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Chamberland to compete in Miss Maine for America Pageant



Nicole Chamberland (daughter of Mary Dempsey) to compete in Miss Maine for America Pageant.

Story by Nathan Tsukroff

Being first is something new for a person who has been putting others first for years. But in 2019, Nicole Chamberland of Mechanic Falls will enter her first pageant - the Miss

Maine for America Pageant - in the first year it is taking place.

"Growing up, I did not participate in pageants," said Chamberland. "When I was asked to run for Miss Maine for America and discovered that it was not only about physical beauty, but more about character, I wanted to be part of it!"

An Applied Academics teacher at Minot Consolidated School in Minot, Chamberland also teaches a free dance class for pre-K through sixth-grade students at her school.

In May, she will compete as Miss Androscoggin County 2019 in the inaugural edition of the Miss Maine for America pageant, which is part of the Miss for America pageants. It is associated with the Mrs. Maine America Pageant, which is celebrating its 43rd year in 2019.

Miss Maine for America recognizes single women by celebrating their achievements, involvement in their communities, and determination to make a difference in today's society.

Chamberland hopes to use the Miss Maine for America pageant as a platform to speak about the

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Lewiston clerk provides Information Table about Ranked Choice Voting



Voters with questions about the upcoming election, including Ranked Choice Voting, are encouraged to visit the table, view sample ballots online, or call the City Clerk's Office at 513-3124.

The Lewiston City Clerk's Office has established a Voter Information Table at City Hall to provide residents with materials regarding Ranked Choice Voting. Available handouts include copies of the sample ballot for the November 6 state election, as well as a list of Frequently Asked Questions and information from the Maine Secretary of State about Ranked Choice Voting. Residents are encouraged to stop by the second floor of Lewiston City Hall to pick up literature regarding the election.

Information is also available at www.lewistonmaine.gov.

Many voters are inquiring about the inability to rank their choices for Governor on the November ballot, since they were able to do this on their primary ballot in June.

In Maine, only candidates for federal offices can be elected via Ranked Choice Voting. The Office of Governor is not a federal office, but a state office.

The election in June was a state primary election, when members of the political parties selected

their nominees to represent their parties and run for office in November. In the June election, the candidates were not running for the office, but for their parties' nominations.

Many voters have been marking their absentee ballots, only to realize that they can only vote for one candidate for Governor instead of ranking their choices. If a voter makes a mistake while marking their ballot, they are allowed by law to receive a duplicate replacement ballot. This See Voting, page 3

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

St. Mary's community celebrates hospital's 130th anniversary



Bishop Robert P. Deeley, with four members of the St. Mary's community who received St. Marguerite d'Youville Awards for exemplifying the health system's core values: pediatrics practice manager Ashley Goodwin, occupational therapist Laurie Russell, cultural broker and interpreter Asha Qanyare, and senior perianesthesia nurse Darlene Dennis

On the same patch of land where she lived as an orphan at age 5, Gabrielle De Moras of Lewiston, now in her 80s, is in awe as she looks at the sprawling St. Mary's campus before her.

"It's very different," said De Moras, who now lives at the St. Mary's Residences. "Sometimes things go and fade away after a while, but I guess God really wanted to keep St. Mary's going because it's still here after all these years!"

De Moras was one of many St. Mary's residents, patients, and medical staff who gathered recently for a special Mass, celebrated by Bishop Robert P. Deeley, in the Marcotte Chapel at the St. Mary's Residences. The Mass commemorated the 130th anniversary of the hospital, which has been serving anyone in need, regardless of religion, race, or ability to pay, since November of 1888.

"This is a tremendous institution whose commitment to the people of this community is well known," said Bishop Deeley during his homily. "It has been, and is, and will continue to be, an impressive house of

charity, not only as a hospital, but as a valued member of the community serving God's people."

The Mass was celebrated during St. Mary's Mission Week, held annually during the week of October 16 to mark the week in 1738 when St. Marguerite d'Youville founded the Sisters of Charity of Saint-Hyacinthe ("the Grey Nuns") who, in turn, eventually founded St. Mary's.

"St. Marguerite's vision, her mission, her charism, was that her own personal experience of the love of God was to be lived out in service to those who were her brothers and sisters in the relationship that God had wished when he created the human person," said the bishop. "The vision and commitment of St. Marguerite continues to exist in those ministries and apostolates which carry on her mission. This is one of them. And today, we happily remember that it has been carrying out this mission for 130 years."

In 1878, the Sisters arrived in Lewiston to start a French-speaking school and determined that the

area needed a hospital. For \$22,000, they purchased the 36-acre Golder Farm on Sabattus Street and opened the hospital in 1888 with 40 orphans, 30 beds for the sick, and six rooms for boarders. Within five months, the hospital was formally dedicated as the first Catholic hospital in Maine and, in 1908, it became known as St. Mary's General Hospital.

"The Sisters spent time as nurses during a smallpox epidemic, cared for many patients at no charge and, eventually, saw a need for specialized care for children, the elderly, and those with mental health or substance abuse issues," said Elizabeth Keene, vice president of mission integration for St. Mary's.

Today, St. Mary's is a member of Covenant Health and has expanded to include not only St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, but also St. Mary's d'Youville Pavilion. the State of Maine's largest nursing home; St. Mary's Residences, which includes 128 private, non-smoking apartments reserved exclusively for the independent elderly and handicapped; and Community Clinical Services, federally-qualified health centers affiliated with St. Mary's Health System that provide primary, specialty, and dental services in the Lewison-Auburn area.

"We are continually looking to improve care and the way it is delivered while staying true to our Catholic legacy of providing compassionate care for anyone in need," said Steve Jorgensen, president of St. Mary's Health System and senior vice president of Covenant Health. "The care we provide is ever-evolving and improving in direct response to the needs of this great community. That increasingly means caring for heart disease, diabetes, cancer, addiction, plus pro-



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viding preventive services to enable our neighbors to maintain health and wellness."

At the end of the Mass, four St. Mary's employees were honored with St. Marguerite d'Youville Awards. The awards are given annually to members of the St. Mary's family who consistently exhibit the health system's four core values of compassion, integrity, collaboration, and excellence in extraordinary ways. The 2018 honorees are Ashley Goodwin, a prac-

tice manager for pediatrics and for the pediatric dental programs, honored for compassion; Laurie Russell, an occupational therapist in the physical rehabilitation department, honored for integrity; Asha Qanyare, a cultural broker and interpreter for women and families at St. Mary's, honored for collaboration; and Darlene Dennis, a senior perianesthesia nurse, honored for excellence.

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Governor's Address: Our Seniors Have Much to Consider at the Polls

Dear Maine Taxpay-

One of the most reliable groups of voters are our senior citizens. Their life experience gives them a perspective many other voters don't have.

er,

I have consistently fought the Democrats on issues critical to protecting the elderly in our state. This week, I want to speak directly to our senior citizens.

First, thank you for all you have done for our great state. You've worked hard, raised families, given back to your community, and helped your neighbors in need. It hasn't been easy.

You've seen many changes to our industries: the loss of textile and shoe manufacturing; the exponential rise of our tourism sector; and the boom, bust, and resurrection of our forest-products sector.

Many of you worked hard your entire lives to pay off your home so you could live debt-free in your retirement. But when the jobs left, you saw your children and your grandchildren move away.

Now your pension and Social Security leave you on fixed incomes, while your town's taxes continue to rise. You struggle to pay the bills as the minimum wage drives up the cost of items you use each day.

As your Governor, I have worked hard to place the needs of our seniors



Governor Paul R. LePage

first. I have worked to eliminate waitlists, to remove the ability of municipal governments to sell your home out from under you if you get behind on your property taxes, and to keep the rise of the minimum wage from raising prices too high.

I have also worked hard to keep the cost of electricity low and to expand heating assistance programs so you can keep warm each winter

Finally, I have fought the Democrats in the legislature, as well as referendums funded by wealthy out-of-state socialists, to keep taxes low so we can bring new jobs and new businesses to Maine. These new jobs will keep your families here, and they will attract our young people back home.

This isn't just good for our families. Our population growth means that when you want to sell your home, there will be a buyer willing to pay market value. You can then care for your family with the equity you have built up over a lifetime.

When you go to the polls this November, I ask you to consider which candidates in Maine have looked out for your interests. The Democrats in the Legislature haven't voted to fund waitlists for our elderly and people with disabilities.

They consistently refuse to fund nursing home facilities adequately or to identify a path to help rural facilities keep their doors open. They did not vote to slow the growth in the minimum wage.

Legislators did not vote to attract more young people to our state by helping them with their student debt.

Norway Savings Bank CEO elected to ABA

Board of Directors

Instead, the progressives in our Legislature did vote to tax high earners, driving doctors and other professionals out of state.

Democrats want to send our state backward. They vote for the high-tax, big-spend policies that drive our jobs and people

I ask you to vote for the candidates and the policies that will continue to carry Maine into the future. Vote for the candidate who will create the state you want your grandchildren to inherit.

That is what I'll be

Thank You, Paul R. LePage Governor

Chamberland

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need for children to be more active. As the single mother of a six-year-old boy, she says she sees first-hand the need for kids to stay physically active to be successful learners and live healthy lifestyles.

To help students at her school integrate more movement into their days, she created an afterschool dance program she calls "JazzyPop." The sessions involve learning dance steps, small routines, and free-style dance. "I wanted the students at my school to have the option to participate in an afterschool program where they could be active," she says.

Chamberland also teaches a weekly dance fitness class for community and school staff members at her school, as well as dance classes at SPRQ Fitness in Lewiston.

"I'm honored to participate in Miss Maine for America and to be an advocate for women supporting and uplifting other women," she said. "We need to start supporting and empowering

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Chamberland, who is seeking sponsors to cover her pageant costs, also wants to give back to her community. She plans to donate excess funds to the Dempsey Center, a leader in Quality of Life Care for individuals and families impacted by cancer, and to the Fast Freddie Foundation, whose mission is to inspire and provide young people with tools for achieving personal success by utilizing life skills learned through cycling. Both non-profit organizations align with her passion to promote physical activity for children.

Voting

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applies to both absentee ballots and ballots cast at the polls on election day.

The state candidate ballot is double sided. The races for U.S. Senate and Representative to Congress are federal offices which can be elected via ranked choice voting and are on one side

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of the ballot. Instructions for how to rank ones choices in these elections are included on the ballot

The other side of the ballot contains all of the state and county candidate races, all of which are elected via the traditional method of voting, where the voter only votes for one candidate per race.

Voters are encouraged to review and study the ballots in advance of election day. Sample ballots are available for viewing at the city's website at: http:// www.lewistonmaine. gov/117/Elections.

Voters with questions about elections are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office at 513-3124 in advance of election day.

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Patricia W. Weigel

Patricia W. Weigel, President and CEO of Norway Savings Bank, has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Bankers Association.

At its annual convention in New York City recently, the ABA elected Weigel and nine other bankers from across the country to join the 21 other bankers

who are currently serving terms on the board. Weigel has been elected to serve a three-year term. "I'm honored that the

ABA, which represents America's banks, has asked me to serve on its board," said Weigel. "Our industry, which employs two million people, extends more than \$10 trillion in loans and safeguards \$13 trillion in deposits, playing a large part in supporting the U.S. economy. In my role, I'll represent... the Maine banking industry, which directly employs more than 8,600 people, hold \$27.9 billion in insured deposits, and serve 1.7 million individuals, families, and small business owners."





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Top Gun L-A taking applications for 2019

The Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting applications for its 2019 Top Gun L-A entrepreneurship acceleration program.

Top Gun, Maine's premier entrepreneurship program, accelerates the progress of the state's most promising start up and early-stage companies through a combination of mentoring, learning sessions, and networking. First established by the Maine Center for Entrepreneurs, Top Gun celebrates its tenth year in 2019. The L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce has offered the program locally since 2017. The Top Gun program is also offered in Portland, Bangor, Rockland, and Waterville.

Applications are due Friday, November 9. The program begins February 6, 2019 and runs through the end of May 2019. In addition to submitting a short online application, prospective companies will be required to submit a pitch deck and present a live pitch to the interview committee at the program location they wish to join. Program Information and applications are available at http://www. mced.biz.

The program will conclude with regional pitch-off events, where the top two semi-finalists in each region will move on to compete for a \$25,000 cash prize sponsored by the Maine Technology Institute. For more information on the 2019 Top Gun L-A program, contact program coordinator Scott Benson at 783-2249.

"Pause for Pets" Craft & **Vendor Fair**

The next "Pause for Pets" Craft & Vendor Fair will take place on Sunday, November 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston. The fair will teature 55+ crafters and local vendors offering a wide variety of crafts, products, and services. Pause for Pets is a fundraiser for the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society and monies raised will be designated to the Animal Medical Fund. GAHS staff and volunteers will be on hand to discuss the shelter's programs and services, and organizers will collect physical donations for the shelter at the event.

Check TCT every week for updated Calendar listings!

Central Maine Community Health Corporation receives EPA grant to address environmental, public health risks

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced that Central Maine Community Health Corporation of Lewiston has been selected for a \$120,000 cooperative agreement for work to address environmental justice issues in their community.

The Lewiston group is one of only ten projects nationally selected this year under EPA's Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving program, which supports local organizations in their efforts to develop and implement community-driven solutions that address environmental and public health disparities in minority, low-income, tribal and indigenous populations.

The ten community projects, selected from 72 applications, reflect

an emphasis on support for rural communities and watershed protection. The 2018 awards provide up to \$120,000 per project for a two-year project period

"Many rural and disadvantaged communities are disproportionately impacted by environmental health risks, such as lead exposure or unsafe drinking water," said EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler. "EPA is committed to supporting local partnerships that will improve the environment and health of these underserved communities."

The Central Maine Community Health Corporation and their partners seek to help underserved residents who experience extreme poverty and disproportionate housing-related health impacts, including lead exposure and asthma, by increasing the number of healthy residential housing units and empowering those residents to access healthy housing.

"This EPA funding will directly help this Lewiston-area organization in their efforts to improve health and quality of life in an historically underserved area," said EPA New England Regional Administrator Alexandra Dunn. "This work will help with critical efforts to address human health issues related to asthma, exposure to lead, and other environmental factors. Addressing environmental justice issues in our work is a priority as we work to make a positive difference in the lives of New England cit-

Soup, Chili, and Chowder Challenge at Baxter Brewing

The "Dream Team," a group of staff, volunteers, family, and friends of Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice who raise money each year for the agency's hospice program, invite the community to join them for their annual "Soup, Chili, and Chowder Challenge" on Saturday, November 3, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Baxter Brewing in Lewiston.

Would-be chefs from across the organization and community will serve their best recipes for sampling, with two taking home prizes for "People's Choice" and "Judge's Favorite." Those

serving as judges for the competition include Kevin Simoneau of the Fortin Group, long-time agency volunteer Cathy McDonald, and 2018 Miss Maine Olivia Mayo. Live musical entertainment will be provided by Dream Runner.

"While we call it a 'tasting,' our sample sizes are generous, and with so many aspiring cooks entering the competition, our guests never go home hungry," said Hospice House Supervisor and Dream Team captain Kate Sicotte. "It's been so much fun to watch this grow from just a small lunch-time event at work to

a full-on community fund-raiser."

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door for adults, \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door for kids, with children under four eating free. Tickets can be purchased at Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice's Lewiston office at 15 Strawberry Avenue, the Hospice House on Stetson Road in Auburn, or Baxter Brewing at 130 Mill Street in Lewiston. All proceeds will support the Dream Team's fundraising efforts for the annual Hospice House 5K & Remembrance Walk.

Schoolhouse Arts Center Kids Camp presents "Snow Queen"

Schoolhouse Arts Center will complete their final kids camp of the season with a stage production of "Snow Queen Kids," in performance Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 4 at 2 p.m., with an additional matinee performance on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. To buy tickets, call 642-3743 or see www. schoolhousearts.org.

Each year, SAC offers several camps for kids of various age groups. Each camp helps kids develop self-confidence as they learn about acting, theater, and teamwork. During a tenweek session, kids work together to produce a live stage production. Each camp culminates in performing their production before an audience of family, friends, and patrons of Schoolhouse

Arts Center.

This latest camp includes eight kids ranging in age from 5 to 12 years old. Some of them have participated in previous camps and workshops at SAC. For several of the younger cast members, this is their first experience on stage. All of them have learned about stage etiquette, memorizing lines, scene blocking, acting, costuming, props, lighting, and the importance of projecting their voice. Along the way, they have also learned about the importance of working together, following directions, and self-motivation.

This well-known Disney production closely follows an original fairy tale written by Hans Christian Andersen. The tale centers on the struggle between good and evil as experienced by a young girl named Gerda and her friend, Kai. It

is one of Andersen's longest and most highly acclaimed stories. Performed frequently and loved by children everywhere, Snow Queen later gave rise to the popular Disney movie "Frozen."

The camp has been directed by long-time director Joellen Lemont of Gorham, who has long experience acting and directing theater. Since returning to Maine, she has been deeply involved with Schoolhouse Arts Center, where her daughters, Molly and Emily, have participated in numerous productions.

Located at 16 Richville Road (Route 114) in Standish, just north of the intersection of Route 114 and Route 35, Schoolhouse Arts Center is a non-profit, community-driven organization dedicated to arts education and the presentation of the arts.

Public Safety Workshop



The Mechanic Falls Police Department recently conducted a public safety workshop for local elected officials to discuss new resources being made available to combat the growing crime rate and drug trafficking in rural communities. Pictured here (l. to r.) are workshop participants Sen. Jim Hamper, Sgt. James Daigle of the Mechanic Falls P.D., Rep. Kathleen Dillingham, Rep. Ellie Espling, Carlene Tremblay of U.S. Sen. Susan Collins' office, and Chief Jeffery Goss of the Mechanic Falls P.D.

RCAM presents Empty Bowls Supper

Rural Community Action Ministry will present its fourth annual Empty Bowls Supper to raise awareness and funding for food insecurity in 13 towns in the Lewiston-Auburn region on Saturday, November 10, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at

the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, or \$25 for a family of up to five (maximum of three bowls) for a pottery bowl, soup, salad, bread, drinks, and desserts.

There will be a silent auction of pottery items and music by singer-songwriter Stan Davis. The club is located at 2261 Hallowell Road in Litchfield. For more information, call 524-5095 or see www.RCAM. net.

City of Lewiston needs citizen election workers

The City Clerk's Office is seeking additional registered Lewiston voters who are enrolled in the Republican Party, or who are willing to enroll in the Republican Party, to work as election clerks at the polling places on Tuesday, November 6 and at future city elections.

The election clerks are paid positions and training material is provided. Two shifts are available: the morning shift is 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the evening shift is 2:30 p.m. until closing, which is usually around 9 p.m. Workers are paid \$75 per shift. Election clerks check in voters on the incoming voting list, distributing ballots, monitor the voting machines,

and carry out other related duties.

By state law, election clerks who work as election officials at the polling places must be enrolled as Democrats or Republicans, and an equal number of representatives of each party are required to work at the polls.

"Several of our regular election clerks will be unable to work at this year's election due to |illness, travel, or family situations, so we need to hire about twelve additional citizen election clerks," said City Clerk Kathy Montejo.

"Election Day is the single largest one-day event that the City coordinates," added Montejo. "We need local citizens to dedicate their time to work at the polls, helping their friends, neighbors and fellow Lewiston residents with this important process. The administrative details for elections are coordinated by the staff in the City Clerk's Office, but we rely on the approximate 130 workers at the polls who commit their time to this large community event. Working at the polls is a wonderful way to give back to the community and to see friends and neighbors who you may not have seen in a while."

Interested residents are asked to call the City Clerk's Office at 513-3124. Election worker application forms are also available on the city's website at www.lewistonmaine.gov.

Auburn Art Club Scholarship Auction

The Auburn Art Club will meet at the Park Avenue Methodist Church on Park Avenue in Auburn at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 5 for their third annual Scholar-

ship Auction. Members are asked to bring their items for the auction by 1:30 so they may be displayed prior to the beginning of the auction. The chairperson

for the event is Nancy Tebbetts. She will be assisted by Jan Sullivan, Mary Ann Norcross, Donna Sweetser, Donna Manson, and Sharon Beaudoin.



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Community Credit Union supports Trinity Jubilee Center



Community Credit Union recently presented Trinity Jubilee Center with a donation check in the amount of \$500. The center provides support to those in downtown Lewiston with five programs that collectively feed more than 1,000 people each week. The funds were raised as part of the Maine Credit Union League's ongoing Campaign for Ending Hunger. Pictured here with Erin Reed of Trinity Jubilee Center (c.) are of Community Credit Union's Betsy Sibley (l.) and of Christina Carter.

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500 housing units treated for lead abatement in Lewiston-Auburn

A total of 500 housing units have been treated for lead abatement through the Lewiston-Auburn Lead Program. This was made possible due to the renewal of a HUD grant designed to assist property owners with funding for lead paint hazard control work.

"Community Clinical Services is thrilled that there are 500 fewer lead-unsafe rentals in downtown Lewiston," said Joan Churchill, CFO/CEO of Community Clinical Services, Lewiston-Auburn's group of federally qualified health centers. "Too many children have high lead levels simply because they live in or near apartments that have old lead paint. These children are at risk for long-term negative effects to their health, and the city can be proud of its achievement in ensuring many less children are exposed."

"This is wonderful news," said Lewiston Mayor Shane Bouchard. "I applaud all those involved in our multi-partner approach to lead safety. We are fortunate to have the HUD grant and people on board who are dedicated to area families."

A collaborative effort of the City of Lewiston, City of Auburn, Community Concepts Inc., and Healthy Androscoggin, the Lewiston-Auburn Lead Program works to integrate green and healthy housing interventions with strategies to create lead-safe, healthy, and affordable homes for low-income families in Lewiston and Auburn. The LALP has been funded by three HUD grants in 2009, 2014, and 2017. From 2009 to 2016, the program cleared 481 units of identified lead paint hazards, an average of just over four units per month.

In the first three quarters of 2017, the program cleared 35 units to break the 500 mark and has already contracted enough work to meet the targets for June 30, 2019. The current grant target is 220 units cleared by January 1, 2021, a goal which Travis Mills, Lead Program Manager at the City of Lewiston, is confident will be exceeded.

"Lead inspection and hazard control is an important first step for a property," said Mills. "The real key to keep housing safe is for owners to use this paint data to maintain the property. Lead paint is safe when it's in good condition. Abatement of hazards does not mean all lead paint is removed. If the remaining paint is maintained (between tenants, or yearly), the housing will stay safer at a much lower cost."

The achievement lines up with National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, which is an annual call to bring together individuals, organizations, industry, and state and local governments to help increase lead awareness by using their efforts and collaborations to reduce childhood exposure to lead. This year's theme is "Lead Free Kids for a Healthy Future."

Locally, Healthy Androscoggin has planned several awareness events, will provide lead dust kit signups at various agencies throughout the community, and will distribute materials to elementary students in Lewiston and Auburn. They will also film a public service announcement on lead in partnership with Central Maine Medical Center.

"Healthy Androscoggin is proud to serve our community in reducing the burden of childhood lead poisoning and is thrilled to see investment and progress on this critical issue," said Katie Boss, Health Promotion Manager at Healthy Androscoggin. "We are committed to continued partnership to protect the well-being and bright futures of the children in our community."

For more information about the Lewiston-Auburn Lead Program, contact Travis Mills at 513-3126 ext. 3251 or tmills@lewistonmaine.gov.



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Mechanic Falls man among new Warden Academy graduates



Warden Academy graduate Tyler Leach of Mechanic Falls (fourth from l.) poses with fellow graduates (from l.) Jake Voter of Cornville, Michael Latti of Brunswick, pilot Chris Hilton of Greenville, James Gushee of Fort Kent, Tennie Coleman of Dennistown, Logan Pardilla of the Penobscot Tribal Lands, and Brandon Sperrey of Winterport.

Tyler Leach of Mechanic Falls was among the eight new game wardens who graduated from the Maine Warden Service's Advanced Warden Academy recently. Seven of the new game wardens work for the Maine Warden Service and one is a Penobscot Tribal Game Warden. They all completed the extensive 13-week warden academy, which focuses specifically on game warden work. This followed their completion of the 18-week Basic Law Enforcement Training Program required of all full-time Maine police officers. Both programs took place at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro

Utilizing classroom, field, and scenario-based training components, the Advanced Warden Academy provides training in critical aspects of game warden work, including search and rescue, recreational vehicle crash investigation, snowmobiling, water survival, white water navigation, physical fitness, mechanics of arrest, public relations, and bureau policies and

procedures.

Leach served as class speaker at the graduation ceremony, which also included remarks from Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Commissioner Chandler Woodcock, Maine Warden Service Colonel Joel Wilkinson, Warden Service Chaplain Kate Braestrup, Warden Service Captain Shon Theriault, and keynote speaker Retired Game Warden Supervisor John Crabtree.

Leach has been assigned to work in the service's' Danforth District.

What's Going On

First Family hosts eighth Blaine House Food Drive

For the eighth year, Governor Paul and First Lady Ann LePage are inviting the public to visit the Blaine House to assist fellow Mainers who are food insecure. This year's food drives will take place on Sunday, November 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. and Saturday, November 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. Mainers are invited to bring a food donation, take a tour of the Blaine House led by Governor LePage, and enjoy light

refreshments.

"Our family has been blessed, and we have appreciated this opportunity to give back in a meaningful way each year of my time in office," said Governor LePage. "It is heartwarming to see our neighbors, friends, co-workers, students and various groups like the Boy and Girl Scouts dropping off donations year after year. As Governor, I have seen how generous Maine people are, and we thank them for their

support of their neighbors in need."

Since Governor Paul R. LePage and First Lady Ann M. LePage began the food drive in 2011, they have collected thousands of pounds of food for pantries and shelters across Maine. The Good Shepherd Food Bank will accept all donations brought to the Blaine House, distributing them to communities they have identified as most in need

"Discover Girl Scouts" this month

Girl Scouts of Maine will host "Discover Girl Scouts" events for potential members and volunteers at locations throughout the state this month. These events are an opportunity for girls in Kindergarten through third grade and their caregivers to learn about how Girl Scouts contributes to the development of girls and the important roles that adult volunteers play. For more information about Girl Scouts, call 888-922-4763 or see girlscoutsofmaine.

Here is a list of events in this area: Thursday, November 1, 6 p.m., Libby-Tozier School, 466 Academy Road, Litchfield; Monday, November 5, 6 p.m., Minot Consolidated School, 23 Shaw Hill Road, Minot; Monday, November 5, 6 p.m., Laura E. Richards School, 279 Brunswick Avenue, Gardiner; Wednesday, November 7, 6 p.m., Sherwood Heights Elementary School, 32 Sherwood Drive, Auburn; Thursday, November 8, 6 p.m., Bowdoinham Community School,

23 Cemetery Road, Bowdoinham; Tuesday, November 13, 6 p.m., Leeds Central School, 1185 Route 106, Leeds; Wednesday, November 14, 6 p.m., Sabattus Primary School, 36 No Name Pond Road, Sabattus; Thursday, November 15, 6 p.m., Lisbon Community School, 33 Mill Street, Lisbon; Monday, November 19, 6 p.m., Hebron Station School, 884 Station Road, Hebron; Tuesday, November 20, 6 p.m., Agnes Grey Elementary School, 170 Main Street, West Paris.

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Veterans Day "Pass In Review and Musical Tribute"



The program is presented by the L & A Veterans Council.

The L & A Veterans Council will host their annual "Pass In Review and Musical Tribute" on Sunday, November 11 at 10 a.m., with line up at 9 a.m., at the Lewiston Armory. The group invites all Color and Honor Guards from area veterans' posts, fire and

police departments, social and fraternal organizations, and youth organizations to participate in the Pass in Review. Area high school bands and school choirs are invited to perform a few songs or musical selections for the Musical Tribute.

The council invites the

community to come honor our veterans by attending this annual Veterans Day event. Coffee and donuts will be provided by the American Legion Post 22 and Auxiliary. For more information, call Jerry Dewitt at 576-0376 or Bert Dutil at 786-2305.



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With every step, she stayed focused on the next one, and her positive attitude (along with some laughter) carried her along the journey. After experiencing the care firsthand, she is prouder than ever to be part of the Central Maine Healthcare cancer team.

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LYAC's "Shine on Lewiston" campaign continues with "Police Insider" program

The next event in the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council's "Shine on Lewiston" campaign will feature a panel discussion of Lewiston Police Department personnel, who will discuss and answer question about the scope and nature of their work. Called "Police Insider: True Blue," the program will take place on Wednesday, November 28 at 7 p.m. in the city council chambers at Lewiston City Hall.

Free and open to the public, the program was conceived by the Youth Advisory Council as a forum where local residents could learn more about what the work of a Lewiston police officer typically entails.

The group came up with the idea during a recent brainstorming session for its ongoing "Shine on Lewiston" campaign to promote awareness of Lewiston's many positives.

"People don't always know what Lewiston police do," reflected LYAC member Zachary Morin at the group's October meeting. Morin went on to describe the things he sees Officer Matt Vierling do as the Resource Officer at Lewiston High School - both at the school and offsite. "He really goes above and beyond."

LYAC member Christine Chasse then shared how an officer recently helped her navigate a busy intersection, and a discussion ensued about how the group might shine a light on the Lewiston Police Department and what the scope of their work involves.

The group's "Shine on Lewiston" campaign has so far included interviews launched through Facebook and Twitter with new and expanding local businesses and an opportunity for residents and visitors to share positive experiences of their lives, work, and visits to Lewiston at www. lewistonmaine.gov/positivity.

The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council was established by the Lewiston City Council in 2001 and is now in its 17th year.

Auburn Ski Assoc. to host annual Ski Swap Nov. 11

The Auburn Ski Association will present their 55th annual Ski Swap on Sunday, November 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Auburn Middle School off Court Street on Falcon Drive in Auburn. Get great deals on a wide selection of new and used winter sports equipment, including skis, boots, poles, snowboards, helmets, clothing and more.

To sell your quality used equipment on consignment, bring items to

the Auburn Middle School cafeteria from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 10. There is a 50 cent per item charge and ASA keeps 18 percent of sales proceeds. Checks from the sale of your items will be available after the swap, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

ASA is a nonprofit organization providing financial support for alpine and Nordic race programs at Edward Little High School, Auburn Middle School, and Lost Valley Racing Club. ASA also provides scholarships and purchases equipment for area teams and clubs and supports an after school learn-to-ski program for Auburn grade school students through the Merrick Chadbourne Memorial Fund.

For more information about the Auburn Ski Association or the Ski Swap, call Kevin Arel at 786-3430 or see auburnskiassociation.



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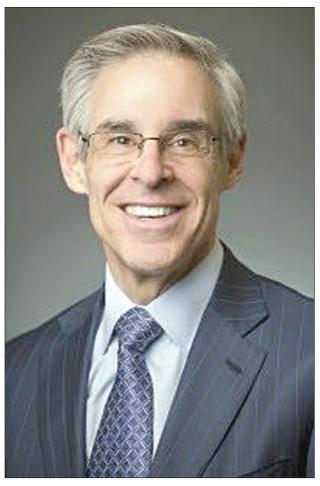
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Central ME Healthcare CEO to address Breakfast Club



Jeff Brickman

The next meeting of the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club will take place on Wednesday, November 7 at 7 a.m. The speaker will be Jeff Brickman, President and CEO of Central Maine Healthcare. The club meets every Wednesday at the United Methodist Church, located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. The cost for breakfast is \$10. All are welcome to attend.

Central Maine Healthcare is an integrated, non-profit healthcare detral, western and mid-coast Maine. CMH's hospital facilities include Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, Bridgton Hospital, and Rumford Hospital. CMH also supports the Central Maine Medical Group, a primary and specialty care practice organization with a presence in 17 Maine communities, and the Maine College of Health Professions. Most recently,

CMH opened its Topsham Care Center, which provides specialty services and works with a number of healthcare partners to offer imaging, lab services, and cancer care, along with the adjacent Maine Urgent Care.

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Originally from Massachusetts, Brickman came to Central Maine Healthcare from Centura Health in Englewood, Colorado, where he served as Group President of Mountains and North Denver Operating Group, as well as President and CEO of St. Anthony Hospital. Before joining Centura Health, he was President of Meridian Hospitals Corporation and Executive Vice President/COO of Meridian Health in Wall, N.J., and Chief Operating Officer of Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass.

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Orwell adaption, French-Canadian music share stage at Chocolate Church this weekend



In George Orwell's classic novel "Animal Farm," farm animals overthrow humans to create an egalitarian society, but their efforts gradually descend into totalitarianism.

On Friday, November 2, George Orwell's visionary short novel "Animal Farm" will come to life at the Chocolate Church Arts Center in a special theatrical adaptation performed by Boston's New Repertory Theater. Suitable for audiences ages 10 and up, the play will begin at 7 p.m.

"Animal Farm" delves into the politics of power using animal allegory. Thinking life will be better when they overthrow the farm's humans, the animals create a new society based upon the Seven Commandments of Animalism, the most important of which is "All animals are equal." Over time, issues like productivity and value come into play, power structures shift, and conspiracies and collusion emerge. Eventually, the Seven Commandments are

rewritten and reduced to a single phrase: "All animals are equal, but some animals

are more equal than others."



Canadian folk trio Bon Débarras perform Acadian and Québecois music, seasoned with a dash of Cajun spice.

Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door for adults and \$10 for children.

On Saturday, November 3, Canadian folk trio Bon Débarras will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of Acadian and Ouébecois music, seasoned

national 2019 conference in Montreal. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

with a dash of Cajun spice. Inspired as much by dance and poetry as the trio's own musical heritage, the group's approach to traditional and contemporary North American roots music provokes cultural fusion and soul-stirring expression.

Multi-instrumentalist and choreographer Dominic Desrochers, fiddle and violin player Marie-Pierre Lecault, and multi-instrumentalist Jean-François Dumas delight in mining traditional musical forms and imbuing

them with fresh energy,

sly wit, and a bold sense

of renewal. Their albums

have been nominated for

awards, and the group will

be appearing by invitation

at the Folk Alliance Inter-

The Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath. Tickets are available by calling 442-8455 or at www. chocolatechurcharts.org.

Stanton Bird Club resumes monthly meetings



After taking its annual summer break, Stanton Bird Club of Lewiston and Auburn will resume its monthly meetings at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College. This month's event on Monday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 285 and will feature a program on "Ducks of Sabattus Pond" with club member Stan DeOrsey. Pictured here is a male Ring-Necked Duck. (Photo by Dan Marquis)

Maine Music Society presents Online Silent Auction

The Maine Music Society, a non-profit music organization dedicated to bringing quality choral performances of various genres to the greater Lewiston-Auburn area, will conduct its first Online Silent Auction beginning Saturday, November 3. Proceeds will support performances of the MMS Chorale, Orchestra and Chamber Singers.

The auction will open Saturday, November 3 at 5 p.m. and will close Wednesday, November 14 at 10 p.m. The wide variety of items up for bid includes

a one-week stay in the Bahamas, couple's getaway to Boothbay's Oceanside Golf Resort, theater tickets, gift certificates, unique artworks, fashions, and edible gift baskets crafted by local artisans. The auction can be viewed at www.32auctions. com/mainemusic.

All auction items can be previewed online starting Thursday, November 1. Bidding will begin in conjunction with MMS' opening concert of the season, "The Battle of the Blends," on Saturday, November 3. Following the auction's close

on November 14, winning bidders may pick up or have their item delivered based on the item's description on the auction website.

"Maine Music Society's online auction is a perfect way for people to support a great local organization while starting their holiday shopping early and easily," said Connie Hitchcock, chair of the MMS Board of Directors. For more information about the auction, including bidding instructions and rules, see www.mainemusicsociety.org.





Public Theatre presents "Ida LeClair's Guide to Love & Marriage"



In the show, Susan Poulin's comedic alter ego tackles such questions as "What do a whoopie pie and marriage have in common?", "How do I get my sexy back?", and "You want me to do what with your ashes?"

The Public Theatre will present a return appearance by Susan Poulin in her latest show, "Makin' Whoopie: Ida LeClair's Guide to Love & Marriage," with performances Friday through Sunday, November 9 through 11.

Is your "happily ever after" in need of a little fine tuning? It's Ida to the rescue as the funniest woman in Maine returns with a show "plumb-chucka-full" of hilarious stories and downhome advice on how to keep your marriage sweet, simple and easy. Well, she

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In "Makin' Whoopie," Ida tackles the big questions like "What do a whoopie pie and marriage have in common?", "How do I get my sexy back?", and "You want me to do what with your ashes?" Get the inside scoop on senior tattoos, staycation do's and don'ts, and the latest adventures of a Woman Who Runs with the Moose. As Ida says, "Charlie and me have been married for over forty years. That don't make me an expert. But it sure gives me a lot to talk

about!"

Maine's funniest woman Ida LeClair offers a fresh view on love, marriage, and dating inspired by her book "The Sweet Life" and illustrated with a delightful mix of sassy stories and common-sense advice. As always, Ida strikes the perfect balance between humorous and heartfelt, whip-smart and down to earth. Spending time with Ida is like talking to an old friend - one with plenty of experience and a wicked good sense of humor!

Selected by Portland Magazine as one of the "Ten Most Intriguing People in Maine," award-winning writer and performer Susan Poulin is the author of eleven plays, six of which star her alter ego, Ida LeClair. Her plays, written with regular collaborator and husband Gordon Carlisle, including "In My Head I'm Thin," "Spousal Deafness... and Other Bones of Contention," "Pardon My French" and "Ida: Woman Who Runs with the Moose," are critically acclaimed and have broken box office records across the Northeast.

Performances take place Friday, November 9 at 7 p.m., Saturday, November 10 at 3 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, November 11 at 2 p.m. Opening night will feature a free pre-show wine tasting courtesy of Rooper's in the lobby starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20. The Public Theatre is located at 31 Maple Street in Lewiston. For more information or to buy tickets, call 782-3200 or see thepublictheatre.org.

> by Susan Poulin

Maine's funniest woman offers a fresh

view on love, marriage and dating.

Twin City Nights

Chamber Breakfast Meeting presents "Heart of a Soldier"

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce's next monthly Breakfast Meeting on Thursday, November 8 at 7 a.m. will feature retired Army veteran and Paralympian Christy Gardner, who will speak on the topic "The Heart of a Soldier." The event will take place at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center at 490 Pleasant Street in Lewiston. The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Registration is available at www. LAMetroChamber.com.

Christina "Christy" Gardner is a 36-year-old retired Army veteran from Maine. She grew up in Auburn, played sports growing up, and loves to be outside. After high school, she attended Long Island University in New York, where she earned a degree in Photography. She enlisted with the Army after graduation and served as a military police officer. She was injured overseas in 2006 and subsequently spent 1.5 years rehabbing on active duty and 3.5 rehabbing at the VA Hospital. Due to the brain injury she sustained, she had to learn English, grammar, and math all over again.

After being discharged from rehab, Gardner was able to live on her own again and began participating in adaptive sports. She learned to play sled hockey, participating on the U.S. Women's Paralympic Team as an Assistant Captain and the USA Warriors Ice Hockey Team. She also established the New England Warriors Sled Hockey Team. She recently began throwing shot put and discus internationally and hopes to qualify for the Summer Games in Tokyo in 2020.

Her service dog, Moxie, is her constant companion and can often be found sitting on the player bench, chasing pucks down the ice. or fetching shot puts on the Labrador farm where Gardner works.

Christmas Craft Fair at Our Lady of the Rosary

Our Lady of the Rosary will present a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Maxwell-Gill Hall, located at 131 High Street in Sabattus. The event will feature 19 tables of local crafters and vendors, in-

cluding Scentsy, Christmas ornaments, knitted items, hand-painted gifts, and Norwex products.

Santa will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for free photo ops and "called" Youth Ministry will run the kitchen, providing a great menu, including lobster rolls, all day. Take a chance on the 50/50 or one of the many specially prepared themed baskets, many including gift cards, that will be raffled. The drawings will take place at 2:30 p.m., but you need not be present to win.



<u> Among My Souvenirs</u>

A Tribute to Connie Francis Sunday, November 18 at 2 p.m.









The Franco Center welcomes Louis Philippe and Reindeer Productions in presenting "Among My Souvenirs," a musical tribute to top-charting female vocalist, Connie Francis, starring Krista Johnson and Louis Philippe. The multi-media show may be "one of the most moving and sentimental shows Reindeer ever staged." Along with nostalgic images of the star, the show is a line-up of popular Connie Francis hits performed live, interspersed with a narration of her life, career and personal struggles.

More November Shows

Nov. 3, Saturday, at 7:30p - Maine Music Society - Battle of the Blends XXV Nov. 14, Wednesday at 6:30p - Thread Theater - "Thanks for the Memories" Nov. 16, Friday at 7:30p - St. Martin de Porres Fundraiser - "Dream A Little Dream" Nov. 19, Monday at 6p - French Film Series - "Un Homme Au Pair" Nov. 25, Sunday at 1p - Denny Breau Pettinggill Fundraiser Nov. 30, Friday at 7p - The Dance Center - "A Nutcracker Christmas"

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Library program celebrates Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein"



Ray Boisvert

Auburn Public Library will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's gothic novel "Frankenstein" with a special presentation by retired Siena College Professor of Philosophy Ray Boisvert on Tuesday, November 6 at 4 p.m. Boisvert's lecture, called "Beware: The Warnings of Frankenstein," will examine Shelley's novel as a gothic prophecy on the

"Frankenstein is about as familiar a name as one can find," said Boisvert. "It's meaning, though, is most often associated with films rather than the novel. This talk will explore topics raised by the novel such as cloning, physical deformities, and other contemporary manifestations." Those attending do not need to read the novel to enjoy the lecture. Boisvert's presentation will include slides, music, and film clips. For more information about the program, see the events calendar at www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

unforeseen consequences of technological and scientific advances. Free and open to the public, the program will take in the library's Androscoggin Community Room.

Community Little Theatre will hold auditions for its upcoming production of Ken Ludwig's comic farce "Lend Me a Tenor," directed by Mitchell Clyde Thomas and opening January 11. The auditions will

take place at Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy Street in Auburn, on Sunday and Monday, November 4 and 5, at 6:30 p.m.

In 1934, when opera star "Tito Merelli" comes to Cleveland, everyone is dying to meet him. But after a huge fight with his wife, Tito, in a fit of despair, takes too many pills and slips

into unconsciousness only minutes before the curtain.

CLT to hold auditions for "Lend Me a Tenor"

Put on the spot by his future father-in-law and manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, "Max", the lowly office assistant and opera singer wannabe, is ordered to take Tito's place and fool the opera aficionados of Cleveland.

With countless doors and several mistaken identities, passion runs rampant as the situation resolves in a spectacular ending. This fast-paced comedy will leave sides aching from laughter.

The characters include four men and four wom-

en, all adults. In addition to Tito and Max, there is "Saunders," the opera company manager; "Maggie", his daughter; "Maria", Tito's wife; "Diana", a soprano; "Julia", chair of the Opera Guild; and a bellhop.

The assistant director is Dan Kane and the co-producers are Lynn O'Donnell and Hayden Thomas.

For more information about the auditions, contact Mitch Thomas at 839-1722 or Mitch. Thomas@ LACLT.com.

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Professional musician Mike Burd, who tours nationally playing bass with Maine's own Dave Mallett, will be the instructor for an adult education class called "Play the Ukelele" on Wednesdays, November 7 through December 5, from 7 to 8 p.m. at \$80 and includes in-Leavitt Area High School. Participants will have more information, call

fun, make new friends, and learn just enough of the fundamentals to start playing simple songs right away. If you don't have your own instrument and tuner, a limited number of loaners are available. The course fee is structional materials. For

225-1010; to register, see www.msad52.maineadulted.org.

Send all items for Names & Faces to **Editor@Twin** CityTimes.com. Deadline is Friday by five.





Thursday, Nov. 1

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. Maine author Jesse McKinnell discusses his first novel, "Dead Cats and Other Reflections on Parenthood." Free; no reservations required. 333-4588; www. lewistonauburnrotary.org.

Diabetes Education Forum. 1 to 5 p.m. Dempsey Center, fifth floor, 29 Lowell St., Lewiston. The Central Maine Endocrinology & Diabetes Center invites all community members to come explore how to thrive after a diabetes diagnosis. Free. Please RSVP to 795-7520.

Financial Aid Night. 5:30 p.m. Teen Space, Auburn Public Library. Following an info session about college financial aid, a help session in completing the FAFSA will take place in the Computer Lab. Register for help session at 333-6640, ext. 4.

Author Visit. 7 p.m. Lewiston Public Library. U.S. Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith visits as part of her "American Conversations: Celebrating Poems in Rural Communities" series. Space limited, allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Free. 513-3119.

Friday, Nov. 2

Theater: "Animal Farm." 7 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Boston's New Repertory Theater presents an adaptation of George Orwell's visionary short novel; suitable for audiences ages 10-plus. \$10/12/15. 442-8455; www. chocolatechurcharts.org.

Theater: "Snow Queen Kids." 7 p.m. Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Rd. (Rte. 114), Standish. SAC's Kids Camp for ages 5-12 presents an adaptation of H.C. Andersen's classic fairy tale. \$10/8. Again 11/3 (2 and 7 p.m.), 11/4 (2 p.m.). 642-3743; www.schoolhousearts.org.

Saturday, Nov. 3

Church Fair. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. United Methodist Church, Rte. 121, corner Minot Ave. and Empire Rd. Baked goods, food items, crafts, knit goods, Christmas gifts, pet table, cheese wheel; silent auction, door prizes; lunch of fish or corn chowder, mac & cheese, free coffee from 11 a.m.

Film Screening. 2 p.m. Room 104, Olin Arts Center, Bates College, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. The Tournées Film Festival presents writer-director Robin Campillo's feature film, "120 Battements Par Minute" ("120 Beats Per Minute") (2017, 143 min.). French w. English subtitles. Q&A follows. Free. lballadu@bates.edu.

Soup, Chili and Chowder Challenge. 3 to 7 p.m. Baxter Brewing Company, 130 Mill St., Lewiston. Sample the offerings

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and vote for the People's Choice; benefits Andro. Home Care & Hospice. Adv. tix \$10/5 (\$2 more at door).

Public Supper. 5 p.m. Paris Fire Station, Western Ave., So. Paris. Roast pork, potatoes, vegetables, bread, macaroni & cheese, homemade pies and desserts. Pres. by the Dept. Auxiliary. \$8/4 (free ages 3 and under).

Battle of the Blends XXIII. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Maine Music Society presents this showcase of seven singing groups from across New England. \$25 (kids 11- \$12), plus \$2 handling. 333-3386; www. mainemusicsociety.org.

Concert: Seagrass. 7:30 p.m. Village Coffeehouse, vestry, First Congr. Church, 19 Gloucester Hill Rd., New Gloucester. This energetic five-piece band plays upbeat traditional, classic rock, and contemporary music; refreshments. \$10 at the door.

Concert: Bon Débarras. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This Canadian folk trio performs Acadian and Québecois music, seasoned with a dash of Cajun spice. \$25/30. 442-8455; www.chocolate-churcharts.org.

Sunday, Nov. 4

Community Breakfast. 7:30 to 10 a.m. American Legion Post 135, 40 Island Rd., Sabattus. Eggs to order, French toast, chipped beef, pancakes, sausage, ham, baked beans, country fries, toast, muffins, orange juice, coffee, tea and milk. \$8 (\$3 kids ages 10-).

Pause for Pets Fair.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ramada Inn Conference Center,
Lewiston. Over 50 vendors,
door prizes, raffle. Free admission. Proceeds benefit
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Blaine House Food Drive. 1 to 3 p.m. Blaine House, 192 State St., Augusta. The Governor and First Lady invite Maine families to bring a food donation, take a tour, and enjoy light refreshments. Again Sat., 11/10 (9 a.m. to noon).

Monday, Nov. 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, ext. 4.

Auburn Art Club Scholarship Auction. 2 p.m. Methodist Church, Park Ave., Auburn. Members are asked to bring their items by 1:30 so they may be displayed prior to the beginning of the auction.

Stanton Bird Club Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Room 285, Lewiston-Auburn College, 55 Westminster St., Lewiston. Club member Stan DeOrsey discusses "Sabattus Pond Ducks." Free. 524-2060.

Lyme Support Group Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane, North Yarmouth. Dr. Carrie Warner of Riverside Healing Center discusses Lyme disease and how to help the immune system. 829-4358.

Film Screening. 7 p.m. Room 104, Olin Arts Center, Bates College, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. The Tournées Film Festival presents Jean Rouche's classic, subversive road film "Petit à Petit" ("Little by Little") (1971, 96 min.). French w. English subtitles. Q&A follows. Free. lballadu@bates.edu.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Election Day. Registered voters vote today to elect candidates to federal, state, and local offices and on five statewide referendum questions. For questions about how to register, where to vote, or to see a sample ballot, call or see the website of your local City Hall or Town Office.

"Beware: The Warnings of Frankenstein." 4 p.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Retired Siena College Professor of Philosophy Ray Boisvert presents an illustrated lecture on Mary Shelley's gothic novel. Free.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

Rotary Breakfast Club Meeting. 7 a.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. The speaker is Central Maine Healthcare CEO Jeff Brickman. All welcome; breakfast \$10.

Author Visit. 2:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Former Army Corps of Engineers officer Jack Flowers discusses his novel "Rat Six," about his experiences as a "Tunnel Rat" during the Vietnam War. Free. Copies avail. for purchase.

Film Screening. 7 p.m. Room 104, Olin Arts Center, Bates College, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. The Tournées Film Festival presents Agnès Varda's acclaimed documentary about street artist JR, "Visages villages" ("Faces, Places") (2017, 94 min.). French w. English subtitles. Reception at 6:30; Q&A follows film. Free. lballadu@bates.edu.

Thursday, Nov. 8

Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting. 7 a.m. Ramada Conference Center, 490 Pleasant Street in Lewiston. Retired Army veteran and Paralympian Christina Gardner discusses "The Heart of a Soldier." \$20/30. Register at www. LAMetroChamber.com.

Friday, Nov. 9

Senior College Luncheon. 12 p.m. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. Apple historian John Bunker discusses his work tracking down the forgotten apple varieties of Maine. Lunch is \$8; reserve by noon on 11/7 at 753-6510.

Author Readings. 6 to 8 p.m. Quiet City Books, 97 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Local writers read from their original works on the dual theme "Chaos-Order." Free. Light refreshments.

Theater: "Makin' Whoopie: Ida LeClair's Guide to Love & Marriage." 7 p.m. The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. Susan Poulin's latest one-woman show dispenses comedic advice for those whose "happily ever after" needs some fine tuning. Again 11/10 and 11 (Sat. at 3 and 7 p.m.). \$20. 782-3200, thepublictheatre.org.

Saturday, Nov. 10

Holiday Craft Fair. 8 a.m. to 2. p.m. Turner Center Universalist Church, Rte. 117, across from Gazebo. Crafts items, holiday items, white elephant table, bake sale, and lunch of soup and red hot dogs.

Christmas Craft Fair. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Maxwell-Gill Hall, 131 High St., Sabattus. 19 tables of crafters and vendors, a 50/50 raffle, bake sale, lobster role lunch, and basket raffles; pres. by Our Lady of the Rosary.

Blaine House Food Drive. 9 a.m. to noon. Blaine House, 192 State St., Augusta. The Governor and First Lady invite Maine families

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Night School (PG-13)....

Empty Bowls Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sportsmen's Club, 2261 Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. Choose a beautiful pottery bowl and enjoy a meal of soups, salads, breads, and desserts to benefit Rural Comm. Action Ministry. \$10/5 (\$25 for a family of five). 524-5095, www.RCAM.net.

USMC Birthday Supper. 6 p.m. Marco's Restaurant, Lewiston. Hosted by Central ME Detachment 810; all Marines, FMF chaplains, corpsman, and anyone with a love for the Marine Corps is invited to attend. For more info, call Charlie Paul by Oct. 15 at 798-9548.

Sunday, Nov. 11

Ski Swap. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Auburn Middle School, Falcon Drive (off Court St.), Auburn. Get great deals on new and used winter sports equipment or sell your items on consignment. 786-3430; auburnskiassociation.com.

Pass In Review and

Musical Tribute. 10 a.m. (line up at 9 a.m.). Lewiston Armory. The L & A Veterans

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Armistice Centennial Event. 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Maine State Cultural Building, 230 State St., Augusta. WWI reenactors, speakers, a ceremonial wreath laying, and the final day of the Maine State Museum exhibit "Mainers and World War I." Free. 287-2301; www. mainestatemuseum.org.

Nature Walk 1 p.m. Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary, Montello St., Lewiston. Stanton Bird Club presents a Centennial Anniv. Walk on tree identification with Maine Naturalist Pam Davis-Green. Free. 524-2060.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

Gallery Program. 6:30 p.m. Museum L-A, Bates Mill Complex, 35 Canal St., Lewiston. Susan Pinette, Director of Franco American Programs at the University of Maine, discusses the museum's new exhibit, "Beau-frog: The Art of Peter Archambault." Free. 333-3881. www.museumla.org.



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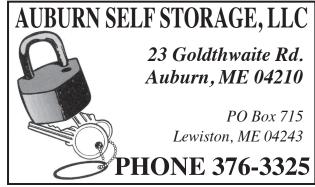
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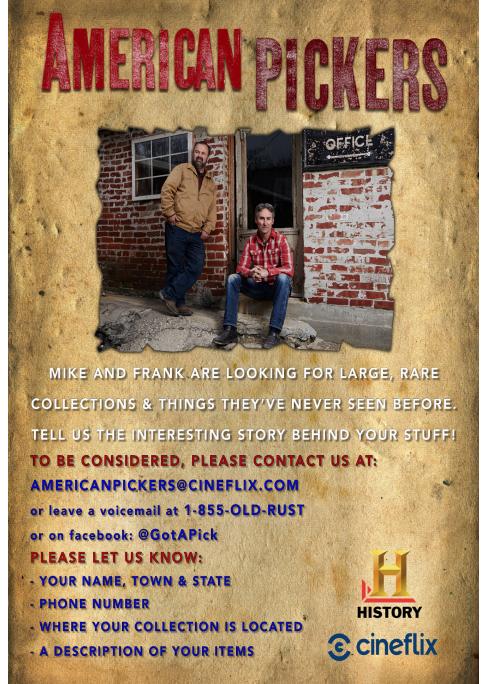
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Apple detective to speak at Food for **Thought luncheon**



John Bunker

USM LAC Senior College will present apple historian John Bunker at its next Food for Thought luncheon on Friday, November 9 at noon.

Apples are John Bunker's passion. He grows them, writes about them, lectures about them, and researches their history. He is also an apple detective, searching out varieties once

thought to be extinct that are still quietly thriving on old Maine farms and fields.

You may notice them only in spring when a blush of rosy pink appears in an overgrown area as you drive by. These are remnants of family orchards left over from when many small Maine farms were abandoned in favor of factory jobs. At one time, over 20,000 varieties of apples were grown in America. Maine itself had 2,000 to 3,000 varieties. Each type had its special use: pies, applesauce, cider, eating. Fed to farm animals, preserved through the winter, apples provided fresh fruit to a family for most of the

Newly graduated from Colby College, Bunker purchased farm land in Palermo, Maine, where apple trees were waiting for him to take an interest. It has been a life-long relationship. He began researching old apple varieties and travelled throughout Maine looking for long-forgotten trees. The trees can live 200 to 300

years, so his quest has not been in vain.

Today he owns an apple research station, grows heirloom apples, and has helped establish an heirloom orchard at the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association in Unity, home of the Common Ground Fair. That orchard is now home to 300 varieties of apple and pear trees.

Food for-Thought luncheons take place in Room 170 at USM's Lewiston-Auburn Campus at 50 Westminster Street in Lewiston. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. The program is free, but if you wish to have lunch, the cost is \$8 and an advance reservation is required; call 753-6510 before noon on Wednesday, November 7. Food may also be purchased at the campus cafeteria.

The Food for Thought luncheon will resume on January 11 with forensic pathologist Fred Jordan, who returns with two stories of crime detection: "The Case of the Missing Housewife" and "The Life and Death of a Maine Boy."

"Rat Six" author at Auburn Public Library



Jack Flowers

Jack Flowers, a former officer in the Army Corps of Engineers and leader of the First Infantry Division "Tunnel Rats" during the Vietnam War, will read from and discuss his new book "Rat Six" on Wednesday, November 7 at 2:30 p.m. at Auburn Public Library. The event is free and open to the public.

"Rat Six" is the gripping true-to-life tale of Clifford Price and his ashis superiors to protect the tounding venture during the lives of the men he leads. Vietnam War. Based on the author's own harrowing experiences, the novel brings readers face-to-face with the terrors of fighting the Viet Cong in their underground tunnels. But the novel also

stands out for its sensitive

portrayal of a conscientious

young officer as he negoti-

ates the dangers of the field

and the political agendas of

Published by New York-based Page Publishing, Jack Flowers' potent narrative explores the emotional and psychological struggles that come with the

horrors of war and violence. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase at the program or can be ordered at http://www.

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