

Bates Dance Festival concludes with Young Artists Concert



Youth Arts Program faculty member Rob Flax leads a student performance at the 2015 Bates Dance Festival finale. (Photo by Arthur Fink/Bates Dance Festival)

The 2018 Bates Dance Festival will conclude on Saturday, August 4 at 7:30 p.m. with the annual Young Artists Concert. The event will present repertory pieces in jazz, modern, Afro-modern and hip-hop performed

by students in the BDF Professional Training Program, along with the culminating performance of the Youth Arts Program, featuring local artists ages 7 through 16 under the direction of Colombian folkloric dancer

Priscilla Rivas. The event will take place in Alumni Gymnasium at 130 Central Avenue on the Bates College campus in Lewiston. Tickets are \$10/5. For more information or to buy tickets, see batesdancefestival.org.

Edward Little H.S. Class of 1946 plans 72nd reunion

The Edward Little High School Class of 1946 will host its 72nd reunion at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 16 at Lotus Restaurant, located at 279 Center Street in Auburn. A choice of menu foods will be available as well as buffet, American, Chinese and Japanese cuisine. The

members of the reunion planning committee are Grace Piscelli Keene, Don Fyfe, Elaine Miller Sylvester and Inez Davis Buck. Anyone who has not made reservations may do so by calling the above names before August 13. For more information, call Inez at 783-0196.

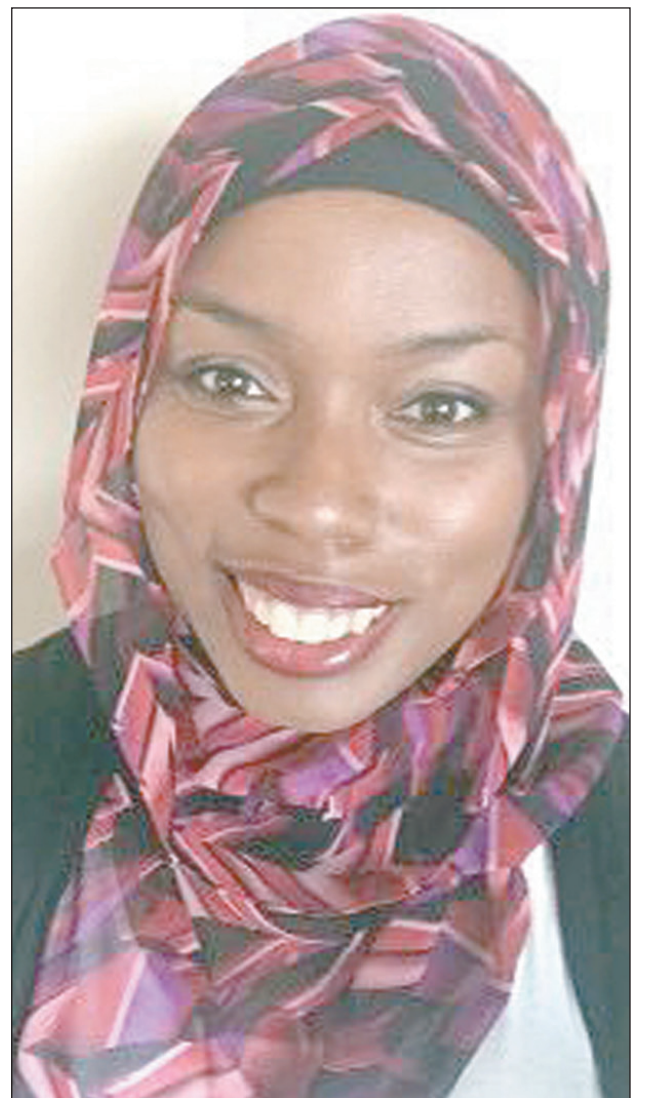


L/A Arts Vice Chair addresses Rotary Club today

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, August 2 from noon to 1 p.m. will be Adilah Muhammad. The event will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Adilah Muhammad is Vice Chair of L/A Arts and coordinates programs for the L/A Arts gallery and Downstage. Her areas of interest include the intersection of the arts in movements for social justice and equity. Muhammad received her bachelor's degree from DePauw University and master's degree from USM's Muskie School of Public Service. As a strategic planning and research consultant, she works closely with public and nonprofit organizations throughout the state to develop creative opportunities for interorganizational collaboration. She has found the arts to be a common denominator that connects all her work. Muhammad also serves on the board of Raise Op Housing Cooperative and the Maine Community Foundation. She lives in Lewiston with her husband and three sons.

Guests are welcome and no reservations are



Adilah Muhammad

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.

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Short Folks for Hope Foundation supports Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine



From left: Isaiah, Allie, Ian, and Kristen Short, founder of the Short Folks for Hope Foundation, present a donation check to Mary Dempsey, Sue Craib and Karen Fillebrown of the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine.

The Short Folks for Hope Foundation recently donated \$300 to the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine. The funds were raised at a Folk Fair held at Longley Square in Norway recently in support of various cancer charity organizations.

The event included arts and crafts vendors,

demonstrations by the Phoenix Academy of Martial Arts, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles artist Steve Lavigne, music performances by Sea Siren Trio, Small Town Something, and Rusty Wiltjer, Mr. Drew and His Animals, Too, and Fur Cons including Lagoon the Dutch Angel Dragon.

Located in the Stephens Memorial Hospital Specialty Clinic building at 199 Main Street in Norway, the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine offers a variety of free programs and comfort items to anyone impacted by cancer. For more information, call 890-0329 or see www.crcowm.org.

MainStreet Foundation donates \$12,500 to support programming for at-risk youth

Androscoggin Bank's MainStreet Foundation has announced the recipients of its impact grants for the second quarter of 2018. Recognizing a need for at-risk kids in Maine to be safe, healthy, active, happy, educated and nourished, the MainStreet Foundation awards grants to organizations actively working to help kids thrive. The grants vary based on need and are awarded in amounts up to \$5,000. A total of \$12,500 was awarded to eight non-profit organizations, including the following local agencies:

Advocates for Children (Lewiston). \$2,500 was awarded to Advocates for Children, the only agency in Androscoggin County dedicated to the prevention of child maltreatment in the form of abuse or neglect. The funds will allow the organization to purchase RealCare Babies to be used in educating high school students in Androscoggin County about the realities of caring for an infant. The parenting education efforts are intended to avert child abuse and neglect, promote

understanding of the needs of an infant, and educate young parents.

Camp to Belong Maine (Augusta). \$1,000 was awarded to this organization that provides Maine youth who have been separated by foster care or other out-of-home care with an opportunity to share experiences and strengthen relationships with their siblings. The week-long camp empowers attendees to advocate for themselves and their siblings and inspires them to believe in their capacity to build a successful future together.

Tri-County Literacy (Bath). \$2,000 was awarded to fund the Read Together program, which helps low-income children in Grades K-8 in the Bath-Brunswick area who are below grade level in literacy acquisition to become engaged, successful readers and writers. The program provides one-on-one free tutoring to children and offers support to parents through periodic conferences and workshops.

Youth Arts Program

of the Bates Dance Festival (Lewiston). \$3,000 was awarded to fund programs with visiting professional artists that are offered to youth participants. The programs focus on enriching the lives of local youth, particularly those at-risk and the new immigrant population, by exposing them to diverse cultures and the performing arts. The wide range of youth programming is designed to raise aspirations and promote understanding and acceptance of different cultural traditions.

"Our communities are working hard for our kids, and we are honored each time we're able to present these outstanding programs with funding that helps them achieve their goals," said Steve Closson, Chairman of Androscoggin Bank's MainStreet Foundation.

Four times a year, MainStreet Foundation makes grants up to \$5,000 to excellent nonprofit agencies actively working in our communities to help kids thrive. For more information, visit www.mainstreet-foundation.org.

Auburn resident recognized as Top Next Generation Advisor by Forbes

Adam Dunbar, First Vice President of Investments at Wells Fargo Advisors in Portland has been recognized as a 2018 Top Next Generation Advisor by Forbes.

"It's an honor to be named to this ranking," said Dunbar, who lives in Auburn and has fourteen years of experience in the financial services industry. "Each day, I show up with one goal in mind - helping my clients succeed financially. It is

quite an honor to be recognized for doing what I love to do."

Based on industry experience, interviews, compliance records, assets under management, revenue and other criteria, the ranking algorithm used to compile the list is devised by SHOOK Research, LLC, which does not receive compensation from the advisors or their firms in exchange for placement on a ranking. Investment performance is



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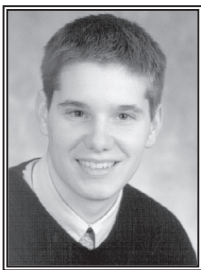


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Governor's Address: We're reforming our child welfare system to protect our children

The tragic deaths of two little girls under the watch of DHHS is spurring needed reforms to Maine's child welfare system. This summer, I will call a special session of the Legislature to put the safety of our children first.

First, let me stress, if you suspect child abuse or neglect, please call 1-800-452-1999 -- that's 1-800-452-1999 -- immediately to make a report. We cannot act on what we do not know.

The priority of Maine's child welfare system should be doing what is in the best interests of the child.

I have personally experienced the trauma of an abusive home, and I want to ensure that we all

do what we can to prevent future tragedies.

I've personally reviewed the case files of the two girls who were killed, but I've also reviewed many other cases that haven't made the news.

We cannot eradicate evil; but we can do better to protect children.

I want to assure the people of Maine that not only will a child in a crisis be provided the utmost protection, but also that abusers will be held accountable.

Based on my review and internal DHHS reviews, we've already begun to make needed reforms.

We've made changes to policies and procedures and will be recommending measures to improve staff training, reduce turnover, and prevent burnout of case-

workers.

Some of the most critical reforms require statutory changes.

The best reform we can make is to change the law to place the priority on what is best for the child, not family reunification.

Prioritizing family re-

unification forces DHHS and courts to repeatedly attempt to keep vulnerable children in dangerous situations - when the best decision would be to remove the child.

Government shouldn't force a parent who is unable or refuses to take on the challenge of parenting to be responsible for a child. This leaves the child vulnerable to neglect and abuse.

Changing the law doesn't mean that DHHS will no longer reunite families. But current law requires repeated attempts to keep kids with their parents to demonstrate to the courts that rehabilitation and reunification are not possible.

Folks, how many times must reunification or rehabilitation fail before the

system determines it's "not possible."

We've seen the tragic results when those attempts fail. This must end.

Let's change the law so that reunification is secondary to the best interests of the child. Let's give DHHS and the courts flexibility when deciding the appropriateness and effectiveness of reunification on a case-by-case basis.

Then our system can always put the best interests of the child first.

In addition - for the second time in my administration - we will ask the Legislature to criminalize the failure to comply with the mandatory reporting statute.

Mandatory reporters must not hesitate or second-guess whether they

should report. Making the failure to report a class-E crime provides an additional incentive to act promptly and perhaps save a child's life.

As we continue to examine Maine's child welfare system, we'll bring more bills forward.

I won't allow a bill to protect our children to become a political soccer ball like so many other things this session.

When the Legislature wraps up what should have been completed months ago, we can move on to the critical work of protecting our children.

Thank you.
Paul LePage
Governor



Governor Paul R. LePage

Husson University's ECAP gives high school students a head start on college

During the 2017-2018 academic year, Husson University, New England's most affordable private four-year college, provided high school students with more than \$500,000 in free tuition credits as part of their Early College Access Program.

"ECAP allows students to take college courses while they are still in high school," said John Champoli, vice president for enrollment management. "Earning up to a year's worth of transferable college credits in high school can significantly reduce the cost of a college education."

With ECAP, students can enroll in up to two courses per semester. Starting in their junior year, high school students can take Husson courses on site in Bangor, Westbrook, Presque Isle, or online. Husson University evaluates each applicant and waives the standard tuition charges for each course,

provided the high school student meets the necessary entrance requirements. While the tuition is waived, students are still responsible for purchasing textbooks used in each course and for transportation to and from class.

Husson University's ECAP provides two advantages over other similar programs. First, ECAP students take course taught by college-level faculty members and attended by full-time college students.

"Working with college faculty and interacting with full-time college students gives high school students a better sense of the college experience," said Dr. Lynne Coy-Ogan, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. "Students come away with a renewed sense of confidence and a feeling that, yes, they can succeed in college."

The other advantage

ECAP offers is the level of commitment. "If you're unsure if college or Husson University is right for you, this is a great way to explore our offerings and take a few classes without committing to the full college experience."

Husson University's ECAP experienced a 272 percent increase in enrollment during the past academic year. One hundred and fifty high school students are currently participating in the Early College Access Program. At the completion of each course, the university creates an official transcript that documents the course completed and the grade earned.

Eligible students are registered for courses on a "space available" basis, after full-time students have registered for the given semester. Course offerings can be found at <http://www.husson.edu/academics>.

Since there are a limited number of ECAP spots available, high school students who are interested should contact Vickie Call, coordinator of enrollment services, as soon as possible. She can be reached at 941-7725 or callv@husson.edu.

With a commitment to delivering affordable classroom, online, and experiential learning opportunities, Husson University has come to represent superior value in higher education. Their Bangor campus and off-campus satellite education centers provide advanced studies in business, health and education, pharmacy studies, science and humanities, and communication. In addition, Husson University has a robust adult learning program. For more information about educational opportunities that can lead to personal and professional success, visit Husson.edu.

Mohegan Sun Casino trip

The Immaculate Heart of Mary's Golden Age Club and New Auburn Seniors are sponsoring a trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on Wednesday, October 3. The cost of \$45 per person includes a meal voucher and free play. Pick up will be at the park-and-ride lot at 1243 Lisbon Street (across from the old McDonald's location) in Lewiston. Please arrive by 6:15 a.m. for departure at 6:30. The trip will leave the casino at 5:30 p.m. Space is limited; to reserve, call the parish office at 782-8096.



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Bates College graduates 473 students

Bates College graduated 473 students from 39 states and 42 countries on May 27. Cumulatively, the Class of 2018 performed 82,000 hours of community service, exemplifying Bates’ commitment to community learning and civic action.

Tara Humphries of North Yarmouth graduated after majoring in sociology. Humphries, the daughter of Charlie T. Humphries of Durham and Lorna D. Humphries of Long Beach, Calif., is a 2013 graduate of Burke Mountain Academy.

Paul Phillips of New Gloucester graduated Mag-

na Cum Laude after majoring in philosophy and minoring in history. Phillips, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark O. Phillips of New Gloucester, is a 2014 graduate of Gray New Gloucester High School.

Rakiya Mohamed of Auburn graduated after majoring in biological chemistry and African American studies. Mohamed, the daughter of Asmo B. Dol of Auburn, is a 2014 graduate of Edward Little High School.

Brianna Wilson of Lewiston graduated after majoring in biological

chemistry and minoring in anthropology. Wilson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian M. Wilson of Lewiston, is a 2014 graduate of Lewiston High School.

Lyse Henshaw of Brunswick graduated after majoring in economics. Henshaw, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Henshaw of Brunswick, is a 2014 graduate of Brunswick High School.

Levi Morin of Turner graduated after majoring in economics and minoring in education. Morin, the son of Irene M. Morin of Turner and Steven M. Morin of

Turner, is a 2014 graduate of Leavitt Area High School.

Abby Horrisberger of North Yarmouth graduated after majoring in English and minoring in education. Horrisberger, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Horrisberger of North Yarmouth, is a 2014 graduate of Waynflete School.

Dylan Thombs of Monmouth graduated after majoring in environmental studies and minoring in education. Thombs, the son of Mr. Norman R. Thombs and Ms. Katherine L. Perless of Monmouth, is a 2014 graduate of Monmouth Academy.

Kiernan Majerus-Collins of Auburn graduated after majoring in history and minoring in Asian studies. Majerus-Collins, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Majerus-Collins of Auburn, is a 2013 graduate of Hall High School.

Kwamae Delva of Lewiston graduated after majoring in physics. Delva, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herve Delva of Conley, Ga., is a 2014 graduate of Dekalb Early College Academy.

Cat Ouellette of Winthrop graduated after majoring in politics and minoring in mathematics. Ouellette, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Ouellette of Winthrop, is a 2014 graduate of Winthrop High School.

Kelly Philbrook of Auburn graduated after majoring in psychology at Bates. Philbrook, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Philbrook of Auburn, is a 2012 graduate of Edward Little High School.

Margaret Silverman of Brunswick graduated after majoring in rhetoric and minoring in history. Silverman, the daughter of Lee B. Silverman of Brunswick and Margaret A. Butler of Brunswick, is a 2014 graduate of Brunswick High School.

Nominations sought for 2018 Governor’s Award for Business Excellence

The Maine Department of Economic and Community Development is now accepting nominations for the 2018 Governor’s Award for Business Excellence. This award is presented annually to for-profit companies that consistently demonstrate high levels of achievement in manufacturing or service excellence and a steadfast commitment to employees, customers and the community.

Companies that have been in business in Maine for five or more years may be nominated or may nominate themselves. DECD strongly encourages businesses of all sizes to apply. Completed nomination forms, available on DECD’s website, are due to DECD by Friday, September 14. Winners will be notified prior to an award ceremony to be scheduled in December.

“Every year I look forward to recognizing Maine businesses that go above and beyond,” said Governor Paul LePage. “This year I am proud to present my final Governor’s Award for Business Excellence to those companies with outstanding leadership and direction. These businesses are a model of success in our state and deserve special recognition.”

“For the past 27 years, the Governor has been honoring businesses that are truly the best of the best here in Maine,” said DECD Acting Commissioner Denise Garland. “We encourage any

of Maine’s for-profit businesses to consider applying for this special recognition.”

“Being named a recipient of this award was indeed an honor,” said Dan Bookham, vice president and director of business development at Allen Insurance and Financial in Camden. “Being recognized with this award has served, and continues to serve, as a valuable reminder that business success truly does depend on a deep and abiding commitment to customers, employees and community.”

“St. Croix Tissue and Woodland Pulp were very pleased to be recognized a year ago with a Governor’s Award for Business Excellence,” said Jim Oliver, controller at Woodland Pulp, LLC. “Working with the state under the leadership of Governor LePage has helped us attract investment to not only grow our business into new product lines, but also provide jobs to nearly 400 people in Washington County.”

Sponsored by Consolidated Communications, the Governor’s Award for Business Excellence was created in 1991; 152 companies to date have received the award. The award is administered by DECD, which works with the Governor’s office and review team to evaluate and score the applications. For more information, email Torrey Gray at torrey.j.gray@maine.gov or see <https://www.maine.gov/decd>.

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Helping the animals at GAHS



Emily Burke, a fifth grade student at Geiger Elementary School in Lewiston, donated \$23 in fees she earned by walking dogs in her neighborhood.

The following students recently presented the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society with donations of pet food, treats, toys, litter, blankets, cash, or other supplies to help the shelter care for the thousands of unwanted animals it helps each year. For more information about the shelter, including how to volunteer or adopt an animal, call 783-2311 or see www.SavingPetsInMaine.org.



Brothers Gregory and Linkin Bouchard-Diaz, second grade and kindergarten students at Acadia Academy in Lewiston, presented pet supplies they asked for in place of gifts for their eighth and sixth birthdays.



Ilanna Gray, a kindergarten student at Cottrell Elementary School in Lewiston, presented pet supplies she asked guests to bring to her sixth birthday party instead of gifts.

Lachance to seek Maine House District 61 seat

Former Ward 7 City Councilor Mike Lachance has announced his intention to seek the Republican nomination for the Maine House of Representatives District 61 seat. Citing the need for a “rational revolution” in Augusta, Lachance chose to enter the race after the official candidate dropped out, leaving a vacancy on the ballot.

Lachance has a record of public service in Lewiston, with four years as a City Councilor, two years as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and several cycles as Chair of the Androscoggin County Budget Committee.

As a former City Councilor, he cites as accomplishments “defending the property rights of Lewiston taxpayers, preserving single family neighborhoods, oppos-

ing Pay-As-You-Throw trash, opposing dedicated bike lanes on Lisbon Street, opposing any new subsidized low-income housing projects in Lewiston, and speaking out against General Assistance for undocumented aliens while many of our lawful citizens go without.”

On his decision to run for the House seat, Lachance noted: “After proudly serving with Mayor Bob MacDonald in City Hall for two of his three terms, I believe the time has come for Lewiston to have a strong voice in Augusta to represent the working-class and retired residents who actually pay the bills. For the past decade, neoliberal progressives and Maine People’s Alliance patsies have been running rough-shod with our tax dollars, that must come to



Mike Lachance

an end.”

Lachance attended Holy Cross School in Lewiston and was raised in Lewiston, Auburn, and Turner. He and wife, Kristy, are the parents of two children, ages 11 and 23. For more information, visit www.ElectLachance.com.

Winthrop Historical Society presents program about Bailey Library



Shane Billings

The Winthrop Historical Society will host librarian Shane Billings for a program at the Winthrop Town Office on Thursday, August 9 at 6 p.m. Billings will present his second program in a series about the history of the Bailey Library in Downtown Winthrop. The talk will focus on the library in the 1970s and

1980s.

Shane Billings has managed the Adult Services Department at the Bailey Library since 2010 and also serves as Vice President of the Winthrop Historical Society. As part of the program, he will also discuss access to historic resources provided by the Bailey Library.

Billings grew up in Bryant Pond and attended the University of Maine at Farmington. He has worked in libraries and bookstores for nearly two decades. He currently lives in Hallowell.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the historical society at wmehs@gmail.com.

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What's Going On

Chamber Breakfast to feature MEMIC CEO Michael Bourque

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Breakfast Meeting on Thursday, August 9 at 7 a.m. at the Ramada Conference Center, located at 490 Pleasant Street in Lewiston. The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Registration is available at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

This month's speaker will be Michael Bourque, President and CEO of the MEMIC Group. Bourque is taking to the road to talk to community leadership groups about what MEMIC has learned about workers' compensation system reform and how it can apply to other challenging issues, such as health care delivery and costs.

Michael Bourque became the second President and CEO of the MEMIC Group in 2017. Having served under founding president and mentor John Leonard for more than two decades, he held the position of Senior Vice President for

External Affairs, giving him a broad and engaged view of the company and the insurance industry.

He oversaw government and community relations and corporate marketing efforts that helped drive the growth of the MEMIC Group from a single-state workers' compensation carrier to a super-regional specialist with eight offices across the Eastern Seaboard and more than 20,000 policyholders across the country.

His efforts helped to strategically position the company as an industry leader in workplace safety and the compassionate care of injured workers and contributed to the MEMIC Group being recognized by ACORD as the Best Workers' Compensation Company in America.

A Maine native, Bourque is a graduate of the University of Maine with a bachelor's degree in Journalism. He also holds the ACP (Accreditation in Public Relations) and WCP (Workers' Compensation Professional) designations.

He has served on numerous boards and committees, including chair of the 2016 United Way of Greater Portland's Campaign Committee, which raised more than \$8 million. He is also a member of the board of the Maine Cancer Foundation, the University of Maine Board of Visitors, and has served as chair of the board of both the Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine and the Southern Maine Community College Foundation. He is past chair of the Portland Community Chamber and is a member of the board of the Maine Chamber.

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Central Maine Healthcare brings mobile MRI to Central Maine

Thanks to the addition of a new mobile magnetic resonance imaging unit, patients of Central Maine Healthcare can now conveniently access affordable MRI services closer to home.

The self-contained unit will contain a state-of-the-art, 1.5T high-field, open-bore MRI offering high detail and clarity with the maximum comfort level for patients. It will serve patients in the new Topsham Care Center starting in August and at Central Maine Orthopaedics in Auburn beginning in late 2018. One of the few open-bore MRIs in the region that also features extremely high detail, the mobile MRI is a convenient alternative to in-hospital imaging services.

"Access, affordability, and a high-quality patient experience are top priorities for Central Maine Healthcare," said Ryan McKeown, vice president for strategy and managed care at CMH. "Having an MRI should be as convenient and comfortable as possible, and it shouldn't require a long drive or time spent waiting in a hospital setting. Our new service puts the patient first."

MRI is a noninvasive medical test that uses a powerful magnetic field, radio frequency pulses, and a computer to produce pictures of virtually all internal body structures. These precise images allow clinicians to clearly see details of soft tissue, bone, joints, and ligaments. Many physicians now say it is one of their most critical diagnostic tools for everything from sports injuries to early stages of disease.

"There isn't a day that goes by that I don't review at least a dozen MRI scans for my patients - it's a critical tool for orthopedic surgeons," said Dr. Michael F. Regan, a board-certified surgeon who practices at Central Maine Orthopaedics. "And likewise, for patients, an accessible, convenient, and affordable MRI unit is critical for their care. The new mobile MRI scanner will be all of that."

CMH's Mobile MRI will be operated by the system's valued partner, Shields Healthcare Group, which already operates MRI and PET/CT services at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston and will offer imaging services at CMH's new Topsham

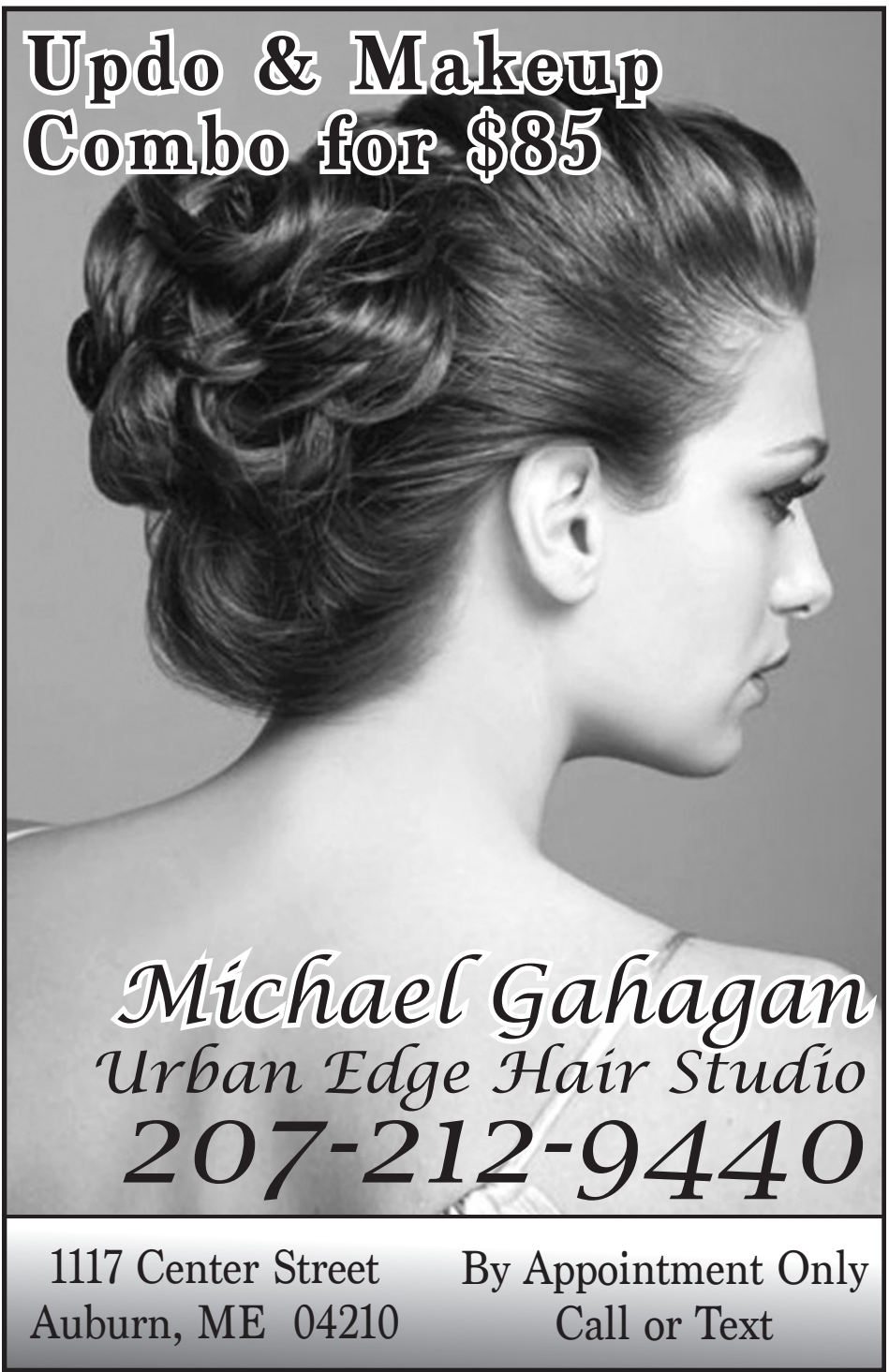
Care Center when that facility opens in August. The MRI will also travel to Bridgton and Rumford Hospitals to support those facilities' top-line imaging services, thus providing the widest possible access to patients in Central Maine.

For more information about Central Maine Healthcare's new Mobile MRI, call 1-800-258-4764. For more information about Shields Healthcare Group, see <https://shields.com>.

Central Maine Healthcare is an integrated healthcare delivery system serving 400,000 people living in central, western, and mid-coast Maine. CMH's hospital facilities include Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, Bridgton Hospital, and Rumford Hospital.

CMH also supports Central Maine Medical Group, a primary and specialty care practice organization with a presence in 17 Maine communities. Other system services include the Central Maine Heart and Vascular Institute, a regional trauma program, LifeFlight of Maine's Southern Maine base, the Central Maine Comprehensive Cancer Center, and other high-quality clinical services.

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A Family for ME seeks foster families for children in out-of-home care

A Family for ME is a statewide recruitment campaign to identify, support, and inform families interested in becoming foster and adoptive parents for children who are in the custody of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

Maine currently has approximately 1,800 children in out-of-home care, including 500 children who are waiting to be legally adopted. A Family for ME wants to find permanent homes for those children who have yet to find a forever family.

Maine residents have been significantly impacted by the opioid epidemic, and none more so than families with young children. In the last 10 years, there has been a significant increase in the number of infants entering foster care. Also, while there are children of all ages in out-of-home care, there is a particularly urgent need for families who have the ability to parent adolescents and teenagers, sibling groups with more than two children, and infants who may have been affected by drugs in utero.

Since A Family for ME relaunched in January, 2017, recruitment specialists have been travelling the state to meet and engage with key collaborative partners in the business, education, faith, and social service communities. Most importantly, they have been meeting with families and individuals who are interested in making a difference in the lives of children in Maine. The goal of A Family for ME is to increase the number of licensed foster and adoptive homes in Maine by 10 percent in 2018.

If you have the skills to parent an infant, child or adolescent and support the development of healthy family attachments, are 21 or older, and have a stable lifestyle, consider taking the first step to the rewarding experience of foster parenting. For more information, contact A Family for ME at 1-844-893-6311 (toll-free) or www.afamilyforme-maine.org.

Curtis Memorial Library to host “Dog Show” art exhibit

The August 2018 event of the month in the Morrell Room at Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick will be “The Dog Show,” an exhibition of works by selected artists presenting unique and creative portraits of our canine companions. The show will be open for viewing during regular library hours, with a special reception during the Brunswick Art Walk on the evening of Friday, August 10 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Well behaved dogs are welcome to attend during regular library hours. A portion of sale proceeds will be donated to the Coastal Humane Society in Brunswick. Celebrating the long love affair between Mainers and their dogs, nine artists with diverse background and styles will participate.

Beth Carlson has trained and shown dogs and horses in multiple disciplines for most of her lifetime. Her ability to capture each animal’s personality and physical characteristics can be directly attributed to her far-reaching knowledge of animals.

Lee Cheever is a multifaceted artist who lives in Harpswell. Her drawings, sculpture, photographs and paintings reflect both her knowledge of the fundamentals of art and design and her belief in the creative human spirit. An avid traveler and a professed “dog person,” she is involved locally with art shows, artist promotion and studio work.

Amy Crosby is a painter who finds that the expressive faces of dogs, with their animated ears and unabashed glee, make wonderful, inspiring subjects. She teaches art full-time in public schools and enjoys creating portraits of people’s dogs, which became a form of therapy during a long recovery from surgery.

Jeanelle Demers creates custom pet portraits by commission to immortalize the special animals in people’s lives. Working with a reference photo and acrylic paint on canvas, she uses vivid colors and a high level of detail to create vibrant and realistic paintings, evoking the essence of each subject. She values the connections she makes and the stories she experiences through sharing her art in this way.

Laura Ellis raised children and animals on a working farm while working as a natural science illustrator. In addition to her art, she has become well known for her work in recreating the breed of Old Fashioned Farm Collie. Her intimate knowledge of animals, combined with a traditional painting style, give her portraits an old fashioned elegance and charm.

Lonie Laffely Ellis enjoys working in multiple media, including ceramics, encaustic painting and fiber arts. Her work has been shown in solo and group shows and in galleries, art festivals and local businesses. She has received awards and recognition at many juried art events around the state.

Jackie Melissas is drawn to the sensual nature of clay and fire and to the organic use of media. She is a ceramicist, painter, printmaker and book illustrator whose work reflects an examination of archeological roots and contemporary aesthetics. She has exhibited both nationally and internationally.

Susan Perrine has a diverse background in fiber arts. Sources of inspiration include recycled or found objects, twigs and Maine animal fibers. Her Twig Garden Sculptures are created by weaving supple twigs and range in size from 10 feet in diameter to 30 feet long. She has been awarded grants to build her twig structures in public sites across the Northeast.

See Exhibit, page 11

CMCC offers course on E-Commerce

The Center for Workforce & Professional Development at Central Maine Community College will offer a course called “E-Commerce: Strategies & Reasons” on Wednesday, August 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The course is designed to help small businesses understand the social and economic benefits of e-commerce; familiarize participants with current and emerging commerce strategies; and review ethical and security concerns. The cost of the class is \$109 and includes instructional materials and lunch. Registration is open and ongoing, but space is limited. The deadline for registration is August 15. For more information or to register, contact the Center for Workforce & Professional Development at 755-5280 or see www.cmcc.edu/ccs.

What’s Going On

Red Cross blood shortage continues as thousands answer call to give

Thousands of people have responded to the emergency call for blood and platelet donations issued by the American Red Cross in early July. Still, there continues to be an emergency need for donors of all blood types, especially Type O, to give now to address a severe blood shortage.

Red Cross blood donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than they are coming in, and there is currently less than a five-day blood supply on hand. The Red Cross strives to keep a five-day supply of blood to meet the needs of patients and to be prepared for emergencies that require significant volumes of donated blood products.

“Patients don’t get a summer break from the need for lifesaving treatments, so it’s critical that hospitals have access to blood products each and every day,” said Mary Brant, external communications manager of the Northern New England Blood Services Region. “We sincerely appreciate those who have responded to the call to help save lives, but the emergency need remains. Those who haven’t rolled up a sleeve to give are urged to do so today.”

There is a particular need for Type O blood, which plays an important role in ongoing patient care and emergencies. Type O positive is the most transfused blood type and can be given to patients with any Rh-positive blood type. Type O negative is the universal blood type and can be given to any patient. It’s what emergency room personnel reach for when there is no time to determine the blood type of patients in the most serious situations.

In thanks, those who donate blood or platelets now through August 30 will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email. (Restrictions apply; see amazon.com/gc-legal. More information and details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Together.)

Donors of all blood types are urged to make an appointment to give now using the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or by visiting RedCrossBlood.org.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities through August 15, in order by county, include:

Auburn: 8/13/2018: 1 to 6 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn Auburn, 14 Great Falls Plaza; 8/3/2018: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Opportunity Enterprises Inc. Auburn, 400 Center St.

Lewiston: 8/2/2018: 2 to 7 p.m., Bates Mill Complex, 130 Mill St.; 8/2/2018: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pediatric Associates of Lewiston, 33 Mollison Way; 8/9/2018: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Northeast Technical Institute, 20 East Ave.

Lisbon Falls: 8/8/2018: 1 to 6 p.m., Lisbon United Methodist Church, 16 School St.

Brunswick: 7/25/2018: 2:30 to 7:30 p.m., Mid Coast Hospital, 123 Medical Center Dr.

Freeport: 7/30/2018: 12 to 5 p.m., Wilbur’s of Maine Freeport, 174 Lower Maine St.; 8/14/2018: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Freeport Community Center, 53 Depot St.

Naples: 7/28/2018: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Naples Fire Station, 1100 Roosevelt Trail.

New Gloucester: 8/15/2018: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pineland Farms, 59 Pineland Dr.

North Yarmouth: 8/15/2018: 1 to 6 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 247 Walnut Hill Rd., (Rte. 115).

Standish: 7/28/2018: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Deeper Well Church, 190 Northeast Rd.

Yarmouth: 8/10/2018: 12 to 5 p.m., Yarmouth Town Hall, 200 Main St.

Augusta: 8/3/2018: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Maine-General Medical Center, 35 Medical Center Parkway; 8/4/2018: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Red Barn, 455 Riverside Dr.

Farmington: 8/11/2018: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of Latter Day Saints, 4 Hasson St.

Hallowell: 8/6/2018: 12 to 5 p.m., Ice Vault of Maine Hallowell, 203 Whitten Rd.

Winthrop: 8/9/2018: 1 to 6 p.m., Saint Francis Church, 130 Route 133.

Norway: 8/1/2018: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Progress Center of Maine, 35 Cottage Rd.

Bath: 8/3/2018: 1 to 6 p.m., Bath YMCA, 303 Centre St.; 8/8/2018: 1 to 6 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 807 Middle St.

Bowdoinham: 8/6/2018: 12 to 5 p.m., Mason Village 26, 13 Main St.

Richmond: 8/7/2018: 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., Richmond American Legion, 10 Carding Machine Rd.

Topsham: 8/14/2018: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mid Coast Presbyterian Church, 84 Main St.

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Out & About with Rachel Morin

Concert pianist Frederick Moyer performs at Schooner Estates

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

The residents of Schooner Estates Retirement Community started arriving as early as 3 p.m. for the widely anticipated arrival of world-renowned classical concert pianist Frederick Moyer, whose performance was scheduled for 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 26.

The residents were familiar with the modest and unassuming concert pianist from neighboring New Hampshire as he has been performing for them at the Baby Grand piano in the Camden Living Room for the past two dozen years. “We wanted a good seat” as many were heard to say, jokingly.

Mark Prevost, Director of Resident Services,

welcomed Mr. Moyer as he certainly didn’t need an introduction as so many knew him. Seated at the piano, Moyer spoke informally to an audience which overflowed into the adjacent gathering area.

Wind blew outside and pelting rain was seen through the windows as the concert started, but all was cozy and relaxed inside as the residents enjoyed the beautiful music played during the hour long concert.

First on the program was Ludwig van Beethoven’s Thirty-two Variations in C Minor, WoO 80, followed by Felix Mendelssohn’s Two Piano Pieces, Etude in F Major, Op. 104, No. 2 and Bacarole, Op. 102, No. 7 and Claude Debussy’s Suite Pour le

Piano--Prelude, Sarabande and Toccata.

The second half of the concert opened with Sergei Rachmaninoff’s Three Preludes, Op. 23—No. 2 in B Flat Major, No. 4 in D Major and No. 5 in G Minor and ending the concert with Johann Sebastian Bach’s Prelude in B. Minor BWV 855AA (Arranged by Alexander Silotti who was Rachmaninoff’s cousin.)

Moyer’s first teacher, from an early age, was his mother, Betsy Moyer, an accomplished pianist in her own right, followed by Theodore Lettvin, Eleanor Sokoloff and Menahem Pressler of the Beaux Arts Trio. He attended Curtis Institute of Music of Philadelphia and Indiana University.

He has established a career of over 35 years as



Early arrivals look forward to seeing Frederick Moyer and hearing his music again.

a full-time concert pianist, performing in 43 countries in such far-flung venues as Suntory Hall in Tokyo, Sydney Opera House, Windsor Castle, Carnegie Recital Hall, Tanglewood and the Kennedy Center.

He has appeared as piano soloist with most of



Frederick Moyer speaks informally before the beginning of his concert.

the major orchestras of the United States as well as many orchestras of Europe, Asia, South America, Africa and Australia.

Moyer’s far-reaching interests have allowed him to contribute to classical music in unique ways. An avid computer programmer, he often incorporates technology into his concerts. He performs note-for-note transcriptions of such jazz pianists as Oscar Peterson, Bill Evans and Erroll Garner, bringing this great American music onto classical musical stages. In July 2009, Dr. Paul Green and Moyer unveiled an unfinished piano sonata by Robert Schumann, a find that was widely reported in the news media.

His many recordings comprise works by over 30 composers reflect an affinity for a wide variety of styles. His CD of Clara Schumann’s Piano Concerto

was the first commercial recording of a large-scale Romantic work using an orchestra created from sampled sounds.

Moyer’s Mussorgsky/Mendelssohn CD was the first using the Bosendorfer 290 SE Recording Piano. Other recordings include David Ott’s Second Piano Concerto with the London Symphony which was written for Moyer. Many other composers have written for Moyer including Pulitzer Prize winners George Walker, Ned Rorem and Donal Fox whose Etudes of 2002-2006 were commissioned by the Guggenheim Foundation.

To contact Mr. Moyer or to order a catalog of his recordings, write Frederick Moyer, 88 Boxwood Lane, Dover, New Hampshire 03820, or see www.frederickmoyer.com.

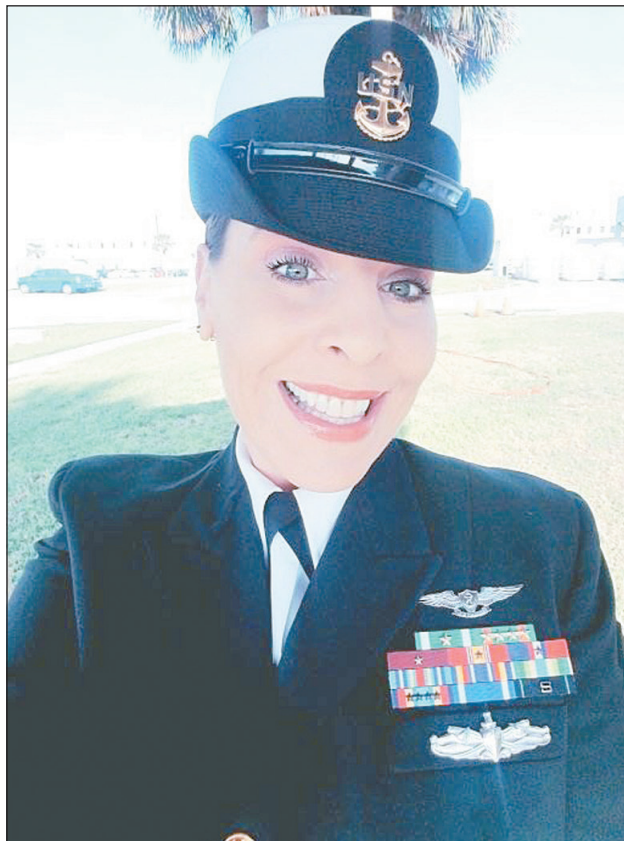
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Lewiston native has flag flown over City Hall in advance of Navy retirement ceremony



U.S. Navy Logistics Chief Petty Officer Jessica Doucette retires on August 31 after 24 years of distinguished service.

"I could have flown this flag anywhere in the world, but nothing is more important to me than my family in my beautiful State of Maine and Lewiston, where it all began," said U.S. Navy Logistics Chief Petty Officer Jessica Doucette. A native of Lewiston, Doucette will retire on August 31 after 24 years of distinguished service with the United States Navy. In preparation for her retirement ceremony, she requested that a United States flag be flown over Lewiston City Hall.

As a result, the flag she provided was raised in her honor by Lewiston Mayor Shane Bouchard on Thursday, July 26 at 8:30 a.m. Family members and friends in attendance included her parents, Michael and Constance Doucette; her brother, Randall; her grandmother, Lily Gagnon; and several aunts and uncles.

Representatives from the offices of U.S. Congressman Bruce Poliquin and U.S. Senator Susan Collins' were on hand and area veterans were also invited to attend.

The flag flown at the event will be honored during the flag passing portion of her official retirement ceremony in Mayport, Florida, where Doucette is currently serving as the Senior Enlisted Leader at the Aviation Support Detachment at Mayport Naval Station.

Doucette enlisted in the Navy as an undesignated AIRMAN under the delayed entry program in 1994. She completed Recruit Training and Airman Apprentice Training Program in Great Lakes, Illinois. She then reported to her first duty station at VFA-106 in Cecil Field, Florida, where she earned her Plane Captain qualifications, becoming one of the first women in the Navy to serve as a Plane Captain on board an aircraft carrier. She also became a designated Aviation Storekeeper before reported to her next post, VP-26 in Brunswick, Maine.

She was then stationed in Milton, Florida to support Unmanned Aviation with NAMTRAGRUDET, a system that paved the way for future unmanned aviation logistics. While in Milton,

she celebrated the most important event of her life, the birth of her son, Cody Paul Isaacs, on May 1, 2002.

Now as a single parent, Doucette had to take on a challenging tour to further her career advancement opportunities with the Navy, leading her to check onboard the USS Carl Vinson (CVN -70) in March of 2005. She was on board for the ship's final world cruise and saw it through its yard period during a refuel and overhaul complex. She was then capped to First Class Petty Officer.

Doucette then wanted to take on a special duty assignment, which led her to submit a package to the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. After a rigorous process, she was selected to represent the team through one of the Navy's TOP recruitment tools. After only a year on the team, she was promoted to Chief Petty Officer and finished her rewarding tour with the Blue Angels as a CHIEF and Blue Angel Alumni.

Doucette then took on a recruiting tour in October of 2011 in Nashville, TN. Here she earned her



Mayor Shane Bouchard raises the flag over City Hall

nama, Bahrain, where she represented the command as the Assistant Business Officer supporting overseas logistics operations and surface Navy. She and her son were then stationed at the Aviation Support Division in Mayport, Florida, where she will finish her career.

LSC Doucette wants to thank her family and friends for their constant love and support throughout her career.



Several area veterans also attended the event.



The office of U.S. Senator Susan Collins was represented by Ryan Angelo.



The office of U.S. Congressman Bruce Poliquin was represented by Tim Gallant.



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Auburn Summer Festival coming August 10 through 12

The Auburn Recreation Department will present its third annual Auburn Summer Festival August 10 through 12 at various locations throughout the city. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. A full list of events can be found on the City of Auburn's website at www.auburnmaine.gov.

Festival highlights include:

Friday, August 10 at 6 p.m. - Auburn's Men's Slow Pitch Softball Draft League

All Star Game and Homerun Derby at Pettengill Park; at 8:30 p.m. - Box Car Movie Night at Festival Plaza showing of "Turbo."

Saturday, August 11, 10: a.m. to 1 p.m. - Androscoggin River Clean-Up and Baxter Outdoor 5K Trail Run at Mt. Apatite (race starts at 10 a.m.) (\$); 1 to 9 p.m. - Fourth annual Summer Block Party - Make-A-Wish Fundraiser with Uncle Andy's Digest at Mac's Grill (includes Kids Carnival, local bands, silent auction,

beer garden, concessions, fireworks at 9 p.m.)

Sunday, August 12 at 9:30 a.m. - Lake Auburn Open Mini Golf Tournament at Taber's (\$); 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Troy Barnes Pop-Up Basketball Clinic at Union St. Gully Courts.

Individuals interested in volunteering and businesses interested in offering an activity during Summerfest weekend should contact Sabrina Best at 333-6601, ext. 2101 or sbest@auburnmaine.gov.

Celebration Barn presents "Early Evening Show" with special guest Carol Noonan

On Saturday, August 4 at 7:30 p.m., Celebration Barn Theater will present Mike Miclon's "The Early Evening Show," featuring special guest singer Carol Noonan and show regulars Fritz Grobe, Shane and Collin Miclon, and the Early Evening Show Orchestra.

Carol Noonan grew up in New England and attended New England Conservatory of Music as a classical voice major. She built a strong career, first as the lead singer and songwriter for the band Knots and Crosses and then as a soloist with one of the most versatile folk voices in contemporary music.

Knots and Crosses sold 20,000 albums independently until they were briefly signed to Island Re-

cords. Noonan then went on to record three solo albums with the strong indie label Rounder Records. For the past twelve years, she and her husband have run the Stone Mountain Arts Center in Brownfield, Maine.

Noonan has been compared to a young Joan Baez or a voice from ages past. But, if you must locate her sound to a specific era, close your eyes and think back to a time when Eminem was a candy and fruit roll ups were only available to astronauts... There you will find the voice of Carol Noonan.

A spoof of late-night talk shows, the Early Evening Show built its reputation for wild improvisations, surprise guests and audience interactions during its 14-year run at the Oddfel-

low Theater in Buckfield. The Bangor Daily News has called it "a seamless, hilarious production" and CBS Sunday Morning has described it as "must-see reality."

Tickets are \$15, \$13, and \$10 for adults, seniors ages 60-plus, and kids ages 17 and under, respectively. 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.

Gardiner gallery features teacher-student pairing in "Full Circle"



"Peonies," by Arlene Kelley

Coinciding with Artwalk Gardiner, Monkkitree will host an opening reception for a show called "Full Circle," featuring works by painter Arlene Kelley and collage artist Marj Burgess, on Friday, August 3, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

There is a Chinese

proverb that underscores the relationship of these two local artists: "When the student is ready, the teacher appears." Burgess, who taught Kelley as a high school English teacher, later became Kelley's art student.

"I always knew she was creative," says Kel-

ley. "Now I have seen her creative talent go to a new level. She is an inspiration to me, with her energy and drive to learn to be a better artist, and the impressive work that she creates. And it is so fun to share our history. We have come full circle and both of our lives have been enriched by knowing each other."

Arlene Kelley went into graphic design as a young adult and has enjoyed many years working in that field. Painting for her became her outlet for personal and artistic expression. "I love realism and the challenge of capturing form and color in detail," she says. "These paintings are examples of my personal work over the years."

For Marj Burgess, See Gallery, page 11

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association hosts veterans benefit concert

On Saturday, August 11, the Crossroads Chapter of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association will host a "Rock, Ride & Remembrance" veterans benefit concert at the Cumberland Fairgrounds in Cumberland. The concert will feature America's most patriotic rock band, Madison Rising, with special guests Fire in the Hole.

This event is open to the public and will include a classic car and hot rod cruise-in, which will begin around 3:30 in the afternoon, and a memorial motorcycle ride leaving the fairgrounds at 5 p.m. A beer garden and food vendors

will be on site throughout this event. The music will start at 7 p.m., with each band playing for about 90 minutes. Representatives from several programs that provide services to veterans will be present at the event.

Tickets are just \$10 for adults, with children ages 10 and under entering free of charge. All proceeds will go toward helping local veterans.

The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is an association of combat veterans from all branches of the United States armed forces who ride motorcycles as a hobby. Their mission now is to support and defend

those who have defended our country and freedoms.

The CVMA is committed to welcoming home combat vets of all our wars and remembering those who are not home yet. They are a fellowship of veterans and those who support our veterans, not a motorcycle club. They sponsor and/or participate in many motorcycle-related charity events each year and, as a 501(c) non-profit organization, donate to various veterans care facilities and charities.

For more information on the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association or this event, see <http://www.cvma17-1.com>.

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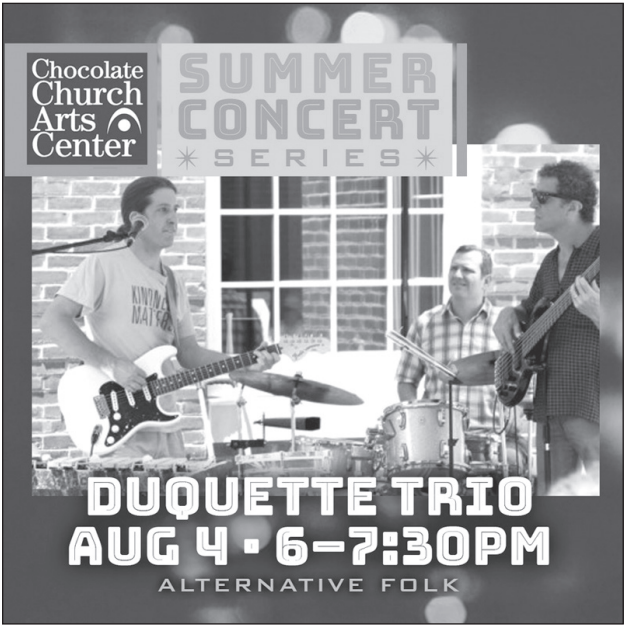
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Rob Duquette brings musical magic to Waterfront Park



Rob Duquette is a well-known multi-instrumentalist musician with an emphasis on drums and percussion who splits his time between Boston and the Portland area. On Saturday, August 4, he'll bring his alt-folk-rock trio called "duquette" to the Waterfront Park in Bath for a concert from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event is a part of the Summer Saturday Concert Series produced by the Chocolate Church Arts Center in partnership with the City of Bath.

Rounding out the trio are Jake Sturtevant on keyboards and bass player John

Kumnick, who has played with Cyndi Lauper, David Bowie, Chuck Berry, Ben E. King, and Madonna. The group focuses on stories, groove and improvisation and can't help but add some world grooves into the mix.

There will be dancing in the park, located on Commercial Street in Bath. Free and open to the public, the series will continue on August 11 with acoustic folk group Pretty Girls Sing Soprano, on August 18 with blues duo Red Beans & Rice, and will conclude on August 25 with steel drum band Pan Friend Steel.

Exhibit

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Andreas von Huene is a well-known Maine artist who works freely across a wide spectrum of ideas and forms. His work is on view at the Maine Maritime Museum, the Portland Jetport, and other venues in New England and beyond. He is currently planning a number of public art works, including the Brunswick Public Art Percussion Project.

Gallery

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artwork has been an opportunity to return to something she was drawn to as a child. Through collage, she encourages the viewer to explore the meanings of images and how those meanings change when images are places side by side. Her artwork is an opportunity to experience an interaction between one's true self and one's life history.

Monkitree is located at 263 Water Street in Gardiner. Then show can be seen free of charge during regular shop hours through September 29.

Check TCT every week for updated Calendar listings!

Twin City Nights

Final rehearsals for CLTs "Young Frankenstein"



Michael Blakemore as The Monster (l.) listens to some encouraging words from his creator, Dr. Frederick Frankenstein, played by Zack Handlen.

The cast and crew are in final rehearsals for Community Little Theatre's upcoming production of "Young Frankenstein." While closely based on the 1974 film of the same name written by Mel

Brooks and Gene Wilder, the musical includes several original songs, including "Roll in the Hay," "Transylvania Mania," "Together Again," and "Please Don't Touch Me."

The play will be per-

formed 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 online at www.laclt.com.

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Twin City Nights

Maine Event Comedy at Baxter Brewing



Mark Scalia

Maine Event Comedy will present 28-year comedy veteran Mark Scalia at Baxter Brewing on Friday, August 3 at 7 p.m. He'll be joined by Mike Holmes, Arty Przychodzki, and host Mark Turcotte.

Mark Scalia has entertained thousands of people

across the United States and Canada. Since starting his career in Boston, he's developed into a strong headlining comedian with relatable material and spot-on delivery. His nationwide experience includes stops at Stand-Up New York, The Improv,

and Catch a Rising Star.

As an emcee and corporate host and facilitator, Scalia's client list includes Def Jam, Lego, and Virgin. He's an accomplished actor, director, voice-over artist and host of Radio Irregardless, a weekly internet radio show.

Mike Holmes will travel from the deep woods of New Hampshire to make his Lewiston debut. He's performed at the Rhode Island Comedy Connection, Hartford Funnybone, and Nick's Comedy Stop in Boston. He's also worked with national acts including Rich Vos, Andy Kindler and Big Jay Oakerson.

Arty Przychodzki, known as Arty P, was a Comic in Residence at the world famous Comedy Studio in Cambridge, Mass. He performs throughout New England and produces a weekly show in Somerville.

Mark Turcotte was a recent selection to the Boston, Cleveland, and North Carolina comedy festivals.

The show is free and open to those ages 21-and-older. Baxter Brewing is located at 130 Mill Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 513-0742 or email maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

Stanton Bird Club bird walks



Often seen on Stanton Bird Club bird walks, Bobolinks winter in South America and nest in Maine fields. This is a male; the females look more like sparrows. The club will lead walks this month on August 8, 12, and 18. For details, see the Twin City Times' events calendar or visit www.StantonBirdClub.org. (Photo by Dan Marquis)

Poland Spring Preservation Society presents program on “The Rickers and the Shakers”

The Poland Spring Preservation Society will present a program on “The Rickers of Poland Spring and the Shakers of Sabbathday Lake” on Wednesday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. at All Souls Chapel, located at 37 Preservation Way in Poland Spring. The suggested donation of \$5 will benefit the society. Water and cookies will be provided.

This illustrated program will tell the story of a collaboration between America's longest lived religious communal society

and one of the country's most noted resort families that began in the late 1700s and continues today. How did this seemingly unlikely association come about and then endure for over 200 years? The characters involved are as fascinating as the events engendered by the friendship.

The Poland Spring Preservation Society is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that preserves, protects and manages the Poland Spring Museums, along with extensive collections

of art, artifacts and memorabilia. The museums include the All Souls Chapel and the Maine State Building, which houses the Maine Golf Hall of Fame. Also located on the property is the Original Poland Spring Bottling Plant and Source, now owned by Nestle Waters North America and managed by the society. The museums are open to the public May through October. For more information, call 998-4142 or see <http://www.polandspringmuseums.org>.

Poland Spring Preservation Soc. presents the Grass Holes

The Poland Spring Preservation Society will host an outdoor concert by the Grass Holes on Monday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gazebo at Poland Spring Resort. In case of rain, the event will take place in All Soul's Chapel. Part of the society's Monday Summer Concerts Series, the event is open to all. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5.


The Grass Holes are a five-piece bluegrass outfit featuring fast-paced originals, sweet sounding traditional numbers, and creative takes on popular tunes in the bluegrass style. The band features the Bangor Symphony's Heather Kahill, UMaine-Augusta music school graduate Flann O'Brien, Sam Pfeifle (formerly of indie rock trio Brenda Walsh), WMPG

radio host and PSPS board member Merrill Marsh, and Field Rider on the five-string banjo.


Ample free parking is available. Water will be provided and hot dogs will be available for purchase. The venue is located at 55 Robbins Way in Poland Spring. For more information, call 998-4142 or see www.polandspringmuseums.org.

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Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The speaker is strategic planning and research consultant and L/A Arts Vice Chair Adilah Muhammad. Free; no reservations required. 333-4588; www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

Concert on the Quad. 6:30 p.m. Historic Quad at Gomes Chapel, 275 College Ave., Bates College, Lewiston. The series concludes with acclaimed singer-songwriter Pete Kilpatrick and his band. Free. 753-6953; bates.edu.

Bates Dance Festival Performance. 7:30 p.m. Alumni Gymnasium, 130 Central Ave., Bates College Lewiston. Nora Chipaumire's dance ensemble, company nora chipaumire, presents "portrait of myself as my father." Again 8/3. \$25/18/12. 786-6161; batesdancefestival.org.

Friday, August 3
Opening Reception. 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monktree, 263 Water St., Gardiner. The gallery celebrates the opening of "Full Circle," featuring works by painter Arlene Kelley and collage artist Marj Burgess. Free.
Maine Event Comedy. 7 p.m. Baxter Brewing Company, 130 Mill St., Lewiston. Headliner Mark Scalia is joined by Mike Holmes, Arty Przychodzki, and host Mark Turcotte. Ages 21-plus. Free admission. 513-0742.

Saturday, August 4
Civil War Encampment. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Minot Historical Society, 493 Center Minot Hill Rd., Minot. Join several Civil War re-enactment groups to see first-hand what life was like in the field. Concessions avail. Again 8/5 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Free. 689-8547.
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.
Flash Back Sock Hop. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Taber's, 473 Lake Shore Drive, Auburn. This fundraising event for the Dempsey Center features 1950s & '60s music, contests, and rollback prices on food; chem-free, bring lawn chairs.

Bates Dance Festival Young Artists Concert. 7:30 p.m. Alumni Gymnasium, 130 Central Ave., Bates College, Lewiston. The festival concludes with performances by students in the BDF Professional Training and Youth Arts Programs. \$10/5. batesdancefestival.org.

The Early Evening Show. 7:30 p.m. Celebration Barn, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. Mike Miclon's late-night talk show spoof presents special guest singer-songwriter Carol Noonan.

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

\$15/13/10. 743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Sunday, August 5
Car Show. Vehicle registration 7:30 to 11 a.m.; awards at 2 p.m. New Balance Factory Store, Rte. 26, Oxford. Join the Uptown Cruizahs for this event benefiting local charities; 23 vehicle classes, music food. \$10 to register a vehicle; free to attend. 890-8778.

Monday, August 6
"West African Rhythms and Songs." 6 to 7 p.m. Androscoggin Room, Auburn Public Library. In this interactive and educational program for all ages, Annegret Baier demonstrates a variety of West African percussion instruments. Free.

Concert: The Grass Holes. 6:30 p.m. Gazebo, Poland Spring Resort, 55 Robbins Way. Poland Spring. This five-piece bluegrass outfit plays lively originals, traditional numbers, and creative takes on popular tunes. Suggested donation \$5. 998-4142; www.polandspringmuseums.org.

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.

Wednesday, August 8
Stanton Bird Club Bird Walk at Pineland Farms. Meet at 8 a.m. by the Market and Welcome Center at the entrance from Morse Rd. off Rte. 231 in New Gloucester. Walk ends by 11 a.m. All welcome. Free. 406-4741; jsmd@att.net.

Family Concert: Rob Duquette. 11 a.m. Auburn Public Library. This talented Maine musician sings original songs while accompanying himself instruments from around the globe; all ages. Free. 333-6640, ext. 3.

History Program. 6:30 p.m. All Souls Chapel, 37 Preservation Way, Poland Spring. This illustrated program will discuss the 200-year collaboration between "The Rickers of Poland Spring and the Shakers of Sabbathday Lake." Free. 998-4142.

Thursday, August 9
Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting. 7 a.m. Ramada Conference Center, 490 Pleasant Street in Lewiston. MEMIC Group CEO Michael Bourque discusses what the company has learned about workers' comp reform and how it can apply to other issues. \$20/30. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Sampson AFB Veterans Luncheon. Noon. The Village Inn, Auburn. Open to all veterans, this is an informal monthly get-together of those who went through basic training at Sampson Air Force Base in the 1940s and '50s. 657-4909.

History Program. 6 p.m. Winthrop Town Office. Librarian Shane Billings discusses the history of the Baily Library; pres. by the Winthrop Historical Society. Free. wmehs@gotmail.com.

Concert: Howie Day. 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, 500 Paris Hill Rd., So. Paris. The Paris Hill Music Festival kicks off with a performance by the pop superstar (and Bangor native). \$35. 754-7970; www.parishill-musicfestival.com.

Friday, August 10
Concert: Nicole Nordeman. 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, 500 Paris Hill Rd., So. Paris. The Paris Hill Music Festival continues with a performance by the contemporary Christian music star. \$25. 754-7970; www.parishillmusicfestival.com.

Theater: "Young Frankenstein." 8 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, Academy St., Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents Mel Brooks' award-winning musical comedy. Again 8/17-19 (Sun. at 2 p.m.) \$18/15/12. www.laclt.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.

Free Music Saturday. Noon to 5 p.m. First Baptist Church, 500 Paris Hill Rd., So. Paris. The Paris Hill Music Festival presents an afternoon of free music by a diverse roster of talented local performers. Free and open to the public; dona-

tions gratefully accepted to support festival charities. 754-7970; www.parishill-musicfestival.com.

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center, Pretty Girls Sing Soprano perform folk and acoustic music. Weather-dependent. Free.

Concert: Let's hang On! 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, 500 Paris Hill Rd., So. Paris. The Paris Hill Music Festival concludes with a performance by the Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons tribute group. \$35. 754-7970; www.parishill-musicfestival.com.

Veterans Benefit Concert. 7 p.m. Fairgrounds, Cumberland. Rock bands Madison Rising and Fire in the Hole perform; pres. by the Crossroads Chapter of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Assoc. \$10 (kids ages 10- free). https://www.cvma17-1.com.

Sunday, August 12
Stanton Bird Club Bird Walk. 1 p.m. Thorncrag Sanctuary (meet in parking lot off Montello Ave.), Lewiston. Professional Land Surveyor David Chittim leads a walk exploring the history of the 450-acre preserve. All welcome. Free. 524-2060; jerigary@fairpoint.net.

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.

Thursday, August 16
Theater: "Young Frankenstein." 8 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, Academy St., Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents Mel Brooks' award-winning musical comedy. Again 8/17-19 (Sun. at 2 p.m.) \$18/15/12. www.laclt.com.

Saturday, August 18
Stanton Bird Club Bird Walk at St. Peter's Cemetery in Lewiston. Meet at 8 a.m. at the cemetery (enter on Deer Road and continue straight to the far road beyond the mausoleum). Walk ends by 11 a.m. All welcome. Free. 406-4741; jsmd@att.net.

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

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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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What’s Going On

Mechanics Savings, Maine Community Bancorp appoint new directors



Amy Landry

Maine Community Bancorp, the mutual holding company that owns Mechanics Savings Bank and Biddeford Savings Bank, recently announced that Amy Landry and Elaine Runyon have been appointed to the board of directors for Mechanics Savings Bank. Both Landry and Runyon will also serve on the Maine Community Bancorp board of directors.

“We are very fortunate to have these two talented individuals bring their expertise to our Boards,” said Jon Oxman, board chair for both Mechanics Savings and Maine Community Bancorp. “Each of these leaders

brings tremendous experience and value to further strengthen and diversify our board of directors.”

Amy Landry is the CEO of Maine Optometry, PA. She manages their eight practice locations, as well as their real estate division. Since joining Maine Optometry in 2016, she has worked



Elaine Runyon

with the physician owners to grow and strengthen the operations of the practice, increasing revenue growth and patient access, and has overseen three major building projects.

She holds a Master of Healthcare Administration

and a Bachelor of Arts in Healthcare Administration from New England College. She lives in Auburn with her family and is actively involved in community organizations, including the Fairview Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization and Trinity Jubilee Center.

Elaine Runyon is a Certified Public Accountant and serves as the Controller at Portland Country Club. She brings experience communicating at a strategic level and is skilled in developing and executing plans for teams to support business decisions.

She holds a Master of Business Administration from University of Southern Maine and a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from University of West Florida. She lives in New Gloucester with her husband and serves as an advisor for Edward Little High School students through the Olympia Snowe Women’s Leadership Institute. She is also a trustee at First Christian Congregational Church of New Gloucester.

APL presents free family concert



Rob Duquette is a talented Maine musician who sings original songs while accompanying himself instruments from around the globe.

Auburn Public Library will present a free family concert with Rob Duquette on Wednesday, August 8 at 11 a.m. This talented Maine musician sings original

songs while accompanying himself on xylophone, guitar, ukulele, and percussion from around the globe. In addition to playing for kids around the country, he is also part of Jonathan Edwards’ band. Dancing and

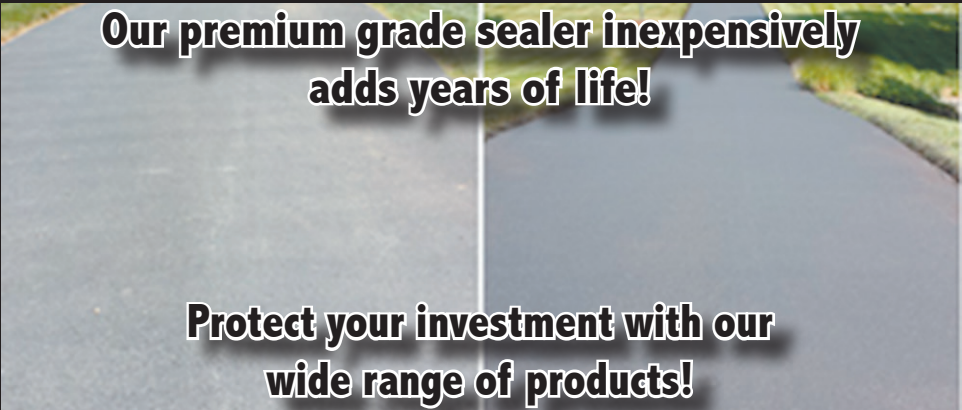
laughing are highly encouraged at this fun-filled family event for all ages, which is free and open to the public. For more information about Rob, see <http://www.rob-duquette.com>.

West African Rhythms at Auburn Public Library



Annegret Baier will present a program called “West African Rhythms and Songs” on Monday, August 6 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Androscoggin Community Room at Auburn Public Library. In this interactive and educational program for all ages, Baier will demonstrate a wide variety of West African percussion instruments, including djembe, conga, kpanlogo, kalimba, and balaphone. Audiences members will be invited to join in the dancing, drumming, singing, and handclapping. The event is free and open to the public.

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