

Veterans Council collects names for Memorial Stone #31



Chair Jerry DeWitt and Treasurer Normand stand in front of the Memorial Stones in Veterans Memorial Park. The 31st stone will be unveiled at this year's Memorial Day festivities.

Story and photo by Rachel Morin

Veterans Memorial Park, on the Lewiston side of the Androscoggin River, has a beautiful location. Peaceful and serene, it is dedicated to the memory of the veterans who served our country. There are monuments and benches throughout the park, all inscribed with the names of veterans and their military service in times of war, conflict, and peace.

But it is the sight of the park's 30 Memorial Stones, standing as silent sentinels and bearing witness to the names of 6,480 local veterans, that always catches

my eye and fills my heart. Each stone has 216 names inscribed on its front and reverse sides.

Normand Cote, treasurer of the Lewiston-Auburn Veterans Council, is in charge of listing the names on those stones. He works diligently every year to secure the names that will be inscribed on the next stone to be placed. Stone #31 is scheduled to be unveiled on Memorial Day of 2019. The stones are sourced, inscribed, and installed in Veterans Memorial Park by Collette Monuments, Inc. of Lewiston.

"We have only 36 names left to go to com-

plete the 31st stone," Cote proudly says. He has been receiving applications in the mail almost daily. Any man or woman veteran, honorably discharged, wishing to be listed on the 31st Memorial Stone in Veterans Memorial Park should contact Cote for an application and return it to him as soon as possible with a copy of their discharge papers and the \$35 fee. Completed applications should be mailed to Normand Cote, 11 Pine-land Street, Lewiston, ME 04240.

For more information or to receive an application, contact Cote at 782-1725 or nmcote@roadrunner.com.

Big Brothers Big Sisters seeks teams for 2019 Bowl for Kids' Sake

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Maine (BBBS-MM) invites local businesses, organizations, families, and individuals to sign up for Bowl For Kids' Sake 2019. Local bowling events will take place on Wednesday, May 1 and Friday, May 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Sparetime Recreation in Lewiston.

Teams of bowlers raise funds for youth mentoring programs in Androscoggin County and then come out to celebrate their success and have fun at the Bowl for Kids' Sake event.

Bowl for Kids' Sake is Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Maine's largest fundraising event, funding more than half the agency's operating budget serving seven counties. The local bowling event supports school-based mentoring programs in Lewiston and Auburn.

According to BBBS-MM Executive Director Gwendolyn Hudson, every Big and Little match the agency creates and professionally supports costs about \$1,400 annually.

"Funds raised at Bowl for Kids' Sake play a significant role in supporting matches between college



Great Falls Marketing has been a long-time Bowl for Kids' Sake supporter, with several bowling teams participating each year.

and high school students and their 'Littles' in our school-based programs, fostering strong and enduring relationships," said Hudson.

"Proceeds from Bowl for Kids' Sake events make it possible for our agency to provide mentoring services to children free of charge," said Androscoggin County Program Manager Jennifer Cartmell. "Whether you bowl, volunteer, or support an event with a sponsorship, you are helping a child reach his or her greatest potential by connecting them with a Big Brother or Big Sister."

Businesses and individuals can form a team of 4 to 5 bowlers, then go online to register the team, select a desired bowling date, and create personal fundraising pages where supporters can make safe electronic donations at bbbsmidmaine.org.

Bowlers can also download pledge forms to collect donations to bring to the event. Teams that raise \$500 or more will receive 2019 Bowl for Kids' Sake t-shirts at the event. All bowlers can participate in hourly prize giveaways.

Local businesses can support Bowl for Kids' Sake Androscoggin by becoming sponsors, donating prizes, and forming teams. Event volunteers are also welcome. Additionally, Cartmell would welcome an opportunity to meet with organizations or businesses to discuss BBBS programs and how they can be supported. Contact her at 653-3857 or jennifer@bbbsmidmaine.org.

For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters, visit bbbsmidmaine.org.

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Optimist Club guest speakers



L-A Optimist Club Vice President Angie Snow presents the club's guest speakers, Officers Josh King (l.) and John Chamberlain of the Auburn Police Department, with copies of the Optimist Creed. The Optimist Club will partner with the Auburn Police Department and the PAL Center to host a Bicycle Safety Day on Thursday, May 30 at 4 p.m. at the PAL Center Complex in Auburn. Plans for the event include free bicycle raffles, a bike repair center, an obstacle course, bike safety demonstrations, refreshments, and giveaways. For more information, see the L-A Optimist Club's Facebook page.



Senate Youth Program delegates meet Senators Collins and King



Senator Susan Collins, with Jay Philbrick of North Yarmouth (l.), a junior at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, and Joseph (Joe) Bergeon, a senior at Kennebunk High School

U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Angus King (I-ME) recently met with Jay Philbrick of North Yarmouth, a junior at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, and Joseph (Joe) Bergeon, a senior at Kennebunk High School, at the U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP) reception.

"Jay and Joe have done an outstanding job in representing Maine as delegates to the U.S. Senate Youth Program," said Senator Collins. "I have the honor and privilege of being the first delegate to the U.S. Senate Youth Program to have been elected to the U.S. Senate. As a senior in high school, this incredible program strengthened my commitment to public service. I am delighted that Joe and Jay also had the opportunity to participate in this exciting opportunity. In addition to their academic and extra-curricular achievements, they each have a commendable record of giving back to their communities, and they have very bright futures ahead of them."

"I had the privilege to address the Senate Youth Program delegates when I

served as the program's co-chair last year, and let me tell you, the engagement, intelligence, and curiosity of these students blew me away," said Senator King. "This year is no different. The selection of accomplished leaders like Joe and Jay makes it clear that the Senate Youth Program has again chosen excellent representatives for the State of Maine. It was wonderful to meet them, and I can't wait to see how they continue to make an impact in their communities and on our entire state."

Jay Philbrick serves as the treasurer of the Student Senate. He is the head tutor at MSSM's Learning Center and president and founder of their High School Quiz Show team. He has been recognized for his academic talents as well as for being

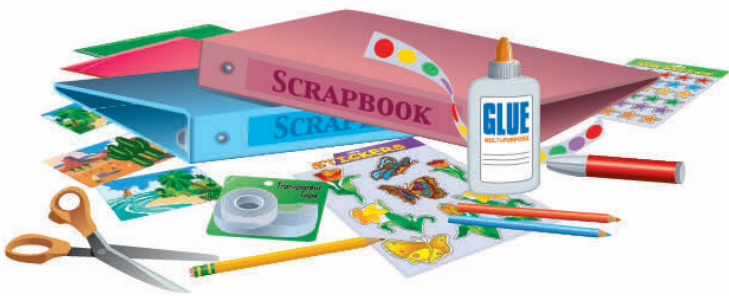
selected as a Michael P. Fabio Grant winner. He was also a finalist for the Lemelson-MIT Grant, which is awarded to individuals who have created outstanding inventions or patented products that add value to society. For his project, he and his team created a system to grow and harvest algae on rooftops to be used for feedstock production. He hopes to pursue a degree in economics and one day serve in public office.

Joe Bergeon serves as a student representative on the Board of School Directors for RSU 21. He is a member of the Class of 2019 Executive Council and was also the 77th Youth Governor of the Maine YMCA Youth in Government program. He is active in his school's debate team and is a member of the varsity swim

team. He hopes to pursue a degree in international studies and business. Last summer, Senator Collins sponsored him as a Senate Page.

Founded in 1962, the USSYP is fully funded by the Hearst Foundations with the goal of raising awareness among young Americans about the role of the federal government and the importance of our democratic process. During their week in Washington, the students attended meetings and briefings with Senators, Congressmen, the President, a Justice of the Supreme Court, leaders of cabinet agencies, and an Ambassador to the United States, among others. Delegates also receive a \$10,000 college scholarship to help them pursue their future endeavors.

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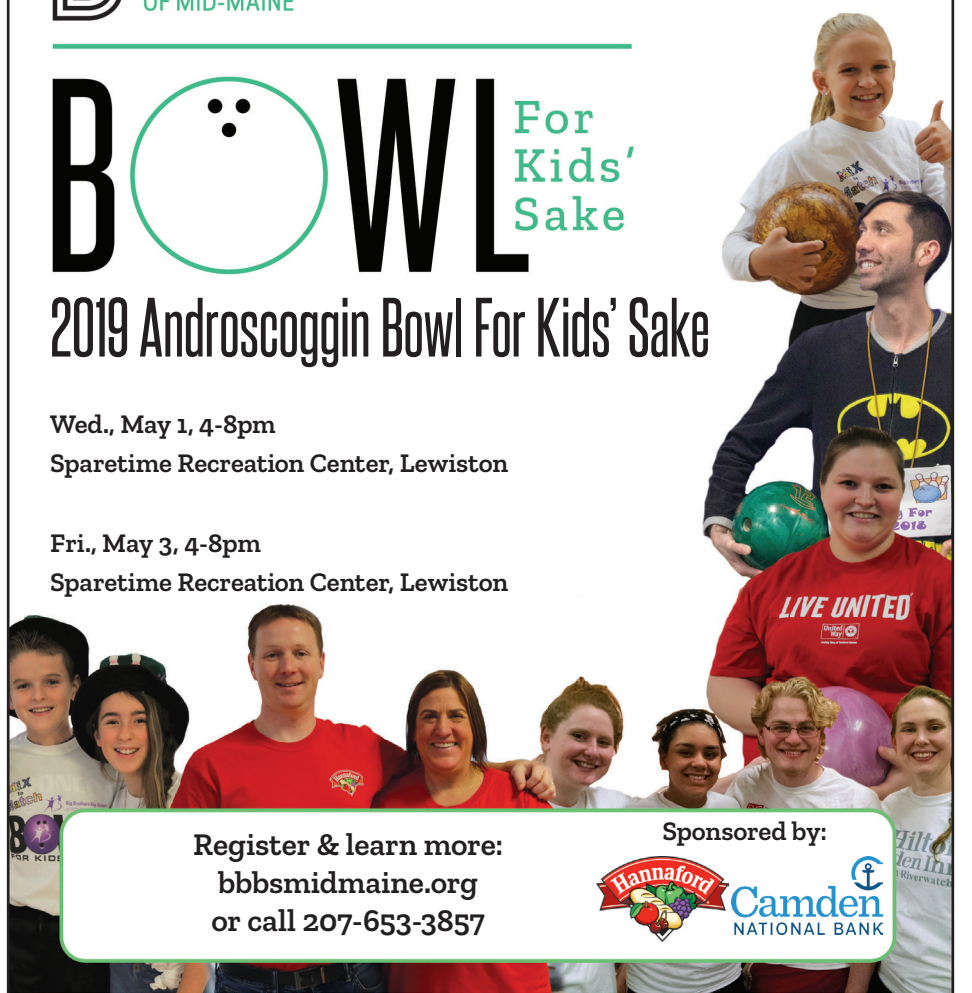
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Governor's Address: I Commend the American Legion on its 100th Anniversary

When I was a little girl, I watched my father as he left for the Legion hall every week and as he left to go to his Navy Reserve unit in full uniform. He was a proud World War II veteran, who served bravely at the Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Pacific and saw kamikaze pilots attack his own ship.

Much later, my brother served several tours of duty off the shores of Vietnam in the U.S. Navy following my father's lead. Both of them became members of the American Legion.

So today, I am writing about how, 100 years ago, far from home

in Paris, France, a group of World War I U.S. military personnel founded the American Legion. The Legion is an organization dedicated to honoring four pillars of advocacy: veterans, defense, youth, and Americanism.

A century later, the American Legion consists of 55 departments in each of the 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, France, Mexico, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico. It operates in more than 12,500 local posts worldwide.

The current United States membership of the American Legion is nearly 2 million people, making the



Governor Janet Mills

American Legion the largest veterans service organization in the nation. Here in Maine, between 17,000 and 18,000 veterans are proud members of the American Legion.

The American Legion has been at the forefront of the creation of major institutions and public policy in

American society, including the institution of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the United States Flag Code, and passage of the GI Bill.

Each year, American Legion posts provide more than 3.7 million hours of volunteer service in their communities; they donate more than 80,000 pints of blood to collection centers nationwide - making the Legion the nation's single largest blood donor; they award more than 8,000 medals to Junior ROTC students; they sponsor more than 2,300 Scouting units, serving more than 64,000 people; and they award more than \$4 million in college scholarships.

The American Legion

is the nation's leading ambassador to honoring and remembering the nation's military sacrifices through thousands of memorials and monuments all around the world. And the American Legion brings together our military men and women who share a deep bond built on service and on dedication to our nation.

For these reasons and many more, I am honored to join with the American Legion this week in celebrating its accomplishments and supporting its dedication to our communities, states, and the nation by declaring March 15, 2019 as American Legion Centennial Day.

I am also proud that

the 100th Anniversary American Legion Plaque is now hung outside my office in Augusta, so that every visitor to the State House will witness and honor the Legion. I hope on your next visit to the State House you will stop to look at this beautiful plaque and join me in honoring the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion.

I commend the Legion on its 100th Anniversary, and I thank all of its members for their dedicated service to our country.

Thank You,
Janet Mills
Governor

Marine Corps League elects new officers



Marine Corps League Central Maine Detachment 810 has a new slate of officers for 2019. Here (l. to r.) are Sgt. at Arms Kevin Mitchell, Sr. Vice Commandant Joseph Masse, Commandant Charlie Paul, Judge Advocate Cliff Plourde, and Jr. Vice Commandant Toby Blais. Not pictured are Chaplain Claire Poirier, Paymaster David Bergeron, and Veterans Affairs Officer Leon Burgess.

Guidance Through Grief spring support groups

Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice will offer spring sessions of their Guidance Through Grief Support Group. Guidance Through Grief is a free, eight-week facilitated grief support group for adults who have suffered a loss through death. All community members are welcome to attend; registration is required.

Guidance Through Grief sessions will begin in early April and will take place at the agency's office at 15 Strawberry Avenue in Lewiston, its Hospice House in Auburn, First Universalist Church of Turner Center, and Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington. For a full list of dates and

locations, see www.androscoggin.org.

The agency also offers free drop-in sessions of Guidance Through Grief twice-monthly at Hospice House in Auburn. These sessions are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month and registration is not required.

For more information or to register, contact the Bereavement Team at 795-9468 or Bereavement@androscoggin.org.

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Auburn residents open House session at State House



Rep. Bruce Bickford (R-Auburn), Rep. Margaret Craven (D-Lewiston), Rep. Kristen Cloutier (D-Lewiston), Rep. Jim Handy (D-Lewiston), Rep. Bettyann Sheats (D-Auburn), and Rep. Heidi Brooks (D-Lewiston) welcomed Rev. Sara Bartlett of Auburn to the State House recently to deliver the opening prayer before the House of Representatives. They also welcomed Alexis Handy of Auburn, who delivered the National Anthem to open the Legislative session. She is the daughter of Rep. Jim Handy (D-Lewiston)

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Harlow says farewell to long-time Executive Director

The Harlow, home of the Kennebec Valley Art Association, a membership-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization located in downtown Hallowell, will say farewell to longtime Executive Director Deb Fahy, who has informed the KVAA Board that she will leave the organization in early summer.

“My time at The Harlow has been a wonderfully rewarding experience as we’ve built on our mission to connect and celebrate art, artists, and community,” said Fahy. “After 14 years, I am ready for some new challenges, but I am confident that The Harlow is on a firm foundation and will continue to thrive.”

In reacting to the news, board members credited Fahy with transforming the gallery into a strong and

vibrant community presence by reaching out to diverse groups, putting together good teams, and utilizing social media to raise its profile.

“Deb will clearly be missed,” said Board President Susan MacPherson. “But The Harlow is excited for the future and plans to move forward building on the legacy of creativity, hard work, and community involvement that she leaves behind.”

All are invited to stop by The Harlow over the next few months to wish Fahy well. A farewell gathering is being planned for this spring. For more information, call 622-3813 or see harlowgallery.org.

For information about the Executive Director job opening, see <http://harlowgallery.org/job-opening-executive-director>.

By Connie Carter

Podcasting gives students a platform for exploring different cultures and breaking the insidious cycle of stereotyping that can keep them from understanding and respecting each other. When working to engage students that are miles apart - in distance as well as perception - technology can help connect them in ways that were never before possible.

As a former high-school teacher and the founder and now director of Operation Breaking Stereotypes, I’m always looking for ways to help students of different races, ethnicities, cultures, and geographies connect through their stories and experiences. Operation Breaking Stereotypes (OBS) is a non-profit organization committed to facilitating the quest for knowledge and social justice through short-term exchanges between middle- and high-school students in Maine, Boston, and New York City.

Since our founding in 2002, OBS has helped more than 3,000 students address ethnic, socioeconomic, gender, and racial stereotypes through writing, reading, music, photography, and personal connections.

With the goals of bringing a greater understanding of each other through their stories and challenging the popular image of Maine as white,

Guest Column: Helping Diverse Students Understand Each Other Better Through Podcasting



Operation Breaking Stereotypes is leading a project in which a group of students from Lewiston and Maranacook High Schools are creating podcasts together to break through social barriers and better understand each other.

rural, and old, we recently embarked on an exciting podcasting project involving juniors and seniors from two very distinct high schools in Maine. What better way to portray Maine’s interesting and diverse population, while giving voice to young people, people of color, and people from away, than to bring together two schools at opposite ends of Maine’s demographic spectrum?

Maranacook Community High School is a small, nearly all-white high school in Central Maine. Lewiston High School is a large, urban high school. Located in the state’s second-largest city, it has a diverse body of students, many of whom are the children of recent Somali immigrants to the United States. Although these schools are geographically less than 30 miles apart, they are located in very different worlds.

Before students from the two schools actually met, we did some work around the concept of “identity” and the idea that we’re all made up of many facets. When they first got together, the students were skeptical of each other. The Maranacook kids had not been around students of

color very much, and when they visited Lewiston High School, some of them were afraid to go inside. Similarly, the Lewiston students were fearful of visiting an all-white school and possibly incurring racism. They talked openly with each other about their initial fears, and it was inspiring for them to hear each other’s perceptions and stories.

We made the key decision to use Soundtrap for our podcasting project after learning about it from one of the teachers at Maranacook. Soundtrap is a comprehensive, collaborative digital audio workstation that lets students compose, play, and edit songs, recordings, and podcasts and then share them online in a secure, “walled” environment. The platform works across devices - smartphones, tablets, PCs and Macs - and is cloud-based, which gives the kids the freedom to work on their projects from home and to collaborate in real time without actually being in the same room together.

Soundtrap really resonated with the kids because interactive technology is second nature to them. After experimenting with some initial recordings using the

Soundtrap audio recording platform, the students quickly learned how to use it to record and edit what they wanted to say and how they wanted to say it.

Since then, as many as 30 of the students have worked together remotely and in person. They either partner with one other person or work in small groups of four or five students to talk about things. In making their podcasts, the students share stories, talk about what inspires them and how they believe they inspire others, or what they’ve learned from each other. We’ve had several permutations of our current podcast because the kids have gotten together and re-recorded sections or recorded new things. They love that it’s an organic, evolving process.

Their attitudes have changed entirely since that first encounter. The students have been respectful of each other throughout the process and now describe themselves as “a family.” Creating a podcast together and sharing recording sessions allows them to hear one another and understand their respective journeys.

We plan to post our podcasts on YouTube first. From there, we hope to work with Maine media and philanthropic organizations to post them more widely. Podcasts are a great way to introduce today’s video generation to the power of listening - really listening - to each other without all the bells and whistles that distract them when we bring video into the mix.

The students are beginning to appreciate the power they have as a group to change things by, first, listening and understanding one another. And they’re hoping that their stories and personal journeys can help make the world a different place.

Connie Carter is the founder and director of the nonprofit organization Operation Breaking Stereotypes.

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Andro. Home Healthcare and Hospice welcomes new HR Director

Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice has hired Cindy Letourneau as Director of Human Resources. Letourneau is an SPHR- and SHRM-SCP-certified human resources professional with over 20 years of combined experience in Human Resource Management and Employee Safety. Before joining the agency, she most recently served as Senior HR Partner for Covenant Health-St. Mary's Health System in Lewiston.

Letourneau earned a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Maine, as well as a Certificate in Human Resource Management from the University of Southern Maine. She is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and the Central Maine Human Resources Association, where she is currently Vice President, having previously served as Membership Co-Chair



Cindy Letourneau

and Treasurer. She has also served as Treasurer for the Maine SHRM State Council. She currently serves as a board member with the United Way of Androscoggin County.

"We're thrilled to have Cindy on our team,"

said Ken Albert, President and CEO of Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice. "She brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise, and a solution-focused attitude to the position and has already begun to make a positive impact on our organization."

Local Red Cross honors nine with Real Heroes Award



Pictured here (l. to r) are honorees Jack Schrader of Manchester (Blood Services Award), Adam Salve of the Auburn Fire Department (First Responder Award), Andrew Banow of Rockport (Lifesaving Award); Gary Croteau of Auburn (CPR Saves Lives Award), Kayden Boilard of Lewiston (Community Youth Award), Hollie Vanderzee and Bob Bauman of Harpswell (Community Service Award), Gail Hart of Harpswell (Public Services Award) and, for Dean Paterson of Freeport (Service to the Armed Forces Award), Tracy Shaw, Crystal Richard, Amy Jajliardo, and Angie Porter.

The Central and Mid Coast Maine Chapter of the American Red Cross recently honored nine individuals for going above and beyond in service to others at its 16th annual Real Heroes Awards Breakfast.

TRIO students earn scholarships at CMCC



Pictured here are 2019 TRIO program scholarship recipients Younoussa Ousmane, Amber Lewis, Tim Campbell, Monique Collins, Sam Brown, Sadio Aden, Kyleigh Ouelette, Rusty Young, Dylan Latham, Leon Twitchell, Bobbi Smalley, Domonique Givans, Rachel Chretien, and Ouseiny Ousmane. Not present for the photo were Kayla Thayer, Amber Getchell, and Melinda Parker.

The TRIO Student Support Services Program at Central Maine Community College has awarded over \$12,000 in scholarships to 17 students this semester. These scholarship recipients were selected in recognition of their achievements and determination to succeed at

the college.

Created in 1965, the federal TRIO program focuses on assisting first-generation, low-income, or disabled students succeed in higher education. TRIO staff help students with academic advising, time and money management, financial aid,

accessing college resources, and access to cultural enrichment opportunities. Now in its twenty-first year at CMCC, TRIO is a selective program whose goals are student persistence, academic achievement, graduation, and transfer to a baccalaureate program.

Local lawmaker named to Maine Children's Trust

Rep. Margaret Craven (D-Lewiston) has been appointed by House Speaker Sara Gideon to serve on the Maine Children's Trust. Created in 1985 and later amended to operate as a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation, the Trust's mission is to end child abuse and neglect statewide through collaboration and funding of prevention programs. These include home visits and trainings on shaken baby prevention and how to keep infants safe when they sleep,

among others.

"I look forward to serving on the Maine Children's Trust," said Craven. "Working to improve the well-being of young children is paramount for each of us, and I am delighted to have this opportunity."

Craven is serving her fourth non-consecutive term in the Maine House and previously served three terms in the Senate. She serves on the Health and Human Services Committee and represents part of Lewiston.



Rep. Margaret Craven (D-Lewiston)

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What's Going On

L-A Chamber announces changes to scholarship criteria

For the past 19 years, the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce has awarded scholarships to local graduating high school seniors who planned to pursue their post-secondary school studies at an accredited college, university, or certificate program. Through its Member Employee Scholarship, the Chamber has also awarded scholarships to adults continuing their education while working. These scholarship opportunities will continue this year, but with changes in criteria.

Scholarships for graduating high school seniors will now be awarded to students pursuing their post-secondary education at a Maine-based institution.

And Member Employee Scholarships will now be open to those studying towards a professional certification or workplace credential at a Maine-based technical institute or trade school, in addition to those in masters, bachelor's, or associate's degree programs.

With workforce development the most critical issue facing local and regional members of the Chamber, the goal of the changes is to support scholarship recipients who are likely to stay in Maine and contribute to the state's workforce needs after graduation.

The changes put the Chamber's scholarship program in line with the goals of the Maine Spark initiative, a 10-year commitment from Maine's most influential education and business leaders to work together to ensure that Maine's workforce continues to be productive and competitive.

MaineSpark is powered by a coalition of organizations, including schools and universities, nonprofits and foundations, and government agencies and businesses, working toward the common goal of, by 2025, seeing 60% of Mainers hold education and workforce credentials that position Maine and its families for success.

"We are pleased to align our scholarship program with Maine Spark's goal to connect people with the education, training, jobs, programs, and resources they need to thrive in Maine's changing economy," said L-A Metro Chamber President Rebecca Swanson Conrad.

"We are so fortunate to have outstanding post-secondary education opportunities, not only in Androscoggin County, but also throughout our State of Maine," said Workforce and Education Committee chair Marcel Gagne. "The

Committee has decided to direct its scholarship funds to Maine institutions, not only because of our belief in the high quality and value they provide, but also to encourage our students to learn, grow, and stay in our region as part of our future aspirations."

The Member Employee Scholarship application deadline is April 26. Announcement of this year's scholarship recipients will be made in early June.

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Maine Community Bancorp president to address Rotary Club Lunch



Jeanne Hulit

The next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Lunch Club on Thursday, March 28, from noon to 1 p.m. will feature guest speaker Jeanne Hulit of Maine Community Bancorp. The event will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Hulit was hired as president and CEO of Maine Community Bancorp, the holding company of Biddford and Mechanics Sav-

ings Banks, in September of 2018. She brings to her new position nearly two decades of banking experience, along with experience leading a Maine-based manufacturer and several years in public service at the state and federal level.

Hulit came to Maine Community Bancorp from serving as President of Village Candle in Wells, Maine, where she helped expand the company's internation-

al market and improved cost effectiveness by taking advantage of the proximity of the Port of Portland and resident shipping company, Eimskip. Prior to that, over the course of nearly 20 years in banking in Maine, she served as President of Community Banking for Northeast Bank, Senior Vice President for Commercial Lending at Citizens Bank, and Vice President of Key Bank. In 2013, after having served as both the New England Regional Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) and Associate Administrator for the SBA's Office of Capital Access, she joined President Barack Obama's cabinet as Acting Administrator of the Small Business Administration. Earlier public service included her appointment as Deputy Director of the International Division of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development.

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.

DHHS makes changes to Opioid Health Home Program

The Department of Health and Human Services has adopted changes to its Opioid Health Home program to encourage greater participation among health providers and expand access to critical addiction services.

The Opioid Health Home Program provides a team-based approach for treating individuals with Opioid Use Disorder. OHH services include office visits, counseling, medication, comprehensive care management and coordination, promoting healthy behaviors and activities, ensuring safe transitions between care settings, and making referrals to community and social support services.

The model was origi-

nally implemented in 2017 in response to Maine's opioid epidemic and serves individuals who receive MaineCare or who do not have insurance.

The new changes to the OHH program include establishing tiered levels of care. Providers will now be reimbursed based on each tier, ranging from services for patients just beginning treatment to those who are stabilized. This will enable provider organizations to better meet the needs of their patients, translating to a four-fold increase in reimbursement for services delivered to the highest-needs members in the early, critical stages of treatment.

The changes will also make it easier for current and new providers to deliver Integrated Medication-Assisted Treatment services by altering existing OHH staffing requirements and adding a patient navigator to the OHH team. This will increase flexibility for provider organizations to join and sustain the program, which will improve accessibility to services for all individuals with an OUD.

"With these changes, the Department hopes to make it easier for Maine residents to access treatment and receive the care they need, all the way from

prevention through recovery," said DHHS Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew. "The Department is committed to an ongoing evaluation of the OHH model to ensure that it is flexible, accountable, and encourages broad provider participation across the state."

"These improvements to the OHH program will give providers the opportunity for innovation and flexibility as they determine how to meet the needs of individuals with OUD," said Gordon Smith, Maine's Director of Opioid Response. "Increased accessibility to treatment is critical to successfully responding to the opioid crisis."

OHHs are one component of Maine's wider substance abuse treatment network. There are currently 22 OHH organizations providing services at 48 OHH sites across Maine, and provider participation has dramatically increased in recent months. Since 2017, OHHs have served nearly 1,000 MaineCare members and over 300 uninsured individuals.

These changes to OHH rules became effective as of March 16. For a more comprehensive explanation, see <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/adopted.shtml>.

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Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services announces 2019 Disabled Veterans Moose Hunt Lottery



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The Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services is now accepting applications for the 2019 Disabled Veterans Controlled Moose Hunt, held annually on farmland specified by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife.

Since the program's inception in 2010, MBVS has partnered with IF&W and Smoldering Lake Outfitters to issue hunting permits and essential equipment to participating veterans. This year, IF&W has allocated moose hunting permits for disabled veterans who are residents of Maine - and a small group of non-resident disabled veterans - to partici-

pate in the Disabled Veterans Controlled Moose Hunt.

This hunt is not the same as the regular IF&W moose lottery, as it requires each hunter to team up with a registered Maine Guide who has specific training for the Controlled Moose Hunt and is open only to veterans with a disability rating of at least 50 percent. If a veteran has ever tagged a moose through the Disabled Veterans Controlled Moose Hunt, they are ineligible to hunt again. This year, there will be three hunts in August and two in September.

The hunt, which is entirely free for selected veterans, costs \$50,000 to administer and is funded

entirely through donations and sponsorships from local businesses, organizations and individuals. In order to continue providing this program for veterans at no cost, the public is encouraged to donate or sponsor the program. All funds raised go toward covering costs associated with the hunt, including hunting guide services, essential adaptive equipment, meat processing, and travel and lodging for participants. For related questions, contact Sarah Sherman at 430-5816 or sarah.sherman@maine.gov.

"I can't overstate how valuable this program is to our veterans," said David

What's Going On

HR Thursdays program covers "Insurance Ins and Outs"

The topic of the next HR Thursdays program presented by the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, Central Maine Human Resource Association, and Lewiston CareerCenter will be "Insurance Ins and Outs: What Kinds of Insurances Should You Consider for Your Organization-Business?" The program will take place on Thursday, March 28, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the Chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

Is your business estab-

lished, a start-up, or still in the planning stage? Regardless of where you are on the timeline, you should make informed decisions on your insurance coverages. Steve Dorsey of Cross Insurance will present a checklist of best practices and real-world scenarios based on his 46 years of experience.

Dorsey has been the VP of Commercial Lines for Cross Insurance in Lewiston for the last 25 years. After receiving an undergraduate Political Science degree, he

entered the insurance industry in 1973 and has been there ever since. He worked in the claims arena in the greater Boston area for eight years and has served Maine businesses for the last 34 years.

The cost of the workshop is \$25 for Chamber members and \$50 for non-members; CMHRA members attend free of charge. Registration is available at www.LAMetroChamber.com. For more information, call 783-2249.

Richmond, Acting Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services. "Every year, veterans tell us just how much this experience impacts them. It's more than just a fun memory; for many, it can be rehabilitating, getting to share an experience with other veterans and the fellowship that it brings."

Application forms can be downloaded from the Bureau's website at www.maine.gov/veterans.

Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 3 to the Maine Bu-

reau of Veterans' Services, 117 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333 or via email at mainebvs@maine.gov.

Results of the lottery will be posted no earlier than Friday, May 24.

For more information about the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services or the Disabled Veterans Controlled Moose Hunt, call 430-6035 or see <http://maine.gov/veterans>.

The Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services was established in 1947 by the

State of Maine and is part of the Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. Their mission is to help Mainers who served, and their loved ones, understand and navigate the benefits, services, and programs available to them. The Bureau also operates the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery System, which includes four veterans' cemeteries. For more information or to request assistance, see www.maine.gov/veterans.

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Final weekend for "A Doll's House, Part 2"



Universally acclaimed as the Best Play of the 2017 Broadway season, this contemporary sort-of-sequel to Ibsen's "A Doll's House" will be staged in its final performances at Lewiston's The Public Theatre from March 21 through 24, with Thursday's 7:30 performance preceded by a complimentary wine sampling sponsored by The Vault. Pictured above is Janet Mitchko, Co-Artistic Director of The Public Theatre, in the role of Nora. For show-times and ticket information, call 782-3200 or see thepublictheatre.org.

Sam's of Sabattus St. wins Food Pantry fundraising competition



Pictured here (l. to r.) are Sam's Italian Foods Shift Leader Kate Major, St. Mary's Nutrition Center Program Assistant Fiston Mubalama Lowatiwiya, Sam's Italian Foods Manager David MacArthur, and Rep. Bettyann Sheats.

Representatives from St. Mary's Food Pantry recently presented an award to Sam's Italian Foods of 963 Sabattus Street in Lewiston for the store's outstanding effort in raising money to end hunger in Maine. In addition to a plaque for display, employees were awarded free movie passes and popcorn generously donated by Flagship Cinema of Auburn and free bowling donated by Sparetime Recreation of Lewiston.

Every fall, St. Mary's and Sam's locations statewide partner in a campaign

to sell "cornucopias" to customers for \$1 each, with proceeds to benefit local food pantries. The campaign is also a competition among the 13 Sam's locations to see which store raises the most funds. Statewide, Sam's stores raised \$4,946 for hunger relief. Sam's location on Sabattus Street in Lewiston won the competition by raising \$1,150.

In 2018, St. Mary's Food Pantry provided food for an average of 1,180 people per week, a level that has held steady since the beginning of 2017. The Pantry provides

quality food to those who visit, distributing nearly 400,000 pounds of fresh produce, eggs, and milk, in addition to shelf stable items, in 2018.

In addition to its Food Pantry, St. Mary's Nutrition Center offers cooking, nutrition, and garden education programs for people of all ages, job training programs for teens, and community gardens in Lewiston and Auburn. It also manages the year-round Lewiston Farmers' Market and Good Food Bus. For more information, see www.stmarysnutrition-center.org.



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Senior College Outdoor Adventure Club goes sleighing



Club members ready for adventure include (l. to r.) Charlotte Bosworth, Les Bosworth, Diane Higgins, Lucille Clement, Diane Little, Irene Frye, Louise Michaud, Mary Jane Beardsley, Cindy Boyd, Pat Vampatella, and Joanne Sabourin.

“The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh over white and drifting snow...” Bursting into sleighing songs was irresistible when 111 members of the USM-LAC Senior College Outdoor Adventure Club set out to explore the fields and woods of High View Farm in Harrison on a sunny day in February.

With sleigh bells ringing, two golden Belgian horses, Madison and Dixon,

stepped smartly across the fields following a trail that led into a fairytale woodland. A light snow clung to the branches. “It’s like being in a Christmas card!” one member exclaimed.

Bill and Darcy Winslow, the owners of High View Farm, offer sleigh rides for parties of 12 through their property on suitable weekends in winter. “If it’s too cold for the horses, it’s too cold for

you,” explained Bill when he postponed the group’s planned outing in January. But this February day was perfect. A light snow the day before coated the trees. The temperature was a balmy 38°. Dressed in layers, with warm blankets to sit upon and cozy around their knees, club members were ready to enjoy what has become an annual event for the group.

Part way into their trip, they passed a yurt. Recently

built, it is heated with a wood stove and is available for rent by the day. “We will take you to it by sleigh and pick you up by sleigh the next day,” said Bill. “All you have to do is keep the wood stove going.”

Just before the ride’s end, the group stopped at a campfire, where logs were blazing and hot chocolate and marshmallows for toasting were waiting. Kelly, the farm dog who had run alongside the sleigh, pushed into the group eager for a tasty treat. “If it weren’t for this Senior College club, I would never have a horse-drawn sleighing experience like this,” one member said. Everyone agreed it was the perfect outing for a fine win-

ter day. After 1.5 hours on the trail, the group enjoyed a hearty lunch at Cindy’s Dockside in Poland Spring.

Club membership is included in the annual Senior College membership fee of \$35. Club members plan and share the cost of outings held throughout the year. To learn more about activities planned for spring and summer, contact Pat Vampatella at ppvamp@maine.rr.net.

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The horses wait patiently while members enjoy hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows.



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TWIN CITY NIGHTS

Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Momenta Quartet residency includes three Bates College performances



Regular visitors to Bates College, the Momenta Quartet returns for performances March 27 through 29. (Photo courtesy of John Gurrin)

A string ensemble celebrated for their embrace of contemporary repertoire and commitment to education, Momenta Quartet has returned to Bates College for a residency that will include three upcoming performances, all at 7:30 p.m. in the Olin Arts Center Concert Hall at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 786-6135 or email olinarts@bates.edu.

Momenta violinist Emilie-Anne Gendron will join the Bates Gamelan Ensemble in concert on Wednesday, March 27. This event is free, but tickets are required from batesconcerts.eventbrite.com.

The entire quartet will perform work by composer William Matthews, Alice Swanson Esty Professor of Music at Bates, on Thursday, March 28. This event is free,

but tickets are required from batesconcerts.eventbrite.com.

Finally, the quartet will play Beethoven's String Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 130, and two contemporary works - Shawn Jaeger's "Thy Wandering Eyes" (2010) and Ileana Perez-Velazquez's "Elegia" (2018) - on Friday, March 29. Tickets are \$25, available at batesconcerts.eventbrite.com.

Franco Center plans Quebec maple sugar trip

Mitch Thomas, executive director of the Gendron Franco Center, and Bert Dutil, popular local bus trip leader, will lead a day-trip to the "Cabane à Sucre" (Maple Sugar House) in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec on Saturday, April 6.

This is a great trip for all ages and families are encouraged to attend. De-

parture by bus from the Franco Center will be at 6:45 a.m. (Coffee and breakfast snacks will be offered starting at 6:15 a.m.). Return time is expected to be by 7 p.m. the same day. There will be a brief stop for shopping before returning to Maine.

The cost of the trip, which includes transportation, a noon-time, home-

cooked meal at the Cabane à Sucre, and live music performed by local Québec musicians during the meal, is \$75 per person. A valid U.S. Passport or PassCard is needed for travel to Canada.

Space is limited. To reserve and pay for your spot on the trip, call the Franco Center at 783-1585 or email boxoffice@franco-center.org.

Today's Great Falls Forum looks at "History and Mysteries at Lake Auburn."

The 2018-19 season of the Great Falls Forum will continue on Thursday, March 21, when Bates College Professor of Environmental Studies Holly Ewing will discuss "History and Mysteries at Lake Auburn." Free and open to the public, the program will take place from 12 to 1 p.m. in Callahan Hall at Lewiston Public Library.

Lake Auburn is the public drinking water supply for Lewiston and Auburn, but it is also a place where we recreate and where lots of other organisms live. In this Great Falls Forum, Dr. Ewing will discuss some of the mysteries of Lake Auburn's water quality and how they are related to the history of what has happened in and around the lake.

Holly Ewing is a field scientist within the Environmental Studies Program at Bates College, where she teaches courses in soils, water, the landscapes of Maine, community-engaged research, and general environmental science. Like her teaching, her research examines linkages among air, land, and water. She is particularly interested in combining modern and historical approaches in the investigation of the drivers of changes in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. In the aquatic realm, her current research projects include investigation of the role of cyanobacteria in lake pro-



Presenter Dr. Holly Ewing is a Professor of Environmental Studies at Bates College.

cesses, a study of mercury in stream food webs, and the development of a smart phone app to enable citizen scientists to contribute data about lakes to a central database. Much of her local research is focused on water quality in Lake Auburn.

The Great Falls Forum is a monthly, brown-bag speaker series featuring statewide and regional leaders in public policy, business, academia and the arts. No reservations are required to attend. Coffee, tea and bottled water are provid-

ed for a donation at the event. For more information, contact LPL Adult & Teen Services at 513-3135 or LPLReference@Gmail.com.

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Historical Society program spotlights Poland Spring Resort

On Tuesday, March 26, the Androscoggin Historical Society will present a program on the Poland Spring Resort. Cyndi Robbins and Laura Brown will tell stories about the facilities and its guests at 7 p.m. at the Society's Davis-Wagg Museum on the third floor of the County Building.

Poland Spring Resort has a legendary place in the history of Androscoggin County. A huge hotel, the Poland Spring House, attracted vacationers who were the economic and social elite of the country. The resort purchased the Maine State Building of the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. Other features of the historic property are the golf course, the chapel, and, of course, the bottling plant.

Cyndi Robbins has called Poland Spring home since 1971. Starting as a waitress at the age of 16, to becoming owner alongside late husband Mel, Cyndi has given hundreds of tours at Poland Spring and will share



Cyndi Robbins and Laura Brown both have long ties to the historic property.

her stories and the history with you.

Laura Brown has been on the property since before she could walk. From volunteering in the museum gift shop at the age of 5 to giving tours at age 13 and now on the board of directors for the Preservation Society, she too has fallen in love with the unique history of

Poland Spring.

Admission to this program is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Enter the County Building at the side door on Court Street and proceed to the third floor. An elevator is available. For more information about the Society, call 784-0586 or visit www.androhistory.org.

Social justice activist visits Bates College

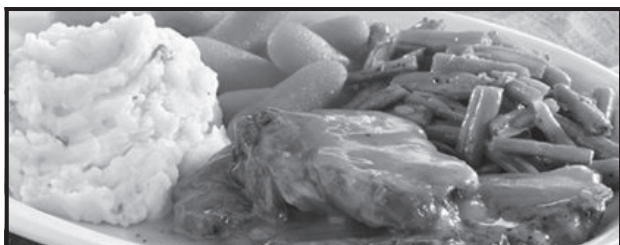


Ransby is a Distinguished Professor of African American studies, gender and women's studies, and history at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Author, historian, and social justice activist Barbara Ransby will visit Bates College on Monday, March 25 to deliver the address "Intersectional Feminist Praxis in the Black Freedom Movement, from Ella Baker to Black Lives Matter."

A Distinguished Professor of African American studies, gender and women's studies, and history at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Ransby was scheduled to speak at Bates on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but canceled due to weather. The program will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Commons in Chase Hall, located at 56 Campus Avenue in Lewiston. The event is free, but registration required at www.eventbrite.com. For more information,

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Twin City Nights

Bailey Library presents "Vaudeville in Maine"

The Lakes Region Forum will continue on Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m., when Michael Miclon, executive and artistic director of Johnson Hall in Gardiner, will present a program called "Vaudeville in Maine." The event will take place in the King Event Room at Bailey Public Library in downtown Winthrop.

In his work at Johnson Hall, Miclon produces more than 50 performances annually, as well as waterfront concerts and the "Artist in the Schools" program.

As an entertainer, Miclon has built an international reputation that taken him to events across the United States and Europe, including the Kennedy Center and the White House. As a filmmaker, he has created videos and short films for corporate and humanitarian groups in 10 different countries. In 2006, he became the director of photography and creative consultant for EepyBird, which received two Emmy nominations and four Webby Awards.

He began his career in 1982 at the age of 14 as an apprentice to Benny and Denise Reehl of the New England New Vaudeville Revue of Gardiner. He continued studying in 1985 with Mime Master Tony Montanaro at the world-renowned Celebration Barn Theater in South Paris.



Entertainer and producer Michael Miclon is the executive and artistic director of Johnson Hall in Gardiner.

In his presentation, Miclon will present a look at Vaudeville and New Vaudeville and its effect on the performing arts landscape in Maine. From the Maine Vaudeville circuit, to the legacy of Benny and Denise Reehl, to the Oddfellow Theater and Celebration Barn, he will discuss how Vaudeville remains strong and growing in Maine and across the country.

The Lakes Region Forum speaker series is sponsored by the Winthrop Public Library Foundation. Admission is free to all forum events and no reservations are required.

The library is downtown at 39 Bowdoin St. More information on the lecture is available by contacting the Bailey Library at 377-8673 or reference@baileylibrary.org.

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Patty Larkin redefines the boundaries of folk-urban pop music with her inventive guitar playing and uncompromising vocals and lyrics. (Photo courtesy of Jana Leon)



Guy Davis is a master blues guitarist and harmonica player. (Photo courtesy of Joseph A. Rosen)

Boston-based guitar virtuoso Patty Larkin will return to the Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath with guest blues ambassador Guy Davis for a mainstage performance of blues and urban folk music on Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Patty Larkin redefines the boundaries of folk-urban pop music with her inventive guitar wizardry and uncompromising vocals and lyrics. Acoustic Guitar has hailed her “soundscape experiments” while Rolling Stone has praised her “evocative and sonic

shading.” She has been described as “riveting” (Chicago Tribune), “hypnotic” (Entertainment Weekly) and a “drop-dead brilliant” performer (Performing Songwriter). Billboard magazine has described her as “a true triple threat artist.”

Opening the evening will be Guy Davis. Fondly called “Ambassador of the Blues,” Davis is a master blues guitarist and harmonica player who has performed on the Conan O’Brien and David Letterman Shows, A Prairie Home Companion, and at theaters and festivals around the globe. His musical storytelling is influenced

by such artists as Blind Willie McTell and Big Bill Broonzy, and his musicality by artists as diverse as Lightning Hopkins and Babatundé Olatunji. But he credits his harmonica techniques to the influence of one man only, the legendary Sonny Terry.

Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$24 at the door, available by calling the box office at 442-8455 or at www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Norlands opens for Maine Maple Sunday



Activities include a pancake breakfast in the historic farmer's cottage, sapboiling demonstrations in the Sap House, and old-fashioned reading, writing, and arithmetic lessons in the District #7 one-room schoolhouse.

Visitors can also see sap boiling demonstrations in the Sap House, have an old-fashioned reading, writing, and arithmetic lesson with the schoolmarm in the District #7 one-room schoolhouse, and bring their own snowshoes and sleds to use on the fields and trails of the 445-acre grounds. Before leaving, don't forget to stop by the gift shop for Norlands' own maple syrup and other treats to take home.

No reservations are necessary. The only charge is \$5 to \$7 for breakfast. Admission to the schoolhouse and sap house is free of charge. For more information, call 897-4366, email norlands@norlands.org, or visit www.norlands.org.

Located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore, the Washburn-Nor-

lands Living History Center is a multifaceted museum offering in-depth experiences of 19th-century life in rural Maine. Their mission is to preserve the heritage and traditions of rural Maine's past, to celebrate the achievements of Livermore's remarkable Washburn Family, and to use living history methods to make values, activities, and issues of the past relevant to present and future generations.



Experience a traditional late-winter ritual done the old-fashioned way when the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center opens for Maine Maple Sunday on March 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Maine's premier living history museum will serve up delicious homemade pancakes with sausage drizzled in Norlands' own maple syrup. Dining will take place in the historic farmer's cottage and original 1867 Washburn family kitchen.



Kayden Boilard named to “Future of Good” list by U.S. Cellular; receives \$10,000 in support of Kaydenz Kitchen Food Pantry

U.S. Cellular has named Kayden Boilard of Lewiston one of its 16 under 16 “The Future of Good” recipients. The company is celebrating the work of young humanitarians by amplifying the good they have done; U.S. Cellular will award Boilard with \$10,000 in support of her food pantry, Kaydenz Kitchen.

A year or two ago, Boilard took notice of a great need in her community and asked her parents if they could find a way to help people get the food they needed. Together they

started a small food pantry and Boilard began delivering boxes to those in need. With her parents' help, she expanded the project by starting a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization called Kaydenz Kitchen Food Pantry and secured a rental unit to serve as a service point and office space.

On the morning of December 5, 2018, a fire ripped through the building where their space was set to open in a couple of weeks. Boilard was devastated, but she remained determined to pick up the pieces and move

forward with her vision and mission to make her community a better place.

Through its “The Future of Good” program, U.S. Cellular has honored 16 young humanitarians under age 16 for the inspirational acts of good they do in their communities. The 16 honorees were selected out of hundreds of nominations from across the country for their efforts to make an important impact on the community around them and connect to the good in all of us with the help of wireless technology.

Avner the Eccentric to perform at Chocolate Church

Brilliant, silent master of physical comedy Avner the Eccentric will present a hilarious one-man show for all ages on Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath.

Avner Eisenberg will perform his one-man show “Exceptions to Gravity.” This comedic tour de force is

a reminder of the theatrical power that can reside in a single charismatic performer who touches the heart. The show weaves a spell of poetic simplicity in a sequence of hilarious predicaments.

Avner has appeared on and off Broadway, played the endearing Holy Man “The Jewel” in the film “The Jewel of the Nile,” and per-

formed as a ventriloquist on Broadway in “Ghetto.” He has performed at numerous festivals around the world and once sold out the Theatre Fontaine in Paris for three months.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door for adults, \$10 for kids, available at 442-8455 or www.chocolatechurcharts.org.



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WLU plans Fairy Godmother Gown Giveaway

Looking for a free dress for prom? The Woman's Literary Union will host their sixth annual Fairy Godmother Gown Giveaway on Saturday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the historic Foss Mansion, located at 19 Elm Street in Auburn. For more information or to donate your extra gowns, call 783-6450 or 713-5888.

The Woman's Literary Union was organized in 1892 with the mission to promote intellectual, cultural, and educational advancement of the community and to preserve the Foss Mansion, which is on the National Registry of Historic Places. The WLU of Androscoggin County is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization. For more information, check womens-literaryunion.org.

Check TCT every week for updated Calendar listings!

Thursday, Mar. 21

Great Falls Forum. Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Dr. Holly Ewing, Prof. of Environmental Studies at Bates College, discusses "History and Mysteries at Lake Auburn." Free. Bring your bag lunch. 513-3135; LPLReference@Gmail.com.

Book Discussion. 5:30 p.m. Morse Library, 220 Main St., Greene. This month's book is "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance. Copies available to borrow at the library. 946-5544; sbouchard.jamm.library@gmail.com.

"The Mueller Investigation and the Rule of Law." 7 p.m. Muskie Archives, 70 Campus Ave., Bates College, Lewiston. Frequent MSNBC commentator Joyce White Vance discusses the Mueller Investigation from a legal standpoint. Free. 786-6202.

Theater: "A Doll's House, Part 2." 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre 31 Maple St., Lewiston. This sequel to Ibsen's classic was widely acclaimed as the best play of the 2017 Broadway season. Again 3/22-24 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$20/5. 782-3200; thepublictheatre.org.

Friday, March 22

Fill the Plate Breakfast. 7 to 9 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. This benefit for SeniorsPlus' Meals on Wheels program features keynote speaker Sen. Susan Collins. \$20 adv./\$25 at door. Register at 795-4010 or www.seniorsplus.org.

Annual District Event. 5 to 9 p.m. VFW Hall, 588 Minot Ave., Auburn. Join the Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District for their annual meeting, dinner, and entertainment. Register at 241-5377 or mrichard@maineconservationdistricts.com.

Buccaneers' Banquet. 6 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This pirate-themed evening will include a multi-course dinner, costume party, dancing, cash bar, and the world-premiere of the show and film. Again 3/23. \$40. Limited seating. Reserve at 783-1585 or www.francocenter.org.

Concert: Patty Larkin. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. The Boston-based singer-songwriter-guitarist has been called "a true triple threat artist" by Billboard magazine; blues player Guy Davis opens. \$24 (\$20 adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Saturday, Mar. 23

Continuous Improvement for Businesses. 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Room 285, L-A College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. Learn about this method by which businesses of all types can improve products, services, or processes. Lunch provid-

Calendar

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ed. Free; register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Public Office Hours. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Couture Room, Lewiston Public Library. Lewiston's delegates to the Maine Legislature answer questions and provide an update of the current legislative session. All welcome.

Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sixth St. Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Two kinds of beans, red and brown hot dogs, American chop suey, brown bread, coleslaw, assorted desserts and beverages. \$6/3 (ages 4- free). Take-out available.

Bean Supper. 5 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Baked beans, casseroles, hot dogs, coleslaw, bread, beverages and pies; entertainment by the Park Avenue Pickers at 4:30 p.m. \$8/4 (kids ages 4- free). 782-3972.

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

Concert: Frank Carlberg. 7:30 p.m. Olin Arts Center, Bates College, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. The jazz pianist celebrates pioneering composer, bandleader, and pianist Mary Lou Williams. Free, but tix required from batesconcerts.eventbrite.com.

Avner the Eccentric. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. The silent master of physical comedy presents his hilarious one-man show for all ages, "Exceptions to Gravity." \$30 (\$25 adv.); kids \$10. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Sunday, Mar. 24

Maple Sunday at Norlands. 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore. Enjoy a pancake breakfast, visit the sap house, and purchase some of Norlands' own maple syrup. Breakfast \$7/5; otherwise, free. 897-4366; www.norlands.org.

Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Canadian documentary "Hochelaga, terre des âmes (Land of Souls)" portrays how Quebec's archaeology reveals the past of indigenous peoples; in French, w. English subtitles. Free; donations accepted. www.francocenter.org.

Monday, Mar. 25

Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Ce-

dar St., Lewiston. French documentary "Un jour, une histoire: Simone Veil, l'instinct de vie" examines the life of the former French minister and Holocaust survivor; in French, w. English subtitles. Free; donations accepted. www.francocenter.org.

MLK Day Address. 7:30 p.m. Memorial Commons, Chase Hall, Bates College, 56 Campus Ave., Lewiston. Author, historian, and social justice activist Barbara Ransby discusses "Intersectional Feminist Praxis in the Black Freedom Movement. Free, but regis. required at www.eventbrite.com.

Tuesday, Mar. 26

Curious Minds Series. 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Senior College instructor Nancy Duplisea presents "The Art of Making Greeting Cards." Free. Pres. with L-A Senior College. <https://usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege>.

Lakes Region Forum. 6:30 p.m. Bailey Public Library, 38 Bowdoin St., Winthrop. Michael Miclon, executive and artistic director of Johnson Hall in Gardiner, discusses "Vaudeville in Maine." Free. 377-8673; www.baileylibrary.org.

Andro. Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. County Building, Court St., Auburn. Cyndi Robbins and Laura Brown discuss the history of Poland Spring Resort. Free; donations welcome. 784-0586.

Wednesday, Mar. 27

Concert: Bates College Gamelan Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Olin Arts Center, 75 Russell St., Bates College, Lewiston. The orchestra is accompanied by Momenta Quartet violinist Emilie-Anne Gendron. Free, but tix required from batesconcerts.eventbrite.com.

Thursday, Mar. 28

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Jeanne Hulit, president and CEO of Maine Community Bancorp. Lunch avail. at the restaurant. 333-4588; www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Steve Dorsey of Cross Insurance discusses "Insurance Ins and Out for Your Organization or Business." \$50 (Chamber members \$25; CMHRA members free). 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Film Screening. 3:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Canadian documentary "God Save Justin Trudeau" explores

the rise of a young politician in an age of modern media politics; in French, w. English subtitles. Free; donations accepted. www.francocenter.org.

Community Conversation Series. 5:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Reps of Catholic Charities' Refugee and Immigration Services speak about their cultural orientation programs, sharing accounts of what newcomers to America ask about navigating daily life in the U.S. Free.

Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest. 6 p.m. 84 Court, Auburn. This clean comedy showcase features Maine favorite Johnny Ater, along with Debbie Ennis, Al Ghanekar, Nick Gordon, Jay Hunter, Kara Kilian, Leonard Kimble, and David McLaughlin. All ages; pay what you can. maineeventcomedy.com.

Concert: Momenta Quartet. 7:30 p.m. Olin Arts Center, 75 Russell St., Bates College, Lewiston. The Quartet performs works by composer William Matthews, Esty Professor of Music at Bates College. Free, but tix required from batesconcerts.eventbrite.com.

Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest. 8 p.m., Cowbell Grill & Tap, 49 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Los Angeles comedian-actress Mary Kennedy headlines; also sets by Jed Bloom, Nic Dufault, Mike Gray, Johanna Medranda, Mark Reilly, and Chris Thomas. Ages 21-plus; pay what you can. maineeventcomedy.com.

Friday, Mar. 29

Magnetize Maine Summit. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. Speakers and a panel discussion start a conversation about how to increase collaboration, creativity, and connectivity in the workplace to keep younger employees actively engaged; pres. by Uplift LA. \$25. 783-2249; www.upliftlamaine.com.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop. 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Central Maine Community College. Participants will learn how to actively protect their business or organization against the threat of an emergency situation. Free. Pres. by the Center for Workforce & Professional Development. Register by 3/27 at 755-5280.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day Observance. 1 to 4 p.m. Hall of Flags, Maine State House, 210 State St., Augusta. Open to the public. Free.

Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest. 7 p.m. Bear Bones Beer, 43 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Rhode Island's E.J. Edmonds headlines, with sets by Danny Bullis, Joe Flynn, Jake Jacobson, Connor McGrath, Ali Simpson, John Sucich, and Bert Walpack. Ages 21-plus; pay what you can. [## FLAGSHIP CINEMAS

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Concert: Momenta Quartet. 7:30 p.m. Olin Arts Center, 75 Russell St., Bates College, Lewiston. The Quartet performs works by Beethoven and contemporary composers Shawn Jaeger and Ileana Perez-Velazquez. \$25 at batesconcerts.eventbrite.com.

Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest. 9 p.m. Baxter Brewing, 120 Mill St., Lewiston. "Maine's Best Comedian" winner Brian Brinegar headlines, with sets by Greg Boggis, Paul Cyphers, Ralph Joyal, Mark Moccia, Julie Poulin, Ben Roberts, and Jamie Roux. Ages 21-plus; pay what you can. maineeventcomedy.com.

Saturday, Mar. 30

Fairy Godmother Gown Giveaway. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Foss Mansion, 19 Elm St., Auburn. The Women's Literary Union gives away free prom gowns. For more information or to donate your extra gowns, call 783-6450 or 713-5888.

Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest. 12 p.m. Fitts' Bar & Grill, 150 Center St., Auburn. Comedian Mark Turcotte leads a stand-up workshop for those looking to network and sharpen their skills. \$25 (incl. all-you-can-eat pizza). maineeventcomedy.com.

Concert: Maine Music Soc. Chorale & Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Joined by professional soloists, the group performs Handel's oratorio "Judas Maccabaeus." Again 3/31 at 3 p.m. \$25/22/10 (add \$2 at door). 333-3386; www.mainemusicsociety.org.

Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest. 7:30 p.m. Sapphire, 150 Center St., Auburn. The Fest culminates with this performance by two-time Las Vegas Entertainer of the Year Joe Trammel. Ages 21-plus; \$15 (\$12 in adv.). [comedy.com.](http://maineevent-</p>
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Monday, April 1

Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss Kristin Hannah's novel "The Great Alone." All welcome; copies avail. through the library's interlibrary loan process. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Auburn Art Club Meeting. 2 p.m. Methodist Church, Park Ave., Auburn. Shelley Lance-Fulk and Jacklyn Amtower of Compass Rose Images discuss their wildlife photography. All Art Club members invited.

Book Discussion. 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. The Speak Your Mind book group discusses "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City," by Princeton sociologist Matthew Desmond. All welcome; copies avail. through the library's interlibrary loan process. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Friday, Apr. 5

Theater: "Avenue Q." 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents this puppet-filled musical comedy about becoming an adult; adult themes. Again 4/6, 7, 11-14 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). 783-0958; LACLT.com.

Thursday, Apr. 11

Theater: "Avenue Q." 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents the puppet-filled musical hit comedy about becoming an adult; adult themes. Again 4/12-14 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). 783-0958; LACLT.com.

Saturday, Apr. 13

Public Breakfast. 6:30 to 10 a.m. Fire station, Ridge Rd. (Rte. 106), Leeds. The Leeds Volunteer F.D. serves up pancakes, French toast, eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, ham, homemade muffins, coffee and juice. \$6/4.



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