

## “Legend of the Banana Kid” comes to Public Theatre on Sunday



Armed with only a fistful of bananas, little Chucky faces a showdown with Big Bad Bart and his gang of bandits.

Looking for something fun to do with the kids this weekend? The Frog-town Mountain Puppeteers will present their award-winning show “The Legend of the Banana Kid” on Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. at the Public Theatre in Lewiston.

The play finds little Chucky, armed with only a fistful of bananas, riding into a Wild West town on his trusty goat for a showdown

with Big Bad Bart and his gang of bandits. The Legend of the Banana Kid features 20 hand-crafted glove, mouth, and rod puppets and a slew of flying and twirling Styrofoam bananas. Almost an hour in length, the show is perfect for children ages four and up.

Comprised of three siblings, Frog-town Mountain Puppeteers is a puppetry troupe based in Bar

Harbor, Maine. Founded in 2000, they have received three Citations of Excellence from UNIMA-USA, the highest national award for puppetry.

The Public Theatre is located at 31 Maple Street in Lewiston. Tickets for “Legend of the Banana Kid” are only \$5 for those ages 4-18 and \$10 for adults. To purchase, call 782-3200 or visit [www.thepublictheatre.org](http://www.thepublictheatre.org).

## 5K Run-Walk will honor Dennis P. Sampson

A Community 5K Run-Walk in memory of Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department Deputy Dennis P. Sampson will take place on Saturday, June 22 at Poland Spring Inn. The event will begin at 9 a.m. from a starting line in Preservation Park. Sign-ins will begin at 8:15 and Poland Spring Heritage Days events will follow at 10:00.

Sampson passed away unexpectedly on May 5, 2018 while off-duty at his residence in Poland. Proceeds from this event will fund a scholarship to support a graduating Poland Regional High School student entering a first responder field, such as police, fire, rescue, and EMS. Sampson spent time working in local schools and occasionally provided opportunities for students to job shadow with him.

The registration fee is \$20 for adults and \$10 for those ages 6-17 until June 1. After that, the fee will increase to \$25 for adults and \$15 for those ages 6-17. Those ages 5 and under may participate free of charge. T-shirts are available for \$20 for cotton and \$24 for wicking (sizes 2XL and higher



are \$2 extra). For more information or to register, see <https://dps5k.weebly.com>.

Dennis Sampson was born in Lewiston on October 5, 1966 and grew up in Auburn. He was the youngest son of Richard R. Sampson and Georgette Gobeil Sampson. He earned his Eagle Scout Badge in 1983 and lived his entire life by the principles he learned in Scouting. He graduated from ELHS in 1985 and entered the Army Reserves soon after graduating. Upon graduating from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in 1991, he served as a

reserve police officer for the City of Auburn and as a full-time officer with the Paris Police Department. He had been serving in the Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department since 2005.

On October 25, 1991, Dennis married Celeste Perrier. Together they built their home in Poland, living there since 1995. They welcomed their son, Jeremy, into their family in 1998.

Dennis loved spending time with his family. He also loved the outdoors, often working on his Kubota tractor cleaning and cutting trees to expand his outdoor living space. He was well known for his kindness and compassion, sense of humor, and quick wit. He was a committed community member who enjoyed serving others.

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# News-makers, Names & Faces

## Theriault promoted to Assoc. Director of Finance



Sadie Theriault

Community Concepts' Finance Director Laura Gormley has announced the promotion of Sadie Theriault to the position of Associate Director of Finance. Theriault joined the organization

in 2015 as an Accounts Payable-Receivable Specialist and in 2016 was promoted to the position of Staff Accountant for the Housing Improvement and Community Support departments.

Theriault has experience in financial reporting, forecasting, cost models, analyzing budgets, and process improvement. She has a bachelor's degree in Finance from Thomas College.

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## Auburn Mayor signs on to "Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness"



The Challenge is a call to action for all mayors and other state and local leaders to publicly commit to making sure that every veteran who served America has a home in America. Pictured here with Mayor Jason Levesque (3<sup>rd</sup> from l.) at Auburn City Hall are (l. to r.) Erin Kelly, Veterans Housing Services Program Manager, Preble Street Shelter; Robert Marcroft, Veterans Housing Services, Statewide Housing Liaison; David Tille, HUD New England Regional Administrator; and Clifford (Mike) Gray, Easter Seals Military and Veteran Services Care Coordinator.

## Maine DHHS announces Aging and Long-Term Care Initiative

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services has announced an initiative that aims to improve care and services for older Mainers and adults with disabilities.

The Department will convene an Aging and Long-Term Services and Supports Advisory Group, which will advise DHHS on how to reform and improve Maine's system of services. This work will include establishing long-term priorities and short-term objectives, such as expanding access to services in residents' homes and communities and improving coordination of care for beneficiaries who are eligible for both Medicaid (MaineCare) and Medicare.

The group, appointed by Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew, will consist of approximately a dozen individuals representing consumers, advocates, legislators, providers, experts, and the Department. It will meet three times between June and October 2019 to produce a report this fall that proposes specific reforms.

The Department will also coordinate public listening sessions with the Advisory Group that will take place across the state to gather perspectives on Maine's aging and long-term services and supports system. Further details, including dates and locations, will be announced in the coming weeks.

These sessions will complement a statewide assessment already being conducted as part of the renewal of Maine's State Plan on Aging, a roadmap for meeting the needs of Maine's seniors and adults with disabilities.

By 2036, over one-fourth of the residents in every Maine county will be aged 65 or older. The cost of full-time home care in Maine - about \$54,000 for 44 hours of care per week - exceeds the state's median income.

"This initiative is a critical next step in adapting our systems to support Maine's aging population," said Commissioner Lambrew. "We aim to de-

velop and expand a variety of high-quality services to promote our seniors' health, independence, and quality of life."

"We are committed to helping Maine's older residents and people with disabilities preserve their independence and live safely where they wish," said Paul Saucier, director of the Department's Office of Aging and Disability Services. "We look forward to creating a well-coordinated system that is inclusive, accountable, and sustainable."

The initiative was announced this morning at the Department's Convening on Aging and Long-term Services and Supports meeting in Hallowell. Approximately 60 stakeholders from throughout the state, including Area Agencies on Aging, advocates, providers, and legislators, attended the meeting to help shape the future of aging and long-term services and supports in Maine.

The meeting began with the announcement that Governor Mills has proclaimed May as Older Americans Month in recognition of the contributions of older adults to the State of Maine.

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# Governor's Address: Let's Thank Our Teachers for Providing the Foundation for Greater Opportunity

Education is key to Maine's future and the future of our families. Nothing will have a greater impact on the economic prospects of all Maine people than investing in the education of our children.

Last week was National Teacher Appreciation Week, a time to recognize the significant contributions our teachers make to public education and to honor their commitment to the success of Maine's students. On behalf of the people of Maine, I want to thank all of our teachers for dedicating their careers to providing our students with the foundation for greater opportunity and life-long learning.

As the daughter of a longtime Maine public school teacher, I know first-hand how important



Governor Janet Mills

your work is and the many challenges you have to

overcome every day. Your devotion builds confidence in our students and exposes them to new ideas and means of expression, inspires in them a passion for learning, and sets them on a path to a brighter and more productive future.

High-quality, committed teachers like you ensure that every child across our great state, no matter their circumstance or where they live, gets off to a solid start in life. In classrooms from Kittery to Fort Kent, you are now building the foundation for a better, stronger state. Thank you for all that you do for our children and for the State of Maine.

It is time for state government to treat you all with the respect and dignity you deserve. As governor, I promise to honor your public service and commitment to Maine students by investing in public education - and in you.

I hope that, if you are not a teacher, you will join with me in thanking the teachers in your life - in your children's lives - not just today and this week, but every day and every week.

Thank You,  
Janet Mills  
Governor

## New officers for AREA



The Androscoggin Retired Educators' Association recently elected new officers for 2019. Pictured here (l. to r.) are Josephine Dupal, president; Alfreda Fournier, vice-president; Linda DeSantis, secretary; Mora LePage, assistant secretary; Cynthia Peters, historian; and Gina Fuller, treasurer.

## Auburn Citizen of the Year honored at State House



Peter Murphy (c.), named 2019 Auburn Citizen of the Year for his involvement in local volunteer organizations and his commitment to the community, recently visited the Maine State House, where he received a legislative sentiment and congratulations from the entire House of Representatives. He is pictured here with Auburn Representatives Bruce Bickford and Bettyann Sheats.

## Yarmouth student honored for volunteerism at national ceremony

Isabel Brennan, 18, of Yarmouth was one of two Maine students honored in our nation's capital recently with the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for outstanding volunteer service. Along with 100 other top youth volunteers from across the country, she received a \$1,000 award and personal congratulations from award-winning actress Viola Davis at an award ceremony and gala dinner reception held at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, named Brennan Maine's top high school youth volunteer in February. In addition to her cash awards, she received an engraved silver medallion and an all-expenses-paid trip with a parent to Washington, D.C. for four days of recognition events.

Brennan, a senior at Yarmouth High School, has been a leader in a local program that provides a nutritious breakfast and lunch,



Isabel Brennan, 18, is a senior at Yarmouth High School.

as well as supervised activities on summer weekdays, for kids whose families may not be able to afford three meals a day.

When she was a freshman, a friend told her about Lunch Crunch, a program designed to ensure that children who get free or subsidized meals at school don't go hungry during the summer. After signing on as a volunteer that first summer, she "quickly fell in love with the program," whose participants come overwhelmingly from immigrant and low-income families in a relatively affluent city.

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Twin Cities host Federal Resources Forum



Taking place at Central Maine Community College, this was first Federal Resource Forum to be held in Maine.

Mayors Jason Levesque of Auburn and Kristen Cloutier of Lewiston recently joined HUD New England Regional Administrator David Tille in hosting a Federal Resources Forum at Central Maine Community College. It was the fourth Federal Resource Forum to take place in the New En-

gland Region and the first to be held in Maine. The forum connected local community and business leaders from the Lewiston-Auburn area and greater Androscoggin County with representatives from seven different federal agencies and the offices of U.S. Senators' Susan Collins

and Angus King and Congressman Jared Golden to discuss Opportunity Zones and the resources and investment incentives that are available. It also provided an opportunity for local officials to meet with federal agencies to ask questions and learn about available resources.

Vendor spaces available at Giant Tag Sale

The PTO of the Fiddlehead School for Arts & Sciences in Gray will present its fifth annual Giant Tag Sale on Sunday, May 19, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendor spaces are available to rent for \$30.

Spaces are 8.5 by 15 feet and can accommodate one eight-foot table per space. Tables will not be provided; vendors must bring their own. Vendors must register in advance and pay for their space at

the time of registration. The rain date is Sunday, June 3. The school is located at 25 Shaker Road in Gray. For more information about the event, email fiddleheadpto@gmail.com.

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HR Thursdays looks at "Insurance Ins and Outs" for businesses

The next HR Thursdays program on Thursday, May 23 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. will look at "Insurance Ins and Outs: What Kinds of Insurances Should You Consider for Your Organization or Business." Presented by the Central Maine Human Resource Association, Lewiston CareerCenter, and LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, monthly HR Thursdays programs take place in the chamber conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

The cost is \$25 for Chamber members and

\$50 for non-members; CMHRA members attend free of charge. If you have questions, call 783-2249. Registration is available at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Regardless of where you are on the business development spectrum, you should make informed decisions on your insurance coverages. Presenter Steve Dorsey of Cross Insurance will present best practices and real-world scenarios based upon his 46 years of experience. From Workers Compensation to Director's

and Officer's insurance, you'll come away with a comprehensive checklist of what coverages are available and what makes sense for your business.

Stephen M. Dorsey has been VP of Commercial Lines for Cross Insurance in Lewiston for the last 25 years. After graduating from college with a Political Science degree, he entered the insurance industry in 1973. He worked in the claims arena in the greater Boston area for eight years and has served Maine businesses for the last 34 years.

Extension Association schedules Annual Meeting

The Androscoggin-Sagadahoc Counties Extension Association will host its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Monday, May 20 at 6 p.m. at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension office, located at 24 Main Street in Lisbon Falls.

Hannah Carter, the new dean of UMaine Extension, will be the keynote speaker. Carter, an alumna of the University of Maine at Presque Isle and former Extension professional, will discuss her vision for UMaine Extension. A dessert and coffee social will follow the meeting.

ASCEA is actively

recruiting new members. In partnership with Extension staff, members of each county Extension association provide input on educational programming needs and oversee county budget appropriations that support Extension educational programs for county residents.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact call 353-5550 or email melissa.freeman@maine.edu.

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Lisbon business owner to address Rotary Club

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Lunch Club will be Traci Austin, co-owner (with husband Tony) of Frank's Restaurant & Pub and Legendary Status Embroidery Shop in Lisbon Falls.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, May 23, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Village Inn, located at 165 High Street in Auburn. Guests are welcome and no reservations are required. Lunch will be available at the restaurant.

Traci runs the day to day operations of both businesses, located at 2 and 4

Main Street. She also is an elected school committee member and volunteers with the Lisbon Athletic Boosters, Friends of Eagles Hockey, and Positive Change Lisbon.

The Austins are originally from Lisbon and make their home there with their children, Ryley and Noah. Their sensitive renovation of the former Kennebec Fruit Company-Moxie Store building won the Maine Downtown Center's 2017 Project of the Year Award.

For more information, contact Club President Thomas MacDonald



Traci Austin

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## Statement on Pope Francis’ recent “Motu Proprio”

By Bishop Robert P. Deeley, Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland

In his recent Moto Proprio, or signed declaration, called “You are the Light of the World,” Pope Francis set forth regulations that will lead the Catholic Church on a clearer and more honest path in responding to the problem of sexual abuse in the Church.

As the Holy Father wrote, these universally adopted procedures will be implemented quickly and effectively to “prevent and combat these crimes that betray the trust of the faithful.” I am grateful to the Holy Father for these norms and confident they will be helpful to the Church as we move forward in addressing these challenges.

In these regulations, dioceses without easily accessible systems of reporting crimes in the Church are mandated to create them; any clergy member with reason to believe sexual abuse is occurring in any way must report it immediately; discrimination or prejudice against those who report such abuse is prohibited; and lucid standards for the support of victims and their

families have been established.

The Holy Father also made clear that bishops will be held accountable, not only for acts of sexual abuse, but also for any actions or omissions which impair investigations of these matters. Any report against a bishop will be forwarded to the Metropolitan Office (in the case of Maine, the Archdiocese of Boston) for an independent investigation. As always, civil authorities will be notified of any claim of sexual abuse of a minor against any member of the clergy, including a bishop.

I am encouraged by and grateful for Pope Francis’ actions. To confront the evil of sexual abuse requires concrete actions involving everyone in the Church, including the committed involvement of the laity. These evils have obscured the face of the Church, but these new measures will put stronger protections in place against predators and anyone complicit with their actions.

In the coming weeks, the Diocese of Portland will announce new means by which reporting of such crimes can be made

to the Diocese. I also look forward to discussing the implementation of this important document in our own country at the June meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

As your bishop, it is gratifying, however, to report that the protocols already implemented in the Diocese of Portland, and the vigilance of clergy and laity, have helped to make our Church a safer place for all.

In this time of Pope Francis’ inspired call for change, I am reminded of what does not change. God and his abundant love are always with us. That is the message of hope we receive in the Risen Jesus. We ask, in a special way, for the Lord’s consolation for the victims/survivors of sexual abuse and their families.

*Note: Bishop Deeley encourages anyone who may have information about any case of sexual abuse of a minor by a church representative to contact civil authorities, as well as Michael Magalski, Director of the Office of Professional Responsibility for the Diocese of Portland, at (207) 321-7836 or michael.magalski@portlanddiocese.org.*

## Learn more about anterior approach to hip replacement



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Maine Ortho-Spectrum Healthcare Partners, in collaboration with Mercy Hospital, will present a special community program on anterior approach to hip replacement on Thursday, May 16, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Fore River Café at Mercy Hospital in Portland.

At the program, Dr. Jamie Kuhn will present a comprehensive overview of hip replacement, including what it is, common symp-

toms, causes, conservative treatments, and how to know when it’s time to call your physician. He will also discuss what makes an anterior approach to hip replacement different and how to know if it’s right for you. There will be time for questions from the audience.

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## Uptown Cruizahs resume Cruise Nights for 2019



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The Uptown Cruizahs Car Club will host their first Cruise Night of the 2019 season on Monday, May 20, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Tractor Supply on Route 26 in Oxford. This family-friendly event takes place every Mon-

day through the summer, weather permitting. Come take a stroll down memory lane while enjoying good food and fine music or taking a chance on their 50/50 raffle. Proceeds from the weekly Cruise Nights and the club’s annual

Car Show on August 4 at New Balance benefit local charities, such as the activity fund at the Maine Veterans’ Home and Responsible Pet Care. For more information, call Dan Tripp at 890-8778 or Garry Allen at 595-2691.

## Spring Sale at East Sumner Congregational

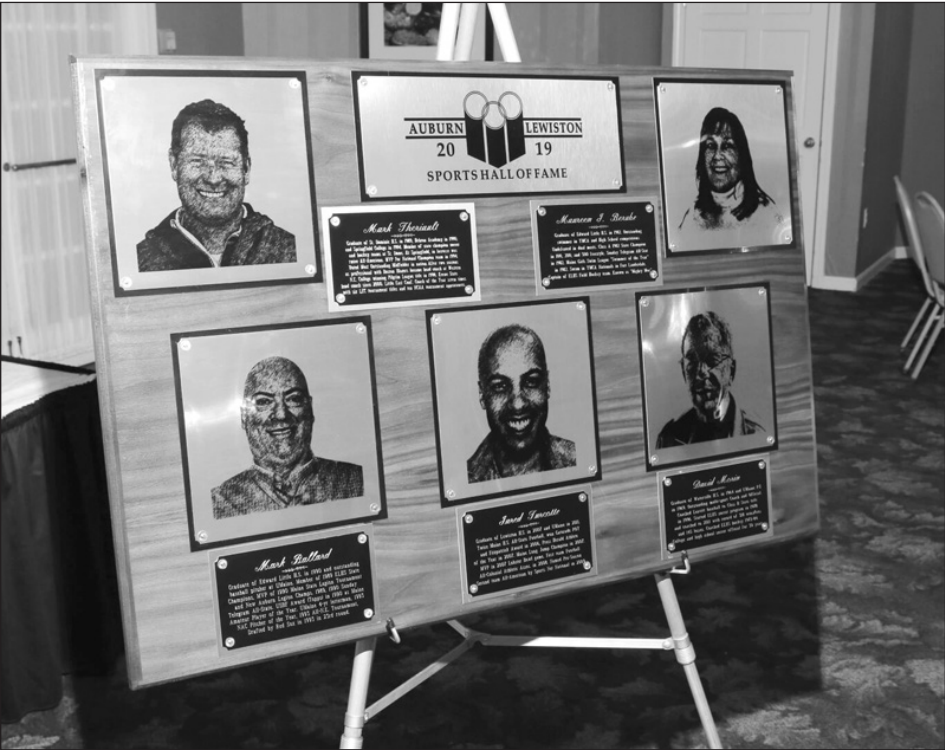
The Congregational Church of East Sumner will present its annual Spring Sale on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This rain-or-shine event will feature perennials, some annuals, a large raffle booth, and baked goods. There will

also be more than a dozen local crafters and vendors, including the Zadoc Long Free Library and the Hartford Sumner Elementary School Playground Equipment Fundraiser Committee. Breakfast sandwiches and a bean hole bean lunch will

be available most of the day.

Proceeds from the Church tables will benefit the outreach mission of the Church, located at 50 Main Street, Route 219, in East Sumner. For more information, call Bill at 388-2263 or Cyndy at 388-2667.

A-L Sports Hall of Fame honors luminaries at annual banquet



This year's Hall of Fame inductees for lifetime achievement were Mark Ballard, Maureen Berube, Dave Morin, Mark Theriault, and Jared Turcotte.

Photos by Nathan Tsukroff

The Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame recently hosted its 36th annual Induction and Awards Banquet at the Ramada Hotel & Conference Center by Wyndham in Lewiston. The event honored this year's inductees for lifetime achievement, as well as the winners of the "Flashback to Fame" Awards, the Pioneer Award, and the President's Award, given to coaches and student-athletes for recent outstanding accomplishments.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees for lifetime achievement were Mark Ballard, Maureen Berube, Dave Morin, Mark Theriault, and Jared Turcotte.

The 2019 "Flashback to Fame" Award was presented to the 1989 Edward Little High School Baseball Class A State Championship Team. The team had been planning on a rebuilding year in which they hoped to improve upon the previous season's 8-8 record, but they overachieved to win the Class A State Championship.

Coached by Bruce Lucas, the starting nine was light on varsity experience, but strong on baseball fundamentals and talent. The hitters were led by Lucien Ouellette and Verne Paradie. The pitchers were led by fireballer Mark Ballard and crafty Chris Albison. Talent

running down the lineup card included Todd Sampson, Scott Annear, Frank Caron, John Pratt, Josh Spooner, Lou Talarico, and Scott Desgrosseillers.

The Pioneer Award recognized Samuel Michael, who played semi-pro football with Highland Daylights of Lowell and semi-pro basketball in the years 1926-27. He relocated to the Lewiston-Auburn area and became known for his weekly boxing shows at Lewiston City Hall. He was also the manager and trainer of Maine featherweight Maurice "Lefty" Lachance. He was responsible for bringing a World Heavyweight Championship rematch between Cassius Clay



Mark Ballard

(Muhammad Ali) and Sonny Liston to Lewiston in 1965.

The Chamber President's Award recognizes local championship teams, as well as graduating seniors, high school and college, who have achieved excellence in their sports.

Teams honored this year were Lewiston High School Boys Soccer, coached by Mike McGraw; Edward Little High School Girls Alpine Skiing, coached by Jodd Bowles; St. Dominic Academy Boys Hockey, coached by Bob Parker; Central Maine Community College Women's Basketball, coached by Andrew Morong; and Bates College Women's Rowing, coached by Peter Steenstra.

High school seniors honored this year were Grace Fontaine (Basketball, Soccer, Track), Avery Goulding (Bowling), Wol Maiwen (Basketball), Jade Perry (Basketball), and Jillian Richardson (Cross Country, Track) of Edward Little High School; Henok Citenga (Soccer), Brooke Cloutier (Swimming), and Hunter Landry (Football, Baseball) of Lewiston High School; Paige Cote (Field Hockey), Alexandra

Bugsy Hammerton (Cross Country, Hockey), Avery Lutzkowski (Hockey, Soccer, Lacrosse), and Emma Theriault (Soccer, Hockey, Lacrosse) of St. Dominic Academy; Lauren DeBlois

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A-L Sports Hall of Fame honors luminaries at annual banquet (continued)



Jared Turcotte



The 2019 “Flashback to Fame” Award was presented to the 1989 Edward Little High School Baseball Class A State Championship Team.



Former inductees pose for a group photo.



Maureen Berube



Chamber of Commerce CEO Rebecca Conrad addresses the gathering. The A-L Sports Hall of Fame is a community activity of the L-A Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.



**Hall**  
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(Hockey ) of New Hampton School; Isabelle Frenette (Hockey and Lacrosse) of Winchendon School; and Alex Rivet (Hockey and Lacrosse) of Middlesex School.  
College seniors honored this year were Isaiah Harris (Track & Field) of Penn State, Ian Mileikis (Basketball) of St. Joseph’s College, Olivia Paione (Swimming) of Springfield College, and Brooke Reynolds (Basketball) of Central Maine Community College.  
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Bookey Readings series presents Betsy Scholl and Jane Brox



Jane Brox

The Harlow in Harlowell will present poet Betsy Scholl and nature and science writer Jane Brox on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend and experience an evening of spoken word artistry in an art gallery setting. The suggested donation is \$3 at the door. Refreshments will be served. The program is part of the Bookey Readings, a monthly April-through-November poetry series that has been running at The Harlow for over 25 years.

Betsy Scholl has published eight collections of poetry, most recently “Otherwise Unseeable” (University of Wisconsin Press, 2014), which won the 2015 Maine Literary Award for Poetry. Her earlier collections “Don’t Explain” won the 1997 Felix Pollak Prize from the University of Wisconsin and “The Red Line” won the 1991 AWP Prize for Poetry. She was a founding member of Alice James Books and her awards have included a fellowship from

the National Endowment for the Arts and two Maine Writers’ Fellowships. Her work has been included in several anthologies, including “Letters to America,” “Best American Poetry,” and “Best Spiritual Writing” and in a range of journals, including Field, Triquarterly, the Kenyon Review, and Beloit Poetry Journal. She has been a visiting poet at the University of Pittsburgh and Bucknell University. She teaches in the MFA in Writing Program

of Vermont College of Fine Arts. From 2006 to 2011, she served as Poet Laureate of Maine. She lives in Portland. Jane Brox’s most recent book, “Silence,” was published in January 2019. Her fourth book, “Brilliant: The Evolution of Artificial Light,” was named one of the top ten nonfiction books of 2010 by Time magazine. She is also the author of “Clearing Land: Legacies of the American Farm”; “Five Thousand Days Like This One,” which was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award in nonfiction; and “Here and Nowhere Else,” which won the L.L. Winship/PEN New England Award.

She has received the New England Book Award for nonfiction and her essays have appeared in many anthologies, including “Best American Essays,” “The Norton Book of Nature Writing,” and “The Pushcart Prize Anthology.” She has been awarded grants from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the Maine Arts Commission. She has taught at Harvard University and Bowdoin College and is currently



Betsy Scholl

on the faculty of Lesley University’s low-residency MFA Program. She lives in Brunswick. Visitors are also invited to view the current exhibitions “Art2019,” The Harlow’s 24th annual juried art show, and “Hypertexture: Ian Trask and Andrew Elijah Edwards.” Both shows are now on view through June 15. For more information, contact Claire Hersom at mamabelle@gwi.net.

Located at 100 Water Street, The Harlow is a membership-based 501(c)3 nonprofit that has been connecting and celebrating art, artists, and community in historic downtown Harlowell since 1963. Exhibitions are always free and open to the public. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call 622-3813 or see harlowgallery.org.

French Sing-Along



Leading the session will be French-language singing group Les Troubadours, including members (l. to r.) Louise Bonduc, Rita Gosselin, Aliette Couturier, Jeannine Doucette, Jacynthe Jacques, Gail Lawrence, Mary LeClerc, Madeleine LeBlanc, and pianist Jeanette Gregoire.

Community members are invited to participate in the last French sing-along session of the season on Friday, May 17 at 1:30 p.m.

in Room 170 at USM’s Lewiston-Auburn College. The event is free and open to all. Song books are provided so those not

familiar with the songs or less-than-fluent in French can follow along. For more information, call 576-4109.

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# TWIN CITY NIGHTS

## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### Maine Event Comedy at Bear Bones Beer



Joel Klein has worked as a producer on popular television shows and recently opened for nationally touring comics Gilbert Gottfried and Ben Bailey.

Maine Event Comedy will present Vermont's Joel Klein on Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at Bear Bones Beer in Lewiston. He'll be joined by David McLaughlin, Luke Hanbury, and Nick Gordon. An open-mic will follow the show.

Joel Klein has worked as a producer on many popular television shows, including "Fear Factor" and "The New Hollywood Squares." He's a regular at the Vermont Comedy Club and recently opened for nationally touring comics Gilbert Gottfried and Ben

Bailey. He also co-hosts the "My LA Story" podcast with fellow TV producer Gavin Boyd.

David McLaughlin hails from Somerville, Mass and is not shy about taking his familial issues to the stage. He's a regular at the world famous Comedy Studio, produces the Clean Comedy Showcase at ImprovBoston, and was selected for the 2018 Salem Comedy Festival.

Following an extended break, Luke Hanbury makes his triumphant return to stand-up. He won Portland's

Funniest Professional in 2006 and performed at The Comedy Store (LA) and The Ice House in Pasadena.

New Gloucester's Nick Gordon lives in a barn and was recently in a hockey fight. He's been winning audiences over with his self-deprecating brand of humor.

The show is free and open to those ages 21 and older. Bear Bones Beer is located at 43 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 513-0742 or e-mail [maineeventcomedy@gmail.com](mailto:maineeventcomedy@gmail.com).

### Great Falls Forum spotlights Portland Community Squash

The 2018-19 season of the Great Falls Forum will conclude on Thursday, May 16, when Barrett Takesian, President and Executive Director of Portland Community Squash, will discuss "Building Purposeful Communities with Human Capital." The program will take place from 12 to 1 p.m. in Callahan Hall at Lewiston Public Library.

Takesian will discuss developing human capital as a precursor to financial capital; the entrepreneurial struggles of starting an untested business model from scratch; and his focus on sustaining Portland Community Squash's mission for the next 100 years. Finally, he will foster a conversation about the communities that are poised to change lives all around us.

Takesian was a two-season captain of the Bowdoin Squash Team. After graduating from Bowdoin in 2012, he moved to Portland to work for an insurance company. Through his volunteer work, he became passionate about youth development. For the next two years, he commuted to Lawrence, MA to learn the Squash + Education framework while also running programs and building support for a new squash facility in Portland.

In 2016, he returned to Portland full-time to build the Portland Community



Barrett Takesian was named Developmental Coach of the Year by the U.S. Olympic Committee for his work designing and implementing youth and adult squash programs in Portland.

Squash Center at 66 Noyes Street. As of 2019, Portland Community Squash employs 11 staff members and serves 200 students and 300 adults.

In 2017, the U.S. Olympic Committee named Takesian Developmental Coach of the Year for his work designing and implementing youth and adult programs at Portland Community Squash.

The Great Falls Forum

is a monthly brown-bag lunch speaker series featuring statewide and regional leaders in public policy, business, academia, and the arts. The programs are free and open to all with no reservations required. Coffee, tea, and bottled water are provided for a donation at the event. For more information, contact LPL Adult & Teen Services at 513-3135 or [LPLReference@Gmail.com](mailto:LPLReference@Gmail.com).

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## 2019 Bates Dance Festival offers fresh faces, full-tilt new format



Joanna Kotze (Photo by Ian Douglas)

The Bates Dance Festival returns in 2019 with an exciting new performance schedule and an artist roster comprising faces new to Bates, along with familiar friends, including long-time festival favorites Doug Varone and Dancers.

With an eye toward achieving a critical mass of onstage excitement, the new Bates Dance Festival schedule arranges the performances into three clusters in July and early August.

The Festival Prelude will begin July 12 with a weekend of high-energy hip hop dance and music by The Reminders and MaMa2 (featuring Amirah Sackett) with DJ Man-O-Wax.

On July 25, Doug Varone and Dancers will kick off four nights of performances that will also feature returning artist Lida Winfield, Netta Yerushalmy, and Reggie Wilson/Fist and Heel Performance Group.

On stage for the festival's final weekend August 1-3 will be Joanna Kotze, artist-in-residence nora chipaumire, and jumatatu m. poe & Jermone Donte Beacham.

Why the new schedule? "We wanted to make the festival more accessible by offering multiple opportunities to see shows in one day, not just evening performances," explains Shoshona Currier, festival director since 2017.

"BDF is a destination for dance, and with this format, audiences can spend more time here and also experience more of our local community."

Festival artists represent a diversity of styles, from poe and Beacham's J-Sette work, to the dance experiments of Netta Yerushalmy, to the versatile contemporary of Varone and Kotze. They tackle a range of themes, including

questions of faith, social justice, personal history, and the role of imagination in society and culture.

Alongside the mainstage performances, the festival offers dance training for young dancers ages 14-18 and professionals ages 18 and up. The Youth Arts Program provides dance, music, theater and visual arts training for local youth ages 6-16.

Most mainstage performances will take place in Bates' air-conditioned Schaeffer Theatre, located at 329 College Avenue in Lewiston. The complete event schedule will go live online May 1 at [batesdancefestival.org](http://batesdancefestival.org). Tickets go on sale June 1. For more information, call 786-6381 or see [dancefest@bates.edu](mailto:dancefest@bates.edu).

Here below is a summary of the 2019 mainstage performances:

The Reminders and MaMa2 with DJ Man-O-Wax. It's a Hip Hop weekend as soul-roots musicians The Reminders (Big Samir and Aja Black) join dancers MaMa2 (Amirah Sackett and Mary Mar) and DJ Man-O-Wax (Asad Ali Jafri). Man-O-Wax's global-fusion sound frames the Reminders' socially conscious music and the mesmerizing, high-energy movement of MaMa2 to create an immersive experience for all audiences. (Friday and Sunday, July 12 and 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Schaeffer Theatre.)

Doug Varone and Dancers. Varone, who first performed at the festival in 1992, presents the New England premiere of "in the shelter of the fold/epilogue," two full-ensemble works comprising an inquiry into public and personal acts of faith. Tapping his own curiosity about prayer, Varone questions what constitutes faith: to whom are we speaking, and what are we asking for? Is this a mys-

tical or spiritual experience, or simply a dialogue we're having with ourselves? (Thursday and Friday, July 25 and 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Schaeffer Theatre.)

Lida Winfield. Visiting professor of dance at Middlebury College, choreographer Winfield returns to Bates with the Maine premiere of "Imaginary." A quirky and innovative all-ages work for five dancers with live music, the piece explores perception in relationship to the imagination, and imagination's role in social and cultural constructs. (Friday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 27 at 2 p.m. at Gannett Theater, 305 College Street.)

Netta Yerushalmy. Yerushalmy offers the Maine premiere of her epic 20-performer "Paramodernities," a series of six lecture-performances or dance-experiments. These juxtapose deconstructions of landmark choreographies by Nijinsky, Graham, Ailey, Cunningham, Fosse, and Balanchine with contributions by scholars and writers who situate these works within Modernism. Incorporating public discussion, the series offers a unique hybrid of academic conference, dance performance, and town hall gathering. (Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28, at 1 p.m. at Schaeffer Theatre.)

Reggie Wilson/Fist and Heel Performance Group. Director-choreographer Wilson leads Fist and Heel in an evening of selected works, including the riveting "Introduction," a solo performed by Wilson; an excerpt solo from the provocative full-evening work "Citizen"; and the "dew wet." (Sunday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Schaeffer Theatre.)

Joanna Kotze. A longtime member of New York

# Twin City Nights



Fist and Heel Performance Group (Photo by Ian Douglas)



Jumatatu M. Poe (Photo by Gema Galiana)



nora chipaumire (Photo by Ian Douglas)



Doug Varone and Dancers (Photo by Erin Baiano)

City's dance community, Kotze presents "What will we be like when we get there," a multidisciplinary contemporary performance. Fusing dance, sound, and visual art, the piece recalls the social and political vibe in the wake of 2016's presidential election. "What will we be like" brings attention to our desires, flaws, strengths, and fantasies. (Friday and Saturday,

August 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Gymnasium, 130 Central Avenue.)

nora chipaumire. Concluding a yearlong residency at Bates, chipaumire and company present the New England premiere of "100% POP." Developed in part at the Bates Dance Festival, the piece instigates the idea of a "cover" through Grace Jones' renowned "one-man show," soundclashing, Zim-

babwe's Chimurenga music, dub, and noise. It explores how "information and knowledge were acquired by those of us who grew up in less free times." (Friday and Sunday, August 1 and 3, at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Gannett Theater.)

jumatatu m. poe & Jermone Donte Beacham. Co-choreographers poe and Beacham present the New England premiere of "This Is a Formation: Intervention." Part performance, part public action, the piece uses J-Sette performance and culture - a genre originating with the popular female dance team of the Jackson State University marching band - to explore contemporary issues of black queer life. (Saturday, August 3 at 6 p.m. on the Bates College campus; Also: Friday, August 2 at 6 p.m. at SPACE Gallery in Portland, in partnership with Indigo Arts Alliance.)

# Twin City Nights

## Outdoor concerts resume at Turner Gazebo



The Mill Street Road Show with John Sparrow and guests perform last summer.

The “Music for Mavis” summer concert series has announced its program schedule for Summer 2019. The outdoor concerts will take place every Tuesday at the Turner Gazebo, located at 98 Mathew’s Way (right off Route 117 toward the Turner Public Library) in Turner Center. From May through August the shows begin at 6:30 p.m. and in September they begin at 6:00.

The concerts are free and open to all, but series organizers “pass the hat” for donations to pay the performers and cover maintenance costs. Donations of \$5 to \$10 are suggested. Parking is available. Bring a chair or blanket and a friend! For more information, call 754-0954 or find them on Facebook. Here is the summer schedule:

May 21 - Mary Murphy (Blues, Jazz); May 28 - Honor Flight Maine

(honoring veterans with patriotic music, information about their mission).

June 4 - Rabbi Sruli Dresdner and Lisa Mayer (Klezmer and Old World Music); June 11 - Jodi Sylvester & Gang (Swing, Soft Rock - Frank Sinatra to ZZ Ward); June 18 - Tom Stevens of Turner Templeton (Soft Rock); June 25 - The Grown Ups - Linda Liberty, Frank Coffin, and T. Hamilton (Country, Rock, Blues, Folk).

July 2 (early show 4 p.m.) Kiddie rock band Fun Run and Zack & Mia Reinstein (sing-along); July 2 (late show 6:30 p.m.) - Hurry Down Sunshine - Stan Davis and Brian Kavanah (Acoustic, Folk, love songs); July 4 - Marty Lang & Friends - Lindsey Montana, Doug Sites, Bob Lynch (Rock & Roll, Jazz); July 9 - LaBlanc Family Band, with surprise guests (French, Country, Cajun,

Ho-Down); July 16 - Denny Breau with Frank Coffin and special guest Debbie Morin (Acoustic, Folk, originals); July 23 - Mike Preston and Kim Curry (Country); July 30 - Hangin’ with Hooper - Brad Hooper and Rusty Wiltjer (Acoustic, Folk, Blues, Americana).

August 6 - Five-piece band Mill Town Road Show (Americana, Country, originals); August 13 - Six-piece Back Woods Road Band (Bluegrass); August 20 - Kevin Libby and Friends (Folk, Rock & Roll); August 27 - Chris Poulson & Friends (Folk, Rock).

September 3 - The Cobblestones - M. & M. Plourde, C. Constanzi, T. Simmons (Acoustic Americana); September 10 - Hot Damn - Norm and Deb Pelletier (Country to Classic Rock); September 17 - Talented high school musicians The Only Hope (music the 50s to the 90s).

## New Trek Across Maine route to pass through Lewiston-Auburn; registration closes May 20



Trek Across Maine and the American Lung Association have announced several new elements and released a detailed map of the new route for the annual three-day bicycle ride. For the 35th anniversary event, taking place June 14-16, the ride will have a new route that will start at Brunswick Landing in Brunswick and showcase more Maine cities and towns, including Bath, Freeport, Auburn, Lewiston, Augusta, and Belgrade.

Final preparation and planning is still underway, but organizers have already unveiled a detailed map that includes specifics on the roads and streets to be used by the event’s 2000 bicyclists, along with an elevation chart for cyclists to use in planning their training rides. The map may be viewed at [trekacrossmaine.org](http://trekacrossmaine.org).

The annual Trek Across Maine is the largest fundraising event in the country for the American Lung Association, raising more than \$24 million since 1985. Registration for the event is open until May 20 at 11:59 p.m. For more information or to register, see [trekacrossmaine.org](http://trekacrossmaine.org).

“We have seen a big spike in interest in the ride this year because of the new route starting in Brunswick, but we also know some of our new trekkers might not

realize they have to register by May 20,” said Kim Chamard, manager of development for the American Lung Association. “We have people registered from age 7 to 79 and from as far away as Alaska. We are really excited about how the new communities have rallied around the event, ranging from downtown organizations to corporate sponsors. We also have seen a great response from volunteers in our new communities, but we can always use more.”

The route still includes the popular tradition of Team Tent City at Colby College in Waterville between days two and three, but includes new rest stops, including L.L. Bean in Freeport. Also new this year will be a virtual Trek, enabling more friends and family to participate and rewarding participants for exercise options that are equivalent to the Trek experience.

The three-day event is expected to have a positive economic impact for several new regions and draw more cyclists from the southern part of the state and across New England.

For the first time, Brunswick will host the start and finish line at Brunswick Landing. Local businesses like Flight Deck Brewing are expecting an increase in customers. Flight Deck will host a pre-Trek dinner

on June 13 and welcome visitors and supporters of the riders for happy hour.

Lewiston, another of the new cities welcoming cyclists this year, is planning Trek Downtown, a block party event on June 14. For the first time in nearly 25 years, the city will close a full city block of Lisbon Street (from Ash to Main Street) to vehicle traffic so community members can come cheer on the cyclists, eat, drink, and visit local businesses. In addition to restaurants offering food and drink specials, there will be food trucks and a beer garden in Dufresne Plaza and live music at 7 p.m. from SKOSH.

“This is a huge opportunity for our city to showcase everything Lewiston has to offer,” said Mike Dostie, board chair of the Downtown Lewiston Association and event chair of Lewiston’s Trek Downtown. “We have a lot local businesses, ranging from shops to restaurants, that will see a spike in customers.

“With nearly 2,000 people coming to our city, we want to welcome them and give them an experience that will leave a lasting impression so they come back time and again. The positive economic ripple effect of this event will be beneficial for our entire community.”

## Senators Collins, Feinstein introduce legislation to create Smithsonian Women’s History Museum

U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) have introduced the Smithsonian American Women’s History Museum Act, a bipartisan bill to establish an American women’s history museum in our nation’s capital.

U.S. Representatives Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Brenda Lawrence (D-MI), and Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) have introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

“American women have made invaluable contributions to our country in every field, such as government, business, medicine, law, literature, sports, entertainment, the arts, and the military,” said Senator Collins. “Telling the history of American women matters, and a museum recognizing these achievements and experiences is long overdue.

“A museum dedicated to women’s history would help ensure that future generations understand what we owe to those American women who have helped build, sustain, and advance our society.”

“As we celebrate Women’s History Month, I’m pleased to support Senator Collins in this worthwhile legislation,” said Senator Feinstein. “We need a permanent place to showcase the accomplishments and tell the stories of women throughout our country’s history. A Smithsonian museum would be a fitting and long-overdue way to properly recognize women’s contributions to our nation’s narrative.”

In December 2014, Congress created a Congressional Commission to study the potential for an American museum of women’s history in Washington, D.C. This bipartisan com-

mission’s report recommended the creation of a new Smithsonian Museum dedicated to women’s history. Incorporating the recommendations of the bipartisan Commission, this bill would establish a national museum to collect, study, and create programs on a wide spectrum of American women’s experiences, contributions, and history.

“As our bipartisan Commission unanimously concluded, the American people need and deserve a museum dedicated to telling the story of American women,” said Jane Abraham, chair of the American Museum of Women’s History Congressional Commission. “I’m proud to support this bipartisan bill that took our commission’s recommendations to make this museum a reality. Women’s history is as rich as it is vast, and to truly learn about and celebrate **Museum**, page 15

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Maine Event Comedy.  
7 p.m. Bear Bones Beer, 43 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Tonight’s performers are Joel Klein, David McLaughlin, Luke Hanbury, and Nick Gordon; open-mic follows. Ages 21-plus. Free. 513-0742; maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

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**Friday, May 17**  
French Sing-Along.  
1:30 p.m. Room 170, L-A College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. French-language singing group Les Troubadours lead the singing of favorite French and Franco-American songs; all welcome. Free. 576-4109.  
Poetry Reading. 7 p.m. The Harlow, 100 Water Street, Hallowell. Poet Betsy Scholl and nature and science writer Jane Brox read from and discuss their work; refreshments. \$3 suggested donation. 622-3813; harlowgallery.org.

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1 to 4 p.m. Knight House, Great Falls Plaza, Auburn. Under the tutelage of a master gardener, participants will help plant a typical 19<sup>th</sup>-century medicinal and culinary herb garden. \$5. Pres. by Andro. Historical Soc. Register in adv. by

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calling 782-5467.  
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.  
Concert: Schooner Fare. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Synonymous with the “Down East” style, the duo performs original songs with topical, country, and maritime influences. \$25 (\$22 in adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurch.org.

**Sunday, May 19**  
Theater: “The Legend of the Banana Kid.” 2 p.m. Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. At almost an hour long, Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers’ award-winning show is perfect for kids ages four and up. \$10/5. 782-3200; www.thepublictheatre.org.

Concert: “Three Women and the Truth.” 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Legendary songwriters Eliza Gilkyson, Gretchen Peters, and Mary Gauthier perform together on one stage. \$35 (\$32 in adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurch.org.

**Monday, May 20**  
Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. 6 p.m. UMaine Cooperative Extension office, 24 Main St., Lisbon Falls. Speaker Hannah Carter, new dean of UMaine Extension, discusses her vision for UMaine Extension. A dessert and coffee social follows. Free. 353-5550.

**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; girlscoutsof-maine.org.

“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is Mary Murphy (Blues, Jazz). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Thursday, May 23**  
Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. Traci Austin discuss her businesses Frank’s Restaurant & Pub and Legendary Status Embroidery Shop, located in the Moxie Store Building in Lisbon Falls. Free; lunch avail.

at restaurant. www.lewis-tonauburnrotary.org.  
HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Steve Dorsey of Cross Insurance discusses “What Kinds of Insurances Should You Consider for Your Organization or Business.” \$50 (Chamber members \$25; CMHRA members free). 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetro-Chamber.com.

**Saturday, May 25**  
Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Two kinds of beans, red and brown hot dogs, American chop suey, brown bread, coleslaw, assorted desserts and beverages. \$6/3 (ages 4- free). Take-out available.

**Tuesday, May 28**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is Honor Flight Maine (patriotic music, information about their mission). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Friday, May 31**  
Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Universalist Church, Rte. 117 (across from Gazebo), Turner Center. Hot dogs, coleslaw, rolls, beverages, and desserts. Donations gratefully accepted.

**Tuesday, June 4**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is Rabbi Sruli Dresdner and Lisa Mayer (Klezmer and Old World Music). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Tuesday, June 11**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is Jodi Sylvester & Gang (Swing, Soft Rock - Frank Sinatra to ZZ Ward). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Tuesday, June 18**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is Tom Stevens of Turner Templeton (Soft Rock). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Saturday, June 22**  
Dennis P. Sampson Community 5K Run-Walk. 9 a.m. Poland Spring Inn.

This event in memory of the Andro. County Sheriff’s Department Deputy will support a scholarship fund in his name. Register at <https://dps5k.weebly.com>.

**Tuesday, June 25**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is The Grown Ups - Linda Liberty, Frank Coffin, and T. Hamilton (Country, Rock, Blues, Folk). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Tuesday, July 2**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 4:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. Presenting this evening’s early show is Kiddie rock band Fun Run and Zack & Mia Reinstein (sing-along). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. Presenting this evening’s later show is Hurry Down Sunshine - Stan Davis and Brian Kavanah (Acoustic, Folk, love songs). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Tuesday, July 4**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is Marty Lang & Friends - Lindsey Montana, Doug Sites, Bob Lynch (Rock & Roll, Jazz). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Tuesday, July 9**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is the LaBlanc Family Band, with surprise guests (French, Country, Cajun, Ho-Down). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Tuesday, July 16**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is Denny Breau with Frank Coffin and special guest Debbie Morin (Acoustic, Folk, originals). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Tuesday, July 23**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is Mike Preston and Kim Curry (Country). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Tuesday, July 30**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30

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p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is Hangin’ with Hooper - Brad Hooper and Rusty Wiltjer (Acoustic, Folk, Blues, Americana). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Tuesday, Aug. 6**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is five-piece band Mill Town Road Show (Americana, Country, originals). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Tuesday, Aug. 13**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is six-piece Back Woods Road Band (Bluegrass). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Tuesday, Aug. 20**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is Kevin Libby and Friends (Folk, Rock & Roll). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

**Tuesday, Aug. 27**  
“Music for Ma-vis” Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week’s performer is Chris Poulson & Friends (Folk, Rock). Free, but a “pass the hat” suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

## Student

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“Lunch Crunch is more than just community service,” she said. “It creates relationships and support systems between different groups of people in a town that does not often recognize these differences.”

In her role as a Lunch Crunch leader, Brennan meets with adult leaders in the community prior to the start of the summer to

coordinate and plan the program schedule. She and the person in charge of the district’s food services then design a daily menu that is both nutritious and cost-effective. When the half-day program begins for the summer, she picks up the food and brings it to the playground where the camp is held, coordinates that day’s student volunteers as they play with and mentor the younger children, and helps with games, crafts, and other activities.

Each summer, between 25 and 30 children attend the camp. “Not only is every child fed both breakfast and lunch every day of the summer, but relationships and memories that will be unforgettable are created for everyone,” she said.

“We’re impressed and inspired by the way these honorees have identified problems facing their communities and stepped up to the challenge to make a difference,” said Charles Lowrey, Chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial, Inc. “It’s a privilege to celebrate their leadership and compassion and we look forward to seeing the great things they accomplish in the future.”

Youth volunteers in grades 5-12 were invited to apply for 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards last fall through schools, Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs, and affiliates of the Points of Light’s Hands-On Network. More than 29,000 middle and high school students nationwide participated in this year’s program.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program was created in 1995 to identify and recognize young people for outstanding volunteer service and to inspire such service in others. In the past 24 years, the program has honored more than 125,000 young volunteers at the local, state, and national levels.

For more information about the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards and this year’s honorees, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com>.

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## College Transition Program celebrates graduation



Pictured here (l. to r.) are Nasra Houssein, Tim Blanchard, Yussuf Mohamud, Program Instructor Amy Hatch, Chantal Kalau, and Malumba Ndoluvua.

The five students in the College Transition Program at Lewiston Adult Education recently celebrated the end of months of classes, getting lots of advice and encouragement for the next stage of their educations.

The free, 14-week program reviewed reading, writing and math skills in a college-style setting at the B Street Community Center at 57 Birch Street in Lewiston. The work included an expanded focus on time management, as well as finding and applying for scholarships.

College Transition Program Instructor Amy Hatch awarded certificates to program graduates Nasra Houssein, Tim Blanchard, Yussuf Mohamud, Chantal Kalau, and Malumba Ndoluvua. She told the students how proud she was of them. “It shows that hard work does pay off,” she said. “You made it to the end.”

Previous College Transition Program students were on hand to give advice based on their college experiences and to talk about their future plans, which included working to get a master’s degree in business administration. While they all had different majors and paths in college, they emphasized perseverance and the importance of asking about available scholarships.

Students also received advice from a former College Transition Program instructor who now works for the Maine Department of Education. Amy Poland, Professional Development Coordinator for Adult Education, began her remarks on post-secondary education by saying, “Don’t be afraid to ask for help.”

Her other advice included: “No one is going to advocate for you - you really have to do it yourself”; “Anticipate obstacles - make sure you have a plan B”; “If you say, ‘I’ll try,’ you’ve already put up a little barrier”; and “Find the successes as you go.”

## “Three Women and the Truth” take stage at Chocolate Church Arts Center



Legendary songwriters Eliza Gilkyson, Gretchen Peters, and Mary Gauthier will perform together on Sunday, May 19.

The Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath will bring multiple award-winning songwriters Eliza Gilkyson, Gretchen Peters, and Mary Gauthier to perform together as alternative folk super-group “Three Women and the Truth” on Sunday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity to see three legendary songwriters perform together on one stage. With three voices and three guitars, Three Women and The Truth shares hard-won wisdom from three lives spent in pursuit of the song.

Eliza Gilkyson is a twice Grammy-nominated folk singer whose songs have been performed by Joan Baez, Bob Geldof, and Rosanne Cash. She has won countless Folk Alliance and Austin Music Awards, including 2014’s Songwriter of the Year.

Gretchen Peters is a member of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. She has written songs for artists ranging from Etta James to Bonnie Raitt to the Neville Brothers. In 2015, The Telegraph named her one of the greatest 60 female singer-songwriters of all time.

Mary Gauthier has been called one of the best songwriters of her generation by the Associated Press. She has released albums that have garnered praise from the LA Times and New York Times (“best independent release of the year”). Her most recent release, “Rifles & Rosary Beads” (a collection of songs co-written with wounded veterans), was nominated for 2018’s record of the year by the Americana Music Association.

Tickets are \$32 in advance or \$35 at the door. The center is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath. For more information or to buy tickets, call 442-8455 or see [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).

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- Central Maine Dietitians sharing heart health diet tips and recipes
- Central Maine Respiratory staff offering smoking cessation education

The event is sponsored by the Central Maine Healthcare Nursing Education Council.

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