

## Dorrance Dance on tap this week at Bates Dance Festival



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Lauded by The New Yorker "as one of the most imaginative tap choreographers working today," tap innovator Michelle Dorrance brings her company, Dorrance Dance, to the Bates Dance Festival this week for performances on Thursday and Saturday, July 14 and 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Schaeffer Theatre, located at 329 College Street in Lewiston.

Prior to the performances, Dorrance will present a Show & Tell lecture-demonstration on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30

p.m., also in Schaeffer. Additionally, the July 16 performance will be preceded at 7 p.m. by an Inside Dance pre-performance lecture, in which dance writer Debra Cash will afford insight into the artist and her work.

In her performances, Dorrance, who received a MacArthur Foundation "genius" award in 2015, will present excerpts from three of her award-winning works: "Blues in D," featuring Americana blues music by Muddy Waters, Etta James, Chris Whitley and Jimmy Reeves Jr.;

"SOUNDspace," an acoustically cogent and rhythmically explosive exploration of footwork; and "ETM: The Initial Approach," a piece created with Bessie Award winner Nicholas Young that features breathtaking solos, duets and ensemble choreography.

This sampling of Dorrance's work, hailed as a groundbreaking contribution to the evolution of tap, pays homage to tradition while adding a contemporary edge. The company features live music by incomparable "American Idol" Top 20 finalist Aaron Mar-

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## Public Theatre named "Best Theatre in Maine"

For the fourth year in a row, thousands of people throughout the state have voted The Public Theatre in Lewiston "Best Theatre in Maine" in the annual Down East Magazine readers' poll. Co-Artistic Directors Christopher Schario and Janet Mitchko picked up the award recently at a banquet held in Portland to celebrate the 2016 "Best of Maine" winners.

"Winning this award four years in a row is a great victory for us and for Lewiston-Auburn," said Schario. "To be selected by the readers of Down East Magazine means that you



Co-Artistic Directors Christopher Schario and Janet Mitchko accept the award at Down East Magazine's recent "Best of Maine" banquet.

truly are a part of what makes Maine great. It really is an honor."

Nationally recognized for its artistic excellence, The Public Theatre is a professional Equity theatre with a mission to produce Broadway-quality theatre that is financially acces-

sible to the general public of Maine. Featuring a top ticket price of only \$20 and a youth ticket price of \$5 for those ages 18 and younger, The Public Theatre produces an exciting selection of uplifting and provocative contemporary theatre from

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## WHA Gallery features painter, photographer



"Steam in the Snow," by Jim Walker

The works of a painter and photographer are on display at the Central Maine Medical Center Woman's Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery through

July. Paintings by Melissa Post van der Burg and photos by Jim Walker can be viewed in the Main Lobby at Central Maine Medical Center, near the 60 High

Street entrance.

Van der Burg is painter who lives and works in Augusta. Her award-winning work hangs in both corporate and private collections. Her paintings of Maine-based subjects have been described as colorful, beautifully composed and "tenderly iconic." "I am primarily a figurative painter focusing on working people

- but living in Maine brings the landscape and coast into my artist's eye," she says. "I love painting it all."

Walker has lived and traveled extensively in the U.S., Europe, and Middle East. His travels have provided great opportunities to photograph many exotic and beautiful places. Presently, his portfolio consists of travel

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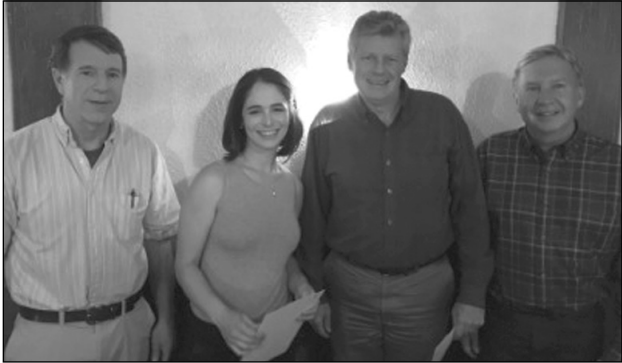
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## ASPE Maine awards scholarships



Scholarship recipient Nathaniel Bulgajewski (second from l.), with BCT program chair Don Varney, ASPE ME chapter president John Brockington, and ASPE ME chapter treasurer Jim Hoy.



Scholarship recipient Brittany Dumaine (second from l.)

The Maine Chapter of the American Society of Professional Estimators has awarded \$500 scholarships to two students in the Building Construction Technology program at Central Maine Community College. The scholarships were presented to Brittany Dumaine of Turner and Nathaniel Bulgajewski of Norway at a recent meeting of the chapter. The BCT program at CMCC prepares students

## AHCH honors outstanding volunteers



AHCH's Turcotte Award recipients for 2016 are (l. to r.) Leo Savard, Stephanie Upton and David Blocher.

Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice presented its Robert D. Turcotte Award to three outstanding volunteers recently at its spring Volunteer Recognition events held in Auburn, Farmington and Bridgton. The award is presented in honor of Auburn resident Robert Turcotte, who served as treasurer of the Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice Board of Directors from 1978 until his death in 1982.

Award recipient Leo Savard of Lewiston has vol-

unteered with AHCH since 2013. In that time, he has visited with 33 patients and families in AHCH's Hospice, Bereavement and Home Care programs, as well as hundreds of patients at Hospice House and at Togus-VA. He helped launch the "We Honor Veterans" program and has performed over 40 pinning ceremonies. He also volunteers in the Hospice House kitchen on special holidays and attends fundraising events that support the agency.

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Award recipient Stephanie Upton of Auburn has volunteered with AHCH since 2010. She volunteers every Wednesday, providing patient support at the Hospice House. She knows how to approach patients and their families by listening and spending time with them to make them feel at home. She goes above and beyond for patients and considers no role to be below her. She helps in the kitchen, with laundry, delivering meals, cleaning

## Historical Society names "Volunteer of the Year"



President Douglas Hodgkin of Androscoggin Historical Society presents a "Volunteer of the Year" award to Heather MacNeill. (Photo by David Colby Young)

At its recent annual meeting dinner, the board of the Androscoggin Historical Society gave its "Volunteer of the Year Award" to Heather MacNeill of Lewiston, a recent honors graduate of Lafayette College. During the summer of 2015, MacNeill reorganized a large accumulation of historical materials about the City of Auburn. In making the presentation, AHS President Douglas Hodgkin noted that these materials are now more accessible to researchers. Other volunteers were also recognized at the event.

After the dinner, State Historian Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr. told the story of "The Maine Home Front in World War I" through contemporary illustrations from post cards and other photographs. These historic photographs portrayed re-

closets, and with anything else the staff may need. She has also made home visits to patients. Award recipient David Blocher of Litchfield has volunteered with AHCH since 2008. In that time, he has visited with 39 patients and their families. He showed true commitment when he visited with a patient for a three-year period as the pa-

cruitment, troop departures, parades, bond drives, shipbuilding, war-related industries, and knitting socks for the soldiers.

The business meeting conducted the reelection of President Hodgkin, Recording Secretary Merton Ricker, and Treasurer David Chittim, as well as board members Christopher Beam, Bruce Hall, John Henderson, Cathy McDonald, Rick Morris, Maurice Poliquin, Beverly Robbins, Marilyn Wilkinson, Elizabeth Young, and David Colby Young.

Curtis Jack is the newly elected Vice President. After graduating from Old Town High School and the University of Maine at Farmington, Jack began his teaching career at Auburn Middle School as an eighth grade social studies teacher. After 17 years, he took a position in RSU 4 as a sixth grade social studies teacher until assuming the role of administrator. He continued as an administrator until 2013, when he retired from public education to pursue a role as an educational consultant working with districts from Madawaska to Southern Maine. A history enthusiast almost from birth, he is fascinated by U.S. history, especially the Civil War period.

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# Governor's Address: Maine People's Alliance Should Put its Money where its Mouth is

The debate on whether or not voters should increase Maine's minimum wage continues, but now liberals pushing for it are exposed for hypocrisy.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, For years, the liberal ring leader of the Maine People's Alliance, Mike Tipping, has created a wage war claiming minimum wage is not a livable wage. And for years, we now know that Tipping has been speaking out of both sides of his mouth. That's because the liberal think tank posted an ad on Craigslist to recruit

canvassers and community organizers to "Work toward a fair minimum wage for Maine." At the same time, Tipping's group said it would pay about \$10 per hour - what is described as a "starting or training wage."

Tipping led the effort to get the question on November's ballot asking voters to raise Maine's minimum wage by 60 percent from to \$7.50 to \$12 an hour. However, this ad proves Tipping is unwilling to put his money where his mouth is. Of course, Tipping says it was an "honest mistake in that it was a cal-



Governor Paul R. LePage

culating error." When called on it, he quickly claimed the position pays \$12 per hour.

So, if this is true, Tipping ought to verify what rates have been and are cur-

rently paid by the Alliance. Is there anyone paid by the Alliance who makes less than \$12 per hour today or has been paid less since the referendum project started. This is important because Tipping for years has pushed for a minimum wage increase. If anything less is discovered, Tipping ought to reimburse those workers.

As your Governor and a businessman, I have maintained that the minimum wage is a training wage. I agree with the concept of Tipping's ad, which promotes the job as a "starting wage." The ad even goes on to read, "extensive training makes for excellent professional development and re-

sume-building." A training wage is valuable for those entering the workforce and others who are learning to acquire new skills. However, raising Maine's minimum wage by 60 percent is not going to provide a livable wage to anyone regardless.

If anything this proposal will hurt Mainers living on fixed incomes. For example, there are more than 325-thousand Mainers who receive social security benefits. Anyone living on Social Security knows the annual rate increase is very low. The proposed minimum wage hike increases much faster than the annual increases to Social Security. I have said that this wage war - if it passes - is going to hurt those

on fixed incomes and our seniors will suffer the most.

Liberals want to spend their way to economic prosperity when the reality is increasing costs on businesses only weakens our economy.

Instead, of continuing a wage war I urge Mainers to demand optimal wages. We can help create this economic environment through good public policies, such as lowering energy costs and reducing taxes. In order to strengthen our economy, we must be willing to understand our economy as a whole, not only the wages we earn.

Thank You,  
Paul R. LePage  
Governor

## Op/Ed

### Why a merger is bad for Lewiston

By Jim Howaniec

A joint charter commission (JCC) is working on a proposal to consolidate the cities of Lewiston and Auburn into one municipality. The JCC has spent tens of thousands of dollars -- including some \$50,000 in state taxpayer dollars -- on this project. Most of the arguments against this ill-conceived idea have focused on why a merger would be bad for Auburn. It would indeed be very bad for Auburn. Merger, however, would have even greater negative consequences for Lewiston.

Lewiston is not a wealthy city. We have one of the highest tax rates in the state. A merger would require us to take on certain issues from the Auburn side of the river that we simply cannot afford.

The City of Auburn is in a budget crisis. The Auburn City Council has been forced to cut severely into city services. Auburn has had to implement layoffs, including that of its fire department chief. It may surprise many to know that Auburn has a significantly higher crime rate than Lewiston -- some 30% higher. Likewise, there are far more fire department calls to service in Auburn than in Lewiston. These are costs that Lewiston would be taking on.

Edward Little High School, approaching 60 years

of age, is literally crumbling to the ground. The construction of a new high school is a problem that the residents of Lewiston cannot afford. We have enough challenges with our own school system, which is bursting at the seams.

Auburn is a much larger city geographically, but much smaller population-wise. The per-capita cost of maintaining roads, infrastructure and other public works is greater in Auburn. Local attorney-columnist Elliot Epstein stated it well recently: "Auburn's fiscal problems are structural. The city covers too much territory and has too few taxpayers. Its relatively small population, about 23,000, resides in a sprawling geographic land area of almost 60 square miles. That means high per capita costs to protect, maintain and service its roads, buildings and residents. Structural problems call for a strategic solution, and a merger with Auburn's closest and most comparable neighbor offers a potential solution that deserves careful consideration."

As a resident of Lewiston, I say thanks, but no thanks. We have our own problems.

Space limitations will not allow for the lengthy discussion here of the utter disaster that the required revaluation and allocation of

debt obligations would have upon the City of Lewiston. Suffice to say that, because Auburn's assessed valuation is higher than Lewiston's, a merger would result in a tax shift onto the Lewiston side -- and thus a significantly higher mil rate -- than the stifling tax rates we are already suffering. A merger would cause us to lose millions of dollars in state education funding.

Lewiston and Auburn are two great cities that have worked well together for over 200 years. There has never been any groundswell of support from the general public for this pie-in-the-sky idea. It is the ivory tower pet project of a small group of members of the Lewiston-Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

The JCC has been working on this project for over two years. It is my sincere hope that this issue will be put on the ballot this November so that we can resolve it once and for all.

*Jim Howaniec is a lifetime resident and former mayor of Lewiston. He is a former Assistant Attorney General in Augusta and has practiced law in Lewiston for over 25 years. He is the author of a legal novel entitled "Lisbon Street." He serves as the chairman of the Coalition Opposed to Lewiston-Auburn Consolidation, www.colac-maine.org.*

## Op/Ed

### What should the name of L-A be?

To the Editor:

One of the eight requirements of the Lewiston Auburn Joint Charter Commission is to determine the name of our new city if the voters of Lewiston and Auburn decide to merge.

The name should be reflective of how we see

ourselves, and it should feel comfortable.

The commission will not on its own decide. The name will flow from the people who live here and love this community.

So, who are we? What should our name be?

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Only Steps Forward

# Selling a community takes more than a logo or tagline

By Jonathan P. LaBonté  
MAYOR OF AUBURN

Marketing. Branding. Logos. Taglines. So much time, energy and money is often spent trying to advance the latest approach to selling a community, and Auburn has often found itself involved in those efforts either on our own or funded in conjunction with the City of Lewiston.

In my time as mayor, and in other work I've been a part of, rarely have I heard that a logo or a tagline or marketing material made

the difference exclusively for someone to visit, to invest or to follow up. In most cases, it was a personal contact or relationship or conversation that opened that door or led someone through it.

I've seen that potential to leave an impact play out on several occasions in the last few years. In one case, a buyer for an out-of-state company was staying locally, as they planned a visit to a regional manufacturer. A comment was made to a local restaurant employee



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

about what a great resource the river was, right in the heart of the downtown.

Unfortunately, the employee wasn't aware of the

bass fishing or the riverwalk trails or the paddling along the canals; instead, the employee commented that the river was too polluted to use because of mills upstream.

Without all the facts, what could have been a positive interaction that sold our community and supported the manufacturer that employees local people ended up being the lead conversation between that buyer and manufacturer about the impact to the community.

No logo. No website. No tagline could have changed that conversation. But engaging and training frontline employees could have.

Fast forward to this past weekend. A random conversation with a gentleman at Gritty's, who asks what's happening in this town, yields a conversation that uncovers he is visiting from Detroit—he's here to support a local manufacturer as it plans a major new equipment purchase and installation. He learns the region is home to a host of small to large manufacturers that could be ripe for further business development, as this was his first client in Maine.

As he described life back in Detroit, and how he had finished up a round of golf at the Detroit Golf Club before catching his direct flight to Portland, I asked about the era of the course's construction, given the massive growth Detroit experienced in the early 1900s. He quickly proclaimed it was a course with an Albert Kahn-designed clubhouse. Name sound familiar?

I quickly encouraged him to look out the window at the famed Bates Mill No. 5 and its saw-toothed roof, then described its place in local economic growth and how it helped accelerated a new construction technique. And, of course, I added that

it was designed by Albert Kahn. He was ecstatic. Other than some of the earliest pitches to save Mill No. 5 by Gabrielle Russell of Platz Associates, I had never seen such a reaction to the building and Albert Kahn's role.

A brief conversation yielded not only some additional business contacts, but also a cultural connection and potential other links to Kahn's work and its proposed preservation and revitalization.

Do we expect every citizen of our community and every employee of hospitality businesses to be equipped to sell our city, our business mix or its quality of life attributes? Of course not.

But I've seen firsthand residents and employees engaging with visitors, telling the story and making connections, to know that it can do so much more than any glossy brochure can.

We once deputized "Ambassadors" that would receive special training and get regular updates on activities with the request that they accept the role of passing along the story. All it costs is the staff coordination for recruitment and maybe a "thank you" celebration once a year.

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**Enough is Enough**

**Pray for our public safety personnel and their families**

By **Robert E. Macdonald**  
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

This week let us pray for the five Dallas police officers who suffered execution to ensure a peaceful group of anti-police demonstrators were afforded their right of freedom of speech and assembly under our Constitution.

Let us pray for and remember their families, especially their spouses and children, who must now face the future alone without their spouse or parent.

Let us remember and pray for our public safety personnel (police and fire) and their families. Each day as they set out for their tour of duty, they have no idea

if they will be returning home.

My biggest fear, as I serve as Mayor of Lewiston, is a phone call informing me that a police officer or firefighter has been killed in the line of duty. Will I be able to come up with words that, at least for a while, will somehow comfort family members? Will I be able to provide timely assistance needed to get the family through the initial shock and crisis?

Lastly, how do you comfort the grieving blue family? The deceased was a fellow officer. You worked together. You ate together. You partied together, and you collectively took care



Mayor Bob Macdonald

of one another. Then, in an instant, this officer's life has been taken—his daily presence is no longer among his brother and sister officers.

Similar to being in combat, you have no time

to properly grieve the loss of your brother officer. You go home, sleep, report to the station the next day, saddle up and return to your beat waiting for the next crisis.

Sadly these five officers, Lorne Ahrens, Michael Krol, Michael Smith, Patrick Zamarrapa and Brent Thompson, will again soon become nameless, while their executioner will monopolize the news media until another more gruesome incident comes up.

Fortunately, their names, memory and deeds will be kept alive by their fellow officers. Closeness of their fellow officers will also provide their families with continual aid. Like

the military, we take care of our own—no family is left behind.

Thankfully in Lewiston over the past several years, former Lewiston Police Chief Michael Bussiere, his staff and officers have reached out to all members of our community, fostering a trust between the police and community members. This trust has led to an honest dialogue between the police and community members.

People feel safe. Children look up to the police, not fear them. Neighborhoods have become neighborhoods again. There is a new felt pride with the community, a pride that

keeps our streets, sidewalks and property clean. Most of all, there has been a large steady drop in crime, making Lewiston one of the safest cities in the State of Maine.

Today we are slowly rectifying the years of unjustified defamation that again and again has been leveled at our great city. This is not being accomplished by social agitators trying to get media time for the latest "cause du jour." It is being accomplished by our police, fire and members of our community who proudly call Lewiston home and continue to strive daily to improve our city's quality of life.

**Community gardening takes root in Auburn**



Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonte and other local officials and organizers were at 61 Webster Street recently to help launch the city's first community garden.

Local officials, supporters and community members convened at 61 Webster Street recently to help the Auburn Community Garden Initiative launch the city's first community garden. The Webster Street Community Garden will serve as a place for the 24 participating families and individuals to grow and access good food, gather and learn from each other, and build friendships.

Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonte praised the collaborative effort and the various ways gardens can serve the people of Auburn. "Gardens are a safe and beautiful gathering space for neighbors, and can help families put a little more

healthy food on the table, especially during that critical window when kids are home for the summer - a particularly challenging time for those struggling with food insecurity," he said.

The ACGI is a collaborative effort between the City of Auburn, St. Mary's Nu-

trition Center, the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, the Androscoggin Land Trust, and local gardeners. In addition to the organizing efforts of the ACGI, the Garden was made possible

thanks to generous support from the City of Auburn Community Development Block Grant and a Healthy Food Fund Grant from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation, as well as grants from Fiskars and the National Park Service, discounted product from Hammond Lumber, and construction support from Lewiston Regional Technical Center and Goodwill Take 2.

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Initiative last summer as part

of its Healthy Food Fund. In addition, the Foundation is the founding funder of the Good Food Bus, one of a fleet of five mobile markets it supports in the region to help increase access to healthy and affordable fruits and vegetables for neighborhoods. Coordinated by St. Mary's Nutrition Center and Portland-based Cultivating Community, the Good Food Bus was on-site at the garden kick-off event to promote its stops in Lewiston and Auburn this summer.

Each of the participat-

ing households has access to a 4x10-foot raised garden bed to cultivate for the season, along with tools, seeds, and seedlings. They also receive support from Auburn Community Garden Coordinator Charis Heisey, who will hold regular garden hours to provide advice and assistance to participants throughout the summer.

Heisey spoke about her experience, both as an eager community gardener and coordinator of the new Webster Street Garden, working *See Garden, page 9*

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# What's Going On

## Deadline for WAA nominations extended to July 15

The YWCA of Central Maine is still seeking nominations for its three Women of Achievement Awards: the Lee Young Leadership Award, the Tonie Ramsey Service Award and the Priscilla Gendron Legacy Award. The deadline for nominations for this year's awards has been extended to July 15.

The program seeks to honor the spirit of women's collaborative leadership and to recognize advocacy in the name of community building

rather than personal attainment. Strong candidates will have made significant contributions to improving the lives and overall status of women and people of color in the State of Maine and will have demonstrated a commitment to the YWCA's mission of eliminating racism and empowering women. The honorees will be recognized at the agency's annual Women of Achievement Awards Gala on Thursday, October 27 at the new Agora Grand Event Center in Lewiston.

The Lee Young Lead-

ership Award recognizes exceptional women leaders in professional, community, political, or artistic fields; the Tonie Ramsey Service Award recognizes exceptional women for an enduring commitment to improving the lives of others through community service; and the Priscilla Gendron Legacy Award recognizes exceptional women committed to public enrichment through service and philanthropy. For more information, or to access nomination forms, call 795-4050 or see [www.ywcamaine.org](http://www.ywcamaine.org).

## Post 6 Auxiliary to host Flea Market

The New Gloucester AMVETS Post 6 Auxiliary will host their annual Flea Market on Saturday, July 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the post home on Route 100 in New Gloucester, across

from Hodgman's Frozen Custard.

Taking place rain or shine, the event will feature new and used items, unique crafts and collectibles. Table rentals are available

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## Theatre

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Broadway and Off-Broadway, featuring the finest professional actors from New York to Los Angeles, every October through May.

The Public Theatre's upcoming season features a variety of exciting new plays, including three New England premieres. The 2016-17 season will open in October with the latest version of "Last Gas," a sweet and thought-provoking comedy about love and last chances in Northern Maine by Tony Award nominee and Maine native John Cariani, author of "Almost, Maine." November will feature national headlining comedians Jim Colliton and Karen Morgan, who was a runner-up for Nick at Nite's "Funniest Mom in America," performing in "Lawn and Disorder," a hilarious comedy about married life. Delighting families for the holidays will be Public Theatre's acclaimed, original version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." January will bring Michael Hollinger's new play "Under the Skin," a funny and thought-provoking look at the complicated relationship between parents and their children. March will feature hip romantic comedy "Wrong for Each Other," written by Norm Foster, author of last season's record-breaking production "The Ladies Foursome." The season will close in May with "Ripcord," a recent off-Broadway hit comedy about two widows waging war for the most desirable room in a retirement home, by Pulitzer Prize winner David Lindsay-Abaire, author of "Fuddy Meers" and "Good People."

For more information about The Public Theatre, call 782-3200 or see [www.thepublictheatre.org](http://www.thepublictheatre.org).

## Family Day at the Farm!

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## AHCH

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tient went from Home Care to Compass Care to Hospice Care. As a veteran himself, he performed a special pinning ceremony for his veteran patient and spoke at the funeral per request of the family. He helped establish the volunteer program with the VA-Togus and sings as part of the Androscoggin Harmony Choir for hospice patients.

"Volunteers receiving the Turcotte Award have truly shined in the work they do," said Volunteer Supervisor Kathy Baillargeon. "We are proud to have such wonderful volunteers supporting our patients and families and truly could not do all we do without them."

In addition to the Turcotte Award, volunteers were recognized for their years of service milestones. Ten-year service awards were presented to Amanda Labonte, Bob Oliver and Sandy Oliver. Fifteen-year service awards were given to Dianne Massey, Maggie Pelletier and Adriann Tucker. Receiving a 30-year award, which is the agency record, was Anne Behnke. When asked what she loves most about volunteering, Behnke replied "The gift of being with patients and families and working with wonderful staff and volunteers. I get so much in return."

To learn more about AHCH and how you can help, visit them online at [www.ahch.org](http://www.ahch.org) or call their Marketing and Development Office at 777-7740, ext. 1407.

## Gallery

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photos, photos of nature, birds, seascapes, and landscapes, and portrait work. He is a member of the Maine Professional Photographers Association and serves on

their Board of Directors and Scholarship Committee. His work can be seen at [jimwalk-erphotography.com](http://jimwalk-erphotography.com).

Artwork on display may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop, located adjacent to the Main Lobby at CMMC. A percentage of sale proceeds benefits CMMC.

## Dance

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cellus, Greg "Big Prawn" Richardson and Donovan Dorrance.


Mentored by Gene Medler, Dorrance has performed with the North Carolina Youth Tap Ensemble, "STOMP," Savion Glover's "Ti Dii," Manhattan Tap, Barbara Duffy & Co., JazzTap Ensemble, Rumba Tap, Ayodele Casel's "Diary of a Tap Dancer," Mable Lee's "Dancing Ladies," Harold Cromer's original "Opus One," Derick Grant's "Imagine Tap!" and Jason Samuels Smith's "Charlie's Angels/Chasing the Bird."

Dorrance holds a bachelor of arts degree from New York University, teaches at Broadway Dance Center and has been featured on the covers of Dance Magazine and Dance Teacher Magazine.


Tickets for the performances are \$28 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$14 for students. Online tickets are available at [batestickets.com](http://batestickets.com).

For more information, call the BDF box office at 786-6161 or visit the festival website at [batesdancefestival.org](http://batesdancefestival.org).

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## Chamber presents "Reducing Stress in the Workplace"

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host the HR Thursday workshop "Reducing Stress in the Workplace to Help with Productivity, Health and Retention" on Thursday, July 21 from noon to 2 p.m. Stress is everywhere in our fast-paced world, but the human brain can only handle or manage so much of it before it starts to shut down. Since stress is one of the leading worker's compensation claims, this program will help your bottom line.

Presented by Dr. Cory St. Denis, this high energy workshop will bust many myths about how to build and maintain focus and use momentum and brain science to stay on track. The techniques provided can be applied to businesses of

all sizes. Dr. St. Denis is a traveling home and office chiropractor who specializes in attention deficits and productivity. He has extensively studied and taught the chiropractic analysis system called Koren Specific Technique and enjoys helping people clean up their life of negativity, toxins, and stress. For more information, see [www.calldrory.com](http://www.calldrory.com).

The workshop will take place in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The cost will be \$25 for chamber members, \$50 for non-members, and free of charge for members of the Central Maine Human Resource Association. For more information, call 783-2249. To register, see [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

## Triple Crown series goes bottled water-free

What's missing from this summer's Triple Crown Races in Lewiston-Auburn? Race organizers hope to raise awareness around sustainability, statewide battles over water privatization and the environmental costs associated with bottled water manufacturing by replacing plastic bottles with water straight from the tap.

In past years, the races have relied on single-use water bottles donated by Poland Spring. This year, runners will stay hydrated by drinking tap water from biodegradable, compostable paper cups. In explaining the change, Triple Crown organizers wrote to race participants: "The moment we realized we were filling up an entire pickup truck bed with empty plastic bottles after every race, we realized we couldn't in good conscience continue to ignore the amount of waste we were producing."

"As race organizers, we had two goals," said Triple Crown race director Ben Fletcher. "We wanted to remind folks about the waste generated by the use of plas-

tics, and to raise awareness around water privatization and the need to protect Maine's groundwater. An event which celebrates health and fitness is the perfect venue to start discussions about what we can all do to promote a healthy planet."

Triple Crown's innovative campaign is supported by Food & Water Watch, a national environmental advocacy group that opposes privatization arrangements that allow large bottling corporations to buy up public water supplies. Food & Water Watch worked closely with citizens opposed to a long-term Nestle privatization contract in Fryeburg, and the group's Take Back the Tap campaign organizes students to promote the use of tap water over bottled water on campuses around the country.

"We are thrilled to support Triple Crown's simple, effective plan to promote the use of tap water," said Food & Water Watch Senior Organizer Nisha Swinton. "Bottled water is a costly, wasteful

# What's Going On

## Andro. County GOP Meeting

The Androscoggin County Republican Committee will meet on Monday, July 18 at 7 p.m. at the Minot Town Office at 329 Woodman Hill Road in Minot. All registered Republicans are invited to attend. The guest speak-

ers, David Boyer (for) and Scott Gagnon (against), will discuss Ballot Question 1 proposing the legalization of marijuana. For more information, contact Joanna Said at 897-4824 or Patti Gagne at 576-9096 or [pattigagne@allstate.com](mailto:pattigagne@allstate.com).

## Vacation Bible School

The Auburn United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible School will take place July 18 through 22. Participants will enjoy stories, crafts and other activities, make music together,

and join the Service Squad. The camp is free of charge. For more information or to register, contact the Church Office at 782-3972 or stop by the church at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn.

## USCIS holds office hours at library

On Thursday, July 21 from 10 a.m. to noon, Immigration Services Officers from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services will be on hand at Lewiston Public Library to answer local residents' questions about the United States immigration process. The officers will be available in a second-floor study room for one-on-one meetings. Drop-ins are welcome and no appointments are necessary.

library's Adult & Teen Services Department at 513-3135 or [LPLReference@gmail.com](mailto:LPLReference@gmail.com).

## Lewiston student receives Patriot Insurance scholarship

University of Maine at Augusta student Danielle Wadsworth of Lewiston has received a \$5,000 scholarship from Patriot Insurance Company to help her purse a de-

## City names new fire chief

Auburn City Manager Howard Kroll has announced the appointment of Deputy Fire Chief Geoff Low of Minot to fill the role of Fire Chief, effective July 1. Low has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the Fire Service profession and to the field of emergency medicine through his educational achievements and career experience.

Low began his service as a Private-Paramedic in the Auburn Fire Department in 1994 and progressed through the ranks, serving as Assistant Chief of EMS Services, Acting Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief. His other experience has included eight years as a Medical Specialist-Combat Medic with the Maine Army National Guard and service as Deputy

Fire Chief-Paramedic in the Town of Oxford with Med-Care Ambulance. He is a respected instructor at the Maine Fire Sciences Institute, with certifications in Incident Command, Hazardous Materials Operations, and Emergency Medical Services.

Low has an Associate of Applied Science, a Bachelor of Science in Fire Science, and a Masters of Business Administration with a minor in Public Administration from Columbia Southern University. In addition, he is currently completing the Executive Officer Program at the National Fire Academy. He is a native of Maine and his family has a long tradition of public service.

gree on the insurance industry. She was also the recipient of a \$5,000 scholarship from Patriot Insurance Company last year. This year's award was part of \$46,000 in grants the Yarmouth insurance company recently distributed to thirteen Maine high school graduates majoring in business studies at Maine colleges and universities.

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# What's Going On

## Camden Garden Club Tour set for July 21

The Camden Garden Club will present its 69th Annual House & Garden Tour on July 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—rain or shine. The tour is well known throughout Maine and the

New England states. Many tourists mark their calendars and plan their vacations around this landmark garden tour. Different every year, it commands a huge attendance. Unique views, waterfront properties and



The lovely Allison Beards welcomes visitors to the Camden Gardens at last year's House & Garden Tour. (Photo by Rachel Morin)



This water sculpture was like an oasis in the Tranquility Garden last year and made soothing sounds inviting visitors to sit a while on nearby benches. (Photo by Rachel Morin)

in-town jewels make this tour a must for residents and visitors alike.

The Camden Garden Club is the oldest Garden Club in Maine. Its major fundraising event, the House & Garden Tour, is the highlight of the summer season. The club's goal of preserving and beautifying the public spaces of Camden continues with its current members.

The town itself takes on a flower garden appearance with baskets of flowers hanging from the lamp posts and shops sporting

flowerboxes on their store fronts, all created by the Garden Club members. This year's Tour Coordinator is Stephanie Mathews.

Tickets may be purchased by accessing the website at [www.camden-gardenclub.com](http://www.camden-gardenclub.com). Tickets may be bought the day of the Tour at Camden Hills State Park, Route 1, north of Camden or Maine Sport Outfitters, Route 1, south of Camden. No credit cards will be accepted the day of the Tour.

## Sabattus Rec plans Blackjack 5k Run-Walk

The Sabattus Rec Club Running Program will hold its fourth annual Blackjack 5k Run-Walk on Thursday, July 21 at 6 p.m. at Oak Hill Middle School on Ball Park Road in Sabattus. The focus of this social, non-competitive run for beginner to advanced runners of all ages is to get outdoors, get some exercise, have fun, and maybe pick up a winning hand in the process.

Participants will receive a card at the two-mile mark and another at the three-mile mark. If they get a Blackjack (an ace plus a 10 or a face card) at the three-mile mark, they will win a prize. If they do not get Blackjack, they can receive a third card at the finish line to try for a total of 21, in which case they will win a prize.

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erately hilly 3.1 miles. The first male and female finishers will also win prizes, but fast times will not be needed to win Blackjack prizes. There will also be several raffle prizes and other giveaways.

This is a show-up, sign-up event with no pre-registration required. Runners under age 18 will need parental permission. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. There will be a \$5 entry fee.

The next event in the Running Program's fun run summer series will be a Prediction Run on Thursday, August 25 at 6 p.m., also at the middle school. Organizers are still looking for volunteers to help out with either event. For more information, see [sabattusrec.com](http://sabattusrec.com) or email [Running@sabattusrec.com](mailto:Running@sabattusrec.com).

## MSAD 52 offers Mad Science Camp

MSAD52 Adult Education of Turner, Greene, and Leeds will offer a Reaction in Action Mad Science Camp for kids ages 6 to 12 during the week of August 8. Students are urged to register early for this energetic camp, where participants will explore bubbling

potions, cool chemical reactions, slimy polymers, color-changing liquids, dry ice bubbles and even solids that disappear in an instant. For more information, call them at 225-1010. To register and pay online, see [www.msad52.maine-adulted.org](http://www.msad52.maine-adulted.org).

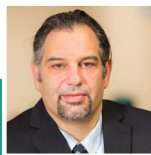
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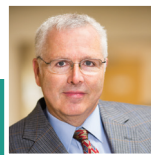
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## St. Dom's names principal of Lewiston campus



Marianne Pelletier

Saint Dominic Academy has announced that Marianne Pelletier, the school's current director of enrollment, has been named the new principal of the Lewiston (Pre-K through Grade 6) campus, effective July 1. She replaces Donald Bilodeau, who announced his retirement as a full-time administrator in February.

"Marianne has served as an educator and school administrator in locations throughout the country," said Saint Dominic Academy president Donald Fournier. "In her short time here, she has clearly shown that she has the expertise, knowledge, and passion to work with our families and teachers and bring our strategic plan to fruition as the leader of the Lewiston campus."

A native of Boise, Idaho, Pelletier attended Catholic grammar and middle schools before graduating from Bishop Kelly High School. She went on to earn two bachelor's degrees from the University of Idaho and two master's degrees in special education and school administration from West Virginia University. In addition, she received a fellowship to complete graduate work at the Peabody College of Education and Human Development at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, resulting in an educational specialist degree.

Pelletier learned the importance of faith and respecting diversity at a young age. Both of her parents were blind. Helping those most in need inspired her to pursue a career in education. She served as a special education teacher and a teacher for the blind in rural West Virginia before moving to Connecticut to become the director of a residential treatment center for emotionally-disturbed children. She later served as a public school principal in both Connecticut and Idaho.

Upon her husband's passing, Pelletier and her son moved back to Boise, where she was named principal of St. Mary's School (K-Grade 8), the school she had attended as a child. While at St. Mary's, she established a collaborative that included two initiatives: one with the University of

Notre Dame that aimed to increase cultural diversity within Catholic schools, and another with Boston College that created two-way language immersion programs.

In 2014, Pelletier received the Innovation in Catholic Schools Award, presented by Today's Catholic Teacher. She has also served on the executive board of the National Catholic Schools Association. Last year, she moved to Maine and was named director of enrollment at the academy prior to the 2015-16 academic year. She is a member of Prince of Peace Parish and attends Holy Family Church in Lewiston.

In addition to the appointment of Pelletier, the school named Shelly Wheeler as the new principal of its Auburn (Grades 7 through 12) campus on May 20.

Saint Dominic Academy will open for its 75th year on August 23.

## Garden

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for the past several months signing up gardeners, leading volunteer groups to help prepare the space, and helping community members start to sow their garden plots. "I spent the winter worrying about where I would be able to garden because growing food is really important to my health," she said. "I am grateful every day to be able to work on this garden with an amazing group of gardeners, and I'm really excited to see the future of this and more gardens in our community."

According to Julie Isbill, member of the ACGI and Project Manager for the National Park Service River, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program, the ACGI hopes that this will be the first of three gardens to be built across the city the next five years.

"From the start, the team of partners we were able to assemble for this project has been the key to its success," she said. "We would not be standing in such a well-built space if it weren't for the skill and hard work of countless volunteers from the community."

For more information, contact the ACGI at [auburncommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:auburncommunitygardens@gmail.com).

# What's Going On

## Rotary Breakfast Club makes landmark gift to YMCA outdoor facility



Here with Rotary Club President Lee Upton (r.) are YMCA staff members (from l.) Christopher Paradis, Steve Wallace (CEO), Victoria Stanton and Wil Libby.

The Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club has donated \$5,500 toward the development of the YMCA's Outdoor Education & Learning Center. The gift is the club's largest single-year contribution in the history of its community giving, which over its 25-year history totals over \$459,000 to local and international charitable organizations. The donation will be used for construction of an open-air pavilion and trail kiosk at the 93-acre center, located along Stetson and River Roads in Auburn.

Rotary president Lee Upton formally presented the gift to YMCA CEO Steve Wallace and staffers Wil Libby and Victoria Stanton at the club's weekly breakfast meeting on June 1. "The object of Rotary is 'to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise,'" said Upton. "In particular, community service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities. This project with the YMCA aligns perfectly with our service goal for the people of Auburn and Lewiston."

The OELC is being developed for hiking and fitness activities, summer camp and a variety of year-round outdoor education workshops for all ages. Work began on

the property last spring with the construction of rudimentary trails along Bobbin Mill Brook. Current plans call for the addition of outdoor classrooms and fields, an ADA-accessible trail and community gardens. All construction will be to state park standards, with minimal environmental impact.

"The outpouring of support for this project from funders and community partners like the Rotary Club has been overwhelming," said Wallace. "When we talk to families and outdoor enthusiasts, the reaction is always the same: 'We need spaces like this in L-A for our kids and families.'"

Volunteers, grant-making foundations and individual donors have already pledged more than \$200,000 in cash and in-kind contributions. Adding

further momentum to the project, the Y has confirmed

its partnership with the Maine National Guard's Innovative Readiness Training Program, which will construct a 40-car lot and potentially a grass field this summer. The Y is seeking an additional \$200,000 to complete the current phase of development, including naming rights for pavilions and fields. The next phase will begin in 2018.

The OELC is currently the site of several outdoor youth activities through the Y's summer camp programs. Campers spend two days a week exploring local wildlife and learning about environmental stewardship. The property will be fully accessible to the public this fall.

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# TWIN CITY NIGHTS

## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### Celebration Barn presents magician Peter Boie



Boie has been seen by millions on the CT Network's hit show "Penn and Teller Fool Us."

Celebration Barn Theater of South Paris will present a performance by comedic magician Peter Boie on Saturday, July 16 at 8 p.m. Boie, who some recognize by his trademark orange sneakers, grew up in

Maine, where he first became fascinated with magic at the age of eleven. That early interest blossomed into an exciting career that has since taken him across North America and to national TV, where he has performed for millions on the CT Network's hit show "Penn and Teller Fool Us."

Boie describes himself as "a Magician for Non-Believers," a term he uses to be honest with his audience. Magic isn't real... but for the length of the show, he will make you believe that it is. Combining original mind-blowing magic with a heavy dose of humor has made him one of the top-booked college acts in the country and has earned him nominations for Campus Activities Magazine's Entertainer of the Year. Boie describes his show in terms of two things: "Astonishing magic and having a good time," he says. "And I don't skimp on it either!"

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

### "General Patton Rescues the Horses" at APL

Author Patricia Gott will read from and discuss her latest book, "General Patton Rescues the Horses," on Tuesday, July 19 at 2 p.m. at Auburn Public Library.

Although General George Patton is known for many daring military battles, few have heard about how he saved hundreds of horses. Gott brings this little-known but true story to light from the unique, eyewitness perspective of one of the most outstanding Polish Arabian stallions ever, Witez II. This noble horse describes how General George S. Patton and

Colonel Charles H. Reed saved he and hundreds of other horses from being slaughtered and eaten by the Russian Red Army near the end of the Second World War. Both avid, lifelong horse lovers, Patton and Reed combined their talents to capture and rescue the best-of-the-best breeding stock the Third Reich had gathered at Hostau Stud Farm in Czechoslovakia, including hundreds of Lipizzans and Arabians.

Patricia Probert Gott is a retired businesswoman and author of eighteen books. Her adventures have taken her to five continents, twelve countries and forty-seven states. She has

been on several horse pack trips in the American West, week-long horseback riding adventures in Australia and Hungary, an exciting horseback excursion in Egypt, and a ten-day horse safari in South Africa. For several summers, she was a ranch wrangler and trail guide outside Cody, Wyoming.

Gott resides in Maine, where she owns an Arabian horse that she raised, trained, and trail rides frequently. She began riding at the age of eight, and has owned, raised and trained horses ever since, accounting for the knowledge and experience with horses she displays in her cowgirl books and horse stories.

tickets are general admission 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 purchase tickets, call the box office at 743-8452 or see [www.CelebrationBarn.com](http://www.CelebrationBarn.com).



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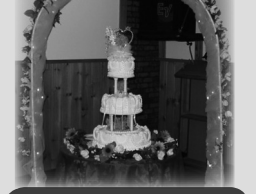
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## Public Theatre seeks actors for "Last Gas"

The Public Theatre, a Professional Equity Theatre (Category 8) in Lewiston, is requesting pictures and resumes from actors who would like to be considered for roles in their upcoming production of "Last Gas" by John Ciani. Local auditions for Equity and non-Equity actors will take place in late July and early August by appointment only. Readings will be from the script. The contract dates will be September 26 through October 23 and all roles are salaried.

"Last Gas" is about people from rural northern Maine. It is a comedy, but the humor comes from the truth of who these people are. The Public Theatre will cast for the following roles:

**Nat Paradis:** Nearly 41 but still somewhat boyish and unassuming, he is a wounded idealist. A likable and charming loser, he's lived his entire life in a remote area of Northern Maine, running a gas and convenience store with his father. He prefers to avoid conflict and does his best to appear "happy" or "fine" with his situation in life, but watching the Red Sox on TV is usually the highlight of his day. In his heart, he is seeking a way to "get back to happy," but change seems daunting.

**Troy Paradis-Pulcifer:** Nat's son, 16. He is a perceptive and intelligent young man, with a healthy dose of wise-ass teenager. He is eager to get out of Maine and pursue his dream of becoming an astronaut. At heart he is a "good kid" who loves his dad. He also suspects he might have more strength and confidence than his dad does and is growing a bit protective of his father.

**Dwight Paradis:** Nat's father, 63, a charming, affable, larger-than-life kind of guy who can be a bit of a bull dozer when he wants to make something happen that he believes should be happening. He can be a bit inflexible and rough around the edges. He fancies himself a ladies' man and pursues women too young for him

with confidence. He loves a good time, but there remains a hole in his heart from when his wife left him. His son is a source of disappointment.

**Guy Gagnon:** Nat's best friend and side kick, 41. Unemployed, overweight, loyal, with a wry and dry sense of humor, his love for Nat runs deep. He is more complex than he appears. A Zach Galifianakis type. He has a surprisingly graceful ability to swing dance.

**Tracy Pulcifer:** Troy's mother, 41. Stoic, opinionated and straightforward to the point of blunt, she is rigid, stubborn and overly literal. Possessing a dry wit, she is a substantial presence of a woman who enjoys wielding the power and status of being a forest ranger. She follows every "rule" in the book, and writes summons to people when her life feels out of control and she needs to feel more powerful. Never the popular girl in high school, she's had her heart broken

and has learned to emotionally armor herself from having it happen again. She still loves Nat, but he doesn't want her back.

**Lurene Legassey Soloway:** Nat's former high school sweetheart, 40. Once the "golden girl" who left Maine to chase her dreams, today she returns home for the burial of her mother. Feeling lost, disillusioned and dissatisfied with the life she's created in New York, she is desperately looking for something to give it more meaning. Perhaps reconnecting with Nat will be the missing piece? However, the stakes feel too high, and she sometimes tries too hard.

To be considered, indicate the role for which you would like to audition and mail a picture and resume as soon as possible to The Public Theatre, 31 Maple Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240. Please do not send materials via email unless requested to do so.

## Country Sunday

Country Fest Maine will present a Country Sunday on July 17 from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club. This will be an afternoon of great country music, dancing and food, with live entertainment provided by John Whitman & The South Wind Band, Caleb Orion, Teresa Seavy, Bryanna McLaughlin, Will Leavitt, and others.

Admission is \$5, with children under 12 admitted free. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. Concessions will be available. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Located on the Hallowell Road in Litchfield, the club is wheelchair accessible and has plenty of free parking. For more information, call 536-9647 or 377-8035.

# Twin City Nights

## Lost Valley to host Big Buck Music Festival



The event will feature live performances by Tigerman Woah!, Paranoid Social Club, Spose, These Wild Plains, and Sarah Blacker.

As part of their continuing effort to bring four seasons of activity and entertainment to the community, the Lost Valley Ski Area of Auburn will present the Big Buck Music Festival on Saturday, July 23. The first in a series of music festivals planned for future months, this regional destination event will feature seven indie rock musical acts, including several from Boston. The

festivities will kick off at noon, with performances to follow throughout the day, concluding at 10 p.m. Other activities will include inflatable rides and slides and a climbing wall. An eclectic array of food trucks and vendors will also be on hand.

Featured performers will include Boston Music Awards "Best Live Act of 2015" Tigerman Woah!; Paranoid Social Club, fea-

turing members of Rustic Overtones; gold record-selling artist and Rap music's "King of Maine" Spose; up-and-coming Boston music scene artists These Wild Plains; New England Music Awards "Female Artist of the Year 2013" Sarah Blacker; Lost Valley's own FacePlant; and local sensations The Skidmarks. Tickets are \$30 at the gate or \$25 at lostvalleyski.com.



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# Twin City Nights

## Museum L-A to host Rotary Club

The next luncheon of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club will take place on Thursday, July 21, from noon to 1 p.m. at special location Museum L-A. There, Executive Director Rachel Desgrosseilliers will provide a sneak preview of the new exhibit "Covering the Nation: The Art of the Bates Bedsread," opening

to the public July 23, and will discuss the progress of successful ongoing museum programs, including "Kids as Curators" and "Maine Innovation Expo 2017." To join the group for lunch at the museum, located in the Bates Mill Complex at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston, reserve by calling 753-9040.



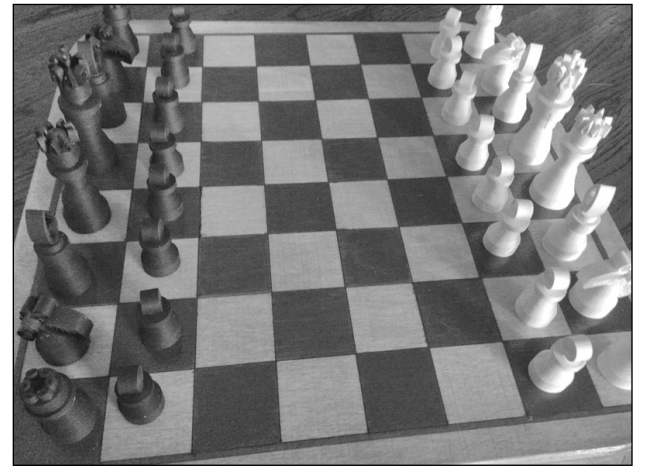
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## "Arts and Ale" window features Jude Bellas

During the month of July, L/A Arts is featuring works by local artist Jude Bellas in the "Arts and Ale" window at Gritty's Pub on Main Street in Auburn. A native of Lewiston-Auburn, Bellas began paper quilling about six years ago. Twirling thin pieces of paper into lacelike flowers and birds has since become a favorite pastime for the retired substance abuse counselor, especially during the cold winter months.

Often inspired by the serenity of nature, many of her creations take days or even weeks to complete. The more intricate the piece, the longer it takes. Projects she has completed recently include the head of a bald eagle on an American flag background and a 3D chess set made entirely of paper. Completing the fine filigree work such projects require takes "patience and good eye glasses," she says.

The term "paper quilling" comes from the fact that thin strips of paper were originally twirled on the end of a feather quill. Although the technique has adopted more modern methods in recent years, it is a centuries-old art form



A 3D chess set made entirely of paper.



The head of a bald eagle on an American flag background.

that was used to embellish furniture and books or was framed as wall art.

Monks, nuns and even "Ladies of Leisure" spent hours making fine filigree patterns, some of which can be seen today in museums.

One remarkable piece in Hillsboro, Ohio is made entirely of human hair, while others are made from the gold edges of ancient book pages, cut into thin strips and fashioned into intricate patterns.

## Contemporary works on view at Maine Fiberarts

A juried show of contemporary works is now on view at Maine Fiberarts' gallery in Topsham. The exhibit features creations displaying state-of-the-art ideas in hooked work, woven tapestry, knitted wire, collaged fabric, paper assemblage, hand-woven rugs, mixed media, needlepoint tapestry, felted work, and embroidery.

For this first exhibition of Maine Fiberarts' new season, staffers were interested to sample the current interests of member artists, so they encouraged artists to send images of newly completed works. The results were not disappointing. The array of strong, interesting pieces selected for the show offer insight into the latest trends in the field.



"Temptation," a woven tapestry by Harpswell artist Barbara Burns, is on view with works by 30 other artists at Maine Fiberarts' gallery in Topsham.

Katharine Cobey's "Out of the Box" features a snake knitted of copper wire "escaping" its environment. Meryl Ruth's "Tesserae in Refracted Light" is a quilt constructed using silkscreening, painting, cutting, weaving, and stitching to emulate a pileated woodpecker that she photographed out her window. Elizabeth Busch's spheres and meticulous stitching are "other worldly." Susan Carlson's portrait of her son draws on Andy Warhol's style, her own selection of vibrant colors, and the technique of using thousands of pieces of fabric to create a bold statement. Barbara Burns' woven tapestry "Temptation" focuses on issues of sexual identity and the concepts of "innocence, enlightenment, and liberation." Nelda Warkentin's "Ravenswood" portrays nature's rhythm and design and

the beauty and order found in the woods surrounding her studio in western Maine.

The show includes the work of 30 artists, all members of Maine Fiberarts. They are Chris Antonak, Brunswick; Barbara Burns, Harpswell; Elizabeth Busch, Glenburn; Susan Carlson, Harpswell; Katharine Cobey, Cushing; Allison Cooke Brown, Yarmouth; Stephanie Crossman, Vinalhaven; Hillary Hutton, Veazie; Hector Jaeger, Bath; Natasha Kempers-Cullen, Topsham; Richard Lee, posthumously; Laney Lloyd, Ludlow; Roslyn Logsdon, Laurel, MD; Robert McKibben, South Portland; Susan Mills, Bowdoin; Arlene Morris, Brunswick; Rana O'Connor, Portland; Stephen Petroff, Topsham; Meryl Ruth, Cumberland; Kris Sandoy, Topsham; Marianne Senechal, Bath; Sybil Shiland, Standish; Jill Snyder Wallace, Minot; Rita Steinbach, Portland; Jill Vendituoli, West Newfield; Susan Wagley, Hallowell; Anne Walker, Rangeley; Nelda Warkentin, Phillips; Susan Winn, South Portland; and Catherine Worthington, Brunswick.

The exhibit will be on display through September 3. Located at 13 Main Street in Topsham, the gallery is open to the public free of charge Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 721-0678 or see [www.maineiberarts.org](http://www.maineiberarts.org).



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**Rotary Fellowship Meeting.** Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. LA Rotarian Christopher Martel of Spiller's discusses his career aspirations and classification connections to Rotary. Guests welcome. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

**Sampson Air Force Base Veterans.** Noon. DiSantos Restaurant, 322 W. Gray Rd., Gray. This informal get-together of those who had basic training at Sampson AFB in the 1940s and '50s is open to all veterans and their guests. 784-5691; 657-4909.

**Maine-ly Jewish Storytelling Festival.** 7 p.m. Temple Shalom, 74 Bradman St., Auburn. Story tellers, writers, poets and bloggers regale the audience with traditional and contemporary tales; all welcome. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

**Bates Dance Fest.** 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, Bates College, 329 College St., Lewiston. Leading tap innovator Dorrance Dance showcases three works with live music and dazzling footwork; dance writer Debra Cash discusses the program at 7:00. \$25/18/12. 786-6161; batestickets.com.

**Monday, July 18**  
**Andro. County GOP Meeting.** 7 p.m. Minot Town Office, 329 Woodman Hill Rd., Minot. Guests speakers David Boyer and Scott Gagnon debate Ballot Question 1 proposing the legalization of marijuana. 576-9096; pat-tigagne@allstate.com.

**Tuesday, July 19**  
**Author Visit.** 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Patricia Gott discusses her latest book, "General Patton Rescues the Horses," which relates a little-known but true story from a unique eyewitness perspective. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

**Tuesdays at the Gazebo.** 6:30 p.m. Village green, Rt. 117, Turner Center. Santori performs. Suggested \$5-10 donations go to the musicians.

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**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.

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St., Lewiston. In advance of their weekend performances, members of Doug Varone and Dancers discuss their creative process. Free.

**Wednesday, July 20**  
**Guided Bird Walk.** 8 to 11 a.m. This Stanton Bird Club field trip to view resident birds in Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary in Lewiston departs from the Promenade Mall parking lot, near Staples, in Lewiston. Free; all welcome. 406-4741; [jsmd@att.net](mailto:jsmd@att.net).

**Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust Young Explorer's Club.** 10 to 11:30 a.m. Crystal Spring Farm South, Pleasant Hill Rd., Brunswick. This week's program features a visit from the Maine Search and Rescue Dogs; best for kids ages 4-7. Free. [info@btlt.org](mailto:info@btlt.org); [www.btlt.org](http://www.btlt.org).

**Concert at the Basilica.** 12:15 p.m. Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, 122 Ash St., Lewiston. This weekly concert series continues with a performance by Albert Melton (organ). Free. [www.princeofpeace.me](http://www.princeofpeace.me).

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"With poetry, you are able to put how you feel into words and share it with others," added second-place winner Khadro Adow. "It gives you confidence in who you are and where you come from."

The winners, along with three of their classmates, prepared for the event with classroom teacher Jill Hyland and a teaching artist from LA Arts during a class at ELHS. This is the second year that the two organizations have collaborated on this trip to New York, where the students competed against other high school students from schools in Brooklyn and the Bronx. A morning first-round competition

## Local students take first, second place in NYC poetry slam



Competitors and coaches from Edward Little High School pose on stage after the competition.

took place, from which three finalists were chosen to perform in front of a packed audience of 500 people in the Lovinger Theater at Lehman College.

Hyland described the experience as "a once in a lifetime opportunity to share and change the lives of people prepared to listen!"

Along with Hyland and the rest of the teaching staff at Edward Little High School, LA Arts worked on the project with two partners from New York City, arts in education and technology organizations the Dream-

yard Project (www.dreamyard.com) and Global Writes (globalwrites.org).

The Dreamyard Project is a nonprofit arts in education organization located in the Bronx, NYC, which since 1994 has served over 125,000 students in 100 public schools with the power of arts in education. The mission of Global Writes is to promote literacy, communication and collaboration among young people through the integration of performing arts and technology resources.

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### MSAD 52 Adult Ed students graduate



The ceremony honored 30 adults who earned their high school diploma or Hiset this year.

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Also honored as CNA graduates were Filsan Abdilahi, Iris Aguilar, Mariah Duval, Maribel Ramirez, Deka Adaweh, Angeir Chan, Ian Hutchinson, Heather Jamison and Elizabeth Stover.

Several students spoke at the ceremony, thanking family and friends for support. Student speaker Hannah Plummer shared her personal story of how she ended up choosing adult education. "I lost my mom at the age of 12 and, by losing her, I lost myself. A family of four had to quickly adjust to life as a family of three... I had to do my own hair, learn how wear make-up and do my own nails. I had to deal with heartbreaks and deal with so many of life's growing pains without having my mom. I left home at the age of 16 because I thought that my Dad's rules and expectations were ridiculous! I thought that I could everything on my own and that I could meet any challenge that came my way. Boy was I

### Sirois named MAEA Teacher of the Year



MSAD 52 Adult Education math teacher Larry Sirois was named the Maine Adult Education Association's Teacher of the Year at the association's annual conference recently. Sirois has been a math teacher for MSAD 52 Adult Education for over twenty years. Prior to that, he served in the Maine House of Representatives, was a math teacher at Edward Little High School, and was a Maine high school basketball referee.

wrong! I never realized how hard it would be. I had to work two jobs while being a full-time student to pay the bills. I thought that adult education would be easier for me to handle, but then I quickly realized that the expectations of the school were even more challenging because the teachers pushed me to my limit and expected me to be the best version of me at all times. My teachers were mentors. They gave me advice and helped me to grow as a person."

Over 200 family members and friends of the graduates joined in the celebration. "The graduates have worked hard to overcome incredible obstacles, and I hope they feel inspired by their achievement to continue in their life-long learning," said Razell Ward, director of MSAD 52 adult education.

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