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Out & About with Rachel Morin At the Christening of the Lyndon B. Johnson at Bath Iron Works



These Navy men and women are the crew for the USS Lyndon B. Johnson.

Story by Rachel Morin; photos by Rachel Morin and Gerry Morin

I went to the christening of the new ship Lyndon B. Johnson at General Dynamics Bath Iron Works on Saturday, April 27 with my son Gerry and daughterin-law Debbie Bolen-Morin. We were excited and thrilled to be going, never having attended a ship's christening before.

Gerry is a new employee at BIW and, now familiar with protocol, secured our tickets early on. The

event was free and open to the public, but tickets and photo IDs were needed to enter the shipyard.

It was a cold and windy day, but we were pleased the rain had stopped that morning. We were prepared for the rain, just in case, with warm jackets and hooded rain gear.

We set out early for the 10 a.m. ceremony and noted cars parked in the overflow parking lots along the way. BIW Shuttle buses transported visitors from these lots to the shipyard.

We decided to move

directly to the shipyard and boarded one of the many shuttle buses waiting that took us to the large seating area for the program.

Wouldn't you know that I was privileged to share a seat on the bus with Commodore Matthew Hudson of the Australian Royal Navy and Naval Attache in Washington, D.C.? Naturally, Gerry took our picture!

The General Dynamics Bath Iron Works personnel had everything in order for the huge crowds gathering early. Shuttle buses in the shipyard accommodated

the visitors and transported them easily and quickly to the large seating area.

Disembarking from the bus, we passed the U.S. Navy Band Northeast playing patriotic music in a covered three-sided tent. A large formation of U.S. Navy men and women in uniform stood nearby waiting for the program to begin. These sailors are the crew of the USS Lyndon B. Johnson.

We were fortunate to have good seating and a jumbo screen would provide a video of the program for the audience's easy viewing.

The National Anthem was first on the program, followed by the Color Guard. The Invocation was delivered by Commander Michael Chaney, CHC, USN Marine Air Control Group 38 Command Chaplain.

Dick Lesko, President of General Dynamics Bath Iron Works, extended a welcome to the crowd. Speakers included the Honorable Susan Collins, U.S. Senator; the Honorable Angus King, U.S. Senator; the Honorable Chellie Pingree, U.S. Representative; the Honorable Jared Golden, U.S. Representative; Mr. Frederick J. Stefany III, Deputy Asst.

Secretary of the Navy for Ship Programs; and Vice Admiral Michael T. Moran, Principal Military Deputy to the Asst. Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition.

Don Barr of General Dynamics Bath Iron Works was the Master of Ceremonies and the Principal Speaker was Lynda Johnson Robb.

The speeches were dynamic and well done, many sprinkled with humor and reliving memories of LBJ.

Lynda Johnson Robb spoke about her father with affectionate and humorous memories. You could tell father and daughter had enjoyed a warm relationship.

Robb told us how "Daddy" loved having things named after him. He would send someone a grown heifer in response to having a namesake.

She said she thought about that. She then held up a small model of a calf that she would send to Captain Gray for him to place on the ship "wherever he felt would be most appropriate," which brought roars of laughter from the crowd.

Immediately following her speech came the christening of the Lyndon B. See Christening, page 9

Catholic children's choirs to perform in Lewiston

Over 100 children representing Catholic youth choirs from around the state will participate in a Catholic Children's Choir Festival in Lewiston on Friday, May 10. The event will conclude at 5:30 p.m. with a free public concert at the Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul, located at 122 Ash Street.

Festival participants will include students from St. John's Catholic School in Brunswick, All Saints Catholic School in Bangor, and Saint Dominic Academy in Auburn and Lewiston, as well as parish choir members.

The participating choirs will arrive at the basilica in the late morning before their program begins at noon. "The students will spend the first part of the program in separate groups based on age, learning some new music and choral technique," said Scott Vaillancourt, director of music at the basilica.

After a group dinner, their day will conclude when they all perform in the free concert. "Each choir will perform for ten minutes, followed by an age group presentation," Vaillancourt continued. "Finally, the whole group will come together and sing to display what they learned."

Organizers aim to present an event that will enhance the students' appreciation for music and love of performing. "My hope is that the students come away from the festival with a renewed sense of joy," said Vaillancourt. "Joy from learning some new music and skills, joy from making new friends, and joy from sharing music with each other."

For more information about the eevnt, contact Scott Vaillancourt at 240-9419 or scott.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org.

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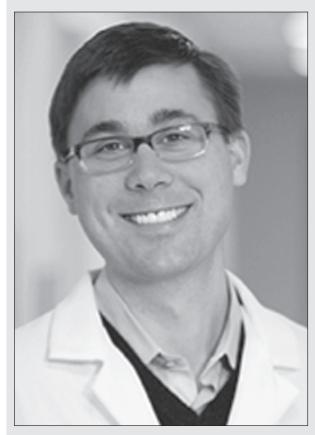
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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Coping with Shoulder Pain



Central Maine Orthopaedics surgeon Matt Bush, MD recently presented a program on "Coping with Shoulder Pain" at Central Maine Orthopaedics in Auburn. Bush is a board-certified, fellowship-trained orthopaedic surgeon who performs procedures in CMO's outpatient surgery centers and at local hospital partner sites. For more information about shoulder pain, including common symptoms, causes, conservative treatments, shoulder replacement surgery, and how to know when it's time to call your physician, call Central Maine Orthopaedics at 482-7854 or email Nikki.withrow@spectrumhcp.com.

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Androscoggin Bank receives Heartwood Award from Tree Street Youth

Tree Street Youth recently presented Androscoggin Bank with its Heartwood Award for service and support of the organization over the last several years. According to Tree Street Youth, the heartwood section of the tree represents the tree's "core," the section that provides support for the tree as it grows and becomes firmly rooted.

Bank President Neil J. Kiely accepted the award on behalf of the Bank. "Tree Street Youth is an incredibly dynamic, mission-driven, values-based organization that is having an outsized impact on students in our community," he said. "As a similarly mission-driven, values-based organization, it is a privilege for us to support them in doing such valuable work."

In 2018, the Bank supported the youth center in a number of ways, including



Pictured here with the award are (l. to r.) President Neil J. Kiely; AVP, Senior Account Debbie Poliquin; AVP, Controller Mary Michaud; VP, Chief Treasury Services and Business Development Officer Jennifer Seekins; Client Support Specialist Cecile Plourde; and Client Support Specialist Alycia Beaulieu.

donations and sponsorships totaling \$36,000, with a substantial contribution to help them launch their alternative high school learning pilot program.

Tree Street Youth is a

full-service youth center that serves 750 Lewiston-Auburn youth, ages 4 through 25, in one of the most economically challenged neighborhoods in Maine. Operating primarily during the vulnerable after-school hours, Tree Street supports youth by providing a safe space that encourages healthy physical, social, emotional, and academic development while building unity across lines of difference.

CMCC student earns Lumber Dealers Scholarship

Central Maine Community College student Maxwell Stanley of Vinalhaven has been awarded the Retail Lumber Dealers Association of Maine Brian C. Thayer Memorial Schol-

A graduate of Vinalhaven High School, Stanley is a full-time, second-year student in the Building Construction Technology (BCT) program at CMCC. After he completes the program, Stanley hopes to return to the island to live and work in the construction field.

The Retail Lumber Dealers Association of Maine was established in 1933 to foster the interests of those in the retail lumber and building materials



Pictured here with award recipient Maxwell Stanley (c.) are (from 1.) CMCC Building Construction Technology program chair Don Varney, Joanne Tarr of Lapointe Lumber Company, Gene Flanagan of Viking Lumber Company, and $David\,Gluck\,of\,the\,Northeastern\,Retail\,Lumber\,Association.$

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industry. Affiliated with the Northeastern Retail Lumber Association, the group provides educational and training opportunities for its members and scholarships for deserving students in the construction fields.

The Building Construction Technology program at CMCC prepares students for employment in construction-related fields. Through a combination of classroom study and handson lab work, students become broadly familiar with methods, standards, and codes associated with the construction industry.

The BCT program now offers a "job-site" track that includes paid, on-the-job training for academic credit. Students rotate between seven-week increments of jobsite training and on-campus courses.

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Governor's Address: Reinstating the Children's Cabinet Recommits **State Government to Making Children a Top Priority**

In my Inaugural Address, I made a promise to the people of Maine.

I said: "There is no higher priority than our children. And with so many young people at Long Creek, with children waiting for critical mental health services, and some even losing their lives to violence in their own homes, it is high time we put children's health and safety first. I am starting with one simple step - calling together the Children's Cabinet, for the first time in years, to tackle these issues."

This week I kept that promise. With our new cabinet members, I officially reconvened the Maine Children's Cabinet for the first time in almost a decade.

Governor Angus King founded the Children's Cabinet in 1996 as a forum for government

agencies to collaborate on good policy for Maine children and youth. The Legislature enacted it into Maine law in 2001.

In keeping with its lofty mission, the Children's Cabinet included the Commissioners of the Departments of Health and Human Services, Education, Labor, Public Safety, and Corrections, in addition to the Governor's office and various staffs.

The Children's Cabinet began its work with four measures of success in mind: that Maine children are succeeding in school; that our youth are prepared to enter the workforce; that families are living safe and healthy lives; and that Maine communities are keeping children and families at the heart of all their decisions

The last time the Cabinet met in 2010, it submitted a report summarizing its work to the transition team



Governor Janet Mills

of the then-incoming administration.

Since its inception, the Cabinet had achieved remarkable success towards its goals. But in its report, the Cabinet also outlined areas where it had fallen short and where it hoped the next Children's Cabinet would succeed.

Toward its goal of ensuring that every Maine child succeeds in school, the Children's Cabinet urged state government to focus on reducing youth drop out, recidivism, and incarceration rates.

The Cabinet also

recommended that future members take the lead in expanding quality and accessible early child care and education. At the time, 46 percent of all Maine preschoolers were entering school not meeting school readiness standards.

That is not to mention the stark childhood poverty rates. Back in 2010, 37 of the top 50 towns with the highest poverty rates in New England were located in Maine.

So, while we made some progress, almost a decade since those challenges were issued by the former Children's Cabinet has gone by with no focused, substantial state action to improve the life of children in Maine.

Today, one in six Maine children still lives in poverty, and the number of children suffering substantiated child abuse is up 25 percent just from 2017

And, while all of this

is alarming to me, both as a mother and grandmother and as your governor, I am also deeply concerned about the 50 percent increase over the last five years in child and teen suicide in Maine. These are kids ages 10 to 19.

We've got to act. We are recommitting our state government to making our children a top priority, and we've set two key goals for the Children's Cabinet to work on over the next few vears

First, we will create a comprehensive early child care and early education system in Maine that targets kids before they enter school.

This goal will employ a two-generational strategy by addressing the needs of children and their parents.

The Children's Cabinet will consider how to expand quality home visiting; how to improve the quality of childcare and early childhood programs; and how to align systems, including workforce opportunities across state agencies, maximizing state and federal funds, and directing early funds toward children and families with the greatest

Second, we will improve access to community-based services and programming for vulnerable, at-risk older youth and their families, especially older youth at risk of being involved in the juvenile justice system, at risk of experiencing homelessness, or in the child welfare system.

I know that our state is up to these challenges. Our efforts to improve the lives of young children and youth who are struggling will pay enormous dividends for our state's future and for these kids.

> Thank You, Janet Mills Governor

New aesthetician at Cassiel's

Cassiel's Day Spa has announced that Cassondra Gray has joined their team. A graduate of the College of International Esthetics in Arvada, Colorado, Gray is a Licensed Medical Aesthetician. She specializes in advance skin care, including microderm abrasion, chemical peels, micro-needling, lash lifting and tinting, cryo-treatments, skin rejuvenation, advanced exfoliation, and facial and body waxing.

Gray is passionate about skin and is very active in continuing her education on new developments in advanced skin care and treatments. "Even better than her technical skills, she brings a warm and friendly attitude to our spa," said Cassiel's owner Diane Dubois.

Located at 71 East Avenue in Lewiston, Cassiel's Day Spa is noted for its warm and inviting atmosphere and broad range of expert services. Gray is now available to see clients. To make an appointment, call them at 783-3321.



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located on 8 Sacred Heart Place in Auburn, has Masses Monday through Friday at 7:45 a.m., Saturdays at 4 p.m., and Sundays at 7:30 and 11 a.m. St. Philip Church, located on 2365

Turner Road in Auburn, has Mass on Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

The diapers will be given to the Relief & Hope Services program of Catholic Charities Maine. For more information about the drive, contact Deacon Denis Mailhot at 782-8096, ext. 1203 or denis.mailhot@ portlanddiocese.org.

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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.



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Guest Column: Supporting Rural Communities



By Sen. Ned Claxton

As I have travelled around our district, I have heard from many of you about the need to have more support and services in our rural communities. Our rural communities deserve the same attention and level of services that our cities have received.

We also need to support working families and collaborate with schools to emphasize the value of a career in various trades. Along with more apprenticeship options, learning a trade should be seen as a way to deliver crucial community services and to earn a good living. This would also help many avoid student debt.

One of the ways we can do this is by supporting and expanding our career and technical education (CTE) opportunities. One of my colleagues, Sen. Jim Dill (D-Old Town), sponsored a bill that will provide an additional \$1.5 million per year for the cost of career and technical education.

By expanding our CTE opportunities, we not only help students avoid debt associated with two- and four-

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year degrees, but we also provide a workforce base for technical fields that are in need of qualified employees. Maine currently faces a great need for plumbers and HVAC technicians, to name a few trades. These are honest, good-paying, jobs, and we need the resources to connect people to them.

I'm also proud to support our rural communities by sponsoring a bill to require mortgage companies to meet the same good-faith standards of service that banks currently provide.

As rural communities struggle, more and more people face foreclosures. Without direct interactions with lending agencies, we are often faced with confusion around the mortgage process. Many banks quickly turn over your mortgage to a "mortgage loan servicer," a business that puts the homeowner one step removed from the bank that loaned the money. That service often sells your mortgage management to another "servicer," which means you are now two steps removed from the original bank.

If there are problems with the mortgage - billing errors, statement errors, delavs in payment, etc. - you cannot call the original bank to get help to sort out the issue. Oh, and by the way, the servicers are not held to the same performance standards as the banks.

My bill would be a critical step toward making sure mortgage service providers are more responsive to homeowners and would hold them to the same goodfaith standard before and after mediation - the "Maine Standard." This would immeasurably help those who are struggling with mortgages currently and would help stabilize our communities by keeping more people in their homes.

It is an honor to serve as your State Senator. If you have any concerns or questions, I am always available to listen. I can be reached at my office at 287-1515 or by email at Ned.Claxton@ legislature.maine.gov.

For updates, you can also follow my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ SenNedClaxton.

Sen. Ned Claxton (D-Androscoggin) represents Maine Senate District 20, which includes Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, and Poland.

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CMCC students named to All-Maine Academic Team





Tyler Hayes

Four students from Central Maine Community College are among the twentv Maine community college students named to the 2019 All-Maine Academic Team. The students were selected in recognition of outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and service.

The CMCC students receiving the award, which



Zakiya Sheikh



Rusty Vining

includes a \$500 scholarship from the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees, are Benjamin Creznic of Wilton, Tyler Hayes of Waldoboro, Zakiya Sheikh of Lewiston, and Rusty Vining of Auburn.

Benjamin Creznic is an honors student in the nursing program. He plans to continue his studies after CMCC to earn a BSN degree while working in an emergency room. He ultimately wants to serve as a nurse practitioner in rural Maine.

Tyler Hayes earned President's Honors last fall in the precision machining technology program. He works at Knox Machine in Warren, where he operates large CNC machines that make electrical turbine

Zakiya Sheikh has found an outlet for developing her creative passion for photography and graphic art as an honors student in the graphic communications program. She hopes to work in print media.

After serving two tours of duty in Afghanistan, Vining has earned highest honors as a student in the precision machining technology program. He hopes to continue his studies after CMCC to earn an engineering degree in the machining field.

The All-Maine Academic Team is a program of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges.

Maine Mother of the Year visits Washington, D.C.

U.S. Senator Susan Collins recently welcomed Donnalina "Lina" Michaud of Augusta, the 2019 Maine Mother of the Year, to her Washington, D.C., office. Michaud was visiting the nation's capital to attend the 84th National Convention of American Mothers.

"I was delighted to have the opportunity to congratulate Lina on being named the 2019 Maine Mother of the Year," said Senator Collins. "We had a great discussion about the work Lina is doing in her community to ensure that students from lower-income families have the school supplies they need at the beginning of the academic year."

Michaud is a graduate of Cony High School and later attended the University of Maine at Augusta, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services. She joined Le Club Calumet in 2005 as part of the first group of female members to be initiated. She is also a member of the Elks, where she promotes scholarships, organizes the Greater Augusta Area Back to School Event, and is an advisor for the "Antlers" Junior Elks Program. She supports numerous charitable programs, such as the Maine Children's Cancer Program, Camp to Belong



Donnalina "Lina" Michaud, with Senator Susan Collins

Maine, the Kinship Group of Central Maine, and the Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope for Homeless Female Veterans. She also serves as the ABC Quilts coordinator for the Maine Chapter of American Mothers.

American Mothers, Inc. is focused on educating mothers about policy issues that could impact them, honoring mothers for their contributions, advocating on behalf of a safer existence for all women and children, and supporting other non-profits that benefit women and children via the Golden Rule Grant Fund.

The Golden Rule Grant Fund provides an avenue where American Mothers can implement its mission and values by supporting other non-profit organizations as they provide services for the common good of mothers and children.

Harlow welcomes new executive director



Gretchen Marion

the Kennebec Valley Art Association, has named Gretchen Marion as their new executive director. Marion brings over 20 years of experience in management, marketing, fundraising, and finance to the position. She is the former executive director of the Submarine Force Library and Museum Association, a nonprofit educational foundation which provides marketing, fundraising, exhibit. and education services to the USS Nautilus Museum in Groton, CT. She has a B.A. in Art History and Fine Arts from the University of Connecticut.

"I'm excited to em-

and to meet fellow artists," says Marion. "It has long been a dream of mine to work in a gallery, and The Harlow is beyond what I could have imagined. I'm looking forward to blending my business experience with my life in the arts. I'm also excited to become part of the community in Hallowell."

"We're thrilled to welcome Gretchen Marion to the Harlow/KVAA," said Susan Macpherson, President of the Harlow/KVAA Board of Directors. "Her professional experience will help us continue the growth we're experiencing in our new location. She is a strong addition to both Hallowell

The Harlow, home of bark on this new journey and the Kennebec Valley art community. I look forward to the creativity and leadership she will provide at The Harlow."

> In welcoming Gretchen, The Harlow bids farewell to their current executive director, Deb Fahy, who has served the organization for over 14 years.

> The Harlow is a membership based 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to connecting and celebrating art, artists, and community in downtown historic Hallowell since 1963. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 12 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 622-3813 or visit harlowgallery.

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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

Timberlake (R-Androscoggin). The sentiment recognizes Varney's achievements of winning the Class A Boys Nordic recently by Senator Jeff Classical State Champion-

ship for the second time and the Pursuit Championship. He was also named Varsity Maine Boys Skier of the Year by the Portland Press

Maine-ly Harmony installs new officers



Pictured here (l. to r.) are Jenny Clair, Kathy Joyce, Janet Dunham, Barbara Combs, Candace Pepin, and BJ Sylvester-Pellett. (Photo by Anne Danforth)

The Maine-ly Harmony Women's Barbershop Chorus recently installed its officers for 2019-20: President BJ Sylvester-Pellett of Winthrop, Vice President Candace Pepin of Augusta, Secretary Barbara Combs of Topsham, Treasurer Janet Dunham of Belgrade, and Members at Large Kathy Joyce of Bowdoinham and Jenny Clair of China Village. The Installing Officer was Sue Staples of Bangor and the Membership Representative was Nancy Bossie of Chelsea.

Directed by Kathy Greason of Brunswick, the chorus welcomes singers to

visit their Wednesday 6:30 p.m. rehearsals at the Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church, located at 209 Eastern Avenue in Augusta. To schedule the chorus to perform for a special event or fundraiser, contact Nancie Hugenbruch at 293-4779 or hugabook4@yahoo.com.

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."



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 Burnell 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.

Safe Voices annual 5K set for June 1

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.

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 advocacy 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.

What's Going On

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 for the sessions. Individuals were able to meet with an IRS-certified volunteer at Sacred Heart Church leading up to the tax deadline on April 15. The volunteers helped participants prepare their returns at no cost.

"With the complex nature of tax preparation and filing, it just made sense to invite AARP to offer this timely and beneficial service, especially to low-income parishioners and families," said Deacon Denis 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."

Square Dance Club presents Silent Auction

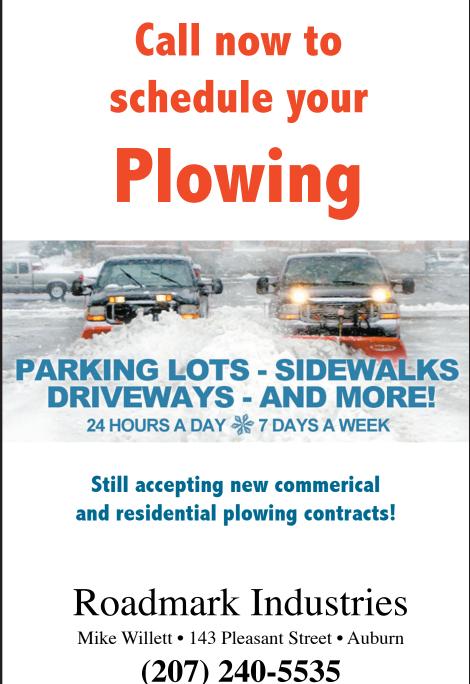
The Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club of South Paris will host its monthly dance on Saturday, May 11, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., when the public is invited to join them for their first-ever Silent Auction. There will be many items to bid on, from themed baskets (chocolate, movie time, coffee, tools) to

jewelry, gift certificates, and more. The event will take place at Oxford Hills Middle School, located at 100 Pine Street in South Paris.

Kip Moulton will be the caller and Linda Moulton will cue the round dancing. There will be mainstream and plus tips. Non-dancers are invited to attend at no charge. Dancer admission is \$8 per person. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening and there will be door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. For more information, call club presidents Joan and Dick Deans at 966-2327 or 890-2972 or see their website at swing-inbears.squaredanceme.us.



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— Mary-Anne D. Ponti, RN, MSN, DBA, FACHE Chief Nursing Officer, Central Maine Healthcare

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Johnson by LBJ's daughters, Lynda Johnson Robb and Lucy Baines Johnson. We were thrilled to witness this smashing of the bottles on the bow of the ship, especially for our first experience at the christening of a ship and one named for President Lyndon B. Johnson.



Welcome to the christening



The General Dynamics Bath Iron Works personnel did a superb job managing the huge crowds and seating them quickly and efficiently.



Rachel Morin shares a seat on the shuttle bus with Commodore Matthew Hudson of the Australian Royal Navy and Naval Attache at Washington, D.C.



The Daniel Inouye ship still under construction is named for Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, a World War II veteran.



 ${\it The U.S. Navy Band Northeast plays patriotic songs before}$ the program.



Gerry and Debbie Bolen-Morin toured the shipyard before the program started.



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The Lyndon B. Johnson crest Presenting the colors, as seen on the jumbo screen







Some folks tried to ward off the chills.



People were appreciative of the shuttle buses providing transportation to and from the BIW shipyard.



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TWIN-CITY CITY CITY Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Indie folk phenoms coming to Chocolate Church



Darlingside consists of friends Don Mitchell, Auyon Mukharji, Harris Paseltiner, and David Senft. (Photo by Cameron Gee)

The acclaimed Boston indie folk group Darlingside will bring their super-powered harmonies and powerful lyrics to the Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath on Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The group catapulted to fame in the wake of their 2016 performance at the Cambridge Folk Festival, where, says The Daily Telegraph, they "earned an ecstatic reception [that] turned them into instant stars." The band tours regularly throughout the United States, Canada, the UK, and Europe. Most recently,

their song "Hold Your Head Up High" was featured on NBC's "This Is Us" season finale

Consisting of fast friends Don Mitchell (guitar and vocals), Auyon Mukharji (mandolin and vocals), Harris Paseltiner (cello, keyboards, and vocals) and David Senft (bass and vocals), the band constructs every piece of music collaboratively, pooling musical and lyrical ideas so that each song bears the imprint of four different writing voices. While Darlingside's music and harmonies draw frequent comparisons to late 1960's-era supergroups like Crosby, Stills & Nash, Simon & Garfunkel, and The Byrds, their penchant for science fiction and speculative futurism counteracts any urge to pigeonhole their aesthetic as "retro." NPR Music has called the result "exquisitely arranged, literary-minded baroque folk-pop."

The Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$30 and \$40 at the door, and \$15 for students. To buy, call 442-8455 or see www.chocolatechurcharts. org.

Rummage and Bake Sale at Barker Mill Arms

The Barker Mill Arms Tenants Association will present their annual Rummage and Bake Sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will support association events for the residents throughout the year. Barker Mill Arms is located at 143 Mill Street in Auburn. The event will take place indoors on the first floor and is accessible to those who have physical limitations.

The sale will feature a wide variety of household items, jewelry, and baked goods, along with breakfast

items, bean dinners, and other lunch items. There will be a 50/50 and raffles for several grocery baskets, to be drawn at 2 p.m. You need not be present to win. For more information, contact Assoc. President Belinda Gerry at 784-8458.

"Writing for Our Children - Teaching Memory" at Franco-American Collection



Jean-Claude Redonnet is an academic and former diplomat who studies the history of the French language in North America.

In collaboration with the Québec Delegation, the Franco-American Collection at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College will present a program called "Writing for Our Children - Teaching Memory" on Tuesday, May 14, from 4 to 5 p.m. Free and open to the public, the event will take place in Room 285 at Lewiston-Auburn College Jean-Claude Redonnet will discuss ways in which heritage and memory can be taught to younger generations by utilizing historical stories. He will read and discuss his story, "Madelin LeBlanc, La Petite Acadienne de Falmouth, Maine," which chronicles the Great Deportation from Acadia in the mid-18th century. The

story is told through the perspective of the young protagonist and her family. The presentation will be in French and English, with the reading of the story in French.

Redonnet is an academic and former diplomat. A specialist in Francophonie, notably in North America, he has used his talents to teach French through immersion classes as Director of the French school at Middlebury College, VT (1996-2003). He is also a prolific author focusing on the history and memory of the French language.

His interest in Acadia was sparked by his assignment as Cultural Advisor in Ottawa (1985-1939) and his collaboration with the Acadian people, communities, and organizations of New-Brunswick and Nova Scotia. He has settled in Falmouth, Maine, where he pursues teaching, research, and writing, particularly in the domain of children's and adolescent literature.





Catholic children's choirs to perform in Lewiston



Over 100 children representing Catholic youth choirs from around the state will participate in a Catholic Children's Choir Festival in Lewiston on Friday, May 10. The event will conclude at 5:30 p.m. with a free public concert at the Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul, located at 122

Ash Street.

Festival participants will include students from St. John's Catholic School in Brunswick, All Saints Catholic School in Bangor, and Saint Dominic Academy in Auburn and Lewiston, as well as parish choir members.

The participating choirs will arrive at the basilica in the late morning before their program begins at noon. "The students will spend the first part of the program in separate groups based on age, learning some new music and choral technique," said Scott Vaillancourt, director of music at the basilica.

After a group dinner, their day will conclude when they all perform in the free concert. "Each choir will perform for ten minutes, followed by an age group presentation," Vaillancourt continued. "Finally, the whole group will come together and sing to display what they learned."

Organizers aim to present an event that will enhance the students' appreciation for music and love of performing. "My hope is that the students come away from the festival with a renewed sense of joy," said Vaillancourt. "Joy from learning some new music and skills, joy from making new friends, and joy from sharing music with each other."

For more information about the eevnt, contact Scott Vaillancourt at 240-9419 or scott.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org.

Auburn Middle School art goes on display at Museum L-A



Students whose artwork will be on display include Ansley Watson, Brady Kilby, Derek Becvar, Amber Fraser, and Alexus Newton.

As more students than ever take part in Museum L-A's Kids as Curators program, they continue to display a passion and excitement for having their projects installed in a real museum gallery.

For the third time in 2019, the museum will install a new exhibit of student work, this time created by students of Auburn Middle School. Teacher Diana Carson has led her students to create works of art as part of a project called "Auburn Students: Problem Solvers of Tomorrow." The public is invited to attend the free opening reception for the exhibit on the third floor of the Bates Mill from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 16. Inspired by Robert

Shetterly's "Americans Who Tell the Truth," 90 seventh graders at AMS were asked to study problems that they identified in their lives, communities, and the larger world. They began researching difficult topics such as suicide, global warming, and homelessness and the ways that people are working to solve these problems. The students then created a podcast and a work of art representing the topics they researched; these artworks will be on display in Museum L-A's exhibit space.

"Often we think of teenagers as just staring into a screen and consuming mindless content," said Carson. "But this picture doesn't tell the whole story. Teens in Auburn worry about how their world is going to be different because of climate change; they care about helping animals

and people struggling with abuse; they are alarmed at how many kids their age have gotten involved with vaping; and they can see the effect that vandalism and gun violence has on communities. Our teenagers are ready to take on the problems that they will inherit from us."

"Problem Solvers of Tomorrow" is part of programming created by Museum L-A for the City of Auburn's 150th Anniversary Celebration. As the younger generation of Auburn citizens, these students can shape the future of the city.

"By allowing Auburn students to share their voices and artwork with the public, the museum hopes that this project will inspire these students to continue to make positive changes to their local community, not just this year, but for many years to come," said exhibit coordinator Emma Sieh.

Museum L-A is located in the Bates Mill Complex at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston. Its hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special and large group tours outside of these hours are available by appointment. For more information, call 333-3881 or email info@museumla.org.

Twin City Nights

Norlands presents "Tea, Talk, and Tour: A Visit with Patty Washburn"



Willi Irish, Norlands' Director of Interpretation and Training, with volunteer Carole Works in the 1867 Washburn kitchen

Celebrate mothers everywhere with a "Tea, Talk, and Tour" event at Washburn-Norlands Living History Center on Saturday, May 11 at 2 p.m., when participants will enjoy a visit with Patty Washburn, portrayed by Norlands Director of Interpretation and Training Willi Irish. You'll enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cookies while Patty reflects about her life, ten children, and their remarkable achievements. Afterwards, she'll give you a tour of the beautiful home her sons built in

Maine native Hannibal Hamlin, who served as Vice President under Abraham Lincoln, once stated that Rome, in all her glory, never produced such a woman as the mother of the Washburns. Martha "Patty" Benjamin Washburn (1792-1861) was the daughter of Revolutionary War veteran Lieutenant Samuel and Tabitha Livermore Benjamin. She married Israel Washburn of Livermore in 1812 and bore him eleven children, ten of whom survived. She was a devoted wife and loving mother who instilled ambition in her children.

The Washburns of Liv-

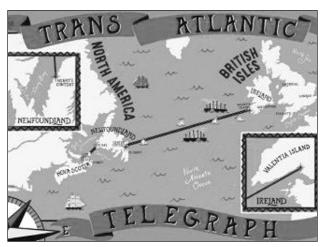
ermore were one of the great political and industrial families of nineteenth-century America. There may be no family in the history of the United States whose accomplishments in a single generation can equal those of Patty's seven sons. Among them were the Governors of two different states, Congressmen representing four

different states, a U.S. Senator, a Major General in the Army, and Captain in the Navy. Collectively, they were accomplished lawyers, bankers, railroad builders, authors, flour millers, and more. During the visit, Patty will also share stories about her three daughters. Hear their tales of adventure, courtship, and success finding love, marriage, and building families.

Seating is limited; advance reservations are required. Tickets are \$13 per person. They may be reserved by calling 897-4366 or emailing programs@norlands.org.

Washburn-Norlands Living History Center is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore. For more information, visit www. norlands.org.

"Electrifying Connections" at Sawyer Memorial



The Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial in Greene will present a program called "Electrifying Connections" with author Mary Morton Cowan on Friday, May 10 at 2 and 7 p.m. Both programs are free and open to the public.

Before the mid-1800s, the only way news could travel from North America to Europe was by ship. That all changed when the first transatlantic telegraph cable was laid. The project, led by Cyrus West Field, was one of the greatest technological achievements of the nineteenth century. But completing it required courage and persistence in surmounting extraordinary obstacles, including technological problems, engineering failures, suspected sabotage, millions of dollars lost, and public ridicule.

Award-winning author Mary Morton Cowan will present a slideshow based on her biography "Cyrus Field's Big Dream: The Daring Effort to Lay the First Transatlantic Telegraph Cable," a true story that changed communications forever.

The Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial is located at 371 Sawyer Road in Greene. For more information, call 946-5311 or see sawyer-foundation.com.

Twin City Nights

Phippsburg concert to feature sea songs and chanteys from the era of "Moby-Dick"



Dave Peloquin and Jerry Bryant are seasoned historians, singers, and performers of traditional sea music.

Seasoned sea music singers Dave Peloquin and Jerry Bryant will perform "Songs and Chanteys from the Era of Moby-Dick" at the Phippsburg Congregational Church on Saturday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. The program, a celebration of Herman Melville's 200th birthday year, will include songs and chanteys mentioned in his books and other material that would have been familiar to Melville during his time as a sailor.

Dave Peloquin brings his tenor voice and guitar accompaniment to the performance. In addition to being an established solo performer on the folk scene, he has performed at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts with his group, Compass Rose. For over 30 years, he has been associated with the Mystic Seaport Museum as a chanteyman, historic interpreter, and festival performer. He has produced twelve albums, soundtracks for films, and many special projects, including work for George Winston. Apart from his life in music, his scholarly interests find him lecturing on Herman Melville and "Moby-Dick."

Over the last 30 years, Maine-native Jerry Bryant has been a celebrated performer of maritime songs, performing widely throughout the U.S. His many appearances have included prominent maritime music festivals in San Francisco, Chicago, Portsmouth, and Mystic, Connecticut. Performing on guitar, banjo, concertina, melodeon, and other acoustic instruments, his repertoire includes hundreds of traditional and contemporary folk songs. He was a consultant on maritime songs for the hit film "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World" starring Russell Crowe and provided the soundtrack for Penguin Audio Books' "In the Heart of the Sea" by Nathaniel Philbrick.

The program, performed in the historic 1802 church on the banks of the Kennebec, will also touch upon the historical context of the time and the role songs and chanteys played in shipboard work and nineteenth-century maritime culture

Doors will open at 7 p.m. Phippsburg Congregational Church is located at 10 Church Lane in Phippsburg. Tickets at the door will be \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. Advance tickets are available for \$12 at BrownPaperTickets.com. Children under 8 will be admitted free of charge. For more information, call 389-1770.

UUCB Concerts for a Cause presents Denny Breau Trio

The Denny Breau Trio will bring their entertaining show to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick on Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. This will be the sixth concert of the 2018-19 Concerts for a Cause series that raises money for local charities. This season's beneficiaries are the Gathering Place and the Brunswick Teen Center.

The Denny Breau Trio commands a wide variety of musical styles, easily mixing the genres of folk, country, Delta blues, and jazz in a way that captivates and entertains audiences. Denny is a triple threat: a consummate picker, evocative songwriter, and singer with "a voice that is warm

and inviting, but completely unpretentious."

Breau's rhythmically flawless and dazzlingly clear style allows him to do amazing and stunning things with a six-string guitar. The lighting fast guitar lines that seem almost impossible to accomplish are balanced with those that have a quiet intimacy and wrap tenderly around his carefully crafted songs.

It's not an exaggeration to say that Breau was born to music. His parents, Hal Lone Pine and Betty Cody, were popular country performers and RCA recording artists beginning in the 1940s. His older brother, the late Lenny Breau, is considered a jazz guitar giant.

Denny has garnered numerous music awards himself, honored many times over by the Maine Country Music Association for "Entertainer of the Year," "Album of the Year," "Male Vocalist of the Year," and "Instrumentalist of the Year." He was inducted into the Maine Country Music Hall of Fame in 2004 as the youngest inductee in the history of the organization.

The church is located at 1 Middle Street in Brunswick. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door, and just \$5 for children and students. They can be purchased at the church office, Gulf of Maine Books, or online at https://breau.brownpapertickets.com.

Lewiston Farmers' Market opens for summer season

The Lewiston Farmers' Market will celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by opening for the season at its summer location: the municipal parking lot on the corner of Lincoln and Main Streets.

Family-friendly activities for the day will include live music, kids' activities, and a raffle for a Mother's Day Basket filled with market goodies. Tables and chairs will be available for visitors to sit and enjoy good food and good company.

Visitors to the market can expect to shop with new and returning vendors selling farm fresh vegetables, seasonal fruit, grass fed beef, chicken, lamb, pork, homemade baked goods, gluten-free goods, maple products, fresh cut flowers, perennial plants, handcrafted soap, local art and crafts, and much more. Extended hours for the summer make it easier for customers to stop by after weekly religious services or family gatherings. The market will be open until 2 p.m. throughout the season

Customers may purchase goods with a range of currency, including cash, credit, debit, SNAP (food stamps), and WIC. The market will also offer its muchloved "Market Rewards" program, through which loyal customers receive a gift certificate after five

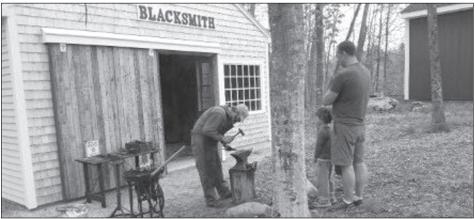
visits, and its popular "Seniors Day" program, where seniors ages 62 and over receive a gift certificate to the market every first Sunday of the month.

Finally, the Lewiston Farmers' Market is excited to join other markets across the state in offering the "Maine Harvest Bucks" program, which provides SNAP/EBT users with bonus fresh fruits and vegetables. For more information on Maine Harvest Bucks, call 513-3848 or visit http://maineharvestbucks.org.

A family-friendly farmers' market right in the heart of Lewiston-Auburn, the Lewiston Farmers' Market offers visitors a chance to connect with one another and shop for a wide variety of fresh, delicious local foods and goods. The Lewiston Farmers' Market is sponsored by St. Mary's Nutrition Center (NC), a local and statewide resource dedicated to promoting community health through organizing, advocacy and education.

To see a complete list of participating vendors, sign up for their e-newsletter, or for more information, contact them at 513- 3848 or lewistonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Skyline Farm presents annual Plow Day



Blacksmith Tim Greene of Parsonsfield demonstrates his craft at the 2018 Plow Day. (Photo by Pamela Ames)

On Saturday, May 11, from 12 to 3 p.m., Skyline Farm at 95 The Lane in North Yarmouth will host its 11th annual Plow Day. This free public spring festival will feature horse-drawn plowing demonstrations, wagon rides for kids (\$5 donation per child), kids' activities, an organic seedling sale, and blacksmith and carpentry demonstrations.

Scheduled activi-

ties will include "Meet an Icelandic Horse" (12 to 1 p.m.), a Breyer Stablemate Painting Party (space limited) (1:30 p.m.), and a Dog Tricks Show (2 p.m.). Refreshment sales will benefit this nonprofit farm and carriage museum.

Also, the new carriage museum exhibit "Ladies & Gentlemen," featuring "finer" lighter vehicles and "bulkier" heavier ones, will be open for viewing. The exhibit will also be open Sundays, May 12 through June 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

No dogs, please. No Rain Date. There is field parking beyond the outdoor arena and along one side of The Lane. For more information, contact Pamela Ames at 829-5708 or info@skylinefarm.org.

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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,

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geologist and Assistant Curator of the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum. Lunch is \$8; reserve by noon on 5/8 at 753-6510.

"Electrifying Connections." 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. Author Mary Morton Cowan presents a slideshow based on her biography "Cyrus Field's Big Dream: The Daring Effort to Lay the First Transatlantic Telegraph Cable." Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Concert: Catholic Children's Choir Festival. 5:30 p.m. Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul, 122 Ash St., Lewiston. Several Catholic children's choirs from around the state perform individually and then together. Free. 240-9419.

Concert: Pianist Henry Kramer. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St, Lewiston. The center's 2018-19 Piano Series season concludes with the acclaimed young American concert pianist. \$15 (students free). 783-1585; Franco Center.org.

Saturday, May 11

Yard and Bake Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sixth St. Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn

Rummage and Bake Sale. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Barker Mill Arms, 143 Mill St., Auburn. Household items, jewelry, baked goods, breakfast items, bean dinners, lunch items, and raffles. Pres. by the Tenants' Association.

Plow Day. 12 to 3 p.m. Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane. No. Yarmouth. This free public event features horse-drawn plowing and other demos, wagon rides for the kids (on a donation basis), and a dog tricks show at 2 p.m.; concessions avail. Free. 829-5708; info@skylinefarm.org.

Tea, Talk, and Tour. 2 p.m. Washburn-Norlands

Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore. Enjoy a visit with Washburn matriarch "Patty" Benjamin Washburn (1792-1861), portrayed by Director of Interpretation and Training Willi Irish. \$13. Advance registration required. 897-4366.

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.

Square & Round Dancing. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine St., So. Paris. This month's dance also features the club's first-ever Silent Auction; pres. by the Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club. Free for non-dancers. 966-2327.

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.

Concert: The Denny Breau Trio. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Middle St., Brunswick. Concerts for a Cause presents the acclaimed singer-songwriter-guitarist. \$15 (\$12 in adv.); students \$5. breau.brownpapertickets. com.

Concert: "Sea Songs and Chanteys from the Era of "Moby-Dick." 7 p.m. Congregational Church, 10 Church Lane (at Parker Head Rd.), Phippsburg. Sea music historians, singers, and performers Dave Peloquin and Jerry Bryant perform. \$15/8 at door, \$12 at BrownPaperTickets.com. 389-1770.

Monday, May 13
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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.

Tuesday, May 14

"Writing for Our Children - Teaching Memory." 4 to 5 p.m. Room 285. Lewiston-Auburn College. Jean-Claude Redonnet will read and discuss his story "Madelin LeBlanc," about the deportation from Acadia in the mid-18th century. In French and English. Free.

Thursday, May 16

Business After Hours. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Maine State Building, Poland Spring Resort. Join the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce for food, fun, and networking.

Opening Reception. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Museum L-A, 35 Canal St., Bates Mill Complex. Lewiston. An exhibit of artwork by Auburn Middle School students on the theme "Problem Solvers of Tomorrow" goes on display. Free.

Concert: Darlingside. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This acclaimed Boston Indie Folk group features strong harmonies and powerful lyrics. \$40 (\$35 in adv.); students \$15. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurch.org.

Saturday, May 18

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.midcoastsymphony.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.

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Safe Voices campaign invites supporters to "Treat Yourself"



Local domestic violence resource center Safe Voices has announced a new benefits campaign called "Treat Yourself: Pampering with Purpose" that is now running through May 19.

"Treat Yourself" is a partnership between Safe Voices and local businesses to offer specials, events, and avenues of support that connect community partners and donors to the work to end domestic violence. Events will take place across Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties.

Empowering the individual is at the heart of Safe Voices' mission, and that is often supported by self-care and other conscious indulgences. This was the motivation for partnering with businesses that offer different ways to feed the human spirit. The campaign brings these services to the public with the knowledge that they are supporting a worthy cause.

The flagship events will include: May 10 - Wine Tasting at The Vault in Lewiston; May 11 - Floral Design Event at Heirloom Arrangements in Lewiston (incl. both kid-friendly and adult-only options); May 15 - Succulent Garden Workshop at Robin's Flower Pot in Farmington; and May 15 - Flow/Restore Yoga & Self-Care at Chill Yoga.

Specials will be offered by Sonder & Dram, Azulene Day Spa, Poise Yoga & Foot Sanctuary, among others. For a full list of specials, events, and supporters, visit safevoices.org or their Facebook page at "safevoicesmaine".

"We really wanted this to be a thank-you to the businesses in our community, as well as to our supporters," said Chelsea Rendlen, Development and Engagement Associate at Safe Voices. "This year is only the beginning. We're showing our community that everyone can play a role in raising awareness and supporting those affected by domestic violence."

If you or someone you know is in a domestic violence situation, call Safe Voices' 24-hour helpline at 1-800-559-2927.

Chamber Business After Hours spotlights Maine State Building

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host Business After Hours at the Maine State Building at Poland Spring Resort on Thursday, May 16, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

A visit to the Maine State Building begins with a feeling of disbelief that, in the late nineteenth century, such a magnificent building could be built with materials sent from Maine to Chicago and then later moved back to Poland Spring by train and ox cart.

The Maine State Building was originally built in 1893 for the Chicago World's Fair, also known as the Columbian Exposition. The Fair was to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Christopher Columbus. The State of Maine appropriated money to construct the building and a design by Charles Sumner Frost, originally of Lewiston, was chosen. The building was made of Maine materials to exhibit the quality of the state's resources

and craftsmanship.

After the Fair, the Ricker Family bought the building for \$30,000. Arrangements were made for the dismantling of the building and its shipping by freight train back to Maine. The transport required 16 freight cars. The Maine State Building was dedicated on July 1, 1895 as part of a celebration marking the Ricker's settling in Poland. Today, the building is owned by the nonprofit Poland Spring Preservation Society.

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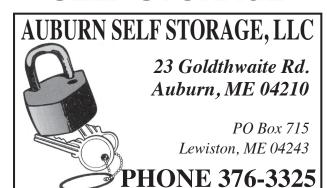
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The Pettengill Academy Outreach program is an initiative to give back to the community. The academy has chosen the Military Care Package Drive as its first project because many of its families have members who have sacrificed to fight for our freedom.

Those who would like to help by donating items for the care package may drop them off at Pettengill Academy, located at 1 Atlantis Way in Lewiston, Monday through Friday from 9 to 5:30. For more information, contact Zack Pettengill at 241-0046 or zack@pettengillacademy.com.

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