

## Patrick Dempsey attends Chamber Breakfast at Lost Valley



Patrick Dempsey, Mary Dempsey from The Dempsey Center and Matt Leonard from LA Metropolitan Chamber. (Photo by N. Tsukroff/Bell Studios Inc.) (See more photos on page 7)

## AHCH plans 2016 Butterfly Release

Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice will hold its eighth annual Butterfly Release Celebration on Saturday, August 6 at 11 a.m. at its Hospice House, located at 236 Stetson Road in Auburn. All are invited to the event, which offers a unique opportunity to remember and honor loved ones by dedicating a butterfly in their name. No prior affiliation with AHCH or Hospice House is required to participate. Butterfly donations are \$25 each and should be made in honor or memory of one person. The names of those being honored will be read at the event and listed in the program book. Proceeds from the event will benefit Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice.

Since no parking will be allowed on Stetson Road



The climax of this annual event features the mass release of the colorful Monarch butterflies, each dedicated to the memory of a loved one. (Photo by Rene Roy Photography)

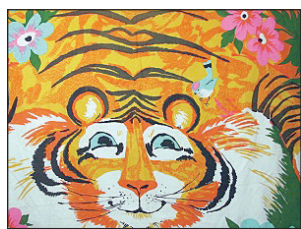
or at Hospice House, those attending should park at Flagship Cinemas on Center Street in Auburn. Shuttle buses will take attendees to the event from 10 to 10:45 a.m. and will bring them back to Flagship Cinemas afterwards. Seating at the event will be limited; those attending are welcome to bring chairs and blankets.

The celebration will include music, craft activities for young children, the reading of names of those being remembered, and the mass release of the colorful Monarch butterflies. Water and light snacks will be available. To learn more about the event, see the short video at [www.ahchbutterfly.org](http://www.ahchbutterfly.org). See Release, page 6

## New exhibit to showcase museum's rare collection of Bates bedspreads

Museum L-A will unveil its latest exhibit, "Covering the Nation: The Art of the Bates Bedspread," on Saturday, July 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibit brings together a remarkable array of never before displayed examples of world famous Bates Bedspreads from the museum's impressive collection. The event is free and open to the public.

As part of the opening



A child's "Toby the Tiger" bedcover

day festivities, a special "pop up" boutique will offer a wide array of Maine Heritage Weavers bedspreads for

sale to the public. A selection of bedspreads will continue to be available in the museum's Gift Shop after opening day. Sale proceeds will benefit Museum L-A.

Curated by textile historian Jacqueline Field, the exhibit highlights over thirty bedcovers that, organized thematically, present a rich design history created by teams of highly accomplished Bates & Co. artists.

"Upon meeting Jacqueline Field, she asked to see some samples, probably expecting to be presented with a few white and beige See Bedspreads, page 6

One of the oldest farms in Maine, Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village has been operated under the same management since 1783. On Sunday, July 24, from noon to 4:30 p.m., visitors will have a rare opportunity to see behind the scenes when Shaker Village presents an afternoon of free special events for "Maine Open Farm Day."

Fun activities for the whole family will include guided tours of the 1830 barns led by Brother Arnold Hadd, tractor-drawn wagon rides, bee hive displays, tours of the Shakers' historic herb



Free tractor-drawn wagon rides for visitors of all ages will be offered throughout the afternoon. (Photo courtesy of United Society of Shakers)

gardens, and demonstrations of traditional Shaker crafts, including woodcarving, blacksmithing, yarn

spinning, chair seat weaving, rug hooking, and tin-type photography. See Farm Day, page 5

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Mechanics Savings promotes Gosselin



Jeffrey Gosselin

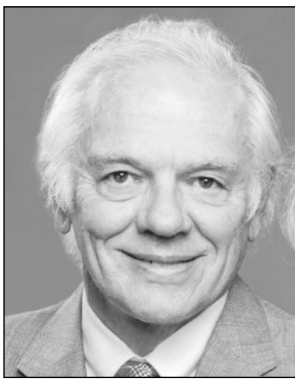
Mechanics Savings Bank has announced the promotion of Jeffrey Gosselin to the position of Senior Vice President and Market Manager of Business Banking. Gosselin is now responsible for the man-

agement of the business banking and development team, along with the growth of the bank's commercial business lines.

Gosselin joined Mechanics Savings Bank in 2008 as Senior Vice President of Commercial Banking Business Development. Throughout a banking career of over 20 years, he has taken pride in developing relationships with his customers and providing straightforward solutions tailored to their individual needs.

Gosselin is a graduate of Thomas College, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Finance/Economics and a Master's

## Rotary District Gov. to address fellowship



Jean-Louis Joly

Rotary Club District Governor Jean-Louis Joly will address the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club at its weekly fellowship meet-

ing on Thursday, July 28 at noon at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston. A Rotarian since 1998, Joly has served Rotary at the club and district level in a wide variety of capacities. A retired engineer who was involved with dam regulation and environment impact assessment studies of industrial projects, he worked for the Environment Department of the Province of Quebec. For more information, contact Rotary Program Chair Monica Millhime at 753.9040 or monica.milhime@maine.gov.

Degree in Business Administration. He is an active volunteer in youth sports programs and serves on the boards for Central Maine Medical Center, Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, and the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company. He resides in Lewiston with his fiancé and two children.

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## Charter Commission member speaks at Optimist Club



Newest Optimist Club member Angie Snow (l.) presents guest speaker Holly Lasagna with a copy of the Optimist Creed. Lasagna is a member of the Joint Charter Commission, which is tasked with providing objective information to the citizens of Auburn and Lewiston on prospects for consolidating the two cities. The commission hopes to have its final report available in time for the November ballot this year. For more information, see [www.newlacherter.ning.com](http://www.newlacherter.ning.com).

## Lewiston City Republicans Meeting

The Lewiston City Republican Committee will meet at the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday July 21 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:45 and light refreshments

will be served. Agenda items include the National Republican Convention, District and Senate seats, and committee Finance Director and Secretary positions. All Lewiston Republicans are encouraged to attend and support the candidates. For more information, contact Committee Secretary Leslie Dubois at 577-1187 or Committee Chair Shane Bouchard at 740-6135.

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## Governor's Address: It's not enough to show up to vote, Mainers must understand what their vote means

Being an engaged citizen is more important today than ever.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

As the general election in November approaches, we as Americans have choices to make. This presidential race will mark a pivotal point in our nation's history and it is up to the people to vote for a leader who will protect our country and our people.

I believe voting is a responsibility each one of us shares. I am not one to tell you how to vote, but it is important that voters know what they are voting for.

Mainers tend to turnout in large numbers to the polls during pres-

idential election years. In 2012, more than 60 percent voted, which was higher than the national average.

In Maine, this year we have significant issues on the ballot. There are five questions Mainers have to consider. My staff and I have been researching each of the questions and we are learning about how these issues will affect Maine. Now until November, I will do my best to provide you with facts so you may make informed decisions.

But not all information is equal. Recently, a concerned citizen alerted me regarding information distributed by the St. Michael Parish. To my surprise, the parish voluntarily shared information from the group Mainers for Respon-



Governor Paul R. LePage

sible Gun Ownership. The group is advocating for the passage of one of the questions on the ballot, which mandates universal background checks. This group is clearly advocating for a "Yes" vote and has targeted churchgoers. Why a church would allow electioneering propaganda to infiltrate its

parish is questionable and, unfortunately, misinformation is spreading.

Because this parish has chosen to take sides, I feel it necessary to provide more clarity of the facts so voters may make an informed decision in November. First, this question to voters could prove to be unconstitutional. The Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of background checks, but has never had occasion to rule on a blanket, one-size-fits-all background check requirement that is included by the proposed initiative.

Second, if you want to sell or loan firearms to a friend and this passes, you want to understand exactly what this means or you un-

knowingly could be subject to criminal sanctions.

The initiative would make it illegal to simply sell or loan firearms to a friend without first having a background check performed on the friend. Further, the exception for hunting only applies if the friend takes possession while in the act of hunting. Under the terms of the initiative, a friend cannot loan you a gun without first performing a background check unless the friend accompanies you during every minute of the hunt or unless the friend takes possession while in the act of hunting. Simply put, this is confusing and a convoluted question that will create unintended consequences for many

Mainers.

With your vote, there is great responsibility in understanding what it represents. From now until November people and groups will lobby from the left and the right for your vote.

In an effort to better inform Mainers so you can make up your own mind, I am putting information about this question and others on the Governor's website. I encourage you to take time to understand all the questions and what a yes or a no vote will mean. You can find the information at [www.Maine.gov/governor](http://www.Maine.gov/governor). That's Maine.gov/governor.

Thank You,  
Paul R. LePage  
Governor

### Letter to the Editor

#### City provides temporary lifeline for asylum seekers

To the Editor:  
Mayor Macdonald's column about "signs" and the "indolent" is clearly meant to whip up anger amongst the people of Lewiston ("Enough is Enough: Signs of the times, revitalizing the downtown").

The first two-thirds is a rambling rant about the city having too many signs, yet he does not specify what signs he is speaking of. As readers, the only thing we learn is that the mayor is angry and that he wants you to be angry along with him. Are you angry yet? Great. Now let's talk about the poor and immigrants.

The "signs" rant is followed by the seemingly unrelated, yet perennial topic of blaming the city's problems on the poor and immigrants. I'm sorry, Mr. Mayor, but if you're looking for a boogie man on which to blame the city's problems, you are going to need to get your facts straight instead of posing incorrect information and colorful images that are clearly meant to stir up existing tensions.

The vast majority of people in Lewiston who seek asylum are from war-torn countries, many of whom have experienced tragic and violent loss within their own families and most of whom are escaping physical danger in their country of origin. They are applying for asylum, which is a legal process. Continuing to paint them as "illegal," as Macdonald does, is factually incorrect. I find it hard to

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### Op-Ed

#### Let's get the question of an L-A merger decided once and for all

By Bob Stone

AUBURN CITY COUNCILOR  
For over two years a group of six elected officials have been working on merging Auburn into Lewiston, or Lewiston into Auburn, or none of the above, depending upon how you look at what they are up to. One thing for sure is that they are regulated by Maine State law, specifically Title 30-A, section 2152.

The point of my Op-Ed this week is to ask just

why the "Joint Charter Commission" has taken so long to bring a consolidation agreement to the voters of Auburn and Lewiston given their charge is clearly outlined in law.

Remember, as we delve into this, that the mission of the JCC is to prepare a "Consolidation

Agreement." Voters have to decide to wipe the cities of Lewiston and Auburn literally off the map and replace it with some as yet unnamed place that will be legally, financially, politically and culturally different from the "Cities of the Androscoggin" that our ancestors worked so diligently to nurture over the past 200 years.


Of course, voters could decide to keep Auburn as Auburn and Lewiston as Lewiston.

The key question is: "Do Auburn residents want to hitch their wagon to Lewiston's star?" Lewiston has a larger voter base and will be in control, whichever way you slice that banana. In politics, votes matter. One of the great lies in life is, "Everything will be the same after the merger."


The JCC has had two years to write a consolidation agreement that includes the following information See Op-Ed, page 5

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# Only Steps Forward

## Open dialogue needed about race, law enforcement

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

For the last couple of years, racial tensions seem to have been visibly ramped up across the country and even here in Maine. With several high-profile police-involved killings—now multiple ambushes on local police officers—and the viral nature of social media and its ability to reinforce people's already held beliefs, the country feels like it is on the brink. And while some of

the pressure can seem like it is removed from our community, it is not. Nearly two years ago, a report triggered a press release from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Maine accusing the Auburn Police Department of racial bias based on arrest and call data.

In the report, arrest numbers and call numbers were blurred and the arrest volume was compared to Auburn's population when nearly 60% of our



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

arrests were non-residents because of our status as a service center for the region.

Despite frustration with a report issued without dialogue, I quickly called the ACLU of Maine and, to their credit, they agreed to travel to Auburn to meet with me and Police Chief Phil Crowell to talk about their concerns and to hear firsthand the community policing approach of our men and women in blue.

Last fall, Michael Sargent, an Auburn resident and Bates College professor of psychology,

invited me to attend a guest lecture on police use of force. Without hesitation, Chief Crowell and members of his team agreed to join me.

Harvard University economist Roland Fryer, a Nobel Prize winner who was the youngest African-American to receive tenure in its history, presented the lecture. One conclusion from his research was surprising: police use of lethal force was less likely against African-Americans than it was against whites.

While some take that one conclusion and run with it, the research offered much more insight into disparities in police use of force than just lethal force. In fact, the detailed look at police interactions across the U.S. cities in the study found African-Americans were more likely to have force used in an interaction. But why? And why variation across different cities.

Do Black Lives Matter? Do All Lives Matter? Do Blue Lives Matter?

Have we fallen so far as a society that we can't discuss issues of race or of law enforcement without first stumbling over providing a yes or no answer to a four-word question?

Do the lives of African-Americans matter? Before we reduce the debate to why all lives should matter, we should be able to pause and understand the movement without having to commit to supporting all of it.

As I pointed out ear-

lier, research has shown that African-Americans are more likely to be involved in physical interactions with law enforcement. African-Americans have also been shown to be profiled in a variety of situations.

When I was younger, my family would take part in the Fresh Air Fund program, where inner-city kids from New York would visit for part of the summer. One day, I recall walking through a department store with Moses and wondering why we were being followed. It didn't happen the hundreds of other times I had been in there. Was it because I was now walking around with a fellow young kid that happened to be black? I'm guessing the latter.

We should be able to learn about bias, talk about bias, hear data about bias and have continued conversation about bias without retreating to our social media corner of the world.



Do the lives of law enforcement officers matter? In a society with rising tensions and "lone wolf" terrorists, open dialogue about the challenges of law enforcement and their training and responses is warranted more than ever.

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## Enough is Enough

# Police are essential to quality of life in communities

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

This week let's start by taking a stroll down memory lane. Going back 55 years, how many remember the Broadway play "West Side Story?" It was made into a movie in 1989 and is still shown on TV.

The story takes place in New York City in the 1950s, focusing on an turf war between two gangs, the Jets, made up of white hoodlums, and the Sharks, made up of Puerto Rican hoodlums. The leaders of both gangs meet for a war council at the soda fountain of a local drugstore in to set the time and the place for the rumble.

But alas, when you're a foul-mouthed, dim-witted bunch, you tend to usually overlook some of what you might call important issues—like the police. These pesky defenders of law and order always seem to show

up at the most inopportune time; in this case, spoiling a perfectly good gang fight. Why do the police do this? Because it is their job!

The play's straightforward accuracy portrays police officers both then and now. They keep all the public safe. It points out that all hoodlums, both white and black, are all treated the same.

Why? Because this is not a black, white, yellow or red issue. It is a quality of life issue. A quality of life issue that is made intolerable because of our national and local media that only focus on the shootings of blacks by white police officers, overlooking and casting aside the real news stories of children, teens and adults being shot by the neighborhood gang bangers.

The great majority of hardworking, decent, God-fearing people become prisoners in their own



Mayor Bob Macdonald

homes—that's if they make it back home from work, school or church.

Again, this is not a racial issue, but a quality of life issue. It's about good schools, children's playgrounds and civic activity that creates a vibrant neighborhood. It's about living in a place free from crime, drugs and fear.

From 1775 to 1783 our forefathers started, fought and won freedom from En-

glish tyranny through their blood, sweat and tears, not selfies and face time on the evening news. This revolution led to the establishment of the law of our land in a document known as the U. S. Constitution.

In the section of the Constitution dealing with criminal behavior, it states that all persons are presumed innocent and are subject to a trial by their peers to determine guilt or innocence. Getting on in age, I confess I may have missed the revised section of the law that now gives an uninformed, emotional mob the right to pass a guilty verdict on police two minutes after an incident happened.

In recent weeks Harvard Economics Professor Roland G. Fryer released a study showing that during the last two years, more white people were killed by police officers than blacks, Hispanic or Asians. This

becomes even more shocking to Liberals when they find out Professor Fryer is an African-American.

Lastly, there was the police shooting and killing of Gilbert Collar, a student who attended the University of Southern Alabama at Mobile. From all accounts he was a very friendly young man liked by all. But leaving the nest to attend college sometimes causes a profound change in one's priorities. And Collar succumbed.

Collar along with some friends decided to attend a local music festival. In order to assure that he really enjoyed the music, he obtained a little helper, a hallucinogen created for research laboratories. Well, it did the trick.

Uninhibited by clothing and in full public display, he began rambling and inconsistently screamed at the occupants of a passing

car. Approaching a second car, he tried to enter by climbing over the driver while continuing to bite the driver's neck.

The driver, a former football player, continued to punch Collar in the face, to no avail. He was finally pushed from the car and started running towards the campus police department. He was confronted by Officer Travis Austin and fatally shot.

The subsequent Grand Jury found Austin's actions totally justified. Although Collar was naked and unarmed, his drug-induced state presented a clear and present danger to both the officer and the public. It also must be noted that Officer Austin is African-American. Collar was white.

It's easy to be one of the thousands of armchair critics when you're watching from the safety of your living room chair.

## Auburn

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meaning that our police adhere a strict set of nearly 500 standards and best practices.

The audit team for the Commission was in our community to meet with management, members of the public and stakeholders to the work of the department. And it is a reminder to me, as it should be to all citizens of this community, that the men and women who swear an oath to protect and serve this community and uphold the U.S. Constitution take that seriously enough that they volunteer to be audited by an outside group to confirm how well they do that.

Engaging with the community and being a supportive partner in dialogue about challenging issues is something I know we can rely on from our Police Department. In the coming weeks, there will likely be a community forum held in Auburn to discuss race and policing. I do hope you'll join to be part of the solution.

## Farm Day

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There will also be a chance to see the farm's Scottish highland cattle and flock of more than 40 sheep, "Lamb to Loom" demonstrations, and a bake and plant sale. Barbecue lunch plates will be available.

The Shaker Store and Shaker Museum Visitors' Center will be open, and authors Chris Beckvoort (The Shaker Legacy), Mary Doyle (Unique Maine Farms) and Don Perkins (Barns of Maine) will be on hand

to sign copies of their books.

Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village is located at 707 Shaker Road (Route 26) in New Gloucester. For more information, call 926-4597 or see [www.maine-shakers.com](http://www.maine-shakers.com).

## LTE

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believe that the mayor does not know this, and yet he paints this picture anyway.

Between Governor LePage's Administration and Mayor Macdonald, we hear this lie repeated over and over again. It is dishonest and manipulative, and it bullies people who have traumatic life experiences.

Macdonald claims that Lewiston pays for the lion's share of asylum seekers' needs—75 percent—and the state pays 25 percent. If he is talking about general assistance (GA), which is what I assume since there are virtually no other benefits for which an asylum seeker can qualify, then he has his numbers backwards. It is the state that pays 70 percent of the cost while Lewiston pays 30 percent. Does he really not know this?

Not surprisingly, he leaves out the relevant detail that while people go through the process of applying for asylum, they are not allowed to earn a living in this country for at least several months. So GA serves as a temporary lifeline for these people as they try to pull their lives back together and start a new life in America.

While on GA, they are required to work through GA's workfare program. So

while they're not allowed to get a job, they still work in order to receive meager, but vital, assistance. Macdonald is choosing to mislead the public about asylum seekers. The truth is that asylum seekers receiving general assistance are giving back to our community every day.

After receiving that initial help from GA, many asylum seekers go on to get jobs, open up businesses and become permanent residents or citizens. From 2006 to 2010, there were 2,711 new immigrant business owners in the state.

According to Robert Fairlie of the University of California, Santa Cruz, these businesses had total net business income of \$120 million (3.3 percent of all net business income in the state). As Maine's population gets older, the importance of immigrant workers will grow. According to a study by the University of Southern California, the ratio of seniors to prime-working-age adults (age 25 to 64) in Maine will increase by 93 percent over the next two decades.

Immigrants are an undeniably important part of Maine's economy, and people who come here seeking asylum are an important part of our immigrant base.

Macdonald ends his column by proclaiming that "we need to take back our city." Very subtle, Mr. Mayor. We experience enough hate mongering and divisiveness through the current Presidential election and from our own Governor.

Please spare the people of Lewiston from having to experience it from our municipal leaders as well.

Bruce Noddin  
Lewiston

## Op-Ed

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for voter consideration:

1. The names of the cities they propose to merge. I believe this would be Lewiston and Auburn.

2. Their proposed name for the combined city. Two years to come up with this?

3. The property values in each city. Again, two years? I refer them to each city's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the answer.

4. How much each city owes in debt. Again, go to the CAFR.

5. The location of the new combined city hall. Two years to pick between Auburn Hall and Lewiston's venerable City Hall?

6. A new combined city charter. A draft has been published for months.

7. A plan for paying off the debt accumulated by each city prior any merger date. Seems pretty simple to me. Taxpayers in Lewiston pay off Lewiston's debt and ditto for Auburn paying Auburn's debt.

8. Other "necessary and proper" facts and terms related to the seven pieces of information above.

I have to believe No. 8 is what is taking the JCC so long to bring the information in points 1 through 7 above to the voters.

Title 30-A, section 2152 does not require detailed financial analysis of Lewiston and Auburn government. It does not ask the JCC for the design of a new government. It does not suggest the JCC to submit a proposed budget to the voters.

All of these intricate details will be the responsi-

bility of the new combined city council if, and when, the voters of both cities decide that they want to move into the future co-joined. It can be no other way.

The new council, if we get to that point, will have their own views of what the new combined city government will look like, what ordinances will replace the existing ordinances, what the budget will amount to—the JCC has absolutely no control over any part of the establishment of the new government other than the voter-approved seven ques-

tions I reviewed above.

Let's get this on the ballot in the Presidential election cycle this November, and let's get this decided once and for all. Two years answering 7 questions and supplying all kinds of detail related to those seven questions ("What's in a name?") have been more than enough time.

In the words of Nancy Pelosi when talking about Obamacare: "But we have to pass the bill so you can find out what is in it."

I would add: "Buyers beware!"

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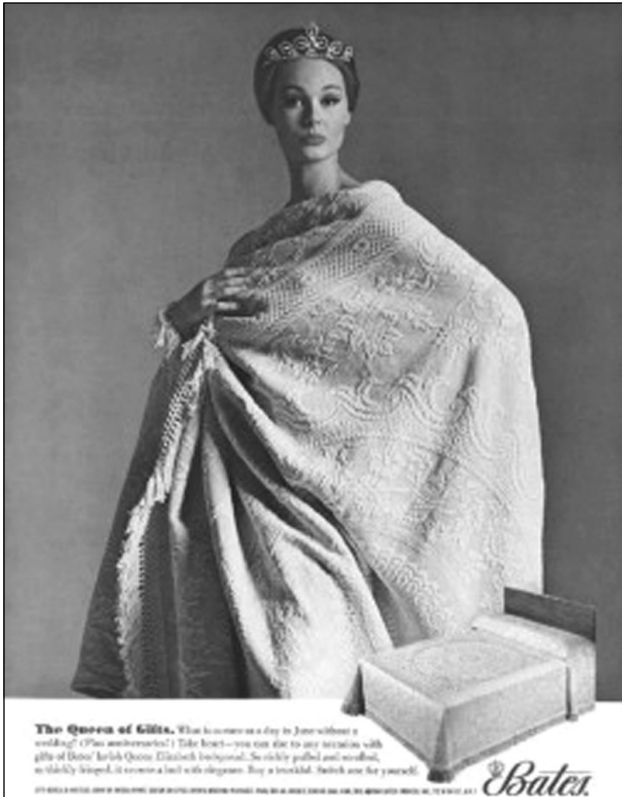
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## Bedspreads

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pieces," said Museum L-A Executive Director Rachel Desgrosseilliers. "After viewing over twenty pieces, I could see she was stunned to find so many vibrant colors, weaves and designs. She told me that our collection is likely a national treasure, and one that certainly has never been publically displayed before."

As a textile and dress historian, Professor of Textiles & Design, and former

Costume Curator, Field is well-versed on the subject. Her publications include the book "American Silk, 1830-1930: Entrepreneurs and Artifacts" and numerous journal articles. She holds a Dip.A (similar to an MFA) from Edinburgh College of Art, Textiles & Design in Edinburgh, Scotland.

"Lewiston's skilled spinners and weavers crafted Bates bedspreads, and another group, with different skills and abilities, created the designs," said Field. "This exhibit, with immense



This 1948 Vogue magazine ad featured future President and First Lady George and Barbara Bush.

appreciation for the actual production, focuses more on Bates design diversity and innovation in the twentieth century."

"As curator, I had to make tough decisions regarding which bedcovers to select," she continued. "This was certainly not an easy task, given the array of designs and types of bedcovers, which include the five main Bates fabrications: tufting, damask, matelassé, colonial and screen-printing."

Established in Lewiston in 1850 by Benjamin

Bates, Bates Manufacturing Co. became one of the largest textile manufacturers in New England. By the end of the 1850s, the Bates Mill ran 36,000 spindles and employed 1,000 workers to produce 5.7 million yards of top quality cotton goods each year.

Though bed coverings had been made by Bates Manufacturing since the 1850s, it wasn't until after the turn of the century that Bates began expanding into new loom processes to produce such textile goods as damasks, satins, Jacquards, and brocades, and to invent the tufting process known as terry. It was during this period that the Bates brand achieved iconic status, synonymous with heirloom bedspreads appreciated for their quality, functionality

and aesthetics.

From the 1930s through the 1960s, talented designers, including Herbert Hecker, who extended his knowledge with further study at Rhode Island School of Design, Ray D'Amour, whose career as a textile designer spanned 50 years, Fern Pelletier, who started in the business as a "yarn man," and others, worked together at Bates to create innovative new bed cover patterns.

Once approved, their hand-drawn designs and patterns went through a meticulous and expensive process before the first sample could be produced. The approved design was then transferred to a series of hole punched cards for use with the Bates Jacquard looms. These operating punch cards functioned, much as a player piano scroll, to guide the weaving of the designs on the looms.

Bates & Co. stopped producing bedspreads at the Bates Mill Complex in 2000. Today, Maine Heritage Weavers carries on the art of the Bates bedspread at their manufacturing plant in Monmouth, where they employ many former Bates mill workers in weaving many of the company's original designs. The Bates Mill complex in Lewiston still includes many of its original buildings, comprising approximately one million square feet on a 10-acre parcel in the city's downtown core.

Since opening to the public in 2004, Museum L-A has evolved into a broader community and cultural museum, but honoring and documenting

the lives and skills of the community's legions of mill workers remains a central focus. As a special tribute, the museum is preparing a program that will ask people across the nation and the world to share their memories, stories and images of Bates bedspreads.

The exhibit will run through April 30, 2017. Museum L-A is located in the Bates Mill Complex at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston. For more information, or to set up a private tour, contact Museum L-A at 333-3881 or see [www.museumla.org](http://www.museumla.org).

## Release

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Event co-Chairs Bonnie McHugh and Judy Vardamis both had a parent who received care from AHCH at home and at Hospice House, which is why giving back to AHCH is a passion for them. "AHCH and Hospice House are invaluable assets to our communities," the co-chairs said in a joint statement. "Events like these are so important to help ensure that everyone needing hospice care receives it, regardless of their ability to pay. We are so excited to recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the agency and 11 years of caring and compassion at Hospice House, and we look forward to many more."

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Paper dedication forms are also available at AHCH's Lewiston office at 15 Strawberry Avenue, Hospice House on Stetson Road in Auburn, Bangor Savings Bank in Lewiston and Bedard Pharmacy in Auburn.

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# Patrick Dempsey attends Chamber Breakfast at Lost Valley



Ilesha Stowe, Patrick Dempsey, Claire Dick and Sharon White



Sonia Theberge from Mechanics Savings Bank and Andrew Kull from MittelAsen LLC



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Sonia Theberge from Mechanics Savings Bank, Dommell Carroll and Corey Boucher from Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Company & Museum

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Seated L-R Danielle Eaton from Spectrum, Kelly David from Spectrum, David Paine from Ramada, Gail Kezar from Senator Anugus Kings office.

Back row L-R Aimee Labbe from The Dempsey Center, Danielle Colvin from The Dempsey Center, Wendy Tardif from The Dempsey Center, Erin Courtney from Maine Turnpike Authority, John Holden from LAEGC and Iman Poeraatmadja from Turner Publishing

## Dempsey visits bank to thank employees



Over the past seven years, employees of Androscoggin Bank have raised more than \$69,000 for the Dempsey Challenge.

Employees at Androscoggin Bank were delighted when Patrick Dempsey, in the company of his sister, Mary Dempsey, and several other staff members of the Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope and Healing, stopped by the bank's Operations Center recently for a surprise visit.

The appearance was part of a larger effort that day to recognize local businesses for their support of the Dempsey Challenge and the Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope and Healing. Androscoggin Bank was the group's first stop, where Dempsey thanked members of the bank's Dempsey Challenge Team for its determined fundraising efforts. Since forming its first

Dempsey Challenge Team in 2009, the bank has raised more than \$69,000 for the Dempsey Center.

The mission of the Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope and Healing is especially near and dear to many of the bank's employees who have been personally touched by cancer. This is reflected in the team's efforts to organize independent fundraising events each year. The team hosts a lobster roll and chicken sandwich fundraiser every year and recently partnered with Pinky D's Food Truck, which donated a portion of the day's profits from lunch sales toward the team's fundraising.

The team welcomes community members to join in the fun. For more infor-

mation about its fundraising events or how you can join the Bank's team, call them at 1-800-966-9172 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.



Androscoggin Bank Loan Operations Representative Kelly Ridley hugs Dempsey at the bank's Operations Center.



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## Out & About with Rachel Morin At the Maine-ly Jewish Storytelling Festival



Attractive entrance to Temple Shalom in Auburn

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**Rachel Morin**

I gathered with members of Temple Shalom at their Second Annual Maine-ly Jewish Storytelling Festival this past

Thursday evening to hear delightful and humorous stories read by members and story tellers who came from afar. The event was held in conjunction with the Auburn Public Library



The Rabbi Sruli Dresdner Family is a beautiful blended family and every one of them has musical talent. The family performs together often. Standing are Rabbi Dresdner, daughter, Ilana Dresdner, and his wife, Lisa Mayer; Seated are Zachary Mayer with Charlie Dresdner, left, and Aaron Mayer with Johnny Dresdner.



Karen Calloway, Storyteller, arrived early and was browsing in the Temple Shalom Library.



Impromptu Dance led by Zachary Mayer, Aaron Mayer, Dr. Elcha



Josh White of Auburn plays his violin before the festivities start.

and facilitated by Marty Gagnon, APL Adult Services Manager. I was pleased to see friends from USM's LA Senior College arriving and joining the increasing number

of attendees who gathered at the entrance to the Synagogue to enjoy the beautiful, well maintained gardens. Benches amidst the flowers invited people to sit awhile. Flowers

included Annabelle hydrangeas, petunias, Lady's Mantle, red geraniums, pink yarrow, Asiatic lilies, varieties of Hosta and Russian Sage. I would love to meet the gardener!

## Mechanics Savings supports Healthy Androscoggin



Healthy Androscoggin Executive Director Erin Guay receives a \$2,500 check from Rick Vail, President & CEO of Mechanics Savings Bank, at the bank's campus on Minot Avenue in Auburn.

Mechanics Savings Bank recently donated \$2,500 to Healthy Androscoggin, a non-profit organization that works to improve the health and quality of life of residents in Androscoggin County. Healthy Androscoggin's initiatives focus on preventing youth substance use, supporting tobacco-free lifestyles, promoting physical activity and healthy eating and preventing childhood lead poisoning. Healthy Androscoggin

also provides tools to businesses so they can support a healthy workforce at their worksites.

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A buffet of hors d'oeuvres and fancy desserts, along with soft drinks, wine and punch, were enjoyed beforehand. A birthday cake complete with burning candles honoring Lisa Mayer was brought to the table much to her surprise. Happy Birthday was sung, prompting Zachary Mayer with his Curved Soprano

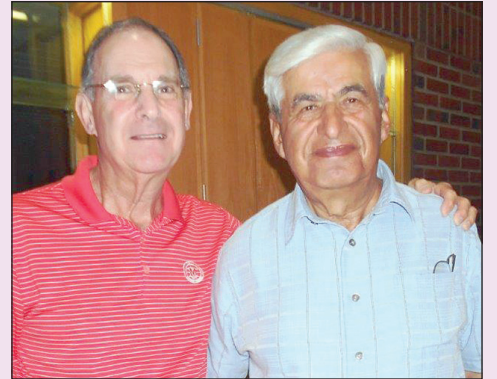
Saxophone and Aaron Mayer to start an impromptu dance. This led to the guests forming a line and marching around the room in joyful exuberance.

Earlier with the threat of a storm approaching and dark clouds hovering, outside chairs were quickly brought in and the event was held in the Temple Sanctuary. The storm came and pounding

rain was heard and lightning flashes were seen though the Sanctuary's stained glass windows. Inside, all was quiet as the audience settled in to listen to the age old tradition of Jewish storytelling.

Lisa Mayer, serving as the "Rebbitzin" of Ceremonies, introduced the storytellers, poets and bloggers. The audience was

attentive and responsive and relished every tale told. The presenters were Bonnie Faiman, Abigail Bloom, Dr. Ellen Frankel, Nancy Levinsky, Sofe Silverman, Lisa Mayer, Aaron Mayer, Karen Calloway and Phyllis Graber Jensen. A musical interlude concluded the program with Rabbi Sruli Dresdner, Lisa Mayer, Zachary Mayer and Aaron Mayer.



Larry Faiman and Dr. Behzad Fakhery



Friends, Crystal Ward, Joel Goodman, Marty Gagnon and Alan Elze.



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"It's a wonderful sight to see these very talented and passionate young students catching fire and discovering a new way to think about theatre and themselves."

The students' training

will be on display in a performance on Friday, July 29 at 6 p.m. at The Public Theatre, located at 31 Maple Street in Lewiston. The event is open to the public, free of charge. For more information, call The Public Theatre at 782-3200.

### Doug Varone and Dancers to present Maine premieres



One of America's leading contemporary companies, Doug Varone and Dancers return to the Bates Dance Festival for the ninth time since 1992. (Photo by Paula Lobo)

Rarely do audiences have the opportunity to watch an artist develop over the long term, but Doug Varone and Dancers' frequent Bates Dance Festival residencies have afforded Maine audiences just such a perspective. Returning to the festival this year for their ninth appearance since 1992, the company will present a program of kinetically thrilling new and reprised works on Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the college's Schaeffer Theatre in Lewiston.

On July 23 at 7 p.m., dance writer Debra Cash will present a pre-performance Inside Dance lecture on the program's themes. A talkback with the artists will follow both performances. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$12 for students, available at batestickets.com. The air-conditioned Schaeffer Theatre is located at 329

College Street. For more information, call the BDF box office at 786-6161 or visit the festival website at batedancefestival.org.

The company's program will include three pieces. Two are Maine premieres: "ReComposed" is inspired by American abstract artist Joan Mitchell's pastel drawings and set to Michael Gordon's explosive score, "Dystopia." In "The Fabulist," Varone returns to the stage with a moving portrait set to "Death Speaks," a score by composer David Lang. In the program's final piece, "Possession," set to music by Philip Glass and originally co-commissioned by the Bates Dance Festival in 1994, Varone's superb dancers apply their all-in artistry to a riveting tale.

Founded in 1986, Varone and Dancers command attention for their expansive vision, versatility and technical prowess. Varone's dances make essential connections and mine the complexity of the human spirit. From the smallest gesture to full-throttle bursts of movement, his work is often breathtaking. "It's the humanity of his work that I find so moving, and so rare, in today's world," noted a writer for the New York Observer.

The company has per-

### CLT rehearses for Beauty & the Beast



Phillip Warren (Gaston) holds Scotty Venable (Lefou) up to high standards as they rehearse for Community Little Theatre's upcoming production of Disney's Beauty & the Beast, running August 19 to 28. For more information or to buy tickets, call 783-0958 or visit [www.laclt.com](http://www.laclt.com).

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## Portland organist to perform at Basilica



Harold Stover

The next Concert at the Basilica on Wednesday, July 27 at 12:15 p.m. will feature a performance by organist Harold Stover. A

native of Latrobe, PA and a graduate of the Juilliard School in New York, Latrobe serves as Organist and Director of Music of Woodfords Congregational Church in Portland, as Director of the Portland-based chamber chorus Renaissance Voices, and on the faculty of the Portland Conservatory of Music.

Stover's career as an organ recitalist spans more than four decades and includes appearances at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, the National

Cathedral in Washington, Westminster Abbey in London, and many other distinguished venues. The New York Times has called his performances "a succession of listening pleasures," praising his "multiplicity of talents."

Concerts at the Basilica are free and open to the public. Donations to restore the Basilica's historic Casavant Organ are gratefully accepted. The Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul is located at 122 Ash Street in Lewiston. For a complete schedule of upcoming concerts, see [www.princeofpeace.me](http://www.princeofpeace.me).

## Halls Pond Healing Arts offers free programs

In celebration of Katey Branch's 30 years as a healing artist, massage therapist, yoga practitioner and dancer, her Halls Pond Healing Arts will offer several free programs in July and August.

"Healing the Emotional Body with Essential Oils," a guided meditation using essential oils to be led by Kara Seymour, will take place on Thursday July 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; "Yoga for Gardeners," a program on how yoga poses can improve the body while gardening, will take place on Saturday, July 23, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Alan Day Community Garden, 26 Whitman Street in Norway; and an Open House to enjoy the peaceful studio, taste herbal teas, sample essential oils, walk through the beautiful gardens and visit with Katey will take place on Sunday, August 7, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Halls Pond Healing Arts is located at 253 Halls Pond Road, off Route 119, the Hebron Road, in South Paris. For more information, call 890-9622 or see [www.hallspondhealingarts.com](http://www.hallspondhealingarts.com).



Among the upcoming events are an Open House on Sunday, August 7.



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## Sandy's Ride and Barbecue on Saturday

The seventh annual Sandy's Ride and Barbecue will take place on Saturday, July 23 at LA Harley-Davidson in Lewiston. As in years past, all proceeds from this fun family event will go to a local person coping with the overwhelming burden of cancer. This year's recipient will be Paul Soucy of Monmouth.

The first Sandy's Ride, to help a young woman battling stage four colon cancer,

took place in 2010, when the community came together to raise funds to assist her with some of the expenses that she incurred during her chemotherapy. Since then, with the generous support of several local businesses, Sandy's Ride has become an annual fundraiser to benefit others who, like Sandy, are stricken with this terrible illness.

The event will feature raffles, a barbecue, and live music by Right Amount of

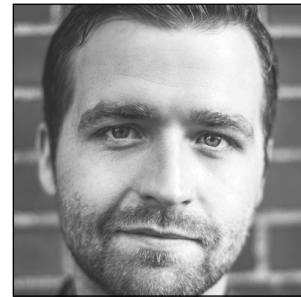
Wrong - and, of course, it all starts with the ride! Registration will start at noon and the motorcycles will leave L-A Harley-Davidson at 2:30 p.m., returning by 4 p.m. for the festivities. Donations of \$15 per bike and \$5 per passenger are requested. You don't have to be a rider to participate; non-riders are welcome to the barbecue for a \$15 donation. For more information, see [www.sandysride.com](http://www.sandysride.com).

## Sawyer Memorial presents singer-songwriter

Singer-songwriter Max Ater and his father, comedian Johnny Ater, will perform at Sawyer Memorial in Greene on Friday, July 22 at 2 and 7 p.m. Both shows are free and open to the public.

An up-and-coming Pop and Soul sensation from southern Maine, Max Ater is best known for winning the Maine's Got Talent! contest in 2012. Driven by lyrics that connect us all, his songs blend deeper truths and a soulful voice with a contemporary sound to deliver music that resonates with many audiences.

No stranger to the



Max Ater

stage, Max filled his youth with community theatre, vocal training, and hours a day behind the piano. He was inspired at an early age by artists like Jamie Cullum, Norah Jones, John Mayer, and Elton John. In high school, he began composing original music, which

led to an array of accolades, including an Independent Music Award, appearances on multiple television programs and regular radio airtime.

Recently experiencing a renewed purpose and energy thanks to his collaboration with Elevated Management Group, the now 23-year-old singer-songwriter is more excited than ever to share his latest creations with an ever-growing fan base throughout Maine and beyond. Backed by longtime band mate Dan Bodmer on bass and Drew Weber on drums, his latest *See Sawyer, page 13*



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## Concerts on the Quad at Bates College



The Sequenza Quartet

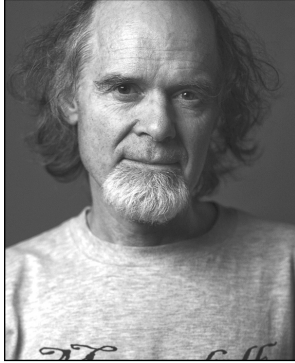
Promising summer evenings of captivating sounds on a shady lawn, upcoming Concerts on the Quad at Bates College will feature the traditional dance music of folk fiddler Greg Boardman and Friends on July 28 and the four trombones of the Sequenza Quartet on August 11.

Both concerts will take place at 6:30 p.m. on the college's Historic Quad at

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College Street and Campus Avenue. Admission is free, and audience members are encouraged to bring picnics and chairs or blankets. The rain site is the nearby Peter J. Gomes Chapel, also on the Quad, at 275 College Street. For more information, call 753-6953.

Greg Boardman has fiddled throughout Maine since the early 1970s, performing solo and with bands, including the Maine Country Dance Orchestra, Old Grey Goose, the Gawler Family and Jessie Boardman. Among those accompanying Boardman will be eclectic pianist Neil Pearlman; bassist Mali Obomswami, who also



Greg Boardman

works with the trio Lula Wiles; and percussionist Ness Smith-Savedoff.

Named for a series of works by renowned composer Luciano Berio, the Sequenza Quartet is an ensemble based in the Midwest. Its members are James Albrecht, assistant professor of trombone at the University of Akron; Kirk Ferguson, assistant principal trombonist with the Milwaukee Symphony; Tony Weikel, graduate teaching assistant for the trombone studio at Ohio State University; and Alan Carr, who also teaches, manages the applied music program and directs the Dean of Faculty Concert Series at Bates.

## First Universalist Church to screen "Trapped"

The Social Justice Committee of First Universalist Church of Auburn will present a free screening of the film "Trapped," followed by a panel discussion about issues of access to women's health care in Maine, on Tuesday, July 26 at 6 p.m.

A critically-acclaimed documentary by Dawn Por-

ter, "Trapped" follows the struggles of the clinic workers and lawyers who are on the front lines in the battle to keep abortion safe and legal for millions of American women.

After the film, women's health care advocates from Maine Family Planning and Planned Parent-

hood of Northern New England will participate in a panel discussion on local access to safe and legal abortion and the possible effects of the recent Supreme Court decision on the Texas case.

First Universalist Church of Auburn is located at 169 Pleasant Street, across from Dairy Joy.

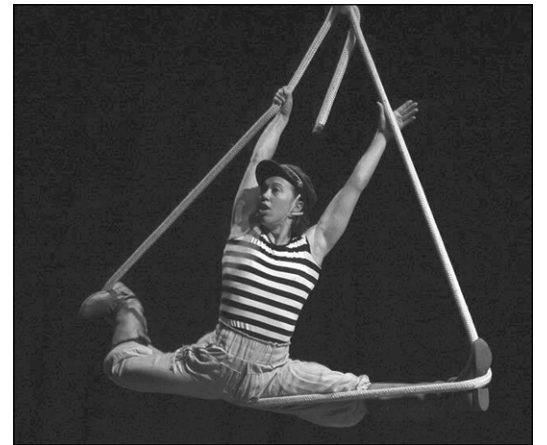
For more information, call 783-0461 or see [www.auburnuu.org](http://www.auburnuu.org).

## Celebration Barn presents annual variety shows

On Saturday, July 23, for its biggest event of the season, Celebration Barn Theater will present, not one, but two variety shows featuring over a dozen performances by 20-plus artists.

At 2 p.m., the Big Barn Family Show will feature a variety of performers in a kid-friendly program designed to give young audience members a chance to learn about the arts. The show moves along briskly for 60 minutes, making it well-suited to short attention spans. Performers in the show will include circus artist and Pilobolus Dance Theater member Molly Gawler, Brazilian-born storyteller Antonio Rocha, Mime-dancer Karen Montanaro, Emmy-award nominated viral video artist Fritz Grobe, and eccentric actress Amanda Huotari.

At 8 p.m., the Big Barn Spectacular will pack in even more performers from around the country. In addition to those listed above, the program will feature masked marvel and stilt dancer Michael Cooper, one-man band Rick Adam, and a national ensemble currently training intensively at Celebration Barn. The 8 p.m. show will also mark the conclusion of Celebration Barn's annual Silent Auction. Prior to the program and during intermission, all auction items will on display for anonymous, in-person bidding. Proxy bidding is available for those who can't attend. The online portion of the auction will close on July 23 at 6 p.m. See [www.CelebrationBarn.com/Auction](http://www.CelebrationBarn.com/Auction).



Among those performing will be circus artist and Pilobolus Dance Theater member Molly Gawler. (Photo by JML Photo)

Tickets for the Big Barn Family Show at 2 p.m. are \$10. The lobby and concessions will open at 1:30 p.m. Tickets to the Big Barn Spectacular at 8 p.m. are \$18. The lobby and concessions will open at 7 p.m. Celebration Barn Theater is located just off Route #117

at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris. Seating is general admission, and members receive priority seating. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended. For more information or to buy tickets, call the box office at 743-8452 or see [www.CelebrationBarn.com](http://www.CelebrationBarn.com).

## Play golf, help 4-H, get chance to win \$10k

Rather than worry about scores and handicaps, golfers at Paris Hill Country Club can enjoy playing the historic course this summer "Fore the Love of Money," a new program that supports the work of the Maine 4-H Foundation and will result in a significant windfall for one lucky player.

For each 18-hole round of golf fees paid, the club will donate a portion to the Maine 4-H Foundation and will submit the player's name into a raffle to win \$10,000. Both members and non-members are eligible, with a



Abbey Toohey poses with a loaf of bread she helped bake at a program of the Maine 4-H Foundation. See 4-H, page 15

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**Thursday, July 21**

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Auburn Rec. Senior Trip. Bus leaves 10:30 a.m., returns c. 3:30 p.m. This two-hour cruise on the Songo River Queen II in Naples will include an Italian sandwich lunch on board. \$35. Register at Senior Citizens Office, Pettingill Park. 333-6601, ext. 2108.

Rotary Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Museum L-A, 35 Canal St., Lewiston. Museum L-A director Rachel Desgrosseilliers gives a preview of the forthcoming exhibit "Art of the Bates Bedspreed" and discusses museum programs. Guests welcome. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 2 p.m. Conf. Rm., Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Chiropractor Cory St. Denis presents techniques for "Reducing Stress in the Workplace to Help with Productivity, Health and Retention."

Blackjack 5K Run-Walk. 6 p.m. Oak Hill Middle School, Ball Park Road, Sabattus. Pres. by the Sabattus Rec Club, this non-competitive event is fun for all ages and experience levels. Those ages 17- need permission. \$5. Regis. begins at 5:00. [running@sabattusrec.com](mailto:running@sabattusrec.com).

Healing the Emotional Body with Essential Oils. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Halls Pond Healing Arts, 253 Halls Pond Rd., off Rte. 119, So. Paris. This guided medita-

**Sawyer**

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single, to be released in June, showcases a polished sound and a new take on his song "One With You."

"It's an exciting first step towards my bigger vision of releasing an album," he says. With a sturdy Facebook following and a highly coveted Vox Pop award, 2016 is looking like a breakout year.

Joining Max for the 7 p.m. show will be his father, Maine comedian Johnny Ater. The two will present a combination music and comedy show that you will not want to miss. For more information about Max and Johnny Ater, see their respective websites at [www.maxater.com](http://www.maxater.com) and [www.johnnyater.com](http://www.johnnyater.com).

The Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial is located at 371 Sawyer Road in Greene. For more information, call 946-5311 or see [sawyer-foundation.com](http://sawyer-foundation.com).

# Calendar

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tion with essential oils will be led by Kara Seymour. Free. 890-9622; [www.hallspond-healingarts.com](http://www.hallspond-healingarts.com).

Lewiston City Republicans Meeting. 7 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, Lewiston. Agenda items include the National Convention, local and state seats, and committee positions. All Lewiston Republicans invited. 577-1187; 740-6135.

Thread Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston. Actors (drawn at random) perform 10-minute scenes (drawn at random) on tonight's theme, "Merica" (America). Happy hour, open mic in café-bar from 6:30. Adult themes. \$5. 783-1585; [www.franco-center.org](http://www.franco-center.org).

**Friday, July 22**

Concert: Max Ater. 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. For the 7 p.m. show, the up-and-coming singer songwriter will be joined by his father, Maine comedian Johnny Ater. Free. 946-5311; [sawyer-foundation.com](http://sawyer-foundation.com).

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Big Buck Music Festival. Noon to 10 p.m. Lost Valley Ski Area, 200 Lost Valley Rd., Auburn. Enjoy live performances by indie rock acts Tigerman Woah!, Paranoid Social Club, Spose, These Wild Plains, and Sarah Blacker. \$30 at gate, \$25 at [lostvalleyski.com](http://lostvalleyski.com).

Opening Reception. 1 to 4 p.m. Museum L-A, Bates Mill Complex, 35 Canal St., Lewiston. The museum unveils its latest exhibit, "Covering the Nation: The Art of the Bates Bedspreed." Bedspreeds by Maine Heritage Weavers will be avail. for sale. Free. 333-3881; [www.museumla.org](http://www.museumla.org).

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Sandy's Ride and Barbecue. LA Harley-Davidson, Lewiston. Ride at 2:30, barbecue at 4:00. This year's

event benefits Paul Soucy of Monmouth. Sugg. donation \$15 per bike, \$5 per passenger; non-riders can eat for \$15. [www.sandysride.com](http://www.sandysride.com).

Empowerment through Healing Mother Wounds. 3 p.m. Town Hall, 1190 Main St., Hartford. Pres. by Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp. Regis. in adv.; suggested donation \$25. 515-101; [pinpointoflight-camp@gmail.com](mailto:pinpointoflight-camp@gmail.com).

Summer Saturday Concert. 6 p.m. Waterfront Park, Bath. This weekly series continues with the rock music of the Hollowbody Electric Band; bring your own blankets and chairs. Free. [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).

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**Sunday, July 24**

Emily's Run 5k Race. Edward Little High School, Auburn. Event two in the Greater L-A Triple Crown 5K Series; chip timing, prizes, refreshments; free kids' fun run at 8 a.m. \$20 (\$25 on race day; free for kids ages 14-). [www.triple-crown5k.com](http://www.triple-crown5k.com).

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](mailto:lewistonfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

Open Farm Day. Noon to 4:30 p.m. Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, 707 Shaker Rd. (Rte. 26), New Gloucester. Special family-fun activities will include tours, demos and tractor rides; bake and plant sale, concessions. Free. 926-4597; [www.maineshakermuseum.com](http://www.maineshakermuseum.com).

**Monday, July 25**

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](mailto:centralmainesurj@riseup.net).

**Tuesday, July 26**

Film Screening. 6 p.m. First Univ. Church,

169 Pleasant St., Auburn. The Soc. Justice Comm. screens "Trapped," a critically-acclaimed documentary about the struggle to keep abortion safe and legal for American women; a panel discussion follows. Free. 783-0461; [www.auburnnuu.org](http://www.auburnnuu.org).

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

Bates Dance Fest. 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, Bates College, 329 College St., Lewiston. In advance of their weekend performances, members of Kate Weare Company discuss their creative process. Free.

**Wednesday, July 27**

Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust Young Explorer's Club. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Bradley Pond Farm, Topsham. Come explore the outdoor community resources at this BTLT property; best for kids ages 4-7. Free. [info@btl.org](mailto:info@btl.org); [www.btl.org](http://www.btl.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 Harold Stover (organ). Free. [www.princeofpeace.me](http://www.princeofpeace.me).

Music on the Mall. 6 p.m. Town Mall (green), Maine Street, Downtown Brunswick. It's Children's Night, so come sing along with Anne Sparling & Jimmy Junkins. Free. Bring blankets, lawn chairs. Rain date is Thurs. when possible. [www.brunswickdowntown.org](http://www.brunswickdowntown.org).

Concert on the Quad. 6:30 p.m. Bates College Quad, College St. and Campus Ave., Lewiston. Bring your chairs and picnic to this outdoor concert featuring Maine folk fiddler Greg Boardman and Friends. Free.

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Central Intelligence (PG-13)		9:35	
The Legend Of Tarzan (PG-13)	12:50	3:40	
Mike And Dave Need Wedding Dates (R)		7:30	9:45

Rain site: Gomes Chapel, 275 College St. 753-6953.

Bates Dance Fest. 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, Bates College, 329 College St., Lewiston. "Moving in the Moment" features improvisational dance and music by contact improvisers Chris Aiken, Angie Hauser and festival faculty and musicians. Free.

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