

TCT columnist Rachel Morin named 2016 Citizen of the Year



Master of Ceremonies Patrick Thornton presents Rachel Morin with a plaque naming her as Auburn's 2016 Citizen of the Year last Thursday at a dinner at Martindale Country Club in Auburn. See story and more photos on page 7. (N. Tsukroff/Bell Studios Inc photo)

Not Your Normal Formal 2016



L-A Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce staff members Deborah Carroll, Maureen Aube, CEO Matt Leonard, Jennifer Ziebart, and Rachel Bishop greeted guests and helped conduct the silent and live auctions at the annual Not Your Normal Formal fundraiser for the Chamber on Friday evening at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston. This year's event paid homage to the boisterous decade of fast cars, flappers and marathon dancers - the "Roaring '20s." See more photos on pages 7-8. (N. Tsukroff/Bell Studios Inc. photo)

Shriners offer screening clinics

The Kora Shriners will conduct screening clinics at five locations in Central Maine on Saturday, May 21 to identify children in need of care for orthopedic conditions, burn or spinal cord injuries or cleft lip and palate who may benefit from the specialized care offered

free of charge at Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The screenings will take place from 9 a.m. to noon with no appointment needed. Any child up to age 18 may attend. For more information, contact Tim Luttrell at 754-4706, Kora Shriners at 782-6831,

or see www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org.

Shriner Hospitals for Children is a network of 22 Hospitals dedicated to providing specialized pediatric care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. All care is provided regardless of ability to pay, availability of insurance coverage or relationship to a Shriner.

Trek Across Maine adds two-day option

For decades, the Trek Across Maine has been the American Lung Association's premier cycling event in the country. Held every Father's Day weekend for the past 31 years, this three-

day event typically attracts more than 2,000 participants for a spectacular journey across the state from Sunday River Ski Resort in Newry to the finish line at Steamboat Landing Park on the Belfast

waterfront.

Beginning in 2016, the Trek Across Maine will offer cyclists a new, two-day option with a shorter mileage and time commitment, plus a lower fundraising minimum, to accommodate the broader audience of cyclists who would like to be part of this event.

"We know that many who would like to ride in our Trek either can't dedicate three full days to the event or have concerns about being able to ride the full 180 miles," said Jeff Seyler, President & CEO of the American Lung Association of the Northeast. "Because of this, we're excited to announce that we are adding this shorter two-day option to accommodate those cyclists. Our goal is to continue growing this event, and we're looking forward to an incredible turnout in 2016."

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Mechanics Savings donates \$3,500 to YMCA



Richard Roy, executive vice president and chief banking officer of Mechanics Savings Bank (r.), presents a donation check to YMCA CEO Steve Wallace.

The YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston has received a donation of \$3,500 from Mechanics Savings Bank. The funds will go toward family and youth activities and the Y's financial assistance program.

Mechanics Savings Bank has been a leadership level donor to the YMCA for the last 10 years. Richard Roy, executive vice president and chief banking officer,

presented the check to YMCA CEO Steve Wallace recently at the bank's new administrative campus on Minot Avenue in Auburn.

"Our partnership with Mechanics Savings Bank is a great example of the transformational change that's possible when businesses and nonprofits work together," says Wallace. "They truly care about meeting the needs in our community."

Pettengill Academy supports Jubilee Center



Families of Pettengill Academy students participated in a diaper drive for Trinity Jubilee Center recently as part of the school's Random Acts of Kindness Outreach program. The families collected 740 diapers, 10 packs of wipes and three bottles for the Jubilee Center's diaper bank.

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Androscoggin Bank taps Smith for SVP



Jeff Smith

Androscoggin Bank has hired Jeff Smith as a Senior Vice President and the bank's Chief Resource Officer. He will manage the deposit operations and information technology groups at the bank, along with other responsibilities as a senior leader.

Smith brings to the position an extensive resume of banking experience. He has 28 years of experience in the financial services industry, including his most recent position as Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of

Northway Bank in Berlin, New Hampshire. Prior to that, he was an EVP and the Chief Operating Officer of Camden National Bank. He is a graduate of Colby College with a BA in Administrative Science.

"Jeff is a great addition to the team," said Neil Kiely, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of Androscoggin Bank. "His financial services experience is impeccable, and his enthusiasm for the growth of our people as we develop and recruit new team members and for the bank overall will surely further our mission to deliver Smarter Banking to our clients."

Headquartered in Lewiston since 1870, Androscoggin Bank is committed to serving the communities of Maine by moving residents and businesses forward with smarter banking. As of 12/31/15, the Bank's asset size was \$866,645,754. Androscoggin Bank is Member FDIC

William "Chick" Leahey honored at State House



The life and accomplishments of the late William "Chick" Leahey, a lifelong resident of Lewiston, star athlete at Lewiston High School and long-time coach at his alma mater, Bates College, were honored recently at the State House in Augusta. He was represented at the event by his wife, Ruth Leahey (c.), granddaughter Maggie Sullivan and daughter Barbara Sullivan (3rd and 2nd from l.). With them here (from l.) are Reps. Heidi Brooks, Jared Golden, Michel Lajoie and Margaret Rotundo, all D-Lewiston. Leahey died on March 26 at age 90.

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L/A Veterans plan holiday tributes



Major General Susan Y. Desjardins USAF (Ret.)

Major General Susan Y. Desjardins USAF (Ret.) of Exeter, New Hampshire will perform the unveiling of the # 28 Monument at the Veterans Memorial Park in Lewiston on Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m. The Monument bears the engraved names of U.S. Military men and women who have served their country.

The Monument includes Desjardins' name, as well as those of her family, totaling five family members: her father, Albert Desjardins, US Marine Corps; her mother Ann Desjardins, US Air Force; her brother, Thomas Desjardins, US Navy and her sister, Cheryl Desjardins, US Army. She will also speak at the Memorial celebration honoring present-day Veterans as well Veterans who are no longer with us.

The L/A Veterans Council and the Twin Cities of Lewiston and Auburn are pleased and proud to have Major General Desjardins as their honored guest at this first time event for the park, having a two-star General perform the unveiling ceremony and addressing the dignitaries, families and public as well.

Brigadier General Douglas A. Farnham, Adjutant General, Maine National Guard will be in attendance as well as Lewiston Mayor Robert McDonald and Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonte. Both Mayors will also speak at the event.

The Civil Air Patrol of the Auburn Composite Squadron is celebrating its 75th Anniversary and will do a flyover of the Veterans Memorial Park, and along the Androscoggin River, returning, and dipping their wings over the Park. Major Mary Story-King, CAP will be a passenger in the airplane.

AFC Jerry DeWitt USA (Ret.) is MC of the event and will escort Desjardins and Veterans laying wreaths in memoriam and a hand salute will be given. "Taps" will be played at this time. A three shot cannon salute will be fired.

DeWitt, who is chair of the Chair of L/A Veterans Council, and DC 2 Petty Officer Norm Cote USN, Vice-Chair have been working on these arrangements all year and are pleased with how everything is shaping up. A huge parade will step off from Kennedy Park at 9:30 a.m. led by the Kora Temple Legion of Honor Color Guard and the Kora Temple Highlanders. Combined marching bands from Lewiston High School, Edward Little High School and Leavitt Institute will also be among the participants in the parade.

DeWitt and Cote are inviting all veterans' organizations and the Vietnam Veterans of America to parade in vehicles and/or Color Guard as well as other interested units. Vehicles being driven with Veterans are also welcome. FMI, please call DeWitt at (207) 576-0376 or by email at jde-witt@tcms.org. Veterans or family members who wish their Veteran's name to be engraved on a future monument may call Cote at (207) 782-1725 or email him at nmcote@roadrunner.com

Volunteers are also needed to post flags on veterans' graves at St. Peter's Cemetery in Lewiston on Saturday, May 21, at 10 a.m. Please contact DeWitt as well.

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Governor's Address: It's not about the children, it's about the union

The Maine Education Association is putting a dishonest initiative on the November ballot. They call it "Stand Up for Students," but it is just another attempt to extort more taxes from Maine families and businesses without improving education.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, It is difficult to explain to Mainers that the K-through-12 education system has more than enough funding to give our students a proper education. Whenever the MEA wants more money, they just tug on parents' heartstrings and say, "It's for the children."

Everyone supports

children, and everyone supports funding for education. The problem is not money. The problem is the union bosses at MEA don't put the money where it belongs. They want to increase pay for underperforming teachers; they refuse to reduce administrative costs; and they want to increase your property taxes.

The MEA complains the state does not fund 55 percent of local school costs. They don't tell you it's superintendents who decide what those costs are, and they keep moving the goal posts. There is no way the state can catch up.

With a total education budget of almost \$3 billion,



Governor Paul R. LePage

it is unconscionable that teachers and students have to spend their own money to buy notebooks, pens and pencils. Even worse, student enrollment in Maine has decreased by 25,000 students over the past two decades, despite the fact that pre-

kindergarten has been added to public school enrollment.

Just in the last decade, the number of students has declined by 13 percent—but spending has increased by 18 percent. Despite this increase in spending, school performance has been stagnant. Mainers deserve to know why their local school budgets are going up every year, but academic results are not getting better. The MEA can't answer that question. They just want more money. They want to add a 3 percent tax on Maine's families and small businesses who earn \$200,000 to raise money that is not needed for education.

They say it will only

affect 2 percent of Mainers. These are the Mainers who already contribute the most revenue to our economy and our tax base. It would drive their income tax rate over 10 percent—and it might drive them out of the state.

We've worked hard to reduce the income tax, but the MEA is taking us backwards. Instead of punishing our higher-income earners, they should be working to make the education system more efficient and more effective. Instead of building lavish new schools, they should be considering how to combine schools or regionalize services.

Instead of paying for a top-heavy system of administrators, they should be

paying our teachers more and putting more money into the classroom.

Don't be fooled, folks. The Maine Education Association has no desire to reform education. They don't want better academic results or lower costs for taxpayers. Their sole purpose is to confiscate union dues from teachers' paychecks to bankroll political campaigns and send more socialists to Augusta.

So remember, when MEA says they want to tax you more, it's not for the children—it's for the union bosses.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Cruise Night resumes for 2016



This weekly event takes place Monday evenings at Tractor Supply on Route 26 in Oxford.

The Uptown Cruizahs Car Club will host their first Cruise Night of the season on Monday, May 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Tractor Supply on Route 26 in Oxford. This weekly event will take place Monday evenings, weather

permitting. Bring the family for a stroll down memory lane while enjoying good food and fine music by Red Wing. Proceeds from the weekly cruise nights and the annual Car Show on August 7 at the New Balance Factory

Outlet, also on Route 26 in Oxford, will benefit local charities, including Santa Visits Oxford and the Maine Veterans' Home activity fund. For more information, call Les Wing at 890-0870 or Dan Tripp at 743-8073.

Trek

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two-day option will start their ride at Colby College in Waterville on Saturday, June 18 and ride a 41-mile loop, finishing back at Colby College to enjoy all the food, entertainment and activities associated with the full Trek experience on Saturday evening. All

two- and three-day trekkers will begin the final leg of their ride at Colby College on Sunday morning and finish together at Steamboat Landing Park on the waterfront in Belfast.

The three-day route is approximately 180 miles,

while the two-day route is approximately 97 miles. The fundraising minimum for the two-day option will be \$450 (\$350 for those ages 7 to 17). Cyclists riding for three days are required to raise \$550 (\$400 for those ages 7 to 17).

The 2016 Trek Across

Maine will take place June 17 through 19, with the two-day option taking place June 18 and 19. Questions may be directed to TrekAcross-Maine@LungNE.org. For more information or to register, see www.BikeTrekNewEngland.org.

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Only Steps Forward

How many alphabet-soup agencies does L-A need?

By Jonathan P. LaBonté
MAYOR OF AUBURN

After having been Mayor of Auburn now for more than four years and spending much of the last decade back in my hometown studying what we have proposed and what the results have been, it is mind boggling to think that for nearly a generation a major project has been pitched and has been sitting stagnant: bringing passenger services to downtown Auburn and Lewiston.

Whether you are speaking to those who work in hotels or own bed and breakfasts locally, a continual challenge for them is how visitors from a long distance conveniently arrive in our city without the hassle of renting a car or taking a cab. And in the new reality of housing price crunches in greater Portland and growth in jobs in downtown Lewiston-Auburn, moving workers between urban areas is a huge opportunity.



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

The solution in the late-1990s, as we covered in this space before, was to

recruit a private bus operator to downtown Auburn and then build up ridership to compete for future passenger rail service funding.

That planning didn't move forward to implementation as more than a decade passed and policies shifted. In fact, when I outlined how organizations outside of Auburn city government started to pitch different plans during that time, the deputy city manager in Lewiston and long-time chair of the local

transit committee posted his own rebuttal, blaming it all on the Auburn City Council.

As the Auburn City Council in this budget takes on the city manager's recommendations to curtail spending on joint agencies, the results of decades of spending on management by alphabet-soup agencies (giving taxpayer funding to a list of agencies known mostly by letters like ATRC, AVCOG, LATC, etc.) is coming home to roost.

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Are you confused yet? How many different acronyms can I toss out for one small urban area of about 60,000 people? And what is the cost of administering and sustaining that alphabet soup versus focusing on delivering for community goals?

My number-one priority is to position our community to grow and improve the quality of life for residents, while holding the line on taxes. That means streamlining administration and holding those organizations that spend your money accountable, before coming to you for more money.

We can't keep doing the same thing over and over and expect different results. You know what they call people who do that.

Nearly \$250,000 is proposed right now for AVCOG to provide management the local bus system known as CityLink. In addition to the management paid for to Western Maine Transportation as part of our contract to run the system, as well as the top city staff from both cities that sit on the transit committee, AVCOG seeks another \$250,000.


Also, the AVCOG-staffed group known as ATRC has included plans for passenger rail to either downtown or the Auburn-Lewiston Airport in its documents, while at the same time AVCOG has taken on staffing and being the fiscal agent for a group planning passenger rail to Oxford County. How can the same non-profit (AVCOG) staff be paid to implement three different policy directions at the same time?

If you have multiple priorities for the same project, you have no priorities. Plain and simple.

With the latest iteration of planning for passenger

On a side note, I was asked by the president of the Auburn Business Development Corporation (ABDC) to clarify that they have not voted to provide LAEGC with a \$39,000 payment next year. Auburn city staff has offered to provide ABDC with the limited staffing support


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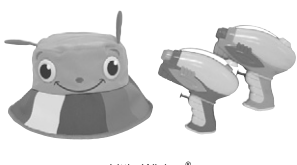
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By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Five years ago I was elected by the people of Lewiston with the hope of starting down a road that would lead to welfare reform.

Because Lewiston is a service center city, the working people, living in our downtown and outer parts of the city, repeatedly watched in disgust and contempt as a small group of individuals abused and bragged about gaming the welfare system. Feeling no one was addressing this problem, they put their faith in me.

Paul LePage had been elected Governor and was also pursuing welfare reform. He was finding that trying to reform the welfare laws was harder than shoveling sand against the tide—even within his own party. About this time Cary Weston, Ban-

gor City Council chairman, who also served as their mayor, started the Mayors' Coalition. This is a group of mayors who serve in Augusta as lobbyists to address the problems facing Maine cities, especially those designated as service centers.

In this capacity, the coalition members from time to time meet with the leadership of both political parties. One of our first meetings was with then Republican Speaker of the House Robert Nutting and the Republican leadership. We discussed many of our concerns with them.

Toward the end of the meeting, I brought up welfare reform. This was dismissed by Nutting and the Republican leadership members as nothing more than anecdotal.

How did they come to this conclusion? Why, they



Mayor Bob Macdonald

heard it within confines of the State House by members of groups such as the Maine Peoples Alliance, Equality Maine, Maine Equal Justice Partners and other social service groups that create crisis after crisis in order to retain their employment and grow government at the expense of taxpayers.

Many legislators go to Augusta intending to help

address their constituents concerns. Once there, reality strikes. They find that if you buck leadership, you're exiled to a committee that deals with concerns that don't affect your district. If you're an incumbent, you might find some party lackey opposing you in a primary. Legislation that you submit either can't get a sponsor or is killed in committee.

You are now playing with the big dogs, and your mettle will be tested. Will you fall in line or will you be like Governor LePage and stand firm on your beliefs and stated goals?

It now appears that people are rising up prepared to water the liberty tree with their anger. The emperors on both sides of the political aisle have been exposed. People see a corrupt, broken

system being run by politicians who think they are infallible and believe they have been willed their seat. They have spent so much time in Augusta and Washington that when they leave these confines, they feel like they are in an alien world.

On the left, Bernie Sanders continues to thump Hillary Clinton. Yet he'll be denied the nomination because the party elites control the game and make sure their hand-picked candidate wins the coronation race. Don't question their decision; just go out and vote for it.

Then we have the party of Lincoln, my party, the Republicans. Lincoln's trials and tribulations can be compared to what currently is happening within the party. Lincoln's insider generals George McClellan

and Ambrose Burnside, like today's party insiders, had a habit of turning victories into defeats.

Then Lincoln appointed Ulysses S. Grant, over the objections of these insiders, to lead the Union Army. Lincoln was asked why he chose Grant. "He fights."

Donald Trump fights. That's why he'll be carrying the Republican standard in November's upcoming election. If the Republicans lose House and Senate seats, it will be because they did not listen to their constituents and watched while offensive legislation after legislation was passed. Don't use Donald Trump as an excuse for their failures.

Lastly, it is time for the inside Republican elitists to take a lesson from Cincinnatus. Go back to your farm!

Androscoggin Bancorp elects officers

Androscoggin Bancorp, MHC, recently held its annual meeting for 2016, where the following Officers and Directors were elected and attested to by Paul H. Andersen, President. The bank is located at 30 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 1-800-966-9172 or see androscogginbank.com.

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it needs. That means there's still a chance that ABDC will vote to invest those limited dollars in Auburn businesses instead.

Chamber launches "Mind Your Business" series

The L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce will host the first seminar in its new "Mind Your Business" series on business development with a program called "Preparing for a Tradeshow" on Thursday, May 19 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Led by Kurk Lalemand of Next Level Business Coaching, the workshop will help participants get the most from their trade show investment. Learn when to start planning, gather the information you need, create all collateral materials, develop your pitch, what to say in your tradeshow scripts, what to do at the tradeshow,

and what to do after the trade show.

The Chamber will present programs in the "Mind Your Business" series through February of 2017. All workshops will take place in the Chamber's

conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The cost for each workshop is \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information, call 783-2249. To register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

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TCT columnist Rachel Morin named 2016 Citizen of the Year



Rachel Morin arrives at the Martindale Country Club to learn she is the 2016 Citizen of the Year for Auburn.

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A headline writer became the headline on May 5 as the Auburn Business Association named Rachel A. Morin the 2016 Citizen of the Year by in a surprise announcement at Martindale Country Club in Auburn.

A part-time writer and photographer for Twin City TIMES, Morin arrived at the event to cover the event, only to discover she was the true recipient of the 43rd annual award.

"I'm overwhelmed!" she said after the event. "I couldn't believe all the accolades that were given to me."

Morin, 80, has been involved in multiple community activities throughout the Lewiston-Auburn area, spending time as a docent for the Portland Museum of Art, learning to play the flute, and helping to found the Auburn Community Band. More recently, she became involved in the



Elizabeth Morin pins a corsage on her mother, Rachel Morin, named the 2016 Citizen of the Year for Auburn as Joel Goodman looks on.

Community Little Theater, where she handled publicity for performances and eventually joined the troupe as an actor.

She has also been a student and supporter of the Lewiston/Auburn Senior College, pointing out several of her fellow students who attended the evening to celebrate with her. She encouraged "anyone over 50-years-old" to attend the college, and told her fellow students, "I am so proud of all of you!"

Friends and family shared stories and personal thoughts about Morin's activities over the years. She raised two daughters and a son with her husband, Gerry, whom she married

in 1959. He was a pipefitter who was often away from home for long stretches and suffered long layoffs between jobs. Morin was a working mother who did nursing in the local hospitals and then transitioned to Occupational Health Nursing.

Morin filled that time with activities outside the house. One of her daughters, Cathy Campbell, described growing up and being exposed to the theater and the arts by her mother. "Art can enable us to live lives that are deep in meaning," she said. Campbell told the audience her mother often took the sisters and their brother to local performances and museums, and she continues this tradition today by



Outgoing ABA President Hillary Dow introduces her replacement, Darcie Beaudin.

encouraging the creativity of grandchildren.

After Gerry's unexpected death in 1996, Morin retired from her final job with GE in 1998, then took up the second phase of her life. According to her family, Morin "made it a point to have a plan." She did not want to just sit home, she told them.

She surprised her family by taking a six-month docent training course at the Portland Museum of Art, giving tours of the collection to school children, conference groups and tourists. She learned to play the flute and was a founding member of the Auburn Community Band.

Shortly after Peter and Laurie Steele started publishing Twin City TIMES in 1999, Morin appeared at the Lisbon Street office of the paper to speak with Peter about writing for him. Steele told the guests at Martindale Country Club that after chatting for a few minutes and answering her questions, he realized he was not doing the interviewing—she was interviewing him! He said it was clear she had come to his office to "size me up and see if I met her standards. I liked her immediately."

Steele called Morin a tireless advocate for the Lewiston-Auburn community who has boundless curiosity. No event is too big or too small for her to write about, and she covers events ranging from book readings to garden tours to the history of the Grey nuns, "all with the same passion, humor and enthusiasm," Steele said.

Her regular column, "Out & About with Rachel Morin," has been the TCT's most popular feature, he said.

Hillary Dow, president of the Auburn Business Association, which presents the annual award, said the typical winner is a member of the business community. But Morin "is known for her volunteerism," she said. "She's leaving her own lasting legacy in her own way."

The ABA puts out requests for Citizen of the Year in late winter or early spring, looking for people involved with local business or civic engagement, or volunteerism. "This is our favorite night of the year," Dow said.

Past winners include recently retired Maine senator Olympia Snowe in 2013; local radio station owner Dick Gleason in 2008; and Chip Morrison, the long-time leader of the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce. The COTY award was first given to Clarence Cole in 1974, with Malcolm Philbrook Jr. taking the honor in 1975.

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Emma Campbell, granddaughter of Auburn's 2016 Citizen of the Year Rachel Morin, gets a signature in the guest book from JoAnne Campbell of Auburn.

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Dick Albert, Diance Champoux, and Rhonda and Ray Martell, all with Champoux Insurance, one of the sponsors of the annual Not Your Normal Formal fundraiser for the L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce on Friday evening at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston.

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Morin

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munications and chief entertainment officer, writer, actor and producer of Mystery for Hire and Mainly Improv, said he knows Morin "as being the publicity general when it comes to publishers."

"Rachel knows her stuff. She knows PR," he said. "She knows how to make a great story. I'm thrilled that tonight she is the story!"

Gerry Morin talked about his mother and described being drafted "into those endeavors of volunteerism."

Debbie Bolen-Morin, married to Gerry Morin, gave the opening toast, telling her mother-in-law, "This evening is all about thanking you. Here's to you, Rachel Morin, Auburn's newest Citizen of the Year."

Alix Rudzinski, staff assistant to Maine Senator Susan Collins, presented Morin with a flag that had flown over the nation's capitol, and Gail Kezer read a letter of praise from Maine's

other senator, Angus King. Peter Steele, communications director for Governor Paul R. LePage, read a letter of congratulations from Governor LePage to Morin.

Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonté presented Morin with a key to the city, joking with guests that only the recipient could be told where to find the lock.

Guests were entertained with music and songs from Mitch Thomas of LA Community Theater and his daughter Hayden Thomas, as well as singing by Debbie Morin.

Finally, Dow announced Darcie Beaudin as the next president of the ABA, passing her the gavel to start her two-year service.

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Kristin Dunham, Mark Avila, and Jessica Donovan of the Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn.



Mary LaFontaine and Deb Carroll.



Fred Burgess, Lori and Art Boulay, and Irene Burgess, of the Brunswick Business Center.

County GOP to host Lincoln Day Dinner & Auction

The Androscoggin County Republican Committee will host its annual Lincoln Day Dinner & Auction on Friday, May 20 at the Franco Center in Lewiston. Doors will open at 5 p.m., there will be a cash bar reception with live music from 5:30 to 6:30, and dinner will be served at 6:45. The speakers will include Governor Paul LePage and Congressman Bruce Poliquin. Silent or live auctions will be featured throughout the evening. Tickets are \$40, available from Committee Chair Patti Gagne (783-4529), Finance Chair Jon Kirsch (212-8787), Secretary Joanna Said (897-4824), or at www.androgop.weebly.com.

County GOP Meeting

The Androscoggin County Republican Committee will meet on Monday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall at 108 Lewiston Street in Mechanic Falls. The guest speaker, Rep. Heather Sirocki, will discuss the proposed "Ranked Choice Voting" ballot Initiative. All interested Republicans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Planned Parenthood offers training for voter canvass

Auburn UU will host the Planned Parenthood of Maine Action Fund as it provides training to program supporters to improve their skills in asking open-ended questions about abortion and listening without judgement to prepare for a community voter canvass on Saturday, June 4. On Wednesday, May 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., participants will learn more about the campaign and engage in a discussion of its goals. Then on Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., participants will learn how to have conversations by watching actual interview tapes, and then will go out into the community to speak with voters. Those interested in canvassing need only attend on the day of the canvass to participate. First Universalist Church is located at 169 Pleasant Street in Auburn. For more information, call 783-0461 or see www.auburnuu.org.

Medium's Day Holistic Fair

The Spiritualist Church of Eternal Life will present a Medium's Day Holistic Fair on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Spiritualist Church of Eternal Life at 352 Crowley Road in Sabbathus. Admission is free to the public. Vendors will be on hand to offer a wide variety of products and services for sale. Products available will include baked goods, metaphysical books and products, herbal goods, large handbags, scarfs, jewelry, and gems, stones and crystals. Services available will include Mediumship readings (\$20 for 15 minutes), Aura photography, Bio-Mat therapy, Angel drawing and painting, body wraps, Craniosacral therapy, Numerology-Geometric stone readings, beaded and stone jewelry making demonstrations, and Reiki therapy. The Spiritualist Church of Eternal Life is a non-profit organization that promotes, educates and provides ongoing classes in Spiritualism. Unfoldment classes take place Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery readings take place on the third Friday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday services take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, stop by their booth at the Fair, call Rev. Catherine Sabine at 376-5318, or see www.spiritualistchurchofeternallife.org.



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Benefit Supper for Lisa Simmons

A Benefit Supper for Lisa Simmons will take place at the Elks Lodge at 1675 Lisbon Street in Lewiston on Saturday, May 21. Happy Hour will begin at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:00. After dinner,

there will be raffles and dancing to music provided by Music Reflection DJ Mark Peillet. The cost is \$10.

For more information, contact Martine at 240-4532 or Rachel at 713-4927.

Maine Connections Academy enrolling for 2016-17

Maine Connections Academy, the state's first virtual charter school, is currently enrolling students in grades 7 through 12 for the 2016-17 school year. The school can enroll up to 429 students for the upcoming year; since students will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis, it's recommended that families interested in virtual school submit an application as soon as possible.

A tuition-free virtual charter school currently in its second year, Maine Connections Academy is a high-quality public education option where students can learn online from anywhere there is an Internet connection. MCA students work closely with certified teachers using detailed daily lesson plans that can be personalized to meet individual student needs, while a parent or other adult "Learning Coach" monitors their progress at home. The award-winning curriculum includes advanced placement and career-oriented courses.

As a public virtual charter school, all students are required to take the same state assessments as traditional school students to

meet Maine's state academic standards. In addition to the variety of social experiences offered through the school, including numerous clubs and activities, students also have the opportunity to participate in local internships and the newly instated MCA chapter of the National Honor Society.

"The flexibility in terms of scheduling and pace, as well as the personalized instruction provided by our certified teachers, has helped our students find both academic and personal success," said Karl Francis, principal at MCA. "We're really excited by the growth we've seen over the past two years, and we're committed to providing Maine students with the best virtual public school experience to help them reach their fullest potential."

Information sessions (both in-person and virtual) are available, as well as a "Sneak Peek into Virtual School" video for families interested in learning more about the online learning program. A complete list of events and a link to the video can be found on the school's website. For more information, call (207) 805-3254 or see www.MainConnectionsAcademy.com.

What's Going On

Agencies team to prompt vital conversations

Seventy percent of Americans say they would prefer to die at home, but nearly 70 percent die in hospitals and institutions. Ninety percent of Americans know they should have conversations about end-of-life care, yet only 30 percent have done so.

To address this issue, Central Maine Medical Center, Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice and St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, in partnership with the Hospice Foundation of America, are teaming up to lead and coordinate a public awareness campaign on the importance of talking about end-of-life preferences and goals with loved ones and medical professionals.



From left: St. Mary's Regional Medical Center CEO Chris Chekouras, Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice President and CEO Julie Shackley, and Central Maine Medical Center President Tina Legere hope the screenings will prompt people to have important conversations about their wishes for end-of-life care.

The National Healthcare Decisions Day Initiative is a collaborative effort

of national, state and community organizations committed to ensuring that all adults with decision-making capacity in the United States have the information and opportunity to communicate and document their healthcare decisions.

Underwritten by the John and Wauna Harman Foundation, the project uses free screenings of the PBS FRONTLINE film "Being Mortal" to educate audiences and encourage people to take concrete steps to

identify and communicate their wishes for end-of-life care. Aired on PBS in February of 2015, "Being Mortal" follows physician Atul Gawande as he thinks about death and dying in the context of being a healer. The renowned writer and Boston surgeon shares stories about experiences at the end of life from patients and his own family. Dr. Gawande published a national bestselling book by the same name.

Three screenings of "Being Mortal" will be presented locally on the following days and times: Thursday, May 19, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the Olin Arts Center at Bates College in Lewiston; Tuesday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to noon in Jalbert Hall Auditorium at Central Maine Community College in Auburn; and Wednesday, May 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston.

To register for any of these free screenings, RSVP by calling the St. Mary's Mission Integration Office at 777-8805. For more information about National Healthcare Decisions Day, see www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org.

AHCH honored with House Sentiment



The members of Lewiston-Auburn's State House and Senate delegations joined together recently to sponsor a special House of Representatives Sentiment to Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. The event was attended by AHCH President & CEO Julie Shackley, Marketing & Development Director Jim Bouchard and Therapy Supervisor Lynsay Henry.

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CLT schedules auditions for "Beauty & the Beast"

Community Little Theatre will hold open auditions for its next production, Disney's "Beauty & the Beast," on Sunday and Monday, May 15 and 16, at 6:30 p.m. The auditions will take place at Great Falls Theatre at 30 Academy Street in Auburn. Directed by Richard Martin, the production will run from August 19 through 28.

An exuberant musical based on Disney's popular film, "Beauty & the Beast" is the classic story of a prince transformed into a hideous beast as punishment for his cruel and selfish ways and the adventurous young woman he imprisons in his castle. Can he win her love and regain his humanity?

Auditions are open to all community members. Those auditioning need only attend one of the two audition dates. Everyone auditioning must fill out an audition worksheet, including any scheduling conflicts. The worksheet, and a full list of character descriptions, including vocal ranges, is

available at www.lact.com.

Auditions for all roles will include singing, dancing and reading dialogue. Those auditioning are encouraged to sing a song from the show. An accompanist will be provided. Those who choose to sing a song from another show must bring their own sheet music. No prerecorded music or singing a capella will be allowed. Dress appropriately for choreography; character shoes or jazz shoes are preferred. Callbacks, if necessary, will be by invitation and may include further

review of singing, dancing and/or reading.

Vincent Ratsavong will be the production's Assistant Director and Choreographer. Rounding out the production team will be Kay Warren as Producer, Paul Caron as Music Director, Bill Hamilton as Set Designer, Britny Anderson as Set Decorator, Richard Martin as Lighting Designer, Thomas Anderson as Sound Designer and Danielle Eaton as Publicist.

Questions may be directed to Richard Martin at 754-9828 or mmartin2010@gmail.com or Kay Warren at 689-5269 or kaylyrics0529@gmail.com.

MMS Chorale to sing Billy Joel, Elton John

The Maine Music Society Chorale will celebrate the music of two extraordinarily popular composers, Billy Joel and Elton John, by singing as many of their fan favorites as possible in a program called "Tribute to the Piano Men." The program will be presented on Saturday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m. at the Gendron Franco Center at 46

Oxford Street in Lewiston.

Selections will include "Piano Man," "Honesty," and "Just the Way You Are" by Billy Joel and "Candle in the Wind," "I Guess That's Why They Call It the Blues," and "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" by Elton John, to name just a few.

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Who needs match.com when your grandmother knows a matchmaker? But is Sam, the neighborhood pickle man, the kind of husband a girl has in mind? The beloved romantic comedy about a doting Jewish grandmother who determines to see her granddaughter married before she dies runs in its final performances at The Public Theatre this weekend. Show times are Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. (with a free wine-tasting, compliments of Rails Restaurant, at 6:30); Friday, May 13 at 7:30; Saturday, May 14 at 3 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for everyone ages 18 and under. For tickets, call 782-3200 or see www.thepublictheatre.org.

under 12 will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult. A special rate of 20% off is available for groups of ten or more. For tickets, please call L/A Arts at 782-7228 or see www.mainemusicsociety.org.

APL spotlights "Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery"

On November 12, 1971, Bernard Patterson, a highly decorated Vietnam War hero, robbed the Northern National Bank in Mars Hill, Maine. He escaped with \$110,000, making it the largest bank heist in state history at the time.

Historian Ron Chase, author of the new book "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery," will discuss the case on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Auburn Public Library. Published

by Down East Books, the book provides an in-depth account of a controversial, adventure-filled life that led Patterson across the United States and on to Europe and North Africa before he was finally captured by Scotland Yard on the Isle of Jersey, after he had spent most of the money.

Along the way, he lived a raucous life filled with wine and women while hobnobbing in aristocratic hangouts and giving away money to

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CLT names cast of "August: Osage County"



Jen Fox, Jackie Oliveri, Elizabeth Chasse-King and Ashley Thibodeau in a scene from Tracy Letts' award-winning play.

Community Little Theatre has announced the cast of its upcoming production of Tracy Letts' multi-award-winning play "August: Osage County." The production will be directed by Adam P. Blais, with original music by Paul G. Caron.

August in Oklahoma is stiflingly hot, but the atmosphere inside the Weston home, even without the blessed relief of air-conditioning, is icy cold. In the opening monologue, Beverly Weston (Roger Phillipon) recounts the history of he and his wife, Violet (Jackie Oliveri), to Johnna Monevata (Kay Warren), a young Native American woman hired to care for Violet and the house. Beverly was once a published poet of some notoriety but is now surrounded only by his beloved books. Violet suffers from cancer and is completely addicted to the medications that were meant to treat her. The couple has long since lost each other in a sea of alcohol and drugs.

A family tragedy brings their three estranged daughters, Barbara (Jennifer Fox), Ivy (Elizabeth Chasse-King) and Karen (Ashley Thibodeau), back from all parts of the country with husbands, children, and fiancés in tow. Barbara has a husband, Bill (Paul Menezes), and a daughter, Jean (Lindsay Cagney). Ivy

family friend going about his job while quietly longing for a missing part of his past. Over several days and weeks, we witness the disintegration of a family as each new revelation leads to further betrayals, disillusionment, and instability.

This production will entertain audiences with its shocking slaps juxtaposed with dark, knee-slapping laughter. The play contains adult language and content and is not recommended for young children.

Performances will take place June 3-5 and 9-12 at 7:30 p.m., except for the Sunday performances, which will be at 2 p.m., at Great Falls Performing Arts Center at 30 Academy Street in Auburn. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$12 for students. They may be purchased by calling the box office at 783-0958 or at www.laclt.com.

is unmarried, and Karen is engaged to Steve Heidebrecht (Dan Kane).

Violet has a sister, Mattie Fae (Margaret Matheson), who is married to Charlie Aiken (Mitch Thomas), and they have a son, Little Charles (Jason Pelletier). Sheriff Deon Gilbeau (Cory King) is a

Final Bean Supper for CUMC

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Franco-themed "Spring Fling" Saturday at LPL



A native of Sainte-Félicité, Quebec, accordionist Normand Gagnon is one of many musicians who will play at the event.

A lively ensemble of instrumentalists ranging in age from 10 to 80 will provide the music for a festive, Franco-themed "Spring Fling" on Saturday, May 14 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in Lewiston Public Library's Callahan Hall. Fashioned after the old-time Franco

kitchen parties, the event will be a family affair with dancing and singing to traditional French Canadian "jigs-&-reels." Admission to the event will be \$3 for adults and just \$1 for youngsters, including any full-time students up to age 22.

The musical ensemble

for the event will feature fiddles, guitars, accordion, mandolin, banjo, spoons and more. Performers will include youth from the Maine Folque Co-op's music program, backed up by a number of "seasoned" local musicians. Leading attendees in a variety of authentic French Canadian quadrilles and contra dances will be Cindy Larock, who will be assisted by graduates of a USM-LAC Senior College class she recently taught in Franco folk dancing.

Members of the popular Franco women's choral group Les Troubadours will be on hand to entertain the audience with a few favorite chansons and, as a special bonus, those attending will be treated to a display of exquisite paper art creations crafted by students enrolled in another Senior College class taught by paper sculptor Karen Brooks.

The event is co-sponsored by LPL, Senior College, the Maine Arts Commission and the Maine Folque Co-Op. Tickets will be available at the door only. For more information, call 782-0386 or see www.MaineFolqueCo-op.com.

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Twin City Nights

Cabin Fever Concert series wraps with Denny Breau



Breau performs at First Universalist Church of Turner Center on Saturday, May 14.

The 2016 Cabin Fever Concert series presented by First Universalist Church of Turner Center will wrap up on Saturday, May 14 at 7 p.m. with a performance by acclaimed singer-songwriter-guitarist Denny Breau.

Well-known for his rhythmically flawless and dazzlingly clear style, Breau began playing guitar at the age of nine and was performing professionally by his early teens. In his over 30-year career as a full-time

musician, he has performed with many well-known artists, picking alongside fellow guitar luminaries including Bryan Sutton, Harvey Reid, J.P. Cormier, Pat Donohue, Dan Crary and Steve Kaufman. Long in demand as a studio musician, he has done jingles and sound tracks for radio and television and has recorded and produced albums for other artists. In 1998, he formed roots music trio Turkey Hollow with Tom Rowe and Tom's son, Dave. Since Tom's death in early 2004, Denny and Dave have continued to perform as Turkey Hollow on a limited basis.

In 2004, he was inducted into the Maine Country Music Hall of Fame as that organization's youngest inductee. These days, in addition to his active solo career, he fronts the Denny Breau Trio, gives private guitar lessons and teaches music clinics.

The church is located on Route 117 in Turner Center. Admission is by a suggested donation of \$10. Desserts will be available during intermission. Proceeds from the event will fund programs supporting young local music students.

State Museum exhibit explores gunsmithing in Maine



Workers at an unidentified gunsmith's shop in the mid-1800s (Maine State Museum photo)

The latest exhibit at the Maine State Museum in Augusta celebrates the history of gunsmiths in Maine, illustrating the inventiveness, artistry, and craftsmanship they brought to the early gun-making industry and to the sports of hunting and fishing. On display until April 2017, "Inventors and Sportsmen: Maine Gunsmiths in the 1800s" features over 75 artifacts, including guns made by 22 Maine makers.

"In Maine, people are comfortable with guns, but many might not realize that for centuries, firearms have not just been tools for recreation, provisioning and safety, but also sources of complex craftsmanship, beauty, and ingenuity," said Maine State Museum Director Bernard Fishman. "In this new exhibit, visitors will see an aspect of Maine's culture they may not have considered before

but that will excite pride and inspiration."

The 1800s represented a time of transition and innovation in gunsmithing, as the task evolved from a craft based upon handwork toward an industry based upon mechanization and mass-production. Through the work of John Hall, a Portland cooper turned gunsmith whose work is featured prominently in the exhibit, Maine was at the forefront of this dramatic change. In 1811, Hall set off a revolution with his invention of a breech-loading mechanism and system of mass-production. By the 1870s, Hall's system had been adopted by men like the Evans Brothers, also featured in the exhibit, who were turning out over 50 large-capacity rifles per day in their Mechanic Falls plant.

Through their improvements in the efficiency of manufacture, Maine's gun-

smiths changed the way America worked. By employing a remarkable number of skills and innovations, they also helped create and sustain a culture of hunting and outdoor sports that continues to shape the state today.

The Maine State Museum is located at the State House complex at 230 State Street in Augusta. Open hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission (cash or check only) is \$2 for adults and \$1 for youth ages 6 to 18 and seniors ages 62 and over. The maximum family charge is \$6, and there is no admission or program charge for school groups. For more information, call 287-2301.

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those he perceived to be in need. Returned to the United States for prosecution, he was convicted and imprisoned. Upon his eventual release, he moved back to northern Maine, where he continued to lead a reckless life, running a "pot farm" until he died in 2003 at the age of 56. Free and open to the public, the program will take place in the Androscoggin Community Room. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at \$16.95 each. For more information, call 333-6640, ext. 4.

Maine Audubon seeks anglers for brook trout survey

Maine Audubon, Trout Unlimited and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife are seeking volunteer anglers to survey remote Maine ponds and coastal streams for brook trout this fishing season. Information gathered by volunteers will be used to identify populations of previously undocumented wild brook trout across the state.

Brook trout require clean, cold water, extensive inter-connected stream networks and a lack of competing species to survive and thrive. Wild brook trout have significantly declined throughout their native range due to development, land use practices, the introduction of competing fish species and angler exploitation.

Although Maine still

has the most extensive distribution and abundance of brook trout remaining in the United States, the quality and abundance of some of Maine's brook trout populations have declined in recent years. In order to protect the last stronghold of these iconic fish in the United States, understanding the extent of the species' current range is crucial.

"Identifying the remote ponds and coastal streams with wild brook trout will greatly help MDIFW in planning our conservation and management strategies over the next several decades," noted Merry Gallagher, MDIFW Fisheries Research Biologist.

Volunteer anglers are needed to survey hundreds of ponds in northern

Maine and coastal streams ranging from Kittery to Lubec. Volunteers should be enthusiastic about fishing for brook trout, be comfortable in remote settings and have a sense of adventure. Project partners will provide maps, data sheets and instructions on how to survey ponds and streams. Surveys can be completed any time before September 30, 2016. The prime time for coastal stream surveys is mid-April through June, while pond fishing can be productive in both the spring and fall.

"The success of this project is entirely dependent upon volunteer participation," said Emily Bastian, Trout Project Coordinator at Maine Audubon. "This is an exciting opportunity for people who care about conservation and love to fish to make a meaningful contribution to the conservation of wild brook trout, a significant and unique ecological, economic and cultural resource for Maine."

To sign up to volunteer, contact Emily Bastian at 781-2330, ext. 207 or ebastian@maineaudubon.org. For more information about the Brook Trout Survey Project, see maineaudubon.org/brook-trout.

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Thursday, May 12

Constituent Outreach Hours. Staff reps. of Sen. Angus King are on hand at the YMCA at 62 Turner Street in Auburn (10 a.m. to noon) and Auburn Public Library (2 to 4 p.m.) to meet with area residents about specific problems or issues about federal govt. agencies. No appt. needed. FMI call 1-800-432-1599.

Sampson Air Force Base Veterans. Noon. Marco's Ristorante, 12 Mollison Way, Lewiston. This informal get-together of those who took basic training at Sampson AFB in the 1940s and '50s is open to all veterans. 784-5691; 657-4909.

Theater: Crossing Delancey. 7:30 p.m. Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. A dotting Jewish grandmother determines to see her granddaughter married before she dies. Again May 13-15 (Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m.) \$20 (\$5 ages 18-). 782-3200; www.thepublictheatre.org.

Friday, May 13

Lewiston Kindergarten Registration. 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Make appt. at elementary school in your district; bring child, child's birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of address. FMI, call 795-4103.

Food for Thought Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. Maine native Frank Connors discusses his book of entertaining essays, "Speaking Frankly." \$7/8 (incl. lunch); for discount rate, register by noon on 5/11. 753-6510.

Film Screening. 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. Sandy Mortimer's film "The Lure and Lore of Deserts" explores the role of deserts in human history. Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Saturday, May 14

Stanton Bird Club Field Trip. 7 a.m. to noon. Dan Marquis leads a trip to Evergreen Cemetery and Capisic in Portland to see warblers in spring migration. Meet at Staples

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parking lot in Lewiston. Free. 513-8213.

Yard & Bake Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sixth St. Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Pies, breads, cookies, some gluten-free selections, books, and white elephants - something for everyone.

Medium's Day Holistic Fair. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spiritualist Church of Eternal Life, 352 Crowley Rd., Sabattus. Come by to peruse and purchase a wide variety of Spiritualist-related products and services. 376-5318.

Plow Day. 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane, No. Yarmouth. See horses plow a field the old fashioned way at this annual event; mini-horse-drawn wagon rides, demos, amazing dog tricks, concessions. Free. 829-5708, info@skylinefarm.org.

Public Works Week Celebration. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Norway Savings Bank Arena, Auburn. The Auburn Public Services Dept. invites families to come learn more about their services and equipment; door prizes, giveaways, free ice skating (rentals avail.)

Installation of Officers. 11 a.m. American Legion, 40 Island Road, Sabattus. The Mary Dillingham-Burnt Meadow Chapter of the DAR convenes. Bring a bag lunch. Prospective members welcome.

Franco-American "Spring Fling." 1:30 to 4 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Come sing and dance to traditional jigs and reels performed by an ensemble of local musicians; fun for all ages. \$3 (\$1 for youth and students ages 22-). 782-0386; www.MaineFolqueCo-op.com.

Public Supper & Music Jam. 4:30 p.m. Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, 2782 Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. Dinner 5-6:30; music 6:30-8:30. Baked beans, hot dogs,

casseroles, all the fixin's and desserts. \$7. 268-9271; 331-4719.

Concert: Denny Breau. 7 p.m. First Universalist Church, Rte. 117, Turner Center. The 2016 Cabin Fever Concert series supporting local young musicians wraps with a performance by the guitar virtuoso. \$10 donation.

Square & Round Dancing. 7 to 10 p.m. Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine St., So. Paris. Walter Lougee calls the squares and Bernie Porter cues the rounds; refreshments, door prizes, raffles. Pres. by the Swingin' Bears. \$7 (non-dancers free). 892-6971; swinginbears.squaredance.com.

Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The Orchestra, Oratorio Chorale and Vox Nova Chamber Choir perform Verdi's "Requiem." \$20 (students free, but tix required). 846-5378, www.midcoastsymphony.org.

Lewiston Calvary U.M. Church will have its Final Bean Supper for the season, 4:45 pm. Please use the Garden entrance on Bartlett St. Lewiston. The menu will be beans, hot dogs, casseroles (including vegetarian) salads, biscuits and homemade pies.

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Sunday, May 15

Hospice House 5K & Remembrance Walk. Starts from Central Maine Community College, Auburn. This annual fundraiser for Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice features awards, remembrance opportunities, and family fun. 795-9407; www.ahch.org.

Stanton Bird Club Field Trip. 7:30 to 11 a.m. Dan Marquis leads the annual Warren Warbler Walk through various woodland

and field locations. Meet at J.C. Penney's in Auburn. Free. 513-8213.

Yoga Mala and Wellness Fair. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Take advantage of this opportunity to sample a variety of yoga and other wellness activities throughout the day. All-day pass \$50; single classes \$17.50-plus. 795-4050; www.ywcamaine.org.

Country Sunday. Noon to 4:30 p.m. Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, 2782 Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. Country Fest Maine presents an afternoon of live country music; door prizes, raffles, concessions. \$5 (kids 12- free). 536-9647; 377-8035.

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

Monday, May 16

County GOP Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. Town Hall, 108 Lewiston St., Mechanic Falls. Guest speaker Rep. Heather Sirocki discusses the proposed "Ranked Choice Voting" ballot Initiative. All interested Republicans encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, May 17

Bates College Area Bird Walk. 6 to 8:30 a.m. Stanton Bird Club leads this regular Tuesday a.m. walk from the front of Hathorn Hall on the Bates campus, past Mt. David to Riverside Cemetery, and back via a circuit of Lake Andrew. Free. 319-6630.

Wednesday, May 18

Stanton Bird Club Field Trip. 7:30 to 11 a.m. Linda Seamans leads the annual Birding Walk at the Sylvester and Benjamin Farms. Meet at the Sylvester Farm at 1128 Riverside Dr. in Auburn. Free. 513-8213.

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versalist Church, 169 Pleasant St., Auburn. Planned Parenthood trains volunteer program supporters to engage in a June 4 voter canvass on abortion rights. 783-0461; www.auburnuu.org.

Thursday, May 19

Business Development Workshop. 8 to 9:30 a.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Kurk Lalemand of Next Level Business Coaching presents "Preparing for a Tradeshow." \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Film Screening: "Being Mortal." 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Room 104, Olin Arts Center, Bates College. Local sponsors of Nat'l Healthcare Decisions Day present this PBS Frontline film about the importance of discussing our wishes for end-of-life care. Free.

Author Visit. 6:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Historian and author Ron Chase discusses his new book "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery." Free. Copies avail. for purchase. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Friday, May 20

Lincoln Day Dinner & Auction. 5:30 p.m. Franco Center, Lewiston. This annual event of the County GOP incl. dinner, live music, auctions, and speakers Paul LePage and Bruce Poliquin. \$40. 783-4529; http://androgop.weebly.com.

Saturday, May 21

Stanton Bird Club Field Trip. 7:30 to noon.

Steve Reed leads a Leader's Choice Trip to where the most interesting sightings are occurring. Meet in the Staples parking lot in Lewiston. Free. 319-6630.

Screening Clinics. 9 a.m. to noon. Five locations in Central Maine. If your child ages 18- has an orthopedic condition, burn or spinal cord injuries or a cleft lip and palate and may benefit from the free care offered at Shriners Hospitals for Children, call 754-4706 or 782-6831 for more information.

Benefit Supper. 5:30. Elks Lodge, 1675 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Happy Hour, dinner, raffles, dancing to music provided by Music Reflection DJ Mark Peillet. Proceeds benefit Lisa Simmons. \$10. 240-4532; 713-4927.

Concert: Maine Music Soc. Chorale. 7:30 p.m. Gendron Franco Center, 46 Oxford St., Lewiston. In this "Tribute to the Piano Men," the chorale sings the songs of Billy Joel and Elton John. Again 5/22 at 3 p.m. \$20/18/10 (kids 11- free). 782-7228; www.mainemusicsociety.org.

Sunday, May 22

Stanton Bird Club Walk. 1 to 3 p.m. Thorncrag Bird Sanctuary, Montello St., Lewiston. Walk leaders Jeri and Gary Maurer join the Nadeau Family and others on the annual Larry Nadeau Memorial Walk along the trails Larry loved so well. All are welcome. Free. 524-2060.



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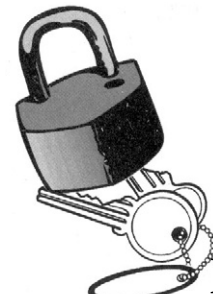
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What's Going On

Historical Soc. meeting to feature State Historian

State Historian Earle G. Shettleworth will tell the story of "The Maine Homefront in World War I" at the annual meeting of the Androscoggin Historical Society on Tuesday, May 24 at Marco's Restaurant at 12 Mollison Way in Lewiston.

The business meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a social time. Tickets for the dinner, which starts at 6:30 p.m., are \$20 for society members and \$25 for non-members. They must be reserved by Tuesday, May 17 by calling 784-0586.

Ninety-nine years ago

this spring, on April 6, 1917, America entered World War I. With patriotic fervor, more than 32,000 men and women from across the State of Maine joined the military in 1917-18 to fight in the "war to end all wars" that promised to "make the world safe for democracy." Maine civilians supported the war by purchasing 104 million dollars in government bonds and 8.4 million dollars in war savings stamps. Private sector relief programs operated by the American Red Cross, YMCA, YWCA, and the Salvation Army also received broad public support. By the

end of the war, every man, woman, and child in the state had donated an average of \$147 to the war effort.

This illustrated lecture will document the role played by the men and women of Maine in World War I, especially here at home. Previously unseen historic photographs will help tell the story of recruitment, troop departures, parades, bond drives, shipbuilding, war-related industries, and knitting socks for the soldiers.

A native of Portland, Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., attended Deering High School, Colby College, and Boston University and was the recipient of honorary doctorates

from Bowdoin College and the Maine College of Art. At the age of thirteen, he became interested in historic preservation through the destruction of Portland's Union Station in 1961. A year later, he joined the Sills Committee, which founded Greater Portland Landmarks in 1964.

In 1971, Shettleworth was appointed by Governor Kenneth Curtis to serve on the first board of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, for which he became architectural historian in 1973 and director in 1976. He retired from that position in 2015.

Shettleworth, who has served as State Historian since 2004, has lectured and written extensively on Maine history and architecture. His most recent publication is "Maine Photography: A History, 1840-2015," which he co-authored in 2015.

Skyline Farm plans Plow Day



See horses plow a field the old-fashioned way on Skyline Farm's annual Plow Day on Saturday, May 14. (Photo by Sarah Walsh)

Greene of Parsonsfield and the care and raising of dairy goats by the White Pine Caprines 4-H Club. Certified Professional Dog Trainer Diana Logan and her dog, Astro, will demonstrate some Amazing Dog Tricks from 1 to 1:15., and baked goods and grilled refreshments will be available for sale under the tent from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

On view in the Carriage Museum will be the exhibit "Portland's Horse-Drawn Heritage," focusing on Portland's West End during the era of horse-drawn transportation, and "Let There Be Light," a special exhibit of antique lamps.

The rain date for the event is Sunday, May 15. Skyline Farm is located at 95 The Lane in North Yarmouth. Parking is available in the field beyond the outdoor arena and along one side of The Lane. For more information, contact Pamela Ames at 829-5708 or info@skylinefarm.org.

Teams of horses will demonstrate the true meaning of the term "horse power" when they plow a portion of a field the old-fashioned way on Skyline Farm's 8th annual Plow Day on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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