

Evergreen Credit Union Breaks Ground on Scarborough Branch



SCARBOROUGH, ME (June 23, 2023) -- Evergreen Credit Union broke ground on a new branch in Scarborough, ME on June 19. The branch will be located at 617 U.S. Route 1 and is planned to be open for business by Spring 2024.

The new state-of-the-art branch will be approximately 3,000 sq. ft. with two drive-through lanes, one ATM lane and will be staffed by Evergreen's award-winning service team.

Those close to and in York County will now have a convenient full-service banking option, including on Saturdays. "We are very excited about coming to Scarborough and especially to the Dunstan Corner area," Jason Lindstrom, Evergreen's President/CEO stated. "There aren't any financial institutions in this part of Scarborough, and we look forward to serving the community here along with the nearby communities of Old Orchard Beach and Saco."

With Evergreen Credit Union's com-

Evergreen Team breaks ground at new Scarborough Branch. (from left to right: Bill Foster, Board Member; Chelsey Cargen, Asst. Manager; Linda Parker, VP; Laura Briggs, VP; Rich Folse, VP; Tim Verreault, COO; Jason Lindstrom, CEO; Denis Knox, VP; Deirdre Pio, Gawron Turgeon Associates; Paul Ostrowski, Sebago Technics; Rocco Risbara, Risbara Bros.; Bill Weeks, Risbara Bros.)

munity-based mission, it is important that Gawron Turgeon Architects (GTA) and Risbara Construction will be completing this project. "We are pleased with the site here in Scarborough and to be able to work

with the town and local firms on the new branch," Tim Verreault, Evergreen's EVP/COO and project lead said.

Evergreen Credit Union has assets of over \$515 million, ranking fifth among

Maine-based credit unions. The credit union was founded in 1951 to serve employees of the S.D. Warren Paper Mill in Westbrook and has grown to service six counties in southern Maine.

Gorham Special School Budget Validation Election Information

GORHAM, ME (June 23, 2023) -- A Special School Budget Validation Election will take place on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 to allow voters to validate the revised FY 24 school budget.

Below are helpful website links and answers to frequently asked questions:

How do I register to vote?

When do polls open and close on Election Day? Poll places open at 7am and close at 8pm.

Where do I vote?

Visit the Town's website to view a

listing of assigned polling wards based on odd/even residential street addresses in Gorham. Wards are as follows:

Ward 1-1: Gorham Middle School - 106 Weeks Road

Ward 1-2: Great Falls Elementary School - 73 Justice Way

Ward 2: Shaw Gym, Gorham Municipal Center - 75 South Street

See the town website to view a map of voting wards.

Voter Registration

Unenrolled voters can enroll in a

party at any time including Election Day since the State of Maine offers Election Day voter registration.

Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots are available by request by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670. Ballots will be available to be mailed out during the week of July 10th. Please note that absentee voting will not be held in Council Chambers for this election; however, some booths will be set up in the Clerk's Office for citizens to vote in-person starting July 12th. The last day to request an absentee ballot or vote in the Town Clerk's Office will be July 20th at 5pm. Ballots can be returned up to until 8pm on election day in the ballot box outside of the Gorham Municipal Center or in the Town Clerk's Office.

The State website is not available for requesting absentee ballots for this election since it is a local election.

For general election information, please visit the Town's website. If you have additional questions about absentee voting, please visit the Town Clerk's Office or call 222-1670.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Legislature Unanimously Enacts Maine Indian Child Welfare Act

AUGUSTA, ME (June 23, 2023) – On Thursday, the Maine Senate and House enacted a bill from Sen. Donna Bailey, D-Saco, that would enshrine protections for Maine Indian children and their families into state law. LD 1970, “An Act to Enact the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act,” received unanimous support in both chambers, including a unanimous roll call in the Senate.

“When national and federal policies feel uncertain, it’s imperative for us to act. That’s what this bill was about — ensuring that, at least in Maine,

there would be no backsliding on the necessary policies we need to protect Indian children, their families and ultimately their cultures,” said Sen. Bailey. “I’m grateful that this bill received such clear, bipartisan support.”

The Maine Indian Child Welfare Act would establish procedures and standards for cases concerning custody proceedings, foster care placements, termination of parental rights and adoptions involving Indian children.

In 1978, Congress enacted the Indian Child Welfare Act to address

policies and practices that resulted in the wholesale separation of Indian children from their families. State and private agencies were removing as many as 25 to 35% of Indian children from their families and placing many of these children in non-Indian foster and adoptive homes. Congress determined that cultural ignorance and biases within the child welfare system were significant causes of this problem. In light of this, Congress recognized that it is in the best interest of the child to maintain Tribal connections and that children are vital

to Tribes’ continued existence. The ICWA aims to “protect the best interests of Indian children and promote the stability and security of Indian Tribes and families.”

The Federal ICWA governs State child-custody proceedings in multiple ways:

- Recognizes Tribal jurisdiction over decisions for their Indian children;
- Establishes minimum federal standards for the removal of Indian children from their families;
- Establishes preferences for placement

of Indian children with extended family or other Tribal families;

• Institutes protections to ensure that birth parents’ voluntary relinquishments of their children are truly voluntary.

A recent US. Supreme Court, *Haaland v. Brackeen*, created concern over the future of ICWA. Depending on how the court ruled, important safeguards for custody and child welfare proceedings involving Indian children and families could have been eliminated. The Supreme Court’s ruling in the case earlier this month

left ICWA intact.

LD 1970, which is supported by the Maine Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS), will enshrine these protections in state law, ensuring continuity in Maine, regardless of any changes on the national level. The committee amendment adds an emergency clause, ensuring the bill will take effect immediately upon becoming law.

LD 1970 now goes to the desk of Gov. Janet Mills, where she has 10 days to either sign it into law, veto it or allow it to become law without her signature.

Maine Festival Celebrates Maine Talent, Cinematic Excellence



WATERVILLE, ME (June 23, 2023) — The Maine International Film Festival (MIFF) proudly announces the full schedule and program for its 26th edition, set to captivate audiences from July 7–16. This year’s Festival showcases an exceptional lineup of Maine-made shorts and features alongside renowned international and classic films. Individual tickets and festival passes are on sale at MIFF.org, and printed program guides will soon be available around Central Maine.

The festival welcomes back Ildikó Enyedi, a visionary director and artist known for her

remarkable contributions to world cinema, who had her first career retrospective at MIFF in 1999. Enyedi’s distinctive storytelling and captivating visuals have garnered critical acclaim and numerous accolades, including the *Caméra d’Or* for Best First Feature at Cannes for “My Twentieth Century.” She will be presented with the MIFF Mid-Life Achievement Award at a screening of “On Body and Soul” and a reception at Front & Main on Sunday, July 9.

MIFF is thrilled to showcase the work of Bill Morrison, acclaimed for his unique blending of archival and found film



Director Bill Morrison. Photo credit Wolfgang Wesener.

footage with evocative soundscapes to create mesmerizing cinematic experiences. Following the screening of his film “Dawson City: Frozen Time,” a reception at OPA will celebrate his contributions to film history. His exhibition “Bill Morrison: Cycles and

Loops” will show at the Joan Dignam Schmaltz Gallery of Art at the Paul J. Schupf Art Center from Aug. 18–Dec. 31, 2023.

MIFF will present the annual Tourmaline Prizes, awards celebrating the finest Maine-made short and feature films with prizes of \$2,500



Director Ildikó Enyedi

and \$5,000 respectively. These prizes aim to foster Maine’s filmmaking industry, from thought-provoking documentaries to captivating narratives.

“We’re honored to showcase a fantastic slate of films from Maine and around the globe. With 7 feature-length and 16 shorts made in Maine, we are proud to celebrate a bumper crop of production happening in our state,” said Mike Perreault, executive director of the Maine Film Center. “Venerated guests Ildikó Enyedi and Bill Morri-

son will join us in-person, as will the colleagues of dozens of the nearly 100 films we have programmed for audiences this year.”

The 26th Maine International Film Festival takes place July 7–16 at the Maine Film Center and Waterville Opera House, both accessed via the Paul J. Schupf Art Center at 93 Main Street, Waterville, Maine. For further information, including the festival schedule, ticketing details, and updates, please visit MIFF.org.



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New England Rehabilitation Hospital Awards



Lindsay True



Torey Murphy



Katie DeSantis



Vicki Legere



Abigail Pease



Community Partnership Award: Steve Wade, Katie Bizier, and NERHP CEO Nab Kundu

PORTLAND, ME (June 23, 2023) New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland presented several awards at their annual Employee Appreciation celebration held on June 7.

Lindsay True, CRRN, Nurse Supervisor, of Steep Falls, was awarded the Clinician of the Year Award. Over nearly eight years at NERHP, Lindsay has continuously set the standard for excellence in all aspects of patient care. She is focused on improving the quality of the rehabilitation care we provide, as well as ensuring our hospital continues to be successful in every way. She participates in the Safety Com-

mittee, Clinical Quality, Quality Council, and many other improvement-based committees. She is always problem solving, implementing action plans, and asking, "What can we do better?" Her work has helped to advance the rehab nursing care we provide, as she has taken a lead role in creating many of the evidence-based protocols and practices we follow. Lindsay covers a myriad of nursing roles on a regular basis – easily adapting her day to fill any need – whether it be wound care, admissions, orientation, charge nurse, or floor nurse.

Torey Murphy, RN, BSN, of Poland, Director

of Quality and Risk Management, received NERHP's Leadership Award. This award honors a member of the hospital's leadership team who has made significant contributions during the prior year and decided by a vote of all employees of the hospital. Torey's leadership is evident in how he interacts with all staff, patients, and families at NERHP. Her willingness to lend a helping hand and ability to juggle multiple priorities sets the standard for us all.

The Rehab Service Award was given to Katie DeSantis of Portland. This award spotlights the work of a staff member whose work is often performed

behind the scenes. As the nursing Administrative Assistant, Katie is tasked with an extremely challenging assignment, yet she always puts her mind to it and powers through with a smile. She makes genuine connections throughout the hospital by working closely with other members of the interdisciplinary team to make the plan for each day; she proves that we are stronger together.

Pharmacist Vicki Legere of Falmouth received the Comfort, Professionalism, and Respect award. As a tenured employee of the hospital of over 35 years, Vicki has created genuine and lasting relationships with colleagues from every area of the hospital. She is highly trusted and relied upon by our entire staff as a go-to for clinical medication information. Her pharmacy colleagues look to her for advice, expertise, and leadership. Her patients depend on her to provide accurate and easy to understand information about their discharge medications, as well as a kind interaction and an empathetic ear to listen. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure the patient's needs are met. She provides a calming presence and instills confidence in our pa-

tients so they feel empowered to safely manage their medications at home.

Abigail Pease of Saco received the Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse (CRRN) of the Year award. This award, chosen by the hospital staff, honors a nurse who best exemplifies the nursing standard of care for clinical expertise, a caring manner, and excellent patient care. Abi joined NERHP as a new graduate nurse in 2019, and from day one, she has shown natural leadership ability and the motivation to grow her clinical skills. Since then, she has learned the roles of Nurse Preceptor, Charge Nurse, Admission Nurse, and Wound Care Nurse. She has become an expert in rehab, earning her CRRN this past year. Throughout it all, she has maintained a positive attitude, a focus on teamwork, and the momentum to keep growing!

NERHP's Community Partnership Award was presented to the Brain Injury Association of America Maine Chapter. This award recognizes an individual or organization who has supported our hospital and helped connect us with our local community in a meaningful way. The BIAA works to increase awareness of brain injury

provide information, resources, and support for individuals who have sustained brain injuries and their families, and advocate for prevention and improved funding and services across the state of Maine. With their case manager, NERHP patients complete an application to the BIAA Maine's Neuro Resource Facilitator Program. This program prevents patients from 'falling through the cracks' when beginning to navigate the chronic, life-long stage of brain injury. Katy Bizier and Steve Wade, who represented the organization at our awards ceremony, were instrumental in creating this partnership and this invaluable resource for our patients.

Along with these awards, NERHP honored staff members with years of service of five, ten, fifteen, and twenty, years, and Shirley LeBel of Westbrook, who celebrated 45 years of service.

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History Center Marks Gettysburg 160th And 40th Anniversary



BRUNSWICK, ME (May 31, 2023) -- Thanks to a grant from the Maine Humanities Council, Pejepscot History Center is bringing actor, director, and Gettysburg College Theatre Instructor, Richard Sautter, to town for two Civil War-related programs on July 6 and 8.

July 1-3 marks the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War, where Maine's Joshua Chamberlain led the 20th Maine Regiment on Little Round Top. This year is also the 40th anniversary of PHC owning and operating the Joshua L. Chamberlain Museum in downtown Brunswick.

"We would be re-

miss in not marking both of these occasions with some extra special programming," says PHC director Larissa Vigue Picard. "Rich is a talented theatre professional who happens to be a big fan of Maine, having earned his undergraduate degree from Bates College. He also performed in Maine during the Civil War ses-

quicentennial in 2013." On Thursday, July 6, at 5:30PM, Rich delivers a talk and slideshow on "American Theatre During the Civil War." Sautter discusses acting as a disreputable profession, the prevalence of "minstrel shows," Abraham Lincoln's relationship to the theater, the

(in)famous actors in the Booth family, and how the war changed theatrical entertainment.

The program will be held at PHC at 159 Park Row as part of its History Happy Hour series. Although the talk is free, RSVPs are required as seats are limited and wine and beer will be served. Doors open at 5PM.

On Saturday, July 8, at 2PM, Sautter performs "Addressing Gettysburg, or Swimming to the High Water Mark," a one-man show he wrote. The performance takes place at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 1 Middle Street in Brunswick and will be followed by an ice cream social.

"Addressing Gettysburg" concerns the experience of living in America's most sacred ground. Cemetery Ridge, near Gettysburg, is referred to as the "high-water mark of the Confederacy" and the three-day battle is often considered the turning point of the war, after



which the South's chances to triumph declined.

Spending time in Gettysburg means meeting many different people," says Sautter, "from passionate historians to ghost hunters, from Civil War re-enactors to apathetic schoolchildren. It causes one to think about how some places gain deeply special meaning

for us, and how our history affects us today." The play includes both humor and deep reflection.

Tickets support Joshua L. Chamberlain Museum operations and are \$20 for the general public, \$15 for PHC members, \$10 for students, and \$5 for those that find themselves in difficult circumstances.

To register for either or both programs visit <https://pejepscot-historical.org/events> or call (207) 729-6606.

Pejepscot History Center preserves, interprets, and promotes the rich history of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell, Maine, through its collections, programs, and historic house museums.

The Mallett Brothers Band to Celebrate Maine Lobstering

KENNEBUNK, ME (June 23, 2023) – Preparations are underway for a day-long festival this summer to celebrate Maine's lobstering heritage. "Music, Masts, and Lobster Traps" will be

held on Sunday, August 27 at Maine Maritime Museum in Bath and culminate in a late afternoon performance by Maine's own The Mallett Brothers Band. Proceeds from the

event will benefit the Maine Lobstermen's Community Alliance (MLCA) which, with support from the Maine Lobstermen's Association (MLA), is working to ensure a vibrant future

for Maine's fishing families and the communities in which they live and work.

"Maine and lobster go hand in hand, which is why it's almost unbelievable to think there could come a day when Maine's iconic lobster industry is forced out of business," said volunteer event organizer, Jesse Roche, a commercial fisherman from Bath. "Our way of life is at risk, and I want people to see that we all need to work together to protect it and we need to celebrate this industry that makes Maine such a special state."

"We're delighted to be working with Jesse, the Maine Maritime Museum, and the team of volunteers who will bring "Music, Masts, and Lobster Traps" to life," said Amber-Jean Nickel, president of the MLCA and chief operating officer of the MLA. "We spend a lot of time and effort highlighting how flawed federal regulations continue to pose a threat to the future of Maine's lobster industry, but this event is different – we want people to come, learn more about the industry and its importance to the state, and to celebrate a unique fishery that is at the heart of so many of our coastal communities."

Details:

The event will be held on the grounds of the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath on Sunday, August 27th starting at 9:30am and dayside activities are open to anyone with paid admission to the museum (Mem-



bers of the Maine Lobstermen's Association with proof of current membership receive free admission to the dayside activities.)

Demonstrations and educational exhibits highlighting Maine's working waterfront heritage will include a lobster education center, a trap building demonstration, aquaculture demonstration, pogie seining exhibit, emergency survival raft and gear demonstration, Abenaki tribe drum circle and history exhibit, lobster boat, schooner, tour cruises and more! Food and drink from Longreach Kitchen and Highroller Lobster Company will be available starting at 12pm.

At 3:00pm, gates to the concert event will open! Tickets to the concert are \$30 and are sold separately. Maine folk artist Paddy Mills will take to the stage at 3:30 prior to the headline act, The Mallett Brothers Band. Guests with tickets to the concert event will also have access to a beer garden hosted by Mast Landing Brewery, XTRATUF, and Rugged Seas where a new, special brew honoring our maritime heritage will be unveiled. In addition, Mere Point Oyster Company will be shucking flavorful Maine oysters.

Tickets to the concert event can be purchased online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/event/music-masts-lobster-traps-a-celebration-of-maines-lobstering-heritage-tickets-617706766567>

Sponsorships:

To date, the event has received financial support from First National Bank, XTRATUF, Pine State Trading, Brooks Trap Mill, Guy Cotten, and First Federal Savings. Additional sponsorship is available and welcome. Contact: Jesse Roche at 860-625-2532 or jesseroche1975@yahoo.com

Special raffles and a silent auction featuring prizes donated by supportive businesses will also be held.

All proceeds will benefit the Maine Lobstermen's Community Alliance (MLCA) which, in partnership with the Maine Lobstermen's Association, is working to protect Maine's lobstering heritage. The MLCA is a 501c3 non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable under the law.

FMI: <https://mlc-alliance.org/events/music-masts-lobster-traps/>

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Red Cross Honors Top Volunteers for Incredible Service

TOPSHAM, ME (JUNE 23, 2023) — For more than a century, the American Red Cross has been dedicated to serving people in need — thanks to our founder Clara Barton. Through supporting service members and their families, collecting blood for patients, providing individuals with help and hope after disasters, teaching lifesaving training and providing international aid, we've stayed true to our roots.

During FY23, the Red Cross of Northern New England...

Installed 1,836 free smoke alarms (including 847 in Maine), making 579 homes safer across the region (including 275 in Maine)

Responded to 521 home fires (including 271 in Maine) and assisted 1,955 people (including 913 Mainers)

Educated 3,555 adults and children through our Pillowcase Project, Prepare with Pedro and Community Preparedness Engagement Programs

Collected more than 110,000 red cell units of lifesaving blood

Deployed over 200 volunteers and staff to more than 30 large-scale disasters

This work would not be possible with our dedicated volunteers. Regionally, the Red Cross recognizes its top volunteers with the Clara Barton Award. These individuals embody the organization's core values of compassion, commitment, credibility, creativity and collaboration.

This year, the American Red Cross Central and Mid Coast Maine Chapter is honored to recognize Rose Murphy, of Lisbon Falls, Maine, as its 2023 Clara Barton Award

recipient.

Murphy is a longtime volunteer of the Red Cross — and has selflessly served in many roles. Presently she is a board member and the Chair of the Mission Committee. Murphy exemplifies what it is to live the Red Cross mission. She is committed and dedicated to improving the lives of those served by the Red Cross and goes above and beyond to thank our volunteers.

In the past year, Murphy has been personally affected by two near disasters. She suffered a home fire in a building she owned, and her daughter needed lifesaving blood during childbirth. Rose took these two experiences and turned them into action.

"Through adversity, Rose has made it her mission to educate others on the importance of blood donation — and has be-

come an active member of our Home Fire Campaign, working to ensure more Maine homes have working smoke alarms. She is one of our chapter's greatest advocates and truly committed to the Red Cross mission," said Sophie Piconi, Red Cross Central and Mid Coast Maine executive director.

The Red Cross is also pleased to recognize volunteer Nancy Kleckner, of Lewiston, Maine, as the 2023 Clara Barton Award Runner-up.

Kleckner has volunteered with the Red Cross since 2018 and currently serves as a blood donor ambassador, volunteer medical screener and onboarding and training team member. When Kleckner is volunteering at a blood drive, the biomedical services staff can focus on collecting lifesaving blood, because they know Kleck-

ner is there tending to the donors' needs.

Additionally, the Red Cross is pleased to recognize the following volunteers who achieved the President's Volunteer Service Award which is sponsored by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. These awards, issued by the U.S. government, recognize individuals who achieve and record a targeted number of service hours within a calendar year.

Gold Recipients (500+ volunteer hours)

- Lorraine Bernier, East Portland
- Robert Bouchard, Frenchville
- Jessica Craig, Portland
- Michael Craig, Portland
- Paul Duclos, Glenwood
- Jim Larson, Hampden

John Leeming, Cumberland

Karen Towle, Gardiner

Lynn Walkiewicz, Lewiston

Solomon Yusim, Scarborough

Silver Recipients (250–499 volunteer hours)

Sheila Blackman, Mount Desert

Ann Cibelli, Acton

Raybo Frank, Bucksport

Irene Lang, Winterport

Ruth Lathrop, Windham

Anthony Lawless, Portland

Christopher Luck, Moultonborough

Linda Murphy Luck, Moultonborough

David Pincumbe, Brunswick

Daniel Sayner, Brunswick

Michael Thurston, Auburn

All Maine Catholics Invited to “Making Disciples” Conference

LEWISTON, ME (June 22, 2023) -- While many of the ministries and initiatives have returned to their pre-pandemic levels, one area in particular need of reconstruction is the parish's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program, a parish-based process through which individuals can grow in understanding of the Catholic faith and become part of a parish community.

"We need to reform our RCIA team, show parishioners the way the Church makes disciples and welcomes people into its community, and we want to invite all Maine parishes to join us," said Fr. Greenleaf.

Thus, the "Making Disciples" Conference has been announced for Friday, July 7, and Saturday, July 8, at Saint Dominic Academy in Auburn. The two-day conference will be hosted by Prince of

Peace Parish and TeamRCIA, which has connected thousands of parish and diocesan leaders around the globe to help and support them in their mission.

"The conference will help participants understand that RCIA is not just another parish program but the work of all the baptized in transforming the parish," said Fr. Greenleaf.

All are welcome at the conference, which will be led by Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal, co-founders and codirectors of TeamRCIA.

The conference aims to offer confidence for participants to engage seekers, ways for parishes to make their catechumenate ministry a source of joy and not stress, proven pillars of creating "intentional disciples," and practical actions parishes can take to make themselves "communities of calling forth disciples."

The first evening

of the conference on Friday, July 7, will run from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and covers how to tell others about Jesus, the six core principles of the catechumenate, the four pillars of catechumenate catechesis that grow a community of intentional disciples, and the changes that come to a parish committed to a catechumenate-based conversion mission.

Then, on Saturday, July 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., participants will learn how to catechize from a rite in such a way that matters to real people's lives, the ritual and catechetical paths of the catechumenate and how they work together, three levels of evangelization, a process for discerning each person's particular needs and path of formation, how to use your parish as the catechetical curriculum for making disciples, and more.

"To help build relationships and community, we are offering host families for adults who would like to stay with parishioners, or you can reserve rooms at an area hotel for the one night," said Fr. Greenleaf. "We know that Catholics are connected throughout the state, and this might make this professional conference affordable to anyone in our diocese who would like to be trained in the way our Church makes disciples."

For more information about the conference, including how to register, visit the conference's website at <https://princeofpeace.me/making-disciples-2023>. If you should have any unanswered questions, contact Tyler Nadeau, the director of evangelization and catechesis at Prince of Peace Parish, at 207-777-1200 or tyler.nadeau@portland-diocese.org.



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Arts & Entertainment

Arts Jubilee Announces 2023 Concerts



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NORTH CONWAY, NH (June 23, 2023) – Celebrating their 40th year of presenting live concerts in the Mt. Washington Valley, Arts Jubilee is pleased to announce that their 5-week concert series is returning to Cranmore Mountain Resort this summer! The outdoor concerts will run weekly on Thursday nights from July 13th through August 10th at the North Slope Base of Cranmore Mountain Resort in North Conway.

The 2023 season will feature Piano Men: The Music of Elton John and Billy Joel on July 13th, Daniel Donato's

Cosmic Country on July 20th, the annual Pops Concert and Fireworks Show—performed by the Seacoast Wind Ensemble—on July 27th, Moondance: The Ultimate Van Morrison Tribute Concert on August 3rd, and Ceili Rain on August 10th. All concerts start at 7 pm and feature an opening act at 6 pm. This year's opening acts include Rek'lis (July 13th), Cold Chocolate (July 20th), Cat Wolf (July 27th), Bennett & Perkins (August 3rd), and Willow Carter (August 10th).

Admission is \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$5 for students, and free for kids 12 and

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Registration Open for Inaugural Pickleball Tournament

SCARBOROUGH, ME (June 8, 2023) -- Pickleball enthusiasts from Maine, New England, and beyond will meet at the Maine Sports Arena to raise funds for the Scarborough based non-profit, the Kids First Center. This action-packed event, set to take place over three days, July 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, promises to showcase the best in pickleball talent and provide a memorable experience for players and spectators alike. The tournament is sanctioned by USA Pickleball and its rules for round-robin play will govern.

Pickleball, the fastest-growing sport in the

United States, has captivated millions with its unique blend of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. With its ever-growing popularity, it comes as no surprise that the Kids First Center has chosen to run this tournament, attracting players of all skill levels and fans from around the region. Partnering with the Kids First Center is the tournament host, the Maine Sports Arena. Steve Haines of MSA and Director of Portland Pickleball is looking forward to the event. "This is one of the few sanctioned tournaments in Maine this summer. We expect some of Maine's finest pickleball players to

compete at this inaugural event." USA Pickleball Association Regional Director Rocky Clark is also pleased to see the tournament scheduled for this summer. "Let's all put Kids First and enjoy a fun pickleball tournament in Saco, Maine."

The Kids First Pickleball Tournament is set to be a celebration of the game while raising awareness of the mission of Kids First. The tournament will feature a variety of competitive brackets, ensuring that players of every level have an opportunity to participate and test their skills against like-minded competitors. The tournament

director is Joe Santoro of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. Along with running many charity tournaments, Santoro is a past officer of the Board of Directors at USA Pickleball, serves on the Board of Directors of the Pickleball Hall of Fame, and is the USA Pickleball Referee Training Coordinator for the Atlantic Region.

The indoor climate-controlled event will be held at the Maine Sports Arena, 15 Lunt Road, Saco, boasting nine hardwood pickleball courts, ample spectator seating, and a vibrant atmosphere that will immerse attendees in the thrilling world of

pickleball. The tournament will also feature vendor and exhibitor tables, offering an array of merchandise and services related to pickleball equipment, apparel, and more. Parking at the venue is free.

"We are thrilled to launch the first Kids First Pickleball Tournament," said Timothy Robbins, Executive Director of the Kids First Center. "Pickleball is a sport that brings people together, promotes healthy competition, and creates lasting friendships. We welcome players and fans from all over to provide an unforgettable experience that showcases Maine's best of this incredible

sport." Robbins explained, "We were looking for a different kind of event to raise funds and awareness of the programming of the Kids First Center. The positive response to running a pickleball tournament has been overwhelming and gratifying." Anyone interested in volunteering at this event should contact the Kids First Center.

Registration for the tournament is now open, and players are encouraged to secure their spots early due to limited availability. For more information and to register, visit the official tournament registration page at <https://t.ly/R0g-kidsfirstpickleball>.

Yard Sale Fundraiser Coming to Hawthorne's Boyhood Home

RAYMOND, ME (June 20, 2023) – A yard sale fundraiser will be held at Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home in Raymond, Maine, 40 Hawthorne Road, on Saturday, July 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The yard sale is being held as part of the Hawthorne Community Association's ongoing Phase II capital campaign to raise \$75,000 to make urgent repairs to the historic home. The sale will be held rain or shine.

Everyone wishing

to browse the sale, bring home new treasures, or sell crafts or "white elephant" items is cordially invited to attend. Vendors wishing to sell items are asked to please pay \$15 to secure a table by contacting Sylvia Sullivan at rsssm@maine.rr.com.

How to Donate to Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home

Those who would like to donate to the ongoing restoration of Nathaniel Hawthorne's Boyhood Home in Ray-

mond may do so by sending a much-appreciated check payable to "Hawthorne Community Association" to: Hawthorne Community Association / PO Box 185 / South Casco, ME 04077. Secure credit card, debit card, and PayPal donations may be made online at: <https://www.hawthorneassoc.com>.

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Field Day at Tidewater Farm Scheduled for July 8



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FALMOUTH, ME (June 23, 2023) — University of Maine Cooperative Extension will host a Field Day from 10 a.m.–noon on Saturday, July 8 at the University of Maine Gardens at Tidewater Farm, 200 Presumpscot Point Road.

Come experience the gardens at Tidewater Farm, learn about UMaine Extension’s work, ask gardening questions and participate in hands-



on demonstrations with Extension staff and Master Gardener Volunteers. Demonstrations begin at 10:30 AM. Child-friendly activities will be provided. No registration required.

Hands-on demonstrations include a walking

tour of the gardens that highlight plants and practices to support the life cycles of pollinators. Additional topics include how to scout for pests and encourage beneficial insects in the vegetable garden.

Representatives from

Maine Audubon will be on hand to offer native and pollinator-friendly garden resources. Attendees will learn how you can support wildlife in their own backyard through native plantings and participate in a child-friendly activity.

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, visit the UMaine Extension website or contact Pamela Hargest, pamela.hargest@maine.edu; 207.949.4524.

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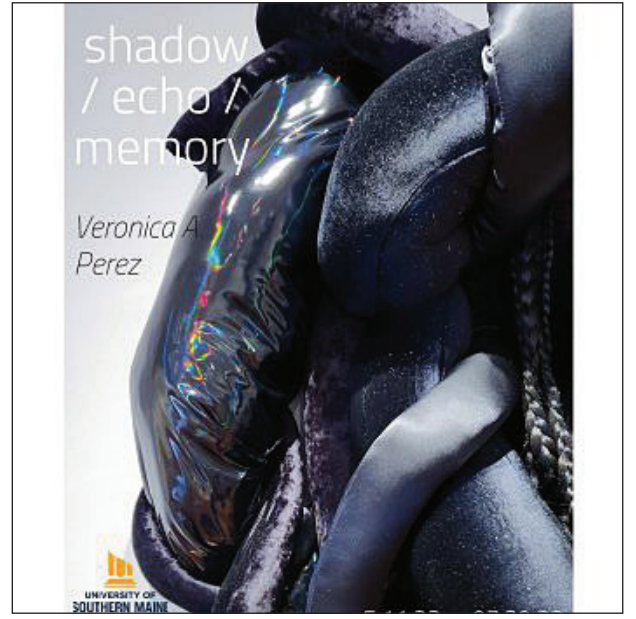
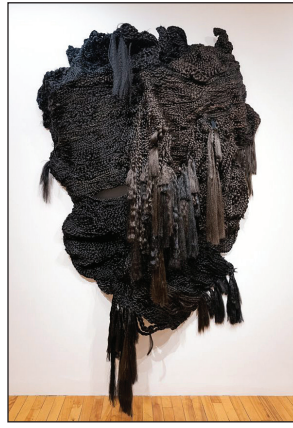
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rez presented her first solo exhibition at the Center for Maine Contemporary Arts in Rockland, Maine. In

2023, Perez is the University of Southern Maine as Art Gallery Artist-in-Residence.



GORHAM, ME (June 23, 2023) -- The University of Southern Maine is excited to announce its Spring 2023 artist-in-residence, Veronica A. Perez, and her exhibition, shadow / echo / memory. Perez creates art at the nexus of interdisciplinary sculpture and community practice, encouraging a reflection on identity for participants and viewers alike. Her sculptures tell intimate stories that comment on larger systemic issues affecting BIPOC folk in our immediate communities. shadow

/ echo / memory is the culminating exhibition of Perez's residency at the University of Southern Maine Art Gallery. The show focuses on belonging, identity, and lived experience as embodied through hair.

Throughout the Spring semester, Veronica worked with groups internal and external to the University in braiding workshops. Together, they created the braids and stories that comprise Perez's sculptures.

The Art Gallery is open Wednesday-Friday

by appointment. Appointments can be made by contacting usmartgalleries@maine.edu. A suggested donation of \$2 is requested for exhibition visits.

shadow / echo / memory opening: May 11, 2023 | University of Southern Maine Art Gallery, 5 University Way, Gorham, Maine. The show will run until Saturday, July 29, 2023.

ARTIST BIO Veronica Perez (b. 1983) is a multidisciplinary artist living in Maine) In her sculptural works, Perez utilizes



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\$30M to Support Universal Broadband Access in Maine

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 16, 2023) – U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King, and Representatives Chellie Pingree and Jared Golden announced that the Maine Connectivity Authority was awarded \$30,016,472.13 in federal funding from the Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure grant. This investment is funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and will support Maine’s strategic goal of providing universal broadband access throughout the state.

“As one of the most

rural states in the nation, Maine will see immense benefits from expanding high-speed, affordable broadband access to all our people. In the 21st century economy, access to high-speed Internet is absolutely essential to business development and job growth in rural areas, and it opens doors to new opportunities in telehealth and education,” said Senators Collins and King and Representatives Pingree and Golden. “As proud supporters of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we are pleased to see the continued impact of this bipar-

tisan legislation.” “With this grant award, Maine is demonstrating its national leadership in the expansion of high-speed, reliable and affordable internet,” said Andrew Butcher, President of the Maine Connectivity Authority. “MOOSE Net will provide the connectivity infrastructure to enable the industries that power Maine— farming, fishing, forest products and fun.” The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to support broadband infrastructure nationwide, including \$1 billion for the Middle Mile Broad-

band Infrastructure Grant Program administered by the National Telecommunications & Information Administration. The funding will support the construction, improvement, or acquisition of “middle mile” broadband infrastructure, which will help reduce the cost of connecting areas that are unserved or underserved to the internet backbone and bridge gaps in the broadband network.

Senator Collins was part of the core group of 10 Senators who negotiated the text of the bipartisan infrastructure

law. Senator Collins and Senator Shaheen of New Hampshire spearheaded the broadband working group and co-authored the law’s provisions providing for \$65 billion broadband investment. This historic legislation is delivering billions of dollars to Maine for investments in broadband, roads, bridges, and more. As Co-Chair of the bipartisan Senate Broadband Caucus, Senator King has been a strong advocate for expanding affordable broadband access as a way to increase economic opportunity in rural Maine. Senator King in-

troduced the Middle Mile Broadband Deployment Act in 2021 that proposed creating a grant program to connect internet carriers to local networks in unserved and underserved communities.

The bipartisan infrastructure law is expected to deliver approximately \$2.5 billion to Maine over the next five years for critical broadband, transportation, energy, and environmental projects. In December 2022, Maine received \$5.5 million to plan for the deployment and adoption of broadband service throughout the state.

Maine Religious Parents, Schools Sue State

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 16, 2023) – A Catholic family of five and a Catholic high school filed a lawsuit on June 13 challenging Maine’s exclusion of faith-based schools from a state tuition assistance program that has served rural families for over a century.

Even though the Supreme Court struck down Maine’s religious ban last year, bureaucrats in the state are continuing to exclude faith-based schools and families who rely on the program. In *St. Dominic Academy v. Makin*, the Radonis family and St. Dominic Academy, a high school operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, are fighting for their ability to help rural families educate their chil-

dren in accordance with their beliefs.

Keith and Valori Radonis are organic farmers in rural Maine who want to send their children to schools that uphold their Catholic beliefs. Both Keith and Valori grew up in Catholic homes, and they believe it is their religious duty to help plant, nurture, and cultivate the seed of faith in their own children. For years, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Portland—including St. Dominic Academy—assisted families like Radonises in providing their children with an education that reflects their beliefs through Maine’s tuition assistance program. This program allows parents in rural school districts to educate their children at private schools

with no public schools nearby. That changed in 1982 when Maine began disqualifying faith-based schools and the families they serve from the program. Today, Maine is willing to pay for families in rural areas to send their kids to out-of-state boarding schools and public schools in Canada, but it won’t pay a penny for parents that choose a religious school in Maine.

“As Catholic parents, we want to provide our children with an education that helps them grow in heart, mind, and spirit, preparing them for lives of service to God and neighbor,” said Keith and Valori Radonis. “All families should have the option to provide the education that’s right for their children using Maine’s tuition program,

including religious families like ours.”

Fortunately, the Supreme Court said last year in *Carson v. Makin* that Maine could no longer exclude faith-based schools from the program. But Maine bureaucrats tried to do an “end run” around the Supreme Court. While the Supreme Court was considering *Carson*, Maine passed a new law to reimpose the same restriction challenged in *Carson*—and add a few new ones for good measure.

Maine’s new laws block schools that receive tuition funds from allowing any religious expression unless they allow every kind—meaning that a Catholic school like St. Dominic can’t have Mass unless it also allows a Baptist reviv-

al meeting. It also gives the state’s Human Rights Commission—not parents and schools—the final word on how the school teaches students to live out Catholic beliefs regarding marriage, gender, and family life. As a result, faith-based schools are still being barred from serving rural families through the program.

With the help of Becket, the Radonis family and St. Dominic are asking a federal court to strike down Maine’s anti-religious policy. The state cannot deny parents the choice to educate their children at religious schools simply because they provide an education rooted in faith. It also cannot sidestep the Supreme Court by changing its law to stop religious schools from being reli-

gious.

“Maine is willing to pay for kids to go to all-girls boarding schools in Massachusetts and public schools in Quebec, but parents who choose Catholic schools like St. Dominic—which have been educating Maine kids for more than a century—are still out in the cold,” said Adèle Auxier Keim, senior counsel at Becket. “Maine lawmakers boasted about changing the law to avoid the Supreme Court’s decision in *Carson*. That’s illegal and unfair. We are confident that Maine’s new laws will be struck down just like their old ones were.”

Becket will ask the court to halt Maine’s ban on faith-based education immediately while the court considers the case.

Raising Readers Makes Way for Dolly Parton’s Book Program

PORTLAND, ME (June 23, 2023) – MaineHealth announced today that the childhood literacy program it has administered will now help make

way for the ongoing roll out of the nationally-celebrated Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library into Maine. Raising Readers will wind down its inde-

pendent program in 2024 and offer advisory support for the Imagination Library.

As first announced by Governor Mills and the State of Maine last year, the Dollywood Foundation is poised to launch its highly successful national reach into Maine. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library has distributed more than 200 million books and was most recently implemented in California.

Raising Readers has been funded by the Portland-based Libra Foundation, and the program administered by Maine-

MaineHealth

Health, in collaboration with Northern Light Health. Program funding provided by Libra will conclude in the coming months. Raising Readers has been in place in Maine for 23 years, providing free books for children from the time of their birth through age five through their pediatric health providers.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library covers the very same aged children with free books at the rate of up to one per month. Sign up and administration

of the new program will be conducted through the Maine State Library System.

“We are so grateful for the overwhelming support the Libra Foundation has given to the children of Maine through Raising Readers for more than two decades,” said Dr. Dora Anne Mills, MaineHealth Chief Health Improvement Officer. “Through Libra’s support and in collaboration with partners statewide, Maine children have been given a head start on

literacy, year after year. We look forward to a vibrant new chapter in childhood literacy efforts in Maine.”

Raising Readers annually partners with approximately 1,600 pediatric providers at hospitals, midwiferies and primary care offices at about 325 sites statewide. By the time Raising Readers concludes in 2024, it is estimated it will have provided 4 million books to more than 350,000 Maine children over its lifetime, helping to improve childhood literacy in the state. Over the past 23 years, virtually every child born in Maine has received books from Raising Readers.

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UMaine to Study Climate Change Impacts on Wild Blueberries



Rachel Schattman, assistant professor of sustainable agriculture at the University of Maine. Photo courtesy of the University of Maine.

ORONO, ME (June 16, 2023) – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) has awarded \$650,000 to a University of Maine project investigating the impacts of climate change on wild blueberry ecosystems and economics.

Wild blueberry fields provide important crops for the state of Maine. They also support ecosystems by providing water regulation, nutrient cycling, carbon sequestration, pollination and food for wildlife. Climate change is altering these wild blueberry agroecosystems, but the exact effects are unclear.

Rachel Schattman, assistant professor of sustainable agriculture at the School of Food and Agriculture, is the principal investigator of the study. The project will investigate how probable future climate scenarios will impact the ecosystem services provided by wild blueberry fields. The researchers, including graduate and undergraduate students, will conduct climate manipulation experiments at the Wyman’s

Wild Blueberry Research and Innovation Center in Old Town. They will test temperature and precipitation to see how it impacts soil-water dynamics, crop health, the relationship to root fungi, pollinators and disease.

The results of these experiments will be used to validate a new model to project possible future outcomes based on changing climate scenarios. Maps produced through the modeling will be shared with wild blueberry growers and processors. The researchers will also hold grower focus groups to identify perceptions of production and financial risks, as well as the benefit of climate risk mitigation strategies like supplemental irrigation.

“Our approach to this work is transdisciplinary in nature, meaning that we are pulling from the expertise and experience of our diverse team to answer big questions that no single discipline could answer on its own. It’s a project grounded by the needs of wild blueberry growers and their communities,” Schattman says, whose lab is part of the Maine Agri-

cultural and Forest Experiment Station.

The interdisciplinary team of researchers will deliver actionable recommendations to the wild blueberry industry with climate smart agricultural management strategies, particularly in socioeconomically challenged rural communities.

Additional UMaine researchers on the project include YongJiang Zhang, assistant professor of plant physiology; Lily Calderwood, assistant professor of horticulture and Extension wild blueberry specialist; Jonathan Malacarne, assistant professor of economics; Brian McGill, professor of biological science; Phil Fanning, assistant professor of agricultural entomology; Seanna Annis, associate professor of mycology; Sean Birkel, Maine state climatologist and assistant professor; and Stephanie Miller, postdoctoral research assistant. Bruce Hall, director of agroecology at Jasper Wyman & Son, is also a collaborator.

The award started May 1, 2023, and was officially announced May 31, 2023.

MaineCF Names New Vice President



PORTLAND & ELLSWORTH, ME (June 23, 2023) — The Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF) has named Rebecca Yturregui as vice president, donor engagement.

Yturregui has nearly 30 years of experience working with nonprofit organizations and was most recently vice president, donor relations and philanthropic impact, at Combined Jewish Philanthropies in Boston. She is based in MaineCF’s Portland office and oversees donor engagement.

“For 40 years, MaineCF has connected



people and resources together to build a better Maine,” Yturregui said. “I am excited to build on this history and deepen relationships that carry forward this essential mission. And, of course, it is so good to be home.”

Yturregui was raised in Winthrop and lives on Orr’s Island with her fam-

ily. The Maine Community Foundation brings people and resources together to build a better Maine through strategic giving, community leadership, personalized service, local expertise and strong investments. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.mainecef.org.

Major Win for Maine’s Lobster Industry

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 23, 2023) – Today, U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King, Representatives Chellie Pingree and Jared Golden, and Governor Janet Mills announced that the Maine Lobstermen’s Association and the State of Maine’s Department of Marine Resources prevailed in its

court case against the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA).

“Maine’s lobstermen and women have long demonstrated their commitment to maintaining and protecting a sustainable fishery in the Gulf of Maine,” said the Maine Delegation and Governor Mills. “Today’s decision

vindicates what the Maine lobster fishery, and the countless communities that rely on it, knew all along—that their practices support the conservation of the gulf ecosystem for generations to come. We are pleased the court has acknowledged that the data set NOAA has been using to unfairly target Maine’s fishery is flawed.”



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Tuesday, June 27, 7:30 pm Union Church, South Bristol

Thursday, June 29, 7:30 pm St. Paul's Union Chapel, Waldoboro

Saturday, July 1, 7:30 pm Ocean View Grange, St. George Peninsula

Sunday, July 2, 4:00 pm Surry Arts at the Barn, Surry

July 8

LEWISTON -- Magician Phil Smith will be coming to the Lewiston Public Library in Callahan Hall on Saturday, July 8th 2023 at 11am. Information can also be found on our website at <https://lplonline.org/events/magician-phil-smith/>

July 10, 17, 24; August 7, 14, 21, 28

LEWISTON -- The Lewiston Public Library, in partnership with ArtVan, will be offering art programs in Kennedy Park this summer for children ages 5-14 on Mondays July 10, 17, 24 and August 7, 14, 21, 28 at 3:00PM. Information can also be found on our website at <https://lplonline.org/events/artvan-in-kennedy-park-2->

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

July/ and <https://lplonline.org/events/artvan-in-kennedy-park-2-august/>

For any further information, please contact the Children's Department at LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov or call 207-513-3133.

July 12

LEWISTON -- Outdoor Hiring Event on Wednesday, July 12th from noon to 3:00pm in Kennedy Park, 120 Park Street, Lewiston. Co-sponsored by The Wellness Mobile, Recovery Connections of Maine and Maine CareerCenters. Bring your best self and speak with multiple employers offer great local job opportunities! The event is free, open to ALL job seekers and will be held rain or shine! For more information and a list of participating businesses, visit: <https://www.mainecareercenter.com/locations/jobfair.shtml?id=11185022>

July 15

GORHAM -- On Saturday, July 15th, starting at 1:00 pm at the Treworgy Homestead and Garden located at 120 Flaggy Meadow Road in Gorham, the Maine Iris Society will hold its annual auction of bearded iris rhizomes. All

are welcome.

July 19

LEWISTON -- THE HONEY EXCHANGE

Join us at the Lewiston Public Library for a beekeeping presentation by The Honey Exchange in Callahan Hall at 5:30PM. In addition to the presentation on behavior and contribution of honeybees, The Honey Exchange will be showcasing a traveling observation hive. There will be a honey tasting at the end of the presentation. This presentation is free, for all ages, open to the public, and no registration is required. 513-3133; www.LPLonline.org

July 22

LEWISTON -- SPARKS' ARK

Come see, learn and interact with Sparks' Ark's amazing animals in Callahan Hall at 11:00AM. For all ages. No registration required. Free. 513-3133; www.LPLonline.org

Sept 2

GORHAM -- On Saturday, September 2nd, starting at 1:00 pm at the United Methodist Church, 439 Park Avenue in Auburn, the Maine Iris Society will hold its annual auction of Siberian irises and daylilies. All are wel-

come.

Every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Monday

LEWISTON -- PROGRAMS FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES, held the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Monday 11:15am-12:30pm starting March 6th, 2023 at the Lewiston Public Library Children's Department

Homeschool families, are you looking for opportunities to have fun and socialize with other homeschool families? LPL will be offering activities for homeschool families in the Children's Department the first three Mondays of each month from 11:15am-12:30pm. The activities will be a Homeschool Video Game Social on March 6th, a Homeschool Lego Club and Curriculum Swap on March 13th, and a Homeschool Storytime and Craft on March 20th.

This program is free and recommended for homeschool families with children of all ages. No registration is required. Contact info. 513-3133, LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov

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Join our knitting group to work on your own project, learn from others, and socialize. Classes are free, unless noted. SeniorsPlus is fully accessible. Hearing assistive equipment is available upon request. For more information or to register, call us at 207-795-4010 or visit seniorsplus.org.

Every second Monday

LEWISTON -- Caregiver Support Groups, Date: Monday, January 9 (every second Monday); Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Facilitator: Dana Morrell, SW. Location: SeniorsPlus, 8 Falcon Road, Lewiston.

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The summer 2023 show is a retrospective of

Vivid Motion's TWENTY YEARS of dancing on the stage! Join them in revisiting fan favorites like Poison Cake (Peter Pan 2015-2016), Shake It Off (Pride 2015), Beauregard Peep & the Disco Sheep (Spring 2021), Amazing Grace (Holiday Extravaganza 2008), Constellation, Cancer, Sagittarius (Constellation 2018), Hellfire (The Hunchback of Notre Dame 2017), Train to Misselthwaite (The Secret Garden 2019), and so many others!

Vivid Motion Dance's fun romp down memory lane features music by Fever Ray, Avicii, Delta Rae,

Taylor Swift, Toni Basil, Lawless [featuring Sydney Wayser], Blind Boys of Alabama, and many more.

All Ages
Fri Aug 4 at 7:30pm
Sat Aug 5 at 7:30pm
Sun Aug 6 at 2:30pm

There will be a pay-what-you-can dress rehearsal on Thursday August 3 at 7:30pm. Seats can be reserved at tickets@vividmotion.org.

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