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Public Invited to Holiday Book and Bake Sale

NEW GLOUCESTER, ME (October 18, 2022) -- The Friends of the New Gloucester Public Library announce their pre-holiday book and bake sale, to be held on Sunday, November 6, 2022, from noon to 4 pm at the New Gloucester Community Building, 381 Intervale Road in New Gloucester. Members of the Friends are invited to a preview sale on Saturday, November 5, from noon to 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to join the Friends that day, if they are not already a member.

The Friends book sales are a cherished tradition in New Gloucester that may have begun as early as 1960, when discarded books were placed on sale at the library in order to generate a little income. In the Friends book and bake sales of today, members of the community come together to visit and nibble on homemade cookies and bars while browsing the selections and getting a jump on holiday shopping.

The public is invited to donate books to the sale by bringing them to the New Gloucester Public Library, located at 379 Intervale Road, on Wednesday, November 2 from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Library, and Saturday, November 5, from 8 am to noon at the Community Center. Of particular interest are children's books, and adult fiction and non-fiction. Please limit donations to two cartons or four grocery-sized bags. Containers will not be returned and library staff will not be available to assist in unloading donations. All materials should be clean and free of odors, mold, and mildew. The Friends are not accepting Reader's Digest Condensed books, encyclopedias, text books, magazines, VHS tapes, DVDs, or CDs.

While the library has always had a core group of volunteers, the formal organization known as the Friends of the New Gloucester Library was established in 1989. Today a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, the Friends help fund library programming, purchase books and other materials, and sponsor the library's free museum and park passes. Recent projects include the Friends' popular book and bake

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Stanton Bird Club Hosts Photographer Dan Marquis



AUBURN, ME (October 27, 2022) -- The Stanton Bird Club is excited to host a talk by well-known local photographer, Dan Marquis as it kicks off its 2022-23 lecture series after a two-year hiatus.

Marquis will be sharing photographs and experiences from his visit to Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge last year. Described as a 'birdwatcher's paradise', this 57,331-acre refuge was established in 1939 in New Mexico to provide a critical stopover site for migrating waterfowl. The refuge welcomes birdwatchers from around the world as it is well known for the tens of thousands of Sandhill Cranes and over 20 species of ducks and geese which regularly spend part of their winters there. In addition to viewing these species, visitors to the refuge are able to see hawks, eagles, owls, and other birds along with a variety of mammals including mule deer, coyotes, javelina and jackrabbits.

The talk will be held on Monday, November 7 from 4-6pm at the Auburn Public



Sandhill Cranes and Snow Geese, Dan Marquis

Library. The public is welcome. The lecture series is free of charge. We encourage participants to wear masks.

The Stanton Bird Club, a leader in environmental awareness, manages the Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary as well as the Woodbury Nature Sanctuary in Monmouth and Litchfield. More information about other activities of the Club can be found at www.StantonBirdClub.org and on its Facebook page.

Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice to Offer Presentation



LEWISTON, ME (October 27, 2022) -- On Tuesday, November 8, 2022, Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice together with the Woodlands Senior Living, the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and the Franklin Com-

munity Health Network will present a free community education about dementia and the care continuum.

The presentation will take place in the Bass Room at Franklin Memorial Hospital, 11 Franklin Health Commons in

Farmington, ME from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. A panel of medical professionals, the Alzheimer's Association, and other supportive organizations will be on hand to talk about the impact of a dementia diagnosis and the path that patients and caregivers experience as care needs change. The presentation will be free and open to the public. No registration is required. Participants will be asked to adhere to Franklin Memorial Hospital's masking and COVID-19 protocols.

For more information about this panel discussion contact Melinda "Mel" Lovering at melinda.lovering@androscoggin.org.

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Candidates Who Support Parents Rights on Graphic Sexual Content in Schools

Letter to the Editor

Dear Maine Parents:
I warn of a threat to the health of Maine children. People who know me know that I gave up a lucrative law practice, and the support of living where I grew up, to have time to raise my children. 15 years later, librarians still tell me they remember me giving lessons to my 3 preschool kids daily at the Camden Library. My first law job

was for a NY legislator named Eric Vitaliano. He told me his legislative priorities were kids and older people. "You can't repeat the second grade". I have tried to reflect my wise, kind mentor's priorities ever since.

At a yard sale, a kid, maybe 24, sold dorm room junk. Trendy posters of four years ago had the glitter of things outgrown. He

had breasts and a wispy goatee. He said in a tenor speaking voice, "Twenty-five cents for anything. I need to get rid of it all."

Getting rid of the trappings of immaturity is a rite of passage. It helps us start anew. But what if those things you chose in immaturity stuck with you forever? We don't allow advertisement of many products to children. In-

terposing mature judgment between a child and irreversible harm is what it means to be a parent. And if your kid gets hurt, you are the one left to help. No politician, activist, social worker, or surgeon is going to stroke their head or feel their pain or help support them.

Many Maine parents and grandparents adamantly oppose school focus

being shifted away from academic achievement and onto hyper-sexualization and racialization. And yet the press does not ask the candidates their position on this critical issue. Does the candidate support parents' rights legislation? There is clear evidence of graphic sexual content in many Maine school libraries, of non-academic curricula paid for by special interest

groups, of the indoctrination of young children into a racialized and hyper-sexualized world view. And all before a backdrop of falling test scores. Before they cast their ballots, voters have a right to know if a candidate would outlaw sex change surgery and irreversible drug therapy for minors.

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2022 Veterans Small Business Week Launches Oct. 31-Nov. 4

AUGUSTA, ME (October 27, 2022) – The U.S. Small Business Administration just announced that the SBA will celebrate National Veterans Small Business Week (NVSBW) Oct. 31 – Nov. 4, with a series of virtual and in-person events highlighting the entrepreneurial spirit and resilience of our veteran small business owners. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, increasing support for our service members, veterans, and their families has been a key priority. In October 2022, the SBA announced additional funding opportunities for community-based organi-



zations to create targeted, impactful programming and expand access to SBA resources to support veteran entrepreneurs.

"Each year we celebrate National Veterans Small Business Week to honor America's nearly two million veteran entrepreneurs who have answered our nation's call to

serve and protect us and are now making a difference every day for local communities and our nation's economy," said Administrator Guzman. "This week, and every week, the U.S. Small Business Administration is committed to doing its part to fulfill our responsibility to our veteran entrepre-

neurs by ensuring they can access the tools and resources they need to start, grow, and build resilient businesses."

"I'm honored to recognize the achievements of the nearly twelve thousand Veteran owned small businesses across Maine and to celebrate the strength and resiliency of the veteran business community this National Veterans Small Business Week," said Mike Vlasic, SBA New England Regional Administrator. "Our veterans don't have

to enter the mission of entrepreneurship alone, they have served us and now it is our turn to support them. Through the SBA, the military community has a partner to support them at all stages of small business ownership."

The Maine District Office of SBA is recognizing National Veterans Small Business Week by holding a workshop with the Veterans Business Outreach Center to inform Veterans of the opportunities available to their businesses through Gov-

ernment contracting. Any Veteran or family member interested in attending the online event on Tuesday, November 1st at 11:30am can learn more and register by visiting <http://ow.ly/xvbb50LnaNe>.

"Maine's community of Veteran entrepreneurs run successful businesses in every industry, and often form the anchor for main streets and downtowns across the state," said Diane Sturgeon, SBA's District Director for Maine. "We truly enjoy the opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of and opportunities for Veterans in our state, especially since Maine has one of the highest rates of military veterans in the country," she added.

For more information about National Veterans Small Business Week and to find events in your area, visit sba.gov/nvsbw. Sign up for an event and join the online conversation using the hashtag #VetBiz.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Overlooked Stories And Histories: African Americans In Maine

LEWISTON, ME (October 25, 2022) -- The 25th season of the Great Falls Forum continues on Thursday, November 10th, with a panel discussion entitled "Overlooked Stories and Histories: African Americans in Maine," featuring Rachel Ferrante, Executive Director, Museum L-A; Bob Greene, retired journalist and historian, Trustee, Maine Historical Society; moderated by Leslie Hill, retired Professor of Politics, Bates College. This free, public program will take place from 12 noon to 1 PM in Callahan Hall at the Lewiston Public Library and will also be streamed live via Zoom and the Lewiston Public Library Facebook page.

Maine is consistently

described as the whitest state in the Union despite its increasingly diverse population. Even so, the state's population diversity is not new. Multiple waves of migrants from distant shores have added to the long-standing Indigenous populations who lived, worked, celebrated, and worshipped on this land for thousands of years. Among those who came in more recent centuries with a variety of languages, ethnic sagas, religious, and cultural practices were people of African descent—enslaved and free—who contributed to amplifying the region's economy, politics, social, and cultural life. Yet, Black people (and other people of color) have been invisible to many as the narra-



tive of Maine as a racially unvarying place persists. Now, however, the narrative is changing. The story of the state's diversity is

enlarging as more recent migrants, from across the country and abroad, establish new lives here. What stories have been over-

looked in accounts of the state's historical diversity? How can learning those stories help us fashion the present and future?

This Great Falls Forum panel will share stories to advance our knowledge of African Americans in Maine. Along with building a more honest and inclusive narrative of the community's racial-ethnic heritage, panelists offer creative ways to preserve and celebrate told and untold stories of work, community-building, and the region's multifaceted heritage.

Admission is free to all Forum events and reservations are only required if attending via Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted to the Library website

and Facebook prior to the event. The onsite program is a bring-your-own, brown-bag lunch event. For more information, please contact the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3135 or LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov.

The Great Falls Forum speaker series is co-sponsored by Bates College, Lewiston Public Library, and the Sun Journal. The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street.

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

Reflecting on Eight Years of Being Your Senator

Guest Column by Sen. Nate Libby

(October 25, 2022)

-- As my time as your state senator approaches its end, I find myself reflecting on the eight years I've spent representing Lewiston in the Maine Senate. Serving as your voice in Augusta has been the greatest privilege and most awesome responsibility of my professional life, and it's a task I would not have been able to accomplish without the help of so many in our community. Lewiston is a city of engaged, passionate and caring people who look out for one another and who are interested in collaborating to find solutions to the problems we face on a daily basis. As a legislator, this has allowed me to focus on policies that give people the opportunity to live financially secure, healthy and productive lives—policies that support working families, students, seniors and everyone who makes Maine their home.

Something we can all agree is a priority is protecting and supporting children so that they have the best chance at growing up to live healthy and happy lives. In 2019, I sponsored a bill to require testing for lead poisoning in babies

and toddlers so that we can catch dangerous situations early and remedy them as soon as possible. I've also focused on making sure kids have the tools and support they need to complete their education by sponsoring laws to improve school attendance rates for our youngest students and help students who experienced disruptions like homelessness graduate high school.

I'm particularly proud of the work I and other legislators undertook to amend the school funding formula to better consider communities with unique needs, like ours. Lewiston's poverty rate and high number of English language learners means that our schools are supporting a large number of students with wide-ranging needs, and it takes resources to do that. Because the Legislature was able to improve the state's school funding formula, Lewiston schools have benefitted from tens of millions of dollars in additional state funding in the past handful of years alone. And just last year, the Legislature met the 55 percent threshold for state funding of our schools for the first time since voters mandated it in 2004. Taken together, that means Lew-

iston property taxpayers are shouldering less of the burden for educating our kids, while students and educators are receiving more support.

I've been thinking a lot recently about the early days of the pandemic, when I was serving as Senate Majority Leader while my wife was working in the ICU taking care of patients during a time of enormous uncertainty. I spent those days on the phone with hospitals and local companies trying to figure out how to manufacture PPE locally, all while my baby son Charlie crawled over and around me. We were all doing what we could to help each other as best as we could through a scary time, and for me those memories will always represent the best of public service and my time as Lewiston's state senator. Thank you for putting your trust in me these past eight years. It's been the honor of a lifetime.

It's difficult to summarize eight years of work and all that we have accomplished together. But what I will remember most

are the hundreds of Lewiston residents who have contacted me over the years to voice their opinions, bring a local issue to my attention, or ask for help. Throughout my time in office, I've aimed to be straightforward with the people I represent, whether they are an independent, Republican or Democrat—or not a voter at all. When

people in our community reach out, I've done my level best to personally reply to each individual or family and connect them with the resources they needed or answer the questions they had. It's what people deserve from their legislator, and I encourage you to continue engaging with your legislators in a way that allows them to

best serve our community.

Until the new Legislature is sworn in on December 7, I'm still your state senator, and I'm here to help however I can. If you have questions or need help finding resources, you can send me an email at Nathan.Libby@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at (207) 287-1515 any time.

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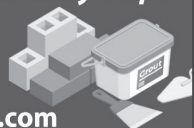
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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Paddling Runaround Pond



Paddlers depart the landing on Runaround Pond



Colorful lily pads clutter a sector of Runaround Pond



A kayaker negotiates a narrow passage on Runaround Pond

By Ron Chase

My one-word description for Runaround Pond is serene. I found the narrow 2.7-mile-long pond located in Durham last fall when I was looking for an easy kayak paddle while recuperating from hip surgery. I located it in my Delorme Maine Atlas when plotting a course to another pond and decided to stop on the way. From the moment I arrived at Runaround Pond Park, I was enthusiastic about everything I found.

The park has a boat landing, picnic area, hiking trail, toilet, and parking space for a few vehicles. The landing is ideal for a hand-carry launch. I

backed my vehicle down to the water and literally dropped my kayak in the pond.

The Runaround Pond Recreation Area is part of Royal River Conservation Trust (RRCT). As can be evidenced by the RRCT Landscape Map, there are lots of nooks and crannies to explore. One only has to paddle around the first bend to find the pond hosts an abundance of wildlife.

Runaround Pond has an interesting history. In prehistoric times, the locale was home to Wabanaki Native Americans for centuries. In the mid-18th Century, an early settler named Judah Chandler moved to the area. He built

a dam and sawmill at the head of a falls on a stream now named Chandler River. The dam created picturesque Runaround Pond.

My first visit to Runaround was a very pleasurable paddling experience. I went back for another early this summer. Each time, I returned home extolling the benefits of my new-found kayaking adventure. Intrigued, my wife Nancy joined me on a recent visit.

When we arrived at the park, Nancy immediately remarked, "This is nothing like what I expected." That was similar to my first reaction. The landing on the eastern end of the pond is nestled in a wooded area that looks

more like the entrance to a rest area than a pond. From the landing, only about an acre of pond is visible. From that viewpoint, an observer would not expect that a much more substantial paddling outing is forthcoming.

Shortly after launching, a Great Blue Heron wading in swamp grass loudly squawked at us and begrudgingly flew farther west. Each time I've paddled Runaround, lone Great Blue Herons have been encountered at different locations. I'm unsure if they're the same bird or several.

With the exception of a home situated at the top of a clearing near the western terminus, the shoreline of winding Runaround Pond is undeveloped. Besides the ubiquitous herons, wildlife is plentiful in this wilderness setting. Beavers, otters, eagles, osprey, and kingfishers are frequently spotted. Multitudes of turtles can usually be found lined up on logs along the shore.

We passed a beaver hut on the left at the outlet of a tiny tributary but no sign of beavers. In that same area, we met a solo kayaker fishing. She reported several bites. Runaround Pond is a popular fishing destination. Bass

and pickerel are plentiful.

Shortly after passing the mouth of Libby Brook on the right, we entered a sector cluttered with colorful lily pads. Locating a route in the maze was similar to negotiating a slalom course. The dense vegetation continued and the pond narrowed as we progressed west. Beyond the distinctive home on the right, we arrived at a dock where a pontoon boat was moored. Since aquatic vegetation thickens at that location, it had been my turnaround in the past.

Nancy and I decided to continue with our exploration. Although shallow and congested, we slowly progressed to an area where swamp grass appeared to block further advancement. Careful inspection identified an attenuated passage we negotiated using our paddles as setting poles. Just beyond, we converged on a culvert under Pownal Road. This was truly the end of the line, as submerged rocks prevented further progress.

On our return, we followed Libby Brook tributary to the end of nav-

igation. An otter swam in front of us just before we rejoined the pond. Approaching the landing, we turned right and paddled through a tunnel under Runaround Pond Road and entered a unique ravine. The pond ends there at what appears to be Judah Chandler's original dam. The 250 year old barrier continues to provide for the serenity of Runaround Pond.

Read about more than two dozen exciting paddling exploits 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.north-countrypress.com/maine-al-fresco 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.ronchase-outdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.

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PORTLAND, ME (October 24, 2022) — The American Red Cross urges blood donors of all types and those who have never given before to book a time to give blood or platelets now and help keep the blood supply from dropping ahead of the holidays.

People of all blood types are needed, especially platelet donors and those with type O blood – blood products that are critical to keeping hospitals ready to help patients depending on transfusions in the weeks ahead.

Book now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). As a thank-you for taking the time to give this fall, all who come to give Nov.1-22 will receive a

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- 5 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn Auburn, 14 Great Falls Plaza

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11/10/2022: 12 p.m.

- 5 p.m., Saint Marys Regional Medical Center, 99 Campus Ave.

Poland

11/12/2022: 9 a.m. -

2 p.m., Poland Town Hall, 1223 Maine Street, Rt. 26

Cumberland

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11/2/2022: 12 p.m. -

5 p.m., Brunswick Hotel and Tavern, 4 Noble St

11/9/2022: 10 a.m.

- 3 p.m., Morong Brunswick, 314 Bath Road

Falmouth

11/10/2022: 12 p.m.

- 5 p.m., The Episcopal Church of St. Mary, 43 Foreside Rd

11/2/2022: 11 a.m. -

4 p.m., TideSmart Global Falmouth, 380 USRoute 1

11/9/2022: 12 p.m. -

4:30 p.m., Lunt Auditorium, 74 Lunt Road

Freeport

11/2/2022: 12 p.m.

- 5 p.m., LLBean Retail Store Freeport, 95 Main Street

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11/3/2022: 1 p.m. - 6

p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road

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11/2/2022: 10 a.m. - 3

p.m., Portland Elks Lodge, 1945 Congress St.

Scarborough

11/14/2022: 10 a.m.

- 3 p.m., The Enclave of Scarborough, 18 Black Point Rd

South Portland

11/9/2022: 9 a.m. - 2

p.m., Eastpoint Christian Church, 345 Clarks Pond Pkwy

Westbrook

11/15/2022: 9 a.m.

- 2 p.m., Westbrook High School, 125 Stroudwater Street

11/4/2022: 12 p.m.

- 5 p.m., Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge Street

Windham

11/11/2022: 1 p.m.

- 6 p.m., North Windham Union Church, 723 Roosevelt Trail, Route 302

Yarmouth

11/4/2022: 12 p.m.

- 6 p.m., Yarmouth Town Hall, 200 main street

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to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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

Amplify Your Impact – Volunteer!

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Collins, Rosen MOBILE Health Act Signed into Law

WASHINGTON D.C. (October 18, 2022) — U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Jacky Rosen (D-NV) applauded news that President Biden has signed their bipartisan, bicameral Maximizing Outcomes through Better Investments in Lifesaving Equipment for (MOBILE) Health Care Act into law. The legislation provides community health centers with

the flexibility to use federal funds to establish new, mobile health care delivery sites to increase access to health care services in rural and underserved communities.

“Community health centers in Maine and across the country play an indispensable role in ensuring that rural and underserved communities receive affordable and quality health care,” said Senator Col-



lins. “The MOBILE Health Care Act will help community health centers further expand their reach to the most rural parts of our state by giving them greater flexibility and allowing them to bring clinics even closer to the patients they serve.”

“I am proud to have

worked in a bipartisan way to draft and pass this critical legislation to increase access to quality health care across Nevada and our country,” said Senator Rosen. “The MOBILE Health Care law will make it easier for community health centers to take their care on the go with mobile clinics,

bringing much needed care directly to underserved and rural communities.”

“On behalf of Community Health Centers and the 30 million patients they serve, I want to thank Senator Jacky Rosen and Senator Susan Collins for pushing this important bill to extend access to high-quality primary care to rural communities through an expansion of mobile clinics,” said Ra-

chel Gonzales-Hanson, Interim President and CEO of the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC). “Nearly half of health centers are located in rural and frontier communities, but we know there is still unmet need. Additional mobile health clinics have the potential to leverage the reach of health centers and fully serve hard-to-reach across the country patients.”

Maine Aviation Unit Slated for Deployment Next Year

BANGOR, MAINE (October 25, 2022) (readMedia) -- Thirty-six Maine soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 142nd Aviation Regiment (3-142) will deploy to the U.S. Central Command area of operations in February 2023, Maine National Guard officials publicly announced today.

The unit operates the UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter and is trained

to conduct air assault and air movement missions in support of combat and sustainment forces. The 3-142 will provide air support to Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Spartan Shield for approximately one year.

“The nation continues to rely on the National Guard to support our active-duty brothers and sisters around the globe, and we don’t anticipate

that slowing down anytime soon,” said Brig. Gen. Dean Preston, commander of the Maine Army National Guard. “Our soldiers have been training hard – just as you’d expect them to be doing – and we know they will do Maine and our country proud.”

The last deployment for an Army aviation unit from Maine was in 2018, when Company G, 3rd Battalion, 126th Aviation

Regiment supported operations in Afghanistan.

“As always, our sincere thanks to all our military families and employers,” said Maj. Gen. Douglas Farnham, Maine’s adjutant general. “These men and women have a lot on their plates to balance in order to lead a life of service, and your support is critical to mission accomplishment.”

The detachments of

3-142 are split between the Maine and Connecticut Army National Guard.

Historically, Maine air and maintenance crews have supported operations in Iraq, Kuwait, Guatemala and Bosnia, as well as domestically at the Southwest border and in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina.

Bangor-based Army National Guard aircraft are also periodically tasked with supporting the Maine

Warden Service, Maine Forest Service, Acadia or Baxter park rangers, and numerous local fire and rescue agencies in cases of lost or injured civilians.

Information on Inherent Resolve can be found at: www.inherentresolve.mil/

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The Victorian Ladies Detective Collective at The Public Theatre

(October 27, 2022)
 -- The Victorian Ladies Detective Collective is an entertaining murder mystery with a modern female sensibility now playing at The Public Theatre November 4 – 13.

Is Jack the Ripper at it again? It's 1893, and there's a murderer loose in London preying upon single women. Tired of waiting for the men of Scotland Yard to find the murderer, two sisters who run a local boarding home for women decide to take matters into their own hands. Joining forces with a cheeky American actress, these three determined ladies set off to solve the crime themselves.

"It's like watching a female Sherlock Holmes story", says director Christopher Schario. "Set over 400 years ago, this witty play also cleverly addresses many of the same social issues women today are still facing, creating a tale

of murder and mayhem for the modern-day woman.

Leading the investigation to find the murderer is Loveday Fortescue played by ROBYNE PARRISH. Robyne is returning for her 6th production at the Public, (The Revolutionists, Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, The Book Club Play, Miss Witherspoon and Rough Crossing) and recently appeared Off-Broadway in the world premiere of Strings Attached as well as in the film A Man Called Otto with Tom Hanks. Playing her sleuthing sister Valeria Hunter is JOYCE COHEN. Public Theatre audiences may recognize Joyce from last season's Middletown, and previously in Humble Boy and The Midvale High School Fiftieth Reunion. Joyce has extensive experience performing on Broadway, in films and was most recently seen Off-Broadway in the World Premiere



Left to right - Courtney Thomas as Katie Smalls, Robyne Parrish as Loveday Fortescue, and Joyce Cohen as Valeria Hunter

of This Space Between Us. Playing the cheeky American actress Katie

Smalls is COURTNEY THOMAS. Courtney has previously appeared at The

Public in The Book Club Play as well as Off-Broadway and in regional theatres and is now based in the "other LA". New to Public Theatre audiences from his career in Arizona is MATHEW ZIMMERER playing all the juicy male characters in the show including PC Crane, theatrical producer Warham-Wynn and the meat butcher Toddy.

The set for Victorian Ladies is designed by Jennifer B. Madigan, lights by Erin Fauble, costumes by Anne Collins and original music and sound design by Scott O'Brien.

The Victorian Ladies' Detective Collective will be performed at The Public Theatre, Lewiston/Auburn's Professional Theatre on Fri Nov 4 at 7:30pm, Sat Nov 5 at 7:30pm, Sun Nov 6 at 2pm, Thurs Nov 10 at 7:30pm, Fri Nov 11 at 7:30pm, Sat Nov 12 at 3 & 7:30pm and Sun Nov 13 at 2pm. Tickets are \$25. For

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16th Saint Dominic Academy Holiday Festival Set for Nov. 5

AUBURN, ME (October 20, 2022)---The 16th Saint Dominic Academy Holiday Festival will be held on the Auburn campus of the school, located on 121 Gracelawn Avenue, on Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The festival will include over 80 local artisans, crafters, and vendors, raffle tables for children and adults, a bake sale, games, a "winter wonderland," and the opportunity to visit Santa.

A festival kitchen will be open for breakfast and lunch, and the event will also include a mini festival of trees.

Registration for vendors for the festival is open. For more information or if you can volunteer at the festival, call the academy at (207) 782-6911 or contact Nicole at nicole.adams@portlanddiocese.org.

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UMaine to Study Climate Change Resilience For Mobile Homes

ORONO, ME (October 24, 2022) -- The University of Maine will partner with regional institutions to study climate change resilience of mobile home parks in the Northeast, thanks to funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA).

The NOAA Climate Adaptation Partnerships program, formerly the Regional Integrated Science and Assessments (RISA) program, awarded more than \$79,000 to Sean Birkel, Maine state climatologist and assistant professor with a joint appointment in University of Maine Cooperative Extension and the UMaine Climate Change Institute, for a study of climate change resilience in mobile home park communities along with collaborators in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Mobile home park communities are com-

monly found in rural and ex-urban areas in the northern New England states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Mobile homes in parks are an affordable housing option at a time when there is a regional housing crisis.

However, these communities are especially vulnerable to climate-related extreme events. Most parks were developed before land use regulations were in place and are sited in low-cost, but often unsuitable and hazardous locations vulnerable to risks presented by climate change. For example, in Vermont, 6% of mobile home parks had land in floodways with more than 20% of parks at least partially located in FEMA-mapped floodplains, according to prior research from the University of Vermont. During Tropical Storm Irene, mobile homes accounted for 15% of homes damaged

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during the storm in Vermont, though mobile made up only 7% of the state's housing stock.

"Mobile, or manufactured, homes are susceptible to damage from severe weather such as high winds and excessive rainfall, especially for structures that are not anchored," says Birkel.

Birkel, along with colleagues at the Universities of New Hampshire and Vermont, will use the NOAA grant to develop a deeper understanding of how mobile home parks in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont are being impacted by climate change. They will create a database of mobile home park com-

munities in the three states—Vermont is the only of the three that currently maintains a mobile home park registry—and convene meetings with representatives of the mobile home park communities to determine climate change impacts in different ecoregions across the Northeast. The meetings will also build relationships that will support climate resilience efforts with mobile home park frontline communities.

"Mobile home communities are an important part of Vermont's affordable housing landscape, yet, as Tropical Storm Irene demonstrated, they face greater risks from cli-

mate change," says Kelly Hamshaw, co-principal investigator and senior lecturer in the Department of Community Development and Applied Economics at the University of Vermont. "This collaboration across northern New England will allow us to better understand the disproportionate risks posed by climate change, build partnerships across sectors and take a broader look at challenges and opportunities for supporting the resilience of these unique communities across the region."

"Mobile home park management structures and practices vary from one community to the next and in many parks, residents may own their home but not the land," says Mary Stampone, co-principal investigator and associate professor of geography at the University of New Hampshire. "These factors present a different set

of challenges, unique to mobile home park communities, that must also be considered when assessing the risks posed by climate change."

The researchers will also identify key external agencies and connect local and non-local stakeholders like state agencies and non-profits that can reduce the vulnerabilities of the communities to climate change. Then, they will hold a final cross-state virtual meeting of all key stakeholders to discuss commonalities across each state and to develop an action roadmap for future collaboration and information sharing.

"By reaching out to vulnerable communities we can learn their climate adaptation and resiliency needs, and help connect people to needed resources. Ultimately, this project contributes to the important work of Maine's Climate Action Plan," says Birkel.

Hart Brook Watershed Management Plan Efforts Continue

LEWISTON, ME (October 25, 2022) -- The City of Lewiston is announcing construction for storm water improvements currently underway along Saratoga Street and Forrest-

al Street.

This work is part of the ongoing effort by the City to implement the Hart Brook Watershed Management Plan (www.lewistonmaine.gov/hartbrookimprovement) and improve the water quality of Hart Brook.



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St. Laurent and Son is the construction con-

tractor who is doing the work, which will continue throughout the beginning of November. In addition,

30 shade trees have recently been installed along Hart Brook in the Saratoga Street area.

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has contributed fund-

ing for this project under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The funding is administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in partnership with EPA.

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Franco Center's Piano Series Season to Open Nov. 4

LEWISTON, ME (October 24, 2022)—Concert pianist Matthew Graybil will open the Franco Center's Piano Series season at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4. Doors and cash bar open an hour before

the show. One of the most popular pianists to have performed at the Franco Center, Graybil will begin the program with his arrangement of Stravinsky's Pulcinella Suite. Beethoven's Sonata No. 14, Opus

27 ("Moonlight") will complete the first half of the recital. Following intermission, he will feature works by Bellini and Chopin, and end the scheduled program with Bellini's arrangement of Liszt's "Reminiscences

of Norma." Graybil stands out among the new generation of American classical pianists. He was praised by The New Yorker as "an exceptional artist" and by the Southampton Press for playing described as "hypnotic and compelling." Following the release of his debut album, in 2012, featuring works by Brahms and Schubert, Fanfare Magazine called him "one of the most sensitive, poetic young pianists to debut on record in recent memory."

In September 2015, Graybil and Igor Lovchinsky, a close friend since their time at Juilliard, opened the Franco Center's 10th Piano Series Season with the New England premiere of the Piston work, for which they had collaborated in the New York premiere the previous year.

A record of Chopin's Complete Etudes, Op. 10 was released by the Chopin Project in 2016, and his recording, with Larry Weng, of the Piston Concerto for two pianos soli was released in February 2018 for Steinway & Sons records. He returned to Steinway's recording studio in August, 2018, to record selections from his Debussy centennial celebration program. In March 2020, he released his most recent album with violinist Niv Ashkenazi, entitled "Vio-



Concert pianist Matthew Graybil returns to the Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston, on Friday, November 4. The program, beginning at 7 p.m., opens the Center's Piano Series season. Submitted photo.

lins of Hope" for Albany Records.

A native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Graybil began his piano studies at age 6 and gave his first recital within a year. His teacher was Harvey Wedeen. He made his orchestral debut, at age 14, with a performance of the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1.

He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the Juilliard School under the tutelage of Jerome Lowenthal and Matti Raekallio. He has given masterclasses at music schools and universities internationally and served as a faculty member of the Lancaster International Piano Festival. He resides in New York City.

A prizewinner in national and international

competitions, Graybil has given solo recitals and performed with orchestras and in chamber groups in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands, and France.

A special thanks goes to the Piano Series season sponsor Ann's Flower Shop.

Tickets are \$20. No charge for students. Tickets can be purchased online at www.francocenter.org or by phone at 207-689-2000. Tickets can also be purchased in person at our box office between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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The River Comics Bringing Stand-Up Comedy to Franco Center



Jim McCue

LEWISTON, ME (October 27, 2022)—The River Comics will return to the Franco stage on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 46 Cedar Street. The stand-up comedians include headliner Jim McCue, featured comedian Ian MacDonald, and rounded out with comedian host Nick Gordon.

McCue went viral this year with his DryBar special “nothing personal” which has had almost 5

million views. He has been featured on Comedy Central, Comcast Comedy Spotlight, NBC’s “Last Comic Standing,” Red Eye on Fox news, Live at Gotham AXS, and several appearances on the “Bob and Tom” show. McCue founded and currently runs The Boston Comedy Festival.

Featured comedian MacDonald placed 3rd in the Finals of New England’s



Ian MacDonald

Funniest Comedian Competition 2022, was a contestant in The River Comic’s Maine’s Wicked Funny Laugh-Off Contest 2021, a finalist in Maine Event Comedy’s Tightest Five Competition, performed at the Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest 2021, the Portland Maine Comedy Festival 2022, and was a regular performer at Empire Comedy Club, including the Make ME Laugh game show and

Ignorant. Independently, he produces weekly comedy at Stroudwater Distillery and Thompsons Point. MacDonald is the newest member of The River Comics, Comedy Productions. He can be seen performing throughout New England and beyond.

Host Gordon is a stand-up comedy writer, performer, and producer. He has dabbled in podcasting and voiceover work and



Nick Gordon

enjoys any opportunity to make people laugh. His style is ever evolving, and he just might be one of the best comics you’ve never heard of.

Support for this comedy event comes from Roopers, Maple Way Dental Care, Bennett Radio Group, Sun Journal, Turner Publishing, and Uncle Andy’s Digest.

Doors and cash bar open at 6 p.m. Tickets

are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door day of the show. Tickets can be purchased by phone at 207-689-2000, online at www.francoenter.org, or in person at the Franco Center’s box office between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Parking is in the mill lot. The building is ADA accessible on the Lincoln St. Alley side. The Franco Center is at 46 Cedar St., Lewiston.

Androscoggin Retired Educators’ Association to Host Guest Speaker

AUBURN, ME (October 27, 2022) -- The Androscoggin Retired Educators’ Association will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9th at the

Sixth Street Congregational Church at 109 Sixth Street in Auburn.

The guest speaker for this meeting will be Susan Feiner who is a retired col-

lege professor who has been working to protect university teachers’ pensions. She is our communications officer on the Maine board of retired teachers.

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.

We are invited to participate in a Christmas, or holiday, ornament exchange. Those who wish may bring an ornament from their own collection, or a new one to exchange with another.

Due to an unfortunate accident at our October meeting, members are

urged to use the handicap ramp to enter and leave the building.

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, admin-

istrators, 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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and multi-session classes provided in interactive and self-paced online formats. The full class schedule with offerings for November 2022 and beyond is accessible at bit.ly/NVMEClasses and include the following:
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ber 1 - 29, 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 workshops: Wednes-

days, November 2 - 16, 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 workshops. November 2: Budgeting Basics; November 9: Let's Talk About Credit; November 16: Build Your Savings.
Build Your Career Making Your Career Choices: Tuesday, November 1, 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 Tuesday, November 1, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, December 6, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.)
Building a Strong Future: Wednesdays, November 2 - 16, 10:00 – 11:30 a.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.
Building Confid-

dence: Tuesdays, November 8 - 22, 10:00 – 11:00 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, November 8 - 22, 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. November 8: Job Search Strategies; November 15: Resume Strategies; November 22: Interview Strategies.
Start a Business Introduction to Self-Employment: Tuesday, November 1, 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. (Also offered Tuesday, December 6, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)
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To sign up for any of the above classes, visit bit.ly/NVMEClasses or call 207-621-3440.

KVCC Announces Fall 2022 Enrollment Numbers



FAIRFIELD, ME (October 27, 2022) -- Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC) of Fairfield, one of the seven members of the Maine Community Col-

lege System, is announcing their Fall Enrollment Census Data for the Fall 2022 semester. These numbers serve as important benchmarks for the college for tracking year-

over-year enrollment, identifying trends, planning future budgets, etc. When comparing the enrollment data to the Fall 2021 semester, KVCC saw positive growth in

multiple areas. There was a 5.3% increase in total credits enrolled for Fall 2022 compared to Fall 2021, as well as a 30% increase in enrollment from students directly out of high school. KVCC's total student body for Fall 2022 was 2,119, up from 2021, with 47% of the student body being from Kennebec County and 28% from Somerset County. 76% of students are enrolled part-time at KVCC, with an average age of 24. Of the 2,119 Fall

2022 students, 1,311 (62%) are enrolled in degree-seeking programs. 530 students in degree programs became eligible for free college tuition via the Free College Scholarship, which allowed high school graduates or students with GED/HiSET equivalencies from the Classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 to receive 100% of their tuition and mandatory fees paid for. KVCC currently offers over 30 programs of study, focused on teaching students valuable and

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Auburn Resident Earns Award from WGU

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (Grassroots Newswire) (October 20, 2022) -- Kelsey Anthony of Auburn, Maine has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University Leavitt School of Health. The award is given to students who perform at a superior level in their coursework.

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Maine Arts Commission Tours Arts and Cultural Venues



Members of the Maine Arts Commission and ACLA visited the “Zebra” at the Centreville parking garage in Lewiston. Detroit muralist Arlin Graff painted the mural in 2018 for the Build Maine conference. Left to Right: David Blocher, ACLA; Khristina Kurasz, MAC; David Greenham, MAC; Carl Sheline, Mayor of Lewiston; Ryan Leighton, MAC; Julie Horn, MAC; Gerald Walsh, LA Arts; Anna Faherty, USM Franco-American Collection; Danielle Moriarty, MAC; Martha Piscuskas, MAC; David Chittim, Androscooggin Historical Society. Photo Credits: Elaine Gammon, photo, Shane McGeehan, editor.

LEWISTON, ME (October 27, 2022) — Members of the Maine Arts Commission (MAC) recently visited Lewiston and Auburn to learn about the area’s many arts and cultural organizations. Hosted by Arts and Culture Lewiston Auburn (ACLA), they toured local libraries, performance venues, museums, and historical societies, as well as visiting public art installations.

ACLA is a marketing collective of 17 arts and cultural organizations that advocates and promotes their work to the public. The group invited MAC commissioners to visit as a followup session to MAC’s over 20 meetings held around the state to gather information as it

develops its five-year plan.

The purpose of the tour was to acquaint the Commission with the L/A community and forge a stronger connection with MAC. As a state agency, it is tasked with encouraging and stimulating public interest and participation in the cultural heritage and cultural programs of Maine.

“It was wonderful to spend time with the ACLA team and learn more about the wonderful cultural projects going on in Lewiston and Auburn,” said David Greenham, MAC’s executive director. “We hope that these fruitful collaborations will continue and support the work of the ACLA and others who are leading the cultural boom in the twin cities.”

The tour included a sitdown session with a welcome by Lewiston Mayor Carl Sheline and several presentations. “The Maine Arts Commission visit to Lewiston and Auburn on Tuesday was a wonderful chance for the commission members to explore the arts and culture the twin cities have to offer,” said Mayor Sheline. “I was pleased to join the Arts and Culture Lewiston Auburn members in a tour of their institutions, as well as speak on the recent arts developments at the city level here in Lewiston.”

For more information about ACLA and its member organizations, including a calendar of their events for the public, go to <https://laarts.org/programs/acla/>.

Lewiston Celebrates Opening of State Farm Insurance Agency

LEWISTON, ME (October 23, 2022) — A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the opening of a new State Farm Agency in Lewiston owned and operated by Deanna Lynn on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Lewiston Mayor Carl Sheline was joined by LA Metro Chamber President and CEO Shanna Cox, and members of the State Farm Agency team.

Deanna started her career with State Farm agency in 1989, which has now grown into a family affair. Her husband, oldest son, and sister are all part of the State Farm Agency family.

“I have my bachelor’s degree in nursing, and have always been very passionate about taking care of other’s needs. I have a deep understanding of the

stress and helplessness we can feel when things go wrong, so I am here to help things go right,” said owner, Deanna Lynn.

As a proud resident and member of the Lewiston Auburn community, Deanna looks forward to building and supporting the community by protecting those who are vulnerable with life insurance and renters’ insurance. Deanna

is a longtime supporter of many great causes and grassroots initiatives, and is a proud local sports mom of five.

“As an executive who balances family, work and community, I know firsthand that Deanna’s success in business stems from her deep engagement and care for community. Her empathy and skill is evident, and makes her not only an asset

for her clients, but an asset to Auburn and Lewiston,” said Shanna Cox, President + CEO of the LA Metro Chamber.

“Lewiston is a place of tremendous economic opportunity as a city that is certified business friendly by the state of Maine. We are proud to be to be the home of many strong, well-established businesses, a growing number of

startups, and a city with a can do attitude,” remarked Mayor Sheline.

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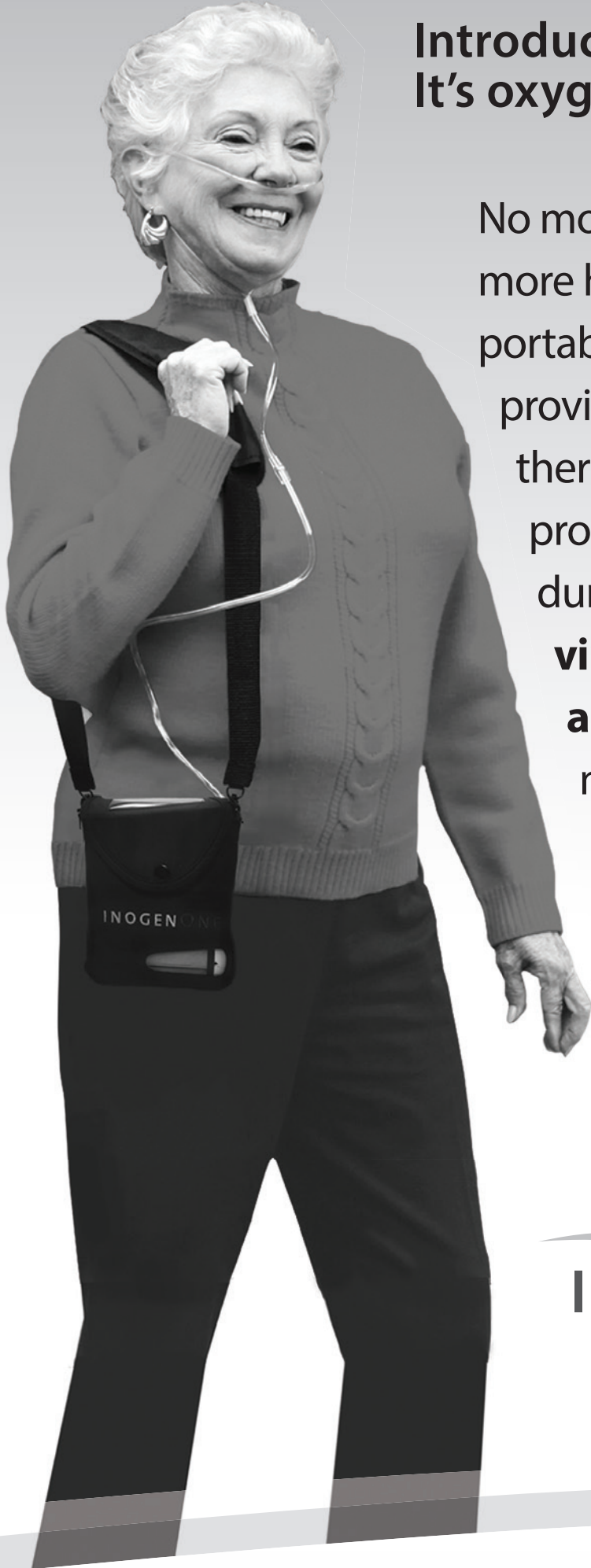
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BOOTHBAY -- Boothbay Region Art Foundation's 15th annual juried exhibition, Art in Maine, will be held at the foundation gallery Oct. 8 through Nov. 13. Art in Maine's exhibit presents a fresh and selective look at the fine art being created by Maine 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 \$1,000 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 Littlefield Gallery in Winterport.

November 3; November 17

LEWISTON -- Maine's first & only Backgammon club is looking for new members! Meetings October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17; 6pm - 8pm at Obscura Cafe & Drinkery, 108 Lisbon St. Lewiston

November 5

MINOT -- Come to the Holiday Fair at Minot Corner United Methodist Church, Rt. 121 Corner of Minot Ave. & Empire Rd. 9 a.m. Until 1 p.m. Homemade Baked Goods, Candy and Fudge Table, Crafts, Soaps, Old Fashioned Cabot Extra Sharp Cheddar Cheese, Jams & Jellies, Pickles and More. Take-out Luncheon Available at 9:00 a.m. Silent Auction Table with great Christmas Gifts.

November 5

LEWISTON -- The Ladies of Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International are bringing back

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Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

their annual Teddy Bear Fair on November 5th from 9:00 to 2:00 at the Lewiston High School gym. The Ladies of Mu are all Educators, active and retired, from the Lewiston/Auburn area. Money generated by our Fair goes to scholarships, one for a graduating senior from one of the high schools in the Twin Cities and surrounding communities, who plans to go into education; the other goes to a DKG Member who is working on an advanced degree. The Fair includes raffles, baked goods, harvest items, books, and a variety of crafts!

November 5

GORHAM -- Public Bean Supper White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Road, Gorham. Saturday, Nov 5, 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.

\$10 adults, \$5 under 12 Follow us on Facebook for updates: facebook.com/whiterockcommunityclub

November 7

AUBURN -- The Auburn Art Club will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7 at the Park Avenue Methodist Church in Auburn. The program for this month will be our annual scholarship auction with auctioneer Mary Ann Norcross providing great fun. Members are urged to bring items to be auctioned. It is suggested that members arrive early

so that they can view displayed items. Hostesses for this meeting are Jean Pacheco, Lucky DiBello, and Bonnie Ross.

November 10

LEWISTON -- The Southern Maine Squadron SAFBVA will have the last get together of the 2022 summer schedule at noontime at the Governors Restaurant in Lewiston, Thursday November 10. The Summer schedule will resume in May 2023.

Veterans of all branches and their guests are welcome to join. FMI call 207-657-4909 Bob Sawyer or email wvmtk-wkr1933@gmail.com

November 10

LEWISTON -- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library, or virtual: GREAT FALLS FORUM: OVERLOOKED STORIES AND HISTORIES: AFRICAN AMERICANS IN MAINE

This Great Falls Forum panel will share stories to advance our knowledge of African Americans in Maine. Along with building a more honest and inclusive narrative of the community's racial-ethnic heritage, panelists offer creative ways to preserve and celebrate told and untold stories of work, community-building, and the region's multifaceted heritage.

Free. In person or virtual. Bring your bag lunch. The Zoom link will be posted to the Library website and Facebook prior to the event. 513-3135; www.LPLonline.org

November 12

AUBURN -- West Auburn Congregational

Church at Public Supper. Come join us for dinner or take yours to go. Ham or Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Macaroni and Cheese, Rolls, Coffee, Water and Dessert. Time: 4:30 to 6:00 pm; Date: Saturday November 12.

November 12

TURNER -- We are having a Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 8 to 2 at the Turner Center Universalist Church, Route #117, in Turner across from the Gazebo.

We will have a good variety of crafts, white elephants, a baked goods table, and a food basket raffle. We also will have a light lunch available consisting of hotdogs and/or soups.

November 16

AUBURN -- JobsInME is hosting a Career Fair at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn, on November 16, 2022 from 3-6 PM. ME Career Fairs are back by popular demand — live and in person! JobsInME, a leading resource for Maine employment advertising, is proud to present the ME Career Fair! For more than 20 years we've provided job seekers with real, quality jobs online. And, with our popular ME Career Fairs, we also bring you the opportunity to meet face-to-face with recruiters from some of the best companies in Maine. Job seekers, pre-register now at www.mecareerfairs.com/ and be entered to win a \$100 Visa gift card upon check-in at the event. It's fast and free — plus you'll avoid registration lines at the door! Employers, if you are interested in registering as an exhibitor, contact our sales team at 877-374-1088 or email sales@jobsinme.com

November 17

LEWISTON -- SPECULATIVE FICTION

BOOK CLUB – SCIENCE-FICTION (5:30 pm at the Lewiston Public Library)

In this limited three session adult speculative fiction book club, LPL librarians will host interactive discussions on select genre novels. The Sci-fi read will be This Is How You Lose the Time War by Amal El-Mohtar & Max Gladstone. Open to genre fans and those who are new to genre novels alike.

Free. Registration required. Bottled water and small snacks available. Contact info. 513-3135; www.LPLonline.org

November 17; December 15

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 role-playing 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

November 19

AUBURN -- The United Methodist Church of Auburn will hold its annual Church Fair on Saturday, November 19, from 9 to 1 pm. Enjoy the country kitchen and purchase homemade beans, chili, meatballs, donuts, homemade pies. Also shop for candy, crafts, vintage cabbage dolls, jewelry, fresh Maine wreaths, \$5 surprise gift bags, white elephant goodies and much more. Come early to 489 Park Avenue in Auburn for the best selections.

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 sales, offering a raised-bed vegetable garden class, supporting summer-reading programming and book clubs, landscaping library grounds, and participating in town events, such as the Community Fair and Tiny Timber tree lighting. In 2019, the work of the Friends received the Spirit of America Foundation Award, a tribute presented to Maine municipalities, individuals, and organizations for commendable community service.

The Lewiston Public Library Introduces Bendable Maine

LEWISTON, ME (October 27, 2022) -- The Lewiston Public Library is proud to introduce

Bendable Maine, a robust learning marketplace, in partnership with the Maine State Library.

Bendable Maine allows residents of all ages and backgrounds to easily discover and access con-

tent that is just right for them on a wide variety of subjects and then acquire new knowledge and skills through online courses as well as local, in-person learning opportunities. The vast majority of the learning made available through the system is free to residents of the state. (When there is a cost to the user, it is clearly indicated.)

Having people attain new skills so that they can

improve their job prospects is extremely important, so much of the learning on Bendable Maine is work-related. The platform includes career pathways, backed by Maine employers, where you can earn a digital badge, giving you a leg up in your job search.

At the same time, Bendable Maine has resources on a wide variety of topics, including cooking healthier meals, han-

dling personal finances, fixing things around the house, understanding technology—even foraging for mushrooms. The platform features personal learning playlists from individual residents across Maine. It also has lots of resources from state and local providers (the university and community college systems, career centers, adult education programs, music schools, art museums and many others), along with a wide range of national providers (including Study.com, edX, GCFGlobal and a dozen more). So be sure to check out Bendable Maine! Just visit maine.bendable.com. For more information, contact the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3135 or LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov.

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Waterville Creates Announces “Piecework” Exhibition



Artwork by Maggie Libby

WATERVILLE, ME (October 27, 2022) – Waterville Creates is excited to announce the “Piecework: Hathaway Stories + Storytellers” exhibition at Ticonic Gallery, on view through Nov. 11.

“Piecework” documents the labor conditions and female Franco-American workers’ stories at the Hathaway Shirt Company, the last shirt manufacturer in Maine. Artist Maggie Libby’s work is inspired by Waterville native Margaret Bernier’s 1981 Colby Senior Scholar thesis, “Labor study of the Franco-American community of Waterville, Maine from 1890 to 1940,” as well as other individual stories, local histories, and publications from Franco historians and writers from the perspective of the workers at the C. F. Hathaway Company.

The exhibition is comprised of interactive components, charcoal

drawings, and community-contributed photographs and memorabilia relating to experiences at the Hathaway. In partnership with Paula Raymond, a South End neighbor, and partner in the project, the exhibition continues to gather the stories of those who worked at the Hathaway, whose presence and earning power supported their local families and community businesses in untold ways.

“Maggie Libby’s use of drawing and archival work creates a bridge to the past in the here and now, allowing us to understand and honor our histories,” said Marie Sugden, exhibitions coordinator. “This exhibition is a nod to the rich history of the Hathaway building, and also a fond farewell, as we eagerly prepare to move to our new home at 93 Main Street.”

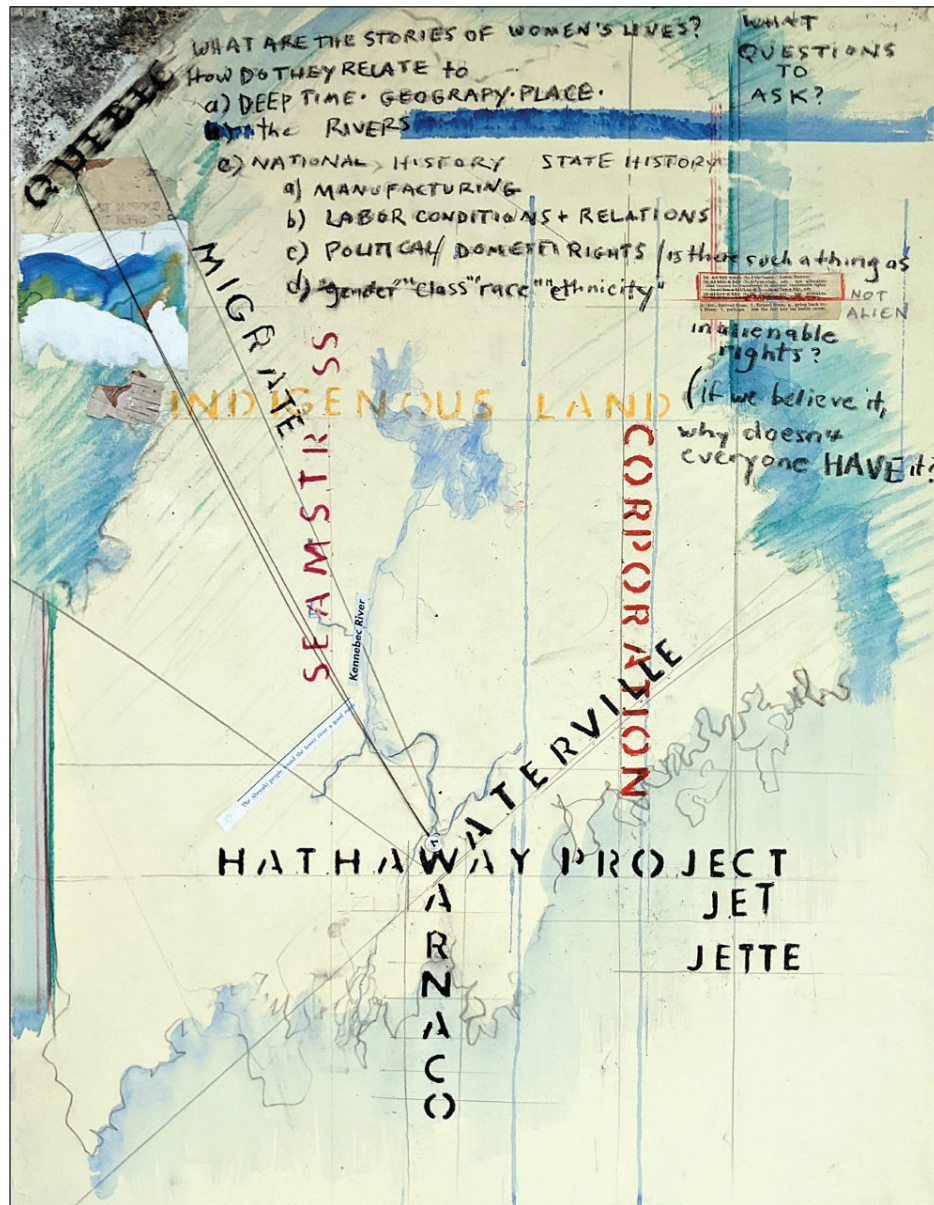
“Piecework: Hathaway Stories + Storytellers”

is the final exhibition at Ticonic Gallery’s location in the Hathaway Creative Center. All future exhibitions will be held at Ticonic Gallery’s new location in the Paul J. Schupf Art Center in downtown Waterville.

A closing reception will be held with Maggie Libby on Nov. 10 from 5-7 p.m. at Ticonic Gallery at 10 Water Street, Suite #106. This event is free and open to the public.

“Piecework: Hathaway Stories + Storytellers” runs until Friday, Nov. 11. Admission is free. Ticonic Gallery is open to the public Monday-Friday from 12-5 p.m.

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Hathaway Project Map by Maggie Libby

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