

Aero Air Park to Host Grand Opening



Aero Air Park in Lewiston

Aero Air Park in Lewiston Maine is hosting its Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Tuesday, February 23rd at 4:00 pm at their 40 East Avenue location. Aero Air Park is located in the Lewiston Mall next to Sea 40 Japanese Cuisine and is Central Maine's only trampoline park. This event will offer a Buy One, Get One Free (1 Hour) Jump Pass for each guest. FREE Frozen Yogurt Samples, from their Yogurt Valley Frozen Yogurt Bar, will also be available.

This 13,000 square foot facility features a Main Trampoline Court, Basketball Hoops, Dodgeball Court, and Foam Pit, as well as an arcade area and party room.

Owner Fei Lu, previously from Brooklyn, NY, was enticed to Lewiston by his long-time family friend, Franki Tam who owns Sea40. Lu saw the potential of operating this kid-friendly establishment and jumped on the idea.

In its second month of operation, Aero Air Park has

already welcomed thousands of customers and has hosted more than 50 birthday parties. Open 7-days per week, several rates are available, as well as group discounts. If you haven't jumped at Aero yet, all jumpers need to have a waiver on file. Jumpers are urged to save time and complete the waiver online at AeroAirPark.com.

For more information on Aero Air Park, log on to aeroairpark.com, like them on Facebook or contact them by calling: 783-3888 during normal business hours.

Dempsey to appear at Winter Fun Day

Patrick Dempsey will be the special guest at Winter Fun Day on Saturday, February 27 at Black Mountain Ski Resort in Rumford. An

endorsed fundraiser to benefit Rumford Hospital's Dempsey Challenge Team, the event will feature Alpine and Nordic skiing, tubing, an Honor

Run, raffles, a Bloody Mary Bar, an Honor Run, a lasagna dinner, and entertainment provided by Ralph Arsenault and the Hooligans. The Delicious for Dempsey cupcake girls will be on hand with sweet treats. A \$35 all-day pass will include a commemorative pass, a bagged lunch, and a Fun Day t-shirt for the first 100 to register. For more information, see dempseychallenge.org.

Final weekend for "Shakespeare in Hollywood"



The cast of the Community Little Theater production

The hilarious comedy "Shakespeare in Hollywood" runs in its final performances this weekend at L-A Community Little Theater. Written by Ken Ludwig ("Lend Me a Tenor," "Moon Over Buffalo") and directed by Mitchell Clyde Thomas, the play is a fanciful and farcical romp set in 1930s Hollywood.

Winner of the Helen Hayes Award for Best New Play of the Year in 2004, this fast-paced "play within a play" melds fact with fiction as it follows the real-life quest to bring Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to the silver screen in 1934. In the midst of the business of making this talking picture, the real fun begins when Oberon, King of the Fairies, and his side-

kick, Puck, magically arrive on the scene, having taken a wrong turn on their way home from the wood near Athens.

Performances take place February 18, 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and February 21 at 2 p.m. at Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy Street in Auburn. Tickets may be ordered by calling 783-0958 or online at www.lact.com.

"Fun in French" class starts Feb. 27

The Franco Center will start its winter session of "Fun in French" classes for kids ages 4 to 12 on Saturday, February 27. The class will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on six Saturday mornings, not to include holiday weekends. Class dates are available by contacting the Franco Center.

Based upon the Maine French Heritage Language Program curriculum, the course is designed to provide an opportunity for families to learn activities in French that they can then build upon between sessions. The MFHLP curriculum presents a wide range of enjoyable activities

exploring the local Franco-American and other French-speaking cultures. Games, crafts, songs and storytelling will be major components of the sessions. The course will be taught by Jacynthe Jacques, a native of Quebec who has lived in the Lewiston area for the past 20 years.

Thanks to sponsorship provided by the French American Cultural Exchange. See **French**, page 3

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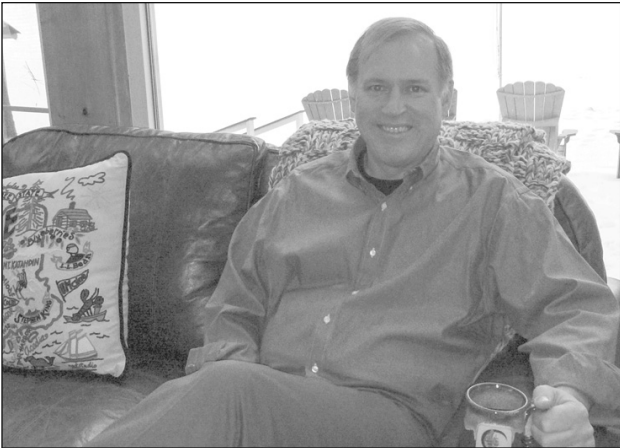
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Poland innkeeper wins national marketing award



Roy Forsberg of Wolf Cove Inn in Poland

BedandBreakfast.com, the world's most comprehensive site for finding and booking bed and breakfast properties, has named Roy Forsberg of Wolf Cove Inn in Poland the winner of its

2015 B&B Marketer of the Year Award. The award recognizes bed and breakfast owners who excel at developing and implementing successful marketing programs.

A panel of judges critiqued the entries based on the following criteria: tangible and significant business results, clearly defined marketing objectives, clearly defined target audiences, a multi-faceted marketing program, and creativity. The two runner-ups for this year's award were Ruth Boven of Castle in the Country B&B in Allegan, Michigan, and David Livesley and Dora Foschi of the Woodstocker Inn in Woodstock, Vermont.

Forsberg won for expanding his 2014 digital program that included regular blog posts shared via Facebook, Google+, Pinterest and Twitter, as well as launching an Instagram channel. The Maine innkeeper also introduced a networking program to increase brand awareness locally through innkeeper and state associations and local economic development groups. Finally, he grew the inn's online reputation by focusing on increasing guest reviews on Trip Advisor, See *Innkeeper*, page 5

Norway Savings supports women's center



Pictured here with Center for Wisdom's Women Executive Director Klara Tammany (c.) are Ian Pullen (l.) and Janice de Lima of Norway Savings Bank. In the back row are Center staff members, volunteers, USM Nursing Interns, and guests.

Norway Savings Bank recently presented the Center for Wisdom's Women with a donation of \$500 to help support their programs. The Center's mission is to provide a safe place that supports and empowers women who often have no support systems elsewhere. The Center is open weekdays and offers a wide range of activities, programs and

support groups. Volunteers provide visitors with help finding resources in the area, encouragement and support toward healthy life choices, a safe and hospitable place for those who desire companionship, and a warm and inviting place to come in from a cold winter's day. "Through deep and compassionate listening, engagement with the arts

and community life, we tend to the spirit of women who come in in a way that honors all faith traditions," said Klara Tammany, Executive Director of the Center for Wisdom's Women. The Center is currently developing an exciting new project that will help further its mission by providing See *Norway*, page 5

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Emerge Maine members visit State House



Emerge Maine member Monique Roy of Lewiston, with Senator Nate Libby

On Thursday, February 11, members of Emerge Maine visited the State House to meet with legis-

lators, learn more about the legislative process and share their experiences through the Emerge Maine program. Emerge Maine is part of a national network dedicated to inspiring Democratic women to run for office. Lewiston resident Monique Roy participated in the event and shadowed her state senator, Nate Libby. "It's great to see leaders like Monique stepping up to bring forth positive change in our state," said Libby. "It was a pleasure to spend the day with her, and I know it's only a matter of time before we see her running for public office."

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Governor's Address: Democrats Should Stop Holding Tax Conformity for Ransom

Democrats are still refusing to implement permanent tax conformity. They are determined to prevent tax benefits from going to teachers, low-income earners, students and Maine businesses.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

Folks, tax conformity is not an obscure issue. It is about giving Maine people and businesses the tax benefits they deserve. Even the Obama administration agrees Americans should get back some of the taxes they have paid to the federal government.

But not the House Democrats. They are holding tax conformity for ransom. They are tying it to education funding, which is totally unrelated to giving tax refunds to the Maine people.

Even worse, they want to raid the state's Budget Stabilization Fund for \$23 million in education spending in exchange for giving tax refunds to Mainers. Taking money out of the rainy day fund would jeopardize the state's credit rating, which we have worked hard to improve.

Furthermore, the \$23 million would be a windfall for state education spending, which has already increased by \$80 million over the last budget.

Over the past decade, enrollment in Maine decreased by 25,000 students. Although the number of students has declined by 13%, spending has increased 18%. In school year 2016 to 2017, state spending will be \$114 million higher than school year 2010 to 2011.

Democrats also object to giving Maine's business the ability to invest and expand. They don't want businesses to take advantage of "bonus depreciation," which encourages companies in Maine to make capital investments on new equipment. Companies can then write off their investment more rapidly in the first year of purchase.

Once again, these Democrats don't get it. When businesses are encouraged to invest, they grow their companies and—most importantly—they create jobs.

The Democrats are taking their marching orders from the socialist leaders at the Maine People's Alliance, which is aggressively pushing an anti-business, job-killing agenda this election year.

Instead of listening to socialists, Democrats should be working to benefit Maine businesses and Maine taxpayers. They are either for it or against it. If Democrats think tax conformity is good for the Maine people—which it is—they should vote for it.

If Democrats disagree with President Obama and don't think Maine people and businesses deserve the same tax benefits the federal government is giving them, they should just vote against it.

Even though it is an election year, they should just be honest about it. Mainers need to know who is holding up their tax refunds and killing good jobs.

*Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor*

Noted Blues singer to perform at Franco Center

Skelton Taintor & Abbott present scholarship



New York Blues Hall of Famer Regina Bonelli performs with a crack four-piece band on February 20.

Regina Bonelli, a New York Blues Hall of Fame singer-songwriter-keyboardist from NYC, will perform at the Gendron Franco Center on Saturday,

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change in New York, this course is offered free of charge. No prior language experience is required to participate. A parent, grandparent or adult caregiver should accompany children ages 8 and under. Space is limited to 15 students, and a minimum enrollment of five students is required to run the course. For more information or to register, call the Franco Center at 783-1585, email jjacques@francocenter.org or see francocenter.org.

February 20. The doors and bar will open at 7:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 8:30 in the Heritage Hall Clubhouse. Tickets are \$10. Bonelli will be accompanied by international recording artists and Blues Hall of Fame members Michael Hill on guitar, Pete Cummings and Mike Griot on bass, Bill McClellan on drums and David Barnes on harmonica.

Brooklyn-born and bred, Bonelli is a single mother who takes her life experiences and puts them into song. Her tracks are receiving worldwide radio airplay and her album "Open Up the Door" will soon be released.

Located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston, the Franco Center is wheelchair accessible. To buy tickets, call 689-2000, visit the Box Office Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. (or up to 90 minutes before the show), or see FrancoCenter.org.



Here (l. to r.) are Lewiston H.S. Mock Trial Team Teacher-Coach Michelle Crowley, 2015 scholarship winner Sophie Mitchell, and Skelton Taintor & Abbott Shareholder and Director Darcie Beaudin and Associate Attorney Amy Dieterich.

Lewiston High School student Sophie Mitchell will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship from the law firm of Skelton Taintor & Abbott as the third annual recipient of the firm's Lewiston High School Mock Trial Team Most Valiant Player Scholarship Award.

Mitchell has been a multi-year member of the high school mock trial team, which was a semi-finalist in this year's statewide competition. She also serves as editor-in-chief of the Lewiston High School newspaper, a member of the high school civil rights team, and the se-

nior class representative to the Lewiston School Committee. She attended the Seeds of Peace Camp in 2014-15. Mitchell has been accepted for admission to Bryn See [Scholarship](#), page 5

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Enough is Enough

The giants of American history offend today’s Democrats

By Robert E. Macdonald

MAYOR OF LEWISTON
“America was built on fairness.” Thus stated Democratic Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders during his victory speech after winning the New Hampshire primary. The crowd went wild, showing that after 50 years, it appears that the radicals of the 1960s have won.

No, my history-deficient friends, the country became great because—unlike the social structure in Europe—through hard work and self-sufficiency, not government handouts, and through upward mobility, you had a chance to raise your social status on par with the idles of Europe known as the nobility.

In Jamestown, Virginia, Captain John Smith set forth a rule: If you don’t work, you don’t eat. This was aimed at what

was known as the “Dandies.” Like Progressives of today, they felt that it was beneath them to do manual labor because of their social standing. The colony labor was relegated to what today could be called blue-collar workers. The rules of behavior were set by these leaders, who expected those beneath them to do as they said, not as they did.

For several decades, Progressives have been slowly rewriting the history of our country. They have villainized our Founding Fathers. Any giant of American history is deemed fair game to have their reputation dragged through the mud if they are found to have done something during their lives that offends or is conceived to be outrageous under Progressive beliefs.

Last Friday, my wife and I attended a Lincoln Day Dinner with Auburn



Mayor Bob Macdonald

Mayor Jonathan LaBonté in, of all places, Lincoln County. In my 30-plus years in Republican politics, I have never (nor probably ever will) experience the pride associated with being an American and a Republican.

The venue, a restored barn in Bristol, brought you back to the 1860s. A married couple dressed in 1860s attire performed

songs of the Civil War. Also present were Civil War reenactors who provided an escort to the podium for President Lincoln, where he recited the Gettysburg Address. The meal consisted of Lincoln’s favorite foods. The dinner truly honored our 16th President and was a celebration of his greatness. Contrast this to our Progressive Democrat opposites.

The Democrats’ yearly celebration was named after two of our greatest Presidents—Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson. Their lives, actions and leadership were readily accepted and hailed in their day. Today these giants of history offend the Progressives now in charge of the Democratic Party because of what is looked upon as embarrassing and hurtful behavior.

Their yearly celebration

is no longer named after these two great Presidents. Again, life was different than today, and what was accepted by people in that era is now a cause of embarrassment by overly educated enlightened Progressive elitists.

In America, slavery was eliminated in 1865, at the end of the American Civil War. However, it is still accepted and exists in any parts of Africa and the Middle East. A rogue group of radical Muslims are attempting to turn the clock back to the seventh century. They behead Christians and other Muslims. They force many into slavery. They are destroying centuries of history in that region of the world.

Yet one of the biggest concerns of Progressive Democrats is changing the name of their annual dinner.

We Republicans have Lincoln as the symbol of our party’s greatness. Although

he freed the slaves, he would not be fêted by our Progressive friends because of his sense of humor. The dropping of Jefferson and Jackson’s names from the Democratic Party celebration probably resulted in the ceasing of both Presidents turning in their graves.

These presidents were the symbol of the old Democratic Party. They stood and fought. Perhaps an appropriate name for the dinner should be “The Obama-Carter Dinner.” They championed the policy of cut and run.

Lastly, my apologies to the State Champions Lewiston High School Cheerleading Team. I forgot to congratulate you last week. Your skills make Lewiston very proud. Hopefully, I’ll be able to make it up to you when you once again win the New England Championship.

Scholarship Innkeeper

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Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, where she will begin her college studies in the fall. She is the daughter of Shari Mitchell of Lewiston.

Skelton Taintor & Abbott was joined in making the announcement by Michelle Crowley, the teacher-coach of the mock trial team. “Sophie is an ideal recipient of this scholarship,” Crowley noted. “She made a multi-year commitment to the mock trial program, demonstrating great leadership and tremendous personal growth and development as a member of the team.”

“Our firm is pleased to present its third annual mock trial team scholarship award to Sophie Mitchell,” said Skelton Taintor & Abbott shareholder and director Darcie Beaudin. “She was a key member of the team and exemplifies all of the qualities that the firm wishes to support. We have no doubt that she will be successful as she begins her college career.”

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Ice Fest L-A boasts expanded line-up



Harmonizing Portland-based quartet *Tumbling Bones* performs Friday, Feb. 19 (VIP Night) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

L-A Arts will present its 4th annual community celebration of winter in Maine, Ice Festival L-A, from Friday, February 19 through Sunday, February 21. This three-day event, featuring food from a collection of L-A's best restaurants, ice bars, an expanded line-up of live bands and professionally crafted ice sculptures, and more, will

take place in the Bates Mill Courtyard and Atrium at 150 Mill Street (beside Da Vinci's Eatery) in Lewiston. Friday and Saturday are ages 21+ events, while Sunday is an all-ages Family Day with reduced price admission and free entry for those under 18. The three-day event schedule is listed below. To buy tickets, call 782-7228 or see laarts.org.



Five-piece jam-rock-alternative country band *Skosh* performs Friday, Feb. 19 (VIP Night) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Off the Wall Juggling performs a fast-paced routine of juggling, comedy, and insane stunts on Sunday, Feb. 21 (Family Day) from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

VIP Night. Friday, February 19, from 5 to 9 p.m. (ages 21+ only). VIP ticket holders will have first access to the event, includ-

ing professionally crafted free-form ice sculptures and ice bars, live performances by Three Point Jazz, Skosh, and Tumbling Bones, food from Lewiston-Auburn's top restaurants, live sculpture demonstrations, a gallery of work by featured local artists, and a silent auction of art works and specialty items from L-A businesses. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door (if available).

General Admission Night. Saturday, February 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. (ages 21+ only). General admission ticket holders will



The Lewiston-Auburn-based *Three Point Jazz* trio performs Friday, Feb. 19 (VIP Night) from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

enjoy professionally crafted free-form ice sculptures and ice bars, great food from L-A restaurants, and a live performance by last year's Festival hit Primo Cubano. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door (if available).

Family Day. Sunday, February 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All ages. In addition to ice sculptures, those

attending Family Day will enjoy a live acoustic set by Amy Allen of Amy & the Engine, a live performance by Off the Wall Juggling, a variety of outdoor games and activities, and hot chocolate and wintery treats from L-A restaurants. Tickets for adults are \$2.50 in advance or \$5 at the door. Those 17 and under enter free of charge.



This year's event features an expanded line-up of live entertainment and professionally crafted ice sculptures.



Five-piece traditional Cuban dance band *Primo Cubano* performs Saturday, Feb. 20 (General Admission Night) from 6 to 7 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Photo by René Roy Photography)



Amy Allen of indie pop group *Amy & the Engine* performs an acoustic set on Sunday, Feb. 21 (Family Day) from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Community Health Options adds new directors

Community Health Options has announced that three new board directors have begun their terms for 2016, accompanied by three formation board directors who were elected to the board. The newly elected directors were announced after the organization's annual meeting in November of 2015. The board of directors provides oversight and governance for the non-profit health insurance plan and is elected by the members of the plan.

The election process began last spring with an invitation to members to submit applications to become board director candidates. Community Health Options members ages 18 and older are eligible to vote for the candidates of their choice. Over 1,900 members cast ballots in the recent election.

"As a non-profit, member-led plan, the board election is fundamentally important to emphasizing accountability to our members," said Kevin Lewis, president and chief executive officer of Community Health Options. "Our newly elected directors are a talented group with diverse perspectives. They are each committed to our mission to provide affordable, high-quality health benefits." The newly elected board directors are listed below.

Angela Berry, Human Resource Manager for East Branch Delivery Service and a Community Health Options member. Berry has been involved in some form of healthcare for the past 30 years. As a small business owner of a golf course, she dealt with exposure to chemicals that were used there and took a Certified Nursing Assistant course to learn about the dangers and preventive measures. Her accomplishments include two "firsts" within Maine: she was the first female in the state to hold a master pesticide license and the first female in the state to

hold a Medical Review Officer Assistant (MRO-A) certificate. She has worked as an MRO-A for a large construction company in Pittsfield and as the human resource director for a wellness company, sitting on the leadership team and participating in strategic planning.

Dr. Fred Craigie, Jr., Clinical psychologist, medical educator and writer; previously a Community Health Options formation board director. Craigie served for over 35 years as a full-time faculty member at the Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency in Augusta, educating family physicians and providing behavioral health services to a largely lower-income, underserved population in their primary care center. He currently consults and teaches in Central Maine and nationally/internationally about spirituality in health care, healing relationships, integrative medicine, positive mental health, and clinician wellness. He holds appointments as associate professor of community and family medicine at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and visiting associate professor at the Arizona

Center for Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine.

Jim Davis, CEO, Pines Health Services. Davis' responsibilities at Pines Health include overseeing all aspects of executive leadership for this multi-specialty safety net provider serving northern Aroostook County. His primary efforts are focused on physician recruitment, pursuit of diverse funding streams, quality improvement, service expansion to meet the needs of the county's communities, and operations and financial management. He is active in state and local community affairs, currently serving in multiple volunteer leadership roles across the state. He received his Bachelor's degree from Stanford University and Master's degrees from San Jose State University and the University of California, Irvine. He previously served as board chair of Community Health Option's formation board and joined the board in the fall of 2011.

Tonua Fedusenko-Vancea, owner-president of public relations firm TJS Communications, Inc.

and a Community Health Options member. Fedusenko-Vancea earned a BA in Communications from Southern Adventist University. She has considerable experience in a variety of roles at South Florida hospitals and healthcare networks in Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, where she had oversight for numerous campaigns dedicated to women's health, pediatrics, elder care, emergency medicine, cardiac care, HIV/AIDS and managed care. Prior to owning her own firm, she provided communications consulting services to public relations and advertising agencies in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New York, all of which specialized in healthcare.

Felicity Myers, LCSW Therapist/Mediator/Guardian ad litem and a Community Health Options member. Myers, who earned her BS in Human Development at Colby College and her Masters in Social Work degree at University of New England, has extensive experience serving on volunteer non-profit boards and committees. As

Desrosiers receives "Life Saving Award"



Debbie Desrosiers of Auburn (c.) is presented with the LongHorn Steakhouse-Liberty Mutual "Life Saving Award" by Laura Beisswanger of Liberty Mutual (l.) and LongHorn Steakhouse manager Leslie Garey (r.). During a shift at the restaurant in Auburn, Desrosiers' poise and quick thinking led her to perform the Heimlich maneuver on a guest in need, saving the person's life.

Local pastor opens Senate with morning prayer



Pastor Steve Christner of Calvary Baptist Church in Turner (r.) recently helped open the Maine Senate's day by leading the morning prayer. He is pictured here with Senator Garrett Mason.

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Livermore — Dorn Arthur Hughes, 62, a resident of Livermore, died suddenly, Sunday, February 7th at his residence due to natural causes. He was born September 7, 1953 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the son of Douglas R. Hughes and Carol L. (Sherman) Hughes. He attended school in Indiana and following graduation he joined the U.S. Navy. Dorn served in Vietnam, the Gulf War, and in Japan aboard the U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower. He received the Navy Battle "E" Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist Insignia and Good Conduct Medal. Dorn was very proud to have served in the U.S. Navy and retired after 30 years of service. On September 11, 1985 in

Virginia, he married Diana Mae Dumont, they later divorced. Dorn was currently working for Dingley Press in Lisbon where he had worked since 2007. He was an avid fisherman and loved time spent with his grandchildren. He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Hughes of Gloversville, NY, and Katie Hughes of Auburn; his grandchildren, Kiara, Makayla and Jedidiah Richards and his aunt, Vicky Smith of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Messages of condolence may be sent to: www.finleyfuneralhome.com

Hughes — Died Sunday, February 7, 2016 in Livermore, Maine. Dorn Arthur Hughes, 62, a resident of Livermore, Maine. A funeral service with full military honors will be held 1PM on Saturday, March 5th at FINLEY FUNERAL HOME, 15 Church Street, Livermore Falls, Maine. If desired contributions may be made to the: Greater Androscoggin Humane Society, 55 Strawberry Avenue, Lewiston, Maine 04240.

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Lewiston Republicans meet tonight

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on March 5. All Lewiston Republicans are encouraged to attend. For more information, call acting Chair Leslie Dubois at 577-1187.

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Legislature honors retiring nonprofit director



Local representatives recently congratulated Bob Rowe (c.) on his retirement after 28 years at the helm of New Beginnings, which serves homeless youth in the Lewiston-Auburn area. Pictured with him here are (l. to r.) Rep. Bruce Bickford of Auburn and Reps. Jared Golden, Peggy Rotundo, Michel Lajoie and Heidi Brooks of Lewiston.

CCU hires new Business Development Officer



Matthew Shaw

Community Credit Union has hired Matthew Shaw as its new Business Development Officer. Prior to joining CCU, Shaw worked as the Director of Campaign and Marketing at United Way. In his new position, he will work to improve the credit union's competitive position through business development functions, including developing new business relationships with prospective

members and strengthening existing relationships with current members.

Shaw resides in Lewiston. In his free time, he enjoys boating and spending time on Sebago Lake, bartending and cooking for family and friends. He is involved in many community events as a Steering Committee member of the Young Professionals of the Lewiston-Auburn Area, an ambassador for the L-A Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and a co-chair of this year's Y-Not Challenge. Since he is very passionate about the L-A area and its food, business and culture, he can frequently be found "out n' about."

With branches located at 144 Pine Street in Lewiston, 40 Stanley Street in Auburn and 1025 Auburn Road in Turner, Community Credit Union is a member-owned, full-service financial institution that has been serving its members and the community since 1945. For more information, see www.communitycreditunion.com.

Health

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a self-employed professional, she understands the burdens of paying for healthcare. As a mental health provider, she sees people in her practice every day who were previously uninsured, but now have access to healthcare thanks to the ACA. She is passionate about all people having what they need to survive and thrive and believes that effective, affordable healthcare is an essential piece of that puzzle.

David Shipman, supervisor at Fedco Seeds, a consumer-worker cooperative; previously a Community Health Options formation board director. Shipman has served on the board of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association since 2004, for most of that time as its treasurer. In that role, he has been heavily involved in researching options for providing healthcare coverage to MOFGA employees, many of whom, as small farmers and producers, have difficulty finding affordable coverage. He joined the Community Health Options formation board in April of 2013.

Community Health Options is a non-profit, member-led health plan providing comprehensive, member-focused health insurance benefits to individuals, families, and businesses. The organization is licensed in Maine and New Hampshire as a Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) dedicated to providing affordable, high-quality health benefits through productive partnerships with members, businesses and a broad network of providers. For more information, see HealthOptions.org.

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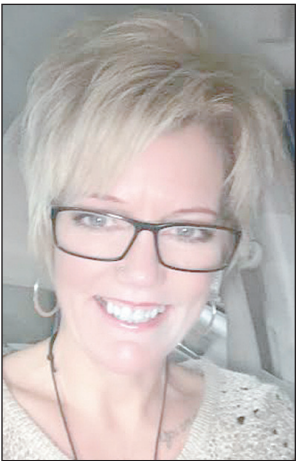
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Beauty Bar adds new staff member



Kelley Green-Chartier

The Beauty Bar Salon & Spa has welcomed Kelley Green-Chartier to its talented team of beauty professionals. Green-Chartier is a Nail Technician and Dermalogica-certified Aesthetician who has stud-

ied at Spa Tech of Westbrook and Capillo Institute of Augusta. She has over seven years of experience in the field. She most enjoys treating her clients to manicures and pedicures and feels that “nail polish is an accessory, something to have fun with.” She also offers facials, lash/brow tinting and facial waxing.

Green-Chartier lives in Turner with her husband, Marc. They have two children, Jordan and Olivia, and two grandsons. In her free time, she enjoys the beach and spending time with family and friends. Once a month, she donates her time and talent to the Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope & Healing, where she gives cancer patients and their care takers

and/or family members foot treatments. “This is a wonderful opportunity for them to forget about their troubles and just relax,” she says. She is also a member of the LOC committee for the Dempsey Challenge.

“Kelley’s upbeat, positive attitude and the enthusiasm she brings to her work will be a wonderful compliment to our already amazing team!” said owner Christine Laliberte. The Beauty Bar is a full service salon and spa located at 20 Union Street in Auburn. For more information about their services, call 782-3848 or see www.thebeautybar-maine.com.

“Foursome” breaks attendance record at Public Theatre



The Public Theatre’s recent production of “The Ladies Foursome” broke the

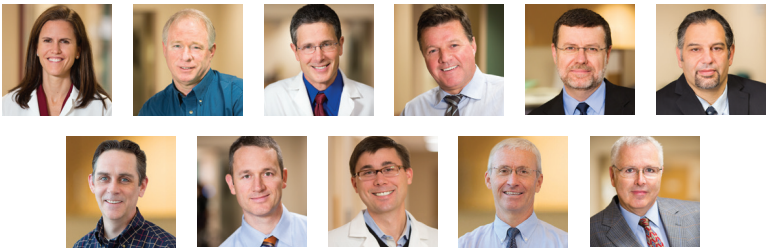
theater’s box office record for most attended play in its 25-year history. The

East Coast premiere of the new comedy, about a group of women friends remembering a deceased member of their foursome with a round of golf, was guest directed by Tony Award-winning actress and television star Judith Ivey. “What a great 25th Anniversary present it was to have almost every performance sold out,” said Artistic Director Christopher Schario. See **Foursome**, page 11



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Author-business leader to speak at APL



Hancock Lumber Company president Kevin Hancock, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota

Maine author-business leader Kevin Hancock will visit Auburn Public Library on Monday, February 22 at 6 p.m. to discuss his recent book "Not for Sale: Finding Center in the Land of Crazy Horse." The book, which U.S. Senator Angus King has called "part history... part spiritual journey, part moving portrait of some extraordinary people, and part leadership manual," describes Hancock's personal journey

to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, as well as the history and modern day life of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Better known as president of Hancock Lumber Company, a sixth-generation Maine family business, Hancock is a graduate of Lake Region High School and Bowdoin College. He travels frequently to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where he has connected with residents and key organizations to create a nonprofit organization called "The Seventh

Power" to support initiatives on the reservation.

Hancock was recognized in 2014 by Timber Processing Magazine as its forest products industry "Person of the Year." He is past chairman of the Northeast Retail Lumber Association, the National Lumber + Building Material Dealers' Association and the Bridgton Academy Board of Trustees. Under his leadership, Hancock Lumber has been recognized as the Maine Family Business of the Year and by the Maine International Trade Center as its Exporter of the Year. The company has received the Governor's Award for Business Excellence and has been named to the "Best Places to Work" list.

Free and open to the public, this program will take place in the library's Androscoggin Community Room, where Hancock will have copies of his book available for purchase. For more information, call 333-6640, ext. 4.

Library concert features percussionist

Maine musician Rob Duquette will perform a mini-concert in the King Event Room of the Bailey Library in downtown Winthrop on Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Duquette is a multi-instrumentalist with an emphasis on drums and percussion. A fulltime performer and music educator since 1998, he maintains an active gigging career, regularly touring the country, but splitting most of his time between Boston and Portland.



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He has performed with renowned composer David Amram, the Portland Jazz Orchestra, and is now a full-time member of singer-songwriter Jonathan Edwards' band. A classically trained percussionist, Duquette teaches World Music, African Drumming, and American Popular Music at the University of New England.

Bailey Library is located at 39 Bowdoin Street in Winthrop. For more information, see baileylibrary.org.

Historical Society presents "Meet Millie"



In this short play, Trish Scott portrays Mildred Pettengill, the last resident of Freeport's historic Pettengill Farm.

Freeport Historical Society will present "Meet Millie," a short play about Mildred Pettengill, the last resident of Pettengill Farm, on Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. Written by Elizabeth Guffey with Freeport Historical Society, the play will take place in the Society's exhibit space at 45 Main Street in Freeport. Admission will be \$5 for the general public and \$3 for FHS

members and children ages 12 and under.

Now under the permanent stewardship of Freeport Historical Society, Pettengill Farm is a historic homestead on the Harraseeket River that never had running water, electricity or central heat. In the play, Trish Scott will portray Millie, who lived alone at the farm into her late 80s. With the aid of historic

images and artifacts, she will talk about her interests, her family, life on the farm, and the homestead's early history.

The Society's current exhibit, "Logging in Maine, 1915-1928," is on public display during regular open hours. For more information about the performance or Freeport Historical Society, call 865-3170 or see freeporhistoricalsociety.org.

County Republicans to meet Feb. 22

The Androscoggin County Republican Committee will meet on Monday, February 22, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Shiloh Chapel, 38 Beulah Lane in Durham. Fellowship Hall is the building behind the Chapel; in front of the Chap-

el, bear right. The committee will nominate members to the fill the vacancy of Vice Chair and will discuss the upcoming Caucus, to be held on March 5 from noon to 4 p.m. at Lewiston Middle School. All County committee members and interested, registered

Republicans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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The Franco Center’s Thread Theatre will mark its first anniversary with its next monthly edition on Thursday, February 18. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:30. There will be a \$5

entrance fee for everyone, including playwrights, actors, and spectators. The Heritage Café kitchen and bar will be open for Happy Hour and great suppertime offerings (pizza, sandwiches, and nachos) before and during the show. For more information about how the program is presented, call or visit the Center’s website. The event tends to include adult themes and is often not appropriate for minors who, if they attend, should be accompanied by, or have permission from, a responsible adult.

Located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston, the Franco Center is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 783-1585, visit the Box Office Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., or see FrancoCenter.org.

AHS presents “Researching Historic Houses”

What is the history of my house? If you’ve ever asked yourself that question, Androscoggin Historical Society will present a program designed to help you answer it on Tuesday, February 23 at 7 p.m., when architectural historian Margaret Gaertner will discuss “Researching Historic Houses.” The program will take place in the Society’s museum, on the third floor of the County Building in Auburn. Those attending

will learn about collections of local resources and how to use them to construct the history of one’s house. Gaertner, a former member of the firm Barba and Wheelock Architects in Portland, is an architectural historian and historic preservation consultant certified by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. She has worked as a consultant for Historic New England, a museum of cultural history that collects buildings, land-

scapes and objects to foster a deeper understanding of New England life. She has a master’s degree in historic preservation from the University of Pennsylvania. There is no charge for admission to the program, although donations will be gratefully accepted. Please enter the County Building at the side door on Court Street and proceed to the third floor. An elevator is available. For more information, call 784-0586.

Twin City Nights

Mystery for Hire returns to L-A



Mystery for Hire brings its mystery show fun back to the Twin Cities with a performance of “Who Killed Jolly Roger?” on Friday, February 26 at 7 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn of Auburn. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the cost, \$40 per person, will include the show, sales tax, buffet dinner and gratuity. A cash bar and overnight rooms will be available. Pictured here (l. to r.) are cast members Chuck Waterman, Julie Poulin, Bob LeBlanc, Katie Marois Nadeau, and Brian Files. For more information or to make reservations, call 784-4433 or see mysteryforhire.com.

Foursome

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Next up on the theatre’s season schedule will be the recent Off-Broadway hit “What Rhymes with America,” followed by the romantic comedy “Crossing Delancey.” For more information, see www.thepublictheatre.org.

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Norlands offers Cabin Fever Reliever



See how ice harvesters did their work on February 20.

Looking for a fun and unique activity to end school vacation week? If so, plan a visit to Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore for its annual Cabin Fever Reliever Day on Saturday, February 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities will be led by interpreters in period clothing portraying actual residents of the 1800's Norlands neighborhood or members of the original Washburn Family. Those attending will gain an understanding of typical work and play activities of 19th-century rural Maine.

An ice harvesting demonstration will take place on Bartlett Pond, just

down the hill from Norlands, between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and again from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Meet farmer "Ed Pratt" in the tool shed for a demonstration of how to hand-craft cedar shingles at 11:30 a.m. and again at 3 p.m. In the Farmer's Cottage, children will have a chance to churn butter at noon and again at 2 p.m. The schoolmarm will be ready to greet guests in the 1853 one-room schoolhouse to lead penmanship practice and a spelling bee at 12:30 p.m.

Guests may also take a horse-drawn sleigh ride around the beautiful grounds. This year, if snow conditions are right, orga-

nizers will bring out the massive horse-drawn wooden rollers that were used in the 19th century to pack down roads to make sleigh traveling in the winter possible. Conditions permitting, snow roller rides will be available for those ages six and above; children must be accompanied by an adult. Visit the farmer's cottage to try old-fashioned chores and games or to warm



Ice harvesting was a common winter activity in the 1800s

up with a cookie and a cup of hot chocolate (while supplies last). Tours of the Washburn Family mansion will be offered throughout the day, and a light lunch of baked beans and chicken salad

sandwiches will be available for purchase by donation in the Washburn kitchen. Guests are encouraged to bring their snowshoes to walk the historic carriage trails to the Pools of Simeon or to the scenic overlook with a view of Mt. Washington.

General admission will be \$8, or \$5 for kids ages 6 through 12. Kids 5 and under will enter for free. A \$20 family rate is also available for two adults bringing two or three children. Norlands is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore. Upon arrival, park by the church, walk up towards the mansion, and purchase admission tickets in the gift shop on the right. In case of bad

weather, the event will be canceled by 9 a.m. Call and listen to the outgoing message or check the Facebook page for updates. For more information, call 897-4366 or see www.norlands.org.

Chamber presents "Like Kind Exchanges for Real Estate"

The next program in the Chamber's ongoing "L-A Law" Legal Advisory Series will be "Like Kind Exchanges for Real Estate" on Tuesday, February 23 from noon to 1:30 p.m. The workshop will take place in the Chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

In this session, attorney Ronald L. Bissonnette of Isaacson Raymond will discuss the definition of like kind (sometimes called 1031) exchanges, what kinds of property qualify for an exchange, when it makes sense to consider doing a like kind exchange, and how a like kind exchange is normally conducted. You will also learn

about reverse exchanges and so-called "build to suit" exchanges.

A native of Lewiston, Bissonnette has been a shareholder of Isaacson Raymond since 1989. He has extensive experience in handling like kind exchanges under Internal Revenue Code Section 1031 and frequently teaches at real estate seminars for lawyers and others sponsored by the Maine State Bar Association and the National Business Institute. In 2012, he was elected a Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. His practice includes the

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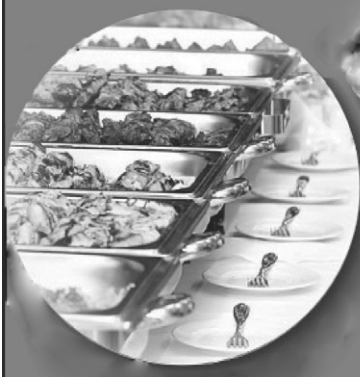
Chamber presents "Retirement Plans for Your Business"

The next program in the Chamber's ongoing Finance Matters Series will be "Best Retirement Plans for Your Business" on Wednesday, February 24 from noon to 1:30 p.m. The seminar will take place in the Chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

Presented by Austin Albert and Marc Paquette of Twin City Financial, this program will address an area where many otherwise diligent small business

owners fall short: retirement savings plans. In fact, there are retirement plans for owners of businesses of every size, whether they employ zero, three or 300. A number of these plans are more affordable than you might think. In some cases, employees actually help pay for annual costs, and you may qualify for a federal tax credit to help you pay for start-up costs during the first three

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Lewiston GOP Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. 686 College St., Lewiston. This is a working meeting to prepare for the upcoming State Republican Caucuses on March 5. All Lewiston Republicans encouraged to attend. FMI, call acting Chair Leslie Dubois at 577-1187.

Thread Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston. Actors (drawn at random) perform 10-minute scenes (drawn at random) on a selected theme. Happy hour in cafe and bar from 6:30. \$5. 783-1585; www.francocenter.org.

Theater: “Shakespeare in Hollywood.” 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy St., Auburn. Community Little Theater presents Ken Ludwig’s farcical romp set in 1930s Hollywood. Again 2/19-21 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). For ticket info, call 783-0958 or see at www.laclt.com.

Friday, February 19
Ice Fest L-A: VIP Night. 5 to 9 p.m. Bates Mill Courtyard & Atrium, 150 Mill St., (beside DaVinci’s), Lewiston. This annual community celebration of winter in L-A kicks off tonight with first access for VIP ticket holders. Ages 21+. Cont. Sat. & Sun. \$25 adv./\$30 at door. 782-7228. For entertainment schedule, see laarts.org.

Saturday, February 20
Stanton Bird Club Field Trip. Meet at 8 a.m. at Staples end of Promenade Mall parking lot, 855 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Steve Reed leads this “Winter Tracking” excursion to Woodbury Nature Sanctuary in Monmouth. All welcome; carpooling arranged onsite, group returns c. 11 a.m. Free. 319-6630.

Cabin Fever Reliever. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore. Period activities for all ages are led by interpreters in traditional clothing; see website for event schedule. \$8/5 (kids 5- free). 897-4366; www.norlands.org.

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Ice Fest L-A: General Admission Night. 5 to 9 p.m. Bates Mill Courtyard & Atrium, 150 Mill St., (beside DaVinci’s), Lewiston. Ages 21+. \$15 adv./\$20 at door. 782-7228. For entertainment schedule, see laarts.org.

Concert: Regina Bonelli. 8:30 p.m. Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The New York Blues Hall of Fame singer-songwriter performs with a stellar four-piece band. Doors at 7:30. Cash bar. \$10. 689-2000; francoCenter.org.

Sunday, February 21
Ice Fest L-A: Family Day. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bates Mill Courtyard & Atrium, 150 Mill St., (beside DaVinci’s), Lewiston. All ages. \$2.50 adv./\$5 at door (kids 17- free). 782-7228. For entertainment schedule, see laarts.org.

Gardening Without Aches and Pains. 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. Ellen Gibson of U Maine Cooperative Extension discusses how to avoid joint, muscle and back pain while gardening. Sugg. donation \$5. 798-5899; www.btl.org/gardeing-workshops.

Monday, February 22
Author Visit. 6 p.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Maine author-business leader Kevin Hancock discusses his book “Not for Sale: Finding Center in the Land of Crazy Horse.” Free. Books avail. for purchase. 333-6640, ext. 4.

County GOP Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall, Shiloh Chapel, 38 Beulah Lane, Durham. All County committee members and interested Republicans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, February 23
Clean Up Your Credit. 10 a.m. to noon. Auburn Public Library. Chris Davis of New Ventures Maine discusses basic concepts of credit, strategies for reducing debt and repairing credit, credit reports, and credit scores. Free. Register at 333-6640, ext. 4.

Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:15

p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Ronald Bissonnette of Isaacson & Raymond discusses “Like Kind Exchanges for Real Estate.” \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Concert: Rob Duquette. 6:30 p.m. Bailey Library, 39 Bowdoin St., Winthrop. This full-time performer and music educator is a multi-instrumentalist with an emphasis on drums and percussion. Free. baileylibrary.org.

Researching Historic Houses. 7 p.m. Andro. Historical Society, third floor, County Building, Auburn. Architectural historian Margaret Gaertner outlines local resources and how to use them to learn the history of your house. Free; donations accepted. 784-0586.

Wednesday, February 24
Finance Matters Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Austin Albert and Marc Paquette of Twin City Financial discuss “Retirement Plans for Your Business.” \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Oasis of Music. 12:30 to 1 p.m. Trinity Church, 247 Bates St., Lewiston. John Cote of Perpetual Emotion performs on acoustic guitar. Free. 344-3106.

Meet Millie. 6:30 p.m. Freeport Historical Society, 45 Main St., Freeport. In this short play, Trish Scott portrays Mildred Pettengill, the last resident of Freeport’s historic Pettengill Farm. \$5/3. 865-3170; freeporthistoricalsociety.org.

Friday, February 26
Indoor Farmer’s Market. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. This annual event features a variety of local food and craft vendors, live acoustic music, demos by the Embroiderers’ Guild of America, and a fuzzy farm animal petting zoo. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

“Who Killed Jolly Roger?” 7 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. Mystery for Hire returns to L-A with this pirate mystery caper; cost (\$40 per person)

includes show, sales tax, buffet dinner and gratuity. Doors at 6:00. Cash bar, overnight rooms avail. 784-4433; mysteryforhire.com.

Saturday, February 27
Legislator Office Hours. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Couture Room, Lewiston Public Library. The Democratic members of Lewiston’s state legislative delegation gather to meet and discuss legislative matters with local residents.

Poker Run. 4 to 6 p.m. Reggie’s Kawasaki & Ski-Doo, 225 Rte. 202, Leeds. Community Credit Union’s annual event supports the Campaign to End Hunger. Cost includes franks & beans dinner, fireworks. For details, see www.communitycreditunion.com.

Wednesday, March 2
Maine Downtown Institute: Keynote. 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. MTM Center, 18 School St., Lisbon. Noted Maine landscape architect Mitchell Rasor discusses “Designing and Planning Communities for Health.” \$20 (\$15 members). www.mdf.org/events.php.

Maine Downtown Institute: Workshop. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. MTM Center, 18 School St., Lisbon. This session addresses how local stakeholders can advocate for and help build vibrant community spaces. Free. www.mdf.org/events.php.

Sunday, March 6
Basic Pruning Techniques. 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. Arborist Tim Vail demonstrates various cuts while discussing how and when to prune. Sugg. donation \$5. 798-

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5899; www.btl.org/gardeing-workshops.

Tuesday, March 8
Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Reps. from Brann & Isaacson discuss “Trademarks.” \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Saturday, March 19
Concert: Midcoast Symphony. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, Lewiston. The MSO presents its first ever pops concert, featuring the William Tell and 1812 overtures, An American in Paris, and Cowboys. Students free, all others \$20 (cash or check) at door, 846-5378, or www.midcoastsymphony.org.

Sunday, March 20
Get Your Maine Garden On. 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. At this TSCG fundraiser, the Portland Press Herald’s “Maine Gardener” Tom Atwell discusses new gardening trends for 2016.

\$10. 798-5899; www.btl.org/gardeing-workshops.

Thursday, March 24
Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Reps. from Andrucki & King discuss “The Potential Impact of Divorce on a Business Owner.” \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Tuesday, April 12
Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Reps. from Eaton Peabody discuss “Perils and Pitfalls of Online Marketing.” \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Thursday, April 28
Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Reps. from Linnell, Choate & Webber discuss “Construction Law in Maine - for Homeowners and General or Subcontractors.” \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.



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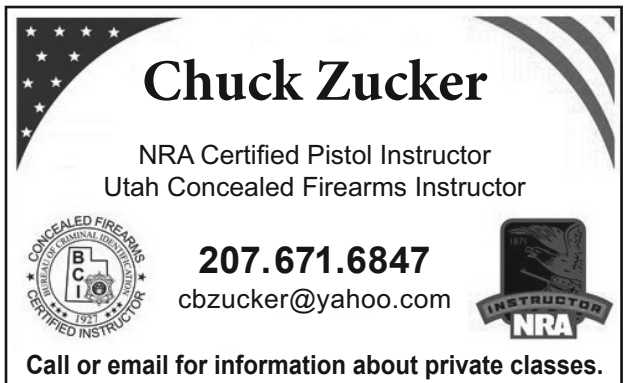


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acquisition and leasing of real estate; commercial, corporate and business law; and wills and estate planning.

The Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce will present workshops in its Legal Ad-

visory Series through June of 2016. All programs will take place in the Chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Then cost to attend each session is \$25 for members and \$50 for non members. For more information, call 783-2249. To register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

on what's really important - running your business. The Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce will host Finance Matters seminars through December of 2016. The cost to attend each session is \$25 for members and \$50 for non members. For more information, call the LA Metro Chamber at 783-2249. To register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

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Remedy Compassion Center supports SeniorsPlus



Remedy Compassion Center of Auburn recently made a donation of \$388, as well as blankets, hats, and mittens, to SeniorsPlus, Western Maine's designated agency on aging. Pictured here (l. to r.) are SeniorsPlus ADRC Specialist Nate Miller and Remedy Compassion Center staff members Kaisha Pearl, Marissa Yanok, Alyssa Poole and KC Perrault.

Local student honored in national poetry contest

A poem by Saint Dominic Academy student Isabella (Izzy) Luce has been selected to advance to the semi-final round of Poetry Nation's National Amateur Poetry Contest. Twice a year, editors at Eber & Wein, the sister company to Poetry Nation, judge contest entries and then compile printed and bound anthologies of submissions selected for the contest's semi-final round. Luce received exciting news earlier this month that her poem made the cut.

Luce is an eighth grade student who finds poetry uplifting and inspirational. In a recent poetry unit in Mrs. Jamie Ouellette's eighth grade class, students learned about the different types of poetry and began writing original poems. Ouellette encouraged students to submit their writings to contests throughout the year. Luce

eagerly got a head start and was the first to submit her work.

As a semi-finalist, Luce has the opportunity to have her poem featured in the upcoming multi-volume series "Where the Mind Dwells," which will include works by amateur poets from around the world. The volumes will be available for purchase on the Amazon and Barnes & Noble websites. The grand prize winner of the contest will receive \$2,000.

"It's amazing to me, because I've had two foot-reconstruction surgeries," said Luce. "Just having something positive like this happen inspires me to keep writing."

"We are hoping to hear more great news when other students begin the process of trying to get their poems published," said Ouellette.

Community Concepts adds new IT Director



Richard Davis

Community Concepts has hired Richard Davis as its new Director of Information Technology. Davis has 27 years of experience in a variety of for- and non-profit organizations, where he has served in management, supervisory, and direct technical support roles. He has field experience in the areas of multi-site networking, security, hardware and software support, system and process analysis and design, and project management. He has a degree in Business Administration and holds industry certifications from Microsoft, CompTIA, IBM, Lexmark, HP, and

the International Scrum Institute.

"Rich comes to us with a strong background in planning, organizing and executing complex information technology strategies," said Shawn Yardley, CEO of Community-Concepts. "His blend of technical skills, leadership and non-profit experience makes him a perfect fit for our organization. We are excited to have him here at Community-Concepts."

Community Concepts, which just celebrated its 50th Anniversary, is a private, non-profit 501 (c)(3) community action agency whose mission is to provide leadership, education and support to build thriving families and communities in Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties. For more information, or to learn how you can get involved, call 795-4065 or 1-800-866-5588 or see www.community-concepts.org.

Maine SBDC launches redesigned website

The Maine Small Business Development Centers, a state-wide program that helps entrepreneurs start and expand their businesses, has announced the launch of its newly redesigned website at www.mainesbdc.org.

The site offers a wealth of resources for both new and existing entrepreneurs and

small businesses in Maine. The new design has a clean look and two streamlined navigational paths: one that focuses on starting a business in Maine and a second that focuses on managing and growing a business. The homepage also features client success stories, news and a direct link to request no-cost

business advising.

Users who access the site from any device will find resources on starting a new business or managing and growing an existing business, including listings of small business workshops; resources on business planning, financing, marketing and more;

helpful tools and templates; and location and contact information.

Sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development and the University of Southern Maine, the Maine SBDC provides small businesses throughout Maine with no-

cost, comprehensive business advising through its network of certified business advisors. For more information or to request a business advising appointment, call 780-4420 or see www.mainesbdc.org.



Handy's Market & Café opens Carriage House

Handy's Market & Café in Yarmouth recently opened its new Carriage House, an open concept space with post and beam features and cathedral ceilings that provides self-serve seating for customers of Handy's Café and OTTO during the afternoon and seated dining for OTTO during the evening. The structure also includes a free meeting room for community groups. Signage from the previous Andy's Handy Store and memorabilia from the Town of Yarmouth play a prominent role in decorating the space.

The Carriage House was always contemplated as part of a phased-in project, explained developer and project partner Sean Ireland. "We've always wanted to create a place for the community to meet and gather, and we think the Carriage House has the potential to do this in all kinds of ways," he said. The first and most obvious of these is through expanded offerings and opportunities for food and drink. OTTO and Handy's Café are excited about the dine-in options the addition provides.

"Our take-out business is flourishing and we love being in Yarmouth, but the take-out experience has its limitations," said Mike Keon, co-founder and co-owner of OTTO. "We're excited about giving people a broader OTTO experience with the dine-in option, where we can offer our pizzas and salads along with the beer, wine and excellent service we provide at our other locations."

Guy and Stella Hernandez, owners and operators of Handy's Café, are also excited about the additional seating. "We're looking forward to expanding our menu to meet the needs of the community in a space where people can sit down and enjoy a coffee or espresso in a ceramic mug with a fresh baked pastry, treat, or sandwich."

The Carriage House also features a "Community Board Room." Sponsored by Gorham Savings Bank, the room will be available for use at no cost by community groups, organizations and individuals via an easy on-line reservation platform. Handy's Market owner Amy Ireland hopes that the room will help meet a community need. "We literally met with dozens of people in the course of this project, and we found that there are so few places to meet in this area," she said. "It became clear to us that there was a need for meeting space, so we wanted to try to create something that met that need for local businesses and community groups."

She hopes that community members see the space as an extension of their office, home and neighborhood. "Our goal has always been to take the best of the past and recreate it, to bring the community together at the Village Store," she added. "The Carriage House and Community Board Room are critical pieces of that plan and represent another step in that direction. It's exciting."

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