

After 33 years of service Peter Chalke retires from CMMC



Left to right - Chris and Caitlin Chalke with son Jack, Peter and Sharron Chalke, Greg Brouseau, Kera Tanguay and Brett Chalke

Mechanics Savings Bank cuts opening ribbon on June 14



From L-R: Rick Vail, President & CEO, Mechanics Savings Bank; Steve Bryant, Vice Chair, Mechanics Savings Bank Board of Directors; Erin Guay, Executive Director, Healthy Androscoggin; Michelle Anderson, President, Junior Achievement of Maine; Peter Chapman, Director, Mechanics Savings Bank Board of Directors; Jon Oxman, Chairman, Mechanics Savings Bank Board of Directors; Ed Snook, Director, Mechanics Savings Bank Board of Directors; Alan Hahnel, Director, Mechanics Savings Bank Board of Directors; Jim Dowling, Rebuilding Together L/A; Shanna Bruno, Rebuilding Together L/A. TCT photo by Ashley Somma

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Lewiston Police Chief to retire

After a 26-year career with the Lewiston Police Department, Chief Mike Bussiere has announced his retirement, effective July 17. Bussiere has accepted a command-level position with a police department in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. See **Chief**, page 6

This Saturday at Shaker Village

On Saturday, June 25, Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village will offer the following traditional craft workshops and educational nature walks. Advance registration is required for the workshops; to register, call 926-4597 or see www.maineshakers.com. The nature walks are free and registration, while recommended, is not required.



Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village

"Fused-Pieced Quilting." Award-winning fiber artist Carol MacDougall leads participants in building detail in an art quilt through applique and stitching techniques (\$85).

"Dovetails Woodworking." In this three-hour workshop (morning and afternoon sessions available), internationally-known woodworker Chris Becksvoort shares his life-long expertise and techniques as a master cabinetmaker and scholar of Shaker furniture. Participants will learn proper layout procedure. See **Shaker**, page 3



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

New Lisbon High School Key Club inducts officers



The club's newly elected officers are (l. to r.) President Chandler Riordan, Vice President Bree Sautter, Treasurer Charlotte Mooney, Secretary Hayley Wheeler and Club Editor Grace Tibbetts.

Lisbon High School held a charter event recently for its first-ever Key Club. Sponsored by the Lewiston-Auburn Kiwanis, the induction ceremony was attended by local club members, members of the Scarborough, Portland and Norway-Paris Kiwanis clubs, members of the Saint Dominic Academy and Lewiston High School Key Clubs, and New England-Bermuda District Division 5 Lt. Governor Ava Adams.

Under the guidance of faculty advisor Michelle Huston, the new Key Club had a busy first year. They

participated in the Good Shepherd Food Bank School Spirit Challenge, Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays, babysitting, a blood drive, and helped out at the Winter Carnival. Huston said future projects will include the Dempsey Challenge, LACO Food Drive, and Helping the Homeless. She added that members of the Key Club also help out at the school by cleaning up after its sporting events. Key Club members also help the Lewiston-Auburn Kiwanis Club with larger tasks or join in fundraising events, such as the Annual Kiwanis Club

Pancake Breakfast.

"We have the best of Lisbon High School in this club of over 25 members," Huston said at the event. "They care about our school and community. These students juggle academics and sports and still have time to devote to this amazing club."

Huston said most of the members have been volunteers since elementary school and wanted to continue to volunteer at the high school level. For more information about your local Kiwanis Club, go to <http://kiwanislewistonauburn-maine.org>

ELHS students compete in NYC poetry slam

Maine Writes poetry students from Edward Little High School recently participated in a live poetry slam competition in the Bronx, New York City. The students are part of a class that has received a free, full-year, 30-week poetry residency from L/A Arts.

Arts educator Joshua Vink of L/A Arts and classroom teacher Jill Hyland teamed up to teach the students poetry- and literacy-based skills and forms and about basic poetry slam performance. The students' learning has been expressed in original written pieces they created, which they performed at the competition in New York. The poems cover powerful topics from their lives and community.

Students from the



Students Ahmed Mohamed, Khadro Adow, Shukri Abdirahman, Nadifo Nur and Christina Bondonga in Times Square.

class have already performed their pieces in multiple venues this year, including Arts Advocacy Day at the Maine State Legislature in May and at a presentation at Auburn Public Library. In New York, they competed against other high school students from schools in Brooklyn

and the Bronx.

This trip marks the second year that L/A Arts and the Auburn schools have partnered up to send a group of students to this New York City poetry slam event, and they hope to make the trip a mainstay of the program.

Master Gardeners certified

Twelve Master Gardener Volunteers received certificates and engraved name badges at a certification ceremony recently at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension office in Lisbon Falls. The newly certified volunteers completed 14 weeks of intensive horticulture training in spring 2015, followed by a minimum of 40 volunteer hours on gardening projects in the community. Training provided by UMaine Extension experts included basic soil science, composting, botany, volunteerism, and fruit and vegetable production. Volunteer projects included work on the Dempsey Cen-



Receiving their certificates at the ceremony were (l. to r.) Bonnie McLaughlin of Turner, Margaret Handville of Turner, Christine Conlogue of Lewiston, Elise Civello of Orr's Island, Joan McDuff of Brunswick, and Dave Reed of Brunswick. Not present were Jamie Pacheco of Harpswell, Natalie Olson of Durham, Eli Arlen of Brunswick, Gordon Bennett of Lewiston, Jim Demosthenes of Topsham, and Deanie Perna of Freeport.

ter Community Garden and Whiting Farm Children's Garden, both in Auburn; Topsham Public Library's

Edible Forest Garden; and the Durham Community School's Garden.

Master Gardener Volunteers training is offered in Androscoggin and Sagadahoc Counties each spring. Applications are available online in November and reviewed in early February. The cost for accepted applicants is \$220; limited financial assistance is available. For more information or to request a disability accommodation, call Lynne Holland at 353-5550 or see extension.umaine.edu.



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Governor's Address: Maine does not need New York-style gun control

The proposal for Universal Background Checks on the November ballot seems simple, but it's not. First of all, according to Constitutions of the United States and Maine, it is likely unconstitutional.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

Gun control is a very emotional issue, especially after unstable people use firearms to kill innocent Americans. The media and liberal politicians use these horrific tragedies to demand the government take firearms away from law-abiding citizens.

New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg is backing this anti-gun

effort to require background checks on the private transfers or sale of all firearms.

Article I, Section 16 of the State of Maine Constitution clearly states: "Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned." The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."

Still, a liberal gun-grabber called Moms Demand Action is pushing for this law. But it's really Bloomberg and other out-of-state liberals who are trying to buy this gun ban in Maine.



Governor Paul R. LePage

Making Mainers pay for background checks on private sales or transfers will make it more difficult and expensive to buy, sell and borrow firearms.

Bloomberg's pro-

posal would make it illegal to sell a firearm to a friend or loan a rifle to a neighbor to go hunting. To comply with this law, you and your friend would have to go to a licensed dealer during business hours, fill out federal paperwork, undergo an FBI background check and pay a fee before you could let them borrow your firearm. Then you have to go through the whole process again before they could return your gun to you.

Even some family members are not exempt from Bloomberg's proposal. A grand-uncle who lets you borrow his rifle for hunting is not exempt. Unmarried

people who are living together may not be exempt. Even some members of blended families who are not related to each other are not exempt.

Furthermore, Bloomberg's proposal is not enforceable. Law enforcement officers have no way of knowing if someone complied with the law. The only way to enforce this kind of law is through a universal firearm registration system. And make no mistake—Bloomberg's proposal is the first step toward mandatory gun registration.

This law would create criminals out of Mainers who have followed safe

firearms practices for generations.

Strict gun control has not worked in Chicago or Bloomberg's hometown of New York City. Maine does not need ineffective gun laws that have not worked in those cities. More laws that deprive Mainers of their traditional use of firearms will not stop deranged people or terrorists from killing Americans.

Before you vote on this proposal, please understand the facts so you can make an educated decision.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Shaker

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techniques, and tricks to making the perfect dovetail joint (\$50).

"Beginner's Rug Hooking." Local fiber artist Beth Miller teaches how to hook wool into a small, Shaker-inspired pillow that will be filled with buckwheat and lavender. This heritage New England craft is fun for all ages and experience levels (\$70).

"Herbal Dream Pillows." Master gardener Betsy Golon leads participants in creating two dream or comfort pillows filled with aromatic herbs from the Shakers' historic herb garden (\$50).

"Beginner's Woodcarving." Award-winning master-carver Norm Devonshire leads participants



Beginner's Woodcarving

in completing their own finished carving of a sheep. Fun for ages 14 and up; no prior carving experience necessary (\$50).

"Gelatin Printmaking from the Shaker Garden." Artist Bonnie Faulkner demonstrates this fun monotype printmaking technique using herbs and

flowers picked from the Shakers' historic gardens. It's a simple, versatile, and addictive home craft (\$55).

"Simple Book Binding." In this afternoon session, artist Bonnie Faulkner uses gelatin prints from the morning class or other fancy papers to create several small books using three different binding techniques (\$55).

"Nature's Outdoor Classroom." Resident naturalist Carolyn Fensore leads this 2.5-hour hike through the Shakers' 1,800 acres of diversified habitats while identifying flora, fauna, geological formations and discussing Shaker history. Participants will see evidence

of glacial and geological forces that formed the land and watershed, including Sabbathday Lake's Loon's Point and the hidden treasure Aurelia's Cascade (free).

The Shaker Store and Shaker Museum Visitors' Center, featuring a wide selection of old-fashioned gifts and high-quality local Maine crafts, will also be open.

Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village is located at 707 Shaker Road (Route 26) in New Gloucester. For more information about individual programs, including start times, reservations and registration, call 926-4597 or see www.maineshakers.com.



Beginner's Rug Hooking



Gelatin Printmaking

SURJ vigil for Black Lives Matter



Central Maine Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) will hold the second of four scheduled monthly vigils in support of Black Lives Matter on Monday, June 27 at 4:30 p.m. at the Longley Bridge. The other scheduled dates are Monday, July 25 and Monday, August 22. They invite concerned citizens to join them. For more information, call 783-0461 or email centralmainesurj@riseup.net.

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Only Steps Forward

Attracting investment and raising real estate value takes strategy

By **Jonathan P. LaBonté**
MAYOR OF AUBURN

For the third year in a row, our community played host to the BuildMaine conference.

This event, the only one of its kind in Maine, focuses on strategies for communities to attract investment and grow value and models for individuals to enter the field of real estate development.

It's timely that such a convening happens as we wrap up the budget process in Auburn, as one of the biggest

challenges facing the City Council is that real estate value growth in Auburn has not kept pace with growth in other New England cities over the last generation.

An event that connects the real estate community and the public sector, along with citizens, is rare to find. The City of Auburn has been an active supporter since year one, and our support ensures that not only staff, but elected officials and city volunteers like those on our Planning Board, can attend and learn



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

from their peers.

While the message each year is consistent, new speakers and workshops help

to bring a fresh perspective. It has been proven by studies of cities that areas that are home to storefronts, that have attractive, inviting sidewalks, that include public spaces like plazas, parks and trails, and that offer places to live within walking distance grow faster.

And in Auburn, we want to grow. And grow while doing our best to hold the line on taxes.

There is much we have learned from this BuildMaine event about how to do just that; grow while holding the

line on taxes. A key way we can do this is to focus on how to grow the value of existing buildings, businesses and neighborhoods where we already provide services.

If we can help support investment in New Auburn, for example, we can grow the value of a neighborhood where we already plow the roads, provide police and fire protection and educate our children.

Other approaches to growth mean an expansion of government services. A city-subsidized business park means city taxes go into the project itself and then we add new water lines, new sewer lines, and new roads along with more area for police coverage and further runs for our fire equipment.

While some still advocate for this approach, most successful cities have long since moved away from this level of subsidy and competition with the private sector.

During this budget process, city staff have brought to the City Council a re-alignment of city departments to better position us to grow value in our existing neighborhoods. That means we need less administration and can invest more in specialized staff support.

Two of those re-purposed positions will focus squarely on helping neighborhoods to improve.

No one wants to hear someone say, "I'm from Auburn Hall and I'm here to help." Instead, we will be able to focus on challenges and opportunities we hear directly from residents and property owners because we will have

people focused on just that.

Several new investments in this year's budget will assist with that. One major investment is the reconstruction of Hampshire Street. While we secured a state grant to fund the roadwork, the city has prioritized a federal grant to ensure that from Gamage Avenue to Turner Street, we will be a new Hampshire Street for the neighborhood, not just the cars on the road.

A key lesson from BuildMaine has been that to grow value you need to build streets for all users, and in the Union Street/PAL Center neighborhood, there are lots of folks that walk to Gowell's Market, to the PAL Center and to our parks and trails.

Another program is the Neighborhood Challenge program, modeled after a very successful effort in Geneva, N.Y. The program will encourage neighbors to come together to propose an improvement in their area of the city. The top ideas will secure grant funding to implement it.

Rather than solutions and improvements coming down from City Hall, we will be empowering residents to propose ways to improve their area of the city.

And lastly, a new incentive program has been created, focused on our small businesses and providing them a reason to expand or re-locate into storefronts. For too long, City Councils have been sold on incentives for big business, now we're focusing on our small businesses.

Good things are coming for economic growth in Auburn.

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Enough is Enough

Local polls, defining our enemy and gun control

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Last Tuesday, Election Day, started off with flashbacks of being back in the service. I had to arise at “zero dark thirty” to get my wife to work at the polls.

Upon arriving at the Lewiston Armory at 0545 hours, the doors were locked and no one had a key to unlock them. After making several phone calls, the precinct was open for business and my plan to catch an hour-and-a-half of sleep dissipated.

After checking in at City Hall and finishing my daily coffee-shop rounds, I returned home to join with the millions of housewives eagerly awaiting the start of “The Young and the Restless.” But our anticipation was soon squashed by a news

conference featuring President Obama, who had taken on the persona of a spoiled privileged schoolboy, defending his non-defensible foreign policies and blaming different groups for their failure.

Democratic President Harry Truman stated the buck stopped at his desk. Today the Oval Office appears to be just another bus station with bills flying through to the next station.

The President rants about the criticism bestowed on him by Twitter, Facebook and news outlets because of his failure to use the term “radical Islam.” Like a page out of Hillary Clinton’s playbook, he asks how the use of this phrase would help in the war’s prosecution.

It defines our enemy. We are not at war with the greater majority of Muslims,



Mayor Bob Macdonald

who peacefully go through life. We are fighting those radical Muslims who want to destroy modern society in order to bring us back to the seventh century. Further, they want to force everyone to become a Muslim and live under Sharia Law.

Yet, as touchy as Obama and his liberal Democratic ilk are to

the term “radical Islam,” if you disagree with their policies and beliefs, you are denigrated and labeled a “conservative Christian.” Is this what years of secondary education produces: attacks and vilification of your own countrymen?

Then there is gun control. Have you noticed that the more ignorant one is about firearms, the more anti-firearm they are? In major cities across the United States, the stricter the gun laws, the greater the gun violence. This is a direct result of political correctness

hamstringing the police because enforcement of the laws may raise the charge of racial profiling.

Finally, we have the benevolent leftists who allow our country to be overrun by illegal aliens and alleged asylum seekers. These groups are placed in areas where the residents have neither the resources nor the financial ability to help them. Their support falls totally on the local taxpayers; nothing is received from the state or federal government. Any complaint by local authorities is met with the

hail of derogatory terms used to silence them.

Lastly, war is where two sides that have disagreements with one another battle to advance and impose their beliefs on others. As each side makes gains, many flee to safety outside the battle zone, refugees from both sides resettling in the same area.

If our policy of unchecked immigration continues, how long will it be before violence similar to Vietnam’s Tet Offensive erupts here? When it does, where will you run to escape?

City to cut ribbon for new amphitheater

The City of Lewiston will conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the completion of its new amphitheater in Simard Payne Memorial Park on Friday, June 24 at 4:30 p.m. Following the ribbon cutting, there will be a brief program featuring

performances by Ninth Tone Voice Studios, L-A Community Little Theatre, and the Maine Music Society. The event is free and open to the public. The park is located at 46 Beech Street.

Partly funded by a \$900,000 Economic De-

velopment Initiative grant, the amphitheater was a recommendation of Lewiston’s 2012 Riverfront Island Master Plan, reflecting the community’s desire to see the riverfront utilized to its fullest potential, including recreational uses.

Chamber offers “Securing a Commercial Loan for Your Business”

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host the next seminar in its Finance Matters series, “Securing a Commercial Loan for Your Business,” on Wednesday, June 29 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

While some businesses think about the process of obtaining a commercial loan as a mysterious one, banks actually use a fairly standard set of criteria when making decisions on loan applications. These decisions are generally based upon the

“C’s of Credit.” If a business hits on all of the criteria, an approval is usually imminent; but if an area or two is viewed as a weakness, a financial intermediary could be in the cards. This session will outline the “C’s of Credit,” describing their individual and collective effects on a commercial credit decision.

The presenters of this program will be Dave Eldridge, SVP and Commercial Lending Manager, Androscoffin Bank and

John Belisle, Loan Portfolio Manager, Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council.

The Chamber’s Finance Matters seminars will continue through December. All seminars 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 them at 783-2249. To register, or for a complete schedule, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Lewiston PD presents Outdoor Movie Nights

The Lewiston Police Department will host the following outdoor movies this summer at locations throughout the city. The movies will start at 8:30 p.m., with pre-movie activities for youth provided by the Lewiston Recreation Department starting at 5:30 p.m.

June 29 at Holy Family Field, “Alvin and the Chipmunks”; July 13 at the South Lewiston Ballfields, “The Sandlot”; July 27 at

Pettingill Park, “The Princess Bride”; August 10 at Sunnyside Park, “Night at the Museum”; and August 24 at Simard Payne Park, “Ice Age.”

Local businesses and service providers will also be on hand to show their support and share information. If you or someone you know is interested in par-

ticipating in the pre-movie activities, contact Officer Joe Philippon at 513-3010 or jphilippon@lewiston-maine.gov.

In the event of poor weather, showings will be moved indoors to the Franco Center at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. For updates, check the Police Department’s Facebook page.

Sixth St. Church Bean Supper

Sixth St. Congregational Church at 109 Sixth Street in Auburn will host a Baked Bean Supper on Saturday, June 25, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. There will be two kinds of beans, brown bread, coleslaw,


red and brown hot dogs, American chop suey, assorted desserts and beverages. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5 to 12, and free for those ages 4 and under. All are welcome.



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What's Going On

CMMC offers program on diabetes management

"Taking Control" will be the subject of a diabetes education program on Wednesday, June 29 at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston.

The presentation is part of an A1C Champions series presented regularly at CMMC. Sponsored by pharmaceutical company Sanofi, the event is part of an educational initiative featuring speakers who have learned to successfully manage their own diabetes and share information, advice, and motivation with others, says Jamie Pepin, a clinical dietitian and diabetes educator who is organizing the series. Pepin is a member

of the professional staff at the Central Maine Endocrinology and Diabetes Center in Lewiston.

Pepin encourages those who are interested in learning better strategies for managing their diabetes to attend this free event, which will take place at 6 p.m. in Conference Room H, on the lower level of the 12 High Street Medical Office Building on the CMMC campus. Those interested in attending are asked to register in advance by calling 795-7520 and leaving a message that includes their name and phone number.

Chief

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"While I soon will be moving away from Lewiston, the city that I was born and raised in, a part of me will always remain behind, and I will forever be a cheerleader for this great city," said Bussiere. "I leave knowing that the men and women of the LPD are some of the best law enforcement professionals

in the State of Maine and that they will continue to serve the city with honor, integrity, and pride."

During Bussiere's tenure as Chief of Police, crime in Lewiston has been reduced by over 40%, in part through a series of crime reduction strategies involving "hot spot policing," which he introduced in 2012. After four years, Operation Hot Spots has not only reduced

Prestige Pools to host Grand Opening

Prestige Pools of Auburn will celebrate the Grand Opening of their new showroom and backyard oasis at 1150 Center Street in Auburn on Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. While he has continued to maintain pools for several clients over the years, owner Don Asselin has decided to dive back into the pool business full-time after an eight-year hiatus by opening this new state-of-the-art pool and spa center.

Guests will have a chance to view their impressive new showroom while enjoying BBQ foods and beverages. A \$500 Gift Certificate will be drawn at 2 p.m. All guests are encouraged to enter and no

purchase is necessary.

The team at Prestige Pools has more than 50 years of experience in pool installations. They also work with local suppliers to create quality rock walls, patios, decks, and even pergolas. Their line of spas will arrive in late summer. "Our work involves more than installing pools," said Asselin. "We are creating backyard sanctuaries for our clients and designing backyards that will bring families together for years to come."

For more information about Prestige Pools, stop by their new showroom, call 786-7665, find them on Facebook, or see Prestige-Pools-Maine.com.

Incoming L-A Rotary president to address fellowship

Incoming Lewiston-Auburn Rotary District President Monique Roy will be the club's featured speaker on Thursday, June 30, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston. A Rotarian since 2012 and chair of the club's Scholarship Committee since 2013, Roy will share her aspirations for the club's upcoming year, which will include a 100th Anniversary Celebration of the club's charter.

Roy's career has focused on education, including work in the public school sector and in adult and higher education. She currently works for the University of New England as Assistant Program Manager for Graduate Programs in Education. She holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Master's degree in Leadership Studies.

Roy has lived in Lewiston for 10 years, since her husband completed his ser-



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vice in the U.S. Navy. She has enjoyed raising her two children here and being an active member of the community.

The Rotary Fellowship meets every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. Visiting Rotarians and guests are welcome. For more information, call 753-9040 or email monica.millhime@maine.gov.

crime, but has increased public awareness, education, community outreach, and partnerships. The effort has been so successful that the Department was recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice and received a grant for \$150,000 to expand the program, which has become a model for other law enforcement agencies in the State.

Under his leadership, the Lewiston Police Department

has also established a Community Resource Team, the Coffee with a Cop program, the Citizen's Police Academy, Movie Night with the Cops, and has expanded its support of numerous non-profit agencies.

"I'm sorry that Mike will be leaving," said City Administrator Ed Barrett. "During his tenure, he has shown a deep and abiding commitment to Lewiston - his community and his home. He will leave us with a Police Department that aggressively addresses

crime and public safety, but does so by building strong and durable relationships with all elements of our community. I know he will keep his eye on Lewiston, even if, for a time, it's from afar."

"Mike has done a terrific job for this community," added Mayor Bob Macdonald, a retired veteran of the

Lewiston Police Department. "He has provided sound and thoughtful leadership to the department and has never shrunk from addressing problems and standing up for his hometown. He has instilled a new level of pride, not only in the Department, but in the city as a whole. We will all miss him."



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Sophisticated Upgrades to Give Your House Wow Factor



Want to give your house a touch of sophistication that makes it stand apart? This summer, consider making some modern upgrades.

Up-to-Date Lighting: If you are still living with your home's original light fixtures, it may be time for an upgrade. Even the most contemporary home design elements can be wasted when illuminated by the wrong lighting.

Swap out standard fixtures for sophisticated, sleek designs that complement your home's style. Use accent lighting to enhance particular pieces of artwork. Task lighting in areas where you cook, write or work with your hands is functional and an opportunity to add style to a room.

Take advantage of natural lighting as much as possible, especially during the longer days of summer. If opaque, heavy drapes block out sunlight, consider replacing window treatments with something more sheer.

Think creatively. An eye-catching, dramatic fixture, such as a chandelier, will really make your home stand out to guests when found on an enclosed porch or other unexpected location.

Modern Fireplace: Elevate your style with a luxurious fireplace. Contemporary options add ambiance,

complement your décor and enhance the experience.

For example, a PRIMO gas fireplace from Heat & Glo has heat management technology that redirects the flow of heat, sending warmth where you want it, including outside the home, so you can enjoy the ambiance of a fireplace year-round. At the same time, it keeps the glass at a safe temperature with no safety screen required.

The PRIMO also gives you the ability to design your room without compromise -- placing a TV or artwork directly above the fireplace, or bringing sheetrock, wood panels or other finishing materials right up to its edge for a seamless contemporary style. For more information, visit heatnglo.com.

Home Theater: On a hot day, there is nothing like cooling down with a blockbuster. Really impress

guests on movie night by transforming your run-of-the-mill entertainment center into a bona fide home theater. A windowless room or other area of the house with less natural light that can be easily soundproofed is ideal. A projector and surround sound will ensure great audio-visuals.

For seating, consider installing stadium theater seating. Vintage touches like

gold curtains that draw back before movies and a popcorn machine will add extra charm in this otherwise state-of-the-art space.

Take your home's sophistication to the next level by thinking about form and function in equal measure. Add wow-factor elements to your home's indoor and outdoor spaces, keeping in mind both livability and style. *(StatePoint)*

Smart ways to boost your home's energy efficiency

You wouldn't know it with the mild weather we're having this winter, but spring is fast approaching. Building industry experts say now is an ideal time to carefully consider and prioritize home renovation plans. Most homeowners will opt to address the cosmetic features of a home when completing a renovation project to add comfort and value. However, it's often what you can't see that can have the biggest impact.

Before diving into any home renovations, consider the "skeleton" of your home, known as the building envelope, rather than just the cosmetic features such as chrome fixtures or granite countertops. For instance, high efficiency windows are an excellent investment for any home renovation to help drive down excessive energy waste and high utility costs. The

U.S. Department of Energy suggests that traditional windows contribute to as much as 10 percent of the total amount of air escaping from a typical home, while improperly sealed doors can contribute a further 11 percent.

Another easy renovation idea to consider is researching and selecting high efficiency, green materials in commonly used rooms, such as bathrooms. Low flush water systems, solar hot water systems and even small-scale geothermal energy systems, as well as Energy Star-rated appliances, can reduce energy consumption and your overall carbon footprint while



maintaining a comfortable, enjoyable living space for you and your family.

Investing in an effective insulation solution also can make a noticeable impact on reducing household utility costs. Building experts suggest that homeowners completing a home renovation should be as involved as possible in determining the best insulation type for their home. This means that homeowners should actively research the types of materials available and how well they perform over the long term.

Spray foam insulation, available from Icynene, is growing in popularity among homeowners since it is an energy-efficient insulation

material that delivers year-round benefits. Spray foam insulation works well in all types of homes across the country, regardless of climate, to curb air loss and retain the conditioned air within your home to maintain a consistent, even temperature.

Spray foam insulation performs for the life of the property, ensuring that homeowners can enjoy comfortable indoor temperatures all year round without over-running their heating and cooling equipment and accumulating high heating and cooling costs every month. More information on the effectiveness of spray foam insulation is available online at www.icynene.com. *(BPT)*

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Reasonably priced home improvements for now and later

What homeowner, young or old, isn't interested in affordable and functional home improvements that can be enjoyed for years to come? For one of America's largest and fastest growing demographic groups - seniors 65 and older - well-thought-out additions or upgrades aren't just cosmetic or feel-good projects, they are necessary for continued

comfort and safety.

Aging in place, or modifying your home to better accommodate changing needs, can be a major undertaking. Building entrance and access ramps, widening entrance and doorways, adding a first-floor bedroom and bath, and other structural accommodations can be costly. But many other options that add both

convenience and safety don't require major expenditures.

Installing grab bars in baths and bedrooms to help with standing and balance, switching to lever-handled doorknobs, lowering electrical switches and raising electrical outlets are among the most frequently completed non-budget busting projects, according to the 2015 "Aging in Place Survey Report" from HomeAdvisor. Replacing slippery tile or vinyl flooring with slip-resistant surfaces is also a must as falls are among the leading cause of injury to seniors.

Adequate lighting is also an important health and safety consideration for seniors, since vision changes rapidly in our later years. Universal Design guidelines call for increasing both task lighting and general room illumination as we age. Research published in the British Journal of Ophthalmology suggests that natural light may be better for aging eyes than artificial light.



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Other options that address functionality and living safely, independently and comfortably include home automation systems and Smart Home technologies, security systems,

mology suggests that natural light may be better for aging eyes than artificial light.

The health benefits of natural light are well documented, from boosting your body's ability to produce vitamin D to helping improve mood and fight seasonal affective disorder (SAD). Natural light also enhances virtually any decor, while helping reduce dependence on artificial light and lowering electricity bills.

And indoor air quality, according to an EPA study, can be worse than the air outside your home, and many people spend as much as 90 percent of their time indoors. Poor indoor air quality has been linked to respiratory problems, eye irritation, headaches and even depression.

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in-home health and activity monitoring to detect falls, and cell phone apps that control thermostats, lighting and other systems in the home. Additional resources are available at the HomeAdvisor "Aging in Place" site.

When is the best time to plan for a long life as a senior? Marty Bell, executive director of the National Aging in Place Council, sums it up nicely in the 2015 report:

"Too many of us wait until we reach a health or financial crisis to plan for getting older. We plan our careers, we plan to send our children to college, we don't plan to age. And yet the evidence is there that those who do accept they are going to get older, and make plans in advance, have a considerably better later life." (BPT)

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Out & About with Rachel Morin

Visiting Mechanic Savings Bank's new Minot Ave. campus



Ribbon cutting ceremony



Ronald Getchell and Jane Norris. Norris is a long term employee at Mechanic Savings and served in several offices, retiring as Bank President. She was Chair of the Board of Directors for many years.



Auburn City Manager Howard Kroll, left, and Richard J. Vail, President & CEO of Mechanics Savings Bank

Story and photos by Rachel Morin
It was a beautiful June Day, just perfect for the Mechanics Savings Bank's Grand Opening of its New Minot Avenue Campus on Tuesday, June 14 at 4 p.m. The Bank has been serving

local customers for over 140 years. The campus is impressive and gives a new look to Mechanics Savings Bank. And a new look indeed, is the ultra-modern interior with its spacious layout, attractive design and upscale

office furnishings. Every detail has been planned specifically for efficiency, comfort and beauty. I loved that each office has a large historical photo hung on the wall depicting an earlier time--the old Auburn Post Office, the Androscoggin Court House, the National Shoe & Leather Bank, women workers at a textile mill, the huge Cushman-Hollis Shoe Factory and Flanders Men Store, to mention a few.

and theater groups and non-profit organizations. Even the Bank's employees share this community spirit and volunteer at many of these activities, events and fundraisers. Hardly a week goes by without mention in our

local papers of Mechanics Savings Bank donating a huge check to a community project. A large turnout enjoyed tables of hors d'oeuvres and beverages and a tour of the facility by the

bank employees. The afternoon concluded outside with a presentation of thanks and appreciation to the crowd and a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the Grand Opening of the new campus.



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Concerts on the Hill return to Paris



Adrienne Cote of Paris Hill will perform a program of show tunes on Sunday, June 26.

Once again this summer, the First Baptist Church of Paris will host a series of Concerts on the Hill. The three-part series will kick off on Sunday, June 26 at 3 p.m., with a performance by Adrienne Cote of Paris Hill. Accompanied by Jim McLaughlin, the Music Director at Gould Academy in Bethel, she will present a program of show tunes.

An actor and business consultant, Cote has appeared in several national tours and long running productions off-Broadway and in Boston, including "Late Nite Catechism" and "Menopause: The Musical." Her business consulting work is related to her other career as a merchandising executive in the direct marketing industry.

The second concert, on Sunday, July 31 at 3 p.m.,

will feature Sarah Folsom of Cincinnati, Ohio, who will perform a program of classical, Americana, and show tunes. The third concert, on Sunday, September 4, at 3 p.m., will feature classical music with a return appearance by the popular DaPonte String Quartet.

The three concerts will take place at the First Baptist Church of Paris, located at 500 Paris Hill Road in South Paris. Admission will be \$15 per person for the first two concerts and \$20 per person for the third. Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, contact the Rev. Mary Beth Caffey at 754-7970 or mbcaffey@aol.com.

Fun Dog Day

Responsible Pet Care invites families and their dogs to its fourth annual Fun Dog Day on Sunday, June 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oxford Fairgrounds. Those attending may participate in and enjoy a fundraising dog walk, dog show, working and agility demonstrations, contests, games, and kids' activities. There will also be food, raffles and vendors. Register for the dog walk fundraiser in advance by calling 418-7986. For more information, see www.rpc.petfinder.com.

Celebration Barn presents "Best of Ida"



Susan Poulin's alter-ego "Ida LeClair" shares her unique insights into love, sex and the Pine Tree State-of-mind.

Celebration Barn Theater will present Susan Poulin's "Best of Ida" on Saturday, June 25 at 8 p.m. Packed with Ida's favorite stories, this "Best of" show is your chance to find out why Ida LeClair has been called "the funniest woman in Maine." She'll share unique insights into love, sex and the Pine Tree State-of-mind that are guaranteed to put you in touch with your "innah Mainah."

Ida is the brain child of writer-performer Susan Poulin. Selected by Portland Magazine as one of the "Ten Most Intriguing People in

Maine," Poulin has been creating and touring her original theatrical productions since 1992. As her alter-ego "Ida," she writes the popular Maine humor blog and podcast "Just Ask Ida" and is the author of "Finding Your Inner Moose: Ida LeClair's Guide to Living the Good Life" and "The Sweet Life: Ida LeClair's Guide to Love and Marriage," both published by Islandport Press.

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors (ages 60 and over), and \$8 for kids (ages 17 and under). All tickets are general admis-

DECMA Vocal Competitions

The Down East Country Music Association will present the first day of its annual Vocal Competitions on Sunday, June 26 at 10 a.m. at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club. Come cheer on your favorites as some of Maine's best musicians compete in country, gospel, bluegrass

and folk categories. There will be 50/50 drawings, raffles, and concessions will be available. Admission is \$5. Located at 2782 Hallowell Road, the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club has plenty of free parking and is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 793-8884.

Art and Ale Window features Jeanelle Demers



Demers uses acrylic paint on canvas to create vibrant and realistic portraits of people and pets. (Photo by Tim Ganotis)

and members receive priority seating. The lobby and concessions open at 7 p.m. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended.

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

On display in the Art and Ale Window at Gritty McDuff's in Auburn through the month of June are works by artist Jeanelle Demers. In 2009, Demers launched a portrait project she called 200 Faces, painting 200 portraits of people and animals to help repay her student loans. After that six-year endeavor was complete, she continued painting portraits, employing the 200 Faces project as a launch pad to grow her business. Using acrylic paint on canvas to create vibrant and realistic works, she now focuses mainly on pet portraits, for which she receives commissions from across the country.

Demers paints from photos because it allows people to select their favorite image of their pet. She loves being able to immortalize these special animals, capture the twinkle in their eyes that signifies their love of life, and see the finished paintings given as meaningful gifts or used to memorialize those who have passed on. If you would like to commission a portrait, email her at jeanelledemers@gmail.com or see her website at www.200faces.com.

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Norlands presents Strawberry Fest and Craft Fair



The event will feature ongoing and scheduled living history activities that will take visitors back to late 19th-century rural Maine. (Photograph by Ryan Burnham)

A Strawberry Festival, Living History Heritage Day and Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, June 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore. Admission to the craft fair will be free of charge; regular admission fees will apply to all other activities.

Step back into the 19th-century for a day of fun at Maine's oldest living history farm and museum - an oasis from modern times! There will be activities for all ages and all buildings will be open for tours. Ongoing activities will include horse-drawn wagon rides, tours of the 1867 Washburn Family mansion, blacksmithing demonstrations, lessons and spelling bees in the one-room schoolhouse, artifact games and living history in the farmer's cottage, special presentations, and old-fashioned outdoor games, such as hoops, graces and croquet. Children's craft activities will include making kites, bean bags, and handkerchief dolls to take home. Strawberry shortcake made with home-baked biscuits, local strawberries, and real whipped cream will be available for purchase.

Special presentations will include an opportunity to meet 19th-century farmer "Edward Pratt" as he

handcrafts wooden shingles (shakes) in the morning and brings out oxen team Poncho and Lefty in the afternoon; "The Busy Cradle: Story of the Washburns" in the Library at 11:30 a.m.; a guided nature walk to the Pools of Simeon (wear sturdy footwear) with school teacher "Corilla Rose" at 1 p.m.; an opportunity to meet "Dr. Elizabeth S. Kingman Horr" (1833-1920) at 1:30 p.m.; and an opportunity to visit with

Livermore town pauper "Mercy Lovejoy" in the meeting house at 2:30 p.m.

Craft fair vendors and demonstrators will include Amaezi Crafts by Thayne Bernard, Creative Basketry by Diane Wheeler, Effie's Farmhouse with Suzy Seames-Young, the Southern Maine Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Generations Textiles by Carol and Robert Thomas, Just Alpaca Farm with Brenda Simoneau, Chair Caning by Pam Lanyon, Livermore Village Scrappers, Malbons Mills Blacksmith Shop with Richard Tessier, Phoenix Pottery by Sarah Delaney, Rumford Historical Society with Spinning and Weaving by Jane Peterson and Janice Irish, Spirit Filled Sisters Mary and Melissa Lemke, and Whitehill Farm with Amy Leblanc.

Bring the family and stay for the day. Enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs served by the Jay-Livermore Falls Lions Club, or bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the beautiful grounds. Norlands is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore. For more information, call 897-4366, email norlands@norlands.org, or see www.norlands.org.

Minot Historical Soc. Bake Sale

Minot Historical Society will present its annual Bake Sale at the New England Classic motocross race on Saturday, June 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hemond's Motocross Park, 695 Woodman Hill Road (Route 119) in Minot. Come watch some great riders and buy some great baked goods prepared by members of the Minot Historical Society, includ-

ing pies, Hester Gilpatric's famous homemade donuts, and much more.

All proceeds from the sale will support the Society's campaign to raise funds for their new building and for programs throughout the year. For information about Minot Historical Society, including upcoming events, see www.minotmainehistoricalsociety.wordpress.com.

Twin City Nights

Poland Spring Heritage Day & Strawberry Fest

The annual Poland Spring Heritage Day and Strawberry Festival, along with the Poland Spring Cruise-In featuring antique cars, will take place rain or shine on Saturday, June 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Poland Spring Resort.

Presented through a partnership of the Poland Spring Preservation Society, the Town of Poland,

Poland Spring Resort, Poland Spring Water, the Poland Community Church, Poland Fire & Rescue, and other community groups, this all-community event will feature live music, children's games, tours of the historic grounds by horse-drawn carriage, and tours of the historic Maine State Building, All Souls Chapel, and Poland Spring Bottling Museum. Among

the various concessions available will be Poland Fire & Rescue's burgers and sausages. All proceeds will go to local charities and the Poland Spring Preservation Society.

Admission is free and ample parking is available. For more information, contact the Preservation Society at 998-4142 or polandspringpreservation@gmail.com.

BDA hosts Community BBQ

The Brunswick Downtown Association will present its second annual Community BBQ on Saturday, June 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Brunswick Town Mall (Green). This year's theme is "Summer Kickoff." Proceeds will help support BDA community events throughout the year.

The Natives Are Restless and a variety of local musicians will provide music in the gazebo, and a wide variety of activities will be available for both kids and adults. These will include a parachute game,

obstacle course and beanbag toss; a Dahlov Ipcar StoryWalk, featuring 18 pages of the popular Maine author and illustrator's "Wild Animal Alphabet," with fun ideas for movement along the way; face painting by various local organizations; two active fire trucks from the Brunswick Fire Department for kids to explore; and a Bounce House provided by Pathway Vineyard.

No seating will be provided. Those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets if they want to sit while eating or listening

to the music.

"We host a lot of fun, free events during the year, like Music on the Mall, the Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival, the Rolling Slumber Bed Races and the annual Tree Lighting, and we want everyone to take advantage of them by coming out and having fun," said Patti Spencer-Yost, BDA Marketing & Communication Coordinator.

For more information about this event or the Brunswick Downtown Association, call 729-4439 or see www.brunswick-downtown.org.

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Twin City Nights

Solstice fundraiser features Black Cat Road



Boston metro region magazine *The Noise* has called rootsy blues-rockers Black Cat Road "Our new favorite band from Maine."

Celebrate the solstice and recharge your spirit with the soulful tunes of Black Cat Road on Saturday, June 25 at 8 p.m. at the Pub at the West Paris General Store on Church Street. Also performing will be the modern dancers of the renowned Art Moves and Nevaeh Dance companies. Proceeds from the event will support the Cottage Street Creative Exchange of Norway and arts programs at the Agnes

Gray Elementary School in West Paris.

West Paris General Store proprietor Lisa Floster will cater a light summer fare buffet and Jennifer McMahon of Riverside Lodge in South Paris will provide exquisite desserts. A cash bar with signature Solstice drinks will be available. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

Boston metro region magazine *The Noise* has called rootsy blues-rock band Black Cat Road "Our new favorite band from Maine," while *Maine Today* has lauded their "strong vocals and guitar expertise."

Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at Books N Things in Norway or online on the "Project" side of artmovesdance.com.

CLT announces cast of "Beauty & the Beast"

Community Little Theatre has announced the cast of its upcoming production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, and book by Linda Woolverton. The production will run August 19 through 28.

Emily Flynn, who portrayed Belle in CLT's 2006 production of the show, will reprise the role for the 2016 production. Playing opposite Flynn in the role of the Beast will be Chip Groover. The overly-macho and narcissistic Gaston will be played by Phillip Warren, with Scotty Venable playing the bumbling Lefou by his

side. Dan Crawford will play Maurice, Belle's somewhat eccentric inventor father.

The castle servants turned household items will be played by Christine Gill as Madame de la Grande Bouche, David Handley as Cogsworth, Mitchell Clyde Thomas (also reprising his role from the 2006 production) as Lumiere, Jessica Henson as Babette, Jordon Payne as Mrs. Potts and Mallory Haynes-White as the adorable tea cup, Chip.

Gaston's entourage of adoring silly girls will be played by Lindsay Cagney, Myranda Michaud and Felicia McLeod. Completing the cast will be ensemble members Maxwell Draper, Jeff Fairfield, Dexter Casto, Ken Mansur, Meredith Crawford, Debbie Mansur, Kuimiye Idris, James McKinley, Casey Griffin, Mackenzie Richard, Phil Vampatella, Genevieve Hering, Olivia DuBois, Sophie Wood, Phoebe Gouette, Nicole Chase, Stefanie Lynn and Adam Talpey.

The production team is led by Richard Martin as Director-Light Designer and Vincent Ratsavong as Assistant Director-Choreographer. The team consists of Jackie McDonald as Producer; Kay Warren as Assistant Producer; Paul Caron as Music Director; Bre Allard as Stage Manager; Richard Martin, Bill Hamilton and Britny Anderson as Set Design Team; Thomas Anderson as Sound Designer; Jennifer Fox as Costume Designer; Kat Carney as Property Master; and Danielle Eaton as Publicist.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Box Office at 783-0958 or see www.laclt.com.

MSMT adds extra performance of "Mamma Mia!"



Maine State Music Theatre has added an additional performance of its fourth main stage show of the 2016 season, "Mamma Mia!"

The newly added performance will take place on Saturday, August 13 at 2 p.m. MSMT Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark made the announcement from the stage during his curtain speech at the opening night performance of "Ghost the Musical," the first main stage show of the theater's summer season.

"We are on track to break every sales record in Maine State Music Theatre history," said Clark. "Due to the overwhelming success and popularity of the 2016 shows, we are thrilled to be able to announce this addition at the

start of our season."

MSMT is one of three regional theaters in the nation with exclusive rights to ABBA's smash-hit musical, fresh off of Broadway. The tale unfolds on a sunny Greek island paradise when, on the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. The show will run from August 10 to August 27.

All of MSMT's performances take place at Pickard Theater on the Bowdoin College campus, 1 Bath Road in Brunswick. For more information, call the Box Office at 725-8769 or see www.msmt.org.

Berman & Simmons donates \$2,000 to Tree Street Youth

Berman & Simmons, the leading personal injury and medical malpractice law firm in Maine, has donated \$2,000 to support the Tree Street Youth Center's 50 Day, \$50K challenge. The firm's donation puts the organization one step closer to reaching its renovation goal of \$1.3 million.

The aim of the challenge is to raise money for the center's updated facilities that will include a large multi-purpose room, indoor and outdoor recreation areas, and a new college and career aspirations center. The renovations and additions will allow more local students to benefit from the programs offered.

Located at 144 Howe Street in Lewiston, the Tree Street Youth Center has a high school graduation rate of 100 percent and a college acceptance rate of 95 percent. The

center has served more than 800 kids speaking 14 different languages since its start in 2011. The organization is home to after school programs, arts and athletics, summer youth programs, tutoring programs, and BRANCHES (Becoming Responsible Adults 'N Cultivating Higher Educational Success).

"Our firm is pleased to support the Tree Street Youth Center's 50 Day, \$50K challenge," said Craig Bramley, managing director at Berman & Simmons.

"Our employees have volunteered for the organization and have seen first-hand the admirable work done by their staff and the youth who participate in the program. They play an integral role in the development of the young members of our community."

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Thursday, June 23

Constituent Outreach Hours. Staff reps. of Sen. Angus King are on hand today at Lewiston City Hall (10 a.m. to noon) and Auburn City Hall (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.

Fourteenth Amendment Forum. 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Senior College instructor Charles Plummer discusses "Reconstruction: The People and Politics of the Post-Civil War Era." Sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Hay Barn Gala & BBQ. 6 p.m. Mallet Barn, Wolfe's Neck Farm, 631 Wolfe's Neck Rd., Freeport. Live music, silent and live auctions, BBQ dinner by Buck's Naked Bar-B-Q, cash bar. Pres. by Freeport Hist. Society. \$55. www.Historic-Freeport.org.

Maine Festival of American Music. 7 p.m. Shaker Village, 707 Shaker Rd. New Gloucester. Composer Kevin Siegfried leads the Portsmouth Singers in choral arrangements of Shaker tunes. \$20. 926-4597; maineshakers.com.

Friday, June 24

Fête Nationale Celebration. Franco Center, Lewiston. Local French cultural organizations mark the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist with a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. and a program at 12:30 p.m. Lunch \$10. For program details or to buy tix, see francocenter.org.

SNAFU! 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. International touring performers Michael Menes and Leland Faulkner bring their new, two-man comedy show to Greene. Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Ribbon Cutting. 4:30 p.m. Simard Payne Memorial Park, 46 Beech St., Lewiston. The city marks the completion of its new park amphitheater with a brief ceremony and program featuring Ninth Tone Voice Studios, L-A Comm. Little Theatre, and

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See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

the Maine Music Soc. Free.

Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sixth St. Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Two kinds of beans, red and brown hot dogs, coleslaw, American chop suey, brown bread, desserts, beverages. \$5 (\$3 ages 5-12, free 4-).

Maine Festival of American Music. 7 p.m. Shaker Village, 707 Shaker Rd. New Gloucester. Chris Moore of 317 Main Community Music Center leads local singers in performing original folk songs inspired by 19th-century Shaker music. \$20. 926-4597; maineshakers.com.

Concert: Keith Kendrick and Sylvia Needham. 7:30 p.m. Congregational Church, 10 Church Lane (Parker Head Rd.), Phippsburg. This acclaimed duo performs traditional English songs of land and sea. \$12/6 (kids ages 8- free). 389-1770; BrownPaperTickets.com.

Saturday, June 25

Bake Sale. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hemond's Motocross Park, 695 Woodman Hill Rd. (Rte. 119), Minot. Minot Historical Soc. offers an array of homemade baked goods for sale, incl. Hester Gilpatrick's famous homemade donuts.

Poland Spring Heritage Day & Strawberry Fest. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Poland Spring Resort. This all-community event features an antique car Cruise-In, tours of the historic buildings and grounds, kids' activities, and concessions. Free admission. 998-4142.

Book Discussion. 10 a.m. Auburn Public Library. The Pickwick Club, Maine's Dickens and Victorian-Era book discussion group, discusses "The Victorian City" by Judith Flanders; copies available to APL/LPL cardholders via interlibrary loan. 333-6640, ext. 4.

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ebration. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prestige Pools, 1150 Center St., Auburn. Tour their new showroom and backyard oasis; BBQ foods, beverages, \$500 gift certificate drawing. 786-7665; Prestige-Pools-Maine.com.

Strawberry Festival and Craft Fair. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore. Free admission to craft fair, regular admission for living history activities. 897-4366; www.norlands.org.

Harraseeket Heritage Day. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Strouts Point Wharf Co., 5 Wharf Rd., So. Freeport. Family activities, refreshments, live music, author visit. Pres. by Freeport Hist. Soc. \$10, \$5 kids ages 4-11 (or \$25 per family). www.historicfreeport.org.

Community BBQ. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Town Mall (Green), Brunswick. The Brunswick Downtown Assoc. presents an afternoon of food, live music, and family-friendly activities. Proceeds support BDA programs. 729-4439; www.brunswickdowntown.org.

Maine Festival of American Music. 1:30 p.m. Shaker Village, 707 Shaker Rd. New Gloucester. The Don Roy Trio parallels the Shaker song and dance tradition by performing a variety of mid-19th century Franco-American fiddle tunes and step dances. \$20. 926-4597; maineshakers.com.

Maine Festival of American Music. 7 p.m. Shaker Village, 707 Shaker Rd. New Gloucester. The Portland String Quartet complements works by Mozart and Mendelssohn with ones by William Grant Still and Norman Dello Joio. \$20. 926-4597; maineshakers.com.

Susan Poulin's "Best of Ida." 8 p.m. Celebra-

tion Barn Theater, Route #117, 190 Stock Farm Rd., So. Paris. Susan Poulin's character "Ida LeClair" shares her unique insights into love, sex and the Pine Tree State-of-mind. \$14/12/8. 743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Solstice Celebration Fundraiser. 8 p.m. General Store Pub, Church St., W. Paris. Band Black Cat Road and dancers from the Art Moves and Nevaeh Dance companies perform; buffet, cash bar. Proceeds support Cottage St. Creative Exchange. \$20. artmovesdance.com.

Sunday, June 26

Lewiston Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Municipal Parking Lot, corner of Lincoln & Main. Enjoy live music and/or other family-fun activities while buying fresh, local goods and products. Sundays through mid-October. 513-3848; lewistonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

DECMA Vocal Competitions. 10 a.m. Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, 2782 Lowell Rd. This Down East Country Music Assoc. event has singers competing in country, gospel, bluegrass and folk categories; raffles, concessions. \$5. 793-8884.

Fun Dog Day. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oxford Fairgrounds. Responsible Pet Care invites families and their dogs to enjoy a dog show, working

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Concert: Adrienne Cote. 3 p.m. First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Rd., So. Paris. The Paris on the Hill summer concert series opens with a program of show tunes. \$15 at door. 754-7970; mbcaffey@aol.com.

Monday, June 27

Vigil for Black Lives Matter. 4:30 p.m., Longley Bridge. Central Maine Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) leads this monthly vigil; concerned

citizens are invited. 783-0461; centralmainesurj@riseup.net.

Tuesday, June 28

Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Reps. from Brann & Isaacson discuss "Business Succession Planning for the Small or Family-Owned Business." \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Tuesdays at the Gazebo. 6:30 p.m. Village green, Rt. 117, Turner Center. Hurry Down Sunshine with Stan Davis performs folk. A suggested donation of \$5-10 goes to the musicians.

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Starting in January, 2017, Knight will spend a semester studying at the Cork Institute of Technology, located on the southern coast of Ireland. All tuition, fees, books, and room and board costs will be covered by the scholarship.

Knight earned associate degrees with high honors in General Studies and Business Administration and Management, with a concentration in Culinary Arts-Hospitality Management. He is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.



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