

Butterfly Release at Hospice House



Emma MacMahon of Portland enjoys a moment with one of the butterflies after they were released at the 8th Annual Butterfly Release Celebration on Sunday at The Hospice House in Auburn. Many of the butterflies immediately flew away from the release site, while others momentarily settled onto grassy areas and onto the guests. See more photos on page 5. (N. Tsukroff/Bell Studios Inc. photo)

National Guard to construct new lot for YMCA



CPT. Kerry Bose, SGT. Nick Chapman, SSG. Glen Tranbarger, 1LT. Simon Hanson, YMCA CEO Steve Wallace, Project Mgr. and Asst. Camp Director Wil Libby, Auburn City Manager Howard Kroll and Auburn Asst. City Manager Denis D'Auteuil. See story on page 2. (TCT photo by Ashley Bailey)

Charter Commission will not seek vote on merger in November

By Gene Geiger
 CHARTER COMMISSION CHAIR
 The Lewiston and Auburn Joint Charter Commission has decided not to move forward with a merger vote this November. To put it simply, there is not enough time to do all that needs to be done. We're determined to do this right, not do it fast.

a November vote, but the highest priority is to do a first-rate job so voters have clear, detailed and transparent information on which to make a decision. There is more to do.

Let me give you some background and details.

The work of the Commission takes place in after three formal efforts within the last 20 years to enhance

collaboration between the two cities. However, there has never been a formal effort seeking complete merging of the two cities.

In 2013-14 a petition drive was launched to put the election of a joint charter commission on the ballot. Over 2,500 citizens signed those petitions, which resulted in the election of an independent joint charter commission. In June 2014, the citizens of Lewiston and Auburn each elected three residents to serve as members of a six-member Joint Charter Commis-

sion. In that election, there were six candidates from each city vying for the three positions. Commissioners elected were:

From Lewiston:
 Gene Geiger, Commission Chair, President of Geiger; Lucien Gosselin, Treasurer, retired Executive Director of LAEGC and former City Administrator of Lewiston; Chantel Pettengill, owner of Pettengill Academy, former Chair of the YPLAA Political Involvement Committee

From Auburn:
 Mike Beaulieu, former state legislator from Auburn, retired teacher; Holly Lasagna, Commis-

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National Guard to construct new lot for YMCA



SGT. Nick Chapman, 1LT. Simon Hanson, SFT. Ken Merri-field, SPC. Erika Yackulic, PFC. Alex Grondon, CPT. Kerry Bose, SPC. Jeff Plourde, SSG. Glen Tranbarger, SGT. James Overlock. (TCT photo by Ashley Bailey)

The 262nd Engineer Company is constructing a new parking lot for the Auburn YMCA property on North River Road, Auburn. The labor and equipment for the project is provided through the Innovative Readiness Training Program. IRT projects provide mission training for the Guard while strengthening the bond between local communities and the Maine National Guard.

The commander of the 262nd, Cpt. Kerry Boese,

said the partnership allows his soldiers to get the training they need and is happy that it saves the YMCA money. "This project allows our younger inexperienced soldiers to get in and do some of the heavy lifting with the guidance of our more experienced soldiers," he said. "When that part is complete, the more experienced folks can do the finesse work."

The 262nd will use heavy equipment to move gravel, level the area and

create a useable space for parking. The YMCA plans to use the gravel lot as access onto the property, said Victoria Stanton, director of marketing and advancement.

"The space will be maintained year-round to allow members of the community to take advantage of the YMCA's trail system," Stanton said. "The trails will be groomed for hiking and mountain biking, as well as snowshoeing and cross country skiing. The site also will be the future point of entry for our summer camp programs, which will fully transition to the Outdoor Education & Learning Center in summer 2018."

Cpt. Boese expects 10 days from start to finish to complete the project. "It's all about giving back to the community and getting soldiers trained for any state or federal mission."

The 262nd Engineer Company (Horizontal) headquartered in Westbrook, has 150 members. The unit operates heavy engineer equipment, such as dozers and front-end loaders, to build roads, airfields and move tons of earth and material.

Chamber presents "Strategies for a Stronger Workforce"

On Thursday, August 18 from noon to 2 p.m., the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host the HR Thursdays workshop "Five Strategies for a Stronger Workforce." Presented in partnership with the Central Maine Human Resource Association, the event will take place in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

Ask any growing business what their biggest challenge is and most will say: "Hiring." As companies grow, the need for skilled and qualified people becomes critical. Demand for your products and services has increased (good thing), but the challenge of finding people to hire that are skilled and experienced becomes more difficult (bad thing). So how do you level out the good and the bad?

First of all, look further ahead. Today may be a crisis, but you don't want to be like this in the long term. Find out what key strategies will get you ready for growth and expansion. This long-range look ahead will ease your mind on projected skills and manpower that will work for today and

tomorrow.

The workshop will be led by Paul Beaudette of Leading Edge Business Strategies. Beaudette is a local business coach and consultant who, after 30-plus years of operating small to large businesses, started his own business. In the last three years, he has assisted people in starting and

operating their own businesses. From health related to product distribution, he has coached owners and developed business plans as a pathway to startup and growth.

The cost is \$50 for non-members, \$25 for chamber members, and free for members of the Central Maine Human Resource Association. Registration is available at www.LAMetroChamber.com. For more information, call 783-2249.

Camden National supports Big Brothers, Big Sisters



Over 170 Camden National Bank employees joined efforts to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Maine at Bowl for Kids' Sake events across the state this year. In total, the bank formed 43 teams and raised close to \$20,000 to support local Big Brothers, Big Sisters programs and one-to-one youth mentoring in five regions, including Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin Counties. Pictured here are teams from Sparetime Recreation in Lewiston.



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Governor's Address: Bad decisions in Augusta result in higher electric prices

Bad decision-making in energy policy is expensive. These bad decisions show up on your electric bill, and they've been holding Maine back for 30 years.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, In the 1970s, environmentalists, like NRCM, blocked the expansion of hydropower, which had been vital to Maine's economy and manufacturing base.

Meanwhile, the Province of Quebec decided to pursue hydro development. Quebec is now ready to be a huge exporter of electric power to New England. We could benefit from their low rates.

The 1980s were really bad. The Legislature gave contracts to independent generators at the equivalent of the future price of oil. They got the future price of oil very wrong, and Mainers paid \$2 billion in above-market contracts. These are called "stranded costs." We are still paying millions for that decision.

In 1987, Maine rejected a long-term contract and transmission project with Hydro Quebec in favor of higher-priced generators at home. But Vermont moved forward with a hydroelectricity project with Quebec. This hydro project is helping Vermont lower its high cost of electricity.



Governor Paul R. LePage

In the 1990s, Maine broke up the utilities and sold our hydroelectricity assets to the highest bidder. Brookfield is now the largest owner of our hydro dams, and they have made millions selling power back to the

Maine people—even though these projects were supposed to benefit the public.

The idea of this effort, called "restructuring," was to create a market-based system and avoid the mistakes of the 1980's. Instead of allowing the markets to work, lobbyists have created expensive renewable energy credits, long-term contracts for wind and costly carve-outs for solar. The entire model is broken.

The bad decisions continue today. In 2009, the Legislature created a requirement to sign contracts for 10-cents a kilowatt—which was double the market price—for community renewable projects. This

is expected to cost \$300 million over the lifetime of the contracts.

Instead of admitting this pilot program was incredibly expensive and a massive failure, the Legislature determined the State should try to get even more above-market contracts. They expanded the program in 2015 over my veto.

Bad decisions are very expensive. Last month, rates increased between 7 and 20 percent for all electric customers, whether they were an elderly couple or a company trying to put Mainers to work. "Stranded costs" increased by 363 percent!

Poor decision-making by politicians in Augusta is

increasing your electric bill and making it harder for companies to compete in Maine. Our past is full of bad decisions, but it does not have to be our future.

I favor all forms of energy, including natural gas, hydro, wind, solar and nuclear—but only at market rates. The Legislature must stop approving long-term contracts that enrich lobbyists at the expense of Maine people and Maine companies.

These bad decisions are costing Mainers money and jobs. It's time to get smart about energy policy.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Charter

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sion Vice Chair, Manager of the REACH grant for Healthy Androscoggin, former Associate Director of the Bates College Harvard Center for Community Partnerships; Chip Morrison, Business Development Officer for Androscoggin Bank, retired President of the Androscoggin County Chamber and former Auburn City Manager

The Commission's work is governed by Title 30-A, §2152 of the Maine Revised Statutes, which requires the consolidation agreement to include el-

ements such as: Proposed charter; Name of new city; Location of city hall; Assets of each city; Debt of each city; How taxes will be apportioned to service existing debt; Any other necessary and proper facts and terms.

The last element is key. An effort of this significance requires that the voters understand how merging the two cities would affect how the cities are managed and how services and taxes would be impacted. People we talk to want to have facts before making a decision.

To flush this information out in a detailed, unbiased way, the Commission retained CGR, a

government efficiency non-profit based in Rochester, NY. They are helping us conduct a study of Lewiston and Auburn now—and over 40 local residents are participating in the discussions and conclusions.

Look at the time we have between now and November; we concluded we are not far along.

Charter Documents. We are partially through a legal review of the proposed charter and the related consolidation agreement, but there are a number of unresolved issues regarding a post-vote transition. In addition, we just received several substantive sugges-

tions for charter changes we want to dig into.

Cities Study. The options phase of the CGR-led study of the cities and schools started about six weeks ago. While we've made a lot of progress, we need more workgroup discussion and input on a number of issues. Once that is done, the draft report has to be reviewed and the data double checked before it is released. We expect the conclusions to be challenged, and we don't want its data foundation to undermine its credibility.

So, we're going to take our time and not rush. This

is too important. We'll release the charter and study report later this year or early next, and as we complete our work we'll talk with community members and consider the most appropri-

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Our work is fully chronicled on our website at newlacherter.ning.com. We welcome your ideas and support.

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Only Steps Forward

Winning a personal victory takes more than showing up

By Jonathan P. LaBonte
MAYOR OF AUBURN

It is hard to deny at times that we live in the "everybody gets a trophy" generation. We have all likely seen it: little Johnny or Jane comes in fourth place at an event—and here's the trophy!

Little Johnny or Jane just showed up for the game—here's a participation trophy! When we just celebrate someone showing up, are we really teaching them drive, competitive spirit or

perseverance in the face of adversity?

Over this past weekend, I completed the Beach to Beacon road race in Cape Elizabeth. It's a 10K (6.2 mile) run along the coast ending at Portland Head Light. Did I win? No. Did I finish in the top 10? Heck no. In fact, I fell just outside the top 2,000 runners. But for me, I won.

Just six months ago, I spent nearly every hour of the day flat on my back, unable to feel my right arm



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonte

and in excruciating pain. Running six miles wasn't on the "to do" list; finding sleep and simple mobility was.

As I crossed the finish line Saturday, I wasn't thinking about who may have beat me or who I may have beat, I was celebrating what I had beat and who had helped me accomplish it.

There's something unique about running as a competitive sport, and the more I watch it, the more I witness it as being about competition and community. Each runner has their own story for how they got to that race, and even their own struggles within the

race to get up that hill or hold strong to the finish.

How many people have overcome weight or other health issues by turning to running? Watching them complete their first 5K, with friends and family and strangers cheering them on, you'd think they just won the Olympics, but really they'd just won a healthier, longer life.

The Beach to Beacon certainly isn't your typical race, with over 6,000 runners and likely three times that number lining the entire race course cheering on complete strangers to the finish. But each of those 6,000 runners have some internal competition they are fighting, and winning that does trump the old participation trophy adage, even if you finish in 2,000th place.

Locally, we are very fortunate to have a growing number of 5K races, with the signature Greater LA Triple Crown Series among them, and even a half marathon, whose course circles Lake Auburn, that's growing in popularity.

In fact, later this month the third and final leg, the LA Bridge Run, will loop its way around our downtown and riverfront as nearly a 1,000 runners seek to set their own personal records.

And in all of those events, it is still strangers pushing the man or woman next to them to stay strong, to hold to the finish. And it's community members and business owners investing their time, talent

and treasure to make sure these events and competitions are available here. If you want to see firsthand what I mean, come downtown on Sunday, August 28. Take a lawn chair and sit on Canal Street. Grab a spot on the Lown Bridge. It's sort of like going to a parade, only it moves a little bit faster.

And whether you know the person running by at any given moment or not, cheer them on. Tell them to push to the finish. Shout that they are almost there. I can assure you, it may sound foolish, but you won't be the only one doing it. And it will feel anything but foolish as you join in on an event that is truly about community.

While I may feel a bit conflicted, given my disdain for the "participation trophy generation" being raised in America, when it comes to running, as I did with about 2,000 runners on Saturday, I think I will let it pass.

Openings still available for Lewiston Pre-K

Openings are still available for the Lewiston public elementary schools' 2016-17 Pre-K Class. To register your child, bring the following documents to the school in your district: an official birth certificate showing that your child was born between October 16, 2011 and October 15, 2016. See Pre-K, page 5

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Enough is Enough

Party elites think their offices were willed to them

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

The votes are in. This year's Profile in Courage Award will not be going to the National Republican Party or Bernie Sanders.

Let's start with the soon-to-be-a-memory in the dustbin of history—The Republican Party. A series of debates and primary elections were held. The people's overwhelming choice was businessman Donald Trump. This upset the party elites, who think the offices they hold were willed to them.

Overnight, they developed the characteristics of preschool children. They went into hissy fits the likes

that have not been seen since the late 1700s when the British Parliament woke up to the reality they no longer controlled the 13 American colonies.

Our current politicians have been sent a message that in today's United States of America, there are no princes or princesses. There are no titles of Duke, Earl, Lord or Lady, just public servants who are elected by the people to do the people's business.

When you are elected to carry out the will of the people it means just that: the will of the people, the voters. Absent from that definition is Wall Street, unions and non-profit groups. These



Mayor Bob Macdonald

organizations provide the mother's milk needed to successfully run a political campaign, money and volunteers. This is all to the detriment of the powerless, average voter. Next up is Bernie

Sanders. He led a revolution. And what a revolution it was. His message resonated with those on the Left of the political spectrum that, like equal numbers of voters on the Right, feel they're disenfranchised. His leadership and message inspired a large following. He raised a large amount of money through small individual donations and won a lion's share of the Democratic primaries. Yet, in the end, he came up short.

Instead of continuing his revolution, he threw in the towel and endorsed Hillary Clinton—after it was revealed what the Democratic National Committee had done in an attempt to deny him the nomination.

At this point, he went from revolutionary to just another everyday politician.

Lastly, I saw a cartoon in the New York Post on Saturday August 6 that seems to sum up the Democratic National Convention. It showed two guys sitting at the counter of a local coffee shop. The first guy asks, "Did the Democrats finally mention radical extremists?" The second guy retorted, "It was a convention of radical extremists."

Last week, Wallethub.com, a personal finance website that conducted a national poll of 150 cities throughout the country, gave Lewiston government high marks. This honor was

the result of the dedication and quality of work done by our employees, ranging from the city manager to the last employee hired. I thank them for their dedication, but I think thanks from the general public would play a lot better.

Those of us who live in Lewiston are Lewistonians. We work, play, go to school, socialize and recreate with one another. We are homeowners and renters, business owners and employees. We live in the safest and best run city in the State of Maine. As a community, let's move on and ignore the rhetoric coming from outside.

We have a peaceful city. Let's keep it that way.

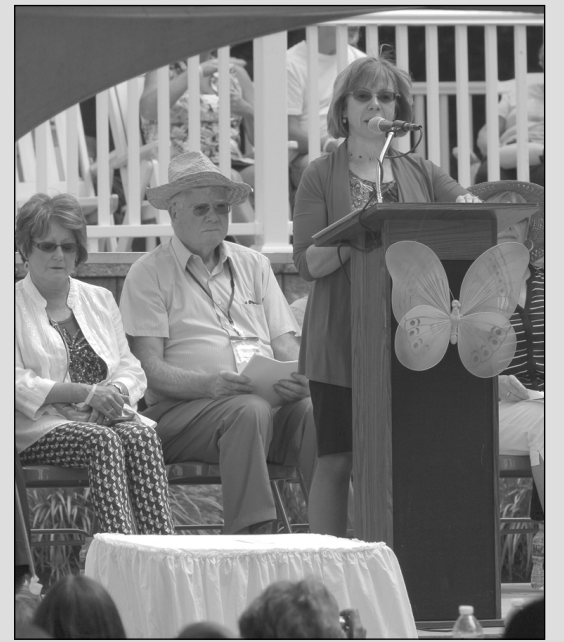


Ken Albert, President/CEO of Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, describes the mission of The Hospice House to several hundred guests at the 8th Annual Butterfly Release Celebration on Sunday at The Hospice House in Auburn. (N. Tsukroff/Bell Studios Inc. photo)

Butterfly Release at Hospice House



Three-year-old Charlotte Rodrigue (center) shows off her butterfly dress as she enjoys the activities at the Butterfly Release Celebration on Sunday at The Hospice House in Auburn. From left are Arabella Monti, Hillary Rodrigue, Charlotte, and Tom Rodrigue holding Calvin Rodrigue. (N. Tsukroff/Bell Studios Inc. photo)



Cindy Swift, COO of Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, reads the names of families and friends being remembered at the 8th Annual Butterfly Release Celebration on Sunday at The Hospice House in Auburn. (N. Tsukroff/Bell Studios Inc. photo)

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	7:15	8:30	The Coteries	Main Stage
	8:45	10:00	Elvis	Main Stage

Saturday	11:00	12:00	Parade	
	12:00	1:00	Girl Power	Mid Field
	12:00	12:30	Meet and Greet Kora Units	Mid Field
	12:30	1:15	Pups in the Air	Mid Field
	1:00	2:00	The Force Takes Flight Costume Contest	Mid Field
	1:00	3:00	Basilica Tours	Main Gate
	2:00	3:00	Pups in the Air	Mid Field
	2:00	3:15	The Depths	Main Stage
	3:15	3:45	Pelletiers Karate	Mid Field
	3:30	5:00	The Oracle	Main Stage
	7:15	8:30	Maine Event Comedy	Main Stage
	8:45	10:00	Yellow Brick Road	Main Stage

Sunday	11:30	12:00	Pups in the Air	Mid Field
	12:00	12:30	Judy Pancoast	Mid Field
	12:45	1:30	Diamond Athletics	Mid Field
	1:00	3:00	Basilica Tours	Main Gate
	1:30	2:15	Pups in the Air	Mid Field
	2:00	2:30	Judy Pancoast	Main Stage
	2:45	3:45	The Skidmarks	Main Stage
	4:00	5:15	Toast	Main Stage

Balloon Rides

How to arrange a balloon ride.

The best way to experience The Great Falls Balloon Festival is from the basket of a hot air balloon! Advanced reservations are recommended and tickets are available for \$200 per person. Rides are available for the Friday evening launch, and the morning and evening launches on Saturday and Sunday.

To reserve your ride, download and complete the Passenger Ride Form at www.greatfallsballoon-festival.org/guest-guide/balloon-ride

If you wish to schedule a ride during festival weekend, there are stand-by passenger options. The cost is \$225 per person.

Please visit the Souvenir/Information Booth at Simard-Payne Memorial Park for ride

availability.

Cancellations.

If your balloon ride is canceled due to weather, you will have the option (if space permits) to fly on a

later flight during the festival as a priority stand-by passenger, or you may opt for a full refund.

Questions?

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 - 10:00 Mr Drew and His Animals Too
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 - 11:30-12:00 Pups in the Air
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- Saturday: Bonney Park**
- 10am village opens
 - Pick up fights
 - 11:00am Parade
 - 1:00pm Fighting
 - 2:00 pm Fencing
 - 3:45 pm March around Simard Park
 - 4:30 -5:30 Fighting and Fencing demos
 - 8:00pm Village closes
- Sun:**
- Family Fun Day- Bonney Park**
- 10:00am Village opens
 - 10:00 am- 12:pm Fighting demo
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- Simard Park**
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 - 3:00 pm Pick up fights and Fencing
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Great Falls Balloon Festival welcomes Maine Event Comedy to the 24th Annual Festival



Dawn Hartill



Peter Ouellette

Maine Event Comedy will debut at the 24th Annual Great Falls Balloon Festival at 7:15 pm Saturday, August 20th on the Main Stage at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston.

The show will feature five of New England's funniest comedians including Jerry Caruso, Mark Reilly, Dawn Hartill, Peter Ouellette and host Mark Turcotte.

The featured comedian, Jerry Caruso, is a 23-year veteran of the Boston scene. He is co-founder of "Comics for a Cure" and has worked with Larry "the Cable Guy", Lisa Lampinelli, and Anthony Clarke. His impressions of celebrities, rock n' roll stars and politicians, along with clever song parodies, continues to keep audiences laughing throughout New England.

Mark Reilly, who moonlights as a U.S. mail carrier, was a finalist in Portland's Got Talent and a

semi-finalist in Portland's Funniest Professional contest. He recently performed at the World Series of Com-

edy in Boston and the Broken Record Show in the Wild West Comedy Festival in Nashville, Tennessee.

Hartill, a Lewiston resident, is the 2016 winner of the Strand Cup Comedy Competition and was a quarter-finalist in The Couch Summer Comedy Classic in Portland. Ouellette is from Auburn and his material ranges from life as a newlywed to social commentary on the millennial generation.

Turcotte was a recent selection to the Boston, Cleveland and North Carolina comedy festivals; was a semi-finalist in the 2016 World Series of Comedy; and was a finalist in the Funniest Comic on the East Coast Contest.


There is no admission



fee to the Great Falls Balloon Festival. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on at the outdoor event, as seating

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The free contest is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20th on the main stage at Lewiston's Sirmard-Payne Memorial Park. All entrants will be divided among three categories: children under 12, young people ages 12 to 18, and adults over 18. Each participant will vie for prizes in their categories for best costume and best character likeness, as decided by a trio of local celebrity judges.

The judges will include Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonte, Lewiston City Councilor Kristen Cloutier, and Mitchell Clyde Thomas, a longtime Community Little Theatre participant and the executive director of Lewiston's Franco Center for Heritage and the Performing Arts.

Contestants are also encouraged to show off their creations in Saturday morning's festival parade. Those wishing to march in the parade are asked to gather at 10:30 a.m. on Elm Street in Auburn. The parade is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and be supervised for the duration of the parade.

Any questions regarding the costume contest can be emailed to marketing@greatfallsballoonfestival.org.



Robert Ward – "Going Batty" – Quakertown, PA



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CMCC hosts national conference



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Participants enjoy lunch in Kirk Hall gym, which also served as the conference exhibitors' hall.

Central Maine Community College, in collaboration with the Haas Technical Education Center Network, recently hosted a national conference for manufacturing technology educators that brought over 200 Computer Numeric Control precision machining instructors from across North America to the school's Auburn campus.

The 10th annual Americas CNC Educators HTEC Conference enabled those instructors to network and learn about the latest trends in precision manufacturing. Workshops and breakout sessions focused on topics including best practices, program building and innovation, attracting students, and developing employment opportunities. CMCC was considered an excellent site for the event in part because of the size and

reputation of its precision machining program.

The event was highlighted by keynote addresses from two nationally-known speakers: Titan Gilroy, the creator, star, and executive producer of the MAV-TV show Titan American Made; and Jeremy Bout, executive producer and host of the eduFACTOR productions Edge Factor/Edu Factor.

The Haas Technical Education Center Network is an industry- and education-led initiative that enables manufacturing technology educators and their schools to acquire the latest CNC machine tools and related ancillary equipment, software and educational materials. Through the network, equipment produced by HAAS Automation is used in the machining programs of more than 1,800 schools.



Keynote speaker Titan Gilroy speaks with audience members after his address.



Among the items on display in the exhibitors' hall was this "Gear Guitar."

What's Going On

CASH Coalition seeks new tax site coordinator

Since 2004, the Lewiston-Auburn CASH Coalition has developed a strong presence in the Twin Cities, helping local residents claim over \$29 million in federal and state tax refunds through filings provided free of charge by IRS-certified coalition volunteers. However, the Coalition is facing a major transition this year as long-time tax site coordinator KC Geiger steps down from that role.

"It's a tremendous loss," says Lewiston Community

Relations Coordinator and LA CASH Coalition Co-Chair Dottie Perham-Whittier. "KC has done an exemplary job, keeping the free tax sites running like a well-oiled machine. This program is a huge resource for the community, and the Coalition is seeking ways to effectively maintain the service."

To that end, the Coalition is seeking a Program Administrator who could dedicate 25 to 30 hours per week for a stipend amount.

Funded by a state-wide VITA grant, the amount of the stipend will be negotiable based upon the candidate's tax law knowledge and organizational experience.

The Program Administrator will work alongside knowledgeable tax preparers who will use the new Taxlayer online software starting with the 2017 tax season. Over a ten-week period from the end of January through March 31, tentative times needed would be Mondays from 3 to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m., Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to

noon. Tax preparation will take place at the Lewiston Memorial Armory, possibly continuing at Auburn City Hall. Letters of interest and resumes for the position may be submitted by August 31 to dottie@lewistonmaine.gov.

The Coalition is also seeking volunteer tax preparers (training will be provided), greeters, quality reviewers, asset coaches, and a grant-funded Asset Coordinator position. Those interested should contact Perham-Whittier at the address listed above. For more info about the LA CASH Coalition, see www.lewistonmaine.gov/lacash.

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It was a beautiful summer day under a blue July sky with a scattering of white fluffy clouds, perfect for the hundreds and hundreds of flower garden enthusiasts who thronged to the Camden 69th Annual Home & Garden Tour on July 21. Stephanie Mathews of the Camden Garden Club chaired the event. People came from all over as Camden, the jewel of the Maine Coast, is renowned for people planning their vacations around the Camden Garden Club's annual home & garden tour.

And attendance was high as always, as could be seen by parked cars lining the roadway, end to end, alongside the various stops along the tour. No one seemed to mind the walk, as folks compared notes on what they had seen and what they were about to see. Many tidbits on flowers and their care were exchanged as well as where to find the best plants to purchase. As everyone knows, a garden is never finished or even com-



The view of Private Pond from huge windows at the home on Legrand Drive.

plete without the next plant to purchase. A gardener's work is never done.

Our first stop was at a beautiful home on Legrand Drive that, over the past 16 years, has enjoyed updates and renovations to accommodate their growing family's changing needs and interests. Interior house photos are not permitted, so picture huge windows overlooking the lovely private

pond below. The master bath was redone by Walsh Hill Designs and Raso Construction which had every amenity a homeowner could wish for.

The largest project took our breath away as we descended the stairs from a back deck to a spectacular layout of flourishing gardens, outdoor pool, patio, and a pool house. Beautiful stonework was by Hilt Masonry.



The completed large renovation project on Legrand Drive—a pool, patio, gardens—and a pool house may be seen in the background.



A restful oasis to enjoy garden flowers selected to draw bees, birds, butterflies and other wildlife at the Bay View Street home.



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A charming shingled Cape on Country Way surrounded by wildflower-dotted meadows and hills was a delight to tour. The house was built in 2003 by a wooden ship-builder. The light-filled home evokes the Arts and Crafts style in its custom cabinets, fireplace mantel and exposed beams. The handcrafted furniture was unique and whimsical with different shapes and colors and very functional.

The outside gardens wrapping around the house, bursting with many different perennial and annual flowers were a pleasure to view. Seasons Downeast and Jackson Landscaping created the fieldstone walkways. Much of the grounds were designed by David Eaton of Maine Stone Landscaping. Also on the property was a little one room house bordered by flowers. We pondered: a room for private time or perhaps for children to play in?

New this year was a splendid opportunity to visit a private family farm on Mechanic St. to see how vegetables are grown organically, beginning in the propagation house and continuing to every stage of growth in the fields. A small vegetable stand gave visitors a chance to purchase the farm's fresh produce.

A new home, Harbor View, on Chestnut St. was a short walk from the heart of the village and offered a view of the beautiful Camden Harbor. Designed by Silverio Architecture and built in 2013 by Maine Coast Construction, it kept the spirit of the 1800s-era of Captain Frye House, which previously stood on this site and once served as the town's livery stable.

The large, welcoming house on Bay View St. boasted chemical-free gardens with flowers selected to draw bees, birds, butterflies and other wildlife. Patios and a three season porch created a flow from the colorful gardens into the house.

One of the highlights of the trip was the expansive



Linda Curran and Gloria Goddard of Auburn were on their first Camden Home & Flower Garden Tour and said they are planning to return every year.



Hurricane House, the site of expansive gardens



An open gate welcomes you to The Gardens of Hurricane House.



A private family farm open for visitors to see how vegetables are grown organically, beginning in the propagation house and continuing to every stage of growth in the fields.

gardens of Hurricane House on Chestnut St. While the house was not open to visitors, the spectacular gardens were enough to please everyone. The tall cedar hedges enclosing the gardens provided privacy and coolness and reminded me of the convent gardens I had visited in Italy. Wide borders of flourishing perennials, annuals, shrubs and specimen trees were everywhere. A restful spot at the outdoor pool with patio tables and chairs within the enclosure provided relief from the heat. More than one woman chanced to dip her foot in the pool momentarily.

It was pleasant to look at the tall cedar hedges enclosing the garden, a rare sight indeed, and, so we sat and savored the moment. An archway through the cedar hedges led to a vegetable garden and a bed of tropical plants, daylilies, foxgloves and roses. There was so much to see at Hurricane Gardens. We walked down a shaded lane between rows of trees. Flower gardens on our left and huge rocks lining the lane to our right made a pretty picture.

Leaving the Hurricane property, we saw a red vintage Thunderbird convertible in the driveway just waiting for someone to take a spin around Camden for an afternoon ride at the end of the tour.



This red vintage Thunderbird convertible was parked in the driveway of the Hurricane House.



A stroll down a shady lane was soothing and restful.

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TWIN CITY NIGHTS

Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Wildlife Park hosts Attean Family Pow Wow

Join Native American tribal representatives from around Maine, New England and the country for the 12th annual Attean Family Pow Wow at Maine Wildlife Park on Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14. This popular rain-or-shine event celebrating Native American heritage and culture will feature two full days of dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers and traditional food booths. This year, each of these activities will be presented each day, as will the ceremonial start to the Pow Wow, the Grand Entry featuring the park's resident Bald Eagle at noon.

This year's Host Drum will be the Split Feather Singers, a group from all over New England. The Flute Player will be Joseph Firecrow, a Cheyenne flutist nominated for a Grammy and recipient of several Nammy Awards. Other entertainers will include the Wolf Cry

Singers, Black Hawk Singers, Walking Bear Singers and Grandmothers Tears Singers.

There will be opportunities to learn about Native American history through ceremony, music, dancing, storytelling, historical artifacts and replicas. Professional educator Kenneth Hamilton, a living historian of 17th and 18th-century "woodland" culture, will share his wealth of knowledge about colonial Native America. Children will get to dance with the park's own "Kennebago Bear" and "Moxie Moose" mascots. The Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park Barbeque will provide plenty of great food for all each day at their annual Barbeque.

The Penobscot tribe, together with the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, Passamaquoddy, and Abenaki Indians, were once members of the old Wabanaki Confederacy. "Abenaki" and "Wabanaki"

have the same Algonquian root, meaning "people from the east." There are now approximately 3000 Penobscot Indians, most of whom live in Maine. The Attean Family of the Penobscot Indians have lived on and off Indian Island and in and around Old Town. They are a well-respected family of renowned craftspeople who create hand-made baskets for both display and work, birch-bark canoes, walking sticks, beaded jewelry and many other crafts.

Owned and operated by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Maine Wildlife Park has over 30 species of native wildlife on display, plus wildlife gardens, nature trails, a fish hatchery and other interactive exhibits. Located at 56 Game Farm Road in Gray, the park is open for admittance each day April 15 through November 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with visitors allowed to stay until 6 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring a picnic and spend the day.

Admission is \$7.50 for See WP, page 16

Roger's Haircutters hosts "paint-a-thon" for Dempsey Challenge



On Tuesday, August 16, local artist Maria Castellano-Userly will set up her easel in the front window and spend the day creating an 8" x 8" acrylic painting that will then be raffled.

To celebrate her growing program "Brushstrokes with Impact," local artist Maria Castellano-Userly invites the community to join her on Tuesday, August 16 at Roger's Haircutters in Auburn, where she will present a "pop-up" art show and "paint-a-thon," complete with a raffle featuring the finished painting as the prize. Castellano-Userly will

set up her easel in the front window and have a day-long "paint-a-thon" during business hours, from 10 a.m. to circa 6 p.m. Raffle tickets for the completed 8" x 8" acrylic painting will be sold both in person and online for \$5 each or three for \$10, with the winning ticket to be drawn on the evening of Tuesday, August 16. The artist will donate

50% of the proceeds from ticket sales, as well as 10% of all art sales (excluding magnets) from her July "pop-up" show at Cool as a Moose, to Roger's Haircutters' Dempsey Challenge Team.

This is the ninth event in Castellano-Userly's unique "art philanthropy for the budget-conscious" series, where she works with local businesses and charities that are meaningful to her. She started Brushstrokes with Impact with a "paint-a-thon" in December 2015 and has since raised over \$1400 for national and local charities. If you are interested in creating a future collaboration, please email her at maria@brushstrokesbymaria.com.

Roger's Haircutters is located at 94 Main Street in Auburn. For more information about the event, click on "Current Shows" at www.brushstrokesbymaria.com. To enter the raffle or make a donation online, see www.carii.com/#/register/BrushstrokeswithImpactbyMaria.



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Klezmer music concert and dance at Temple Shalom



Fiddler Jon Cannon

A trio of gifted young musicians from Boston will transport listeners to the "old countries" of Romania, Poland, the Ukraine and beyond when they play for both a concert and a dance on Friday, August 12, at Temple Shalom in Auburn.

Fiddler Jon Cannon, pianist Neil Pearlman and clarinetist Sara Mann will kick off the evening at 7 p.m. with a concert program featuring a variety of Jewish klezmer music, as well as a selection of evocative old-world melodies from Romania, Hungary and other Balkan nations of Eastern Europe in whose cultures the klezmer tradition is rooted.

Klezmer music - which has been described as "embracing both the ecstasy and the despair of human life" - was written primarily for dancing at weddings and other festive celebrations. Because of this, the second half of the evening will feature a joyous mix of Israeli line dances - both fast and slow - led by Lisa Mayer, wife of Temple Shalom's rabbi, Sruli Dresdner, and lively New England and French Canadian contra dances led by Cindy Larock of the Maine Folque Co-op, which is co-sponsoring the event. This will give the band the opportunity to showcase other styles of music from their eclectic repertoire, including Celtic jigs, Quebecois reels, and some of their own original "gypsy jazz"-inspired tunes.

No prior dance experience is necessary to participate as the dances will be

simple and clearly taught. Those who would rather sit out and tap their toes to the music will be welcome to do so. "Our aim is to make the evening fun and accessible to all while celebrating an exhilarating blend of cultural traditions," says Larock.

The trio's violinist, Jon Cannon, is a founding member of two acclaimed Boston-based folk groups, Ezekiel's Wheels, which captured the "Best Klezmer Band" and "Audience Choice" awards at Amsterdam's 2012 International Jewish Music Festival, and Mierlita, one of the few American ensembles dedicated specifically to the exploration and performance of traditional Romanian music. He also plays fiddle and guitar for contra dances up and down the East Coast with a rolling cast of other traditional musicians, including Neil Pearlman, whom he

met at Maine Fiddle Camp several years ago.

Clarinetist Sara Mann - who is Cannon's wife - grew up playing Jewish music with her father, a surgeon by day and accordionist by night. She has performed as a guest musician in multiple klezmer bands from Boston to Argentina.

Pianist and mandolinist Neil Pearlman was raised in a Scots-Jewish musical household in Portland. Called "a tremendous pianist" on BBC Radio Scotland and "a force to be reckoned with" by WGBH's Brian O'Donovan, he is recognized in Celtic music circles for his unique approach to the piano, which weaves Cape Breton and Jewish music with many other genres, including Latin American and jazz.

The event features a family-friendly admission price of \$5. Temple Shalom is located at 74 Bradman Street in Auburn. More information is available at www.MaineFolqueCo-op.com or by calling 782-0386.

Puppeteers to perform at Sawyer Memorial



Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers will present a free show on Thursday, August 18.

The Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers will perform "The Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow" for Children's Day at Sawyer Memorial on Thursday, August 18. Please note the special day and also that there will be one show only at 2 p.m. Free and open to the public, the show is approximately 50 minutes

long and recommended for audience members ages 4 and up. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

In this comedic version of the classic Washington Irving tale featuring 20 hand-crafted mouth and rod puppets and some shadow puppetry, schoolteacher Ichabod Crane helps the Headless Horseman find a new head and a spookier image. Meanwhile, a jealous Brom Bones tries to run Ichabod out of town as they both vie for the affection of Katrina Van Tassel.

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

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Twin City Nights

MSMT presents Footlight Follies



The Maine State Music Theatre will present its fourth annual Footlight Follies, this year featuring 2 Ring Circus and a live auction of MSMT experiences, on Monday, August 15 at 7:30 p.m. The event will take place in Pickard Theater at 1 Bath Road, on the Bowdoin College campus, in Brunswick.

Based in New York City, 2 Ring Circus merges the art of the circus with the heart of the Big Apple's Broadway. Taking the term

"triple threat" (literally) to the next level, they take their love of dance and musical theatre airborne to create a polished aerobic and theatrical experience that takes audiences to new heights. The small troupe takes pride in creating "huge little shows" that pack a talent and entertainment punch.

The live auction, starting at 9 p.m., will feature a variety of ultimate theater experiences, such as a behind-the-scenes look at "Mamma Mia!", a walk-on role for one of MSMT's 2017 shows, a guest spot at local auditions in Brunswick, and a trip with "Producer" status to New York with the MSMT artistic team.

Tickets are \$20 to \$40 and may be purchased se-

curely online, over the phone by calling 725-8769, or in person by visiting the Box Office, located in the Pickard Theater at 1 Bath Road in Brunswick. For more information, see www.msmt.org.

MSMT will also offer a pre-show VIP party featuring entertainment, cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a chance to mingle with actors. This event will take place at the Brunswick Hotel & Tavern at 4 Noble Street starting at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person and include entry to the 2 Ring Circus main stage performance and live auction. For more information about the VIP event or to purchase tickets, contact Development Director Barbara Whidden at 725-0150.

Summer Country Gospel Concert

The United Methodist Church of Minot, located on the corner of Route 121 and Empire Road, will host a Summer Country Gospel Concert featuring Sonny Perry and the Country Music Show on Saturday, August

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Bath waterfront concerts continue through August

The Chocolate Church Arts Center's Summer Saturday Concerts on the Bath waterfront will continue Saturday evenings at 6 p.m. through August 27. Bring blankets or lawn chairs and pack snacks or a picnic dinner for an evening of live entertainment at no cost. In case of rain, the concerts will be staged at the Chocolate Church Arts Center, located at 804 Washington Street in Bath.

On August 13, the series will present Snappdragon, a four-piece band whose well-seasoned members hale from the Midcoast area. Popular with music lovers young and old, the band covers several genres, from

bluesy ballads to rock and roll. Their combination of rich vocal harmonies, double percussion, keyboards, and acoustic and electric guitar lend themselves to dancing the night away or just sitting back and listening.

August 20 will feature a performance by award-winning singer-songwriter-instrumentalist Heather Pierson. Equally at home with New Orleans-style jazz and blues, rousing Americana and poignant folk narratives, she marshalls bell-tone vocals, a commanding yet playful stage presence, and musical virtuosity on piano, banjo, melodica, and acoustic guitar to create live performances that are

memorable, intimate, and cathartic.

The series will conclude on August 27 with Max Ater, who at age 23 performs a variety of original songs and a few unique covers throughout New England with his band. Best known for his soulful voice, he is the winner of Maine's Got Talent 2012 and, more recently, the coveted Vox Pop title from the Independent Music Awards. He will be joined by bassist Dan Bodmer and drummer Drew Weber.

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adults and \$5.50 for seniors and kids ages 4 through 12, or \$3.50 per person in groups of 15 or more. Available Family and Community Season Passes are a great bargain for families and groups that visit the park several times over the summer. They can be purchased in the Department of Fish & Wildlife's Online store at www.mefish-wildlife.com.

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Thallander to premier new work at Keyboard Concert



Mark Thallander



Glenda Winkle-Morrow



Kathy Haley

The annual Summer Keyboard Concert at Court Street Baptist Church this year will feature the world premiere of a new arrangement for organ solo of Jack Hayford's "Majesty." Titled "Fanfare and Acclamation on Majesty," the new composition by Mark Thallander and Bruce Wilkin will be performed on Sunday, August 21 at 6 p.m. at the church at 129 Court Street in Auburn.

The piece is among several to be played by Thallander, who for 18 years was organist at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists, in which he has held several offices, and has performed at numerous venues, including the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Times Square Church, Carnegie Hall, Court Street Baptist Church, and Lewiston's Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

Thirteen years ago, while vacationing in Maine, Thallander lost his left arm in an accident on the Maine Turnpike. He has since learned to rearrange music so he can still perform successfully at the concert level. Thallander, who now splits his time between Palm Springs, California and Ogunquit, is president of the Mark Thallander Foundation and produces music festivals throughout the United States. He is the subject of the book "Champions" and was honored in 2004 with the Crystal Cathedral's annual "Life's Not Fair, but God is Good" award.

Also performing will be Glenda Winkle-Morrow and Kathy Haley. Winkle-Morrow is an accomplished pianist, composer, arranger, and music teacher from Missouri who has presented workshops and concerts throughout the United States and Canada. She is past president of the Mid-America Performing Arts Association;

executive board member of the American Guild of Organists; and council member of the Mark Thallander Foundation. She will play her variations on "Jesus Loves Me," written originally by William Bradbury, who was born in York, Maine, 200 years ago.

Haley, celebrating more than a half-century as a church musician, is the choir director and organist at Court Street Baptist Church. After studying music at the University of Southern Maine, she began singing professionally, performing with several Southern Maine bands. She was the assistant director for Delta Heart, a nondenominational regional choir, and is the accompanist for the Edward Little High School Choral Program. She also presents concerts and plays at weddings and funerals throughout Maine.

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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 AFB Veterans Meeting. 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 advancement in Lewiston-Auburn. Guests welcome. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

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.

Friday, August 12

Klezmer Music Concert and Dance. 7 p.m. Temple Shalom, 74 Bradman St., Auburn. A talented Boston-based trio provides the music for contras and circle dances called by Cindy Larock of the Maine Folque Co-op and fun-and-easy Jewish-Israeli dances led by Lisa Mayer of Temple Shalom. \$5. 782-0386; www.MaineFolqueCo-op.com.

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,

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Attean Family Pow Wow. 9:30 to 5:30. Maine Wildlife Park, 56 Game Farm Rd., Gray. This popular annual event features two full days of Native American dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers and traditional food booths. Rain or shine. Cont. Sunday. \$7.50 (\$5.50 for seniors, kids 4-12). 657-4977; www.mainewildlifepark.com.

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.stdoms-maine.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.

Sunday, August 14

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; lewistonfarmers-market@gmail.com.

Monday, August 15

Footlight Follies. 7:30 p.m. Pickard Theater, 1 Bath Road, Bowdoin College campus, Brunswick. Maine State Music Theatre presents a performance by 2 Ring Circus, followed

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

Wednesday, August 17

Guided Bird Walk. 8 to 11 a.m. This Stanton Bird Club trip to view birds in Woodbury Nature Sanctuary, on the border of Litchfield and Monmouth, carpools from the Promenade Mall parking lot, near Staples, in Lewiston. Free; all welcome. 406-4741; jsmd@att.net.

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 Mark Thallander (organ). Free. www.princeofpeace.me.

Music on the Mall. 6 p.m. Town Mall (green), Maine Street, Downtown Brunswick. The Gather Rounders play traditional and progressive bluegrass and folk. Free. Bring blankets, lawn chairs. Rain date Thurs. when possible. www.brunswickdowntown.org.

Thursday, August 18

Mind Your Business Seminar. 8 to 9:30 a.m. LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Bob Bernier of Matheson Gas discusses "The Challenging Sale." \$50 (members \$25). www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Empowerment Forum

for People with Disabilities. 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 14 Great Falls Plaza, Auburn. Pres. by the Five+ Council Collaborative, this event is free for those with disabilities; incl. lunch. 377-7055. Register by Aug. 11 at www.caresinc.org.

HR Thursdays Seminar. Noon to 2 p.m. LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Paul Beaudette of Leading Edge Business Strategies discusses "Five Strategies for a Stronger Workforce." \$50 (members \$25). www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Rotary Club Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Monica Millhime of Western ME Comm. Action shares the principles of ACT (Aspirations, Commitment and Transitions) as it relates to her Business/Education classification. Guests welcome. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Puppet Show. 2 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. For Sawyer's annual Children's Day program, Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers present "The Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow." One show only. Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

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"Eight Strategies for Aspiring Leaders." 8 a.m. to noon. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce hosts internationally recognized business speaker and trainer Jim Bouchard for this half-day seminar. \$249 (chamber members \$149). 783-2249; www.LAMetroChamber.com.

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Glow-Golf Scramble. 5:30 p.m. Martindale Country Club, Auburn. This glow-in-the-dark event to benefit Central ME Heart & Vascular Inst. is a four-person scramble over nine holes. \$100/person, incl. dinner. Register by Aug. 5. 795-2950; giving@cmhc.org.

Theater: Disney's Beauty & the Beast. 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy St., Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents this popular musical production. Again 8/20-21, 25-28 (Suns. at 2 p.m.) For ticket info, call 783-0958 or see www.lact.com.

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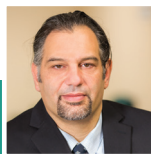
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