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Covering the Nation; The Art of the Bates Bedspread



"COVERING THE NATION: THE ART OF THE BATES BEDSPREAD" was the focal point of the Museum LA's Exhibit opening Saturday, July 23, at its 5 Canal Street location. Photo by Rachel Morin. See story and more photos on pages 8 & 9.

Maine Highland Fiddlers at Sawyer Memorial



Also playing guitar, bodhran, and piano, the band captures the kitchen party atmosphere central to the Celtic tradition.



Sawyer Memorial will present two performances by the Maine Highland Fiddlers on Friday, August 5 at 2 and 7 p.m. Both shows are free and open to the public.

The music of Scotland, Cape Breton, Ireland and the Shetlands resonates well with the rich heritage of Maine's early Celtic settlements, and the Maine Highland Fiddlers are part of the traditional Celtic music revival that's thriving across the North Atlantic rim. Also playing guitar, bodhran, and piano, this group of seven musicians captures the kitchen party atmosphere central to the Celtic tradition.

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New England Revs honor Lewiston Blue Devils



Recognized during a pregame ceremony, the Blue Devils had a sideline view of the Revs' pregame warmups and then enjoyed the game from the Putnam Club.

The New England Revolution honored the Lewiston High School Blue Devils boys' soccer team as "Heroes of the Match" at their recent home game against New York City FC at Gillette Stadium. The ethnically diverse Blue Devils were recognized during

a pregame ceremony for demonstrating, with the help of their coach, Michael McGraw, how soccer transcends boarders by becoming the school's first-ever Maine State Championship Soccer Team.

The Revs' Hero of the Match program honors a lo-

Balloon Festival seeks volunteers

The Great Falls Balloon Festival will host its 24th annual celebration August 19 through 21 at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston and Festival Plaza in Auburn. The success of the festival depends upon the skills and time contributed by volunteers, who are needed to

assist with various activities, including staffing souvenir and information booths, field clean-up, crowd control, supply delivery, staffing balloon crews, and much more. Volunteer shifts are typically one to four hours long.

Both groups and individuals are encouraged to

cal first responder, member of the armed forces or individuals making a difference in the community at each home game during the 2016 season. The student-athletes had a sideline view of the Revs pregame warmups and enjoyed the game from the Putnam Club.



volunteer. To sign up, fill out the volunteer form on the festival website at www. greatfallsballoonfestival. org or e-mail volunteer@greatfallsballoonfestival.org.



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Project Tipping Point founder to address Rotary



Shanna Cox

Shanna Cox, founder and principal consultant of Project Tipping Point, a collaborative catalyst for transformative advancement in Lewiston-Auburn, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, August 11 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston.

Project Tipping Point offers strategic training, board development and capacity building, as well as community and strategic planning. As principal consultant, Cox guides and coaches her clients, from large organizations to small businesses to individuals, to advance their thinking and embrace collaborative approaches to transformation. She works with clients to develop leadership skills through interactive training, robust networking, and continued support. She comes to her current role in collaborative leadership and consulting from a background in housing, public health, and community development. For more information, contact Monica Millhime at 753-9040 or monica.millhime@ maine.gov.

Sampson vets welcome Sen. Eric Brakey

Veterans of the Southern Maine Squadron of Sampson Air Force Base will meet on Thursday, August 11 at noon at The Village Inn, 166 High Street in Auburn. The guest speaker will be Senator Eric Brakey. This is an informal monthly get-together of veterans who went through basic training at Sampson Air Force Base and their guests. All veterans are welcome to attend. Sampson served as a training center for the Navy from 1942 to 1945 and for the Air Force from 1950 to 1956. For more information, contact Roy Tassinari at 784-5691 or Bob Sawyer at 657-4909.

Auer to hike Mt. Whitney for Wisdom's Women



Anne Auer will celebrate her 50th birthday in a unique and challenging way: by hiking up Mt. Whitney in California this month to raise funds for the Center for Wisdom's Women.

Anne Auer, a board member and volunteer at The Center for Wisdom's Women, has decided to celebrate her 50th birthday by hiking up Mt. Whitney in California this summer. With an elevation of 14,496 ft., it is the highest summit in the contiguous United

Auer has dedicated her effort to honor The Center for Wisdom's Women. Her goal is to raise one dollar for every foot of elevation she'll hike, \$14,500, which will go toward general operating expenses at the center.

She'll be making the hike on August 9 with her son John (15), her nephew David (13), and her brother in law and guide, Phil, who has summited Whitney twice before. She is doing

Poliquin announces fall internship opportunities

Poliquin (ME-02) is inviting individuals to apply for internship opportunities offered for the Fall 2016 semester in his Washington, D.C. office and in his District offices in Bangor, Lewiston and Presque Isle.

Poliquin is seeking professional, hardworking and self-motivated candidates who have a particular interest in public service, policy and government. During the fall program, interns will gain firsthand experience in the lawmaking process, work side-by-side with experienced full-time staff, and play an integral part in the daily operations of the office. A typical day for Congressional interns includes welcoming constit-

Congressman Bruce uents and guests to the office, researching legislation for the Congressman and policy staff, and answering constituent calls and letters on various issues before the House. The internships will run from August to early December.

> To apply for an internship for the Fall 2016 semester in Washington, D.C., Bangor, Lewiston or Presque Isle, email a resume and cover letter to Poliquin.Internship@mail. house.gov specifying which location(s) you would like to work. Candidates applying for the Washington, D.C. office must be enrolled in a college or have a college degree to be considered. Individuals with ties to Maine are preferred.

all of her training in Maine and has been blogging about her experiences as she trains and prepares for the event.

"I'll be taking my training and preparation one day at a time," she says. "I've got help from experts and support from friends, family and colleagues at the CWW. My journey is self-imposed, but I imagine some elements of the challenge to make my way safely to the summit and back are like the struggles faced by some of the women we serve. I take it one day at a time and get stronger with each practice hike. I have good days and days that I struggle, but I have a plan

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for my progress." For more information on how to make a donation toward Auer's goal, contact the center at

The Center for Wisdom's Women is a sacred and safe place that supports and empowers women. It functions as a collaborative of women who work to build community for the purpose of bettering and enriching their lives. Through support groups, activities and programs, women can meet and network with others, build friendships, and support each other in their daily struggles. For more information, see www. wisdomswomen.org.



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Governor's Address: An Open Letter to All State Employees

This letter was sent to all state employees on Tuesday, August 02, 2016

Dear State Employees, Recently, the print media and the union bosses at the Maine State Employees Association would have you believe that in the next biennial budget I will be sending pink slips to thousands of state employees, all in an effort to lower the income tax rate to 5.75 percent. They are simply wrong.

I want to be perfectly clear: the overall goal of our next budget is to create a more affordable and efficient government that is accountable to the taxpayer in previous administrations

and controls spending and reduces taxes.

Here are the facts: the Maine Legislature authorized money for more than 13,000 state positions in the last budget. The state fills between 11,000 to 12,000 of those positions. Many positions are "limited-period," meaning they have an end date associated with their funding source. I have instructed our commissioners to assess all positions based on the value of the program or service they provide to Mainers. The lowest-valued programs and services may result in a nonrenewal of those positions.

In previous years and



Governor Paul R. LePage

to achieve savings, the State has implemented periodic hiring justification reviews. We have done this again. There are exceptions for certain fields, including law enforcement and health care among other essential positions.

One of the goals of the hiring justification review is to correct an injustice created by the Legislature in the current biennial budget. In a purely political move, the Legislature authorized significant salary increases for employees at the state's two psychiatric centers. The money for the increases comes directly from the account that provides wage increases to all state employees based on future labor negotiations. Unfortunately, the Legislature's politically motivated move diminished that account. Implementing a hiring justification review may allow the state time to

rebuild the resources needed for that account for our upcoming labor negotiations for employees' wages and benefits.

Finally, from a broader perspective, a significant number of state employees with critical knowledge in vital positions are eligible to retire in 5 to 10 years. At the same time, government jobs are changing. We must start now to lay the foundation for the future workforce of state government.

In the long term, Maine's employment strategy will include a smaller, more technologically savvy workforce of people who value portability of benefits and flexibility on work schedules. To move in that direction, the state must place more emphasis on better trained employees with more competitive wages compared to the private sector. To achieve that goal, we must continue to right-size our workforce to meet those challenges.

Once again, please do not give credit to the media headlines. The goal of our administration is to provide the necessary resources to our workforce so we can continue to efficiently and effectively serve the people of Maine.

> Thank You, Paul R. LePage Governor

Empowerment Forum to feature Travis Mills

The Five+ Council Collaborative will present its fourth annual Empowerment Forum for People with Disabilities on Thursday, August 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn at 14 Great Falls Plaza in Auburn.

The event will provide an opportunity for those attending to provide feedback on the various disability service systems and will include a panel who will discuss the various transitions in their lives and how they have managed them. The keynote

speaker will be SSG Travis Mills, author of the book "Tough as They Come."

The event is free for those with disabilities and will include lunch. Registration is required by August 11. Every effort will be made to honor requests for accommodations. To learn more about the event or to register, call Jenn Ardito at 377-7055 or see www. caresinc.org.

The Five+ Council Collaborative includes the Statewide Independent Living Council; the State Rehabilitation Council for Vocational Rehabilitation; the State Rehabilitation Council for the Division of the Blind & Visually Impaired; the Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing & Late Deafened; the State Workforce Board's Commission on Disability & Employment; and the Consumer Council System of Maine.

Sawyer

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The Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial is at 371 Sawyer Road in Greene. For more information, call 946-5311, find them on Facebook, or see sawyer-foundation.com.

Sherwin-Williams to open new store in Auburn

Located at the former Pizza Hut location at 445 Center Street, Sherwin-Williams' new retail store in Auburn will have more paint options than ever before to help home decorators and contractors transform a living space. Customers will find a selection of over 1,500 colors. with coordinated color and wallpaper collections to help them choose the perfect palette for their interior or exterior project.

"Today's home decorators have so many choices in textures, patterns and colors," said store manager Owen Hill. "At Sherwin- Williams, we offer a selection of exceptional products, colors and expert how-to advice from sales associates who really understand the products they sell." The store's staff will also be trained to help professional contractors with their jobs. Services will include on-site delivery, custom color matching, credit programs, specification assistance and technical advice.

The new store, which will be open seven days a week, will hold a grand opening event in September. The event will feature free give-aways, free food and a chance to win prizes.

"Auburn is excited to have the investment of Sherwin-Williams in our Center Street retail corridor," said Auburn Mayor Jonathan Labonte. "This project is further evidence that Auburn's retail area is the hub for the region and growing. And as we continue to promote our City as a great place to live, Sherwin-Williams' high quality products will be just what you need for that home improvement project."





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Only Steps Forward

Strategy is needed to provide a space for senior programming

By Jonathan P. LaBonté

MAYOR OF AUBURN

One item approved in this year's budget sought to improve Auburn's position as a great place to live. From my recommendation to the Auburn City Council and city staff, it did fall short, and I'm hopeful there's still time to reconsider. That project was the retrofitting of one bay of the city's maintenance garage behind Hasty Memorial into a meeting space for a volunteer senior citizens group.

The price tag was projected to be about \$100,000.

There was one resident in particular who heard of my concern about the project: former city councilor Belinda Gerry. The word that was being spread was that the mayor was against the seniors, a senior center and senior programming. And that couldn't be further from the truth.

In today's world of growing communities, it's more about attracting and retaining people first and



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

businesses second. A community that is home to, and provides support to, programming for people of all ages, but in particular seniors is a major attraction. From those who have lived their life in a community being able to stay and stay connected, to attracting empty nesters and retirees, there's much to be gained by engaging seniors in growing a city.

AARP actually has a program to help city's assess how well they do in helping seniors age in place, with everything from transportation and housing options to access to shopping and medical care, along with

cultural programming and community building.

So with all this positive to be gained, what was the issue? Well, first and foremost, the city's long-term plan, as well as its five-year plan for capital expenses, had never made mention of constructing a physical senior center. The project appeared for the very first time in this budget process. City plans can and should change, but typically this is done with public process, discussion and a vote of the city council to adopt that new direction.

The lack of public process means we lose opportunities to get feedback from residents, to find potential partners to improve the concept and to seek other ways the community could benefit.

The city lacks a formal senior programming strategy at present, which does make constructing a space for \$100,000 seem

a bit pre-mature. Was the goal to build a separate building for seniors only, to build expanded community event space or to just ensure there was access to space for seniors? And if it was to have a physical space, what assessment was done before determining that a maintenance garage was the best place to host programming?

If the City of Auburn is going to get itself into the business of providing for programming to support seniors in our community and attract more empty nesters or retirees, then we should determine what programming needs to be available, what other organizations in Lewiston-Auburn may already offer it, and then strategize how to fill the gap.

How are cities like Portland or Portsmouth, N.H. or Lowell, Mass. supporting programming that is accessible to long-time See Auburn, page 6



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Enough is Enough

Family justice center would assist victims of domestic abuse

By Robert E. Macdonald MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Who are these nay-sayers that are so hell bent against the consolidation of Lewiston-Auburn?

They refuse to participate in any discussions. Whether these discussions will lead to the consolidation of the Twin Cities is anyone's guess. Will money be saved? Probably not initially.

But discussions create off-shoot ideas that can be looked at, developed and brought to fruition in order to benefit both communities. Domestic violence, both sexual and physical, is ever increasing throughout our towns, cities, counties, states and our country. Domestic abuse, unlike your favorite crime show, is not brought to a conclusion in an hour and rarely do the victims live happily ever after.

One of the things that the average person does not think about is the tremendous amount of manpower needed to handle just one of these cases. The average person knows that police and prosecutors are involved in



Mayor Bob Macdonald

domestic abuse cases. But are there others that are equally important? You betcha!

social workers, Department of Health and Human Service Protection Workers, Tri-County Mental Health, doctors, nurses and medical staff, ambulance personnel and counselors from specialized non-profit agencies that deal with the various types of abuse. These people are needed to help deal with each individual case.

Included in these are

Last week during a discussion of the steps needed to merge Lewiston and Auburn's Police Departments, a side discussion occurred over the creation of a family justice center. This center would house the aforementioned agencies in one place in order to immediately and effectively meet the needs of victims. This would replace spending weeks of making appointments and sending victims here, there and everywhere.

Will there be an expense? Probably. But to treat this epidemic using a Band-Aid instead of disinfectant will result in higher costs down the road. Being elected city officials, we should discuss and debate this problem and ask: will this make our cities safer?

make our cities safer?

I am from the old

school of police work: you could not arrest an abuser unless you actually observed the assault. There were no such things as protective orders of abuse. In domestic situations, you as the police, sworn to protect and serve, were helpless.

Things have progressed from 40 years ago. Police now have the tools to do a much better job. I think it's time to start a dialogue that will lead to the establishment of a Lewiston-Auburn family justice center. We owe it to the victims. We owe it to the police. We owe it to our constituents.

Speaking of domestic violence, last week I attended two events in which two local companies and a local Boy Scout raised money to help alleviate the trauma suffered by victims of domestic abuse.

The first event was a free country and western concert that attracted several thousand well-behaved fans. This concert, put on by LA Harley Davidson and 99.9 The Wolf, benefited Safe-Voices, our local women and children's advocacy group. Thanks also to members of the Lewiston Fire Depart-

ment, who took time to "Fill the Boot" for this necessary community non-profit.

I saved the best for last. Two weeks ago I was honored and humbled to participate at an award ceremony in which Dale Brown, a 17-year-old Boy Scout, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. He earned this award by unselfishly raising enough money to buy 104 backpacks and stocking them with items designed to make the transition of abused children, pulled from their homes and placed in foster care, easier.

Early in life Brown had been the victim of shaken baby syndrome. Instead of assuming the status of victim, he dedicated himself to unselfishly helping kids that had been abused.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Brown's mother. She is one of the many single, working-poor mothers that devote their energies to their children in order to assure them a better life. Let us salute her and the many unnoticed parents like her.

Lastly, in November 2017 Dale Brown is my choice to succeed me as

SEARCH seeks volunteers to support elderly

Catholic Charities SEARCH program (Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage and Hope) relies on the help of community volunteers to provide support services to lonely and isolated seniors throughout Androscoggin County to help them continue living in their homes. These services include companionship, help with errands and grocery shopping, and transportation assistance to appointments.

The program currently has on its waiting list 17 elderly people in



The program currently has 17 elderly people who would love to receive friendly visits and transportation support from caring volunteers in their community.

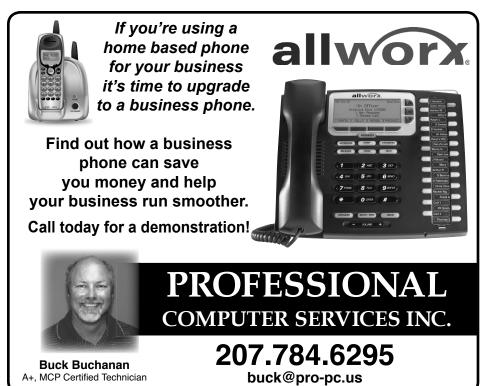
their late 60s to 80s who live in the Auburn, Lewiston, Lisbon-Lisbon Falls, Poland and Sabattus areas who would love to receive friendly visits and transportation support for errands from caring volunteers in their community.

SEARCH provides training and ongoing support for its volunteers. If you have three to four hours a week to give to a senior from your community, or would like more information about becoming a volunteer, call their office at 784-0157.

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Chamber presents "Sales Skills for Business Owners"

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host the next seminar in their "Mind Your Business" series of business development workshops on Wednesday, August 10 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. "Seven Essential Sales Skills for Business Owners" will take place in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The cost will be \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. To register, see www.LAMetro-Chamber.com.

Selling is the single most important skill you can have as a business owner. If you own your own business and have not yet reached the stage where you have a

sales manager, you may be the best - or only - seller in your company. The more you learn about selling, the more you will earn.

Participants will learn some of the most important skills needed to attract more customers and close more sales. These include calling from the top to the top; clearly identifying your exact target customer; clearly defining your company sales process; the three critical scripts for initiating and closing a sale; how to have fun during a sales call; how to ask for the sale clearly, calmly and effectively; and how to cement the deal. In short, you will learn how to

Chamber IT seminar looks at document tools

The next program in the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce's ongoing "Technology: What do you know about IT?" series will be "Boost Productivity & IT Security with the Right Multifunction Document Tools" on Wednesday, August 10 from noon to 1:30 p.m. The seminar will take place in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

Did you know your printer or copier could be an open door for hackers? Are you using all of the functionality of your multifunction

sell better - much better without having to change the person that you are.

The seminar will be presented by Kurk Lalemand, LPBC, from NEXT Level Business Coaching. Lalemand has been a business coach here in Maine for over ten years. Serving clients across North America, he helps owners gain the knowledge, skills and abilities they need to take their businesses to the next level.

printer to scan, email, fax, or save documents to the cloud? Join presenter Rick Zampini for an in-depth look at how you can get the most from your MFP and how to protect your machine from a cyber-attack. A Product Engineer for SymQuest's Document Solutions team, Zampini works with clients to provide efficient solutions to document output-related problems.

The Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce will host this technology seminar series through November 2016. All workshops take place at the chamber office at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The cost of the workshop is \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information, call them at 783-2249. To register, see www. LAMetroChamber.com.

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residents, but also attracting visitors and new residents?

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Volunteer at race, help YWCA

A national race organization, Color Me Rad, is coming to Lewiston-Auburn to present a 5K race on Saturday, August 13. As with any event, they need lots of volunteers. The YWCA of Central Maine has been selected as one of the charities that will receive \$60 for every local volunteer who signs up to work a shift at the race. In total, over three days, they need about 125 volunteers. That adds

up to \$7500 worth of donated dollars! The process is simple: go to the link below, sign up for a time to volunteer, and select the YWCA of Central Maine via the drop down menu. Have plans for the weekend? There are three different volunteer opportunities available, beginning with Friday registration. Sign up at www. volunteers.colormerad. com/event/Maine-Volunteers/Volunteer.

not counting the staff time and operational dollars, why not seek partners in creating a space that can accomplish that?

Here's an example. Long-time community members feared, just a few years ago, that St. Louis Church in New Auburn would be demolished and the history of that neighborhood and generations of residents lost. Residents rallied together to raise enough money to keep the historic bells from being sent to Ohio and melted down. And then a small group of community-minded investors, operating under the name Pilotage, bought the church to spare it.

As those investors seek to attract capital to their space, why couldn't the city partner with them? Rather

than own a senior center, couldn't we lease space to host events?

Our lease revenue could help the investors finance improvements that have been long needed, and could also serve as match to draw down federal funds to improve the façade and other aspects of the building. Since we wouldn't use the space 24/7, the investors could seek other users for events or business activities.

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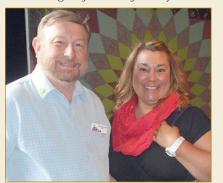
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Out & About with Rachel Morin

Covering the Nation; The Art of the Bates Bedspread



Steve Huber, Board Member, with Georgette D'Amour, whose husband, Ray D'Amour, was a Designer for Bates for 50 years.



John Cleveland, Board of Directors Chair, and Kristen Cloutier, Lewiston City Councilor.



Bobbins that a bobbin girl would place in a rack near the weaver's looms. Some weavers had as many as eight looms to



Jacqueline Field, Guest Curator for the Bates Bedspread Exhibit; Rachel Desgrosseilliers, Executive Director of Museum LA and Board Member; Elliott Epstein, Founder of Museum LA and Board Member. The Toby the Tiger bedspread is an example of the Bates bedspreads designed for children. Bates bedspreads were also popular in many college dorms across the country.



Fergus and Susan Lea, with Gayle Chick, all of Poland, were interested in reading the description and history of every bedspread.

Story and photos

by Rachel Morin

"COVERING THE NATION; THE ART OF THE BATES BED-SPREAD", this Exhibit, spanning 10 years of research looking for historic Bates bedspreads to be displayed, opened Saturday, July 23, at Museum LA, 5 Canal St., to a steady flow of interested patrons, coming from the Twin Cities and beyond. People continued to drop in the following week and the register showed visitors coming from throughout Maine as well as tourists from New Hampshire, Massachusetts and as far away as Florida and Michigan were also represented. The Exhibit will continue through April 2017. Museum hours are Tuesdays



Christine Bosse, Board Member, and Peggy Rotundo



Jennifer Cartmell, Director of Community Relations, and Tom Jarvis, Volunteer, in the Museum LA Gift Shop.

and Thursday, 12 to 4 p.m. Jacqueline Field, a na-

tive of Scotland, and renowned in her field of textiles and its history, was the Guest Curator for the exhibit. A long-time USA resident, she now lives in Portland and has taught at USM and Westbrook College. Field has authored many journals and periodicals on textiles and co-authored the award-winning book "American Silk 1830-1930." She is a member of the Textile Society of America and serves on the National Board of the Costume Society of America.

Rachel Desgrosseilliers, Executive Director of Museum LA, who met initially with Field and showed her over 20 bedspreads, relates that "Field was stunned to see so many vibrant colors, weaves and designs." Desgrosseilliers continued that Field told her "The collection was likely a national treasure and one that has never been seen publicly before."

Field states "As a curator, I had to make tough decisions on what bedcovers to select. It was not an

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Alice Sherwood, Andrea DeFilipp, Linda Sherwood and Intern Yoel Sherwood. Yoel assisted Curator Field in preparing the exhibit.



Paul Jalbert, Board Member, Claudette Jalbert, volunteer, Margaret Craven, Board of Directors Vice-Chair, and Alan Elze, Board Member. Elze conducts many tours of Museum LA and is knowledgeable on the Mill's history.

easy task given the array of designs and types of coverings which includes the five main Bates fabrications: tufting, damask, matelassé, colonial and screen-printing."

The Bates brand is the ultimate icon synonymous with heirloom bedspreads, appreciated for their quality, functionality and aesthet-

ics. In its heyday, it was a treasured family heirloom. Many young newly-weds hoped for a Bates Mill bedspread as a wedding gift. Gifting of Bates bedspreads



David Sargent, River Views columnist, and Judy Sargent appreciated the historic significance of the Bates bedspreads.

became a tradition with many of the First Ladies of the United States. The Carters, Reagans and Bushes gave them as diplomatic gifts. Today, the Bates bedspread remains a treasured heirloom.

I had a personal interest in viewing the exhibit. My parents were employed for decades at the Bates Mill. My mother, Mary S. Gilbert, was a skilled weaver on the third shift in No. 5 Weave Room. My father, Arthur J. Gilbert, was a fork lift driver on the first shift. And even I, as a summer-time employee, was a bobbin girl on the third

shift in No. 5 Weave Room. My wages went towards my tuition at St. Mary's General Hospital School of Nursing where I was enrolled in the fall of 1955.

The experience showed me the dedication and work ethics of the mill workers. They were proud of the product they made and were attentive to its quality and production. The mill was hot and humid; the cotton got into eyes, nose and ears; and the ever-present clanging of the looms and machinery, all showed how hard the uncomplaining workers toiled. It gave

me respect for the older generation. It was an experience I never forgot and I carry their work ethics to this day.

Museum LA appreciates the local businesses that sponsored the exhibit: Bangor Savings Bank, Rinck Advertising, Center Street Dental and Kimball Street Studios, with additional support from F.X. Marcotte, Roopers, Budget Document Technology, and Hammond Lumber. FMI on Museum LA, visit online at www.museumla.org.



TWIN-CITY CITY CITY Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Chocolate Church presents Burlesque Show



Dance troupe Haremstella will be among the guest performers on August 5.

On Friday, August 5, Red Hot & Ladylike and Bath's own Wicked Burlesque dance troupes will present a Summer Sizzle Burlesque Show on the main stage of the Chocolate Church Arts Center at 804 Washington Street in Bath.

Burlesque is a performance style first introduced to American stages during

the 1800s. The past few years has seen a robust resurgence of Burlesque in the United States. The Summer Sizzle Show is a modern, risqué version that will take the audience on a provocative journey for adults. Guest artists will include Haremstella and Tribe.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. for the 8:30 show. Adult beverages will be available. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. VIP seating, including a special gift bag, is available for \$20. The Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in downtown Bath. Tickets may be purchased by calling the CCAC box office at 442-8455 or online at www.chocolatechurcharts. org.

This weekend at Celebration Barn: "StoryBox," "Early Evening Show"

Celebration Barn Theater will present two shows during the weekend of August 5 and 6: Jeff Wirth's "StoryBox" on Friday, August 5 at 8 p.m., and Mike Miclon's "Early Evening Show" on Saturday, August 6 at 8 p.m.

On Friday, NYC writer-director Jeff Wirth will return to Celebration Barn with a new, playful, audience-driven adventure. "StoryBox" is a new kind of stage for interactive performance, where audience participants join inter-actors as co-creators of improvised stories. Audience members may choose to play or to sit back and enjoy the show. Either way, it will be unlike anything



Early Evening Show guest Jan Damm is fresh off performing in New York as the lead character in Cirque Mechanics' "Pedal Punk."

you've seen before.

On Saturday, Mike Miclon will present an Olympic-themed edition of Maine's longest running variety show. Special guests Jan Damm and Ariele Ebacher will perform an eccentric bottle-walking act that blends dance, manipulation, equilibrism, and acrobatics.

Jan is fresh off performing in New York as the lead character in Cirque Mechanics' "Pedal Punk" and has appeared on the "Late Show with David Letterman."

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









Basilica presents Monday evening concert

The next concert at the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul on Monday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m. will feature saxophonist Sophie de Courval and organist Jacques Boucher. The event is free and open to the public. Donations to restore the Basilica's historic Casavant Organ will be gratefully accepted. The Basilica is located at 122 Ash Street in

Sophie Poulin de Courval is well-known for her dynamism, good humor, and the originality of her various projects. She feels that her musical expression reaches its highest form through chamber music, and



Sophie de Courval

as a chamber musician, she has performed a wide range of repertoire with numerous musicians. Her appearances have included concert tours in Canada, United-States, Romania, and France.

Jacques Boucher is a premier player in the Canadian organ world. A musician and broadcaster, he has produced over 1,500 radio recitals with more than a hundred Québec organists. He has also directed over two hundred recordings, including the collection "Les orgues anciens du Québec," which won the Grand prix du disque Canada. As an artistic director, he has designed several thematic series devoted not only to organ music, but also to chamber music composed by French organists.

For more information on the performers or the concert series, see www. princeofpeace.me.

Lisbon Rec offers Theater Camp

If you have a child who would like to try theater, this is the place to start! From August 15 through 19, Lisbon Recreation will offer a weeklong Theater Camp, presented by Children's Stage Adventures of New Hampshire, for children from kindergarten through 12th grade. The camp will meet each day from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the MTM Community Center in Lisbon, concluding with two final performances of "The Elves & the Shoemaker" at the

MTM Center on Friday, August 19 at 2 and 6 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$55 and includes a camp shirt. Space is limited, so sign up now to reserve your spot. For more information or to register, call 353-2289 or see www.lisbonme.org/rec.

Baumer to address Lisbon Historical Society

Lisbon native Jim Baumer, who has authored books about Moxie and Maine town team baseball, will discuss the late Maine author and humorist John Gould at the next meeting of the Lisbon Historical Society on Wednesday, August 10 at 7 p.m. Gould was the long-time editor of the Lisbon Enterprise, writer of a weekly column in the Christian Science Monitor newspaper, and author of a number of books about Maine and its eccentric local characters.

Baumer himself is an award-winning regional writer. In his most recent book, "The Perfect Number: Essays and Stories, Vol. I," he details small-town life and includes an essay about Gould. He will use that essay as a starting point to discuss Gould's influence as a writer and his place in Maine's writing pantheon.

Baumer grew up in Lisbon Falls and now lives across the river in Durham. He has been writing about Maine people and the places that define them for more than a decade. In addition to his books, his freelance writing has appeared in many of the state's daily newspapers, as well as the Boston Globe, Down East Magazine, the Portland Phoenix, and various automobile trade publications. Additional information about his writing and other endeavors is available at his website, jimbaumer.com.

Free and open to the public, the event will take place at Lisbon Historical Society in the MTM Center, 18 School Street in Lisbon Falls. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served. Please park and enter at the rear of the building. For more information, call 353-8510 or email Lisbon-HistSoc@gmail.com.





Twin City Nights

Uptown Cruizahs host annual Car Show

Young and old alike are invited to join the Uptown Cruizahs for their eighth annual Car Show on Sunday, August 7 at the New Balance Factory Store on Route 26 in Oxford. This rain or shine event will feature 23 classes, from antique autos and street rods to trucks and present-day

Registration will take place from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$5 per car. Admission will be free for spectators, but donations to support the group's contributions to local organizations, including Santa Visits Oxford, the Maine Veterans' Home activity fund, and Responsible Pet Care, will be gratefully accepted.

Three awards will be presented in each class. Show participants in each class will vote until 12:30 p.m. and awards will be presented at 2:00. There will be a Chinese Auction, concessions will be provided by Club members at reasonable prices, and music will be provided by Red Wing. Bring your own

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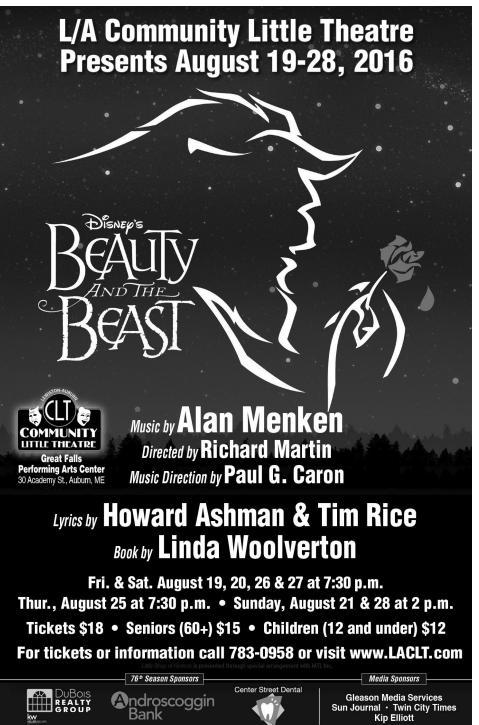


This rain or shine event will feature 23 classes, from antique autos and street rods to trucks and present-day vehicles.

at Tractor Supply in Oxford. For more information about

regular Monday cruise night the show or cruise nights, call Les Wing at 890-0870 or Dan Tripp at 743-8073.





Twin City Nights

New Lenny Breau Pergola to be dedicated with free concert

"If Chopin had played guitar, he would have sounded like Lenny Breau." Those were the words of Chet Atkins, one of America's best known and most prolific guitar players. Once voted by readers of "Guitar Magazine" as one of the 25 greatest guitar players of all time, in the company of such greats as Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, and Carlos Montoya, Auburn native Lenny Breau would have celebrated his 75th birthday on Friday,

To mark the occasion, the new Lenny Breau Pergola at Pettingill School Park will be dedicated on that date, when brother Denny Breau will headline a free outdoor concert. The performance will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the park, located two blocks north of the Bates College campus on College Street. Those attending are advised to bring their own chairs. In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled for a later date.

"This memorial to Lenny was possible because of the many Maine musicians



Denny Breau will help dedicate the memorial pergola on what would have been his brother's 75th birthday.

who volunteered their talents at past concert fundraisers," said Denny, who is inviting any of the musicians who participated in past shows to bring their instrument and join him in playing a tune on the new stage on Friday evening.

Among those joining Denny on stage at the event will be Lenny's daughter, Emily Hughes, an award-winning filmmaker from Alberta, Canada who produced the documentary "The Genius of Lenny Breau." The film featured interviews with Pat Metheny, Leonard Cohen, Randy Bachman of Bachman Turner Overdrive, Liona Boyd, George Benson and many others who have acknowledged the influence of Lenny's amazing talent.

Lenny Breau was born in 1941, the son of RCA Victor country artists Harold "Hal Lone Pine" Breau and Betty Cody. Lenny recorded two albums of his own on the Nashville label, and starred in "The Lenny Breau Show," produced in Winnipeg by

the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. He was known for his unique blending of jazz, country, classical and flamenco styles of music on a 7-string guitar. He died in Los Angeles under mysterious circumstances in 1984. The case remains unsolved.

In recent years, Denny has honored the memory of his brother by establishing the Lenny Breau Memorial Scholarship. Around \$8,000 from that fund was donated to the Friends of Pettingill, a non-profit group overseeing improvements at Pettingill School Park in Lewiston, to construct the pergola, which was built by students from the Lewiston Regional Technical Center under the guidance of instructor Tom Fylstra.

"We have made a lot of park improvements in the past year, including the installation of benches, pathways, basketball hoops, trash receptacles, two toddler swings and a tire swing," said Bill Maroldo of the Friends of Pettingill steering committee. "But the pergola is the crowning jewel. We are honored to have this opportunity to celebrate the legacy of Lenny Breau, and we look forward to sponsoring future park events beneath his pergola."

For updates, see the Friends of Pettingill Facebook page. For more information, contact Bill Maroldo at 795-1376 or bill@billstuff.com.

Cast rehearses for "Beauty & the Beast"



Chip Groover (Beast) and Emily Flynn (Belle) 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 see www. laclt.com.

"Paranormal & Psychic investigation" at Pinpoint of Light

Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp will present "Paranormal & Psychic investigation" with Eddita Felt on Saturday, August 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Hartford Town Hall, 1190 Main St. in Hartford. Participants will learn how to experience ghosts, spirits and energy fields within a home or business environment, how to discriminate between residual energies, etheric playback and actual earthbound spirits, and how to clear troublesome energies from the environment. An introduction to paranormal

investigation will be followed by practical application in a historic homestead in Hartford. Those with allergies should call before booking.

A member of the Portland Spiritualist Church and Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp, Eddita Felt has been a Spiritualist for three decades and has studied mediumship and psychic and spiritual healing for more than 40 years. She is the founder of Frontiers of the Mind and A-Team Paranormal Investigations. See Psychic, page 15



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Thursday, August 4

Rotary Club Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Lewiston High School student and small business owner Thomas Jumper discusses his company, PhoBoCo. Guests welcome. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Community Dinner. 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Nutrition Center, 208 Bates St., Lewiston. Lots to Gardens Summer Youth Gardeners host this annual event to celebrate what they've accomplished this season. Free. RSVP to 513-3844 or NutritionCenter@stmarys-

Bates Dance Fest. 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, Bates College, 329 College St., Lewiston. This "Different Voices" program features an evening of diverse new works by faculty and international and emerging choreographers. \$25/18/12. 786-6161; batestickets.com.

Concert: Maine Highland Fiddlers. 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. Also playing guitar, bodhran, and piano, the band captures the kitchen party atmosphere central to the Celtic tradition. Free. 946-5311; saw-

yer-foundation.com.

Friday, August 5

Concert: Denny Breau & Friends. 7 to 9 p.m. Pettingill School Park, College St., Lewiston. This event dedicates the new Lenny Breau Memorial Pergola on what would have been the legendary guitarist's 75th birthday. Free. Bring lawn chairs. 795-1376; bill@billstuff.com.

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Summer Sizzle Burlesque Show. 8:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Local dance troupes and special guests present this modern, risqué show for adults. Cash bar. \$12 adv.; \$15 at door. 442-8455; www. chocolatechurcharts.org.

Saturday, August 6

Butterfly Release Celebration. 11 a.m. Hospice House, 236 Stetson Rd., Auburn (park at Flagship Cinemas for shuttle bus). Honor the memory of a loved one by dedicating a beautiful monarch butterfly at this event; children's activities, light refreshments. \$25. 795-9537; www.ahchbutterfly.org.

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Country Fest Maine. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sportsmen's Club, 2261 Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. Non-stop live music by some of Maine's top musicians; bring lawn chairs, sunscreen. Event moves inside if it rains. \$8 (kids 11free). 409-1321; www.CountryFestMaine.com.

Bates Dance Fest. 1 to 5 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, Bates College, 329 College St., Lewiston. This informal "Young Choreographers-New Works" adjudicated showing presents more than 20 new works by talented festival students. Free.

"Paranormal & Psychic investigation." 2 to 5 p.m. Town Hall, 1190 Main St., Hartford. Spiritualist Eddita Felt leads this introduction to paranormal investigation. Sugg. donation \$25. 515-1016; pinpointoflight.org.

Summer Saturday Concert. 6 p.m. Waterfront Park, Bath. This weekly series continues with the calypso and reggae music of Pan Fried Steel; bring your own blankets and chairs. Free. www. chocolatechurcharts.org.

Bates Dance Fest. 7:30 p.m. Alumni Gymnasium, Bates College, 130 Central Ave., Lewiston. The Festival Finale features students performing new works and a production by the Bates Youth Arts Program. \$6. 786-6161; batestickets.com.

The Early Evening Show. 8 p.m. Celebration Barn, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. Mike Miclon's late-night talk show spoof presents an all-new episode every first Sat. through Oct. \$14/12/8. 743-8452; www. CelebrationBarn.com.

Sunday, August 7

Uptown Cruizahs Car Show. New Balance Factory Store, Rte. 26, Oxford. Twenty-three vehicle classes; register (\$5 per car) from 7:30 to 11 a.m.; awards at 2:00. Chinese auction, concessions, live music. Bring chairs. Free admission. 890-0870; 743-8073.

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

Open House. 2 to 5 p.m. Halls Pond Healing Arts, 253 Halls Pond Rd., off Rte. 119, So. Paris. Enjoy the peaceful studio and beautiful gardens, sample herbal teas and essential oils, and meet proprietor Katey Branch. Free. 890-9622; www.hallspondhealingarts.com.

Monday, August 8

Concert at the Basilica. 7:30 p.m. Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, 122 Ash St., Lewiston. This weekly concert series presents a special Monday eve. performance by Jacques Boucher (organ) and Sophie Poulin de Courval (saxophone). Free. www. princeofpeace.me.

Tuesday, August 9

Tuesdays at the Gazebo. 6:30 p.m. Village green, Rt. 117, Turner Center. Mill Town Road Show plays rock and roll. Suggested donations of \$5-10 go to the musicians.

Wednesday, August 10

Business Development Seminar. 8 to 9:30 a.m. LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Kurk Lalemand of NEXT Level Business Coaching presents "Seven Essential Sales Skills for Business Owners." \$50 (members \$25). Register at www. LAMetroChamber.com.

Info. Technology Seminar. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Sym-Quest product engineer Rick Zampini presents "Boost Productivity & IT Security with the Right Multifunction Document Tools." \$50 (members \$25). 783-2249; www. LAMetroChamber.com.

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 Jonathan Davis (organ). Free. www. princeofpeace.me.

Music on the Mall. 6 p.m. Town Mall (green), Maine Street, Downtown Brunswick. The Merrymeeting Community Band plays Big Band. Free. Bring blankets, lawn chairs. Rain date is Thurs. when possible. www. brunswickdowntown.org.

Lisbon Historical Soc. Meeting. 7 p.m. MTM Center, 18 School St., Lisbon Falls. Writer Jim Bauer discusses the late Maine author and humorist John Gould. Free. call 353-8510; Lisbon-HistSoc@gmail.com.

Outdoor Movie Night. 8:30 p.m. Sunnyside Park, Lewiston. The Lewiston Police Dept. presents this screening of "Night at the Museum." Pre-movie activities begin at 5:30. Rain location: Franco Center. Free.

Thursday, August 11

Auburn Rec. Senior Trip. Bus leaves 8:30 a.m., returns c. 4 p.m. This day trip to Sebago Lake State Park offers sunbathing, swimming, or sitting in the shade with a good book; bring chair, bag lunch, snacks. \$5. Register at Senior Citizens Office, Pettingill Park. 333-6601, ext. 2108.

Sampson Air Force Base Veterans. Noon. The Village Inn, 166 High St., Auburn. The group welcomes guest speaker Sen. Eric Brakey; open to all veterans and their guests. 784-5691; 657-4909.

Rotary Club Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. The guest speaker is Shanna Cox, founder and principal consultant of Project Tipping Point, a collaborative catalyst for transformative advance-

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Star Trek Beyond (PG-13) 12:50

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 the four trombones of the Sequenza Quartet. Free. Rain site: Gomes Chapel, 275 College St. 753-6953.

Saturday, August 13

Bird Club Field Trip. 7:30 a.m. to noon. This Stanton Bird Club field trip to Scarborough Marsh and Pine Point to look for migrating shorebirds carpools from the Promenade Mall parking lot, near Staples, in Lewiston. Free; all welcome. 513-8213.

Pancake Breakfast. 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Dirigo Grange Hall, Route 137, Freedom. This event benefits the Dirigo Grange.

Paper Crafting and Scrapbooking Day. 8 a.m.

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to 5 p.m. Holy Family Church Hall, 607 Sabattus St., Lewiston. Snacks, drawings, two make-and-takes. \$35 (incl. lunch), payable by Aug. 10. Benefits Coats for Kids. Register at 784-5307,

784-0389.

Catholic Education Reunion Weekend. 2 p.m. St. Dominic Academy, Auburn. This event for former students and teachers of area Catholic schools includes a recognition ceremony at 4 p.m. and a special Mass at noon on Sunday. RSVP at 782-6911. www.stdomsmaine.org.

Summer Saturday Concert. 6 p.m. Waterfront Park, Bath. This weekly series continues with the blues-rock of Snappdragon; bring your own blankets and chairs. Free. www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Pancake Breakfast. 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Dirigo Grange Hall, Route 137 in Freedom, Maine. To benefit the Dirigo Grange.



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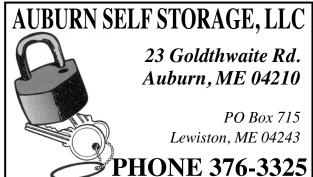
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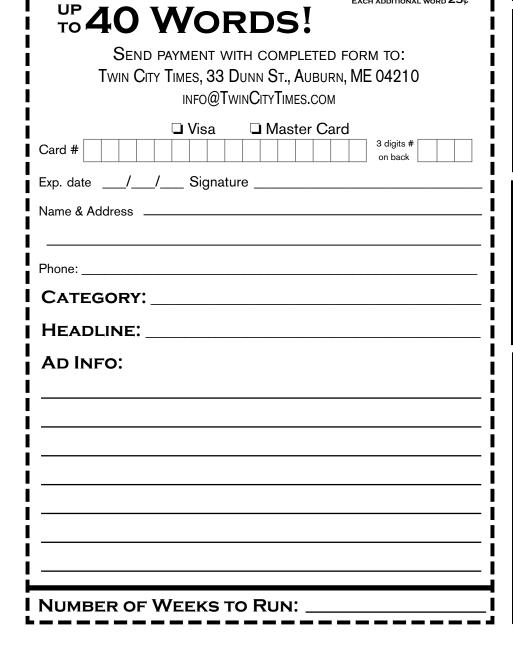
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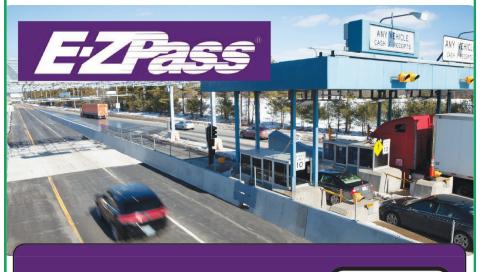
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Agencies team to offer Office Certificate



Meeting recently to review schedules and requirements for a new certificate training program to begin September 19 are (l. to r.) Jennifer Tiner and Gregory Yates of the Lewiston Public Schools, Patti Saarinen of Western Maine Community Action and the Lewiston CareerCenter, and Tracey Chase of Bonney Staffing. (Photo courtesy of Monica Millhime)

Lewiston Adult Education, Bonney Staffing, Western Maine Community Action and the Lewiston CareerCenter are partnering to provide an Office Certificate training program with a customer service focus. The program will begin on September 19. Participants will receive extensive training in the essential skills needed for an entry-level position in an office setting, including keyboarding, data entry, MS Word, MS Excel, email, calendar software, office management tools, effective communication skills, and more. Participants will also have an opportunity to job shadow with a local employer. Upon completion of the program, students will earn a state-approved WorkReady credential and will have a guaranteed interview with Bonney Staffing.

To be accepted to the program, candidates must provide proof of a high school diploma or equivalent, proficiency in math and reading through the CASAS assessment, and successfully complete the orientation and intake interview. Participants will also need to show a six-month work history and current work authorization.

Those interested in the program should contact Lewiston Adult Education at 795-4141. Candidates will be scheduled to complete CASAS testing. Orientations and interviews will take place on Tuesday, August 23, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Lewiston High School (156 East Avenue) and Wednesday, August 31, from 10 a.m. to noon at B Street (57 Birch Street).



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