Behavioral Health Professional (BHP) training beginning on October 10, 2022 and running through November 19, 2022. This 46-hour program includes

12 online modules, an in-person Adult/Pediatric First Aid CPR course, and two live, instructor-led online evaluation class sessions on November 17 and November 18th. Information and links to register for the program are available at https://www.bit.ly/ CWPDRegistration

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course and pass the certification exam will be eligible for immediate employment. One additional cohort will be offered in the Spring of 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. MJRP-funded courses

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are designed for candidates who have been impacted by Covid-19, 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 Workforce & Professional Development at workforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu or 207-755-5280.

Central Maine Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and employer. For more information visit www.cmcc.edu/ eeoc or contact Human Resources at (207) 755-5396.

## **Mystery For Hire's Pirate Show Held at Hilton Garden Riverwatch**

LEWISTON, ME (September 23, 2022) -Mystery for Hire is set to launch a new pirate mystery script by actor and playwright, Greg Simpson of Minot.

Mystery for Hire returns with a performance of "Mystery of the Lost Treasure," a new original script on Friday, October 7 at the Hilton Garden Riverwatch in Auburn with doors opening at 6 PM. Tickets are \$65 per person which includes buffet dinner service featuring a plated salad upon arrival, multiple entrée selections, sides and dessert along with one beverage ticket valid for beer, wine or a non-alcoholic beverage, and tax and gratuity.

"This show has an outrageous array of pirates to entertain our guests," said Dan Marois, who with his wife, Denise, have operated Mystery for Hire for 27 years. "Audience members will become members of competing pirate ships all with the goal of finding buried treasure and outdoing the other crews. Guests are encouraged to wear their best pirate outfits with prizes for the best costumes of the evening."

Marois says that it is a bit of a homecoming to be doing a public mystery show at the Hilton Garden Riverview once again, just a short walk from where mystery shows first began in the area.

"The first mystery show in the area was performed at No Tomatoes down the street about 30 years ago," said Marois. "We have performed at the Hilton Garden Riverwatch numerous times to sold out houses."

"If you like interactive fun or just sitting back to watch the action, the show is a treat," said Marois. "It also appeals to people who like to dine out, party a bit, and who enjoy theater." A ning professional mys-

mystery show is also a great time for a group to gather. "Friends, family, co-workers often come to our events to celebrate a special occasion," adds

Mystery for Hire is Maine's longest run-

70,000. While they perform throughout New England, most shows audiences totaling over have been presented in Maine.

"Our public shows offer guests a chance to enjoy an evening of entertainment and dining all in one experience," said Marois. He notes that the ticket price of \$65 includes all the usual perks plus one drink ticket. 'Guests like the idea of an all-inclusive price for tickets."

The cast for "Mystery of the Lost Treasure" includes Greg Simpson, Kathleen Nation, Nick Dufault, Dan Marois, CarlaRose Dubois, and first time Mystery for Hire performer, Sara Poulin.

Doors open for the mystery show at 6 PM. Tickets can be purchased at hgiauburnriverwatch. com/mysterydinner. For info on Mystery for Hire, go to mysteryforhire.net.

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In her free time, Fran enjoys spending time with her family & friends and her pride & joy is her grandson, Caíden.



Marois.

**Mayor Sheline Issues Statement** on Passed Shelter Ordinance

LEWISTON, ME (September 22, 2022) -- Mayor Carl L. Sheline states, "I'm pleased with the shelter ordinance that the City Council passed last night. We were able to come together - the Council, the Shelter Committee, and our community - to create workable solutions that will better address homelessness in Lewiston. While the moratorium that preceded this

future shelter in Lewiston more accessible to some of our unhoused neighbors. I am especially pleased that the Council ultimately decided to avoid requirements that would have added needless, bureaucratic burdens on Lewiston's current and future shelter providers and those they serve. I look forward to future partnerships between the City, shelter providers, and

Dan Marois, Nic Dufault, Kathleen Nation, CarlaRose Dubois, and Greg Simpson. Not in photo is first time Mystery for Hire performer, Sara Poulin. tery dinner theater troupe having performed nearly 1000 mystery shows to

Pictured in photo are cast members wrapping up a recent production. From left to right,

work was unnecessary to create these ordinance changes, the changes have made our community's existing shelters and any

housing experts to work toward responsibly and actively addressing Lewiston's homeless challenges."

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## Seniors Not Acting Their Age **Unpredictable Weather is Normal Sea Kayaking Downeast**

### **By Ron Chase**

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Our original plan to complete a four-day sea kayak excursion along the Bold Coast in Eastern Maine was aborted after the first day due to foggy weather and turbulent seas. Six Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society Chowderheads regrouped and resolved to take advantage of other exceptional sea kayak opportunities the Downeast coastline has to offer

Since we were situated in Lubec only a few miles from Cobscook Bay that was our obvious first choice. A phone call to Cobscook Bay State Park confirmed campsites were available and there was a convenient boat landing just outside the park in Edmunds.

The campsites at the park are some of the finest in Maine. We secured two scenic sites next to one another overlooking the bay. Both had picnic tables and one included a large lean-to. We were ideally positioned to explore perhaps the most unique body of water in Maine.

Cobscook Bay has an average tidal range of 18.4 feet and it sometimes exceeds 26 feet. The extreme tides were a cause for concern as we wanted to ensure water access and egress at low tide without wading through expansive mud flats. Park employees confirmed that Edmunds Boat Landing accommodated boat traffic at all tide levels.

As a result of the huge tide differentials, massive amounts of water flow in and out of the bay twice a day. The consequence is unusu-

ally strong currents particularly in narrow channels. The best example is found in an attenuated waterway between Mahar Point and Falls Island in Pembroke called Reversing Falls.

Attempts to harness the ocean tides running between Cobscook and Passamaquoddy Bays to generate electricity began about a century ago. In 1935, the Passamaquoddy Bay Tidal Power Project was initiated but ultimately failed for a variety of reasons. More recently, the Cobscook Bay Tidal Energy Project was created to again consider the feasibility of using the tides to produce energy.

Chowderheads Six launched solo kayaks from Edmunds Boat Landing in warm sunny weather with gentle winds. Still recovering from our struggle with dense fog the previous day, the clear conditions were a welcome contrast.

The tide was flowing out as we traveled north along the western shore of the bay. After passing Birch Island, we used a GPS, map, and compass to determine the location of Reversing Falls

Following the designated bearing on our deck compasses, we traversed easterly across the bay and entered a narrows between Kelley and Mahar Points. Soon after, waves were observed in the passage between Mahar Point and Falls Island. From our vantage point, descending the falls seemed a reasonable option. However, it was unclear when the tide and current would permit a return, so a collective determination was made to forego the adventure.

While lingering above the falls, the group decided to investigate Bellier Cove farther northwest. We found the pull of the current surprisingly powerful when withdrawing from the perimeter of the falls.

Persisting northwesterly against an outgoing tide, we navigated past Dram and Williams Islands to Hurley Point, which marked the entrance to Bellier Cove. Strong currents were flowing out of a narrow passageway exiting the cove. A substantial effort was required to paddle upstream into the estuary where we disembarked on a rocky point for lunch. The reward for our perseverance entering Bellier was cruising through entertaining rips when departing. The tide was with us on our return to the landing.

For our final two days in the sea kayaking paradise, we chose to explore outer Machias Bay. The bay has many similarities with the Bold Coast: tall spectacular cliffs, powerful tidal currents, and frequent fog. Unlike the Bold Coast, there are numerous islands to reconnoiter

On day one in Machias Bay, we embarked from a landing in Bucks Harbor and encountered superb conditions with clear skies, warm weather, and mild winds. Traveling along the rugged shoreline and around the Point of Maine was nothing short of glorious. Alas, on day two we were socked in with soupy fog. Our Machias Bay experience was



Three kayakers begin a trip on Cobscook Bay





Paddlers cross Cobscook Bay towards Revers- Kayakers encounter spectacular cliffs in ing Falls

outer Machias Bay



### A kayaker cruises through rips leaving Bellier Cove

typical for Downeast sea kayaking: wonderful views, challenging seas, unpredictable weather, and fog seemingly always lurking nearby. Read about eight more

exciting sea kayak voyages

along the Maine coast 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 www. northcountry.com/maine-alfresco 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.

### **Clean Energy Week 2022 Maine Recognizes**

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (September 20, 2022)-In recognition of the sixth annual National Clean Energy Week (NCEW), Governor Janet Mills issued a proclamation celebrating September 26-30, 2022, as Clean Energy Week in the state

es the growing importance of clean energy, noting Maine has committed to producing 80 percent renewable energy by 2030 and has a goal of 100 percent by 2050. Last year, Governor Mills joined more than half of the nation's governors in issuing

"We thank Governor Janet Mills for joining us in celebrating National Clean Energy Week," said Heather Reams, chair of NCEW and president of Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES). "Across the country, the cost of living continues

to rise. It is critical that

we take a hard look at the

solutions clean energy

technologies provide to address America's most pressing environmental, economic, and national security needs. The sixth annual NCEW and Policy Makers Symposium connects government officials from both sides of the aisle as well as top

part of America's energy future and includes generation from renewable sources such as onshore wind, offshore wind, solar, hydro and geothermal sources, as well as energy storage," said Governor Mills in her 2022 proclamation. "The clean energy sector is an expanding part of the economy and has been a key driver of growth in Maine over the last decade, and Maine has a goal of more than doubling the clean energy workforce in the state

to 30,000 jobs by 2030, growing local economies and boosting the state's workforce and economic development."

NCEW began in 2017 as a bipartisan forum to bring together clean energy leaders and advocates across America. Through engaging programming such as the Policy Makers Symposium, the weeklong virtual event celebrates the critical role that clean energy plays in reducing greenhouse gas emissions while simultaneously bolstering the nation's economy and energy independence. For more information about NCEW, including sponsorship opportunities, remote and in-person events, and registration for the Policy Makers Symposium, visit the NCEW website at https://nationalcleanenergyweek.org.

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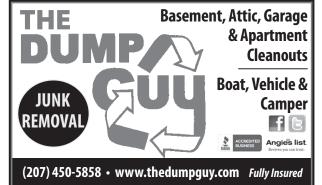
proclamations to recognize NCEW in their respective states.



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industry leaders, researchers, investors, and advocates to discuss how we can make the prospect of a clean energy future a reality, not only in Maine but throughout the country." "Clean energy is





## National Presenters to Appear at Three Maine Retreats this Fall

**B** A N G O R, **ME** (September 15, 2022)--Three sought-after speakers known nationally for their effective and memorable presentations and faith-filled messages will appear at retreats in Old Town, Auburn, and Bangor in October and November.

### Dr. Scott Hahn in Old Town

The Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord will host "The Riches of Our Faith" with Dr. Scott Hahn on Saturday, October 1, from 8 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. All are welcome to attend the gathering at Holy Family Church in Old Town. The morning offers the opportunity to examine Scripture at the heart of the Church with one of today's most respected scholars. Dr. Hahn delivers talks nationally and internationally on a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith, helping thousands of Protestants and fallen away Catholics to re(embrace) the Catholic faith.

"I never cease to be amazed at the opportunity I have to share why I became a Roman Catholic and how the Lord worked in my wife's life and our family as well," said Dr. Hahn.

His emotional words

speak to the graces he's received on a journey that took him from being a Presbyterian minister and professor at a Protestant seminary to becoming a Roman Catholic theologian and internationally known apologist for the Catholic Church.

"Life is filled with unexpected surprises, and it's a delight and a surprise for me to share how I came to see the Roman Catholic Church to be the family of God that he wants all of his children to share in," said Dr. Hahn. "Through considerable prayer and a lot of study, I came to see that the Roman Catholic Church is based in Scripture."

Dr. Hahn and his wife, Kimberly, have six children (two of which are seminarians) and 18 grandchildren. He has been awarded the Father Michael Scanlan, T.O.R., Chair of Biblical Theology and the New Evangelization at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he has taught since 1990. He is a bestselling author of over 40 titles and the founder of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, a non-profit research and educational institute that promotes life-transforming Scripture study in the Catholic tradition.

To register for

Dr. Hahn's presentation on October 1, visit www.stpaulcenter.com/ maine2022.

### Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P., in Auburn

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will present "iMercy: The Divine Hotspot" on October 4-6 at St. Philip Church in Auburn. Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P., will offer three evenings of preaching inspired by the Holy Spirit. The iMercy mission aims to help parishioners enter more deeply into the love of the Holy Trinity and experience God's merciful touch through the sacraments. Fr. Garrott's retreat themes include "The Fa-ther Blesses," "The Son Heals," and "The Spirit Strengthens."

Fr. Garrott is the youngest of eight children and has 24 nieces and nephews. After earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry and working several years in the field of technology transfer, he entered the Order of Preachers in August of 1988. After six years of spiritual and academic formation, he was ordained to the priesthood in May of 1994.

He uses his musical talents on piano and guitar to preach and present parish missions, weekend retreats, days of recollection, and various youth events. Through word and song, Fr. Garrott desires to draw listeners more deeply into that unconditional love which the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit reveal to us through the Catholic faith.

"I think many people are distracted by technology. My mission is to get people to read the Scripture and I think music functions as a backdoor to the soul," said Fr. Garrott. "You might call my ministry a ministry of encouragement. I'm preaching the theological version of hope. God has a plan and God provides always. There's just a tremendous joy for people who have somehow mustered the courage through the Holy Spirit to drop their lives for a moment and attend."

For more information on the event on October 4-6, call the parish at (207) 782-8096.

### Fr. Larry Richards in Bangor

St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Bangor will host Fr. Larry Richards for a four-day mission at St. John Church on November 7-10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening. Fr. Richards makes two promises to anyone who attends part or all of his four-day missions: "One, you will never be bored. And two, your life will be changed forever."

Each night features a different theme to draw participants closer to God's love, improve prayer lives, discuss love of others and the importance of family, and heal. The experiences are also meaningful for fallen-away Catholics.

A nationally known and captivating presenter, author, and TV and radio host, Fr. Richards has conducted hundreds of parish missions. conferences. and retreats. He is known to make the love of God real in his presentations. In 2014 and 2021, respectively, his four-day presentation at Good Shepherd Parish in Saco and Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston drew standing room only crowds and are still talked about.

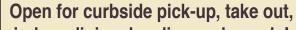
"I exist to bring people to Jesus. That's the reason I got ordained. The whole point of my job, I always say, is to introduce people to Jesus Christ," said Fr. Richards. "Then, once I introduce Him to them, I tell them you have to spend time with Jesus to get to know Him. So, I try to do that in a real way."

Ordained to the priesthood in 1989 for the Diocese of Erie, Pennsylvania, Fr. Larry speaks from his experiences as a pastor of an inner-city parish, a high school chap-

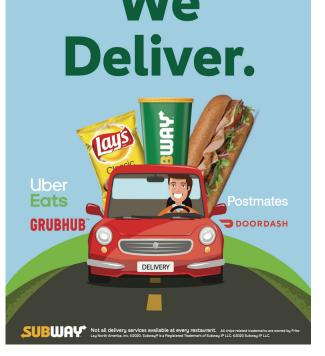
lain, and a counselor. Fr. Larry's book Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be! is a #1 best seller for Ignatius Press. He is the host of The Reason for Our Hope and Open Line on EWTN and Changed Forever with Father Larry Richards on Relevant Radio. He is also the founder of the Reason for Our Hope Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through CDs, DVDs, and books.

For more information about Fr. Richards' visit to Bangor, call the parish at (207) 217-6740 or visit www.stpaulbangor.me/father-larry-richards-parish-mission.









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# Franco Center Presents 'The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?'

LEWISTON, ME (September 23, 2022)-Robert Dubac's "The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?" is an international comedy described by The New York Times as, "Hilarious ... a one man tours de force!" and it's coming to the Franco Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6.

On a quest to answer the age-old question, "What do women want?" Dubac transforms himself into five "hysterical boneheads who each offer sidesplitting advice on how to best straddle the gender gap - all while drinking a beer," according to Dubac's press release.

Critics and audiences alike state, "'The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?' is a rare thing: a clever combination of theater and standup comedy that is laughout-loud funny, provocative and insightful all at once. There are two types of people who should rush and see it - men and women!" according to The Providence Journal.



Robert Dubac will bring his theatrical comedy "The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?" to the Franco Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6. Submitted photo.

the character Bobby in a very confused state after having been dumped by the girl of his dreams. Unable to understand why, he channels some not-sowise, but hilarious advice from his five chauvinistic mentors. With a shrug of his shoulders or a crook of his neck, Dubac's five alter egos each offer their own brand of misguided advice. They are:

THE COLONEL who The show opens with insists that the key to what he doles it out from the

women want is honesty, hence all men should admit they're boneheads, so they always have an out.

JEAN-MICHEL who says communication is what women want and communicating with double-talk and mindless metaphors is completely acceptable as long as you speak with a sexy accent.

FAST EDDIE who gives women want they want – passion! But passing lane professing men have to "love 'em fast and leave 'em first."

OLD MR. LINGER who believes women want a sense of humor. He understands women can play hard to get. He also understands that if a man plays hard to get - he doesn't get anything. Old Mr. Linger is 123 years old and believes he has discovered the secret to life: remaining single.

RONNIE CABREZ-ZI who believes all women

want is some sensitivity. He also thinks sharing your secrets makes you sensitive. However, the kind of secrets he shares with his fiancé, Lucy, just piss her off.

Luckily, BOBBY realizes their suggestions are worthless and with help from his "feminine side" he is able to sift through all the bad advice and discover the real answer to what women want. He does it all while drinking a beer.

Brace yourself, ladies, 'cause this is how men think.

Having been translated into dozens of languages from Hebrew to Hungarian and produced world-wide from the Eiffel Tower to the Heartland, "The Male Intellect" is the kind of universal show that speaks to anyone who has ever been in a relationship. And out of one. And back in one again.

Dubac creates characters that boggle our minds with biting wit and rapid-fire satire while simultaneously crafting a simple story that binds us all together. His ability to

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combine the raucous laughter of stand-up comedy with the startling thrill of live theater continues to fill seats everywhere.

"We are very appreciative of our sponsors," said Penny Drumm, administrator at the Franco Center. "Support for this comedy event comes from Maple Way Dental Care, Bennett Radio Group, Sun Journal, Turner Publishing, Uncle Andy's Digest, and The Champoux Insurance Group."

Doors open at 6 p.m. and a cash bar will be available so friends can meet up before the show. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door day of show and can be purchased online at francocenter.org, by phone at 207-689-2000, or in person at the box office between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Franco Center is at 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Parking is available in the mill lot. Handicap access is on the Lincoln St. Alley side of the building.

# L/A Invited to Participate in Life Chain Oct. 2

AUBURN, ME (September 20, 2022) -- Announcing Lewiston-Auburn LIFE CHAIN: Sunday October 2 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. local pro-lifers will line the sidewalks along both sides of the Longley Bridge in Lewiston-Auburn and quietly, fervently pray for an end to abortion as they hold signs that say, "ABOR-TION KILLS CHILDREN",

"JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS", "ABORTION HURTS WOMEN", "ADOP-TION, THE LOVING OP-TION and "LIFE - THE FIRST INALIENABLE RIGHT".

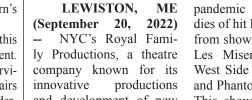
Every year hundreds of cities and towns across the United States and Canada minister the Life Chain message into the hearts and minds of their local residents. This

will be Lewiston-Auburn's 29th annual Life Chain.

Please join us for this rain or shine pro-life event. Children under close supervision are welcome and chairs may be brought for the elderly or handicapped.

Please gather at Great Falls Plaza (next to the Auburn Post Office) at 2 p.m. to pick up your poster. For more information call 402-2315.

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and development of new original work, continues to bring quality family theatre to Maine. Following the sold-out success of COVID SUX: The Musical at Cumston Hall and COVID STILL SUX: The Musical Part 2 at the Gendron Franco Center, Chris Henry and Mark Falconer have written a new sequel to their previous original musical comedy about the pandemic featuring parodies of hit Broadway songs from shows like Hamilton, Les Miserables, Wicked, West Side Story, Chicago, and Phantom of the Opera. This show is directed by Chris Henry with Danny Gay and features choreography by Emily Anne Davis.

This production will take place at the Gendron Franco Center, located at 46 Cedar St, Lewiston, ME. Tickets are \$20 for general admission with \$100 preferred seating and \$250 VIP tickets. Tickets need to be purchased in

advance by visiting www. RoyalFamilyProductions. org. Covid Still Sux will be shown at The Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar St, Lewiston, ME 04240 on October 2 at 2PM.

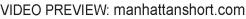
Henry is a native of Winthrop, Maine, and is thrilled that Royal Family is able to continue to produce top-quality theatre in her home state.

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

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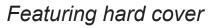




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Maine State Police IMAT (Incident Management Assistance Team) were on hand at the Dempsey Challenge. TCT photo by Laurie A. Steele

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Sue Love and Deneka Deletesky from the Dempsey Center are behind one of the many bike rims decorated with shoe laces and yarn woven into them. The shoe laces have the Dempsey Challenge logo and stripes with Dempsey Challenge colors. The barrier wall coming into the event was decorated with many of these hand-decorated wheels created by Sue Love and Sarah Kelley from the Dempsey Center. TCT photo by Laurie A. Steele



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Sunday morning Steve Burger, Ben Grenier, Caden Cole, John Grenier and Casey Beaudoin were manning the Rainbow Bicycle tent at the Dempsey Challenge. TCT photo by Laurie A. Steele



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# **LAPHC Seeking Input About Community Conversations**

LEWISTON, ME (September 20, 2022) --The Lewiston Area Pub-Health Committee lic (LAPHC) has been discussing what the community has experienced since 2020 in regards to the COVID19 pandemic. Although com-

munity members have rallied together in efforts to reduce the risks of spreading COVID19, loved ones have passed, many people have been in isolation, precautionary methods have become the norm, fear has been prevalent, and ongoing

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ripple effects continue.

As such, LAPHC members would like to know if Lewiston area residents would be interested in some format of community

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this idea, interested residents may complete an online survey at www.lewistonmaine. gov/conversations.

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and creating space to talk about how we've navigated our way through this pandemic and what we need to continue to do together to find our way is extremely important. It is these opportunities for dialogue that create community."

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# **Bedard Medical Makes List of Fastest-Growing Companies**

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AUBURN, ME, August 16, 2022 - Inc. revealed today that Bedard Medical is ranked No. 3521, in its annual Inc. 5000 list, the most prestigious ranking of the fastest-growing private companies in America. The list represents a one-of-a-kind look at the most successful companies within the economy's most dynamic segment — its independent businesses. LinkedIn, Facebook, Chobani, Under Armour, Microsoft, Zillow, and many other wellknown names gained their first national exposure as honorees on the Inc. 5000.

"We are honored to be recognized by Inc. as one of the fastest-growing companies in the US," said Ben Nadeau, CEO of Bedard Medical. "Our growth is a direct reflection



statement: we care for the communities we serve. By continuing to invest in people, technology, and our market presence, we hope to meet the needs of even more communities in the years to come."

The companies on the 2022 Inc. 5000 have not only been successful, but have also demonstrated resilience amid supply chain woes, labor shortages, and the ongoing impact of Covid-19. Complete results of the Inc. 5000, including company profiles and an interactive database that can be sorted by industry, region, and other criteria, can be found at www. inc.com/inc5000.

"The accomplishment of building one of the fastest-growing companies in the U.S., in light of recent economic roadblocks, cannot be overstated." says Scott Omelianuk, editor-in-chief of Inc. "Inc. is thrilled to honor the companies that have established themselves through innovation, hard work, and rising to the challenges of today."

"I am thankful for our talented team that genuinely places the patients' needs first and foremost. Our employees strive to guide our patients on their healthcare journey by bridging the knowledge gap of insurance benefits and products. We continue to collaborate and support each other as we navigate through this phase of growth." - Anthony Burden, Director of Medical Supplies.

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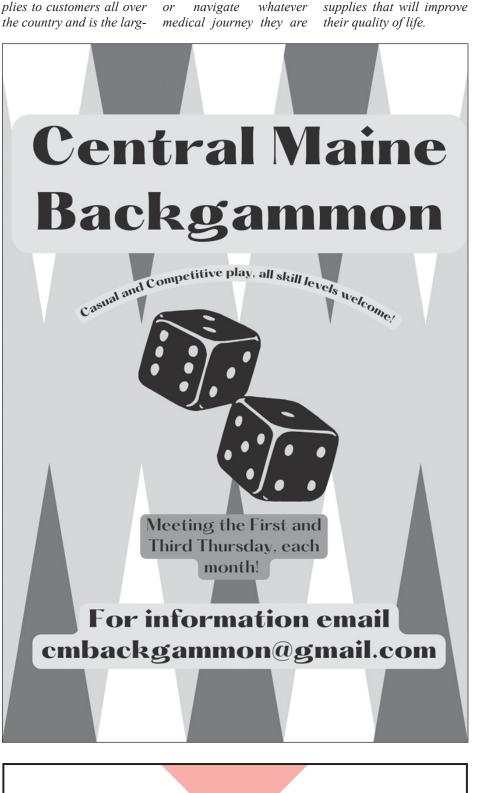
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## Fr. Thaniyel Appointed as **Parochial Vicar in Lewiston**

PORTLAND, (August ME 1, 2022)---Bishop Robert Deeley has announced that Fr. Elaiyaraja Thaniyel, HGN, has been appointed as parochial vicar at Prince of Peace Parish (Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, Lewiston; Holy Cross Church, Lewiston; Holy Family Church, Lewiston; Holy Trinity Church, Lisbon Falls; Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Sabattus), effective immediately. Fr. Elaiyaraja is a member of the Heralds of Good News (HGN), a missionary society of apostolic life started in India in 1984. The specific aim of the Heralds is to promote vocations to the priesthood and the training of seminarians. Currently, there are nine other members of the society serving in the Diocese of Portland. Anative of Pulavan-

padi in southern India, Fr. Elaiyaraja knew he wanted to a priest when he was six and completed his clerical studies at St. Joseph's Major Seminary in Khammam, India in 2014. He was ordained to the priest-

hood on April 5, 2015, at St. Joseph Church in Narasingapuram, India. Since his ordination, Fr. Elaiyaraja has served as an assistant parish priest in the Diocese of Tura and the Archdiocese of Guwahati, both in India.



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## UMaine Extension Series for Parents, Caregivers Opens Oct. 4



**ORONO, ME (September 19, 2022)** — University of Maine Cooperative Extension opens a free six-session online educational series for parents and caregivers Oct. 4 from 1–2:30 p.m. Additional sessions are scheduled Oct. 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 1. "Back to Basics: Building Routines for Success" will focus on managing daily household tasks; meal planning and budgeting; learning to live with others; finding work and managing money; and coping with everyday stress. Each session includes time for questions. The series is free; registration is required. Register on the program webpage for one or more sessions to participate. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Melanie Bryan, 207.342.5971; melanie.l.bryan@maine. edu.

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## VA Maine Encourages Landlords to Advocate for Homeless Veterans

AUGUSTA, ME (September 7, 2022) -In response to the ongoing affordable housing crisis, VA Maine Healthcare System's Homeless Team, encourages local landlords to partner with its homeless Veterans programs - which provides rental subsidies and landlord support for approximately 366 Veterans and their families across the state

The programs are currently facing challenges due to increases in rent, lack of housing, and growth in inflation rates and emboldens landlords to consider opening their homes up to a Veteran family.

"It's important that communities throughout Maine work together to keep our Veterans in safe and stable homes. Help serve those who have served our nation. Our goal is to partner with landlords to house at least 90 homeless veterans and their families before the end of December 2022," said Amy Morin, Acting Homeless Programs Coordinator at VA Maine. Last year, during the 100-Veteran Challenge, landlords helped reduce



Veteran homelessness by 31% and helped 86 Veterans secure housing.

Throughout the pandemic, veteran homelessness rose by 84%, currently leaving 134 homeless veterans and their families without housing. "We are hoping landlords will partner with us, so that we can end veteran homelessness together as a community," Morin added.

There are benefits of renting to homeless Veterans:

VA provides services to Veterans placed in permanent housing to support their housing stability. Reliable income from subsidies where a portion of the rent is automatically paid on time to landlords by a public housing authority or a VA grantee.

Support from VA case management to

connect landlords and Veterans with help they may need.

Making a positive impact in changing a Veteran's life.

Since the beginning of 2022, VA Maine homeless programs have successfully housed over 61 Veterans in its community through VA's permanent housing programs, but it is not enough.

To support, revitalize and streamline VA's commitment to end Veteran homelessness and ensure at-risk Veterans are protected from this housing crisis, VA has established a nationwide goal to house 38,000 homeless Veterans during calendar year 2022.

Maine landlords interested in helping Veterans can reach out to VA ME at 207-623-8411 EXT: 5714 or email us at landlordengagement@ va.gov for more information.

VA Maine homeless programs provide homeless Veteran's with transitional housing and emergency shelter, along with case management that comes with access to a variety of housing subsidies and financial assistance.

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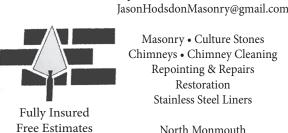


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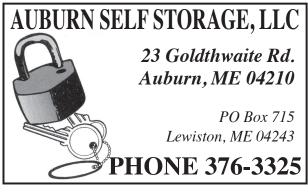
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Tuesdays

LEWISTON - Baby Storytime held on Tuesdays, starting September 6th at 10:15am. Enjoy an interactive storytime with your baby that includes early literacy fun with books, songs, rhymes and body movement. Recommended for children ages 0 - 24 months old and their caregivers. 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.

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 20 – December

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



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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

September 30

GREENE -- Final event of 2022! Speaker Magdalana Siegel presents "Honoring Our Wisdom" on Friday, September 30th at 2&7PM at the Sawyer Memorial in Greene.

### October 1

GORHAM -- Public Bean Supper, White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Road, Gorham; Saturday, Oct 1, 4:30-6:00pm

We are back inside! Eat in or take out, no pre-orders. Meal includes baked kidney & pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and dessert. Wearing of masks for those who are not vaccinated is suggested.

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### October 3

AUBURN -- The Auburn Art Club will meet on Monday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m. at the Park Avenue Methodist Church on Park Avenue in Auburn.

The program will be a fashion show. Refreshments will be served by Grace Keene, Jill Jones, and Evelyn Larrabee. All members are invited to attend.

### 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

### October 4

LEWISTON -- Tuesday, October 4 from 4 to 6:30 pm at the Lewiston Public Library: PRE-SERVING THE HAR-VEST—A HANDS-ON FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOP. Come learn the basics of canning and freezing applesauce. Registration required. Free. Bring your own potholder. Contact info. 513-3135; www.LPLonline.org October 8 – November 13 BOOTHBAY

Boothbay Region Art Foundation's 15th annual juried exhibition, Art in Maine, will be held at the foundation gallery Oct. 8 through Nov. 13. Art in Maine's exhibit presents a fresh and selective look at the fine art being created by Maine artists today, showcasing originality in the media of painting, drawing and sculpture. The opening reception is Saturday, Oct. 8 from 5-7 p.m.; over \$1,00 dollars in prizes will be awarded.

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 Liitlefield Gallery in Winterport.

### October 12

GORHAM -- Lakes Region Senior Center is holding an OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 from 10-1 at 40 Acorn Street, Gorham, Maine. (This is actually in Little Falls, of Gorham.) We would like to acquaint you with our Senior Center and the many programs that we have to offer. Refreshments will be served. Please bring a friend.

### October 12

AUBURN -- The Androscoggin Retired



Educators' Association will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 12 at the Sixth Street Congregational Church at 109 Sixth Street in Auburn.

This meeting is our annual scholarship auction. Ruben Cornelius will be the auctioneer. Members are asked to bring in one or two items for the auction. Baked goods are always popular, gift baskets and gift certificates are well-received, as well as hand-made goods and other small items. Bring your checkbook, your pocketbook, your penny bank, just come and be ready to support this worthwhile project.

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 in public school or private school. You need not have worked in Androscoggin County or even in the State of Maine.

Officers this year are: President; Rosita Friel; Vice-President, Donna Whelan; Secretary, Deanna Marken; Treasurer, Gina Fuller.

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Andrew Silver will bring his one-man Silver Circus show to the Franco Center stage April 8. His show is one of many in the Franco Center's 2022-23 Main Stage Performance Series. Submitted photo.

(September 23, 2022)—

LEWISTON, ME The Franco Center has an-

### of Floyd (Oct. 8), Runnounced that its new seanin' Down a Dream-Tom **ASCEA Hosts Annual Meeting**, **Recruits New Members**

LISBON FALLS, (September 10, ME 2022) — The Androscoggin-Sagadahoc Counties Extension Association will hold its annual meeting and election of officers 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at 24 Main St., Lisbon Falls.

Hannah Carter, University of Maine Cooperative Extension dean, is the featured speaker scheduled to follow a brief ASCEA business meeting. Local UMaine Extension 4-H members also are scheduled to share presentations.

The meeting is free and open to the public; refreshments will be provided. For more information, to RSVP or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact 207.353.5550; melissa.freeman@maine.edu.

The ASCEA is actively recruiting new members. In partnership with Extension staff, the members of each county Extension association provide input on local educational programming needs and oversee county budget appropriations that help support Extension resources available to residents in every Maine county.

Petty Tribute (Nov. 19), and Studio Two-A Beatles Tribute (March 31), December holiday events include Don Campbell Christmas concert (Dec. 16) and Sights & Sounds of Christmas (Dec. 17 and 18). Classical concert favorites include Schooner Fare (Feb. 3) and Josee Vachon (March 4).

Make it to the Franco Center for laughs with "The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?" Comedy (Oct. 6); followed by magic and illusion with Magic of the Steelgraves (Nov. 12) and Silver Circus (April 8). Fright Night (Oct. 25, 26, and 27) will offer a walk through the Franco Center's crypt complete with costumed actors and other scary props.

Cultural programs in-

### clude the free Parlez Vous? French conversation club held every other Thursday, and La Rencontre, a Franco heritage event held four times a year with socializing, entertainment, and lunch (Dec. 8, March 9, and June 22).

Spellman, Susan Franco Center box office staff, said, "Personally, I am especially excited to have Schooner Fare coming to Franco! They are one of my favorites! Great Maine folk music!"

A full list of 2022-23 season events and ticket information is available at www.francocenter.org/ shows.

"Thanks to the start of our \$7-million capital campaign, the Franco Center has been able to begin some comprehensive repair work and improvements to its building this summer," said Mike Lajoie, Franco Center board vice president. Repair work includes the granite facade and buttresses. Improvements will include air conditioning in its second-floor Performance Hall. "This is a multi-year project, but we are excited to be able to begin," said Lajoie.

The Franco Center Box Office can be reached at 207-689-2000 and boxoffice@francocenter.org. The Franco Center staff will be onsite at 46 Cedar St., Lewiston, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays to help with ticket purchases throughout the renovation. The Franco Center has ADA-compliant parking and building accessibility.

## Lake George Regional Park to **Hold Maine Garlic Festival**

SKOWHEGAN, (September 23, ME 2022) -- The 4th annual Maine's Garlic Festival on the beautiful west side island at Lake George Regional Park in Skowhegan, Maine will happen Saturday and Sunday, October 1st and 2nd, starting both days at 9:30am and ending Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 3pm. Lots of live music

both days featuring local

bands such as Lee Sykes, Matt and the Barnburners, Sharon Hood and Dixon Road, Brian Richmond, Clay Camero and Sagittarius Rising. Saturday, the music will be a bit more up tempo, Sunday a little more folk oriented.

Sample fresh garlic creations and local produce, along with great food and local craft spirits. There will be local artwork, artisan crafts, and recreation activities along with plenty of fun stuff for the kids. All happening lakeside amidst the colors of Fall in the surrounding hills.

Admission is only \$5 for adults, kids 12 and under are free. For more information please visit: www.mainegarlicfest.com

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