

CLT announces crew for "Young Frankenstein"



Posing for the camera (l. to. r., from front) are crew members Sophie Wood, Jim McKinley, Cody Watson, Chris Hodgkin, Renee Davis, Mackenzie Richard, Michelle Washburn, Marissa Lussier, Jen Rombalski, Ashley Hodgkin, and Celeste Philippon.

Director Chris Hodgkin has named the members of the production crew for the upcoming Community Little Theatre production of the musical comedy "Young Frankenstein."

In this award-winning Mel Brooks musical, Frederick Frankenstein (pronounced "Fronk-en-steen"), grandson of the infamous Victor Frankenstein, inherits his family's estate in Transylvania. With the help of a hunchbacked sidekick, Igor (pronounced "Eye-gore"), and a leggy lab assistant, Inga (pronounced... Inga), Frederick finds himself in the mad scientist shoes of

his ancestors. "It's alive!" he exclaims as he brings to life a creature to rival his grandfather's. Eventually, of course, the monster escapes and musical hilarity ensues.

The crew members are Sophie Wood, production assistant and spotlight operator; Jim McKinley, specialty props; Cody Watson, assistant director; Chris Hodgkin, director; Renee Davis, makeup; Mackenzie Richard, hair and wigs; Michelle Washburn, lights; Marissa Lussier, sound; Jen Rombalski, props; Ashley Hodgkin, costumes; Celeste Philippon, producer; Dan Kane, set construction; Lynn

O'Donnell, set decor; Sophie Messina, social media; Kira Gavin, choreographer; Eli Christman, stage manager; Steve Barter, music director; and Richard Martin, lights and mentor.

Young Frankenstein will be performed on August 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18 at 8 p.m. and on August 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. at Great Falls Performing Arts Center on Academy Street in Auburn. More information is available at www.laclt.com.

Hannaford supports Cancer Resource Center of West. ME



Mary Dempsey (2nd from r.), Executive Director of the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine, poses with Assistant Store Managers (from l.) Deb, Jason, and John to remind shoppers that Hannaford's of Oxford will donate \$1 to the center for every re-useable shopping bag purchased in July. Located on the campus of Stephens Memorial Hospital in the clinic building at 199 Main Street in Norway, the center offers free programs and comfort items for those impacted by cancer. For more information, call 890-0329 or see www.crcowm.org.

NSB Arena to host Cpl. Eugene Cole Benefit Hockey Game

The Patriots Hockey Association will present the Cpl. Eugene Cole Benefit Hockey Game on Friday, July 13 at 7 p.m. at Norway Savings Bank Arena in Auburn. The Lewiston Police Department Hockey Team and the Maine Air National Guard Hockey Club will face off to benefit the Cpl. Eugene Cole Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available for a \$5 donation. For more

information or to reserve tickets, call 595-0260.

The Patriots Hockey Association is a non-profit organization of past and present fire, police, EMS, and military personnel and their supporters that runs hockey tournaments and events to benefit charities. For more information, see <https://lrd designs.com/hockey>.

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News-makers, Names & Faces

Community Credit Union cuts ribbon at renovated Auburn branch



Pictured here (l. to r.) are Betsy Sibley, Matthew Shaw, Christina Carter, JoAnn Jackson, Jessica Blackwell, Michelle Green, Jen Hogan, Nicole Fournier, Kirstyn Birkbeck, Natalie Michaud, Shelley St. Hilaire, Julia Copp, Russell Giasson, Alfreda Fournier, Kate Adams, Barbara Hardison, Kelsye Smith, Austin Albert, Marcel Gagne, and Beckie Conrad.

An official ribbon cutting ceremony and open house was held at 40 Stanley Street in Auburn recently to celebrate the completion of significant renovations to Community Credit Union's Auburn branch. A large group of Community Credit Union employees, board members, community partners, and members participated in the event, which was catered by Mac's Grill of Auburn.

Beckie Conrad, Executive Director of the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, was the master of ceremonies. Speakers at the event included Todd Mason, President of the

Maine Credit Union League; Marcel Gagne, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Community Credit Union; Jason Levesque, Mayor of Auburn; representatives from the offices of Angus King, Bruce Poliquin, and Susan Collins. All had a consistent message congratulating the CCU team for their efforts in supporting their community.

"Community Credit Union prides itself on our commitment to our members and the community," said Jen Hogan, President/CEO of Community Credit Union. "The renovated branch provides avenues to better serve our members, expand our products and

services, and continue to serve our community as we always have."

Community Credit Union is a member-owned, full-service financial institution that has been serving its members since 1945. The renovations at the Auburn and Lewiston branches over the past several months resulted in a substantial reinvestment in the downtown locations. Community Credit Union has branches located at 144 Pine Street in Lewiston, 40 Stanley Street in Auburn, and 1025 Auburn Road in Turner. For more information, see www.community-creditunion.com.

CMCC students earn Next Gen Scholarships



Here (l. to r., from front) are scholarship winners Kayla Thayer, Amber Lewis, Micayla Hill, Kelly Pinette, and William Rolfe.

Five TRIO students at Central Maine Community College were recently honored as recipients of Next Generation Personal Finance Scholarships. The students participated in an online activity offered by NGPF called "Payback Challenge" and then wrote an essay about how the activity generated dialog in their family about budgeting for college.

The recipients are Kayla Thayer of Auburn, Amber Lewis of Lewiston, Micayla Hill of Minot, Kelly Pinette of Brunswick and

William Rolfe of West Paris.

These students are the first collegiate recipients of this scholarship in the nation. While the "Payback Challenge" was originally conceived as a high school contest, NGPF officials reported that, because of the strong case made by TRIO Advisor Jannie Durr that community college students would benefit from the program, they decided to select these five students from the TRIO program at CMCC.

The federal TRIO program focuses on assisting first-generation, low-in-

come, or disabled students to succeed in higher education. TRIO staff help students with academic advising, time and money management, financial aid, accessing college resources, and access to cultural enrichment opportunities.

NGPF is a free personal finance curriculum and professional development partner that helps educators deliver essential money understanding in an engaging, easy-to-grasp format. More information is available at www.ngpf.org.

Center for Wisdom's Women receives Community Matters More grant



Accepting the grant for the center are (l. to r.) Pat Gardiner, Alisha Cady, Bethany Bernard, Eva Moreau Dutil, Executive Director Klara Tammany, Abby Whiteowl, Sue Cocker, Sarah Barton of Americorp- VISTA, Judy Malony, and Joan Doyon.

Bangor Savings Bank recently awarded \$5,000 to the Center for Wisdom's Women as one of two agencies in Androscoggin County to receive the most votes in the bank's 2018 Community Matters More contest.

The Center for Wisdom's Women is a weekday drop-in center near Kennedy Park in Lewiston that offers safe and sacred opportunities for women, in commu-

nity, to heal from adverse life experiences, learn to thrive, and enrich each other's lives. The center runs a small social enterprise called Herban Works and plans to open a long-term residential recovery community for women survivors of trafficking, addiction, and prison called Sophia's House.

The other winning agency was Tree Street

Youth, which supports the youth of Lewiston-Auburn through enrichment programs in academics, arts, and athletics. They provide a safe space that encourages healthy physical, social, emotional, and academic development while building unity across lines of difference. The two agencies garnered the most votes in the region through shared efforts in inviting support.

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Governor's Address: Let's work together and do the right thing for our seniors

Over the last seven and a half years, the Legislature and I have had many disagreements over process, policy and approach to governing. But the true value of our republic is that, although we disagree, we can still move our state and our country forward.

While differences on tax reform, welfare policy and economic development may create friction between political parties and branches of government, there is one area where I hope and believe we all share a similar passion - care and compassion for our elderly.

I sent a letter this week to the legislative leadership asking them to work with me to protect our seniors from losing their homes. We will not always agree on what compassion looks like, but I believe that ensuring seniors can remain in their homes is something we should mutually agree on.

Currently, on the table in the Senate, there is a Governor's bill, LD 1629: An Act To Protect the Elderly from Tax Lien Foreclosures, that is of extraordinary importance for low-income elderly Mainers who own their own homes outright and experience a change in circumstances.

This bill will protect seniors who, usually because of a health crisis or death of a spouse, have not



Governor Paul R. LePage

been able to keep up with their property taxes. Under current law, municipalities can foreclose on them, selling the house for just the taxes owed, or even selling the house at a profit, and the municipality keeps the entire amount of the sale.

We don't let banks do this. Banks must sell at market value and return any remaining proceeds over to the homeowner. I want our towns to be held to the same standard because it is the right thing to do.

I will not pretend this bill resolves the challenges, but it's a valuable and a necessary move forward.

As I have talked about this issue, I have received several calls in the last few months alone from constituents seeking my assistance to help them avert a potential foreclosure on their home or from constituents whose homes have already gone through foreclosure.

These are real people losing everything. Some lose just their home, while other have lost not only the home, but all their possessions in it. This is not the way we should be treating our elders.

What I propose will ensure that municipalities receive all monies owed to them and the elderly individuals will receive the remaining equity in their home.

I know many small towns already are compassionate in circumstances where they face foreclosing on an elderly resident. This bill should not be an affront to towns and town officials who do it right. It should be welcomed by them.

This bill is meant for those instances where compassion is not being exercised. This bill does not

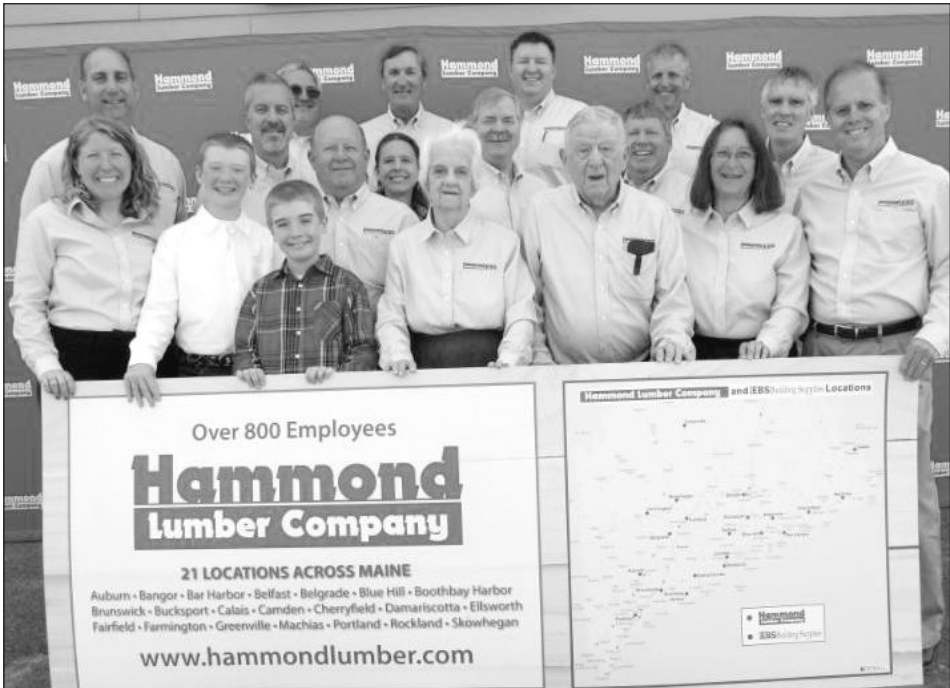
prohibit the foreclosure of any property, it just requires a more thoughtful approach.

It is the right thing to do, and I urge the Legislature to pass the amended bill when they continue the special session next week. I encourage you, the listener, to call your legislators and urge them to pass the amended bill as well.

None of our elderly Mainers deserve to lose their home, their life's equity, and their dignity over a few thousand dollars. We can fix this.

*Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor*

Hammond Lumber acquires EBS Building Supplies



Hammond Lumber Company employees and family pose for a photo in Ellsworth after the acquisition announcement. Here (l. to r. from front) are Sarah Krizo, Max Krizo, Sam Krizo, Verna Hammond, Skip Hammond, Deb Thing, Bob Thing, Steve Smith, Rod Wiles, Don Hammond, Hannah Colson, Lenny Lawson, Mike Hammond, Dwayne Webber, Matt Masse, Bob Jancewicz, Fred Perkins, and Peter Economy.

Hammond Lumber Company has acquired EBS Building Supplies, a lumber and building materials company with 10 coastal locations.

With the acquisition, Hammond acquires all 10 EBS locations, including Bar Harbor, Belfast, Blue Hill, Bucksport, Calais, Camden, Cherryfield, Ellsworth, Machias, and Rockland. The locations and more than 300 employees will continue to operate with a retail hardware-oriented focus and sell lumber and building materials.

Hammond, a third-generation, family-owned company since 1953 with more than \$250 million in sales, now has more than 800 employees at 21 locations. The company is the largest lumber and building materials dealer in Maine and one of the largest independent LBM dealers in the country.

"As we celebrate our 65th anniversary, we are excited to begin a new chapter in our history and look forward to welcoming the EBS employees to our family company," said president and CEO Mike Hammond.

"We have a tremendous amount of respect for the company and the success of their leadership and employees over the past 48 years, which all started with founder Austin Goodyear. From a business perspective, their 10 locations along the coast are a great addition and a perfect geographic fit for us to serve more customers across the state and specifically in eastern Maine."

Prior to the acquisition, Hammond had 11 locations in Auburn, Bangor, Belgrade, Boothbay Harbor, Brunswick,

Damariscotta, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Portland, and Skowhegan. The top Maine company in sales on the ProSales Top 100 List, ranked 36th in the country, Hammond carries a full line of forest products, specializing in eastern white pine, and saws more than 6,500,000 board feet each year.

Ellsworth Builder's Supply, Inc. was established in 1959 as a subsidiary of the Ellsworth Falls Lumber Co., Inc. The company employs more than 300 employees and was recently ranked 80th on the ProSales Top 100 list as its sales have grown steadily to more than \$80 million.

"Our leadership felt this was the right decision and is a win-win, most importantly because it is a great opportunity for our employees to become part of the Hammond family," said former EBS president and current Hammond employee Dwayne Webber. "We share the same values and place a tremendous focus on providing extraordinary customer service. In many ways, it will be business as usual."

Hammond plans to close the company's Pemaquid and Wilton locations and reassign employees to the Farmington and Damariscotta stores. The 11 current Hammond locations will continue to operate with a pro-oriented lumber and building materials supply focus. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Hammond Lumber Company was founded in 1953 by Skip and Verna Hammond with a single sawmill. Vice president Don Hammond has 51 years of

experience and leads the manufacturing operations while his son, president and CEO Mike Hammond, oversees all other aspects of the company. Committed to workplace safety, the lumber company has received numerous accolades, including the National Safety Council's 2017 Occupational Excellence Achievement Award. For more information, see www.hammondlumber.com.

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Shenna Bellows has been hired as the new executive director of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine. Founded in 1985 and located at the Michael Klahr Center at the University of Maine at Augusta, the center works to promote universal respect for human rights through outreach and education. "Our mission to promote universal respect for human rights is more important than ever," said HHRC board president Nancy Spiegel. "The lessons of the Holocaust

provide valuable insights into how we can stand up against human rights violations, and Shenna Bellows has the experience and vision to help us build capacity and expand our reach in these important times.” A State Senator representing eleven towns in southern Kennebec County, Bellows has a strong background in civil rights and nonprofit leadership. She led the ACLU of Maine as Executive Director for eight years and served as Interim Executive Director for LearningWorks.

an educational nonprofit organization in Portland. She was a key leader on the successful 2012 marriage equality campaign and co-chaired the successful 2011 statewide ballot campaign to restore same-day voter registration. She served as a volunteer with the Peace Corps in Panama and AmeriCorps-VISTA in Nashville. More recently, she owned a nonprofit consulting firm providing services to a range of nonprofit organizations, from the Maine Women's Lobby to the Maine

Immigrants' Rights Coalition. "We are living in a time of great challenges for human rights in our country and our world," said Bellows. "Each of us has a responsibility to confront prejudice and discrimination in our community, and I'm thrilled to be able to work with the HHRC to encourage individuals and communities to act."

The leadership transition moves David Greenham into the position of Assistant Director. Greenham, who came to the HHRC in 2013, has been

working as the program director. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Drama at the University of Maine at Augusta.

The HHRC hosts permanent and rotating exhibits highlighting Holocaust history and past and present human rights issues.

The center also provides educational programming and teacher training at the Klahr Center and in schools statewide. During the 2017-18 school year, more than 5,000 secondary school students and teachers experienced at least

one of the HHRC's eight educational outreach programs. In addition, more than 6,000 visitors came to the Klahr Center for classes, workshops, trainings, or events.

Located at 46 University Drive on the campus of the University of Maine at Augusta, the Klahr Center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during evenings or weekends by appointment. Admission and parking is free. For more information, call 621-3530 or visit hhrcmaine.org.

Barbara Bush Scholarship recipient Ella Penley is pictured here with her parents, Patrick and Olivia Penley, and Senator Susan Collins.

Ella Penley of Lewiston, a fifth-grade student at Farwell Elementary School, has been selected to receive the newly established Barbara Bush Scholarship. U.S. Senator Susan Collins welcomed Penley to her office in Washington, D.C. to congratulate her on the award.

“It was a pleasure to meet with Ella and congratulate her on her hard work, as well as her enthusiasm for exploring the world of literature with her classmates,” said Senator Collins. “The Barbara Bush Scholarship is a wonderful tribute to a First Lady who was a true champion of literacy and who encouraged countless young people to discover the magic of reading.”

Senator Collins recently announced the four inaugural Barbara Bush Scholarship winners, including Ella, in a video that was played to an assembly of students, faculty, and family at Farwell Elementary School.

The event also recognized Maine author Gary Savage, who challenged students at Farwell Elementary to come up with the title and a new character for the third book in his "Fletcher McKenzie" series. Fourteen teams of students participated in the challenge and Ella was part of the team that won the title competition.

President George H.W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush visited Farwell Elementary School several years ago to read to students.

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District Attorney announces re-election campaign

District Attorney Andrew S. Robinson

Having secured the Democratic nomination, District Attorney Andrew S. Robinson has announced his candidacy for reelection to his second four-year term as DA for Maine Prosecutorial District 3, which consists of Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties.

“Andy” Robinson first joined the DA’s office in 1999. Robinson served as an assistant district attorney for 12 years and deputy district attorney for 2 years. He was elected to his current term in November 2014. As District Attorney, he supervises 13 prosecutors, some of whom specialize in domestic violence, sex offenses, and OUI cases, and 22 support staff across the three counties.

Maine’s district attorneys are responsible for prosecuting all crimes except murder and some special tax and fraud cases. Additionally, the DAs handle civil violations, including traffic offenses, juvenile cases, probation violations, and criminal appeals to the Maine Supreme Court. District 3 prosecutors attend court in Lewiston, Auburn, South Paris, Rumford, Bridgton, and Farmington.

“I am very proud of the work our office has done since becoming District Attorney,” said Robinson. “We strive to ensure that victims receive justice and criminals are held accountable. Over the past three years, my office has prosecuted over 24,000 cases. We have removed dangerous people from the street, crime rates have de-

clined in all three counties, and we have secured over 1.2 million dollars in restitution and supervision fees. This money goes directly to victims and the counties where the crimes occurred.”

In addition to the Maine State Police and three county sheriff’s departments, Robinson’s office prosecutes cases for 16 municipal departments, as well as the Maine Warden Service, Maine Forest Service, Fire Marshall, Probation and Parole, Department of Labor (unemployment fraud cases), Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Boston & Maine Railroad Police Department.

The District 3 Chief’s Association, with representatives from all municipal police departments, the three Sheriff’s departments, and the State Police, has endorsed Robinson’s 2018 candidacy. “I am honored by this endorsement,” said Robinson. “We have worked hard to streamline the exchange of information between the DA’s Office and law enforcement agencies. When prosecutors and police officers are working closely together, everybody benefits and our communities are safer.”

As with all law enforcement agencies, one of the biggest challenges facing Robinson’s is the opioid crisis. “My office works closely with the Attorney General’s Office to ensure drug traffickers are held accountable,” he said. “I have attended community forums in all three counties

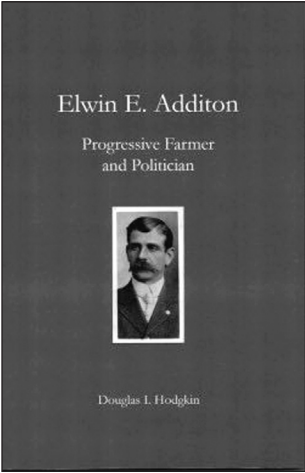
and met with people whose lives have been tragically affected by the devastation of addiction. I am part of the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative and have participated in the annual recovery rally for the past two years. I personally serve as our office’s representative for the Adult Drug Treatment Court based in the Androscoggin County Superior Court. Finding an answer is not easy, but we work hard every day to be a part of the solution.”

Robinson currently serves as a member of the Financial Abuse Specialist Team for the Elderly, the Criminal Rules Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct, and the Prosecutorial Technology Team. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Western Maine Community Action, the Maine Prosecutors Association, and the Farmington Public Library.

Robinson is a graduate of the University of Maine and the University of Maine School of Law and resides in Farmington with his wife of 26 years, Yvette, and their three children.

“I want to thank the people of District 3 for having elected me,” he said. “It has been an honor and a responsibility that I take very seriously. I have served as a prosecutor for our three counties for the past 19 years and I always look forward to coming to work and tackling the challenges we deal with every day.”

Local historian publishes new book



Local historian Douglas Hodgkin has written another biography - this time about a member of his own family. Hodgkin’s great grandfather, a farmer, local civic leader, and Androscoggin County politician, is the subject of the new book “Elwin E. Additon: Progressive Farmer and Politician.”

Elwin Additon (1864-1942) owned a farm in Leeds and held many offices in town government, including school board, moderator, and selectman. When his buildings burned in 1921, he moved to North River Road in Auburn.

Additon was active in the local Grange in both communities, held offices at the county (Pomona) level, and served as treasurer of the Maine State Grange for 37 years. He was also a

member of the board of the Maine State Fair, located in Lewiston. These organizations were founded, in part, to encourage farmers to adopt progressive practices that would enable them to shift from traditionally self-sufficient farms to ones able to compete in an emerging market economy.

Additon was identified as a progressive Republican of the Theodore Roosevelt wing of the party.

The description of his political career as a member of the Maine House of Representatives and as a candidate for Androscoggin County offices provides a window into the politics of the first third of the twentieth century.

In his research, Hodgkin used family materials and albums, newspapers, Leeds Historical Society resources, Grange records housed at the University of Maine, and government documents. Hodgkin is the author of several books on local history, most recently “Dear Parent: A Biography and Letters of Edward Little.”

The new 184-page book is available for ten dollars plus tax from the Androscoggin Historical Society at the county building in Auburn or directly from the author by contacting him at dhodgkin@bates.edu.



Portrait of Elwin E. and Mary Additon with their first daughter, Louise

MSAD 52 instructor named MAE Teacher of the Year

The Maine Adult Education Association has named MSAD 52 instructor Melanie North the 2018 Maine Adult Education Teacher of the Year. North has been an educator for over 15 years, including the past six years as an instructor at MSAD 52, consisting of Turner, Greene, and Leeds. She also serves as the district’s Adult Basic Education coordinator, teaches English and Language Arts, and coordinates the ESL Language Acquisition program.

The Teacher of the Year award recognize educators who exemplify communication, collaboration, and instruction based upon learner needs.

“As our program’s ABE and ESL Coordinator, Melanie has infused the teaching of Language Arts with technology, relevance, and enthusiasm,” said MSAD 52 Adult Education Director Razell Ward.



Melanie North

“Recently, she created a HiSET University course consisting of blended web-based and direct instruction to build skills for student success.”

In addition to her talent and dedication as a teacher, North’s colleague’s praise her for developing and sharing resources, researching best practices, and

her willingness to provide advice, classroom help, and observational support.

“She is one of the best teachers I have ever seen in action,” said one colleague. “I am so lucky to have the opportunity to work with her,” said another. “In a nutshell, she is a great model of what a teacher and mentor should be.”

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What's Going On

Nominations now being accepted for 2018 Outdoor Lifetime Achievement Award



The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is now accepting nominations for its 2018 Annual Lifetime Outdoor Achievement Award.

This award honors individuals who have been dedicated to the use of our natural resources and who are embedded in Maine's rich outdoor traditions. Hunting, fishing, and trapping are an important part of the heritage of the State of Maine and this award celebrates the achievements of an individual while sharing their experiences for the benefit of future generations.

This is the fourth year of this special award and the

Department is now seeking nominations of individuals who have hunted, trapped, and/or fished in Maine for a combined total of 40 years. For example, an individual who has fished for 20 years, trapped for 10 years, and hunted for 10 years, or one who has fished for 30 years and hunted for 10 years, would be an ideal candidate. Candidates should have also demonstrated a form of mentoring, teaching, or instructing in outdoor activities.

Last year's winners, Carole Dyer of Bowdoinham and Gabriel "Gabby" Giguere of Lewiston, were recognized by Commissioner Chandler Woodcock at the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine's annual banquet in September.

Nominations should include the nominee's name, address, phone number, photograph, and a few paragraphs about the individual, their experiences in the Maine outdoors, and an explanation of why they

are a deserving candidate. Please keep in mind that the Department does not know these candidates, so it is important to tell about the nominee with a few paragraphs. The nominator's contact information should also be included.

Nominations, which are due by 5 p.m. on August 8, can be sent by email to Bonnie Holding at bonnie.holding@maine.gov or by mail to 284 State Street, SHS 41, Augusta, Maine 04333.

Please note: If you nominated an individual last year and would like to nominate that person again this year, contact Bonnie Holding.

The recipient(s) of this Lifetime Outdoor Achievement Award will be selected by a committee of individuals from the Department and will be recognized at the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine banquet in Waterville on September 8.

New Age-Friendly Community Group seeks participants

Auburn's newly-formed Age-Friendly Community Group will hold a meeting on Tuesday, July 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center in Pettengill Park. The group is working toward making Auburn more

"livable" for its older residents - including healthier, more convenient and more helpful. They are currently installing wheelchair charging stations in the city and planning a "Take a Vet to School" program. Resi-

dents ages 50 and older are welcome to attend to help brainstorm other ideas and offer suggestions. For more information, contact group chairperson Leroy Walker at 577-2694 or lwalker@auburnmaine.gov.



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CMCC hosts Summer Evening Open House July 18



Two summer students relax on the CMCC campus.

Central Maine Community College will host an informational program on Wednesday, July 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. for students interested in attending the college this fall. This informal Open House will include information on admissions, financial aid, academic programs, and campus tours. All students applying at the event will have the \$20 application fee waived. Assistance will be provided in completing the admissions

application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The open house welcomes potential students of all ages, including the "non-traditional" student population. Nontraditional students are generally older students attending college for the first time or returning to college after an extended absence.

"For anyone looking to extend their education, this is a great opportunity to visit the college in a relaxed

atmosphere," said Director of Admissions Andrew Morong. "We welcome all potential students to come see the campus and learn about the opportunities we provide."

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 755-5273. While an RSVP is not required, anyone interested in attending is encouraged to do so online at www.cmcc.edu.

Shaw's supports Marines Helping Veterans program



Marine Corps League Central Maine Detachment 810 presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Dan Perreault, store manager of Shaw's in Lewiston, for the store's outstanding support of the league's Marines Helping Veterans program. This is the third year that Shaw's has supported the program, which benefits the Maine Veterans Home, Honor Flight Maine, the Wounded Heroes Program of Maine, and the Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope in Augusta.

Safe Voices receives Girl Scout donations



Megan Allen of Girl Scout Troop 2470 in Lewiston gathered donations for Safe Voices, the local domestic violence resource center. She collaborated with staff from Geiger, Inc. to collect household and personal care items for victims and their children. Allen earned her Bronze Award as a result of the project. She is pictured here with Safe Voices staffers Louise Blowers and Victoria Stanton.

Tri-Country Mental Health Services welcomes new Director of Fiscal Operations



Julie Olum

Tri-County Mental Health Services has appointed Julie Olum to the position of Director of Fiscal Operations. Olum joins TCMHS as an accomplished nonprofit accounting professional with over 30 years of accounting experience.

She worked most recently as the Director of Finance for Spectrum Generations, where she established a successful track record of leading the agency’s finances. She has also served as the Assistant Controller for Maine Veterans Homes and as

a Business Manager for the Maine Community College System. She is a graduate of the University of Maine at Augusta and received her MBA from Thomas College.

“We are very excited to welcome Julie to our team!” said Catherine Ryder, Executive Director of Tri-County Mental Health Services. “She brings excellent experience that matches well with our agency’s strategic goals.”

For more than 65 years, Tri-County Mental Health Services has provided innovative

programs and services addressing mental health, substance-use disorders, developmental disabilities, and more to thousands of children, adults, elders, and families each year.

Their philosophy of building toward recovery and sensitivity to the traumatic experiences of consumers gives hope to individuals, families, and communities in Androscoggin, Northern Cumberland, Franklin, Oxford and York Counties. For more information, see www.tcmhs.org.

What’s Going On

SeniorsPlus receives grant from Alzheimer’s Foundation

The Alzheimer’s Foundation of America has awarded a grant of \$5,000 to SeniorsPlus in Lewiston to help fund a new training program for professional caregivers working with people impacted by Alzheimer’s disease.

“The recognition that professional caregivers need training and support is so welcome,” said Betsy Sawyer-Manter, President and CEO of SeniorsPlus. “While we have provided training and support to family caregivers for many years, professional caregivers have repeatedly asked for access to similar training, and we have had no resources to respond. The support from the AFA gives us an opportunity to respond to this unmet need.”

“Professional caregivers working daily with individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease deserve to have the best training possible,” said Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr., AFA’s president and

chief executive officer. “SeniorsPlus’ new program will provide caregivers with additional training so they can elevate the level of care they provide to families in Western Maine.”

SeniorsPlus serves the needs of seniors and adults experiencing cognitive disorders by enriching their lives and helping them maintain their independence. The non-profit organization helps them make informed choices about aging well and living independently and safely in their homes.

The \$5,000 grant will help start a new training program to teach professional caregivers in residential settings best practices in working with individuals who have Alzheimer’s disease. The program may eventually be expanded to also train first responders, social workers and other professionals.

The Alzheimer’s Foundation of Amer-

ica is a non-profit organization that unites more than 2,600 member organizations nationwide in the goal of providing optimal care and services to individuals living with dementia, and to their caregivers and families. Its services include a National Toll-Free Helpline (866-232-8484) staffed by licensed social workers, the National Memory Screening Program, educational conferences and materials, and “AFA Partners in Care” dementia care training for healthcare professionals.

AFA is able to provide vital services such as this grant as a result of individual contributions, sponsorships and fundraising activities. To help support these initiatives, visit www.alzfdn.org/donate.

For more information about AFA membership and grant opportunities, call 866-232-8484 or see www.alzfdn.org.

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Camden House & Garden Tour set for July 19



A visitor lingers to enjoy a garden during the 2014 event.

The Camden Garden Club will present its 71st annual House & Garden Tour on Thursday, July 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Judging by the license plates that

dot the parking areas each year for this event, the tour is well known, not only throughout Maine, but across the New England states.

While different every year, the tour always offers unique views of waterfront properties and in-town jewels, making this a must-do event for residents and



Delphiniums grace a waterfront garden on the 2014 tour.

visitors alike. Chairing the tour this year is Stephanie Mathews, who has also co-ordinated tours in past years.

Established in 1915, the Camden Garden Club is the oldest garden club in Maine. In 1948, the club held its first House & Garden Tour, with about 500 people attending. Attendance now regularly surpasses 2000. The event takes place rain or shine, with the

umbrellas of those attending popping out everywhere if needed.

The town itself takes on a flower garden ambience for the event, with baskets of flowers hanging from the lamp posts and shops sporting flowerboxes on their store fronts, all arranged by Garden Club members. The club takes its goal of preserving and beautifying the public spaces of

Camden seriously.

Tickets are also available on the day of the tour at Camden Hills State Park, located on Route 1 just north of Camden, or at Maine Sport Outfitters, located on Route 1 just south of Camden. No credit cards will be accepted on the day of the tour. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, see www.camdengardenclub.com.



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Hope Weston turns 103



Hope Weston reminisces by a photo of her father on her 103rd birthday. (Photo by Rachel Morin)

When Hope Weston turned 103 on July 6, she had already been celebrating her birthday the entire week of the Fourth with her large, extended family and many friends who gathered for the occasion. A final celebration came on her actual birthday, when a chocolate cake topped with peanut butter frosting was served at the Camden Dining Room at Schooner Estates as friends gathered around to sing “Happy Birthday” to a beaming Hope.

Weston was born in Manila, Philippine Islands, to American-born parents Eugene Eveleth Wing of Augusta and Nellie Grace McBeth Wing of Fairfield. She attended American schools through high school and went to college at the University of Maine at Orono, where she met her future husband, Lowell Nathan Weston of Augusta. They were married following graduation and the family eventually welcomed two sons, Robert Nathan Weston

and James Lowell Weston. As the years went by, Bob and wife Mickie, along with Jimmy and wife Judy, added to the family, and now she has many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Weston keeps active at Schooner, participating in daily activities and outside events arranged by the staff. She is a member of USM’s L-A Senior College and never misses a class taught by Dr. Charles Plummer.



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Trinity Jubilee Center director to address Rotary Club

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, July 19, from noon to 1 p.m. will be Erin Reed. The event will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Reed is the Executive Director of the Trinity Jubilee Center in Lewiston. She also serves as the Center's Food Pantry Coordinator, Development Director, Refugee Integration Program staff person, Day Shelter staff person, Office Manager, and Publicity Coordinator. She has been involved with the Jubilee Center since 2004.

Located in the heart of downtown Lewiston, the Trinity Jubilee Center is a community center that provides food and hope to Lewiston-Auburn residents struggling to make ends meet. The center is open six days a week and operates five programs: the Meals Program serves 80 to 100 hot lunches each day; the Food Pantry distributes groceries to 200 to 300 families each week; the Day Shelter provides warmth and rest to the homeless; the Resource Center offers a free weekly medical clinic, access to the center's phone, fax, and internet, a mailing address for the homeless, winter gear and toiletries, community workshops, and one-on-one support to overcome challenges; and the Refugee Integration Program helps families from more than a dozen countries access employment, housing, and education.

These comprehensive services not only feed people when they are hungry, but help them to address the reasons why they are hungry and become healthier, more stable, and more self-sufficient. More than 1,000 people are served each week.

Guests are welcome to the program and no reservations are required. Lunch will be available at the restaurant. For more information, contact Club President Thomas MacDonald at 333-4588, follow them on Facebook, or see www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

Children's Authors Day at Maine Wildlife Park

Visit the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray on Saturday, July 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a day with popular children's book authors Tamra Wight ("Cooper & Packrat"), Melissa Kim ("Wildlife on the Move") and Lyn Smith ("A Porcupine's Promenade").

These Maine authors will give presentations about wildlife and read from their books. Activities for the kids will include opportunities to make your own wildlife book or journal, go on a wildlife scavenger hunt, and take part in a variety of family-friendly workshops centering on wildlife writing, drawing, and photography.

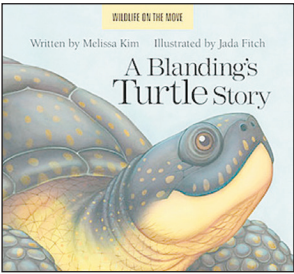
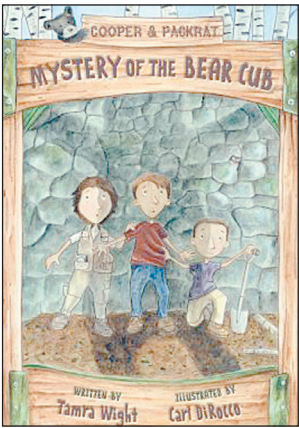
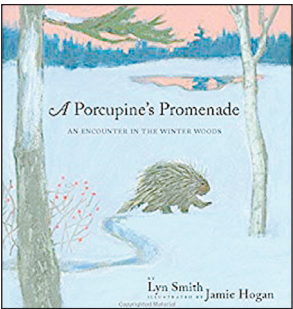
Tamra Wight will show her Maine nature photography and tell how wildlife watching from a kayak and trails inspired her award-winning eco-adventure series "Cooper and Packrat." Each mystery is set in Cooper's fami-

ly's campground and features a different Maine animal threatened by culprits. Read "Mystery on Pine Lake," "Mystery of the Eagle's Nest," "Mystery of the Fox Kit," and "Mystery of the Bear Cub" to find out more.

Lyn Smith, whose beautiful book "A Porcupine's Promenade" perfectly captures the excitement and joy of a child exploring the wonders of the natural world on a snowy winter day, will lead a mini-workshop in which participants will make their own discoveries and record them in their handmade paper sketchbooks. Come sharpen your eyes and your pencils.

Melissa Kim, author of the "Wildlife on the Move" board books for young readers, will present wildlife fun facts and games. Come test your animal IQ, play a memory game, make a 3D turtle with Wikki Stix, and more.

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Superintendent to address Rotary Club

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, July 12, from noon to 1 p.m. will be Superintendent Katy Grondin. The event will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Katy Grondin is the Superintendent for the Auburn School Department. Her love for the Auburn community began when her family moved to Maine in the summer of 1979. She graduated from Edward Little High School in 1982 and went to the University of Southern Maine to become a teacher. Since becoming a teacher for the Auburn School Department in 1988, she has served in several leadership roles and became Superintendent in 2011.

Grondin's passion for education drives her to work with her colleagues and staff to strive to provide a high quality education for all students. She understands the importance of engaging with the community to garner support for education. She is a member of the board of the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce and serves on its Education and Workforce Development Committee. She facilitates a Business Roundtable that brings together educators and business leaders to best educate students to be career and college ready after graduation. In 2007, she was honored as the National Distinguished Principal of the Year.

Guests are welcome and no reservations are required. Lunch will be available at the restaurant. For more information, contact Club President Thomas MacDonald at 333-4588, follow them on Facebook, or see www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

What's Going On

Safe house for victims of sex trafficking and exploitation to open in Androscoggin County



Melanie LaMore Gagnon (l.) and Hailey Virusso (at podium) of Safe Voices describe the program and philosophy of the sex trafficking and exploitation safe house as Elise Johansen of Safe Voices and Cathy Geren of Hope Rising look on. Also on hand at the press conference were Marty McIntyre of SAPARS; police chiefs Phillip Crowell and Bryan O'Malley of Auburn and Lewiston, respectively; Francine Garland Stark of MCEDV; District Attorney Andrew Robinson; Francine Garland Stark of MCEDV; Destie Hohman Sprague of ME-CASA; Denise Lord of Maine State Housing Authority; and Attorney General Janet Mills.

At a press conference held recently in the Lewiston City Council chambers, Safe Voices, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services, and the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence announced plans to open a safe house for victims and survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation.

The project is the culmination of a collaboration involving the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Housing, and the Maine Attorney General's Office, along with the hosting agencies Safe Voices, SAPARS, and MCEDV.

"It's an honor to do this work in support of victims and survivors," said Safe Voices executive director Elise Johansen. "I am so grateful to our partners at SAPARS, MCEDV, and agencies across the state for contributing their support and expertise to this important new initiative."

Based at an undisclosed location in Androscoggin County, the safe house program will be a statewide resource and the first of its kind in Maine. Doors will open in September of this year.

The safe house aims to address Maine's need for both emergency and confidential services for those fleeing sex trafficking and exploitation.

"We are proud and excited to be collaborating with Safe Voices on this first-of-a-kind partnership between sexual assault and domestic violence agencies," says Marty McIntyre, executive director of SAPARS. "The sex trafficking and exploitation safe house is a much-needed resource in this community as we work with community partners to increase identification of victims of sex trafficking and implement a broad range of services available both within the house and in the community."

The community-based program will support survivors in addressing their unique victimization and the barriers that have impacted their self-sufficiency. The program also focuses on the significant trauma, compromised mental health, and substance use disorders that many victims of human sex trafficking and sexual exploitation face.

Melanie LaMore Gagnon is the director of shelter and housing services at Safe Voices. She describes the philosophy of the safe house as "a place where survivors can find support, autonomy, and choice in their path to recovery." She says survivor leaders - people who have experienced sex trafficking and exploitation - will serve as mentors and peer connections, helping to shape and deliver the programs available to residents.

"Many of those who are not directly involved with this work are still surprised to learn that sex trafficking and exploitation happen here in Androscoggin County and throughout Maine," says Gagnon.

The member programs of MCEDV and the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault serve at least 200 victims of sex trafficking in Maine each year, from both rural and urban communities. And that number

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Celebration Barn Theater presents "The Eulogy"



Michael Burgos' acclaimed show for ages 13 and up is an absurd, theatrical parody of a funeral speech. (Photo by Jason Reidmiller)

After winning both the Patrons' Choice Award and the Critics' Choice Award at the 2017 PortFringe Festival in Portland, Michael Burgos' brings "The Eulogy" to Celebration Barn Theater in South Paris on Saturday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m.

This acclaimed show for ages 13 and up is an absurd, theatrical parody of a funeral speech that features a menagerie of characters whose inept and inapt speeches give anything but a proper homage.

Tickets are \$14 for

adults, \$12 for seniors ages 60-plus, and \$8 for kids ages 17 and under. All tickets are general admission and members receive priority seating. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended. The lobby and concessions open at 6:30 p.m.

Celebration Barn Theater is located just off Route 117 at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at 743-8452 or see www.CelebrationBarn.com.

"Richard III" opens this weekend at TAM

William Shakespeare's stunning portrait of a Machiavellian genius and his murderous quest for power comes alive at Theater at Monmouth starting with a preview performance of "Richard III" on Thursday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. The play officially opens on Friday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. and runs through August 18, with matinee and evening performances on both weekdays and weekends throughout the summer.

Crowned by means of shameless seduction, lies and bloodshed, Richard Plantagenet makes the happy earth his hell as he carves a bloody swath through all that stand in his way. Shakespeare's "game of thrones" concludes the "War of the Roses" play cycle with one of literature's most ruthless, remorseless, and relentless characters.

England's civil Wars of the Roses is paused by a period of promised peace, but the scheming Richard, Duke of Gloucester, plots to take the throne following the death of his newly crowned brother, Edward IV, by any means necessary. Twisted more inside than out, Richard hurtles down a path of moral demise and military destruction, ultimately setting the stage for a new hero to rescue England and unite the Houses of York and Lancaster, ushering in the Tudor reign.

TAM's production delves into the power and agency of the women sur-



Shakespeare's "game of thrones," Richard III features one of the most ruthless and remorseless characters in all of literature.

rounding Richard III in a world of patriarchal order. While Richard's political intrigue brooks no obstacles, he cannot seem to stand-up to the women in his life who curse him, repel him, and defy him.

"It's this part of the story that interests me - the iron will to survive the loss of a child, a husband, and one's vaulted status that gives one strength to speak truth to power," says Director Dawn McAndrews. "What if Shakespeare was also praising the sitting

monarch for her iron will by creating these powerful women in her image?"

Richard III features Jake Loewenthal as Richard III, Kedren Spencer as Queen Elizabeth, Janis Stevens as the Duchess of York, KP Powell as Stanley, Marshall Taylor Thurman as Buckingham, and Maureen Butler as Queen Margaret. The cast also includes Bill Van Horn, James Noel Hoban, Mark S. Cartier, Ryan Broussard, Katie Croyle, Amber McNew, Bibi Mama, Alexandra Curren, Michael

Dolan, Kevin Aoussou Carr, and Joseph Dolan. Set design is by Kimie Nishikawa, costume design is by Michelle Handley, lighting design is by Daniel Taylor, sound design is by Rew Tippin, and fight direction is by Leighton Samuels.

The play opens July 13 at 7:30 p.m.; additional performance dates are July 12 and 21, August 1, 3, 9, and 14, all at 7:30 p.m.; August 5, 15, and 8 at 1 p.m.; and July 29 at 7 p.m. with a post-show discussion.



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This week at the BDF: Rennie Harris’ PureMovement



Harris is known for taking hip hop dance to a mainstream audience.

The featured troupe at the Bates Dance Festival this week is Rennie Harris’ PureMovement. Harris is known for taking hip hop dance from the inner city to a mainstream audience, transforming both art form and audience in the process. Delving into the organic, spiritual tapestry of house music and dance, his performance piece “Lifted” explores tensions between self-determination and family, religion and society.

Harris’ residency this week will include a lecture-demonstration on the history of hip hop on July 18 and “Inside Dance” Community Discussions at both Celebration Barn Theater in South Paris on July 16 and Auburn Public Library on July 19.

A gala reception will precede the opening performance of “Lifted,” which will be presented on the festival mainstage at Schaeffer Theatre on Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, at 7:30 p.m. For more information about the festival, including a complete event schedule, or to buy tickets, see batesdancefestival.org.

Cold Chocolate performs Saturday in Bath



This week’s performers in the Summer Waterfront Concert series will be Cold Chocolate. Hailing from Boston, the band has gained recognition up and down the East Coast for their high-energy shows and original music. Free and open to the public, the weekly concerts take place in Waterfront Park each Saturday at 6 p.m. through August. Presented by the Chocolate Church Arts Center, these outdoor shows are weather-dependent.

Twin City Nights

This week at La Rencontre



Local performers Lionel Meservier and sisters Debra St. Pierre Robitaille and Melissa St. Pierre Noel will provide the entertainment at the Gendron Franco Center’s next La Rencontre (The Gathering) on Thursday, July 12 at 11:25 a.m. The cost of this monthly program with meal is \$12. To see the monthly program schedule, visit www.francocenter.org.

Swingin’ Bears host Ice Cream Social

The Swingin’ Bears Square Dance Club will host their annual Ice Cream Social dance on Saturday, July 14, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Oxford Hills Middle School in South Paris. Ray Hilton will call the square dances and Carol Arseneault will cue the round dances.

This event is a season highlight for all square dancers mainstream level and up. There will be a 50/50 drawing and door prizes and, after 8 p.m., “Make Your Own Sundaes” and other refreshments.

There will be no intermission. All are welcome. Admission is \$8 per dancer. Non-dancers may attend at no charge. For more information, call the Deans at 966-2327 or 890-2972 or see swinginbearsquaredance.us.

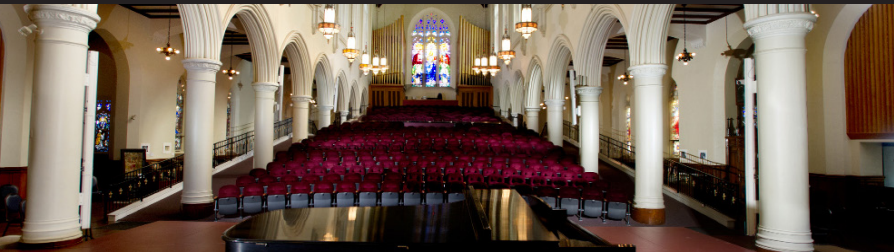
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Paris Hill Music Festival to kick off with Howie Day



Bangor native Howie Day achieved pop stardom with the top 10 singles “She Says” and “Collide.”

The 2018 Paris Hill Music Festival will kick off on Thursday, August 9 at 7 p.m. with a performance by Maine native son turned superstar Howie Day. The event will take place in the historic First Baptist Church of Paris at 500 Paris Hill Road in South Paris.

A native of Bangor, Howie Day began playing piano at age five and guitar at age 12. By 15, he was writing his own songs and performing across New England. Shortly after graduating from high school, he became a fixture at college coffee houses across the U.S. He wrote, financed and released his first effort, “Australia,” which sold over 30,000 copies and was named Best Debut Album at the 2001 Boston Music Awards.

During his relentless touring schedule, Day experimented with effects pedals and loop-sampling techniques as he performed, layering live percussion with vocal harmonies and guitar parts to become a ver-

itable one-man band. After signing with Epic Records, Day released his major-label debut, “Stop All The World Now,” and hit the road to support it. The constant touring paid off as “Stop” was certified gold in the U.S. and spawned two Top 10 radio hits, “She Says” and the platinum single “Collide.”

After three subsequent years of intense worldwide touring, Day moved to Los Angeles and returned to the studio. His next release, “Sound the Alarm,” built on the emotionally complex spirit of its predecessor and delved into Day’s journey from indie wunderkind to platinum-selling artist. Its lead single “Be There” became a staple of Modern AC radio.

After parting ways with Epic and relocating to New York City in 2010, Day released the “Ceasefire” EP on his own label, Daze. Over the next two years, as a reenergized Day toured North America, Australia, and Asia, new songs began to emerge and evolve. His

fourth full-length album, “Lanterns,” was recorded in Boston with producer and longtime friend Mike Denneen. Awash with a warm musicality and unique instrumentation, the album also features guest vocals from Aimee Mann. “Lanterns” was released in April 2015.

There are no bad seats in this small, intimate venue. Seating is very limited, so purchasing tickets early is encouraged. Tickets for the concert are \$35 and may be purchased at the Paris Hill Country Club, The Tribune on Main Street in Norway, and online at www.parishill-musicfestival.com.

The Paris Hill Music Festival will continue on Friday, August 10 with a performance by Nichole Nordeman and on Saturday, August 11 with the Frankie Valli tribute group Let’s Hang On. For more information, contact Festival Director Mary Beth Caffey at 754-7970 or parishillmusicfestival@gmail.com.

Rewriting the Future of Alzheimer’s

By Senator Susan M. Collins

One hundred years ago, infectious diseases such as pneumonia and tuberculosis accounted for almost half of all deaths. Today, because of advancements in public health, we can prevent and cure what were once the deadliest diseases in America.

Public health saves lives, and has proven over the past century to extend lives, too. Since 1900, public health has added nearly three decades to the lifespan. The leading causes of death are now chronic diseases including cancer, respiratory diseases, and stroke. Alzheimer’s disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the nation.

While we all may be familiar with the role of public health in protecting against communicable diseases, advancements in public health are beginning to change the story for certain chronic diseases, too. For breast cancer, early detection and screening save lives. The earlier the cancer is caught, the better the prognosis.

As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee and founder of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer’s disease, I recently chaired a hearing to explore how we can tap into public health to rewrite the future of Alzheimer’s disease, just as we have done for so many diseases of the past. Patients, families, and advocates from around the country, including Maine, filled the hearing room with a sea of purple, the signature color worn by Alzheimer’s Association advocates.

They were there in support of the BOLD Alzheimer’s Act that I authored with Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto of Nevada, bipartisan legislation that would establish Centers of Excellence in Public Health Practice dedicated to promoting Alzheimer’s disease management and caregiving interventions while educating the public on Alzheimer’s disease and brain health. As part of the national forum that brought the advocates to Washing-

ton, Sen. Cortez Masto and I were honored with the Alzheimer’s Association’s 2018 Humanitarian of the Year Award for our work to harness America’s public health infrastructure to enhance access to care and support for people affected by the disease.

An estimated 5.7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s, costing our nation \$277 billion a year, including \$186 billion in costs to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. If we continue along this trajectory, nearly 14 million seniors are projected to be living with Alzheimer’s in 2050, and the cost will surpass \$1 trillion annually.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are already doing tremendous work to combat Alzheimer’s within the Public Health Road Map of the Healthy Brain Initiative. The Centers of Excellence created by our bill would implement this CDC Road Map.

BOLD would spread the opportunity for communities across America to create the capacity to combat Alzheimer’s. Our legislation would help public health departments take key steps including education, early diagnosis, risk reduction, care management, and caregiver support.

Early diagnosis makes a difference. Earlier detection of symptoms would provide individuals and families the opportunity to prepare by planning their finances and to find help navigating the challenges of dementia. And it saves money. Just as we screen for cancer, diabetes, and other chronic diseases, appropriate screening for Alzheimer’s is the first step to improve treatment.

Several states and towns are already establishing public health plans to take on Alzheimer’s. I am proud of the actions that Maine is taking to promote early detection and improve data collection. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention has distributed the State Plan for Alzheimer’s, including its

special insert with cognitive assessment tools to help primary care professionals make early diagnoses. In Bangor, the Public Health Department has distributed hundreds of brochures to educate the public. In Kennebunkport, Public Health Office nurses are hosting talks on Alzheimer’s to connect people with resources.

Maine also is leading the way in research. Among the witnesses at the hearing was Dr. Gareth Howell of the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, who testified about the progress of Alzheimer’s research.

Over the past five years, Dr. Howell and three of his colleagues have led a diverse and vibrant Alzheimer’s disease research program that aims to find genetic factors that are linked to both susceptibility and resistance to Alzheimer’s. His team also seeks to better understand risk factors and other health conditions that contribute to the disease.

We are making progress in the fight against Alzheimer’s. In 2011, I authored the National Alzheimer’s Project Act (NAPA), with then-Senator Evan Bayh of Indiana. NAPA convened a panel of experts who determined that \$2 billion per year in research funding is needed to achieve our goal of preventing and treating Alzheimer’s by the year 2025. I helped to secure \$1.8 billion - an increase of \$414 million - for Alzheimer’s research in the recent government funding bill, which brings us within reach of the \$2 billion goal.

Alzheimer’s is not a normal part of aging. It is a disease and a public health issue with a course that we can potentially change. There are steps that we can take today to help prevent the risk of cognitive decline and to improve the lives of those living with Alzheimer’s and their caregivers. Public health has proven its power to control and prevent infectious diseases. A public health approach to Alzheimer’s can create a better future for persons living with dementia and their families.

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Thursday, July 12
Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting. 7 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn at 14 Great Falls Plaza in Auburn. Executive Director Christina McAnuff discusses the Olympia Snowe Women’s Leadership Institute. \$20 (non-members \$30). Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Sampson AFB Veterans Luncheon. Noon. Chickadee Restaurant, Lewiston. Open to all veterans, this informal monthly meeting gathers those who took basic training at Sampson Air Force Base in the 1940s and ’50s. 657-4909.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The speaker is Auburn School Department Superintendent Katy Grondin. Free; no reservations required. 713-7045; www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

Bates Dancer Festival Performance. 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, 329 College St., Bates College, Lewiston. Sean Dorsey Dance performs the New England premiere of festival co-commission “Boys in Trouble.” Again 7/14. \$25/18/12. 786-6161; batesdancefestival.org.

Friday, July 13
“Who Killed Jolly Roger?” 7 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. Mystery for Hire presents this dinner-theatre mystery. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$45 per person for meal and show. 784-4433. Reserve at summermystery.eventbrite.com.
Benefit Hockey Game. 7 p.m. Norway Savings Bank Arena, Turner St., Auburn. Teams from the Lewiston P.D. and the Maine Army National Guard face off to benefit the Cpl. Eugene Cole Scholarship Fund. \$5. 595-0260.

Saturday, July 14
Saturday at Maine Wildlife Park. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 56 Game Farm Rd., Gray. Popular Maine children’s authors Tamra Wight, Melissa Kim and Lyn Smith lead kids’ activities exploring our natural world. \$7.50/5.50. 657-4977; www.mainewildlifepark.com.

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Cold Chocolate performs Americana, roots, and bluegrass music. Weather-dependent. Free. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center.

Square & Round Dancing. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine St., So. Paris. The Swingin’ Bears host their annual Ice Cream Social; come make your own sundae and dance. \$8. 890-2972; swinginbearssquare-danceme.us.

Michael Burgos’ “The Eulogy.” 7:30 p.m. Celebration Barn, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. This acclaimed show

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for ages 13 and up is an absurd, theatrical parody of a funeral speech. \$14/12/8. 743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Tuesday, July 17
Auburn Age-Friendly Community Group Meeting. 5:30 p.m. Senior Center, Pettengill Park. Residents ages 50 and older are welcome to attend to help brainstorm ideas and offer suggestions. 577-2694; lwalker@auburn-maine.gov.

“Music for Mavis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location: library across the green). This week’s performer is Back Woods Road Band. Free, but a suggested \$5 donation helps support the series. 754-0954.

Wednesday, July 18
Summer Evening Open House. 4 to 7 p.m. Central Maine Comm. College, 1250 Turner St., Auburn. Prospective students and their families are invited to come learn about programs, activities and sports at CMCC; apply onsite and have your app. fee waived. To RSVP, see www.cmcc.edu.

Music of the 1950s and ’60s. 4 to 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Artist and performer Marc Black reviews the history of the 1950s and ’60s through its popular songs. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival Performance. 6 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. The program incl. Rossini’s Sonata No. 3 in C Major for Two Violins, Cello and Bass and Brahms’ Trio for Violin, Horn and Piano in E-Flat Major, Op. 40. Free will offering.

Thursday, July 19
Maine Military & Community Network Conference. Augusta Civic Center. The theme of this year’s meeting is “Resiliency and Reintegration: Life in Transition.” Free for service members and veterans. <http://www.cvent.com/d/1gq10j>.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The speaker is Trinity Jubilee Center executive director Erin Reed. Free; no reservations required. 333-4588; www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

Blackjack 5K Run-Walk. 6 p.m. Oak Hill Middle School, Ball Park Rd., Sabattus. This social, non-competitive event encourages participants to get some exercise for a chance to win prizes. \$5. Sign-up starts 5 p.m. www.sabattusrec.com.
Concert on the Quad.

6:30 p.m. Historic Quad at Gomes Chapel, 275 College Ave., Bates College, Lewiston. Erica Brown & the Bluegrass Connection play bluegrass, French Canadian, and original songs. Free. 753-6953; bates.edu.

Friday, July 20
Bates Dance Festival Performance. 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, 329 College St., Bates College, Lewiston. Rennie Harris’ PureMovement presents the full-length performance piece “Lifted,” exploring the organic, spiritual tapestry of house music and dance. Again 7/21. For ticket info, call 786-6161 or see batesdancefestival.org.

Saturday, July 21
Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. OC & the Off-Beats perform rock, soul, and pop music. Weather-dependent. Free. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center.

Tuesday, July 24
“Music for Mavis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location: library across the green). This week’s performer is John Hoose of Country Choir (Country Rock). Free, but a suggested \$5 donation helps support the series. 754-0954.

Wednesday, July 25
Stanton Bird Club Riverside Trail Walk. Meet at 8 a.m. on the corner of Winter and Whipple Sts. at Sunnyside Park in Lewiston. Walk ends by 11 a.m. All welcome. Free. 406-4741; jsmd@att.net.

Summer Fun & Films Program. Drouin Field (next to the Colisee), Lewiston. Tonight’s movie, “Coco,” starts at dusk; pre-movie activities begin at 6 p.m. Concessions available. Pres. by the Lewiston Police Department and the Gendron Franco Center. Free.

Saturday, July 28
Moore Park Makers Fair. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Moore Park, Norway. Arts & crafts vendors, live music, dance and theater performances, pony rides, bounce house, demos, food vendors, car show. Rain date July 29. www.mooreparkartshow.biz.

Baked Bean Supper. 5 p.m. First Congregational Church, Route 115, Gray. Baked beans, casseroles, salads, homemade breads and desserts, beverages. \$8 (\$4 kids under 12). Wheelchair accessible. 657-4279; day of supper 657-3279.

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Pres. by

Chocolate Church Arts Center, The Big Chips Trio perform jazz, blues and soul music. Weather-dependent. Free.

Tuesday, July 31
Book Discussion. 9:30 a.m. Auburn Public Library. As part of statewide summer reading program Read ME 2018, the library hosts a discussion of Susan Hand Shetterly’s “Settled in the Wild.” Copies avail. to borrow. 333-6640, ext. 4.

“Music for Mavis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location is the library across the green). This week’s performer is Brad Hooper (Country Rock). Free, but a suggested “pass the hat” donation of \$5 helps support the series. 754-0954.

Saturday, August 4
Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center, the Duquette Trio perform alternative folk music. Weather-dependent. Free.

Tuesday, August 7
Author Visit. 9:30 a.m. Auburn Public Library. As part of statewide summer reading program Read ME 2018, the library hosts author CB Anderson to discuss her book “River Talk.” Copies avail. to borrow. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Summer Fun & Films Program. Lewiston Middle School Field, Lewiston. This week’s event takes place on Tuesday for National Night Out; tonight’s movie, “Jumanji” (2017), starts at dusk; pre-movie activities begin at 6 p.m. Pres. by the Lewiston Police Department and the Gendron Franco Center. Free.

“Music for Mavis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location is the library across the green). This week’s performer is Milltown Road Show (Country, Bluegrass, Rock). Free, but a suggested “pass the hat” donation of \$5 helps support the series. 754-0954.

Thursday, August 9
Paris Hill Music Festival. 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, 500 Paris Hill Rd., So. Paris. This three-day event kicks off with a performance by pop superstar (and Bangor native) Howie Day. \$35. 754-7970; www.parishillmusicfestival.com.

Saturday, August 11
Maine Woodcarver’s Assoc. Annual Show & Competition. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Town Hall, 1231 Maine St., Poland. Wood carvings on display, “Wood and Things” gift shop, raffles. Free admission. <http://mainewoodcarvers.com>.

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Cen-

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Tuesday, August 14
“Music for Mavis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location is the library across the green). This week’s performer is guitarist Denny Breaux, with Ann, Deb, and Frank. Free, but a suggested “pass the hat” donation of \$5 helps support the series. 754-0954.

Saturday, August 18
Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center, duo Red Beans & Rice perform blues music. Weather-dependent. Free.

Tuesday, August 21
“Music for Mavis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location is the library across the green). This week’s performer is the Grownups (Rock). Free, but a suggested “pass the hat” donation of \$5 helps support the series. 754-0954.

Wednesday, August 22
Summer Fun & Films Program. Pettingill School Park, Lewiston. Tonight’s movie, “The Black Panther,” starts at dusk; pre-movie activities begin at 6 p.m. Concessions available. Pres. by the Lewiston Police Department and the Gendron

Franco Center. Free.
Saturday, August 25
Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center, steel drum band Pan Fried Steel performs. Weather-dependent. Free.

Tuesday, August 28
“Music for Mavis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location is the library across the green). This week’s performer is Tim Bishop and Chrissy Paulson (Rock) Free, but a suggested “pass the hat” donation of \$5 helps support the series. 754-0954.

Tuesday, September 4
“Music for Mavis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location is the library across the green). This week’s performer is Cobblestones (Rock, Folk). Free, but a suggested “pass the hat” donation of \$5 helps support the series. 754-0954.

Tuesday, September 11
“Music for Mavis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location is the library across the green). This week’s performer is Hot Dam (Rock, Swing). Free, but a suggested “pass the hat” donation of \$5 helps support the series. 754-0954.

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Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival presents program at United Methodist Church

The Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival will present a program called “Discover the Joy of Classical Music” on Wednesday, July 18 at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Auburn. A free will offering will be shared between the Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival and the church.

The program will include Gioachino Rossini’s Sonata No. 3 in C Major for Two Violins, Cello and Bass and Johannes Brahms’ Trio for Violin, Horn and Piano in E-Flat Major, Op. 40.

The performers will be William Purvis (horn), Min-Young Kim (violin), Keiko Tokunaga (violin), Ani Kalayjian (cello), Andrew Roitstein (bass), and Mihae Lee (piano). The festival music director is Mihae Lee.

William Purvis enjoys a multifaceted career both in the U.S. and abroad as horn

soloist, chamber musician, conductor and educator. He is a member of the Triton Horn Trio, the New York Woodwind Quintet, and the Yale Brass Trio, and is an emeritus member of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. A frequent guest of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, he has collaborated with the Brentano, Juilliard, Daedalus and Orion string quartets and has released recordings on the Deutsche Grammophon, Sony Classical, Naxos, Koch and Bridge labels. A Professor of Horn at the Yale School of Music, he also serves as Coordinator of Winds and Brasses and is director of the Collection of Musical Instruments. He has been performing at the SLLMF since 2000.

Violinist Min-Young Kim is a founding member and first violinist of the internationally acclaimed Daedalus Quartet, winner of the Banff String Quartet Competition. She has also toured extensively with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and Musicians from Marlboro. A graduate of Harvard University and the Juilliard School, she enjoys working closely with composers and has premiered and performed many new works. In early music, she has performed and recorded on the baroque violin with Apollo’s Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra and New York Collegium. She has performed at the SLLMF since 2016.

Praised by Strings Magazine for her “pure, pellucid bow strokes,” violinist Keiko Tokunaga performs globally as soloist and chamber musician. She joined the internationally acclaimed Attacca Quartet in 2005, and the Quartet has since won numerous awards, including First Prize of the 7th Osaka International Chamber Music Competition in 2011. She recently released her debut solo album, “Jewels,” on the New York Classics label. A graduate of the Juilliard School, she plays on a Stefano Scarampella violin from

1900. She has performed at the SLLMF since 2016.

Hailed by the Los Angeles Times as “representing the young, up-and-coming generation,” Armenian-American cellist Ani Kalayjian enjoys a prolific career as a soloist, recitalist, chamber musician and educator. Her recent engagements have included tours with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, concerts at the American University of Beirut, and solo concerts at Haigazian University, where she performed the world premiere of “Yesterday is No More,” written for her and violinist Rebecca Jackson by award-winning composer Polina Nazakinskaya. This is her first appearance at the SLLMF.

Bassist Andrew Roitstein is a founding member of the award-winning Toomai String Quintet, an ensemble that has appeared at Carnegie Hall and the 92nd Street Y, among others. He also performs Latin American music with Argentinian tango greats Pablo Ziegler and Hector Del Curto. As an arranger, his works have been performed by members of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and the New York Philharmonic. A graduate of the Juilliard School, he is Senior Music Curriculum Specialist for the Juilliard School’s Global K-12 Programs. This is his first appearance at the SLLMF.

Praised by the Boston Globe as “simply dazzling,” Korean-born pianist Mihae Lee has appeared in solo and chamber music concerts throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. A graduate of the Juilliard School and the New England Conservatory, she has released recordings on the Bridge, Etcetera, EDI, Northeastern, and BCMS labels. Currently serving as Artistic Director of the Essex Winter Series in Connecticut, she has performed at the SLLMF since 1995 and has been the Music Director since 2016.

Safe

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is increasing.

“Knowing that human sex trafficking happens to people in our communities, it is up to us to ensure that the resources needed are present and sustainable,” says Johansen.

The six-bed safe house will provide 24-hour on-site support to survivors ages 18 and older. Programs and support services will draw from a range of partners that includes local law enforcement and the sheriff’s department, the legal sys-

tem, medical professionals, community organizations, and volunteers.

The project was initiated by Attorney General Janet Mills’ office, and the house was donated by MaineHousing to the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence.

Those seeking assistance or support regarding sex trafficking and/or exploitation are encouraged to call SAPARS at 1-800-871-7741 or Safe Voices at 1-800-559-2927.

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