

Out & About with Rachel Morin Remembering the Splendor of Notre Dame Cathedral with the Curious Minds Lecture Series



Lucy Bisson takes attendees on an armchair voyage to Paris, "The City of Lights."

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

On April 16, Lucy Bisson, Chair of the Lewiston Auburn Senior College Board of Directors, presented a pictorial travelogue of her two trips to Paris at Auburn Public Library. The program was part of the Curious Minds Lecture Series, a joint program of Senior College and APL.

Lucy's first trip, taken six years ago, was solo. A second trip, taken in the fall

of 2018, included family and celebrated her sister's birthday. We were looking forward to seeing her colorful pictures of the famous sights and landmarks of Paris, "The City of Lights."

Sadly, on the very morning of Lucy's presentation, newspapers across the world screamed "Notre Dame Burns" across their front pages, echoing the sad news of the April 15 tragedy in many languages. Photos of massive flames

engulfing the historic Cathedral filled the newspapers, television, Facebook, and other sources.

So we gathered in the Androscoggin Community Room with thoughts of Notre Dame on our minds and voicing words of sadness. Lucy did not disappoint as she was able to show several pictures of Notre Dame Cathedral in its splendor from both her trips.

Lucy guided us through her pictures depicting Paris in its glory with her comfortable, easy style of narration. Her photos including the palace at Versailles and its gardens, the Tuileries gardens and sculptures, the Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde, Eiffel Tower, Montmartre, and the inhabited houseboats of the River Seine.

A visit to the Normandy American Cemetery on a cliff overlooking Omaha Beach was a moving experience for Lucy and her family.

Lucy's French language skills came in handy

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Maine Delegation, VA Secretary break ground for new veterans home



U.S. Senators Collins and King and Representatives Pingree and Golden joined Governor Janet Mills and U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie for the event.

Governor Janet Mills was joined by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie, U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King, and Representatives Chellie Pingree and Jared Golden at a groundbreaking ceremony for Maine Veterans' Homes' new facility in Augusta recently. The planned 179,000-plus square-foot building will feature 138 private rooms for veterans and eligible family members, employ nearly 250 people, and be the first true small-home model facility in Maine.

"Today's groundbreaking ceremony underscores Maine's commitment to supporting those who have

served our nation," said the Maine Delegation in a joint statement. "This state-of-the-art facility will help provide exceptional care for veterans in a comfortable, home-like atmosphere."

"We were pleased to have Secretary Wilkie in Maine today to see first-hand how our state leads the way in honoring and caring for our veterans. We look forward to continuing to ensure that all veterans have access to the high-quality care and resources they have earned through their service in defense of our country."

Maine Veterans' Homes is an independent, nonprofit organization serving Maine's veterans and families. The MVH mission

statement is "Caring For Those Who Served" and its vision is to be the provider and employer of choice in meeting the long-term health care needs of veterans and their families. MVH operates homes in Augusta, Bangor, Caribou, Machias, South Paris, and Scarborough and serves more than 1,550 veterans and eligible family members every year. For more information, see www.MaineVets.org.

Franco Center announces management change

The Board of Directors of the Gendron Franco Center announced this week that Mitchell Clyde Thomas has resigned from his position as the Center's Executive Director. Thomas's resignation was effective immediately.

According to their statement, the Board is committed to guiding and supporting the Center's staff through the transition period. In the interim, the Center's day-to-day business and events will be managed collectively, and the search for a new Executive Director will begin in the near future.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Seniors Not Acting Their Age: Rite of Spring

Story and photos by
Ron Chase

For a small, enthusiastic contingent of Mainers, paddling coastal rivers and streams is a clear indication that spring has arrived. Each March, as snow and ice melts and rain showers replace wintry storms, they stow away skis and snowshoes and retrieve their paddles from hibernation.

Many of us older river rats have been honoring this tradition for decades. I began my whitewater journey on the upper St. George River in Searsmont in March 1977. In the forty-two years since, friends and I have returned every spring to the St. George, as well as the Sheepscot River in Alna, Souadabscook Stream in Hampden, and Ducktrap River in Lincolnville.

Explaining the attraction isn't simple. The water is frigid, air temperatures are usually cold, ice is frequently an obstacle, and hazards are common. Certainly, the sense of renewal that is implicit in the season is a factor. The challenges are undoubtedly part of the allure. However, I believe an abiding love for the sport is

the primary influence. In any case, my outdoor club, the Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society, schedules a wide assortment of spring paddles every year. This spring, the first trip was predictably to the St. George. Seven intrepid paddlers turned out. Typically, we old timers were well represented by a group who have collectively spent hundreds of days paddling the George over decades.

In fact, in honor of one of our older members who recently passed away, the trip was appropriately designated the Skip Pendleton Memorial Trip. Remarkably, Skip started whitewater paddling in his 70s. The George was his favorite river.

A lot has changed since my initial foray on the St. George. Back then, most paddlers were navigating long tripping canoes with truck tire inner tubes inflated for flotation. Attire often consisted of wool underwear, jeans, sweaters, and old sneakers.

Now, most of us wear dry suits, helmets, and neoprene booties. On our trip, the majority were in kayaks and short canoes packed

with airbags. We're warmer and safer now, but I'd rather be young again.

Leaving shuttle vehicles on Route 105 in Appleton, our expedition began in the village of Searsmont. After a short safety discussion, we launched in a pool above the Route 173 bridge. For the first segment of the five-mile voyage, as we negotiated flat water, the conversation consisted mainly of anecdotes about rivers past.

Then, as we rounded a bend, we encountered the first whitewater of the day, a long Class II that ends near Ghent Road Bridge. Unfortunately, when kayak collided with submerged rock, the paddling season started in earnest with a frosty swim. Alert participants quickly responded to rescue boat, boater, and paddle.

We proceeded along continuous whitewater for a distance, followed by strong currents to a more difficult descent called Magog Chute. This time everyone successfully maneuvered the steep rapid. We finished the day with a pleasant paddle through a scenic pasture to the takeout.

A few days later, three of us met for the second trip of the year at Souadabscook Stream in Hampden. An otherwise obscure tributary, the Sou is a popular Class II, III, and IV whitewater excursion

and, like the St. George, usually one of the earliest to experience ice out.

Jocularly dubbed "the ice breaker" and originally scheduled first on the club agenda, the trip had been delayed by uncooperative ice. The light attendance was probably explained by the cool, cloudy day. Still, wearing several layers inside our dry suits, we were theoretically well-prepared for the freezing water and bone chilling waves.

Cascading through Boy Scout Rapid and Emerson Mill Falls, surfing Paper Mill and Great Expectations Rapids, navigating complex Crawford Falls, we embraced the exhaustive benefits of the Sou.

Grand Falls necessitated a decision: walk or run. Two of us ran it, while one ultimately swam - always part of the drama, and risk. With cold bodies and good judgment prevailing, we eschewed intimidating Hell's Gate at the end.

The next day, four of us tested another springtime paddling requisite, Ducktrap River. For only the second time, we accessed the Duck through narrow, congested, turbulent Kendall Brook.

Everything about Kendall was a hoot.

Sledding in our boats down an ice-covered snowmobile trail to embark on the freshet, we proceeded to

dodge strainers, crouch under low hanging branches, and bounce over boulders, all while tumbling steadily downstream to an emergency portage around a huge, downed tree.

After Kendall, the Class II/IV rapids and falls on the Duck seemed benign. The high points were plunging down an exhilarating waterfall and recovering a paddle lost by a member during a swim last November.

With three typical days of spring paddling behind us, only the Sheepscot remained. It wouldn't be spring without it. *The author of "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals - New England," Ron Chase resides in Topsham. He can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net. Visit his website at www.ronchaseoutdoors.com.*



The group pauses for a safety discussion before launching on the St. George River



Navigating Emerson Mills Falls on Souadabscook Stream



Sledding down a snowmobile trail en route to Kendall Brook



Running the falls on Ducktrap River

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Governor's Address: Let's Protect Maine's Bounty for Our Children and Grandchildren

Maine's natural resources are a cornerstone of our heritage and our economy. Protecting these precious resources is not some partisan rallying cry, it's a responsibility that all of us share.

The movement towards a clean environment was led in Maine by Republicans like Harry Richardson, Sherry Huber, and Joe Sewall; on the national stage, it was led by Republican Senator Bill Cohen and Maine Democrats like Ted Kofman, Linda McKee, Ed Muskie and George Mitchell.

Maine people have always led the way in the pursuit of clean air, clean water, and uncontaminated soils.

Earlier this week, our nation and our state celebrated Earth Day. In Maine, we recommitted ourselves to that noble goal with more urgency than ever before as climate change takes its toll on our state and our country every day.

We do not need another study or report to tell us what we already know: that our climate is changing; that it is changing rapidly; that it will have profound implications for us and for future generations; and that there is limited time to address it.

We know this because, here in Maine, we are witnessing changes firsthand.

In the not too distant future, our children and grandchildren could live in a Maine we would not recognize.

Why care about ticks invading our woods and our public parks? Why care about kids with high asthma rates? Why care about lobsters off the coast moving north and diminished fisheries in cod, shellfish and herring? Why care about rising sea levels?

Why care that Maine is the most heating oil-dependent state in the country, with nearly 70 percent of homeowners relying on oil for their heating needs?

Why care that we send five billion dollars out of state every year to pay for our use of fossil fuels?

The answer is that, here in Maine, we value clean water and clean air. We value public health and the strength of our economy.

That is why my Administration is committed to serious climate change prevention and mitigation.

I know Maine can become a leader in clean energy. I have set a goal for our state to reach 80 percent of electricity consumption from renewable sources by 2030 and 100 percent by 2050.

In the past three months, we have begun to make progress: we have lifted the blanket ban on wind power; we signed a bill to restore net metering for solar installations; we announced new incentives for the use of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels for transportation; we set a goal of 100,000 new heat pumps to reduce our fossil fuel consumption for heating needs; and, next week, we will officially introduce legislation to create the Maine State Climate Council.

This Council will be responsible for developing the action plan and timetable to meet the state's emission reduction goals, promote jobs and economic benefits for Maine people in transitioning to a lower carbon economy, and support climate resilience in Maine's communities.

Combating climate change and moving Maine toward a clean energy future won't be easy. But, to paraphrase President John F. Kennedy, we choose to take on these issues, not because they are easy, but because they are hard. Because they are necessary and because our future depends on it.

We'll make progress, but let's create together a forward-looking Maine that ensures we adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Let's create an economy built for every Mainer that thrives on the creation of clean energy jobs long into the future.

Let's ensure that our children and grandchildren will enjoy, as we do, Maine's unsurpassed bounty and beauty.

That is how we truly lead.

*Thank You,
Janet Mills
Governor*



Governor Janet Mills

Biddeford, Mechanics Savings to maintain brands while consolidating under single bank charter

Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings have announced that the organizations have filed a merger application with regulators to operate under a single charter as Maine Community Bank. They will maintain their respective brand identities, as well as local decision making, while operating as separate divisions of the new bank.

The two banks have been known for their financial commitment to their communities through local lending and philanthropy, offering competitive products for their banking customers, and providing stable and high-quality professional employment opportunities.

"Both Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings have developed extremely strong community roots over the last 150 years, so keeping those brands intact, while bringing greater opportunity for expanded lending and services to remain competitive, is really the best of all options for both our customers and our staff," said Jeanne Hult, President and CEO of Maine Community Bancorp, the holding company of both banks.

Operating under a single charter will allow both Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings to increase lending capacity, expand product offerings, and enable customers to access full-service banking at all branch locations. All branches will remain open, and the single charter will provide more mobility and opportunity for the employees of both community banks.

In 2016, Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings formed an alliance to operate as subsidiaries of one mutual holding company, Maine Community Bancorp. The Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings board of directors, along with the Maine Community Bancorp board of directors, have unanimously approved the charter consolidation, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2019, pending regulatory approval.

"Both banks have seen tremendous growth that would not have been possible without the Maine Community Bancorp alliance," said Hult. "Bringing Biddeford Savings and Mechanics Savings Bank under one charter is a natural progression of our partnership. We're excited to see what the future holds as we continue growing stronger together."

Maine Community Bancorp was established in 2016 as a mutual holding company that owns Biddeford Savings Bank and Mechanics Savings Bank. The alliance has enabled both banks to serve customers and the community through significantly greater loan capacity and leading-edge products and services.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish helps prepare over 2000 tax returns in 2019

In an effort to offer assistance in the often confusing process of filing tax returns, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Auburn teamed up with AARP earlier this month to provide free tax preparation sessions at Sacred Heart Church in Auburn.

"Over 2,000 federal income returns - and even more state returns - were prepared," said Joan Jagolinzer, district coordinator for AARP. "Our program at Sacred Heart Church has grown to be our largest in Maine."

All low- to moderate-income tax payers in Lewiston, Auburn, and surrounding areas were eligible

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Lewiston honors outstanding preservation efforts

On Thursday, May 2, the Lewiston Historic Preservation Review Board will recognize the Osgood Building, located at 129 Lisbon Street; and The Pub at Baxter Brewing Company, located at 120 Mill Street. The annual ceremony will take place at The Pub at 2 p.m.

Each year, in observance of National Historic Preservation Month, the City of Lewiston's Historic Preservation Review Board recognizes outstanding community preservation efforts that enhance historic neighborhoods and communities, energize local economies, and renew existing resources.

Owned by the law firm of Berman & Simmons, the historic Osgood Building, which now also includes the adjacent Supovitz Building, is located at 129 Lisbon Street. The firm's renovation of the property included preserving the front of the building, replacing bricks where needed, and revamping the first floor to create a more modern reception area and conference rooms. The new conference space is large enough to seat 50 people, but has moveable glass walls that can divide the space into two separate areas.

The Pub at Baxter

Brewing was renovated for adaptive reuse by Platz Associates. Located in the heart of downtown Lewiston, the Bates Mill Complex was the epicenter of the Franco and Irish communities in the 1800 and 1900s. With over 6,000 employees, it was the largest employer in Lewiston. Bates was famous for its bedspreads, but it also manufactured Union Army uniforms, casket liners, and more.

With changes in the global economy, Bates hit hard times in the 1960s and closed in the late 1990s. At over 1,200,000 sf, the complex sat nearly empty, with leaking roofs, hazardous materials, and structural problems throughout.

Today, these buildings are full of activity. A walk down Mill Street brings you to a locally made wrought iron gate, behind which sits Mill #1 Wing, the new home of The Pub at Baxter Brewing. As you continue up a path lined with gas torches, large brewing vessels signal your approach to the custom-made wrought iron entrance at the base of the five-story brick building.

Upon entering The Pub, your eyes are drawn by 25-foot-tall ceilings to the mezzanine level, which sits above a horseshoe-shaped bar that seats 35. The



The Osgood Building

hand-crafted flooring that was removed to create the space has been reused in the bar, dining tables, and cabinetwork.

In the course of the renovation, the interior woodwork and brick were carefully stripped and clear coated. Exterior brickwork was cleaned and restored and the boarded-up window openings were replaced by new energy-efficient windows. Affirming history while conserving energy, interior lighting is provided by LED "Edison"-style bulbs. In celebration of the community, three panels created by a local artist portray the



The Pub at Baxter Brewing Company

history and people who worked at Bates Mill.

In one more gesture honoring the historic use of the space, one of the three historic "sluiceways" running beneath The Pub that once carried water to power the paddle wheels and turbines of the mill has been repurposed to carry storm water down to the lower canal.

Chamber Breakfast features Top Gun Regional Pitch Off

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will present Top Gun L-A's 2019 Regional Pitch Off at its next monthly Breakfast Meeting on Thursday, May 9 at 7 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch.

Seven teams of aspiring entrepreneurs from the Top Gun L-A program will present five-minute pitches on their businesses for a panel of judges comprised of local public and private sector leaders. Two winners will be selected from the L-A cohort to advance to the statewide Top Gun Showcase in Portland on May 23, where they will compete for two \$25,000 grand prizes.



Top Gun L-A is designed to accelerate entrepreneurial development through a combination of training, mentoring and community engagement. Offered at five different locations across the state, Top Gun identifies high potential entrepreneurs in Maine through a competitive application process. The selected entrepreneurs are then matched with experienced business mentors, who help guide them as they continue to develop their innovative products, business models, and companies over 10 weekly sessions running from February through May.

The cost to attend is \$22 for members and \$35 for non-members. Registration is available at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Rotary Breakfast Club



Jill McLaughlin, Marketing and Education Coordinator for ReVision Energy, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Rotary Breakfast Club on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. The club meets every Wednesday at the United Methodist Church, located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. The cost for breakfast is \$15. All are welcome to attend.



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Norlands seeks applicants for Summer Education Fellowship



The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore is seeking its next Ethel “Billie” Gammon History Education Fellow to join its staff for the summer of 2019. College students and graduating high school seniors who are enrolled to start college this fall are welcome to apply.

This professional development opportunity is designed to honor Norlands founder Billie Gammon, who had endless enthusiasm for sharing American History using living history methods. The selected candidate will be a member of Norlands summer staff team and will receive a \$1,500 stipend to be used towards education expenses. The Fellow will gain valuable experience in living history education, museum operations, historic agriculture, and other topics.

Applications are due by June 1. Candidates must complete an application form and submit an essay of 750-1000 words describing what inspires them about Norlands and the Billie Gammon Fellowship. Applicants must describe how

their experience at Norlands will help them with their college and/or career pursuits. You don’t necessarily need to be a history or teaching major to apply. Be creative! One letter of recommendation is also required. Final candidates will be invited for interviews in early June.

To receive the full award, the fellow is expected to work 80 hours (approximately 10 hours over two days per week) from late June through August. The fellow’s primary role is to assist with tours of the Washburn family mansion and the other historic buildings on site and help in the gift shop during open summer days.

The fellow will also have the opportunity to work on a project of interest, such as conducting research, inventorying and cataloging the museum’s archives and collections, creating a social media plan, or planning an event. The fellow will round out his/her experience by completing a capstone project and summarizing that project by writing an article

for the newsletter or making a public presentation.

For more information or to download an application form, call 897-4366, email norlands@norlands.org, or visit www.norlands.org.

Washburn-Norlands Living History Center is a non-profit museum dedicated to preserving the heritage and traditions of rural life in Maine’s past, celebrating the achievements of Livermore’s Washburn Family, and using living history methods to make values, issues, and activities of the past relevant to present and future generations.

The 445-acre property is comprised of working land and buildings relating to the site’s role as the 19th-century homestead of the Washburn Family. It includes a preserved 1828 Universalist meeting house, the Washburn’s 1867 mansion with attached farmer’s cottage and barn, an 1883 granite library, a sap-house, and a restored 1853 one-room school house. For more information, see www.norlands.org.

Andro. Land Trust applies for re-accreditation; seeks public comments

After achieving accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission in 2014, the Androscoggin Land Trust is applying for renewal of its accreditation in 2019. A public comment period is now open.

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. In this process, the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant’s policies and programs.

“ALT is deeply com-

mitted to upholding the highest standards as we protect and care for special lands in our region for all future generations,” said Kitsie Claxton, Vice President of the ALT Board of Directors. “We were proud to achieve national accreditation in 2014, and we look forward to reconfirming that mark of distinction by applying for renewal of accreditation in 2019, our 30th year as a private, non-profit, membership-supported land trust.”

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how Androscoggin Land Trust complies with

national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see www.landtrustaccreditation.org.

Comments on Androscoggin Land Trust’s application will be most useful by June 30, 2019. To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org or visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org.

Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

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Mailhot, parish outreach coordinator for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

AARP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering people to improve their quality of life as they age. The sessions at Sacred Heart Church were part of the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program, which aims to help individuals and families with low

to moderate incomes have more discretionary income for everyday essentials by assisting with tax services and ensuring they receive applicable tax credits and deductions.

“Sacred Heart Church is an ideal location for this,” said Jagolinzer. “We look forward to our continued partnership with the church for many years to come.”

Autism Society director to address Rotary Club



Cathy E. Dionne

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Lunch Club on Thursday, May 9, from noon to 1 p.m. will be Cathy E. Dionne, Executive Director of the Autism Society of Maine. The event will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Dionne is a parent of a 25-year-old son, Ben, with autism, and a 26-year-old daughter, Ashley. She lives

in Greene with her husband of 32 years, Rick. When Ben was diagnosed with autism at the age of 18 months, she began educating herself about the world of autism and all of its therapies, appointments, and family adjustments.

Dionne became involved with the Autism Society of Maine in 1996, first as a member of the Board of Directors and then as its

Vice President. Eventually she found herself wanting to do more for Maine families. She decided to become a staff member of the Autism Society of Maine so she could have direct contact with families every day.

She has been with ASM for 22 years and is now the Executive Director. Over that time, she has been instrumental in expanding the resources and programs which ASM provides for both children and adults with autism and has been responsible for developing ASM’s fundraising efforts, such as the Ride for Autism and the Walk for Autism. Her other accomplishments include initiating the summer camp program based at the University of Maine at Farmington and the Finding the Pieces Summer Camp based in Biddeford and organizing the Annual Autism Family Retreat Weekend held in Standish. She sits on several committees with the Department of Health and Human Services and collaborates with many other agencies.

Guests are welcome; no reservations are required. Lunch will be available at the restaurant. For more information, contact Club President Thomas MacDonald at 333-4588, follow them on Facebook, or see www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

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What's Going On

Maine gets federal support to address homelessness among MaineCare members

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services and MaineHousing have announced a partnership to improve housing opportunities for MaineCare (Medicaid) members, particularly those facing chronic homelessness and struggling with mental health and substance use disorders.

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has selected Maine to participate in a federal program that encourages such partnerships to enhance community living options for Medicaid beneficiaries. While MaineCare does not fund room and board in the community, MaineCare can align services to help individuals locate and maintain housing by addressing health and daily living needs.

Through the program, CMS will provide Maine with technical assistance, with a focus on addressing homelessness and advancing community supports

for members with chronic physical or complex health needs, serious and persistent mental illness, and Substance Use Disorder. This assistance will allow Maine DHHS and MaineHousing to improve tracking and sharing of data, which will inform potential initiatives to support this population. It will also help both agencies engage key stakeholders in implementing and sustaining housing opportunities and related services over the long term.

"This federal assistance will bolster our efforts to ensure that vulnerable MaineCare members have roofs over their heads and critical services to help them get and stay well," said DHHS Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew. "We are delighted to pursue this work in partnership with MaineHousing."

"We're excited about this partnership because it will drive important changes and collaboration

to best serve Mainers who are homeless," said MaineHousing Director Dan Brennan. "We'll be able to provide a much-needed holistic approach to support people in finding and staying in a safe home."

An estimated 2,454 MaineCare members (1,830 households) are currently homeless and/or living in homeless shelters.

Under MaineCare expansion, coverage is now available to many chronically homeless individuals who did not previously qualify for the program. With that coverage comes greater opportunities to assist this population, not only through access to medical care, behavioral health care, and substance use disorder treatment, but also by better coordinating such services and providing them in new settings. Research consistently shows that housing is one of the social and economic factors critical to improving health.

WMTS offers new "GreenLine" bus route between Farmington and Lewiston-Auburn



The GreenLine bus is the first in the WMTS fleet to display the new "WM" logo and a Mountains-to-Sea lower side wrap.

Western Maine Transportation Services (WMTS) has announced that its pilot Monday through Friday "GreenLine" commuter bus service between Farmington and Lewiston-Auburn is in full operation.

The schedule for this new public route is intended to accommodate employers, employees, students, and individuals traveling to healthcare appointments, shopping, personal and professional services, and daytime entertainment opportunities in both directions.

Billed as a "pilot" route because it is expected to evolve quickly to meet riders' needs, the GreenLine makes four round-trips between Farmington and Lewiston-Auburn, Monday through Friday, departing Farmington with two morning runs, one afternoon run, and one evening run. The bus begins its turn-around runs from Central Maine Community College. From there it travels to the Auburn Mall-TD Bank Contact Center, then to the Great Falls and Oak Street Bus Stations, but it does not stop at those locations northbound.

The GreenLine bus offers free on-board Wi-Fi and a bike rack in-season. Fares are \$3 within either Franklin or Androscoggin Counties, or \$5 between counties, each way. The exception is a \$3 local fare between Jay and Livermore Falls. Fares may be paid with credit, debit and WMTS Smart Commute cards, as well as Apple, Samsung, and Android Pay



mobile apps. Exact change is also accepted.

Once in Lewiston-Auburn, GreenLine riders can connect to the citylink bus system to get to their final destinations, to the Lisbon Connection to reach Lisbon and Lisbon Falls, or to Concord Coach or Greyhound for inter-city service. If the GreenLine and citylink are unable to get riders to their destinations in Lewiston or Auburn, riders are encouraged to call WMTS to learn if transportation can be provided by other means. Details about fares, the schedule, and connections riders may need or want are available at www.wmtsbus.org.

Riders may also call to speak with a WMTS Customer Service team member about the new commuter route, including connections to Rumford, Mexico, and Dixfield, and

other WMTS-operated public transportation. Dial 800-393-9335, selection 1, on any non-holiday weekday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The GreenLine is the first route in the WMTS fleet to display the new "WM" logo and a Mountains-to-Sea lower side wrap. The logo will eventually be seen on all WMTS buses as it modernizes its services and identity.

The Farmington to Lewiston-Auburn commuter service was identified as one of the two most needed and desired routes in the WMTS 2017 Transit Feasibility Study. An official kick-off event for the GreenLine will take place in May. Western Maine Transportation Services is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) Regional Transportation Corporation established by statute in 1976.

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CMCC names Student of the Year



Student of the Year Kayla Thayer of Auburn receives a legislative sentiment from State Representatives Bruce Bickford of Auburn (l.) and Lester Ordway of Standish.

Central Maine Community College has announced that Kayla Thayer of Auburn has been named the school’s Student of the Year. She and six other Maine community college students were honored recently for their academic success and campus and community involvement at a ceremony hosted by the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Since starting at CMCC in the fall of 2017, Thayer has earned high honors or president’s honors every semester. In addition to her academic success in the Life Sciences program, Thayer has been active on campus with the TRIO and Honor’s Program, as secretary of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and as a tutor in the Math/Science Center. She has also been an MS Walk volunteer and an event volunteer at Safe Voices. She is employed at Hannaford in Turner.

Thayer will graduate from CMCC this spring and then transfer to the University of Maine to earn a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry with a concentration in Pre-Pharmacy. She hopes to eventually pursue a doctoral degree in Pharmacy and work for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

What’s Going On

Norway Savings awarded “Best Wellness Employer Gold Certification”



Pictured here (l. to r) are Nick Mowatt of Occupational Medical Consulting, LLC and Tricia Brooks, Richelle Wallace, and Patricia Shields of Norway Savings Bank.

Norway Savings Bank was recently awarded “2019 Best Wellness Employer Gold Certification” from Wellness Workdays, an organization dedicated to creating and supporting worksite wellness programs that inspire employees to make simple and positive changes to continually improve their health.

Wellness Workdays and Harvard Medical School evaluated candidates for the award in the categories of Assessment, Strategy, Implementation, and Evaluation. Norway Savings Bank’s programs received high rankings in all four categories, including perfect scores for displaying a structured plan to assess and implement wellness strategies. In all, only 14 companies achieved this Gold Certification.

According to Wellness Workdays, Norway Savings has established and maintained a healthy culture through a variety of initiatives, including: investing in a health coach to provide one-on-one sessions with

all employees who want to participate; providing complimentary on-site gyms at its two largest offices; holding off-site Wellness Fairs for all employees; and establishing a Wellness Committee, which oversees and advocates for all wellness activities.

“Due to these initiatives and more, we’ve seen impressive employee health metric improvement across the Bank,” said Patricia Weigel, President and CEO of Norway Savings Bank.

“Great employees deserve a healthy workplace,” said Richelle Wallace, SVP, Senior Resources Officer of Norway Savings Bank. “We are proud of the steps we’ve taken over the years to help our employees stay healthy and active, and this designation reinforces our efforts in that area.”



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Lecture

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as she was able to read the French signs and easily converse with the Parisian people. She and her family enjoyed a laugh when Parisians were surprised that she was American; they thought she spoke French with a Canadian accent.

The Curious Minds Lecture Series is an annual collaboration of Auburn Public Library and USM's Lewiston Auburn Senior College. It concluded last month and will return in the spring of 2020.



Maurice Ouellette, Claire Small, and Ralph Tuttle relive their memories of Paris.



Sharon McGilvery, Joanne Sabourin, and Marty Gagnon share a funny story before the program starts.



Rachel Morin (r.) checks the spellings of the names for Janet Schwartz, Al DuMais, and Christine Holden. (Photo by Elizabeth Morin)



Jill Bruce and Jeannine Doucette came prepared to take notes.



L to R: Jeff Garrison, System Director of Heart & Vascular Service Line; David Tupponce, M.D., Executive Vice President of Central Maine Healthcare, President of Central Maine Medical Center; Andrew Eisenhauer, M.D., Medical Director of Central Maine Heart and Vascular Institute; Paul Weldner, M.D.; Arun Thukkani, M.D., Ph.D.; and Phillip Terrell, Practice Leader for 100 Top Hospitals, IBM Watson Health

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Author of “Cheapo Snob’s” guide to Paris visits APL



Jayne R. Boisvert is professor emerita of French and Comparative Literature at Russell Sage College in Troy, New York.

Paris: City of Light, rich in art, architecture, culture, and history, home of Notre-Dame, the Louvre, and so many other landmarks. But there is more to Paris than famous landmarks.

In a new guide book, “Pilgrimage to Paris: The Cheapo Snob’s Guide to the City and the Americans Who Lived There,” author and traveler Jayne R. Boisvert offers an enjoyable and unique way to discover the city. Boisvert will share her travel tips in a program on Thursday, May 9, at 1 p.m. at Auburn Public Library.

Her easy-to-use guide includes tips, main attractions, free (and nearly free) things to do, shopping, museums, churches, cafés, and restaurants. The book also provides short biographies and addresses associated with famous Americans - writers, journalists, politicians, musicians, artists, and architects, and several other interesting people who don’t fit neatly into typical categories - who spent time living la belle vie in the French capital.

“My son and a friend each gave me part of the idea,” said Boisvert. “One called me a ‘Cheapo Snob’ and said I should write a guide to the city I love. The other told me to include celebrated Americans, since a bookseller on the Right Bank had spoken of frequent requests for such a book.”

Boisvert earned a Master of Arts degree in French from Boston College and a Ph.D. from the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at the State University at Albany, New York. She taught French on the secondary level in Atlanta, Georgia and Albany, New York before completing her doctoral degree.

At Russell Sage College in Troy, New York, she developed courses in French language, literature, history, and film. By the time of her retirement as professor emerita in 2010, she had attained the rank of Associate Professor of French and Comparative Literature.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 333-6640, ext. 4.



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Historical Society program remembers Great Lisbon Falls Fire

At the next meeting of the Lisbon Historical Society, Lin Wright will tell the story of the fire and the minor flooding that followed it in a program called “A Few Bad Days at Lisbon Falls: The Fire of April 6-9, 1901.” Free and open to the public, the event will take place on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

In addition to describing the fire and flood, Wright will present a portrait of the business district of Lisbon Falls just before the fire and the people directly impacted by it, including the owners of the buildings and businesses involved and the larger community.

Ethelind “Lin” Wright is a genealogist and historian. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Androscoggin Historical Society and recently spearheaded the organization of the Greater Androscoggin Genealogical Interest Group, which meets on the first Saturday of every month in Auburn. She looks forward to serving as a volunteer docent at the Knight House in Auburn this summer.

Wright is also a member of the Mary Dillingham-Burnt Meadow Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR); the Maine Mayflower Society; the New England Historic Genealogical Society; and the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists.

Refreshments will be served. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Please park and enter at the rear of the MTM building at 18 School Street in Lisbon Falls. For more information, call 353-8510 or write to LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

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Food for Thought spotlights Maine gems and minerals



Geologist Myles Felch is the Assistant Curator of the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum.

LAC Senior College will present a Food for Thought program featuring Myles Felch, geologist and Assistant Curator of the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum, on Friday, May 10 at noon in Room 170 at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College.

Many in Maine are familiar with the presence of tourmaline, mica, and other gems in our state. Scheduled to open in Bethel 2019, the Maine Mineral & Gem Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to celebrate the mineralo-

gy of Maine through a range of exhibits and educational programming. It will also display one of the most robust collections of meteorites from Mars, the Moon, and the Asteroid Belt found on the planet.

At the program, Felch will introduce some of Maine's most well-known gem minerals, including beryl, quartz, topaz, and the Maine state mineral, tourmaline. He will also discuss many of the most notable mineral discoveries in the state's mining history.

Myles Felch holds a

B.S. and M.S. in geology from the University of Maine at Farmington and the University of New Orleans, respectively. His research interests include granitic pegmatites, igneous petrology, and northern Appalachian geology.

The program is free and open to the public. The cost for the light lunch - if wanted - is \$8 per person, with advance reservation required. To reserve lunch, call 753-6510 before noon on May 8. Food may also be purchased at the campus cafe.

APL program features "Baseball's First Indian" Lou Sockalexis

Auburn Public Library will welcome Ed Rice, former journalist, college instructor, and author of "Baseball's First Indian," on Tuesday, May 7 at 1 p.m. Rice will discuss the legacy of Louis Sockalexis, the first-known Native American to play professional baseball, who served as the inspiration for the nickname of Cleveland's professional baseball team.

Hailing from the State of Maine, Louis Francis Sockalexis was the

sensation of professional baseball in 1897. Featuring the skills of a five-tool player and a personal charisma that earned him exalted status at every level he played, he was one of those rarest of talents - an athlete held in awe by his fellow athletes.

However, while he broke professional baseball's color barrier, enduring similar experiences that Jackie Robinson would face 50 years later, his achievements have been largely

unrecognized by history.

Rice, who leads the Friends of Sockalexis, has created a non-profit organization to build a special memorial to Sockalexis in his home state. Down East Books of Maine will publish a "new and revised" paperback edition of Rice's "Baseball's First Indian" in the summer of 2019. All author royalties from this edition will support a Louis Sockalexis monument. For more information, see www.sockalexis.net.

Concerts for a Cause presents "Remembering Tom Rowe"

Concerts for a Cause will present its the 15th annual Remembering Tom Rowe Concert: A Celebration in Song on Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Universalist Church of Auburn. This year's concert will feature Dave Rowe and Schooner Fare, with guests Carole Wise, the Half Moon Jug Band, and Bess Jacques and the Strays.

Tom Rowe was a consummate musician-entertainer, member of Schooner Fare and Turkey Hollow, and served as choir director for the First Universalist Church of Auburn from 1992 until his untimely death in 2004. His son Dave organized the first Remembering Tom Rowe concert in the greater Lewiston-Au-



The late Tom Rowe, in 1997

burn area, and the concerts have been an annual event ever since.

Concerts for a Cause brings special concerts to the LA community while raising money for area charities. The show will benefit the Jack McPhillips Memorial Fund, a unique organization that aids people requiring immediate

assistance. Tickets are \$25 at the door (cash or check) or \$23 in advance at www.brownpapertickets.com.

The home of CFAC is the First Universalist Church of Auburn, located at 169 Pleasant Street. Please enter on Spring Street, across from Dairy Joy. For more information, call 783-0461 or visit uuconcerts.org.

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WLU hosts afternoon concert at Foss Mansion



After performing for eight years, Larry Gowell has over 450 concerts to his credit.

The Woman’s Literary Union of Androscoggin County will welcome Larry Gowell and Linne Perry back to Auburn’s Foss Mansion for a free concert on Sunday, May 5, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. In honor of Kentucky Derby weekend, those attending are encouraged to wear hats! Tea and light refreshments will be served

following the performance. Larry Gowell will sing Broadway tunes and hits from Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis, Jr.; Linne Perry will sing hits from 1950s R&B, Bebop, and Motown. Gowell has been performing for eight years and has over 450 concerts to

his credit. Some of his biggest performances were at the Franco Center, Poland Spring Summer Music Festival, Sawyer Memorial in Greene, and Fenway Park for the Boston Red Sox. The Foss Mansion is at 19 Elm Street in Auburn. A free-will donation will be collected, to be split between the entertainers and the Foss Mansion Renovation Fund. The Woman’s Literary Union was organized in 1892 with a mission of promoting the intellectual, cultural, and educational advancement of the community and preserving 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, see womansliteraryunion.org.

T-Acadie plays Village Coffeehouse



T-Acadie, a folk trio and contradance band from mid-coast Maine, will play traditional French Canadian, New England, and Appalachian tunes on Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Coffeehouse, located at the First Congregational Church at 19 Gloucester Hill Road in New Gloucester. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Guitarist-vocalist to perform at next “La Rencontre”

The Gendron Franco Center’s next La Rencontre (“The Gathering”) on Thursday, May 9 at 11:25 a.m. will feature local guitarist and vocalist Tony Morin. This month’s home-cooked meal will be lasagna with green salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Tony Morin is the lead singer of Farmhouse Project, a local classic rock band. He has been involved in theater since his family toured a concert version of

“Godspell” when he was a toddler. Some of his favorite roles include Joseph in “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” and Judas-John the Baptist in “Godspell.” Recent roles with Community Little Theatre have included Bob Cratchit in “A Christmas Carol: The Musical” and the wolf in “Into the Woods.” He is also a founding member of the Franco Center’s Thread Theater. After the program,

several raffle prizes will be drawn. The doors and the bar open at 10 a.m. The cost of the meal and program is \$12 per person. Guests may make reservations by contacting the Center at 783-1585 or boxoffice@francocenter.org. La Rencontre is not restricted to French-speakers or even those of Franco descent. All are welcome to attend this fun monthly meal and event as long as spots remain.

Stanton Bird Club May events

At the next meeting of the Stanton Bird Club on Monday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m., Deborah Perkins will discuss “First Light Wildlife: Landscaping for Wildlife.” This will be the last meeting with a speaker until the club meets again in the fall. free and open to the public, the event will take place in Room 285 at USM’s Lewiston-Auburn College, located at 51 Westminster Street in Lewiston. Deborah Perkins has worked as a wildlife ecologist, educator, and conservation professional for nearly 25 years in public, private and academic institutions throughout North America. Among her many



This is a male Bobolink, a common spring bird found in fields and pastures, often in large numbers. (Photo by Dan Marquis)

professional experiences, she has served as Wildlife Habitat Program Director of the Biodiversity Research Institute in Portland, Maine. With the birds returning, the club will offer many field trips in May, including three Tuesday morning

Bates College bird walks on May 7, May 14 and May 21; the first of its regular weekend walks on Saturday, May 11; and the annual Warren Warbler Walk on May 18. For details and a complete events list, see www.StantonBirdClub.org.

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Spring Showcase brings comedy back to Franco Center

Four of Maine’s funniest up-and-coming comedians will perform a night of stand-up comedy on Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolard and Priscilla Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston. Comedian Dawn Hartill will host the Center’s Spring Comedy Showcase, featuring performances by Adam Hatch, Tuck Tucker, and Sam Pelletier.

Lewiston comedian Dawn Hartill is the 2016 winner of the Strand Cup

Comedy Competition and was a finalist in the Last Comic Laughing Competition. She works for a local bank and for Maine’s Big Z.

For the last 13 years, Adam Hatch has brought great energy and stories to stages across New England and, most recently, in Las Vegas. Fun, likeable, and entertaining, he has opened for Michael Winslow and Eddie Brill and is a regular on the Bob Marley Comedy Tour.

Tuck Tucker is a Maine-based comic who has kept audiences in stitches for the last 15 years. A triple threat, he performs across New England with his hilarious stand-up show, the Improv Group “Running with Scissors,” and the Improv-based comedy show ComedySportz Maine.

A self-described “jaded former activist with an addictive personality and a chip on his shoulder,” Sam Pelletier hosts a twice-week-

ly comedy showcase at House of Bacon in Auburn and has performed in the What a Joke Comedy Festival, Portland Comedy Festival, and Green Mountain Comedy Festival. He is a winner in the Bernie Sanders Sound Off Impersonation Contest.

The doors and bar will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 783-1585 or at FrancoCenter.org.



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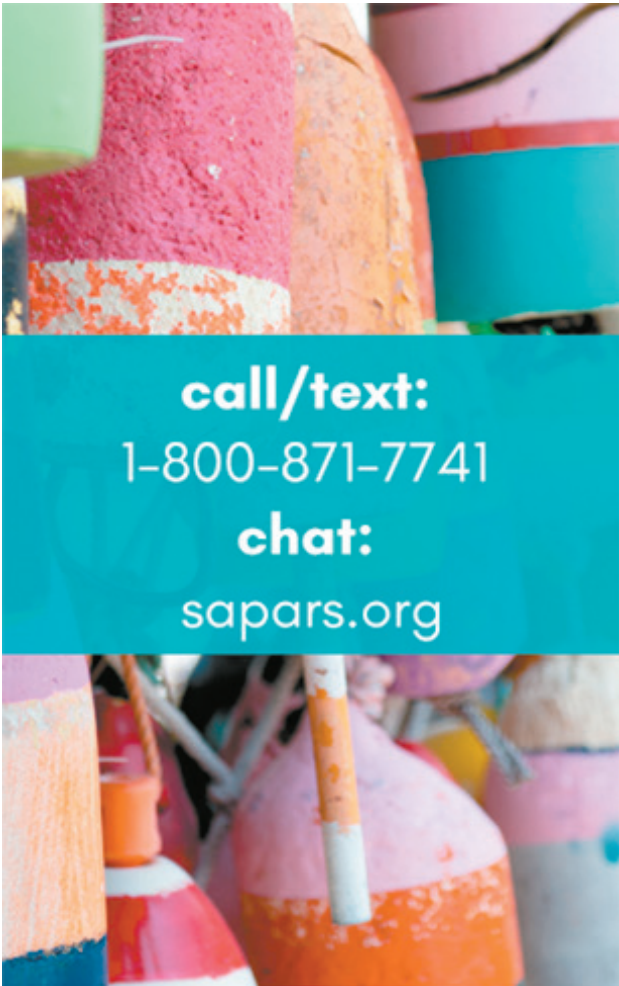
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Leavitt Senior recognized with Legislative Sentiment



Roy Varney (c.), with Sen. Jeff Timberlake (l.) and Rep. Joshua Morris

Roy Varney of Turner, a senior at Leavitt Area High School, was presented with a legislative sentiment in the Maine Senate recently by Senator Jeff Timberlake (R-Androscoggin). The sentiment recognizes Varney’s achievements of winning the Class A Boys Nordic Classical State Championship for the second time and the Pursuit Championship. He was also named Varsity Maine Boys Skier of the Year by the Portland Press Herald.

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Historic Preservation Ceremony. The Pub at Baxter Brewing, 120 Mill St., Lewiston. The Lewiston Historic Preservation Review Board presents its annual awards for outstanding historic preservation efforts to the Osgood Building (Berman & Simmons) and The Pub at Baxter Brewing.

Discover Girl Scouts. 6 p.m. Minot Consolidated School, 23 Shaw Hill Rd., Minot. Girls in Grades K-3 and their caregivers are invited to come learn about Girl Scouts. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

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Clothing and Rummage Sale. 2 to 5 p.m. Calvary United Methodist Church, 59 Sabattus St., Lewiston. Great prices, open to all! Cont. 5/4 from 9 to 11 a.m. 782-3221.

Theater: “Fireflies.” 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre 31 Maple St., Lewiston. This humorous and heartwarming love story is directed by two-time Tony Award-winner Judith Ivey. Again 5/4-5, 9-12 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). 782-3200; thepublictheatre.org.

Theater: “Annie: The Musical.” 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth, 796 Main St., Monmouth. Presented by the Monmouth Community Players. Again 5/4-5 (Sat. at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Sun. at 2 p.m.). For ticket info, see www.monmouthcommunityplayers.org.

Concert: Cherish the Ladies. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. The Irish-American supergroup makes the only New England appearance of their current world tour. \$40 (\$35 in adv.); students \$15. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurch.org.

Saturday, May 4
Spring Fling Craft & Vendor Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mixers Nightclub & Lounge, 136 Sabattus Rd, Sabattus. Contact Emma Dudley at 330-5330 or emmadudley40@gmail.com.

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neological Society Meeting. 11 a.m. Auburn Public Library. Following the business meeting at 10:00, MFAGS Treasurer Lucille Langelier (maiden name Doucette) presents an illustrated program on the Acadians. Free.

Concert: T-Acadie. 7:30 p.m. Village Coffeehouse, First Congregational Church, 19 Gloucester Hill Rd., New Gloucester. This folk trio and contradance band from mid-coast Maine plays traditional French Canadian, New England and Appalachian tunes. \$10 at door.

Sunday, May 5
Concert: Larry Gowell and Linne Perry. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Foss Mansion, 19 Elm Street in Auburn. The performers songs from Broadway; Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, and Dean Martin; and 1950s R&B, Bebop, and Motown. Free-will offering. Pres. by Women’s Literary Union. womansliteraryunion.org.

Empty Bowls Supper. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St., Auburn. This fundraiser for Trinity Jubilee Center features a free supper provided by area restaurants with the purchase of pottery crafted by local artisans; early admission passes avail. at www.trinityjubileecenter.org.

Monday, May 6
Auburn Art Club Meeting. 11:30 a.m. Methodist Church, Park Ave., Auburn. After a lunch of stuffed chicken breast, Civil War Reenactor Carol Lawsons demonstrates how ladies constructed clothing and undergarments in the Victorian era. \$15.

Stanton Bird Club Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Room 285, L-A College, 55 Westminster St., Lewiston. Deborah Perkins discusses “First Light Wildlife: Landscaping for Wildlife.” Free. www.StantonBirdClub.org.

Tuesday, May 7
Author Visit. 1 p.m. Auburn Public Library, 49 Spring St., Auburn. Former journalist, college instructor, and author Ed Rice discusses his book “Baseball’s First Indian.” Free.

Spring Dinner. 6 p.m. Green Ladle Café, 156 East Ave., Lewiston. Join the Ladies of St. Anne of Prince of Peace Parish for a meal of pork tenderloin and entertainment by Present Company. \$18. Buy tix until 4/30 at 782-4516.

Wednesday, May 8
Rotary Breakfast Club Meeting. 7 a.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park

Ave., Auburn. The guest speaker is Jill McLaughlin, Marketing and Education Coordinator for ReVision Energy. All welcome; breakfast \$15.

Lisbon Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. MTM Center, 19 School St., Lisbon Falls (park, enter at rear). Lin Wright discusses “A Few Bad Days at Lisbon Falls: The Fire of April 6-9, 1901.” Free. 353-8510; LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

Thursday, May 9
Chamber Breakfast Meeting. 7 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. The Chamber of Commerce presents Top Gun L-A’s 2019 Regional Pitch Off. \$35 (members \$22). Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

La Rencontre. 11:25 a.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Following a lasagna dinner, guitarist and vocalist Tony Morin performs; raffles. \$12. Reserve at 783-1585 or boxoffice@francocenter.org.

Rotary Lunch Club Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Cathy E. Dionne, Executive Director of the Autism Society of Maine. 333-4588; www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

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. 657-4909.

Author Visit. 1 p.m. Auburn Public Library, 49 Spring St., Auburn. Author Jayne R. Boisvert discusses her easy-to-use “Pilgrimage to Paris: The Cheapo Snob’s Guide to the City and the Americans Who Lived There.” Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Discover Girl Scouts. 6 p.m. Turner Primary School, 59 Cobb Rd., Turner. Girls in Grades K-3 and their caregivers are invited to come learn about Girl Scouts. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Theater: “Fireflies.” 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre 31 Maple St., Lewiston. This humorous and heartwarming love story is directed by two-time Tony Award-winner Judith Ivey. Again 5/10-12 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). 782-3200; thepublictheatre.org.

Friday, May 10
Food for Thought Program. 12 p.m. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. The speaker is Myles Felch, geologist and Assistant Curator of the Maine Mineral

and Gem Museum. Lunch is \$8; reserve by noon on 5/8 at 753-6510.

Saturday, May 11
Bean & Casserole Supper. 5 to 6 p.m. United Methodist Church, Rte 121 and Empire Rd., Minot. Adults \$7, kids 7-12 \$5, under 7 free.

Concerts for Cause. 7:30 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St., Auburn. The 15th annual Remembering Tom Rowe Concert features Dave Rowe and Schooner Fare, with guests. \$25 at door (cash or credit), \$23 in advance at www.brownpaper-tickets.com.

Monday, May 13
Discover Girl Scouts. 6 p.m. Ricker Memorial Library, 1211 Maine St., Poland. Girls in Grades K-3 and their caregivers are invited to come learn about Girl Scouts. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Saturday, May 18



Safe Voices’ annual 5K to End Domestic Violence will return to the Bates College campus on Saturday, June 1. The event aims to spread awareness about domestic violence and raise money to support people affected by abuse in Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties. Runners and walkers are welcome. This is a stroller- and dog-friendly event. Participants can register online at RunSignUp.com.

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Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The MSO presents a program called “Mythical Figures”; the Lewiston H.S. jazz combo performs at intermission. Students free, others \$20 (cash or check) at door. 846-5378; www.midcoast-

symphony.org.

Tuesday, May 21
Discover Girl Scouts. 6 p.m. Spruce Mountain Primary School, 107 Gibbs Mill Rd., Livermore. Girls in Grades K-3 and their caregivers are invited to come learn about Girl Scouts. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Safe Voices annual 5K set for June 1

Runners and walkers are encouraged but not required to use RunSignUp.com to raise money on behalf of Safe Voices leading up to the event. All proceeds will support Safe Voices’ emergency shelter, advocacy, and education services. Those unable to participate in the 5K on June 1 can make a contribution to Safe Voices online at www.safevoices.org/donate.

In its last fiscal year, Safe Voices provided ad-

vocacy to more than 1,500 individuals and housed 116 people in its emergency shelter, 46 of whom were children. In addition, more than 8,000 individuals received education through Safe Voices’ prevention programs.

Corporate and event sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, contact Director of Development and Engagement Victoria Stanton at 795-6744 or vstanton@safevoices.org.

Maine College of Health Professions names McMahon Scholarship winners

The Maine College of Health Professions has named the recipients of the Spring 2019 Thomas J. McMahon Scholarships. This honor was made possible by the generosity of the Lewiston High School Class of 1967, who donated scholarship funds to memorialize their classmate, Medal of Honor recipient Thomas J. McMahon.

The spring 2019 recipients, all of whom have military ties, are Jamie Bunnell of Lewiston (AS Nursing), Jennifer Deschenes of Greene (RN-BSN), Denise Kennedy of Rangeley (AS Nursing), Danielle Paus of Phippsburg (AS Nursing), Katelyn Picard of Winthrop (AS Nursing), and Tracey Ross of New Gloucester (AS Nursing).

McMahon joined the United States Army in 1967

and served as a combat medic in Vietnam. On March 19, 1969, he lost his life in service to his country as he attempted to rescue three wounded soldiers amid heavy enemy fire. Two soldiers survived because of his efforts.

“We are humbled and tremendously grateful for the Class of ’67’s decision to support our students,” said Dr. Monika Bissell, President of MCHP. “We had the opportunity to meet with representatives of the class, as well as with Mr. McMahon’s brother, Mike. Their relentless dedication to keeping Tom’s memory alive is inspiring. This gift means a great deal to us and to our deserving students as it commemorates a local health professions hero. We simply can’t thank them enough.”

The mission of the Maine College of Health Professions is to enrich lives by providing outstanding education in the health professions, inspiring student success and lifelong learning. The emphasize interpersonal, interprofessional, and community collaboration and prioritize excellence in patient care, student learning, and scholarship. For more information, see www.mchp.edu.

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