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Saint Dom's names new principal for Lewiston campus



Alanna Stevenson

Bringing extensive experience as an educator and a proven aptitude towards engaging students, Alanna Stevenson has been named the new principal of Saint Dominic Academy's Lewiston campus, which serves students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Stevenson is currently Dean of Students and an English teacher at the academy's Auburn campus, which serves students in grades six through twelve.

"With her experience and enthusiasm, I am confident that Alanna will serve our students, faculty, parents, and community in

a way that continues to promote our most cherished values," said Marianne Pelletier, superintendent of Maine Catholic Schools. "It was clear that she was the perfect choice."

"I am excited to embrace this new opportunity within the St. Dom's community," said Stevenson. "I am looking forward to working with the talented and dedicated staff at the Lewiston campus and with the students and families we serve. Saint Dominic Academy is more than just a school: it is a community and family, and I am thrilled to contribute to the team

effort of bringing the school to new heights of excellence rooted in strong tradition."

Stevenson joined the St. Dom's faculty in 2016 as an English teacher and added the title Dean of Students in 2018, a role in which she built positive relationships with students, parents, and staff while developing and implementing curriculum.

Prior to arriving at St. Dom's, she served as an English teacher at Maranacook Middle School and Maranacook Community High School in Readfield and as an adjunct instructor of writing at Central Maine Community College in Auburn.

In addition to her experience in education, Stevenson served in the Maine governor's office as the director of boards and commissions (2003-04) and as legislative assistant to then-Congressman John Baldacci (2002-03).

Stevenson graduated magna cum laude from the University of Maine at Orono, where she earned a degree in English. She is currently taking coursework towards a master's degree in educational leadership at the University of Maine at Farmington.

Out & About with Rachel Morin A Summer Play Matinee at the Vienna Union Hall

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

I was in for a treat in the town of Vienna when my brother, Gene Gilbert, and my sister-in-law, Lydia, recently invited me to see two humorous plays presented by the Vienna Historical Society. Gene and Lydia "discovered" this creative group last year and Lydia thought I would enjoy seeing their plays. She was right!

The plays were to be presented at the Vienna Union Hall. I was charmed by the outside appearance of the hall and its adjacent, modern rest room, perfectly matching the hall's style and paint colors. Wow, this was different, an outdoor rest room! It was modern, up-to-date, immaculate, and unisex.

Entering the hall, we first met Rose Laliberte, who handled the admission fees as people filed in. No actual tickets were handed out, just a playbill and smile, with "Sit wherever you want." Cushioned benches were lined up in the well-appointed hall, which had pictures, a bulletin board, and notices of activities and coming events on the walls. This is an active com-



The cast of "Burtie's Pen Pals" takes their final curtain call.

munity.

With its small stage and pleasing ambiance, the Union Hall was the perfect setting for the plays. But what we noticed most was the welcoming and friendly greetings extended by members of the Vienna Historical Society cast. We had arrived early, so were able to move around and talk with people before the show started.

Many cast members, who were seated along the wall as they waited for showtime, exchanged a few words with us. We quickly learned we were pronouncing the town's name wrong. With a friendly chuckle, one of the cast members said, "It's Vy-enna, not Vee-en-

na." Well, we all had a laugh over that! Who knew?

The afternoon started with a traditional sing-along, led by Brent Smith of Farmington and accompanied on piano by Ellie Andrews of Fayette. Brent started off with "Hello Dolly," perhaps as a nod to the popular musical playing at Maine State Music Theatre in Brunswick that very weekend. After a few old-time favorites, Brent held the Stars and Stripes aloft and concluded with "God Bless America" as the audience proudly stood and sang along.

This is the 37th consecutive year the Vienna Historical Society has presented these humorous plays vividly portraying the foibles and eccentricities of small town life. Beverly Wight Smith is the playwright and Carole O'Connell directs. They plays are filled with an assortment of oddball, eccentric, and just plain good folk and their various escapades, antics, shenanigans, and affairs of the heart.

The first play, "Burtie's Pen Pal," takes place on a farm in Vienna, where "old bach" Burtie Bumpwood is about to meet his elderly pen pal from Boston. He figures Miss Blossom will be delighted to join him in the canning, haying, and other unending farm chores. But Becky Blossom is not what Burtie expected. Frus-

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Mechanic Falls third-grader honored as Anthem Hero at Hadlock



Norman Albert, age 8, receives high-fives from players after taking a home run lap around the bases with his little sister, Grace, close behind. Albert was named an Anthem Hero at Hadlock for his bravery in fighting a rare form of bone cancer.

As part of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield's continued commitment to supporting the prevention and treatment of cancer and the work of the Maine Children's Cancer Program, eight-year-old cancer survivor Norman Albert of Mechanic Falls was honored recently as an Anthem Hero at Hadlock for the courage he displayed in battling a rare form of cancer at a young age.

Albert is the second of four Anthem Heroes be recognized during the Portland Sea Dogs' 2019 season. The ceremony took place prior to the July 27 game at Hadlock Field in Portland.

"Norman has shown such strength and persever-

ance during his cancer battle over this past year that we are all inspired by his fight against this disease," said Denise McDonough, president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Maine. "Norman's courage is one of the many reasons why we're honoring him as our second Hero at Hadlock this summer, and why Anthem is proud to support the critical efforts of the Maine Children's Cancer Program to treat and prevent childhood cancer."

Last summer, seven-year-old Albert went for an x-ray for pain in his left arm. The x-ray revealed a tumor on his arm and, after additional tests, he was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma.

He began chemotherapy in September at the Maine Children's Cancer Program and, in January, had the cancerous bone removed and replaced with a titanium prosthetic implant at Boston Children's Hospital. Now eight-years-old and entering third grade, he loves playing video games, building with Legos, listening to music, and reading about medieval weapons and armor.

The Anthem Heroes at Hadlock program provides children who have battled a serious medical condition a once-in-a-lifetime experience at Hadlock Field. Each honoree takes a celebratory home run lap around the bases of Hadlock prior to a Sea Dogs home game while the players give the child high-fives and the crowd provides a standing ovation. The children and their families also receive a number of Sea Dogs souvenirs and other VIP privileges.

Auburn Savings introduces first children's program

Auburn Savings Bank has announced the launch of its first-ever children's program, KidsPlus. The program will focus on teaching children smart financial habits through the core principles of smart saving (Save), responsible spending (Spend), and giving back to the community (Give). The program also introduces the bank's first mascot, Penny the Pig.

Open to children ages 12 and under with parent or guardian, the program can be joined by opening a KidsPlus savings account in person at either Auburn Savings Bank location. When a KidsPlus account is opened, the child will receive a piggybank, activity book, stickers, and passbook to log deposits. Rewards will then be earned for each deposit made by the child.

"Not only is this going to be a fun program for our littlest bankers, but

it will help them develop an understanding of how money works, how to use it wisely, and the importance of becoming engaged and helping one's community," said Auburn Savings Bank Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Martha Adams.

The KidsPlus children's program is based on the concept of "Save-Spend-Give." The goal is to teach children about the benefits of saving money and managing deposits (Save), budgeting to save up for specific goals (Spend), and giving back to the community (Give) by donating to one of four local organizations selected by the bank: Auburn Public Library, Lewiston Public Library, the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society, and the Lots to Gardens program of St. Mary's Nutrition Center.

Although encouraged, donating is not required to

participate in the KidsPlus program. All "Give" donations will be collected at the time of deposit, with 100% of the money donated to be delivered to the recipient organizations at the end of the bank's fiscal year. Auburn Savings has vowed to match donations up to \$1000.

"Lewiston Public Library is delighted to be one of the recipients for the KidsPlus program," said LPL Director Marcela Peres. "Children are some of the most important members of our community, and we applaud any efforts to help them learn and grow. We will happily put their generosity to work, bringing even more wonderful children's programming and events to the Lewiston-Auburn area."

Auburn Savings has two branch locations, one on Court Street in Auburn and another on Sabattus Street in Lewiston. For more information, see auburnsavings.com.

Auburn woman named executive director of Journey House Recovery

Journey House Recovery has named Ashley Reny of Auburn as its new executive director. Founded in 2016, JHR operates four low-barrier, peer-run residences across Maine for low-income men and women who are in recovery from substance use disorder.

Since early 2019, Reny has been the director of one of the JHR residences. Previously, she managed a women's recovery residence in Portland.

Reny has been in recovery for three and a half years and knows first-hand how difficult the journey can be. Today, she is a proud mother of a two-year-old with another child on the

way and is looking forward to her wedding next summer.

"Journey House proudly affirms and supports multiple pathways to recovery and recognizes that we all need to take time to work on our own individual path to wellness," said Reny. "We are so grateful for founder Jesse Harvey's leadership and vision. Jesse is an inspiring person who has always been incredibly dedicated to helping people like himself, and we wish him luck in his own personal journey to recovery."

Journey House is a registered 501c3 nonprofit, a member of the National Alliance for Recovery Resi-

dences, and a certified member of the Maine Association for Recovery Residences (MARR).

"Journey House Recovery is a vital part of Maine's recovery residence network, providing essential services that are frequently unavailable in many communities in Maine," said Ron Springle, Chair of the Government Affairs Committee of the Maine Association of Recovery Residences. "The organization is in good hands, and we wish Jesse well as he continues to work toward his recovery."

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Governor's Address: Happy Birthday to the State of Maine

Maine has a proud and storied history, and our bicentennial offers us the opportunity, not only to honor that history, but to recommit ourselves to the values that shaped us as a state and as a people.

Our little state, jutting out of the northeast corner of our country, with its population of only 1.3 million, its four fulsome seasons, its forests, hills, tablelands, potato fields, shores, mighty rivers, and secret waterfalls, takes its physical character from ancient eskers and glacial erratics, kettles, cirques, and moraines. There are no straight lines here. This place we call home is unique, and it offers so much to so many.

But Maine is not just its natural resources and phenomena. It is also its people. For more than two hundred years, sons and daughters of Maine, with courage in their souls, kindness in their hearts, and an unshakeable, independent spirit, have built this state and led the nation.

There are so many in this state who are "the unsung," as poet Wes McNair has called them.

They are the Wa-

banaki people like Joseph Attean, the legendary Governor of the Penobscot nation, a brave, open-hearted, and forbearing individual who guided Henry David Thoreau on his first moose hunt through the vast and primitive wilderness to Che-suncook Lake.

They are firefighters and teachers, techies and hotel workers, farmers and fishermen, waiters and loggers, barbers and millworkers. They are our friends and neighbors. They are immigrants, laborers, veterans, and people with disabilities. People from away. People we rely on every day, and those who rely on us. They make our state as great as it is.

Above my right shoulder in the Governor's office hangs a portrait of one of those individuals, a farmer and mill worker who championed our drive to statehood. One of six children, William King was born to a poor family in Scarborough. He worked in sawmills, apple orchards, and potato fields before becoming a major general in the Maine militia.

The General, as he was known until the end of his life, became Maine's first governor. As we finally shed the bounds of Massa-



Governor Janet Mills

chusetts rule and embarked on creating our own destiny, General King spoke to the newly assembled legislature in Portland for the first time.

He said: "These citizens peaceably and quietly forming themselves into a new and independent State, framing and adopting with unexampled harmony and unanimity a constitution embracing all the essential principles of liberty and good government."

Born out of a compromise that allowed slavery to endure in another part of the country during the darkest days of our nation, Maine's new constitution enshrined in the guiding principles of our new state voting rights regardless of race and absolute freedom of religion.

That would not be the last time our small state defied expectations to shape the world through the efforts of brave men and women who rose above impossible

odds.

A young man from Brewer, the oldest of five children, urged his governor and classmates to fight for liberty and justice during the Civil War. One of 80,000 sons of Maine who fought for the Union, General Joshua Chamberlain went on to defend our nation at the Battle of Gettysburg. When ammunition was running low and the fate of his regiment seemed most dire, he led the bayonet charge at Little Round Top, saving his men and turning the tide of the Civil War.

Another Maine Civil War general also shaped our state. While the Penobscot River drew thousands of ships every year and Bangor was the lumber capital of the world, General Thomas Hyde hired seven men to power a small iron business and build steady ships on the shores of the Kennebec River. That small enterprise eventually became Bath Iron Works.

Today, out of the morning mists of the Kennebec and through the sun, rain, and snow of Maine, the men and women of Bath Iron Works build mighty ships, continuing their long-standing tradition of excellence and protecting from danger our country, interests, and

allies around the world.

Of course, it was not only soldiers, and not only men, who shaped the history of Maine. There was Harriet Beecher Stowe of Brunswick, who turned the tide of the Civil War; and Cornelia "Fly Rod" Crosby, who became the first registered Maine guide; and Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Skowhegan, who was the first woman to serve in both the House of Representatives and the Senate in the Congress of the United States.

As governor, it is my privilege to meet with Maine people from every corner of our state, and I can tell you that our leaders are not simply those relegated to the history books. They include people like eighth-grader Morgan, who developed a Blood Glucose Test Strip Dispenser that is waiting for a patent; Sam, who decided to become a doctor after he was diagnosed with a debilitating disease; and the Maine students who chanted "There is no Planet B" when advocating for climate change action outside the State House.

Some of these people are the leaders of tomorrow, who, like generations of Mainers before them, will rise above the doubts of oth-

ers to find new and better ways of doing things.

So, on the eve of our bicentennial, as we celebrate this milestone of our state and reflect on our history, let us also take sure, steady steps into our future. Let's make it a future where every person can live and work in the state they love with boundless opportunity for themselves and for their families.

Wherever you go, whatever you do, whoever you are with, tell them about the great place you come from. Tell them about Joseph Attean, William King, "Fly Rod" Crosby, and Margaret Chase Smith. Tell them about our rocky coast, rolling hills, wide farms, clean rivers, fresh foods, and coolest of lagers. Tell them about the jobs, excitement, and friendships we offer here in this state.

You will always be a son or daughter of Maine. Wherever you roam, if roam you will, upon your return, we will greet you with a hearty hug and a loud "Welcome Home!"

Happy Birthday to the State of Maine.

*Thank You,
Janet Mills
Governor*

DFD Russell celebrates National Health Centers Week

DFD Russell Medical Centers celebrated National Health Centers Week in August with educational efforts through social media. DFD is one of the highest-ranking community health centers in Maine - and the nation - for their commitment to quality care.

DFD Russell's three locations in Leeds, Turner and Monmouth serve more than 8,058 local patients through 25,000 encounters per year. In addition, DFD Russell employs 65 individuals, whose \$4,800,000 in salaries and benefits go

back into the community annually. For more information, see dfdrussell.org.

Community health centers provide high-quality, patient-centered healthcare to rural and vulnerable populations. They differ from other healthcare providers by offering more evening and weekend hours, providing more services in the same facility, and being community-governed. Across the country, 28 million people rely on the services of community health centers such as DFD.



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Big Brothers Big Sisters honors student volunteer



Jenna Fowler graduated from Edward Little High School in June.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Maine has presented graduating Edward Little High School senior Jenna Fowler with a certificate of appreciation for her volunteer work at Washburn Elementary School in Auburn.

For the past two years, Fowler participated in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program as a high school mentor at Washburn. Each week during the school year, she went to the elementary school to spend time with young children as an older friend and role model.

Fowler, who will enroll in the Maine College of Art this fall to get her Masters in Art Teaching (MAT) degree, shared her art experience with her Littles and other young children during her time at Washburn.

When asked why she became a Big Sister in the BBBS program, Fowler explained that she often felt lonely while growing up. "I know many kids feel the same way, so I wanted to do something to change that," she said. She enjoyed making connections with all the students in the afternoon program, but especially the Littles with whom she was matched.

"Jenna has continually shown maturity and resourcefulness in her mentoring here at Washburn,"

a great future ahead with her artwork and teaching."

While at Edward Little, Fowler served on the Student Council and worked on set design with the Drama Association. During the 2018-19 school year, she organized a successful art show for ELHS student artists.

Her goal after graduating from MCA is to stay in Maine to teach high school art. Although she plans to major in illustration and minor in art history, she wants to expose herself to various media so she can share that knowledge with her future students.

Edward Little High School students interested in becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister at Washburn Elementary School this fall are encouraged to contact BBBS Androscoggin Manager Jennifer Cartmell at 653-3857 or jennifer@bbbsmidmaine.org.

said Stephanie Doucette, coordinator for the after school BBBS program, "She has always shown a high level of care and sensitivity with her one-on-one mentoring... Her desire to help children in her community is truly special, and I know she has



She will enroll in the Maine College of Art this fall to pursue a Masters in Art Teaching (MAT) degree.

Guest Column: Lessons from the First Session



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

By Senator Ned Claxton

This past June, the Maine Senate adjourned its first legislative session of the two-year term. Since adjournment, I've had some time to reflect on the lessons I learned as a new State Senator.

One lesson is that friendship is key to breaking down partisan barriers. This session, Senate President Troy Jackson broke tradition and decided to seat Democrats and Republicans side-by-side. Quite literally, we had no partisan aisle. I'm thankful he made this decision.

My seatmate was Marianne Moore, a Republican from Calais, who also happens to be serving her first term in the Senate. Senator Moore and I became fast friends while learning the ropes of the legislative process. Throughout the session, we had many conversations about various issues. We found similarities

in our beliefs, but also saw our differences.

At the end of the day, we agree to disagree on certain topics, and we do so in a civil way. We know that we both want the best for our constituents and the State of Maine. It's important to remember that as Mainers and Americans, all of us, no matter which party we belong to, have more that unites us than divides us.

Another lesson I took away from the session is just how much work goes on behind the scenes that most people, including me before I started, don't know about. The public really only sees the big moments: a contentious bill, legislators doing interviews in the hall, the debate on the floor of the Senate, and the final vote.

Those moments are just a tiny fraction of the work we do as legislators. We have nonpartisan staff who draft legislation and evaluate its fiscal impact, and legal experts who ensure

that a new law would not interfere with an existing statute. Those dedicated employees, who often work the longest hours of anyone in the State House, really ensure the Legislature functions on a day to day basis.

The process of passing a piece of legislation is also very long and rigorous. As a senator, I can start with an idea for a law, but by the time it comes before us for a vote, it may look very different than what we started with.

The bill goes to a committee, where the members discuss the potential law's effect, hear testimony in support or opposition to it, comb through the words line by line with experts, hear the public's opinion, and so on. This is all done in an effort to bring as positive a change to the state as possible. During this first session, I found that listening to many opinions on an issue, from both sides, is crucial in making changes for the better.

Throughout these first months, I learned something new every day. I listened to new opinions, made new friends, welcomed my constituents to the State House, and worked on a lot of legislation that I know will make a positive impact on our state. When we reconvene in January, I know I'll be bringing my newfound experience back to Augusta with me to ensure that I'm representing my constituents in the best way possible.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with an idea for future legislation, your opinion, or a question. I can be reached at my office at 287-1515 or at Ned.Claxton@legislature.maine.gov.

Chamber seminar offers "Wage and Hour Compliance Fun"

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will present a professional development seminar called "Wage and Hour Compliance Fun" on Monday, August 12, from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Do you ever have the feeling that you are stepping into a minefield when it comes to wage and hour issues? Well, you're not alone! Wage and hour laws on the state and federal level can be some of the most

nuanced and complicated concepts around, and it's usually left to Human Resources Professionals to get it right for your employees and company.

This is an area where even small misinterpretations of the law could mean steep penalties or costly litigation, but never fear! Presenter Jordan Payne Hay, Esq. of Skelton, Taintor & Abbott will arm those attending with the most up-to-

date, "boots on the ground" information about things like minimum wage requirements, overtime rules, different pay structures, employee classification, and everything in between.

The program will take place in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The registration fee is \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. To register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Rotary Breakfast Club meeting

The next meeting of the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club on Wednesday, August 14 at 7 a.m. will feature guest speaker Celeste Yakawonis, who will discuss her research on Cannabidiol (CBD) and CTFO, a U.S.-based company that specializes in network marketing of its CBD-hemp oil products. Her interest in the subject began

with a search for natural, safe products to address pain issues.

Yakawonis has been a real estate paralegal for over 30 years. She is the current president of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Lunch Club, a member of the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, and on the board of the CM Education Foundation at Central Maine Com-

munity College. A lifelong Mainer who resides in Turner with her husband, Peter, six cats, and dog Bruce, she has two daughters, Katherine and Margaret Handville.

The Rotary Breakfast Club meets every Wednesday at Governor's Restaurant at 1185 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The cost for breakfast is \$12. All are welcome to attend.



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Payroll Management, Inc. marks 30th anniversary with grand opening of new corporate offices

Payroll Management, Inc., one of Northern New England's largest independent and family-owned payroll services firms, marked its 30th anniversary recently with the grand opening of its new corporate offices at 550 Center Street in Auburn. They celebrated by holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house.

The celebration was co-hosted by the L-A Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and attended by over 200, including employees, clients, business supporters, family members, and friends. Also in attendance were Senator Ned Claxton, Ryan Angelo of Senator Susan Collin's office, Marge Kilkelly of Senator Angus King's office, and Auburn City Councilors Alfreda Fournier and Leroy Walker.

Payroll Management, Inc. was founded in 1989 by President and CEO Gary Hemenway and his wife, Chief Marketing Officer and co-owner Elaine Hemenway. The company was originally located in small office buildings in Auburn until they moved into their building at Manley Road, where they remained for the next 20 years. During that time, they added many new services and employees to the family business, including their two sons, Gary, Jr. and Chris.

As they continued to grow, the Hemenway's secured space in the Auburn



Over 200 were in attendance for the grand opening of the new offices, designed by architect Michel Giasson and built by R.L. Builders. (Photo by Creativeone's Photography)

Mall in 1818 to build their new corporate offices. The modern office space, designed by architect Michel Giasson and built by R.L. Builders, features an open foyer, several office rooms, a huge cafeteria, two large conference rooms, a quiet room with three cascading waterfalls, a large distribution department, and a central cubicle area with room to grow for their client services representatives.

Since 2019 is the company's 30th anniversary, it made sense to combine the celebration of this milestone with the grand opening at the new location. At the core of the Hemenway's business philosophy for the past 30 years has been their dedication to providing personalized service to their clients. While adding convenient new services over

the years, including updated online payroll entry and HR options, as well as automated time and attendance solutions, the cornerstone of Payroll Management's mission remains the same: being responsive to individual client needs and making sure each client has a dedicated service representative to contact.

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For more information, contact Sales Director Chris Hemenway at chemeway@payrollmgt.com or visit www.payrollmgt.com.

Bangor Savings sponsors Austin Theriault



Maine's own Bangor Savings Bank was among those sponsoring Fort Kent native Austin Theriault in the recent Gander RV 400 at Pocono Raceway in Pennsylvania. The first Maine native to race in the NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series since Ricky Craven, Theriault finished 34th in his second start in the series. (Photo by Jennifer Sanders/Bangor Savings Bank)

Letter to the editor

On July first Dan Herrick came to speak at the City Council meeting in Auburn during open session. He had an email to read from an Auburn resident concerning the city purchasing Norway Saving Arena and the response they received from Mayor Levesque. Mr. Herrick spoke respectfully and his tone of voice was civil throughout what next transpired.

When the Mayor realized what Mr. Herrick was saying he quickly tried to shut him down by saying Mr. Herrick's time was up. The Assistant City Manager quietly got up and had the meeting's audio turned off so viewers couldn't hear what was happening.

Mr. Herrick continued and tried to finish the last couple of lines. The Mayor starting raising his voice stating several times that Mr. Herrick could not continue. His time was up. He said Herrick had to leave, while gaveling and stating Mr. Herrick you're out of order.

The City Councilors looked on like bumps on a log. Mr. Herrick quietly stayed there and stated he wasn't going to leave until he had finished what he was trying to say.

I was in disbelief as to what I was witnessing, not able to speak, and also wondering just how far the Mayor was going to push this. We didn't have to wait long. The Mayor started calling for Police Chief Moen, who had been sitting in the back of our meeting room, to come and remove Mr. Herrick. Chief Moen got up and it appeared that he really didn't like to do what Mayor Levesque had asked, but did what he was requested.

Mr. Herrick still being respectful hesitated a second but left quietly with the Chief when he was asked. This was one of the most heartbreaking moments I have witnessed since becoming an Auburn City Councilor.

The following week at

the City Council meeting I was still troubled by what I had witnessed. When it was my time to speak I tried to state how I felt about how the Mayor had treated Mr. Herrick and the fact that I didn't try to stop it. The Mayor tried to shut me down saying I couldn't go there and kept trying to cut me off throughout my speaking. I was persistent and did get out that I was sorry for how Mr. Herrick had been treated and that I didn't say or do anything to stop it.

When Mr. Herrick comes to our meetings if he finds new information that he was not quite right about, he comes back and admits he was wrong based on the facts. I wanted to have the same integrity as Mr. Herrick and follow his example by admitting that I should not have let this go on. I should have done something about how the Mayor was treating him and I was sorry that I didn't.

Respectfully,
Belinda Gerry, Auburn City Councilor, At-large.

Business After Hours to visit YMCA's Outdoor Center

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce and Uplift LA will host Business After Hours on Thursday, August 15 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. This month's event will take place at the YMCA's Outdoor Learning and Education Center, located at Stetson and River Roads in Auburn.

Have you seen the look on a child's face when they hold a bullfrog for the first time? It's a kaleidoscope

of emotions - trepidation, curiosity, wonder, and joy - and a powerful reminder of the emotional, physical, and spiritual benefits that come from interacting with nature.

The YMCA's Outdoor Education and Learning Center brings these benefits to children and adults of all ages in the greater Androscoggin County area. Located on 93 wooded acres along Stetson and River Roads in Auburn, OLEC

is a multi-purpose outdoor center tailored to kids and families.

Meet fellow business owners and friends at Business After Hours, a casual gathering designed to strengthen professional relationships within the local business community. Food and drinks will be provided and there will be a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. For more information, call 783-2249.

Lisbon Historical Society looks back at Lobster Club #1

The Lisbon Historical Society will present speakers Noyes Lawrence and Merton Ricker to discuss the history of one of Lisbon's more unique social clubs on Wednesday, August 14 at 7 p.m.

Both Ricker and Lawrence are former members of Lisbon Lobster Club #1, which was undoubtedly the least serious of any social club in town history and had a unique purpose: to create the ideal conditions for a good lobster feed, including convivial company. The club was also unique in that membership was limited to only thirty-five members at any one time.

Ricker will try to unravel several myths about how the group got its start, while Lawrence will share a trove of remembrances of club meetings and antics. For instance, the group once hosted a ball game between the "Green Lobsters" and "Red Lobsters," dressed in full regalia. Music for the

contest was provided by the Dominican Band of Lewiston. The program will also feature a guest appearance by one of the club's more unique former members.

Free and open to the public, the program will take place at society's headquar-

ters in the MTM Center on School Street in Lisbon Falls. The parking and entrance are at the rear of the building. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 353-8510 or email Lisbonhistsoc@gmail.com.

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What's Going On

Rotary Lunch Club spotlights Maine State Rehabbing



Jennifer Marchigiani

neighbors. She later turned this passion into a career when she was trained to work with birds at the Ruth Melichar Bird Center in Idaho. While in Idaho, she worked at Zoo Boise from 1996 to 1999, where her knowledge expanded to include world and native wildlife rehabilitation, including the importance of proper nutrition and sensory enrichment for all animals, regardless of how long they are in captivity.

Marchigiani has since moved back to her hometown of Auburn, where she acquired her Maine State Rehabbing license in 2002 and registered Maine State Rehabbing as an official 501(c)3 non-profit in 2018. She has recently adopted insectivorous bats as her main focus of rehab, but she also takes in all types of Maine wildlife, including triaging birds for Avian Haven.

The L-A Rotary Lunch Club meets every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch is available at the restaurant for \$14. Guests and visiting Rotarians are always welcome. For more information, contact club president Celeste Yakowonis at 713-7111, follow them on Facebook, or see www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Lunch Club on Thursday, August 15, from noon to 1 p.m. will be Jennifer Marchigiani of Maine State Rehabbing. The event will take place at

the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Animals have always been Jennifer Marchigiani's passion. She spent her childhood rescuing local wildlife, from bees drowning in pools to snakes frightening the

Sabattus Prediction Run-Walk 5K set for Aug. 22

Do you know how fast you run, jog, or walk? The Sabattus Rec Club will hold its seventh annual Prediction Run-Walk 5K at Oak Hill Middle School on Ball Park Road in Sabattus on Thursday, August 22 at 6 p.m. The focus of this fun, non-competitive event will be to get out, get some exercise, and try to guess your finish time in the process.

Participants will predict their finish time for the 5k course when they register. There is no time limit

and any finish time is a good time. No watches, trackers, mp3s, headsets, or any other electronic devices will be allowed during the event. The participants who guess closest to their predicted finish times will win prizes, and there are many prizes to win!

The course is a relatively flat 3.1 miles, including two moderate hills. The first male and female finishers will be awarded prizes, but fast times will not be needed to win the

other prizes.

The Prediction 5K is open to runners and walkers of all ages. Those under 18 will need parental permission. This is a show-up, sign-up event with no pre-registration required. The registration fee is \$5. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. and the event will start at 6:00.

For more information, visit the Sabattus Rec Club Running Program page on Facebook or email Running@sabattusrec.com.

Sawyer Memorial presents annual Children's Day program



The Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers perform "The Legend of the Banana Kid" on Thursday, August 15.

Sawyer Memorial in Greene will present its annual Children's Day program on Thursday, August 15 at 2 p.m., when the Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers perform their original show "The Legend of the Banana Kid." Unlike other Sawyer Memorial programs, there will be one performance only.

In this cowboy adventure, Little Chucky rides into town on his trusty goat for a showdown with Big Bad Bart and his gang of bandits. But armed only with a fistful of bananas, does Chucky stand a chance against these ornery outlaws?

Based in Bar Harbor,

Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers is comprised of brothers Erik and Brian Torbeck and sister Robin (Torbeck) Erlandsen. Founded in 2000, the troupe has performed at festivals, schools, libraries, and theaters in the United States and Canada. They write and create all their shows and have received three Citations of Excellence from UNIMA-USA, the highest national award in puppetry.

The show is free and open to the public. Following the program, a special treat will be provided for all audience members by the Sawyer Foundation. The Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial is at 371 Sawyer Road in Greene. For more information, call 946-5311,

find them on Facebook, or see sawyer-foundation.com.

Annual Chicken BBQ

The Congregational Church of Gray will present its 28th annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 24 at 5:00 and 5:45 p.m. The meal will be a half chicken, baked potato, ear of corn, and biscuits, with a large selection of desserts and beverages. The cost is \$10, or \$5 for kids under 12, and take-out will be available. The event will take place at the Parish House at 5 Brown Street, which is wheelchair-accessible. For more information, call 657-4338.

Sunday evening Vesper services

The United Methodist Church of Auburn is now offering Sunday evening Vesper services each week at 7 p.m. through September 1. Taking place at Empire Grove Chapel in Minot, the services are about one hour long and feature a guest preacher, snacks, and music. Everyone is welcome.

To find the chapel, take Minot Avenue west to Minot. After the United Methodist Church, take a left onto Empire Road. Go across the railroad tracks and look for the Empire Grove sign on the right. For more information, contact the Auburn church office at 782-3972.

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Turkey roulade, bagel making on menu of fall classes at Lewiston Adult Ed.



Kirsten Burgess appears on the cover of the new Fall 2019 brochure from Lewiston Adult Education. She will teach a piano class this fall.

The new fall brochure from Lewiston Adult Education offers a full menu of classes, including two on how to make bagels and turkey roulade.

Chef Dan Caron of the Green Ladle will teach a one-night class on how to combine turkey breast and stuffing into a spiral-shaped roll. Students in the class will be able to take some of their work home with them.

Alisa Roman, Director of Nutrition for Lewiston Public Schools, will teach several fall classes, including ones on how to make bagels and hors d'oeuvres. Like the turkey roulade class, the one-night hors d'oeuvres class will take place just a few weeks before

Thanksgiving.

Students looking for music lessons will have two options. Kirsten Burgess, who appears on the cover of the Lewiston brochure, will teach "Beginner Piano" and Jordan Berube will teach "Beginner Guitar." The piano class will take place in a room with keyboards, while guitar students will have to bring their own instruments.

Many popular classes will return for the fall semester, including "Joy of Oil Painting," "Meditation," and "Small Engine & Power Equipment Repair."

Those looking to improve their skills will find a number of options in the workforce classes.

Students can sign up for an Excel class, take a two-night ServSafe food and beverage safety class, or look into the certified nursing assistant program. Potential CNA students will have to take the CASAS exam and participate in interviews to qualify.

The brochure, which has gone out to Lewiston and Auburn residents, is a combined effort of the Lewiston and Auburn Adult & Community Education departments. One half of the brochure lists Lewiston classes while the other half lists Auburn classes. Lewiston Adult Education's fall classes are also listed on their website at www.lewiston.maine-adulted.org.

What's Going On

WHA Gallery displays works by Cally Peaco, Sarah Martin

The Woman's Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston is now displaying photographs by Cally Peaco and paintings by Sarah Martin.

Cally Peaco began taking photographs with a Brownie camera, progressing to 35 mm's and then to digital equipment. She prefers the impact of black and white images, but also enjoys experimenting with what she calls "surprises in color."

Growing up on a dairy farm in western Maine, she documented traditions of rural life that included milking cows, making butter, harness racing, county fairs, and other memorable themes. Today she strives to capture the magic to be found in life's ordinary moments. She is a member and exhibiting artist at the Boothbay Region Art Foundation and River Arts Gallery in Damariscotta and has shown her work at various galleries, festivals, and fairs in Midcoast and Western Maine.

Sarah Martin's interest in acrylic painting began about three years ago, when she found painting lessons on YouTube by Cinnamon Cooney, also known as the Art Sherpa. Several months into this hobby, she encountered a significant challenge in her life when she woke one morning to find that she couldn't see and had trouble walking. A neurologist diagnosed multiple sclerosis.

"Painting has given me an outlet to express myself that I can pursue right from my house," she says. "My husband and children are very supportive of my hobby. My ten-year-old daughter often paints with me. Painting really helps me cope with the physical and emotional ups and downs of my illness." Martin lives with her supportive husband, Mark, and their two children, Jacob, 14, and Rosie, 10.

The works on display may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop, located adjacent to the main lobby at Central Maine Medical Center. A percentage of sale



Photograph by Cally Peaco

proceeds benefits patients of CMMC.

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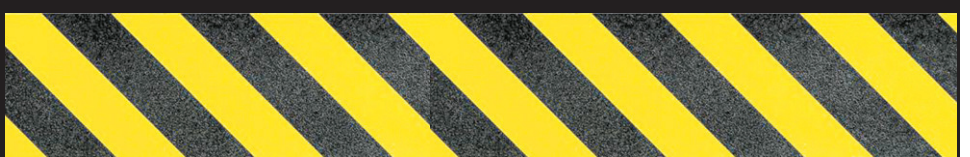
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Balloon Launch 6:00am - 6:30am		Pancake Breakfast 5:30am - 10:00am		Pancake Breakfast 5:30am - 10:00am	
Food Booths Open 4:00pm - 10:00pm		Balloon Launch 6:00am - 6:30am		Balloon Launch 6:00am - 6:30am	
DJ Music - 4:00pm to 5:30pm		Food Booths Open 11:00am - 10:00pm		Pups in the Air (Field) 9:15am - 9:45am	
Imari Sahara Dance 5:30 pm - 6:00pm		Parade 11:00 am - 12:00pm		Camp of Rock 9:45am - 11:00am	
Balloon Launch 6:00pm - 6:30pm		1/2 hour open time in the field		Element All Stars (Field) 11:00-11:45	
Lacey Chain Band 6:20pm - 8:15pm		Pups in the Air (Field) 12:30pm - 1:15pm		DumBum Show 11:45 - 1:00pm	
Moon Glow 8:00pm - 9:00pm		Alex Roy 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm		Diamond Athletics (Field) 1:00pm - 1:45pm	
Skoosh Band 8:30pm - 10:00pm		Pups in the Air (Field) 2:30pm - 3:15pm		Pups in the Air (Field) 1:45pm - 2:30pm	
		Lie to Me Band 3:15pm - 4:30pm		The Depths Reunion 2:30pm - 3:45pm	
		Continental Shakedown 4:45pm - 6:00pm		Country Roads Band 4:00pm - 6:00pm	
		Balloon Launch 6:00pm - 6:30pm		Balloon Launch 6:00pm - 6:30pm	
		Cold Blue Steel 6:20pm - 7:45pm		Festival Ends 6:30pm	
		Runnin Down A Dream (A Tom Petty Tribute) 8:00pm to 10:00pm			

AUBURN STAGE

FRIDAY 16th -12:00 PM - 9:00 PM		SATURDAY 17th 10:00AM - 9:00 PM		SUNDAY 18th 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	
Food Booth Opens 12:00pm - 9:00pm		Shugah Kitty 12:00pm - 1:30pm		Cungo Boxing 10:00am - 11:00am	
Tim Winchester Trio 4:00pm - 5:15pm		Brian Patricks 1:45pm - 3:15pm		Lewiston High School Jazz Combo 11:15am-12:45	
David Ames 5:30pm - 7:00pm		The MisAdventures 3:30pm - 5:15pm		Pelletiers Karate 12:45pm - 1:15pm	
Imari Desert Dancers 7:00pm 7:30pm		Tame & Temper 5:30pm - 7:15pm		Down Cellah 1:15pm - 2:30pm	
Aliens in Public 7:30pm - 9:00pm		Sincerely Yours Duo 7:45pm - 9:00pm		The Old Gold Band 2:45pm - 4:00pm	

Vienna

Continued from page 1

tration and hilarity abound as Burtie proceeds to lose his pen pal and hobby. The cast members were Dan Huettner, Matthew Dunn, Kitty Gee, Annette Smith, Judy Dunn, and Eileen Lord.

The second play, "Prudy's Piazza," opens with Professor Felix Fiddledee set to appear in a local play production. A visitor from away and a dishonest cad, the professor seems to be held in high regard by some members of the community, while others are suspicious and consider him a bit shifty. In the end, his true nature is exposed

and hilarious aspects of his treachery are revealed. The players were Pam Bean, Allan Harville, Steve Mallen, Jim Wright, Beverly Smith, Judy Dunn, Ellie Andrews, Carole O'Connell, Annette Smith, Kitty Gee, Clyde Dyar, Dan Huettner, and Megan Goucher.

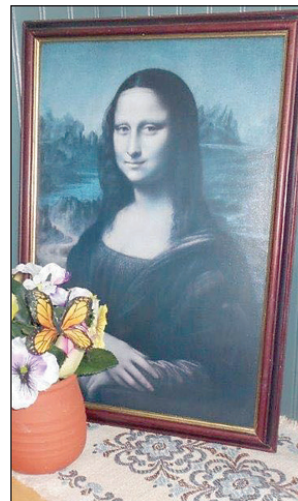
It was a delightful afternoon, with refreshments provided by the Mill Stream Grange. We are planning to return next summer for more Vienna Historical Society plays and, who knows, I may very well attend a Mill Stream Grange meeting. My sister Joanne and I were members of the Thorne's Corner Grange in Lewiston in our teenage years.



With its adjacent outdoor rest room (at right), the Vienna Union Hall is the perfect setting for these humorous plays about small-town life.



Brent Smith gets everyone in a festive mood for the plays by leading a pre-show sing-a-long.



The Mona Lisa greets visitors to the hall's modern outdoor rest room.



Pianist Ellie Andrews accompanied the sing-along and played the role of play director Sophie in "Prudy's Piazza."



Kitty Gee was a hit in both comedies, but her whistling of the "The Green, Green Grass of Home" held the audience spellbound.



Beverly Wight Smith is the author of the plays, presented annually by the Vienna Historical Society.



Jim Wright, as Jesse Cutwood, is pleased to finally have Prudy Primrose, played by playwright Beverly Smith, all to himself.



The first cast member to arrive, Eileen Lord played Boston lady Becky Blossom.



The set for "Prudy's Piazza" was quickly set up for the second play.



The cast of "Prudy's Piazza" acknowledges the applause at the end of the play.



Gene and Lydia Gilbert of Lewiston "discovered" the Vienna Historical Society's theatrical performances last year.



Audrey Smith, Carole O'Connell and Gloria Kelley are members of the local Mill Stream Grange, founded in 1947. Kelley is a proud charter member. O'Connell is also a member of the Vienna Historical Society and directs their plays.

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Model Railroad Club plans ninth annual Train Fest



Dick Clark of Greene and John Middleton of Kennebunkport welcome guests to a prior Train Fest.

The Great Falls Model Railroad Club will celebrate the Great Falls Balloon Festival with its ninth annual Train Fest on Saturday, August 17. The club's wheelchair-accessible, two-story clubhouse at 144 Mill Street in Auburn will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for this fun family event.

As they enter, guests will see G-gauge trains running on multiple tracks in an interactive winter scene. In another section of the G-Gauge room, children will see Thomas the Tank Engine and Percy. All layouts will be in operation, with pictures and models of hot-air

balloons temporarily floating in the blue skies above them. A scavenger hunt will encourage everyone to look for specific hot-air balloons near the model railroad layouts and in the club's library.

Children may write their names on small paper hot air balloons and add them to a painted backdrop scene. Younger children will enjoy playing with toy trains on the play rug and with the wooden Brio train set on the special layout built at a child's height; parents can watch them while relaxing at the nearby craft tables.

On the main layout, logging trains will run on the

large trestle, while freight and passenger trains run on the double track below. The extensive HO layout downstairs will be fully operational as work continues on renovations and track improvements. There is no charge for older children to become Guest Engineers on the HO layout.

Tickets can be purchased for \$1 each or seven for \$5 to decorate and eat hot-air balloon cookies and play Balloon Bag Toss and Round House Roulette games. Admission is \$5, with children ages 12 and under entering free of charge.



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Celebration Barn presents "Tomáš Kubínek - Miracle Man"



Tomáš Kubínek (Photo by D. A. Hill)

Known as a "comic genius, virtuoso vaudevillian, and all-around charmer," Tomáš Kubínek will bring his internationally acclaimed solo show to Celebration Barn Theater of South Paris on Saturday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m. The show is intended for adult audiences.

Kubínek plays to packed theaters around the world. After a sold-out run

on Broadway, the New York Times lauded his work as "Absolutely expert!", while the Santa Fe Reporter has described his show as "Masterfully played comedy." Time Out, London has called him "Hilarious and enormously talented."

Tickets are \$16, or \$14 for seniors. All tickets are general admission and members receive priority

seating. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended. The lobby and concessions will open at 6:30 p.m.

Celebration Barn Theater is located just off Route 117 at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris. For more information or to buy tickets, call the Barn's box office at 743-8452 or visit www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Community Little Theatre to hold auditions for "My Fair Lady"

L-A Community Little Theatre will hold open auditions for its upcoming production of the classic musical "My Fair Lady" on Sunday, August 18, and Monday, August 19, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The auditions will take place at Great Falls Performing Arts Center at 30 Academy Street in Auburn.

Dr. Paul G. Caron will direct this production of what many have hailed as the greatest musical of all time. After Lerner and Loewe's "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway in 1956, it collected six Tony Awards, including Best Musical, while the 1964 film version took home eight Oscars, including Best Picture.

Based on George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," My Fair Lady is that rare musical by which all others are measured. The tale of a cockney flower girl transformed into an elegant lady features one of musical theatre's greatest scores, including the songs "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" "With a Little Bit of Luck," "The Rain in Spain," "I Could Have Danced All Night," "On the Street Where You Live," and "Get Me to the Church on Time."

For the closed vocal auditions, participants are asked to prepare and sing 16 bars of a song. Copies of the music will be available for anyone singing a song from the show. Those singing numbers from a



different show need to bring sheet music; no a cappella auditions will be allowed. There will be no choreography. The auditions will also include group readings of sides from the script. For all character descriptions, see www.laclt.com/audition.

Performances of My Fair Lady will take place October 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26 at 7:30 p.m. and October 20 and 27 at 2 p.m. For more information, visit the CLT website or contact Dr. Caron at pcaron003@roadrunner.com.

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Kennebec Early Music Festival starts August 11

The Kennebec Early Music Festival will bring its third season of chamber music concerts on period instruments to the Bath area August 11 through 18. Concerts will take place in the majestic Long Reach Hall of the Maine Maritime Museum at 243 Washington Street in Bath and the intimate Linden Tree Meeting House at 10 Church Lane in Phippsburg.

The festival will feature the dynamic artistry of seven musicians of national and international renown who will perform the music of Bach, Vivaldi, Couperin, Haydn, Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert and other masters as it should be heard - on the historic instruments they knew, played, and loved.

The festival musicians (and their instruments) are Vicki Boeckman (Baroque recorders), Thomas Carroll (Classical basset horn and clarinets), Susanna Ogata (1774 Klotz violin), Sarah Darling (1619 Amati viola), Sarah Freiberg (1784 Merlin violoncello), Jillon Stoppels Dupree (French harpsichord), and Tamara Friedman (1780 South German and 1795 Viennese fortepianos).

General admission tickets are \$25, or \$20 for

seniors and \$10 for students and young adults ages 17 through 25. Kids ages 7 through 16 with an accompanying adult will be admitted free of charge. To buy tickets, see the festival website at www.kemfmaine.org.

Continuing a popular festival tradition, all concerts will have an interactive pre-show discussion beginning 45 minutes before showtime, when the performers will discuss the history and character of their instruments. The concert schedule is listed below.

"Baroque Riches." Sunday, August 11 at 3 p.m. at the Maine Maritime Museum. Music by Boismortier, Barsanti, van Eyck, Telemann, Chedeville, Couperin, and Vivaldi for recorder, violoncello, and harpsichord.

"Bach &..." Tuesday, August 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Maine Maritime Museum. J. S. Bach, Praeambulum from the Partita No. 4 in D major for Fortepiano, BWV 828 Telemann, Two Fantasies for Solo Recorder, TWV 40:3 & 7 J. S. Bach, Suite No. 3 in C Major for Solo Violoncello, BWV 1009 J. S. Bach, Sarabande and Bourée Anglaise from the Partita in C Minor for Recorder, BWV

1013 C. P. E. Bach, Rondo in C Minor for 1780 South German Fortepiano, Wq. 59 No. 4 J. S. Bach, Partita No. 3 in E major for Solo Violin, BWV 1006.

"Bach &..." (repeat performance)." Wednesday, August 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Linden Tree Meeting House.

"Old Vienna Night." Friday, August 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Linden Tree Meeting House. Beethoven, Duet in C major for Clarinet and Violoncello, WoO 27 No. 1 Schubert, Sonatina in A minor for Violin and 1795 Viennese Fortepiano, Op. 137, D. 385 Beethoven, "Eyeglass" Duo for Viola and Violoncello, WoO 32 Haydn/Gambaro, Quartet No. 1 in B Flat Major for Clarinet, Violin, Viola, and Violoncello.

"The Classical Consort." Sunday, August 18 at 3 p.m. at the Maine Maritime Museum. Mozart, Five Duets for Bass Horn and Violoncello, K. 487 Beethoven, Trio in G Major for Violin, Viola, and Violoncello, Op. 9 No. 1 Haydn, Sonata in C Minor, Hob. XVI/20 for 1795 Viennese Fortepiano Mozart, Trio in E-flat Major for Clarinet, Viola, and Fortepiano, K. 498 (Kegelstatt).

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Mac's Grill Hosts 5th Annual Summer Block Party benefitting Make-A-Wish

In the past four years, 25 wishes have been granted to local kids battling critical illnesses due to the success of the Summer Block Party. What started as an Anniversary Bash for Uncle Andy's Digest commemorating 20 years in print has turned into the largest external event Make-A-Wish Maine had last year. Thanks to efforts by local businesses, the Summer Block Party is here to stay.

"A wish helps kids get through some of their darkest days," says Executive Director, Kate Vickery. "When hope is often gone, and disease has disrupted every facet of the child's life, a wish renews their spirit and gives them something to look forward to," she adds. "We could not continue to grant these

wishes without the generous support from our local communities and events like the Summer Block Party."

The Make-A-Wish Maine chapter has granted over 1,500 wishes in its 26-year history, granting 70 wishes per year, or one wish every five days.

When asked to describe the outpouring of support at last summer's event, Jim Marston of Uncle Andy's Digest recalls, "It's amazing how many area businesses have wrapped their arms around this event. There is no doubt that the L/A community always steps up when asked to help. We were so proud to see and be part of that."

With its continued success the 2019 5th Annual Summer Block Party is

announced for Saturday, August 10 from 1:00pm to 9:00pm outside at Mac's Grill in Auburn. This year the event is co-hosted by Uncle Andy's Digest, Mac's Grill, and the City of Auburn. The event boasts an even more fun-filled, family-friendly afternoon and evening, including great food, music and dancing, and a kid zone that includes a 95' inflatable obstacle course, Mr. Drew and His Animals Too, a dunk tank with many local celebrities, and much more. The evening will end with fireworks at 9:00pm. Local Wish families are invited as the guests of honor.

The goal of this year's event organizers is to raise funds to grant wishes for 10 kids facing critical illnesses in the local area. Jim Mar-

See Party, next page

Museum L-A offers free paper sculpture workshop for seniors



Museum L-A has announced that the second installment in its three-part arts workshop series for seniors will be "Create in 3-D: Paper Sculpture Art," facilitated by visual artist Karen Brooks. The free course will run August 24 to October 12.

What is a paper sculpture? This unique technique allows artists to expand their creative abilities by cutting, bending, layering, and gluing paper to create 3-D works of art that arise and step off the page.

The museum is seeking 12 people over age 50 to participate. Sessions will take place at Museum L-A every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants must be able to hold a pair of scissors and use a knife blade to cut paper for their masterpieces. All tools and materials will be provided. After eight weeks of working on a project, participants will show their work in a free public exhibit to be installed in the museum for one week.

A teacher for many years, Brooks has shown her work in galleries throughout Maine. On her website, she describes the process of creating paper sculptures: "The work builds slowly, until the moment when it seems to come alive with depth. From that point on, the work seems to dictate what it needs to be com-



plete. This is the moment I love the most!"

"In developing this workshop, Karen was thrilled to have the opportunity to draw inspiration from the museum's exhibits and collections, especially its collection of bedspread designs," said museum program coordinator Denise Scammon. "She will draw on that opportunity to guide and inspire our participants."

Space is limited to 12 spots that will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, call 333-3881. For more information, visit www.museumla.org.

This free workshop is made possible through a grant program called Seeding Vitality Arts in Museums. Funded by Aroha Philanthropies, the initiative

supports the development and expansion of successful creative aging programs that inspire and enable older adults to learn, make, and share the arts in ways that are novel, complex, and socially engaging. Museum L-A will host another free senior art program in Spring 2020.

Museum L-A is located in the Bates Mill Complex at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston. Entrance to the museum parking lot is on Chestnut Street. 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 tour requests and large group tours outside these hours are available by appointment. For more information, call 333-3881 or email info@museumla.org.



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Thursday, Aug. 8

Chamber Breakfast Meeting. 7 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn-Riverwatch, Auburn. Maine Community Foundation President and CEO Steve Rowe discusses MCF's Androscoggin County Fund. \$35 (members \$22). Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Self-Employment Workshop. 10 a.m. to noon. CareerCenter, 5 Mollison Way, Lewiston. Find out if self-employment is right for you and how to get started. Free. Pres. by New Ventures Maine. Register at 557-1885 or karleen.andrews@maine.edu.

Rotary Lunch Club Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Scott Hill, General Manager of Dojo Digital. Free; lunch avail. at restaurant (\$14). 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.

Friday, Aug. 9

Maine Sacred Music Conference. 9:15 to 4 p.m. Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul, 122 Ash St., Lewiston. Musicians, religious, and community members are invited to explore the musical traditions of the Catholic Church. Regis. starts at 8:30; Latin Mass follows at 4 p.m. 777-1200; scott.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org.

Theater: "Mamma Mia!" 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents the popular romantic comedy featuring songs of the pop supergroup ABBA. Again 8/10-11, 15-18 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$20/17/12. 783-0958; LACLT.com.

Saturday, Aug. 10

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. The Big Chips Trio play a swinging jazz, blues, and soul concoction perfect for dancing. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center. Free.

Concert: Dave Mallett. 7 p.m. Readfield Union Meeting House, 22 Church Rd., Readfield. The popular Maine singer-songwriter performs old and new songs; proceeds support the restoration of this historic Readfield landmark. \$20. <https://unionmeetinghouse.org>.

"Tomáš Kubínek - Miracle Man." 7:30 p.m. Celebration Barn, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. This "comic genius, virtuoso vaudevillian, and all-around charmer" performs his internationally acclaimed solo show. \$16/14. 743-8452;

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Monday, Aug. 12

Professional Development Seminar. 12 to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Jordan Payne Hay, Esq. of Skelton, Taintor & Abbott presents "Wage and Hour Compliance Fun." \$25/50. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Tuesday, Aug. 13

"Music for Music" 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.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

Rotary Breakfast Club Meeting. 7 a.m. Governor's Restaurant, 1185 Lisbon St. Lewiston. Guest speaker Celeste Yakawonis discusses her research on Cannabidiol (CBD) and CTFO, a U.S.-based company that specializes in network marketing of its hemp oil products. All welcome; breakfast \$12.

Lisbon Historical Soc. Meeting. 7 p.m. MTM Center, 19 School St., Lisbon Falls (park, enter at rear). Noyes Lawrence and Merton Ricker discuss the history and antics of Lisbon Lobster Club #1. Free. 353-8510; LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

Thursday, Aug. 15

Rotary Lunch Club Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Jennifer Marchigiani of Maine State Rehabbing. Free; lunch avail. at restaurant (\$14). www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

The Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers' "Legend of the Banana Kid." 2 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. Sawyer Memorial presents its annual Children's Day program (one show only) on this special day and time. Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Business After Hours. 5 to 6:30 p.m. YMCA Outdoor Learning and Education Center, Stetson and River Rds., Auburn. Join the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce and Uplift LA for food, fun, and networking.

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Saturday, Aug. 17

Model Railroad Train Fest. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill St., Auburn. This family event features model trains operating on the club's permanent layouts, plus train-related games and activities. Game tix \$1 ea.; admission \$5 adults, free for kids 12-.

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Soggy Po Boys play their combination of jazz, funk, and Caribbean music. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center. Free.

Monday, Aug. 19

Blood Drive. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon Street, Lewiston. To register and choose an appt. time, enter LAMETRO in the blue box at www.redcrossblood.org. 783-2249.

Tuesday, Aug. 20

"Music for Music" 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.

Wednesday, Aug. 21

Stanton Bird Club Bird Walk. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Whitman Spring Road Trail in Auburn, south entrance, which is the first right after Summer Street beyond Youngs Corner. Walk ends by 11 a.m. All welcome. Free. 406-4741; jsmd@att.net.

Thursday, Aug. 22

5K Prediction Run-Walk. 6 p.m. Oak Hill Middle School, Ball Park Rd., Sabattus. Those who come closest to guessing their finish times win prizes; you need not be fast to win! \$5. Register onsite from 5 p.m. Pres. by Sabattus Rec Club. Running@sabattusrec.com.

Saturday, Aug. 24

Public Office Hours. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Couture Room, Lewiston Public Library. Lewiston's delegates to the Maine Legislature answer questions and provide an update of the current legislative session. To RSVP, see <http://bit.ly/lewistonofficehours>.

Chicken BBQ. Seatings at 5:00 and 5:45 p.m. Parish House, Congr. Church, 5 Brown St., Gray. Half chicken, baked potato, ear of corn, biscuit, desserts, beverages. \$10 (\$5 kids under 12). Take-out available. 657-4338.

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Jason Ward, former horn player of Rustic

Overtones, leads his danceable jazzy funk band. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center. Free.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

"Music for Music" 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.

Saturday, Aug. 31

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Steel drum band Pan Fried Steel closes out the series with their traditional steel drumming and renditions of rock, pop, and reggae songs. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center. Free.

Tuesday, Sep. 3

"Music for Music" Outdoor Concert. 6 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week's performer is The Cobblestones - M. & M. Plourde, C. Constanzi, T. Simmons (Acoustic Americana). Free, but a "pass the hat" suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

Tuesday, Sep. 10

"Music for Music" Outdoor Concert. 6 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center. This week's performer is Hot Damn - Norm and Deb Pelletier (Country to Classic Rock). Free, but a "pass the hat" suggested donation supports the series. 754-0954.

Tuesday, Sep. 17

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Wednesday, Sep. 18

Pet Wellness Clinic. Noon to 2 p.m. Kennedy Park, Lewiston. The Greater Andro. Humane Society offers free vaccines, microchips, and pet food; bring dogs on leashes and cats in carriers.

www.SavingPetsInMaine.org.

Saturday, Sep. 28

Public Office Hours. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Couture Room, Lewiston Public Library. Lewiston's delegates to the Maine Legislature answer questions and provide an update of the current legislative session. To RSVP, see <http://bit.ly/lewistonofficehours>.

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ston, event founder, points to the direct benefit to local children as the driving force for choosing Make-A-Wish to partner with, "There is a very real, very tangible result in supporting Make-A-Wish. We get to see a wish happen for a child living right in our community and that's really unique."

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Auburn Summer Festival set for this weekend

The City of Auburn and the Auburn Recreation Department will host the fourth annual Auburn Summer Festival August 9 through 11 at various locations throughout the city. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Festival highlights are listed below. For a full list of events, see www.auburn-maine.gov.

Friday, August 9: Age-Friendly Movie Night,

Ingersoll Turf Facility, 7 p.m. (“The Sandlot”); opening night of “Mamma Mia,” Community Little Theater, 7:30 p.m. (\$) (showing all weekend); weekly Cruise-In, Roy’s All Steak Hamburgers, 5:30 p.m. (classic cars and DJ).

Saturday, August 10: Baxter Outdoor 5K Trail Run, Mt. Apatite, 10 a.m. (\$); 5th annual Summer Block Party, Mac’s Grill, 1 to 9 p.m. (this Make-A-Wish fundraiser includes a Kids

Carnival, local bands, silent auction, beer garden, food concessions, and more); fireworks, Mac’s Grill, 9 p.m.

Sunday, August 11: Lake Auburn Open Mini Golf Tournament, Tabers, 9:30 a.m. (\$); Troy Barnies Pop-Up Basketball Clinic, Union Street Courts (“gully”), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; August Sunday Funday, Lost Valley, 12 to 5 p.m. (with “Country Road Band”).



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