

Out & About with Rachel Morin

Remembering Mr. Rogers at the Maine PBS screening of "Won't You Be My Neighbor"



The Morin Family - (from l.) Gerry, Liz, Rachel, and Cathy Morin Campbell - gathers around Mr. Rogers. (Photo by Debbie Bolen-Morin)

Story by Rachel Morin

My daughter Liz called me last month and invited me to join her for a fun night celebrating the legacy of Fred Rogers at a Maine PBS screening of the documentary film "Won't You Be My Neighbor" at the State Theatre in Portland. She had already invited her siblings and their spouses to join us to relive the days of their youth watching Mr. Rogers

together.

We had heard about the documentary and were excited to attend. Tickets were free but had to be reserved. We carpoled with great anticipation, wearing our cardigans and sneakers and recounting our favorite memories. We arrived at the State Theatre in time to join the growing crowd of adults eager to see Mr. Rogers, their childhood friend, once again.

Before the film began, the audience was invited to have their picture taken with a life-size cutout of Mr. Rogers while a three-piece band entertained by playing familiar and favorite tunes from his show.

A screen behind the band displayed a quote from Fred Rogers: "We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes."

Snacks were enjoyed and commemorative Mr. Rogers patches, PBS buttons, and 200-piece jigsaw puzzles featuring Irwin Gratz, the host of MPBN's Morning Edition, were distributed to everyone.

The documentary began and it was just as we remembered. We were brought back to the wonderful world of Mr. Rogers. "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood... I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you... Would you be mine, could you be mine, please won't you be my neighbor?"

Mr. Rogers was a childhood friend, real and believable. He often taught by example without saying anything. His familiar opening scene we all remember - removing his jacket, hanging it up in the closet, retrieving his familiar cardigan sweater, changing his shoes for the comfortable sneakers, all while singing his song and looking directly at you - gave the lesson by example of taking care of your clothes.

This same scene unfolded every day. The lesson of carefully putting away your clothes was ingrained without words. The program's skits taught by example and the children watching learned quickly. Mr. Rogers became their friend. They looked up to him and wanted to be just like him.

An important lesson was shared when Mr. Rogers sang "I like you just the way you are." As parents know, children can have a hard time growing up, squabbles can happen, and self-esteem can dwindle. Mr. Rogers would look at you directly, sitting on

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L & A Veterans Council



The L & A Veterans Council held their first meeting of the year and most of the organizations were present. Items discussed included the Memorial Day Activities and the transportation of the plane for the Veterans Memorial Park in Lewiston.

Those present at the meeting were, sitting Helen Taylor secretary, Jerry Dewitt, Chairman; Maurice Fomler, Don Gosselin. Standing, Don Dube, Al Landry, Patrick Rossignol, Armand Bussiere, Normand Bussiere, Bert Dutil Advisor, Cecile Begoyne, Claire Poirier and Charley Paul Vice Chairman.

These individuals represent the following Veterans

Posts: American Legion Post 22 of Lewiston, American Legion Post 135 of Sabattus, Amvets Post 6 and Auxiliary of New Gloucester, DAV Chapter 11, Franco Vets Post 31 Lewiston, Marine Corps League of Central Maine, V.F.W. post 9150 of Lewiston.

The next meeting for the L & A Veterans Council is Tuesday April 4, 6 p.m. at the Lewiston Armory. Franco Meeting is April 9.

A special ceremony was held at Veterans Park on Friday March 29 sponsored by the Marine Corps League of Central Maine Chapter.

Chamber offers "Business Before Hours" this month

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host

a special "Business Before Hours" event at Fish Bones Grill in Lewiston on Thursday, April 11, from 7 to 9 a.m. In response to some chamber investors who would like to attend the regular programs but can't make the usual times, the chamber is mixing things up this month by meeting at the regular breakfast day and time, but to do business networking like they usually do after work.

So, there will be no program or sit-down meal this month, just fun, food, beverages, networking, and door prizes. Those attending are welcome to stop by any time between 7 and 9 a.m. - just like Business After Hours, but before hours! Fish Bones Grill is located at 70 Lincoln Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 783-2249 or see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Community Health Options receives APA honor

Community Health Options recently became one of a select few organizations across the country to receive Psychologically Healthy Workplace Honors from the American Psychological Association. The designation is the organizations' highest national workplace recognition and is given for outstanding efforts to foster employee health and well-being while enhancing organizational performance.

One of eight employers from across North America to receive the designation this year, Health Options won in the not-for-profit category.

"When an organization legitimately cares about their well-being, employees notice and are more likely to be satisfied with their jobs, committed to the organization, and motivated to do their best," says David W. Ballard, PsyD, MBA, head of APA's Office of Applied Psychology and its Psychologically Healthy Workplace program. "Organizations like Community

Health Options recognize the importance of creating a work environment where employees and the organization can thrive."

The designation recognizes employers who implement workplace practices, backed by psychological science, that advance employee health and well-being while increasing performance and productivity.

"We are pleased and humbled to accept this honor on behalf of our employees and board members, whose focus is on advancing the health and well-being of Maine people, while also cultivating a positive work environment," said Kevin Lewis, Chief Executive Officer of Community Health Options. "As knowledge workers, we take tremendous pride in developing the talent of our team. This award speaks to the high value we place in our productive and collaborative work environment which, in turn, benefits our members and increases the value of our company. It is truly an

honor to receive this award."

Community Health Options employs more than 150 people in Maine and provides health insurance to over 40,000 Maine businesses and individuals.

The other 2019 award winners were Autosoft (West Middlesex, Pennsylvania), Beach Cities Health District (Redondo Beach, California), Bowers + Kubota (Waipahu, Hawai'i), Liberty Puerto Rico (San Juan), Mascoma Bank, (White River Junction, Vermont), Multi-Health Systems (Toronto, Ontario), and Portland Symphony Orchestra (Maine).

Community Health Options (Health Options) is the only Maine-based, non-profit, member-led health plan providing comprehensive, member-focused health insurance benefits for individuals, families, and businesses. Community Health Options is licensed in Maine and New Hampshire. For more information about Health Options, visit HealthOptions.org.

Gowell sings anthem at State House



Larry Gowell of Auburn visited the Maine State House recently, where he opened the day's legislative session by singing the National Anthem. He is pictured here with Rep. Bruce Bickford (R-Auburn), Rep. Heidi Brooks (D-Lewiston), Rep. Margaret Craven (D-Lewiston), Rep. Kristen Cloutier (D-Lewiston), Rep. Gina Melaragno (D-Auburn), Rep. Jim Handy (D-Lewiston), and Rep. Bettyann Sheats (D-Auburn).

Community Concepts receives \$277K to strengthen housing programs

Community Concepts Inc., a member of the NeighborWorks network, has been awarded \$277,000 in flexible grants from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, doing business as NeighborWorks America. This grant will support the agency's affordable housing and community development activities.

"We appreciate the confidence NeighborWorks America has continued to show in the work Community Concepts and its subsidiary, Community Concepts Finance Corp, does across Western Maine," said Community Concepts CEO Shawn Yardley. "The assistance, training, and funding is critical to our work."

These funds will allow Community Concepts Inc. to invest an additional

\$125,000 in residential loans for those who are unable to qualify with traditional lenders. An additional \$125,000 will be used to support their Homeownership Center, which provides financial coaching and homebuyer education classes and assists those in foreclosure with counseling and coaching.

"The dedicated staff and volunteers at Community Concepts do a remarkable job helping low-income families find safe and affordable places to live and achieve their dream of homeownership," said U.S. Senator Susan Collins, Chair of the Senate Housing Appropriations Subcommittee. "From providing housing assistance and social services to promoting economic development, I am proud of the work this organization does to support some of our most vulnerable citizens and strengthen communities throughout Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties. This funding will sup-

port Community Concepts' continuing efforts to provide Mainers with resources to meet their housing needs."

NeighborWorks America has announced that it will allocate \$70 million in grants to its network of nearly 250 nonprofit organizations across the country. NeighborWorks organizations will use the grants to develop and manage high-quality affordable housing, help consumers set and reach their goals through financial coaching, offer homeownership education and counseling, and revitalize and strengthen communities.

In fiscal year 2018, the NeighborWorks network provided 457,000 housing and counseling services, owned and managed 166,900 rental homes, and created more than 41,100 jobs.

For more information about Community Concepts Inc., see community-concepts.org.

Rotary Clubs plan combined meeting

The Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club and Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Lunch Club will host a combined meeting on Thursday, April 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Side By Each Brewing Company in Auburn. Come learn about the two local Rotary Clubs during this combined social event.

The Rotary Club may

be for you if: you are looking to make a difference in the community but don't know where to start; have a desire to meet people who value "service above self; are new to the area and would like to learn more about the community; or would appreciate an affiliation with a value-based organization.

An RSVP is required by April 5. If interested, please contact Lewiston Club President Thomas MacDonald at 333-4588 or Auburn Club President Brian DuBois at brian@duboisrealtgroup.net

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In the Northern Zone of Maine, the ice fishing season generally closes on March 31 and open water season begins April 1. Well, with

Northern Maine still firmly in winter's grip, I thought Maine Department of Inland, Fisheries, and Wildlife Commissioner Judy Camuso should be able to extend the ice fishing season in Northern Maine, allowing anglers to continue fishing and our local small businesses to continue operating.

That is why I signed emergency bill LD 1298



Governor Janet Mills

earlier this week. It allows Commissioner Camuso the

authority to extend the ice fishing season beyond the traditional closing date. Waters that are currently open to ice fishing in Northern Maine will remain open for several more weeks, until April 21, under the same rules and regulations.

Extending the ice fishing season in Northern Maine not only provides anglers with more opportunities to fish, but it also pro-

vides continuing economic opportunity for the many businesses that angling supports.

Of course, while this is good news for our fishermen, conditions can change rapidly this time of year, and ice that forms over flowing water, especially near streams, bridges, and culverts, can be very dangerous. Be aware, and always check the condition

of the ice before heading out.

As Cornelia "Fly Rod" Crosby once said, "I would rather fish any day than go to heaven." I wish every Maine fisherman good times, tight lines, and never-ending catches. Stay safe out there.

*Thank You,
Janet Mills
Governor*

Lewiston High grad shares football memories



Alfred Grenier of Lewiston shows off his championship patches from the 1949 and 1950 high school football seasons.

Alfred "Alfie" Grenier visited Lewiston High School last month to share memories of being a member of the Blue Devils' back-to-back state championship football teams. The Lewiston resident brought a jacket with his 1949 and 1950 championship patches and gave a copy of a Sun-Journal story about the winning seasons to Lewiston High School Athletic Director Jason Fuller.

Grenier plans to donate his banner commemorating the undefeated 1950

season to the high school. It includes the scores of all the games from that year.

Don Roux Field, which is behind the high school, honors another

member of the 1949 and 1950 football teams. Roux was a 1951 Lewiston High School graduate who served as chairman of the school committee.

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Chamber forum will explore local tourism economy

On Monday, April 22, the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host a program called "Tourism 101 - Did You Know That 191 Million Tourism Dollars Are Being Spent in the LA Metro Region? And Are You Getting Your Share of the Pie?"

Taking place from 3 to 6 p.m. at Central Maine Community College, 1250 Turner Street in Auburn, the event is free to attend, but you must register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

The program from 3 to 5 p.m. will feature presentations by Gary Crocker, Maine Humorist; Dina Jackson, Economic Development Specialist-Manager for

Maine's Lakes & Mountains Tourism Council; Steve Hewins, President & CEO of HospitalityMaine; and Beckie Conrad, President & CEO of the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, and Cyndi Robbins of Poland Spring Resort, who serves as co-chair of the Chamber's Tourism Committee. Following the speakers from 5 to 6 p.m., there will be a reception with appetizers and a cash bar.

Dina Jackson will discuss "What Ingredients Go Into Making Maine's Tourism Pie?" She'll address the questions: How big is this pie? Who plays what role on a state, regional, and local levels? And how can you get your piece?

Steve Hewins will discuss why "Tourism is the 'Tip of the Spear' for Maine's Economic Development."

Beckie Conrad and Cyndi Robbins will discuss the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce's next steps, upcoming tourism programs, and DiscoverLAMaine.com.

Door prize to be given away include dinner and a one-night stay at Oxford Casino Hotel; greens fees, a cart, and lunch for two at Poland Spring Golf Course; and a one-night stay with breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch. For more information about the program, call the chamber at 783-2249.

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Central Maine Heart Walk set for April 28



Event organizers hope to raise \$150,000 to support the work of the American Heart Association.

The American Heart Association's largest fund-raising event in Lewiston, the annual Central Maine Heart Walk, will take place this year on Sunday, April 28 at Simard-Payne Park.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. with a celebratory kick-off hosted by WMTW-Channel 8's Tracy Sabol and WPOR-FM's Courtney Ross, the event will feature a one-mile walk, with longer options available. There will also be healthy snacks and fun family activities, including hands-only CPR demonstrations, a survivor speaker, heart disease and stroke prevention information, and educational exhibits aimed at inspiring people to improve their health.

The Heart Walk's executive leadership commit-

tee has set a goal of raising \$150,000 through corporate donations and walk teams. The committee members are Beckie Swanson Conrad of the Lewiston Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Jeff Garrison of Central Maine Healthcare, Valerie Marshall of L.L. Bean, Niki Morton of Casco Bay Food and Beverage, and Amy Kivus-Rouleau of Spectrum Healthcare Partners.

Local American Heart Association volunteers also include Dr. Dervilla McCann and Kristine Chaisson. Dr. McCann, Chief of Population Health and Vice President of Provider Affairs with Central Maine Healthcare, currently serves as the Association's Board President for Maine. Chaisson, the Director of Perioperative

& Invasive Cardiovascular Services at Central Maine Medical Center, is a new member of the Association's Maine Board of Directors.

Dollars raised at the Heart Walk fund innovative research, help fight for stronger public health policies, and provide lifesaving tools and information to prevent and treat heart disease and stroke. The Association is the world's leading voluntary organization focused on heart and brain health and currently funds over \$1.3 million in cardiovascular research at Maine institutions. To register online, visit CentralMaineHeartWalk.org.

For more information about the event, contact Shelly Afthim at 289-2384 or Shelly.Afthim@heart.org.

CMCC Open House to feature Grand Opening of new eSports Arena



Located inside the college's Kirk Hall, the 1,600 square-foot facility is the first of its kind in the state.

Interested students and their families will have an opportunity to be among the first to experience the recently completed eSports Arena at Central Maine Community College when the college hosts its Spring Open House on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The only facility of its kind in the State of Maine, the 1,600 square-foot arena - which will be operational for the event - is equipped with Alienware Area-51 Threadrippers; five console stations with Xbox One, PS4 Pro, and Nintendo Switch; and a Twitch broadcast booth for live streaming matches. Students who visit the arena, located in the college's Kirk Hall, will have a chance to win an Xbox One with headset and extra

controller.

eSports (short for electronic sports) refers to the hugely popular and rapidly growing field of competitive video gaming. The college announced earlier this year that it is joining the National Association of Collegiate eSports (NACE) starting in the fall. Director of Admissions Andrew Morong notes that CMCC continues to recruit top players in Maine and beyond to join the first teams. Students who participate will have to meet the same requirements as other athletes at the college.

Some of the games in which the school's eSports teams will likely compete include Fortnite, Rocket League, Apex Legends, Overwatch, League of Legends, CSGO, Rainbow Six Siege, Madden, NBA 2K,

and FIFA.

Morong also notes that CMCC will compete largely against four-year colleges, since they comprise 90 percent of NACE membership. "We will be the only community college north of Virginia to offer competitive eSports," he added.

In addition to the eSports teams, CMCC is also launching a degree program in eSports Management that will focus on the business aspects of eSports, including the use of digital technology and the marketing, organizing, and promoting of eSports events.

CMCC is located at 1250 Turner Street in Auburn. For more information about eSports programs at the college, contact Andrew Morong at 755-5448 or amorong@cmcc.edu.

Lajoie announces candidacy for mayor

Life-long Lewiston resident and former city councilor Tim Lajoie has announced his candidacy to be Lewiston's next mayor.

"Lewiston needs strong, ethical, and principled leadership," he said in his statement. "We need new leadership that is visible, focused, vocal, and willing to speak directly to the challenges we face together with firmness and wisdom."

Born in Lewiston, Lajoie graduated from Lewiston High School in 1985. He is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard and a sergeant with the Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office, where he has served for 15 years.

He holds Master's degrees in management and

leadership studies and in criminal justice. He is a member of the Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society for Business, Management, and Administration and a chaplain with the Maine Law Enforcement Chaplain Corps.

"Lewiston is a city with great people and tremendous potential," he continued. "My education, experience, and years as an engaged citizen and leader have equipped me - at this crucial time - to be a good ambassador for our city, one who can bring our community together while standing against those influences that created a negative image."

Lajoie's first priority will be to restore peace and security to downtown

Lewiston. "I used to play in Kennedy Park growing up. Today, people are afraid to enjoy our public spaces. It doesn't have to be this way. I cannot sit by any longer and watch this happen. We need to be honest about the reasons and work as a community to fix it. This is for neighbors and families - not outside influences - to solve and settle. Together, we can do it."

While on the city council, Lajoie fought to protect property owners' and taxpayers' rights and to place strict residency requirements on sex offenders, worked to prioritize spending, and helped break the firefighter's contract impasse. He also served on the LA 911 and Loan Qualification committees.

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UMF student helps Maine State Archives prepare for state bicentennial



Madeline Soucie

Madeline Soucie of Auburn, a senior at the University of Maine at Farmington, has spent much of her time recently with the founding fathers who helped put Maine on the path to statehood nearly 200 years ago. Soucie is an intern at the Maine State Archives, where she works with historical letters, journals, documents, and surveyor information to create an online index of original source materials relating to the 1820 Act of Separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts. Maine started as a separate colony in the 1620s, but from the 1650s until 1820 it was a part of Massachusetts. In an effort to pay off its post-Revolutionary War debts to the new U.S. government, Massachusetts raised money by selling off

public land in Maine. Maine became the twenty-third state on March 15, 1820. Soucie’s online index is one of the Archives’ ongoing efforts in preparation for the Maine Bicentennial in 2020. Majoring in history and minoring in political science, she is excited to work with the actual pre-1820 documents. “They speak to me,” said Soucie. “It’s so important not only to know what happened historically, but also why it happened, how people felt about it, and what they decided to do about it. Being able to read their firsthand experiences is just like being there.” Interested in a career as an archivist or museum curator, Soucie sees her current internship as an important part of her career

development. She found the opportunity with the Maine State Archive through the UMF Partnership for Civic Advancement, a campus resource for experiential learning. She is receiving a stipend through the Partnership funded by a grant from Franklin Savings Bank and is also working with the history department to receive college credit for her work with the Archives. UMF’s Partnership for Civic Advancement supports student engagement in community-based activities in Western Maine and beyond that are intentionally designed to be mutually beneficial to UMF students, its community partners, and the communities served. Her internship is also one of seventeen supported by the “Making History Work” grant, a collaborative University of Maine System multi-campus initiative. Launched this year, the grant provides financial support to history students interested in working in the field. Soucie also recently finished an internship at the Norlands Living History Museum in Livermore, where she learned about the Washburne Family, their prominence within state, national, and international politics, and the huge role they played in late nineteenth-century business and industry. Her senior thesis will center on Elihu Washburne, long-time member of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Minister to France, and a personal friend to Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant.

AREA meeting notice

The Androscoggin Retired Educators Association will host their next meeting on Wednesday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. at Sixth Street Congregational Church, located at 109 Sixth Street in Auburn. Phil Gonyar and Carl Daiker will present a program called “A Trip to Antarctica.” The group is still collecting non-perishable food and/or money to be donated to a local food pantry. Lunch, prepared by the ladies of the church, will be baked ham with raisin sauce, mashed potatoes, peas, corn, rolls, and brownies and ice cream for dessert. For those who do not eat ham, a baked chicken breast will also be available. The cost of the meal is \$10. Please make checks out to AREA. When placing your reservation, be sure to indicate if you prefer the chicken breast. Please send reservations to Bruce and Beth Bell at 138 Sunderland Drive, Auburn, ME 04210.

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Winter Fun at Beaver Park

Members of the USM-LAC Senior College Outing Club recently visited Beaver Park in Lisbon to enjoy some late winter snow-shoeing on the park’s trails.



Pictured here (l. to r.) are Claire Bruno, Jeanne Read, Michelle Ouellette, and Marion Goyette.



Here (l. to r.) are Christine McCarthy, Jeanne Lessard, Reine Mynahan, and Janet Stenberg.

Civil Air Patrol plans Open House in Brunswick

Civil Air Patrol will host an Open House on Saturday, April 6, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Brunswick Naval Museum, located at 179 Admiral Fitch Avenue in Brunswick. Community members ages 12 and older are invited to attend for free tours of the museum, aerospace fun, hands-on learning with radios and emergency beacon location devices, and more. There will be giveaways and Civil Air Patrol aircraft to see and explore. This will also be an

opportunity to learn more about the Civil Air Patrol Cadet program. Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force’s Total Force. In this role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 aircraft, performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives

annually. CAP’s 60,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief, and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state, and local agencies. In addition, CAP plays a leading role in aerospace and STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to over 25,000 young people participating in CAP’s Cadet Program. For more information, see www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com.

Lewiston Pre-K registration set for May 8

The Lewiston School Department will conduct Pre-K registrations for the 2019-20 school year on Wednesday, May 8. The informational meeting and registrations will take place at the school to be attended from 5:30 to 7 p.m., except for the new Connors Elementary School, which will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Dingley Building, located at 36 Oak Street. Connors Elementary will be comprised of students who

would have attended Longley or Martel School. Your child must have been born between October 16, 2014 and October 15, 2015 to be eligible. It is not necessary to bring your child to Pre-K registration. Please bring an official birth certificate. If your child was not born in the USA, you will need to bring an I-94 or green card. You will also need to bring immunization records and proof of residency within your school district, such

as a driver’s license; lease, rent, or mortgage agreement; or utility bills. Parents who are not available on May 8 may make arrangements by contacting their home school or the superintendent’s office at 795-4103. If a lottery is needed, it will be based on all students enrolled on June 1 and will take place on June 5 at 8 a.m. at the Lewiston School Department’s Central Office at 36 Oak Street.

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What's Going On

Agencies offer series on Health Care Advance Directives

In celebration of National Decision Making Day, Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice, in partnership with SeniorsPlus and St. Mary's Health System, will present a free two-part educational series.

The first session, called "What Matters Most," will take place on Tuesday, April 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants will explore their worries and wishes in relation to healthcare decision making through various activities, including "go wish" card

games, a film, music, and conversations exploring what matters most. Maine Health Care Advance Directive Forms will be provided to help participants take the next steps in Advance Care Planning.

The second session, "Next Steps: Making Your Wishes Known," will take place on Tuesday, April 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. This session will help participants make sure their healthcare wishes are honored by documenting these wishes in

Advance Directives. The session will begin with a presentation on why it is so important to prepare ahead, no matter your age. Then, an Advance Directive Clinic will help participants complete the Maine Health Care Advance Directive Form.

The sessions will take place at SeniorsPlus at 8 Falcon Road in Lewiston. They are free to attend, but seating is limited. For more information or to reserve your spot, call SeniorsPlus at 795-4010.

Volunteers needed to place memorial flags

Volunteers are needed to help place memorial flags to honor the more than 3,500 veterans buried in St. Peters Cemetery in Lewiston on Saturday, May 25, starting at 10 a.m. There will be a

short but important briefing at St. Peters Chapel before the flags are placed.

Those attending are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather, bring fluids to drink, bring bug

spray and sun screen, and bring screwdrivers to help make the holes for the flags at each grave site. For more information, contact Jerry Dewitt of the L & A Veterans Council at 576-0376.

Chili & Chowder Taste Challenge

The 16th anniversary Chili & Chowder Taste Challenge will take place on Tuesday, April 9 at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston. Come enjoy chili and chowder made by area restaurants and then vote for your favorites. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., tasting will take place until 7 p.m.,

and awards will be presented around 7:30. The first 100 people in line at the door will receive a free gift.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 10 and under. They may be purchased in advance until April 8 at Longley Elementary School, the Sun Journal,

the Green Ladle, and at participating restaurants. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. There will be a cash bar, including soda, and free water stations. Proceeds will benefit Gov. James B. Longley Elementary School and the Green Ladle Scholarship Fund.

LA Public Art Working Group kicks off planning process

At a recent kick-off meeting, the newly formed LA Public Art Working Group committed to using a recent Maine Arts Commission grant to transform the Twin Cities into a vibrant public art community.

The group formed in February after Lewiston-Auburn was awarded a \$75,000 MAC Creative Communities = Economic Development Phase 2 Grant to implement Cultural Plan LA. Funding from the grant will be used to improve the image of Lewiston-Auburn and spark greater private and public support for public art.

"Public art communities are great places to live, work, recreate, and go to school," said Rebecca Swanson Conrad, co-chair of the working group and Cultural Plan LA Advisor to the Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. "We'll use this grant award to develop best practices for sustaining a robust public art process in LA."

"We're fortunate to already have a groundswell of excitement around pub-

lic art here in LA," added Darby Ray, LA Arts Board Clerk, Director of the Harvard Center for Community Partnerships at Bates College, and co-chair of the working group. "There's great anticipation for the spring opening of the Hartley Block in the Lewiston Arts District, with its Marsden Hartley-inspired mosaic tile installations, for a planned sculptural walk alongside the canal and through the Bates Mills complex, and for the expansion of crosswalk murals and related projects in the downtown. These initiatives lay the groundwork for and add to the timeliness and relevance of this group's work."

Appointees to the working group were made by the Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, LA Arts, Arts and Culture LA, and the municipalities of Lewiston and Auburn, all partners in the implementation of Cultural Plan LA. Working group members include Sabrina Best, Recreation Director, City of Auburn; Shoshona Currier, Director,

Bates Dance Festival; Jody Dube, Art Teacher, Lewiston High School; William Low, Curator, Bates Museum of Art and LA Arts Board Member; Heidi McCarthy, Economic Development Specialist, City of Lewiston; Tom Platz, AIA, Principal, Platz Associates; Darby Ray, Director of the Harvard Center for Community Partnerships at Bates College (group co-chair); Shawn Rice, Art Teacher, Edward Little High School; Rebecca Swanson Conrad, Cultural Plan LA Advisor, LA Chamber of Commerce (group co-chair); and Sheri Withers Hollenbeck, owner of The Curio and founder of Sunday Indie Market.

Cultural Plan LA was developed after the City of Lewiston, City of Auburn, LA Arts, and ACLA received a MAC Creative Communities = Economic Development Phase I Grant in 2015 to create a cultural plan for the Twin Cities. The plan outlines priorities and recommendations for action that, coupled with cross-sector partnerships, will catalyze LA's potential as a creative metropolis.

Freddie Mac reports that aging in place trend contributes to housing shortage

Freddie Mac released its February Insight recently, which sheds light on a key factor that contributes to today's housing shortage: seniors choosing to age in place. This shortage of available homes has been identified as an important barrier to young adults buying their first homes.

"We estimate that approximately 1.6 million more senior households are staying in place than would have been the case if they had behaved like previous generations of homeowners," said Sam Khater, Chief Economist at Freddie Mac. "For scale, 1.6 million units is roughly the same as the number of new single-family and multifamily housing units built each year, and it represents more than half of the current shortfall of

2.5 million housing units that we estimated in our December Insight."

"We believe the additional demand for homeownership from seniors aging in place will increase the relative price of owning versus renting, making renting more attractive to younger generations," added Khater. "This further highlights the importance of addressing barriers to the production of new housing supply to help accommodate long-term housing demand."

Some highlights from the report were: 1) Seniors born after 1931 are staying in their homes longer, and aging in place, resulting in higher homeownership rates for this group relative to previous cohorts; 2) To provide context for the 1.6 million existing homes being held off the market,

the Urban Institute recently estimated that 3.4 million millennials are missing out on homeownership; and 3) The trend of seniors aging in place is likely to grow as both the number of seniors increases and the barriers to aging in place are reduced.

The report estimates that 1.1 million existing homes have been held off the market through 2018 by those born between 1931 and 1941; another 300,000 are being held off the market by those born between 1942 and 1947; and another 250,000 are being held off the market by "Baby Boomers" born between 1948 and 1958.

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Friends of Cobbossee offer Spring Nature Day Camp



Each camp session will include a mix of fun indoor and outdoor activities focused on the natural world, including geocaching, fishing, hiking, and exploring pond, stream and forest habitats.

The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed will present their 13th annual Spring Nature Day Camp during April school vacation week at the YMCA Camp of Maine on Cobbossee Lake in East Winthrop.

Two two-day sessions will be offered: Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16 and 17, and Thursday and Friday, April 18 and 19. Open to children in grades three through five, both sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$90 per camper. New this year is a longer day option from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. for \$105 per camper.

Each camp session will include a mix of fun indoor and outdoor activities focused on the natural world, including geocaching, fishing, hiking, and exploring pond, stream and forest habitats. The fee includes use of all equipment and healthy daily afternoon snacks. Limited scholarships are available. Early registration is highly recommended as space is limited. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.watershedfriends.com.

For more information, contact Education & Outreach Director Cami Wilbert at 621-4100 or camiw@watershedfriends.com.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The United Methodist Church at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 13, from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

There will be lots of food and fun activities for the kids. Admission is free, but space is limited to fifty and advance registration is required; also, each attendee is asked to donate at least one canned good to be given to the local food bank. To make your reservation, contact the church office at 782-3972.

What’s Going On

City of Auburn offers Bulky Waste Pickup

The City of Auburn has announced the details of its 2019 Bulky Waste Pickup program for residents. Bulky Waste Pickup allows residents who currently receive weekly trash pickup from the city to dispose of materials not normally picked up during weekly solid waste collection. Items to be collected will include furniture, rugs, appliances and more (see full list below). However, residents are reminded that wood waste and construction and demolition debris will not be collected.

Public Works crews will collect materials between May 6 and May 17 at normal collection points during the dates listed below. All waste must be at roadside by 7 a.m. on the date that collection begins for each area. Crews will remove waste on a street-by-street basis and will not return to a street once waste material has been collected. No bulky waste may be placed curbside prior to Saturday, May 4.

Residents with Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday waste collection must have waste at roadside by Monday, May 13.

In addition, from May 4 to 18, Auburn residents may bring their bulky waste materials (excluding brush and tires) directly to the Maine Waste to Energy facility on Goldthwaite Road free of charge. Proof of Auburn residency is required. MWE is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

It is important to note that it is against City Ordinance for persons to scavenge through piles of debris put curbside for collection. If caught, this violation is punishable with a fine of up to \$1,000. Residents who observe this activity are strongly encouraged to report it to Public Works at 333-6670.

Materials must be separated by type and placed in neat piles - do not block sidewalks. Bulky waste must be kept separate from normal household waste. No more than one truck load of materials will be collected per residence.

Materials that will be collected include brush (must be placed in a neat pile with butt ends facing the street; limit of one pickup truck load; additional brush can be brought to Public Works on Gracelawn Road), furniture, rugs (must be rolled and taped), mattresses and box springs (limit of six combined), tires (limit of four), metals (no large auto parts or metals containing hazardous materials), propane tanks, white goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators, small appliances, etc.), and televisions (these can also be brought to Public Works any time free of charge).

Materials that will not be collected are liquids of any type, including paints, oils, cleaners, or gasoline; wood waste and construction and demolition debris; manufactured or pressure-treated wood; sheetrock; and shingles.

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Stand-up comedy students to perform at Guthrie's



The April 8 event is the culmination of this semester's Stand-Up Comedy Workshop at Lewiston Adult Education.

Lewiston Adult Education students will put their skills to the test by telling jokes in front of a live audience at Guthrie's Restaurant & Café on Monday, April 8. Open to the public at no charge, the show will start at 6 p.m. Guthrie's is located at 115 Middle Street in Lewiston.

The event is the culmination of this semester's Stand-Up Comedy Work-

shop. Students in the workshop meet for one evening a week at Lewiston High School, where they work with the group and instructor Dawn Hartill to polish their stories and develop them into jokes. Hartill brings a microphone, mic stand, and amplifier to the class to help students become comfortable with the technical setup for speaking before an audience while

honing their deliveries and punchlines. Hartill, who was a student in LAE's first Stand-Up Comedy Workshop, has since performed throughout New England.

Other working comedians, including Harold "Tuck" Tucker, have made visits to the class to provide feedback. Tucker also teaches the fall Improv class at Lewiston Adult Education.

Make-A-Wish fundraiser



Jeff Glidden and family became involved with MAWM a few years ago when his two daughters experienced serious medical problems.

Continental Shake-down will perform to benefit Make-A-Wish Maine on Saturday, April 13 at 8 p.m. at the Ramada Inn's Fusion Restaurant and Lounge in Lewiston. Acoustic artist Phil Fortier will kick things off and Central Maine's "Queen of the Blues" Bonnie Edwards will perform a special set with drummer Jeff Glidden and saxophon-

ist Chris Velletri. There will also be a silent auction. All proceeds will support Glidden's Walk for Wishes fund for Make-A-Wish Maine.

Jeff Glidden and his family became involved with MAWM a few years ago when his two daughters experienced serious medical problems. For the first time in memory that two children

from the same family with different maladies were served by the program at the same time, both girls were granted wishes. Happily, both girls recovered fully, and the experience impressed upon Glidden how much the wishes granted by Make-A-Wish Maine mean to critically ill children when they need light and love most.

Bowdoin College Concert Band presents Spring Concert

The third part of the Bowdoin College Concert Band's "Friends" concert trilogy will take place on Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m. in Studzinski Hall on the Bowdoin College campus. The event is free and open to the public.

The performance will be highlighted by a guest appearance by soloist Jack Burt, Professor of Music

at the University of Maine, who will perform with the band on classic works for trumpet, including Kent Kennan's "Sonata for Trumpet," Philip Sparke's "Song and Dance," and a setting of "Two Irish Folk Melodies" by Donald Hunsberger.

The band will also perform a tribute to the 20th anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre.

"American Elegy" by Frank Ticheli was commissioned and premiered by Columbine High School to honor all who lost their lives or were affected by the tragic event of April 20, 1999. Rounding out the program will be "Mannin Veen" by Haydn Wood and a musical adaptation of "The Wind in the Willows" by Johann de Meij.

Rogers

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the floor at home, and sing "I like you just the way you are." Made you feel good all over.

Another lesson by example that was featured in the documentary occurs when Mr. Rogers, cooling his feet in a child's small plastic wading pool on a very hot day, invites his friend, Police Officer Clemmons, to sit down and cool his feet beside him.

The two talk back and forth for a while and then Officer Clemmons has to get back to work. Mr. Rogers hands him a towel and they both dry Officer Clemmons' feet together. The subtle, wordless lesson: despite differences in the color of our skin, we are all the same. The scene was shown in 1968 during the height of the controversy over desegregation in the South.

The documentary featured many well-loved scenes and characters from the show, along with the familiar tunes. Mrs. Rogers was also in the film and commented on her late husband's life, work, and love of children.

A great deal has changed in the world since Mr. Rogers' show began. We need his loving example now more than ever.



Prior to the film, a three-piece band plays familiar tunes from the show. (Photo by Elizabeth Morin)



Gerry and Debbie Bolen-Morin, with the Mr. Rogers cutout (Photo by Elizabeth Morin)

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TWIN CITY NIGHTS

Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Steinway Artists to perform at Franco Center



Pianists David Fung and Henry Kramer

Two internationally acclaimed members of the new generation of concert pianists, Henry Kramer and David Fung, will return to the Gendron Franco Center on Friday, April 5 at 7 p.m. to present the fourth program in the center's 2018-19 Piano Series season. Their recital will include both solo works and works for two pianos.

Henry Kramer, a 2005 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School, earned undergraduate and master's degrees at the Juilliard School and recently earned his doctoral degree from the Yale School of Music. He received the 2015 Petschek Recital Debut Award from Juilliard and also earned top prizes in the 2015 Honens International Piano Competition in Calgary and the 2011 International Music Competition in Montreal. In 2016, he was the second prize-winner in the prestigious Queen Elizabeth Competition in Brussels.

His interpretations have been called "triumphant" and "thrilling" (New York Times) and "technically effortless" (La Presse, Montreal). He has appeared as soloist with orchestras in Shanghai, Brussels, Ankara, Calgary, and Montreal, among other cities, and three times with the Portland Symphony. An engaging chamber musician, Kramer has performed in numerous festivals, including the Bowdoin International Music Festival. Last summer, he returned to Maine to play in the Portland Chamber Music Festival. Just this March, he received the Avery Fisher Award.

While finishing his doctoral study at Yale, he served as Visiting Artist in Piano and Lecturer in Music at Smith College. He was then appointed Associate Professor of Piano at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Dance and Music. Last fall, he began teaching at

Columbus (Georgia) State University's Schwob School of Music, where he holds the Whiddon Distinguished Chair in Piano.

David Fung, a native of Australia, garnered international attention as laureate of two of the "top five" international piano competitions, the 2008 Arthur Rubinstein Piano International Masters Competition in Tel Aviv and the 2013 Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition in Brussels. In Tel Aviv, he received additional awards for Best Classical Concerto and Best Performance of Chamber Music. Recognized for his prodigious musical talent early on - he received the ABC Symphony Australia Young Performer of the Year Award in 2002 - Fung went on to study piano with John Perry at the prestigious Colburn Conservatory in Los Angeles. He later studied at the Hannover Hochschule für Musik and the Yale School of Music.

His playing has been described as "stylish and articulate" by the New York Times, while the Los Angeles Times concluded that he was "startlingly good," one of a few young pianists with "unassuming charisma, charm, and natural talent." In recent seasons, Fung has appeared as guest soloist with all the major orchestras in Australia, and elsewhere with orchestras including the Israel Philharmonic, the National Orchestra of Belgium, the San Diego Symphony, the San Francisco Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, and the Xiamen Philharmonic.

Fung has recorded for the ABC Classics, Naxos, and Yarlung labels, performing music of Liszt, Bach, and Ravel on his debut album and featuring works by composers ranging from Mozart to Tan Dun on later solo releases. He is recording the complete Mozart piano sonatas for the Steinway & Sons Spirio high resolution player piano. A gifted teacher as well as performer, Fung has given masterclasses around the world and is currently in his second year as Artist-Teacher at the University of Georgia's Hodgson School of Music.

Tickets are \$15 (free admission for students). With its two Steinway grand pianos, the wheelchair-accessible Gendron Franco Center is located 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. For tickets, call 783-1585 or see www.francocenter.org.

DejaFunk Dance Party



Congregation president Peter Floyd tests out lighting options for the disco ball.

Concerts for a Cause will present a DejaFunk Dance Party on Friday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Universalist Church of Auburn. DejaFunk is a live funk and disco band featuring singer Brooke Lachance, Carl Virgin-Brooks on guitar, Dave Grimm on organ and vocals, Mike Reardon on bass, and Dennis Boudreau on drums.

CFAC will hold a

Soul Train-style dance contest at intermission; winners will be selected by the band. Disco-era attire is optional. There will be refreshments and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$15 at the door, cash or credit. First Universalist Church is located at 169 Pleasant St. (across from Dairy Joy) in Auburn. For more information, call 783-0461 or see uuconcerts.org.



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“Franco Memory Through Song”



Natalie Zelensky is Assistant Professor of Music at Colby College.

The Franco-American Collection at USM’s Lewiston-Auburn College will present a program with Colby College music professor Natalie Zelensky called “Franco Memory Through Song” on Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 170 at Lewiston-Auburn College. Zelensky will discuss a project undertaken by her students to collect and preserve some of Lewiston’s most unique and treasured Franco-American “chansons.”

The event will be dedicated to the memory of Irene Mercier, a contributor to the project and long-standing member of the French-language singing group Les Troubadours. A brief sing-along will follow. The program is free and open to all.

Pause for Pets Craft and Vendor Fair



More than 50 local crafters and vendors will be on hand to offer a variety of products and services.

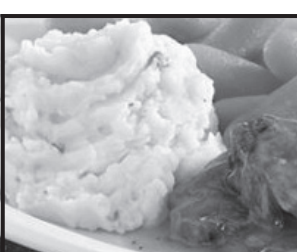
The next Pause for Pets Craft and Vendor Fair will take place on Sunday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston. The fair will benefit the life changing work of the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society.

More than 50 local crafters and vendors will be on hand to offer a variety of products and services.

Pause for Pets fair began in 2012. They are held twice a year, in April and November. The last event, which took place in November 2018, raised more than \$3,500 for the shelter. Proceeds will be directed to the Animal Medical Fund, which assists with the cost of life saving treatments and surgeries for animals in the care of GAHS.

Volunteers and staff from the shelter will be on hand to discuss its programs, services, and volunteer opportunities. Donations of pet food, bleach, cleaning supplies, toys, treats, and

other needed items will be gratefully accepted. In addition, a team from Androscoggin County’s Emergency Response Team will offer information on emergency preparedness for your pets. There will be



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Twin City Nights

APL to present “Fairy Circus” with Tanglewood Marionettes

Auburn Public Library will present the Tanglewood Marionettes in a performance of “The Fairy Circus” on Saturday, April 13 at 2 p.m. at Bates College’s Schaeffer Theatre, located at 329 College Street in Lewiston.

This special event, co-sponsored by the Masonheimer-Wallace Family, will celebrate the 80th birthday of long-time community volunteer Pat Masonheimer. Birthday cake and juice will

follow the performance. Tanglewood Marionettes’ presentation of “The Fairy Circus” will begin with a brief demonstration of the art of puppetry. Through humorous interplay, the audience will learn about various forms of puppets, from the simple glove puppet to the sophisticated marionette. Featuring over twenty beautifully hand-crafted marionettes, The Fairy Circus is a showcase for turn-of-the-century-style trick

puppetry. The puppets will dance, play instruments, juggle, contort, transform, and fly through the air with the greatest of ease, all to the best-loved music of favorite composers.

All are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$2 per person, available in the library children’s room. Proceeds will benefit children’s programming at the library. To reserve your tickets, stop by the library or call them at 333-6640, ext. 3.

Lewiston Farmers’ Market plans Spaghetti (Squash!) Dinner

The Lewiston Farmers’ Market will present its annual Spaghetti (Squash!) Dinner on Sunday, April 7, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the YWCA at 130 East Avenue in Lewiston. The evening’s menu will include a hefty helping of spaghetti and meatballs (including spaghetti squash!), creamy butternut squash soup, spring salad, buttery garlic bread, and a wide variety of

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Twin City Nights

Fraser & Haas return to Phippsburg Congregational Church



The 20-year musical partnership between Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser and California cellist Natalie Haas has helped revive the Scottish tradition of playing dance music on violin and cello.

The internationally acclaimed duo of Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser and cellist Natalie Haas will perform in concert at the Phippsburg Congregational Church on Sunday, April 7, at 4 p.m.

Fraser, acclaimed by the San Francisco Examiner as “the Michael Jordan of Scottish fiddling,” has a

concert and recording career spanning 30 years. He has been featured on over 100 television and radio shows in the U.S. and the U.K., including CBS Sunday Morning, A Prairie Home Companion, and Moun-tain Stage. He has made guest appearances with The Chieftains and as a featured soloist, along with Itzhak

Perlman, at New York’s Lin-coln Center. His film credits include solo performances on the soundtracks of “The Last of the Mohicans” and “Titanic.” He has been spon-sored by the British Coun-cil to represent Scotland’s music internationally and received the Scottish Heri-tage Center Service Award for outstanding contribu-tions to Scottish culture and traditions.

The musical partner-ship between Fraser and California cellist Natalie Haas may not seem an ob-vious one, but the duo’s driving rhythms and shared passion for improvising on the melody and groove of Scottish tunes has helped reconstruct and revive the Scottish tradition of play-ing dance music on violin and cello. They have toured internationally for 20 years and have released several critically acclaimed and award-winning albums along the way.

Haas, a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, is one of the most sought after cellists in traditional music today. She has performed and recorded with a who’s who of the fiddle world, including Mark O’Connor, Natalie MacMaster, Irish su-pergroups Solas and Altan, Liz Carroll, Brittany Haas, Darol Anger, and many other. Just 11 when she first attended Fraser’s Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School in California, she responded to Fraser’s chal-lenge to find and release the cello’s rhythmic soul, and four years later, they played their first gig together. Now regularly touring with Fraser at festivals and in concert halls throughout Europe and North America, Haas is in the vanguard of cellists who are redefining the role of the cello in traditional music.

Their collabora-tion is the fulfillment of a long-standing musical dream for Fraser, whose mu-sical explorations took him full circle to find a cellist who could help him return the cello to its historical role at the rhythmic heart of Scottish dance music.

The show will be per-formed at the historic 1802 Phippsburg Congregational Church. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call 389-1770. To buy tickets, see BrownPaperTickets.com.

Schoolhouse Arts Center presents “Noises Off!”



The play required the construction, led by set-master Collen Lemont, of this massive, two-story, twenty foot-wide rotating set.

Schoolhouse Arts Center is nearing the completion of one of the most ambitious projects in its 30-year history. From April 5 through 14, they will present “Noises Off!”, one of the funniest plays ever produced on Broadway, where it received five Tony awards.

Affectionately known as “the greatest farce ever written,” Michael Frayn’s “Noises Off!” is a slapstick tour de force that takes a fond look at the follies of theater folk, whose susceptibility to out-of-control egos, memory loss, and passionate affairs turn every performance into a high-risk adventure.

This play within a play captures a touring theater troupe’s production of “Nothing On” in three stages: dress rehearsal, opening night, and a performance towards the end of the debilitating run. Frayn gives audiences a window into the behind-the-scenes workings of live theatre, progress-

ing from flubbed lines and missed cues in the dress rehearsal (Act 1) to the mounting friction between cast members in the final performance.

Brimming with fast-paced physical comedy, the production is a huge challenge for the nine actors directed by Zachariah Stearn. Equally challenging, however, is the task charged to set-master Collen Lemont: leading the construction of the massive, two-story, twenty foot-wide rotating set the play requires. Director Stearn estimates that six stage hands will need at least 15 minutes to complete each of the two rotations of the set - supported by 38 oversized five-inch rubber casters - called for by the script. Patrons will not only enjoy one of the funniest plays in history, but will also be able to spend one of the two intermissions watching stage crews turn the huge set.

The company reports they have already received

more advance reservations for “Noises Off!” than for any other play in their history. During the two-week engagement, the play will be presented at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. The show on Sunday, April 7 will be a fully interpreted American Sign Language presentation.

Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$14 for students and seniors. Those ordering tickets before April 5 can save \$3 off their purchase by using coupon codeSAC3 at www.Schoolhousearts.org. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$18 for adults and \$16 for students and seniors.

Schoolhouse Arts Center is located at 16 Rich-ville Road (Route 114) in Standish, just seven miles from Gorham Center or North Windham. For more information, find them on Facebook or visit their web-site at www.Schoolhousearts.org.

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Thursday, Apr. 4
Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Christelle Kasongo, executive Director of New Mainers Thrive. Lunch avail. at the restaurant. 333-4588; www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

Building Confidence. 5:30 to 8 p.m. UMA-So. Paris Center, 256 Main St., So. Paris. This three-week class is presented by New Ventures Maine. Free. Register at 753-6531 or www.newventuresmaine.org.

Discover Girl Scouts. 6 p.m. Sabattus Primary School, 36 No Name Pond Road, Sabattus. Girls in Kindergarten through Grade 3 and their caregivers are invited to come learn about Girl Scouts. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Author Visit. 6:30 p.m. Muskie Archives, Bates College, 70 Campus Ave., Lewiston. Emily Bernard, Prof. of English at UVM, reads from her collection of autobiographical essays, “Black Is the Body: Stories from My Grandmother’s Time, My Mother’s Time, & Mine.” Free. 753-6963.

Hot Chocolate Jubilee. 7 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This community variety show-fundraiser has the theme “As Time Goes By.” Again 4/5-7 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$18 (\$15 in adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurch.org.

Friday, Apr. 5
Concert: Pianists Henry Kramer and David Fung. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St, Lewiston. These two Steinway Artists perform both solo works and works for two pianos. \$15 (students free). 783-1585; FrancoCenter.org.

Theater: “Noises Off!” 7 p.m. Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Rd. (Rte. 114), Standish. This fast-paced physical comedy is a behind-the-scenes spoof of life in live theater. Again 4/6-7, 12-14 (Sats. at 2 and 7 p.m.; Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$18/16. www.Schoolhousearts.org.

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.

DejaFunk Dance Party. 7:30 p.m. First Universalist Church of Auburn, 169 Pleasant St (enter on Spring St.). Dance to live funk and disco music by DejaFunk; refreshments, 50/50. \$15 at door; 783-0461; www.auburnuu.org.

Saturday, Apr. 6
Spring Open House. 9 a.m. to noon. Central Maine Community College, 1250 Turner St., Auburn. Prospective students and

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their families are invited to come learn about programs, activities, and sports at CMCC; apply onsite and have your application fee waived. RSVP at www.cmcc.edu.

Civil Air Patrol Open House. 12 to 3 p.m. Naval Museum, 179 Admiral Fitch Ave., Brunswick. Come enjoy museum tours, aerospace fun, hands-on learning, and learn about the CAP Cadet program. Best for those ages 12 and over. Free. www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com.

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).

Concert: Ronda Dale Band. 7:30 p.m. Village Coffeehouse, First Congregational Church, 19 Gloucester Hill Rd., New Gloucester. They perform original songs and cover adventures in rootsy Americana, including vintage country, blues, and R&B. \$10.

Sunday, Apr. 7
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; WWII veterans, kids ages 10- free.

Pause for Pets Craft and Vendor Fair. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ramada Inn of Lewiston. More than 50 local crafters and vendors offer a variety of products and services; door prizes, concessions. Benefits Greater Andro. Humane Society. 783-2311; Pause4PetsFairs@yahoo.com.

Bowdoin College Concert Band. 2 p.m. Studzinski Hall, Bowdoin College, Brunswick. The band is joined by soloist Jack Burt to perform some classic works for trumpet. Free.

Concert: Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas. 4 p.m. Congregational Church, 10 Church Lane (at Parker Head Rd.), Phippsburg. The duo’s partnership has helped revive the Scottish tradition of playing dance music on violin and cello. \$25. 389-1770; BrownPaperTickets.com.

Spaghetti (Squash!) Dinner. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Spaghetti & meatballs (incl. spaghetti squash!), butternut squash soup, and all the fixings; live music, raffles. Benefits Lewiston Farmer’s Market. \$12 (\$10 adv.); kids 5- free.

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Monday, Apr. 8
Comedy Program. 6 p.m. Guthrie’s Restaurant & Café, 115 Middle St., Lewiston. Students in Dawn Hartill’s Stand-Up Comedy Workshop at Lewiston Adult Educ. present their comedy routines. Free.

Discover Girl Scouts. 6 p.m. Walton Elementary School, 92 Mary Carroll St, Auburn. Girls in Kindergarten through Grade 3 and their caregivers are invited to come learn about Girl Scouts. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Tuesday Apr. 9
Curious Minds Series. 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Local historian Doug Hodgkin explores the visits of presidents and presidential candidates to Lewiston and Auburn. Free. Pres. with L-A Senior College. <https://usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege>.

Your Money Personality. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. MSAD 52 Adult Education, 486 Turner St., Turner. Free. Pres. by New Ventures Maine. Register at 753-6531 or newventuresmaine.org.

Chili & Chowder Taste Challenge. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ramada Inn of Lewiston. Enjoy chili and chowder made by area restaurants and vote for your favorites; benefits Longley School, Green Ladle. \$10/5.

Wednesday, Apr. 10
Card Party. 6 p.m. Parish hall, Holy Family Church, 607 Sabattus St., Lewiston. Pres. by the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality. Door prizes, raffles, refreshments. Doors open at 5:30. \$3. 782-4516.

Thursday, Apr. 11
Business Before Hours. 7 to 9 a.m. Fish Bones Grill, 70 Lincoln St., Lewiston. No speaker or breakfast this month, just fun, prizes, and networking - like Business After Hours, but before hours! Pres. by L-A Metro Chamber. 783-2249; www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Sampson AFB Veterans Luncheon. 12 p.m. Governor’s Restaurant, Lewiston. This informal monthly get-together for those who took basic training at Sampson Air Force Base in the 1940s and ’50s is open to all veterans and their guests.

Budgeting Basics. 1 to 3 p.m. UMA-So. Paris Center, 256 Main St., So. Paris. Pres. by New Ventures Maine. Free. Register at 753-6531 or www.newventuresmaine.org.

Rotary Club Meeting. 5 to 7 p.m. Side By Each Brewing Co., Auburn. Come

learn more about Rotary at this combined meeting of the local Breakfast and Lunch Club chapters. RSVP by 4/5 to 333-4588 or brian@duboisrealtygroup.net.

“Franco Memory Through Song.” 6:30 p.m. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. Colby College Asst. Prof. of Music Natalie Zelensky discusses a recent project to collect and preserve some of Lewiston’s most unique and treasured Franco-American “chansons.” Free.

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.

Friday, Apr. 12
Theater: “Noises Off!” 7 p.m. Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Rd. (Rte. 114), Standish. This fast-paced physical comedy is a behind-the-scenes spoof of life in live theater. Again 4/13-14 (Sat. at 2 and 7 p.m.; Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$18/16. www.Schoolhousearts.org.

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.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. 8 to 10 a.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. There will be lots of food and fun activities for the kids. Space limited; register at 782-3972.

Spring Craft & Vendor Show. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sapphire Nightclub and Event Center, 150 Center St., Auburn. Contact Emma Dudley at 330-5330 or emmadudley40@gmail.com.

Puppet Show: “The Fairy Circus.” 2 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, 329 College St., Bates College, Lewiston. This performance by the Tanglewood Marionettes starts with a brief demo of the art of puppetry. \$2. Benefits kids’ programs at Auburn Public Library. Reserve at 333-6640, ext. 3.

Bean & Casserole Supper. 4:45. Calvary United Methodist Church, 59 Sabattus St., Lewiston. Baked beans, biscuits, assorted casseroles, salads, desserts, and beverages. Please use Bartlett St. entrance. \$8/3 782-3221; www.calvarylewiston.com.

Bean & Casserole Supper. 5 to 6 p.m. United Methodist Church, Corner Rte. 121 and Empire Rd., Minot. \$7 adults, \$5 kids ages 7-12; under 7 free.

Adult Prom Night. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Includes buffet dinner, dancing to music of the decades, cash

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bar, photo booth, and other surprises. Doors open at 6:00. \$40. Reserve at 783-1585 or francocenter.org.

Concert: Ivory and Gold. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Jeff Barnhart (piano) and Anne Barnhart (flute and vocals) perform songs from the Great American Songbook. \$21 (\$18 in adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurch.org.

Make-A-Wish Maine Fundraiser. 8 p.m. Fusion Restaurant and Lounge, Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Continental Shakedown performs with special guests Phil Fortier and Bonnie Edwards; silent auction.

Sunday, Apr. 14
Flicks and Floats. 2 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This all-ages program features silent movies, ice cream floats, and pianist Jeff Barnhart accompanying the flicks. \$18 (\$15 in adv.); kids \$10. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurch.org.

Tuesday, Apr. 16
Curious Minds Series. 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Senior College instructor Lucy Bisson leads an armchair voyage to France called “Paris is Always a Good Idea.” Free. Pres. with L-A Senior College. <https://usm.maine.edu/>

Dinner

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delicious desserts, including assorted home-made cupcakes from Jillson’s Farm in Sabattus. All recipes will be made using farm fresh and seasonal ingredients. Other highlights of the event will include live music with Slim’s Got the Blues, a mini farmers’ market, and raffle prizes.

Tickets for the dinner are \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance, which includes a free raffle ticket. Children under six will eat free of charge. Proceeds from the event will support Lewiston Farmers’ Market community programs, including the Senior and Veterans Program and Kids Club. Those planning to attend are encouraged to RSVP through the event invite on the Lewiston Farmers’ Market Facebook page, by calling 513-3848,

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Wednesday, Apr. 17
First Impressions Matter. 5:30 to 8 p.m. FED-cap Office, 1570 Main St., Oxford. This resume and interview preparation workshop is presented by New Ventures Maine. Free. Register at 753-6531 or www.newventuresmaine.org.

Thursday, Apr. 18
Mysteries of the Mind. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Master mentalist and magician Paul Draper performs his dynamic one-man show. \$25 (\$23 in adv.); students \$15. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurch.org.

Saturday Apr. 20
Bean Supper 5 p.m. Lunn-Hunnewell Amvets Post 6, Rte. 100, New Gloucester. Two Kinds of beans, hot dogs, chop suey, coleslaw, brown bread, biscuits, assorted pies and beverages. \$8/3.

Monday, Apr. 22
“Tourism 101.” 3 to 6 p.m. Central Maine Community College, 1250 Turner St., Auburn. The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce presents an information forum on the local tourism economy. Free, but regis. required at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

or by emailing lewistonfarmersmarket@gmail.com. And don’t forget to mark your calendars for the opening of the summer Lewiston Farmers’ Market on Sunday, May 12 (Mothers’ Day) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bates Mill 5 Complex in Lewiston.

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