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Out & About with Rachel Morin On a day trip with the Gendron Franco Center



Mitch Thomas and son Elias Thomas are ready for the lobster, clams and mussels soon to be served.



Muriel Minkowsky, Connie Robert, and Agathe Poulin have their lobster bibs secured

Story and photos by

Rachel Morin A short article from the Gendron Franco Center that I saw in the Twin City Times piqued my interest: a daylong bus trip to the Coast of Maine was planned, with the noontime highlight being a complete shore dinner. When I read the menu, it reminded me of when I used to go to Bailey's Island with my husband and friends so long ago and I just had to go.

I signed up and joined the 41 passengers leaving early in the morning on the pleasant day trip, led by Franco Center Executive Director Mitch Thomas, with assistance by Bert Dutil. In the driver's seat, Frank Kilgore kept the air-conditioned coach comfortable as the weather continued on its prolonged hot spell.

As usual on these trips, people were chatting away, catching up on news and events in each other's lives. Games were being played, led by Bert.

After a few stops along the way, we were at Foster's Restaurant in York Harbor. Tables were waiting for us and the waitstaff was bustling around seeing that everyone had a lobster bib and utensils to crack the lobsters. No one needed instructions on how to use these "crackers."

The menu included New England clam chowder, freshly-dug Maine clams, cultivated mussels, Maine lobster (or chicken), sweet corn on the cob, red potatoes and onions (roasted over a roaring wood fire), all topped off with Maine blueberry crumb cake, coffee, hot or iced tea, or lemonade. We had a chuckle over

the repetition of the Maine name but knew the out-ofstate tourists liked to see it on the food. It made it extra special. Foster's guitarist, Holt

Leighton, entertained with

songs from long ago and soon, much to our surprise, six members of our group joined him on instruments furnished by the restaurant. They did a credible job of

his renditions of favorite

shaking these to the beat set by Holt. Some couples even took to the dance floor.

Heading back home, we stopped at Old Orchard Beach for a walk on the sand *See* **Trip**, *page 15*









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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Senator Collins visits Mölnlycke Health Care's manufacturing facility in Brunswick



A world leading provider of advanced wound care and single-use surgical products, Mölnlycke employs approximately 200 people in their Brunswick and Wiscasset factories.

U.S. Senator Susan Collins visited Mölnlycke Health Care's manufacturing facility in Brunswick recently to tour the factory, meet with employees, and speak with company leaders about jobs, the economy, and health care.

Mölnlycke employs approximately 200 people in their Brunswick and Wiscasset factories. The Brunswick factory opened in 2013 and is located on the former Brunswick Naval Air Station. It's one of the most highly automated and efficient factories in the world for manufacturing dressings used in the management of wounds and the prevention of Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcers.

"Maine is the oldest state in the nation by average age," said Senator Collins. "As the Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I know the importance of Molnlvcke's advancements in wound care to vulnerable populations recovering from surgery or injury. Molnlycke's cutting-edge Brunswick factory is proof that Maine's manufacturing tradition is alive, well, and growing. It was a pleasure to visit this facility and speak with many of the Mainers who work here."

"We are honored to host Senator Collins and her team at our facility and are proud that, in Maine, we are manufacturing wound care dressings that, backed by clinical evidence, help make life better for millions of people," said Rob Claypoole, President of Mölnlycke U.S. "Delivering effective medical solutions that improve outcomes and offer better value is our focus, and we are grateful that Senator Collins has been an advocate for this with her efforts in healthcare."

A world leading medical solutions company founded in 1849, Mölnlycke is the number one global provider of advanced wound care and single-use surgical products.

YMCA renames golf tournament in honor of Pennell "Penny" Woodard

The YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston will launch their ninth annual golf tournament with a new name and a shotgun start on Thursday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Martindale Country Club in Auburn.

Renamed the Pennell "Penny" Woodard Memorial Golf Tournament in honor of one of its founding members, this year's event offers a scramble format with a continental breakfast, green fees and cart, two mulligans, a team photo, an on-course lunch, one golden tee, contests on the course, post-play awards, prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and hors d'oeuvres. Pennell C. Woodard (1934-2016) dedicated over 32 years to steering the Y's charitable mission. In 1970, he helped establish the Y's Biddy Basketball program, which is still teaching local youth the fundamentals of the game today.

In 2010, Woodard a helped establish the Y's in charity golf tournament, the which has raised over y \$298,000 to date for youth L programs and scholarships. In recognition of a lifetime in spent mentoring and advocating for local youth, H he was inducted into the YMCA Hall of Fame in a 2016. "It is an extreme honor to be recognized for 4 something you love doing," ou

he said upon his induction.

With his family's approval, the YMCA Board of Directors voted in 2018 to rename the tournament in his honor. In doing so, the Y hopes to memorialize and promote his humble character, dedication to community, and selfless giving to programs that support youth and families in greater Lewiston-Auburn.

The Y is now accepting registrations and sponsorships for the tournament. For more information, contact Director of Marketing and Tournament Coordinator Becca Tinkham at 795-

Community Concepts COO earns designation as Certified Community Action Professional

Community Concepts' Chief Operating Officer Mary-Rita Reinhard has successfully completed a rigorous process and exam administered by the Community Action Partnership to become a Certified Community Action Professional, a designation that conveys to the organization national recognition for professionalism.

This accomplishment reflects Community Concepts' commitment to serve people in poverty in Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin Counties; the skills gained by Reinhard through the certification process will help the organization apply best practices to help people in need move ahead.

"This credential shows

that we have the solid leadership and accountability practices to implement programs that truly make a difference," said Reinhard. "We are already creating measurable, positive outcomes for the individuals, families, and small businesses we serve, and we are pushing to accomplish more and more for our clients."

Community Concepts is the designated Community Action Agency for Oxford and Androscoggin Counties. The organization receives funding from the federal Community Services Block Grant, but also relies on private donations to fund much of its work in the region.

"We are proud of Mary-Rita's accomplishment and her commitment

Maine Mariners introduce team mascot



Mary-Rita Reinhard

to achieving this advanced certification," said Community Concepts CEO Shawn Yardley. "It means so much for the future of the organization and what we can accomplish together with the community as we continually innovate and improve to help those in need."



An Atlantic puffin, "Beacon" will become the face of the organization; he'll be present at Mariners events at Cross Insurance Arena and in the community.

The Maine Mariners, who will launch their inaugural season as a member of the East Coast Hockey League on October 13, have introduced their team mascot. "Beacon" is an Atlantic puffin who will become the face of the organization and will be present at Mariners events at Cross Insurance Arena and in the community. In addition, the Mariners' "Kids Club" will become ant addition to our team and I am looking forward to seeing this puffin bring the fun to Maine," said Adam Goldberg, Mariners VP of Business Operations. "You will not only see Beacon at all Mariners home games, but around the community all year round. The Mariners have puffin pride!"

Beacon's hometown is Machias Seal Island in the Gulf of Maine - one of the largest puffin nesting locations in the state. Beacon's favorite food is herring, his favorite song is "Free as a Bird" by the Beatles, and his favorite TV Show is "Puffin Rock." Beacon's hobbies include meeting Mariners fans, supporting community events, and raising awareness for puffin nesting restoration with Project Puffin - a Maine-based puffin project administered by the National Audubon Society. A species that excels in both swimming and flight, the Atlantic puffin makes its home in Maine each summer in numbers of more than 4,000, according to VisitMaine.com. Efforts such as Project Puffin have helped restore the once-declining species significantly since the 1970s - particularly in Maine.

Big Room Studios, a Portland-based creative technology company which created the Mariners inaugural season logo, helped design the mascot. Commercial Costumes in North Yarmouth, which also made Slugger the Sea Dog, produced Beacon. Appearance requests for Beacon and other members of the Mariners organization can be made by clicking on the "Community" tab at the Mariners website, MarinersOfMaine. com. The East Coast Hockey League is the premier AA hockey league in the United States. The Mariners join the league as an affiliate of the New York Rangers. Season tickets, flex plans, and fivegame packs for the Mariners inaugural season are now on sale. They can be purchased by calling toll free 833-GO-MAINE or at www.MarinersOfMaine.com.

4095 or btinkham@alymca. org or see www.alymca.org.

Beacon's Kids Club." "Beacon is an import-



Governor's Address: The Universal Home Care Referendum will be disastrous for Maine's economy

Ballot Question 1 is another benign-sounding, feel-good referendum. In reality, it's one more in a long line of over-simplified referendums with a real downside for Maine's economy.

Like the minimum wage referendum, which also changed how restaurant servers are paid, and the people's veto question on ranked choice voting that was completely misleading, Question 1 lacks essential information.

It asks, "Do you want to create the Universal Home Care Program to provide home-based assistance to people with disabilities and senior citizens, regardless of income, funded by a new 3.8% tax on individuals and families with Maine wage and adjusted gross income above the amount subject to Social Security taxes, which is \$128,400 in 2018?"

Of course we want to take care of our seniors and people with disabilities and keep them in their homes. But this referendum's backers are disingenuous. They haven't supported my bill to reform the municipal foreclosure process for our elderly. Neither have they provided a way to eliminate waitlists for our people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Instead, these socialists have come up with yet another scheme to tax Mainers and funnel it to unions. They'll make Maine the highest-taxed state for all households whose combined income totals more than \$128,400, no matter the source.

The question's wording leaves out essential information, like the establishment of a massive



Governor Paul R. LePage

bureaucracy with no state oversight. The new system will require the state to turn over the names and contact information of any person with a disability who may receive any in-home care and of our seniors over 65 to any person who wants to run for the board and any union. This is a massive violation of personal and medical confidentiality.

But there are more

risks. The Office of the State Economist has modeled the impacts of the 3.8 percent tax. Right now, our economy is doing well, but there are circumstances out there that can tip the balance. Passing this referendum will send our economy over the cliff.

The State Economist projects passing this referendum will, by 2023, result in a loss of \$1.4 to \$2 billion of Mainers' total personal income. It will have significant negative effects on Maine's population, labor force, employment and gross domestic product.

We already know that to grow our economy, we need more people. Passing Question 1 will not only drive high earners out of the state, but couples who both work are also at risk of having their income tax skyrocket.

Here's the conserva-

tive estimate of the dangers of this referendum: in the first year of the tax, Maine's population would fall by between 1,200 and 1,700 people; in the first year, our labor force would fall by 1,300 to 1,800 workers; nonfarm employment would lose between 2,600 and 3,800 jobs; cumulative losses in total personal income by 2023 would be \$1.4 to \$2.0 billion, and cumulative losses in our real GDP would be between \$643 and \$916 million.

Our economy is growing in all of these measures. In 2017, Maine's population grew at the fastest rate in more than a decade and private non-farm employment reached a record high. Wages are growing at the fastest rate in two decades.

I want Mainers to prosper. Our economy is finally helping so many hard-working families get ahead. Now is not the time to pass a first-in-the-nation tax scheme theoretically to support in-home care for our elderly but that has no restrictions on income to qualify, no residency requirement, that violates confidentiality of our most vulnerable, and that authorizes putting seniors and people with disabilities on even more waitlists.

In other words, a wealthy summer resident like Martha Stewart could qualify for this program while your elderly, ill aunt on a fixed income sits on a wait list, and you suddenly pay the highest income tax in the nation.

Question 1 is a bad deal for Mainers.

Thank you. Paul LePage Governor

Senator Collins congratulates Auburn Police Chief Phil Crowell



During her Senate service, Senator Collins has worked with Chief Crowell on issues ranging from the opioid crisis to human trafficking.

At a recent retirement ceremony for Auburn Police Chief Phil Crowell, Jr., U.S. Senator Susan Collins delivered remarks congratulating him on his 25 years of distinguished service in law enforcement. Senator Collins also presented Chief Crowell with a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol. Crowell was recently appointed to be Auburn's new Assistant City Manager. thank Phil for his exceptional service as Auburn's Chief of Police and to congratulate him on his appointment as Assistant City Manager, where he will continue to serve the people of Auburn," said Collins. "Phil helped to create positive change in this wonderful community by bringing people together through volunteer opportunities, citizen's police academies, neighborhood watch groups, and family

and safety events. Some of the best and most committed leaders I know are right here in Maine, and Phil is among them."

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As the leader of the Auburn Police Department, Crowell built an effective team of dedicated officers. He also enhanced community engagement by launching Auburn's Citizens Police Academy, the Somali Citizens Police Academy, and the first Youth Court in Maine. He was selected as Maine's 2017 Chief of the Year by the Maine Chiefs of Police Association.

Local UMaine Extension educator receives Distinguished Service Award

University of Maine Cooperative Extension educator Tori Jackson received the 2018 Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents at its annual meeting and conference held recently in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Given to Extension educators with more than 10 years of service who have exhibited excellence in the field, the award is presented to just one county Extension educator in Maine each year.

Jackson is an Extension educator for agriculture and natural resources serving Androscoggin and Sagadahoc counties. Her programs include farm business management; social media marketing; and general agricultural education, with a focus on beginning farmers marketing a range of animal and plant products throughout the state.

Jackson serves as chair of the Beginning Farmer Resource Network of Maine, an organization that brings together agricultural service providers from many agencies and organizations to sponsor professional development and program coordination.

UMaine Extension supports the University of Maine's land and sea grant public education role by conducting community-driven, research-based programs in every county to help support, sustain and grow the food-based economy in our state.

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Parishioners celebrate milestone in renovation of parish center

Members of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish recently celebrated a milestone in the renovation of their parish center at Our Lady of Ransom Church in Mechanic Falls, a project that will eventually include the creation of a new worship site.

At the end of July, Fr. Edward Clifford, pastor, blessed a new parish hall created from a section of the parish center formerly divided into four classrooms. The project also included installing energy efficient lighting. "The parishioners are enthusiastic about the opening of the hall," said Fr. Clifford. "It will once again be a place for community events, like suppers and wedding receptions, and will also be available for use by local organizations."

The blessing marked the completion of the first phase of a larger project to redesign the parish center, which has been used primarily for Sunday Masses since the former church was demolished three years ago. "This is just the beginning of what is to come," said Josie Hebert, chair of the planning committee that has been working on the project for several years. "I would like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady of Ransom for having faith, hope, and knowing that, with the help of God, all things are possible. He has blessed us with a talented team who work together as one."

Fr. Clifford also expressed his gratitude to parishioners, especially to Hebert and the members of the planning committee, and to Bob Rose, a parishioner and experienced contractor who served as an advisor. He also praised the work of DICON, the diocesan construction company which oversaw the project.

With the first phase of the project now complete, plans will move forward to modify the center's kitchen and to convert the former parish hall into a new church, a move necessitated by the deterioration of the former worship site. That building, which had once





In blessing the new hall, Fr. Edward Clifford thanked the parishioners, especially those serving on and advising the project planning committee.



Formerly divided into four classrooms, the newly renovated space will now serve as a parish hall. This marks the completion of the first phase of a larger project to renovate the parish center, which will eventually include a new worship space made necessary by the required demolition of their church in 2015.

been a barn, had irreparable water damage and mold, leading to its demolition in 2015. Many items from inside the church were salvaged and are still in use.

The parish has dedicated Phase I of the renovation project to Father John Dougher, who served the Our Lady of Ransom community from 1982 to 1991, when he spearheaded the fundraising for and construction of the parish center.

At the conclusion of the blessing ceremony, the congregation joined together to sing "Immaculate Mary" and enjoy refreshments provided by the Ladies Guild.

Chamber blood drive Aug. 27

In light of recent national disasters in addition to regular day-to day-emergencies, the need for blood donors is now critical. The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host a Red Cross Blood Drive in its conferday, August 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register and choose your appointment time, enter "LAMETRO" in the blue box at the top right when you visit www. redcrossblood.org. For more information, call the cham-

ence room at 415 Lisbon ber at 783-2249 or see www. Street in Lewiston on Mon- LAMetroChamber.com.

Chamber Power Trip visits Veterans Memorial Park

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host a Power Trip to Veterans Memorial Park in Lewiston on Tuesday, August 28 from 12 to 1 p.m. The park is located on the corner of Main and Lincoln Streets.

Do you have a family member or know someone whose name is listed on one of the park's monuments? Would you like to know more about how the park came to be? If so, come for a tour led by L/A Veterans Council chair Jerry Dewitt, along with Bert Dutil and Norm Cote. The event is free, but participants are asked to register at www. lametrochamber.com.

Chamber Power Trips take participants on site to learn more about chamber members and to see their businesses and organizations in action. For more information, call 783-2249.

MCUL's Campaign for Ending Hunger provides badly needed summertime meals

Though temperatures may be at their hottest, donations to local food pantries "cool" significantly during the summer months. To help fill this gap, the Maine Credit Union League's Campaign for Ending Hunger has once again "shared the bread," donating a total of \$21,000 distributed to two food pantries in each of Maine's sixteen counties, a contribution that will allow them to purchase over 80,000 meals.

"While many people are enjoying all that summer in Maine has to offer, unfortunately, there are thousands of Mainers who are worried about where their next meal is going to come from," said Jon Paradise, Vice President of Public Affairs and Engagement for the Maine Credit Union League. "Many of those are children who are on summer vacation and can't easily access meals through school. Part of the goal of this contribution is to raise awareness that summertime hunger is a significant issue in Maine."

According to Good Shepherd Food Bank, the timing of the contribution couldn't be better. "Because it's summer, many food pantries are struggling with reduced donations. Maine's credit unions have proven once again what a great partner they are in working to end hunger."

In all, 33 food pantries, including Good Shepherd Food Bank, received a financial contribution and a symbolic loaf of bread at ceremonies held at the Maine Credit Union League

in Westbrook and the Good Shepherd Food Bank's Distribution Center in Hampden. Paradise said the loaf of bread is "symbolic of the sharing spirit that is so strong in Maine and represents what credit unions are all about."

Part of the Maine Credit Union League's statewide Campaign for Ending Hunger initiative, the contribution utilizes some of the funds raised through the 2017 campaign, which raised a record-setting \$740,000.

Since 1990, the Maine Credit Union League's Campaign for Ending Hunger has raised \$8 million to help end hunger in Maine. To make a tax-deductible contribution, stop by any local credit union or visit www. mainecul.org.

Eyemart Express opens in Auburn

Eyemart Express, a leading optical retailer and the fastest provider of quality prescription eyewear in the industry, is celebrating the opening of its third store in Maine with special promotions that started on August 19 and a special event open to the public on Saturday, August 25.

Located at 363 Center Street in Auburn, the new store offers a wide selection of high-quality, fashionable, and affordable prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses. Eyemart Express takes pride in offering a unique mix of value, style and timely service to provide busy consumers with "the right glasses at the right price, right now." The Auburn store carries more than 2,000 frames from brands such as Fendi, Gucci, Calvin Klein, Ray-Ban, Kate Spade, Columbia, Tommy Hilfiger, and Michael Kors. The store also features an onsite lab, allowing 90 percent of glasses to be ordered and received on the same day, some in as little as 30 minutes.

Running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the grand opening celebration on August 25 will feature live remotes with 107.5 FM and 93.1 FM, prizes from the "Wheel of Frame and Fortune," and a special giveaway: the first 25 families at the event will receive a voucher for one free pair of kid's glasses. Grand opening event promotions will include two pairs of single vision glasses for \$19 and two pairs of progressive vision glasses for \$68. The store opening also brings the eyewear retailer's everyday discount programs

to Auburn:

All veterans, retired, active- and non-active duty military personnel and their families receive an additional 10 percent off the company's existing affordable prices; a valid military ID is required at the time of purchase.

School faculty and staff, including teachers, coaches, bus drivers, janitors, and more, receive a 20 percent discount on eyewear purchases; a valid school employee ID is required at the time of purchase.

With 182 stores in 35 states, Eyemart Express ranks among the top 10 largest optical retailers in the country with its family of brands, which include Vision4Less, Visionmart Express, and Eyewear Express. For more information, see EyemartExpress.com.



Litchfield hardware store adds U-Haul affiliation



Located at 483 Richmond Road, the store will offer U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment, moving supplies, boxes, and in-store pick-up for boxes.

U-Haul Company of Maine has announced that Percy's Hardware Company has signed on as a U-Haul neighborhood dealer to serve the Litchfield community. Located at 483 Richmond Road, the store will offer U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment, moving supplies, boxes, and in-store pick-up for boxes.

The arrival of U-Haul Truck Share 24/7 is revolutionizing the moving industry through its more convenient, secure way to pick up and return a truck. U-Haul live verification technology allows rental

transactions to be carried out entirely on a smartphone at any hour of the day or night. There are no membership fees required; to create an online account, simply visit uhaul.com

Percy's normal business hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. To reserve U-Haul products at this dealer location, call 203-3040 or visit https://www. uhaul.com.

Percy's Hardware Company owner Percy Gowell is proud to team

Redesigned Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute launches in September

This fall, the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Uplift LA will present a redesigned version of the Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute. Running September 12 through November 14, the program will help participants foster stronger working relationships, learn to communicate and motivate, and gain skills needed to advance their careers.

"I'm pleased that Uplift LA has taken the lead as we redesign the Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute to meet the needs of our rising professionals and expand their capacity to take on leadership roles," said LA Metro Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Beckie Conrad. "Be it managing a team, running a nonprofit, or starting your own business, ALDI is the place to hone skills that will make you a successful leader and manager."

The institute is designed for entry- and mid-level managers from businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies who are interested in developing their communication, strategic planning, and core leadership skills. The program will combine classroom learning, interactive sessions, and hands-on experiences led by experts in their fields who have demonstrated success in such areas as communications, networking, and strategic planning. Participants will be challenged to apply the skills they acquire to complex problems faced in today's ever-changing work environment, culminating in a capstone project that will bring practical expertise back to their workplaces and communities.

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er air.

All classes will take place in Lewiston and Auburn. Space is limited. The cost for both members and non-members is \$750 until September 5, then increases to \$1,000. For more information, call 783-2249. To register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

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New Ventures offers free money management workshops

Figuring out how to contact workshop facilitator spend money more consciously and/or cleaning Christina.m.davis@maine. up credit issues can be the edu. difference between reaching important financial goals and just settling for the same stressful money issues year after year. In September and October, New Ventures Maine will offer free two-hour workshops open to anyone interested in learning how to better manage their personal finances, including individuals and couples of all ages and incomes. Taking place at various locations in Lewiston and Turner, including the University of Southern Maine, the workshops will meet in the early evening to accomodate people with busy schedules. For more information or to register,

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Androscoggin Land Trust director to address **Rotary Club**



Shelley Kruszewski

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, August 30, from noon to 1 p.m. will be Shelley Kruszewski, Executive Director at the Androscoggin Land Trust. The event will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Kruszewski has been with ALT since 2016. She has a master's degree in Community Planning and Development, with a focus on land use and the envi-

ronment, from the Muskie School of Public Service. She has worked as a graduate assistant at the Association of State Wetland Managers; as an Outreach Intern for ReTreeUS, an organization that plants school orchards; and has spent time leading tours at a butterfly garden that included a leaf cutter ant colony and many other insects. She previously worked for several years in the legal field and in the admission office of a school, where she also coached a high school sports team. She enjoys exploring the outdoors, especially near any source of water. Born and raised in Maine, she lives in Auburn with her husband and their energetic dog.

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.

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Agencies partner to provide CNA training program in Oxford Hills area



The program's organizers include (l. to r.) Christina King of Western Maine Community Action, Tina Christophersen of Oxford Hills-Nezinscot Adult Education, and Patti Saarinen of Western Maine Community Action. (Photo courtesy Monica Millhime)

Western Maine Community Action in Lewiston and Oxford Hills-Nezinscot Adult Education have partnered with the Lewiston CareerCenter to create a Certified Nursing Assistant training program serving the Oxford Hills area. The program will start on Monday, September 17.

This certified CNA training course exceeds the 180 hours of classroom instruction required by the state. Successful candidates will sit for the State CNA Exam and have the opportunity to interview

for a position with a partnering healthcare facility. While the course is valued at \$1,185, there is no charge for those who financially qualify.

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Entrance interviews are now taking place in the Adult Education Office at Oxford Hills High School. For more information or to schedule an interview appointment, call 743-8842.

State Treasurer returns record amount of unclaimed property

In FY 2018, the Maine State Treasury paid out more than \$18.5 million to Mainers from its Unclaimed Property Program. That figure represents more than 29,000 individual claims, ranging from lower than \$10 to as high as \$766,000.

The total paid out was 73% of the \$25.4 million received from Maine businesses and non-profits in the same year. Treasury's Unclaimed Property Team, consisting of four specialists, processed nearly 44,000 claims, beating last year's numbers by more than \$300,000.

Unclaimed Property consists of money and other financial assets that are considered lost or abandoned

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when an owner cannot be located after a specified time period. It includes items such as bank accounts, uncashed checks, life insurance policies, unpaid wages, stocks and dividends, refunds, and safe deposit box contents.

State Treasurer Terry Hayes has placed an emphasis on returning property during her tenure. "Maine's unclaimed property program is a consumer protection program," says Hayes. "It is our job to ensure that this money is returned to its rightful owners. Kudos to our team for their efforts to improve results year after year."

Despite this success, the Treasury still holds over \$238,162,000 in unclaimed property - some of which may belong to you. It is easy and free to file a claim. If you find you have property listed on the website, you can file your claim online at no charge. To search the database, see https://www. maine.gov/upsearch.

Since the Treasury receives new monies in this program every year, be sure to check again in early 2019.

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L/A Festival Weekend offers dance party, Poutine, Greek food, and more



The popular annual Greek Festival features traditional Greek dinners, a la cart items, appetizers, Taverna beverages, and pastries and other desserts.

Museum L/A's future home on Beech Street, the Gendron Franco Center on Oxford and Cedar Streets, and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Hogan Road are three of the locations that will host parts of Lewiston-Auburn Festival Weekend 2018. The weekend's events will include Museum L/A's Dance Party Under the Stars II, the premier of the L/A Poutine Feast-ival & Pichenotte Tournament, and the annual two-day Lewiston-Auburn Greek Festival.

Kicking off the weekend on Friday, September 7, from 7 to 11 p.m. will be Dance Party Under the Stars II. The event will take place at Museum L/A's future home, located on the shores of the Androscoggin River near Simard-Payne Park in Lewiston and the foot bridge that spans the river to Bonney Park in Auburn.

"We are excited to host our first-ever event at the future home of Museum L/A," said executive director Rachel Desgrosseilliers. "Imagine a beautiful evening under a starry, moonlit sky, where you and your guests are rockin' to '70s and '80s music with renowned local band Good & Plenty!"

The evening will start with fine dining at several local restaurants partnering with Museum L/A to offer discounts or themed specialty drinks or meals to enhance the Dance Party experience. At the party, guests can follow dinner with scrumptious desserts crafted by culinary arts students from The Green Ladle. Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$55 at the gate. For more information, including a list of participating restaurants, or to register, call 333-3881 or visit museumla.org.

On Saturday, September 8, from 4 to 8 p.m., the Gendron Franco Center will host the first L/A Poutine Feast-ival & Pichenotte Tournament. Sponsored in part by the Québec Government Delegation in Boston, the event will feature concessions and activities both inside and outside the center.

"The corner of Oxford and Cedar Streets will become a block party with food trucks serving your favorite Québécois poutine!" said the event's volunteer coordinator, Francis Gagnon. "Inside the center, the bar will be open and the kitchen will be serving Franco favorites, such as pea soup, meat pie, and beans and hot dogs."

Guest vendors for the event will include Pinky D's, the Crêpe Bar, Tripp's Farm, and Smokey's Greater Shows. Food and beverage booklets with four food and drink vouchers start at \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door.

A competitive pichenotte board-game tournament will begin at 3 p.m. "Start practicing your skills to meet the challenge against 40 other teams," said Gagnon. For more information about the tournament or to register, call 783-1585 or see FrancoCenter.org.

The long-standing anchor of Festival Weekend is the Lewiston-Auburn Greek Festival on Friday and Saturday, September 7 and 8, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church at 155 Hogan Road in Lewiston.

This popular annual event features traditional Greek dinners, a la cart items, appetizers, Taverna beverages, and pastries and other desserts. For more information, including a detailed menu, prices, and directions to the church, see LAGreekFestival.com.

"We invite people from around Maine and the region to come and enjoy this two-day celebration in the Twin Cities," said Franco Center executive director Mitch Thomas. "We hope this will be just the first of many late-summer events like this one in our beautiful multi-cultural community."

Auburn Page Turners announce book selections

The Auburn Page Turners, a long-running book discussion group that meets at Auburn Public Library, has announced its upcoming selections for fall and winter. Open to the public, the group meets on the first Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the library's Local History Room. Copies of the books may be borrowed from the library through interlibrary loan. For more information, call 333-6640, ext. 4.

Boothby Orchards and Farm on Route 108 in Livermore will host a day of events to benefit Rural Community Action Ministry on Saturday, September 22. Family activities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. will include apple picking, free demonstrations, and workshops. Boxed lunches will be for sale so those attending can

selections are "The Trouble with Goats and Sheep," by Joanna Cannon (September 10); "The Orphanmaster," by Jean Zimmerman (October 1); "Euphoria," by Lily King (November 5); "A Fine Balance," by Rohinton Mistry (January 7); "Future Home of the Living God," by Louise Erdrich (February 4); and "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City," by Matthew Desmond (March 4).

The group's upcoming

Boothby Orchards hosts RCAM Day

picnic in the orchards. From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., a dinner with wine pairings will be offered for \$25 per person. Ten percent of sale proceeds will go to Rural Community Action Ministry, "Working to Eradicate Rural Homelessness and Hunger." For more information, see http://rcam.net/ special-events.

Chicken BBQ at First Cong. Church of Gray

First Congregational Church of Gray will host its 27th annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 25, from 5 to 5:45 p.m. at its Parish House at 5 Brown Street. The meal will include a half chicken, baked potato, ear of corn, biscuit, and choice of beverage and dessert, with a large selection of pies, cakes, and drinks to choose from. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12. The building is wheelchair-accessible. Take out will be available. For more information, call 657-4338.

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to see the tourists enjoying the ocean. It sure was a hot day and many were in the water. I don't know how others could lay in the sun, but so many did. Many from our group sat on the shady benches and watched the tourists buy souvenirs.

The group made another fun stop on the way back at Len Libby Chocolatier on Route 1. As always, tourists were busy scooping up the array of chocolates, fudge, and other delicacies. The ice cream line was long. We did our part as well, indulging our tastes for fudge, needhams, and ice cream.

Lenny, the world's only life-size chocolate moose, is still in his fencedin space, eyeing the tourists. At 1700 pounds, he is featured in a video showing how he was created.

Once our group had completed their chocolate delicacies, ice cream cones, and souvenir purchases, we were ready to head back to Lewiston. We enjoyed the trip and were interested to hear if Mitch and Bert had another one planned. Oh yes! Mitch has something in mind and says he will let us know when he irons out the details.



Lorraine O'Neil and Pat Hiltz, among others, take to the dance floor.



Holt Leighton entertains with long-time favorites from years past



Donald Gosselin, Irene Plante and Bert Dutil enjoy a pre-dinner beverage. Bert always wears his lobster headgear when he goes for a shore dinner.



Holt Leighton's accompanying combo is composed of six members of our group, who prefer to be incognito.



Jackie and Gerry Dube enjoy dancing to "The Tennessee Waltz."





Twin City Nights

Gypsy Lew Theater's "Much Ado About Nothing" starts tonight in Dufresne Plaza

As part of Lewiston Public Library's Ye Olde Shakespeare Week, Gypsy Lew Theater Company will present a "Shakespeare in the Plaza" production of "Much Ado About Nothing." Free and open to the public, the outdoor performances will take place Thursday through Sunday, August 23 through 26, at 7 p.m. at Dufresne Plaza, located 72 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

Bring blankets and chairs and grab a spot to watch the show. Some chairs will be provided. If it rains, performances will be moved inside to Lewiston Public Library's Callahan Hall. Donations to support the company will be gratefully accepted.

In Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," soldiers returning home victorious from battle celebrate by partying, finding love, and meddling in each other's affairs. This romantic comedy centers around two couples, the



This production of Shakespeare's comedy, about the romantic entanglements of soldiers just returned in victory from war, is set in post-WWII Hawaii.

young and sweet Claudio and Hero, and the reluctant and prideful Beatrice and Benedick, who are caught in a "merry war... of wits."

Directed by Glynnis Nadel, stage managed by Lauren Stockless, and costumed by Suze Quackenbush, this production, set in post-WWII Hawaii, will have a run time of 80 minutes.

The cast is comprised of Mary Randall as Beatrice, Sam Carlson as Benedick, Aaron Verrill as Claudio, Isabella Coulombe as Hero, Sean Senior as Don Pedro, Josh Brassard as Don John, Allison Kelly as Margaret, Maxwell Draper as Borachio, Stephen McLaughlin as Leonato, Christine Doucette as Leonato's sister, Elizabeth Chasse-King as Dogberry, Mike Cheung as Verges, and Fiona Landry as Seacoal.

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Arlene and Bert Levesque of Lisbon enjoy their ice cream sundae while Lenny the Chocolate Moose keeps an eye on them.



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Twin City Nights

Native American Summer Market at Shaker Village



Led by the Burnurwurbskek Singers and Dancers of the Penobscot Nation, attendees learn about and participate in a traditional Wabanaki dance and song.



One of the only Maliseet basket makers in Maine, Master Basket Maker Fred Tomah has been making brown ash baskets for nearly 35 years.

Some of the state's finest, award-winning Native American artists will be featured at the tenth annual Native American Summer Market at Shaker Village on Saturday, August 25, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Taking place at the world's only active Shaker Community, Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village in New Gloucester, this is the southernmost annual gathering of Wabanaki artists in Maine. Free and open to the public, learn about and experience aspects of Maine's Native American culture.

More than 40 members of the Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Micmac, and Maliseet tribes will demonstrate traditional Wabanaki art forms, including basketmaking, stone carving, bark etching, beadwork, and jewelry. Also featured will be performances of storytelling by Geo Neptune and drumming, singing, dancing, and storytelling

Penobscot Nation. A wide selection of high-quality, traditional handmade crafts will be available for sale at a wide range of prices. Cash or personal checks will be accepted as payment by all artists.

Participating artists will include Dolly Barnes, Jason and Donna Brown of Decontie & Brown, Pam and Jacob Cunningham, Barry and Lori Dana, Linda Dana, Faye Decontie, Stuart Tomah and Gal Frey, Wendy Hamilton, Marie Harnois of Passamaquoddy Maple, Butch and Kelly Jacobs, Joe and Tammy Loring, Brenda Moore-Mitchell, Geo Neptune, Peter Neptune, Molly Neptune Parker, Debbie Nicholas, Debbie Parsons, Gail Phillips, Butch Phillips, David Sanipass, Caron Shay, Michael Silliboy, Frances Soctomah, Fred Tomah, and the Burnurwurbskek Singers

BBQ lunch plates will be served and the Shaker Museum and Store will also be open. Shaker Village is located at 707 Shaker Road (Route 26) in New Gloucester, just 15 minutes from the Maine Turnpike. For more information, call 926-4597 or see www.maineshakers.

Living History Center offers discounted admission on final summer tours



School master Hiram Briggs (portrayed by living history interpreter Larry Whittington) awaits scholars in the one-room schoolhouse. (Photo courtesy of Garnett Rutherford)

The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore will offer discounted admission for Appreciation Day on Thursday, August 30, which is the last day the center will be open for Summer 2018. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the center's 1867 Washburn Family mansion, farmer's cottage, and oneroom schoolhouse will be open to the public.

Stop by for a living his-

tory tour, where you'll learn about life in rural Maine in the 1800s from local characters of the time, portrayed by living history interpreters dressed in period clothing. Refreshments will be available in the farmer's cottage while supplies last. Bring a picnic lunch and explore the center's beautiful grounds. The discounted ad-

mission rate for Thursday, August 30 only will be \$5 per person, \$3 for kids ages 12 and under, or \$15 for a family of two adults with two or three children ages 18 or under.

A Norlands membership is only \$15 for individuals and \$35 for families; become a member and enjoy a 20% discount on tours and special events throughout the year. The center is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore. For more information, visit www. norlands.org.

Sean Mencher in concert at Celebration **Barn Theater**

On Saturday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m., Celebration Barn Theater in South Paris will present a concert by Sean Mencher. This thumb-picking guitarist has performed his memorable brand of '50s-style honky-tonk and American rockabilly from Japan to Russia, Carnegie Hall to the Conan O'Brien show. Celebration Barn Theater's audience will enjoy an intimate solo performance by this musical sensation. "Mencher's combination of fiddle, guitar, and slap-back echo is infectious, fun, and raucous," says AllMusic.

com

Tickets are \$14, \$12, and \$8 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.

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Thursday, August 23

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The speaker is Community Little Theatre president John Blanchette. Free; no reservations required. 333-4588; www. lewistonauburnrotary.org.

Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Celebration. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Eyemart Express, 363 Center St., Auburn. Come help the Chamber of Commerce welcome Eyemart Express to the area; refreshments. www.eyemartexpress.com.

5K Prediction Run-Walk. 6 p.m. Oak Hill Middle School, Ball Park Rd., Sabattus. Those who come closest to guessing their finish times win prizes; you don't need to be fast to win! \$5. Register onsite from 5 p.m. Pres. by Sabattus Rec Club. Running@sabattusrec.com.

Concert: Pianists Ksenia Kostelanetz. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The fourth annual "Frank Glazer Memorial Steinway Concert" features works by Schubert and Chopin. Free. 783-1585.

Theater: "Much Ado About Nothing." 7 p.m. Dufresne Plaza, Lisbon St., Lewiston. For Lewiston Public Library's Ye Olde Shakespeare Week, Gypsy Lew Theater Co. performs this abridged 80-minute production. Bring chairs and blankets. Free. Again 10/24-26. Free.

What's Next Fest. 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth. TAM's season-ending week of theatrical events continues with a staged reading of "Tendrils... A Play About Transformations and Bugs," by Catia Cunha. Suggested donation \$10. 933-9999; www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Friday, August 24

Yard Sale and Bottle Drive. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 700 Main St., Greene (across from Hurricane's Café and Deli). Tommy's Feral Felines collects donations of recyclable bottles and cans, as well as yard sale items, to fund its work supporting feral cats. Again 8/25. normblais39@yahoo.com.

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Saturday, August 25

Family Heirloom Preservation Workshop. 10 to 3 p.m. Museum L-A, Bates Mill Complex, 35 Canal St., Lewiston. Learn how to maintain your precious documents, photos, and objects to protect them from wear and damage. \$50 (incl. lunch). Space limited; register at www.museumla.org.

Native American Summer Market. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Shaker Village, Rte. 26, New Gloucester. This annual gathering of Wabanaki artists features performances, demos, and traditional craft items for sale. Rain or shine. Free. 926-4597; www.maineshakers.com.

Chicken BBQ. 5 to 5:45 p.m. Parish House, First Congregational Church, 5 Brown St., Gray. Half chicken, baked potato, ear of corn, biscuit, beverage, and desert. \$10/5. Take-out avail. 657-4338.

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.

Concert: Sean Mencher. 7:30 p.m. Celebration Barn, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. This thumb-picking guitar man performs '50s-style honky-tonk and rockabilly music. \$14/12/8. 743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Sunday, August 26

Variety Show. 3 p.m. Danville Jct. Grange, 15 Grange St., (off Rte. 202), Danville (Auburn). Entertainment, raffles, and concessions; proceeds support their "Helping Hands" fundraising campaign. \$4. 998-2586; granger04071@ aol.com.

Monday, August 27

Concert: Phil House and Kathy Haley. 6:30 p.m.

"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.

Thursday, August 30

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The speaker is Androscoggin Land Trust executive director Shelley Kruszewski. Free; no reservations required. 333-4588; www.lewistonauburnrotary. org

Friday, August 31

Lunchtime in Kennedy Park. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lewiston. This month's event features music by the Mont Sweagers Irish Celtic Band, a display by Haines Photography, and concessions from Pinky D's Food Truck. Sponsored by the City of Lewiston. Free.

Tuesday, September

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"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.

Friday, September 7

Dance Party Under the Stars II. 7 to 11 p.m. This first-ever event at the future home of Museum L/A on Beech St. in Lewiston features live music by Good & Plenty and desserts by the Green Ladle. \$50/55. 333-3881; museumla.org.

Saturday, September 8

Lewiston-Auburn Greek Festival. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Holy Trinity Greek OrFrancoCenter.org.

Monday, September

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Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss "The Trouble with Goats and Sheep," by Joanna Cannon. Open to all; copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

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.

Friday, September 14

Community Concepts Annual Dinner & Concert Benefit. Franco Center, Lewiston. Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul & Mary performs. Concert-only tickets \$35; five-course dinner with wine pairings and concert \$85; table for 8 dinner and concert \$600. 333-6431; community-concepts.org.

Saturday, September 22

RCAM Day at Boothby Orchards and Farm, Rte. 108, Livermore. Family events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., dinner with wine pairings (\$25 pp) from 5:30 to 7:30. 10% of proceeds goes to Rural Community Action Ministry. http://rcam.net/ special-events.

Saturday, September

Concert: The Last Waltz. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Local performers in character recreate The Band's legendary final performance in this 100-minute show. \$17 (\$15 in adv.). 442-8455; www. chocolatechurcharts.org.

Monday, October 1

Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss "The Orphanmaster," by Jean Zimmerman. Open to all; copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

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Turners discuss "A Fine Balance," by Rohinton Mistry. Open to all; copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Monday, February 4

Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss "Future Home of the Living God," by Louise Erdrich. Open to all; copies avail. through

the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

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Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust plans Mushroom Foray

The Brunswick-Topbags, or porous shopping sham Land Trust will partbags so you can keep what vou find! Evervone will ner with North Spore Mushroom Company to host a leave with some tasty North Mushroom Foray on Friday, Spore oyster mushrooms August 31. Led by Louis and confidence in their new Giller, this guided foragforaging skills. ing experience will begin with a brief introduction to Mycology and responsible foraging techniques before focusing on a few choice

The location of the event will be emailed to participants when they register. The cost is \$15 per person. For more information or

the library. Free. 333-6640,

Monday, March 4

12:30 p.m. Local History

Room, Auburn Public Li-

brary. The Auburn Page

Turners discuss "Evicted:

Poverty and Profit in the

American City," by Mat-

thew Desmond. Open to

all; copies avail. through

Book Discussion.

to register, see www.btlt. org/events/mushroom-foray-2018.

Danville Junction Grange to host Variety Show

After months of construction - and a bigger bill than they anticipated - Danville Jct. Grange is back in its hall. They now have a solid foundation, but a bank account that needs some help. So to support their "Helping Hands" fundraising campaign, they will present a Variety Show on Sunday, August 26 at 3 p.m.

edible species participants

can hope to find during the

forage. Bring baskets, paper

good measure. The event will include a basket raffle, 50/50 drawing, and slices of pie for sale at intermission. The price of admission will be \$4.

For those unable to attend. tax-deductible donations may be mailed to the Maine State Grange Foundation at 146 State Street. Augusta, ME 04330, earmarked for Danville Jct. Grange #65. Donations may also be submitted at www. gofundme.com/danvillegrange65. For more information, call 998-2586 or email granger04071@aol.com.

Home Road." 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. Tonya and Ray Shevenell's feature-length documentary retraces the 200-mile walk from Compton, Quebec to Biddeford, Maine an ancestor made 70 years earlier to find work. Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

What's Next Fest. 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth. TAM's season-ending week of theatrical events concludes with a staged reading of "Howards End," adapted by Caroline Hewitt and Autumn Dornfeld from the E.M. Forster novel. Sug-

Gazebo, Poland Spring Resort, 55 Robbins Way, Poland Spring. The Poland Spring Preservation Society's Sunset Concert series concludes with the popular pianist and singer. Suggested donation \$5. 998-4142; www.polandspringmuseums.org.

Tuesday, August 28

Chamber Power Trip. 12 to 1 p.m. Veterans Memorial Park, corner of Main & Lincoln Sts., Lewiston. Learn about the park on a tour led by L/A Veterans Council chair Jerry Dewitt. Free. 783-2249; register at lametrochamber.com.

thodox Church, 155 Hogan Rd., Lewiston. This two-day event features traditional Greek dinners, a la cart items, appetizers, Taverna beverages, and pastries and other desserts. Cont. 9/9. LAGreekFestival.com.

L/A Poutine Feast-ival & Pichenotte Tournament. 4 to 8 p.m. Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The center and food trucks serve favorite Franco fare while teams compete in the board game tournament. For food & beverage booklets (\$25/35) or to register for the tournament, call 783-1585 or see Monday, November 5

Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss "Euphoria," by Lily King. Open to all; copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640,

Monday, January 7

ext. 4.

Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page The grange is located at 15 Grange Street (off Route 202) in Danville (Auburn).

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