Spring Semester 2021

An Easy Way to Write an Obituary
Tuesdays, May 4 & 11    9:30 AM to 11:30 AM    Fee: $0
This is a ZOOM class.

In this at home class, we will learn how to write obituaries and submit them for publication in physical newspapers and online platforms. Participants will leave the class knowing what information a typical obituary should include, formatting, and how to phrase sensitive aspects of a person’s life and death. Class materials include outlines of obituary forms.

Instructor: Andrew Birden

Your Life Moves On, Move with It
Thursday, May 13    3:00 PM to 4:00 PM    Fee: $0
This class is held outside at Mantle Lake Park in Presque Isle

So, what is next for you? Are you ready for a new adventure? Do you have the tools to take on this challenge? It is time to continue to be a life-long learner and go out and help your community. This class will touch on what it takes to be an effective leader and mentor. Being a leader in your community is about giving back with your skills. Let us sharpen our leadership skills and go out and help by being a leader/volunteer with your church, civic group, SAGE, etc.

Instructor: Dennis Koch

Creatures of Mythology!
Thursday, May 20    10:00 AM to 11:30 AM    Fee: $0
This is a ZOOM class

A Mythological creature, also referred to as legendary creature, is a fictional, supernatural and imaginary animal or being also associated sometimes with being part human. The presence of these creatures has often been described in folklore, legends, fables, poetry, mythology, fairy tales, novels, myths and varied forms of fiction. The beliefs and mindsets associated with mythical beasts are varied bringing to life a wide variety of theories about existence and non-existence. This class will be a general overview of these creatures.

Instructor: Dennis Koch
Guided Tour of Downtown Presque Isle with Kim Smith
Saturday, May 15       10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Noon)    Free
Donations to PI Historical Society accepted

Guided Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Presque Isle. Tour lasts about 2 hours and covers 2 miles. Starts and ends at The 1875 Vera Estey House Museum at 16 Third Street, Presque Isle.

Guide: Kim Smith

The Message Matters
Thursday, May 27        1:30 PM to 3:30 PM              Fee: $0
This is a ZOOM class

How do the messages we see affect us? Using historical images from Nazi Germany and modern advertising, this workshop reminds us that stereotypes are reinforced every day. This workshop encourages us all to consider and discuss our relationship with the stereotypes we see, and our decisions of whether we choose to believe them or make up our own minds.

Instructor: Erica Nadelhaft

Guided Tour of the Fairmount Cemetery in Presque Isle
Friday, May 28       5:30 PM to 7:00 PM           Fee: $5 pay to tour guide
3 Houlton Road, Presque Isle, ME

Guided Walking Tour of Historic Fairmount Cemetery. Tour involves lots of hills. Bring bug spray, as it will still be black fly season! Please park at the Chamber of Commerce office (3 Houlton Road). The tour will begin at Fairmount Cemetery (2 Houlton Road) at the Civil War monument. Expect to be there around 1 ¾ hours.

Guide: Kim Smith

People's Guide to Reliable News
Tuesday, June 8     9:30 AM to 10:30 AM   Free
This is a Zoom class

People's Guide to Reliable News - Join award-winning rural journalist, editor and publisher Andrew Birden as he explores the modern news landscape. In this class, you will learn to understand the relationship between bias, propaganda, honest errors, corporate motive profits, and strategic fake news as it appears through digital media. Birden will use local examples, as well as national stories to help you to see the world of news information in a more useful and pragmatic fashion, reducing the influence and stress that pernicious fake news can have on your life.

Instructors: Andrew Birden
Jim Cullen, the only known lynching in New England. Cullen was a New Brunswick farmer of Irish descent who worked in the Maine woods logging in the winters. He also worked odd jobs in the mills and at local farms. Jim Cullen was a tall, giant of a man, with a red beard, who was reputed to have stolen articles of clothing from many a clothesline. He lived in New Brunswick, moved to Ball’s Mills, which today is called Mapleton.

Instructor: Kim Smith