

Governor LePage attends GOP BBQ



Governor Paul R. LePage was the guest speaker on Monday at the Androscoggin County Republican Committee's Potluck BBQ at The Great Outdoors in Turner. The Governor spoke to the 85 attendees about the referendum questions that will appear on the ballot in November. Pictured are (l. to r.) Jason Greene, Governor LePage, John Pape and Alex Willette.

Kora Kare for Kids Ride-In coming August 27



The fifth annual Kora Kare for Kids Ride-In to benefit Shriners Hospital for Children will take place on Saturday, August 27 at Twitchell's Airport in Turner. The day will kick off from 8 to 10 a.m. with a breakfast prepared by the Crazy Cops and a social time for Shriners hospital patients to share their success stories. The event will continue at 9:30 a.m. with a scenic 50-mile motorcycle ride with stops at some event sponsors and a 15-mile ATV trail ride with a trailside lunch. Cars attending the Classic Car Cruise-In are welcome to join the motorcycle ride.

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Welcome to the 24th annual Great Falls Balloon Festival!

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This year's "The Force Takes Flight" theme will feature two special shapes—Master Yoda & Darth Vader. We are very excited about this year's theme and hope that it adds to the enthusiasm and energy that our community never fails to bring to the festival. In addition to these very special balloons, we will have more than twenty other hot air balloons to make this

another spectacular summer weekend. All of these balloons are the awe-inspiring focal point for this annual festival. Whether you look forward to standing beside balloons inflating on the field, catching some vibrant photos, watching them launch into the twin cities' skyline, touching down onto the water in front of the falls, or glowing in the night sky—we cannot wait to have you join us.

In addition to the bal-

loons, we have a fun-filled weekend with free activities for all ages to enjoy! Go visit "The Riding of Ravens-Bridge"—they will be set up again this year in their medieval encampment at Bonney Park for the weekend. We will continue to have entertainment all weekend on stages in Lewiston at Simard-Payne Memorial Park and in Auburn at Festival Plaza, and of course Family Fun Day on Sunday. In addition

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Knight House to host activities during Balloon Festival

The Knight House will be open on Balloon Festival Saturday, August 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to present a variety of living history activities for children of all ages. Presented by the Androscoggin Historical Society, this program, called "Work... Then Play," will feature various activity stations that will give kids new insight into



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

AHCH welcomes veterans home from Honor Flight



AHCH staff and volunteers wait at the Portland Jetport to welcome home the veterans of the recent Maine Honor Flight, including AHCH patient Theodor "Ted" Perry.

Among the 27 veterans returning home recently from their Honor Flight Maine trip was a patient of Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice. After Theodor "Ted" Perry experienced the journey of a lifetime, he returned home to a crowd of loving and supportive family, caregivers, volunteers and staff.

Honor Flight Maine is a non-profit organization that transports American Veterans to Washington, DC to visit memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice. This program is

provided at no-cost to the veterans. AHCH saw this as a unique opportunity to support veterans and to expand on their "We Honor Vets" program, which is actively engaging with veteran patients. AHCH staff and volunteers partnered with Honor Flight Maine to write letters and make cards to give to the veterans during "Mail Call." They also gathered at the Portland Jetport to welcome the troops home.

"Our family truly appreciates the care our Dad is receiving from Androscoggin

Home Care and Hospice," said Perry's daughter, Carol Johnson. "Your team of caregivers is the best. This was a trip of a lifetime for our Dad and you made it all possible. This morning he was crying out of happiness just thinking of the royal treatment he received all weekend on Honor Flight Maine. I was inspired to see so many of you from AHCH at the welcome back rally at Portland Airport."

"I was extremely proud to be a part of the Honor Flight celebration at the airport," said Volunteer Supervi-

CCFC offers homebuyer education course



Students pose with certified hoMEworks Educator Marjorie Baril, Community Concepts, Inc. CEO Shawn Yardley, and Community Concepts Finance Corp. CEO Dennis Lajoie.

Eleven students recently graduated from a homebuyers education course offered by Community Concepts Finance Corporation. Team-taught

by industry professionals who share tips in their fields of expertise, the class covers a variety of topics, including how to create a household budget, potential first time

homebuyer resources, and the importance of understanding credit reports and scores. By completing the course, some students may be eligible to receive \$3500 in down payment and closing cost assistance on the purchase of their first home.

matched with Perry as part of AHCH's "Veteran-to-Veteran" program. He performed a pinning ceremony for Perry, who had 30 people in attendance for the occasion, including family, friends and AHCH staff. Perry served in the Navy during WWII.

AHCH is planning to continue supporting Honor Flight Maine and to help other hospice patients apply to be part of future flights.

Over the past 50 years, AHCH has grown to become one of Maine's most respected home health and hospice care agencies. To learn more about AHCH and how you can help, visit them online at www.ahch.org or call the Marketing and Development Office at 777-7740, ext. 1407.

"I really enjoyed hearing from the different guest presenters," said Samantha Hinson of Lewiston. "I even learned tips on how to make my current living space more energy efficient. After taking this course, I feel much better about exploring homeownership."

Monthly homebuyer education classes are available in Androscoggin and Oxford Counties. For more information on hoMEworks Homebuyer Education through Community Concepts Finance Corporation, call 795-4065 or email homequest@community-concepts.org.

sor Kathy Baillargeon. "I was so impressed with how many of our staff and volunteers were in attendance. It truly shows the dedication Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice has in supporting our military veterans. We currently have 15 veteran volunteers who make visits to other veterans in the home, nursing facilities and Hospice House and perform special pinning ceremonies to recognize our veteran patients for their years of service."

Volunteer Bob Oliver, a military veteran himself, was



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Prestige Pools Grand Opening



Prestige Pools of Auburn recently celebrated the Grand Opening of its new showroom and backyard oasis at 1150 Center Street in Auburn. Pictured here are store manager Jessica Asselin, finance manager Scott Lawless, owner Don Asselin, and field supervisor Todd Asselin.

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Governor's Address: Governor's tax-reform proposals are recognized as some of the best in the country

My 2016 "State of the State" address has been listed one of the best in the country in terms of the economic policy proposals we put forth.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, The address is listed in a report by ALEC—the American Legislative Exchange Council—which is a national organization made up of legislators from both parties.

ALEC commends us for fighting to abolish both the income tax and death tax. They said: "If these taxes were repealed, the state would improve dramatically in economic

competitiveness, leading to more residents and businesses moving in to the state and greater job growth."

The report also states: "Like New Hampshire, Maine could be a refuge for taxpayers, businesses and capital fleeing the poor tax and fiscal policies adopted by most Northeast states." Sound familiar? I've been saying that for years.

ALEC found more governors this year proposed reducing taxes than governors who proposed increasing taxes. Even Governor Malloy in Connecticut, a liberal Democrat who proposed major tax hikes,



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admits his policies have had drastic economic consequences. The ALEC report commends him for basing his new budget on how

much the state actually has to spend—not how much politicians want to spend.

The report also gave me credit for recognizing Maine's high taxes—including income, corporate and death taxes—which are holding our state back. ALEC has found that corporate income taxes are harmful because they make it more difficult for businesses to innovate, hire employees and raise wages. States with the lowest corporate income taxes have better population growth and more domestic immigration, as well as higher payroll growth and personal income growth and

gross state product.

But socialists in the Legislature—and the media—continue to fight our common-sense economic proposals, even though they have propelled other states into growth and prosperity.

The report noted Maine's economic outlook is still ranked at 38. Although the ranking has moved up under our administration, socialists in Augusta are still clinging to the disastrous economic policies of the past 40 years that are holding us back.

But ALEC said the proposals I outlined "are an excellent model for any

state to follow in order to improve their economic competitiveness and achieve greater economic growth."

We are pleased that national organizations have recognized us for trying to implement common-sense economic reforms in Maine. Now, if we could just get the career politicians in our state to listen, we could really move Maine from poverty to prosperity.

Remember, November 8 is Election Day. Make your vote count!

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Op-Ed

Strategy is needed to provide a space for senior programming

By Belinda Gerry
FORMER AUBURN CITY COUNCILOR

This is my response to Auburn Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonte's column in the August 4 issue of Twin City TIMES. The mayor doesn't support the renovation of the Parks and Recreation vacant three-bay former parks facility and repurposing about one-third of the building up to the second bay for a Senior Citizens Community Center. This center would be available to all seniors.

This structure was built to last quite a number of years, is lightly used and is at ground level, making it accessible for anyone with mobility issues to enter or exit, providing easy access to everything the entire complex has to offer, both indoors and out.

This building sits beside the Hasty Community Center and, when opened, would be available to all seniors and possibly other community events. I think it is great strategy and an opportunity to magnify what is now offered our seniors and our community too.

The original concept to use this building came about a little more than a year ago—long before this current city council took office and created their new vision of

the city's long-term plan, as well as its five-year plan for capital expense—by a group of seniors who come to the Hasty Community Center to participate in various activities held there.

These individuals were willing to invest their time to make this work. Some are willing to volunteer time to keep the place open when Jan Biron, Senior Citizens Recreation Specialist, wasn't there due to her part-time status or her attendance on a seniors trip/activity off site.

A tour of this building to assess its merits was done, and a list was put together of what was needed for it to work. Upon approval by our City Manager, Howard Kroll, it became part of the city's Capital Improvement Plan for the budget this city council just passed. The project price tag is about \$95,000.

The need for this new or extra space comes from the fact that, as the Recreation Department offers more programs and rents out gym time, there is competition for availability slots.

Seniors have met several times a month for years there. Senior Citizens Recreation Specialist Jan Biron, whose position was newly created by our city manager as first step in a strategic plan to expand senior activities,

has to keep this in mind as she expands her programs.

She also has to find space off site when her use of the gym for a senior event gets bumped or postponed.

The mayor is wrong; it's not just space for one senior group. All senior citizens can hold their monthly meetings and events there. It provides a safe place that any senior can drop in during the week, socialize, possibly grab a cup of coffee or light lunch, participate in a planned activity or even teach a class themselves or enjoy a program offered by those within our community once the frame work is built.

Staff time (and money) will be saved from not having to set up/break down the gym for every senior activity and free up space in the Hasty Center that's used now to store all the seniors' belongings, since they will be used in the new location.

Seniors' activities can take place anytime (or other community events and rentals from those who rent space at Hasty's Memorial Armory/Ingersoll Turf Facility), without having to open up the whole Hasty Community Center when it isn't open. This too would create multiple cost savings.

I understand where the mayor is coming from about

public participation. It's just that sometimes, before you have public participation and gather community stakeholders to flesh out the details and direction of a project, you need to lay a foundation. Doing these renovations first is this foundation.

Lastly, I support and want to see the St. Louis Center flourish, but I can't support the mayor's suggestion to take \$95,000 that has already been earmarked for the seniors' center in Pettengill Park—a building that the city already owns—and give it to them.

I feel that this is a bad investment for several reasons:

We don't own St. Louis's Center. They don't have an official plan with a time frame for their building to be renovated. We will be charged a fee for our use with no guarantee we can rent it

when we need to.

Also, St. Louis's Center is not actively doing any fundraising or really publicizing it, if they are. Parking is limited and there is no place for outside activities. If someone comes forward and buys their property, we've lost our investment.

City of Auburn Red Table Picnic

The City of Auburn encourages residents to attend the second annual Red Table Picnic during the August Art Walk on Friday, August 26 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The event will take place at Festival Plaza in Downtown Au-

burn. The theme of the event is "red," so wear red clothes and bring your own red tablecloths, cups, foods, etc. For more information, contact the Auburn Recreation Department at 333-6601, ext. 2101.

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Only Steps Forward

Chinese investors, city staff still working on project

By Jonathan P. LaBonte
MAYOR OF AUBURN

It has been a little over a year since the city joined a group of Chinese investors at Auburn Hall to announce a \$40 million project to rehabilitate the former Lunn Sweet shoe shop (The Barn building) into a residential and hospitality center serving medical patients.

The company, Miracle Enterprises, also acquired a number of adjacent properties, including the

former police station on Minot Avenue.

While there was quick work to secure the building with fencing, board up broken windows and secure the roof, a number of residents have asked if the lack of further movement has meant the project was dead. It is far from dead, but most of the work since the announcement last summer has been on the developer's side as they build their business plan and coordinate a strategy



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonte

to secure investors. And for a project this complex, that takes time.

On the city side, it

hasn't been fully published what we have verbally committed to do. While there is no formal joint development agreement, assurances were given first by city staff and then by the Auburn City Council that the city would invest in improvements to Minot Avenue and into their site.

Not dissimilar to efforts like the Bates Mill redevelopment in Lewiston or projects on Saco Island in York County, taking Industrial Revolution-era

buildings and re-purposing them to function as part of a city's downtown takes street, sidewalk and parking improvements. For the Lunn-Sweet building, that means looking to move utilities underground, adding sidewalks, improving car access into the site and accommodating parking.

Since neither the city, nor this or previous potential developers of this building, have ever studied and designed improvements, it is unclear what the total bill could be. Some projections put the cost at \$5 million to \$6 million, depending on how much blasting may have to be done to extend South Goff Street (the street behind the former police station) all the way back to Elm Street.

It is in the city's best interest to continue to stay focused on determining what improvements are "needs" versus "wants" and then seeking other non-local dollars to fund the improvements. For example, meetings have been hosted with both the federal Economic Development Administration and Maine-DOT to seek partnerships that could reduce city commitments by more than 50 percent. Those partnerships would include the engineering and design work that must be done first.

Would it make sense to destroy a long-time city park (ELF Woods) and school-connected trail (Snake Trail) to extend and connect a street on ledge if it's not really needed for the project? Shouldn't the public and our local students have a chance to weigh in on potentially losing the aesthetics of this park for a road to nowhere?

Given the traffic counts on Minot Avenue, and the likely traffic generated if this project functions

more like a hotel than an office building, we could be able to save the trails and perhaps even improve them as part of this effort. Let's hope we can obtain reports from city management soon about their progress securing those public partnerships and pursuing designs that protect city assets.

On the medical services front, we have continued to hear positive news about the leadership of Central Maine Healthcare and their research into service models and how to accommodate cultural and other barriers to serving foreign patients.

Our Lewiston-Auburn community is not only fortunate to have two regional hospitals based here, but the relationship of Central Maine Healthcare with MassGeneral in Boston is supporting research into our medical tourism development, as well as improving patient care locally.

The city rarely finds itself in the middle of the business planning for large developments, leaving that to the investor and their financing partners or banks. Protections for any public partnership rely on demonstration of financing and a legal commitment to investment to a certain threshold in the city.

Foreign investment in our community is one of many ways we can grow our economy, even if it is a more rare form. And we should ensure that the prospects of foreign investors don't distract from the everyday work we should be doing in support of existing, local small businesses.

If you have any questions on this project, please don't hesitate to reach out and I will help you find answers, if they are available. I can be reached at jlabonte@auburnmaine.gov.

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Enough is Enough

Enough about politicians; let's talk about other mobsters

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

The summer is drawing to a close. Soon the kids will be going back to school. The saddest day of the year—Labor Day—will soon be upon us, reminding us that summer has come to an end. Like most people, I say let's give politics a rest.

During the past Lewiston runoff election, I was amazed at the number of people in Lewiston who listened daily to the Howie Carr Show. While shaking hands at the polls, many people approached me telling me that they had heard me on the show earlier that day. One of the most popular subjects, besides politics, discussed on the show is gangsters. So . . .

"Ever since I can remember, I always wanted to be a gangster." These were the words of Henry Hill (played by Ray Liotta) in the opening line of the movie

"Good Fellas."

Coming from a poor, working-class Irish-Italian neighborhood, Henry dreamed of living the fast life. Nice clothes, expensive cars and jewelry. Vacations, a great social life, including fancy restaurants and nightclubs. A "somebody amongst a bunch of nobodies."

But, best of all, to achieve success required no traditional heavy lifting like those working in 9-to-5 jobs. Only suckers did that.

As I write this column, it has just been announced that the Feds arrested the former head of the New England Patriarca crime family, Frank "Cadillac Frank" Salemme for the murder of a witness back in 1993. You might remember Salemme.

After becoming the Boss, the southern faction of the Patriarca Mob tried to assassinate him one morning years ago at the IHOP in Saugus, Mass. The past



Mayor Bob Macdonald

has caught up to him, and now Salemme may spend the rest of his life in prison for not disclosing a murder he had witnessed.

When it was made public that James "Whitey" Bulger and his associate Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi had turned "rat," bringing down the New England Italian Mob, Salemme turned "rat." He helped bring Bulger, Flemmi and their crooked FBI handler,

John "Zip" Connolly, to justice. But a small, technical problem developed.

When you enter into the federal witness protection program, you are asked about all previous crimes you have committed or witnessed. Your truthfulness will get you absolution and a reduced sentence. You will also be placed on a witness list to testify against your friends in any upcoming trials.

Salemme had witnessed his son commit a murder, but failed to disclose it. Now he is in jail awaiting trial. His son, by the way, has been dead for several years.

Organized crime in America is a big problem. It costs taxpayers millions of dollars. It makes the players rich through crimes such as drug trafficking, inside stock trading, money laundering, bribery and smuggling. But I digress. Let's get back to the mob and suspend talking about politicians.

When it comes to organized crime, how can you differentiate between politicians and mobsters? It's easy. Mobsters have colorful nicknames, such as "The Executioner," "The Basin Street Butcher" and "The Animal."

Politicians sport monikers such as Senator, Representative, Governor, Mayor and Councilor. All put fear into the average person.

But politicians do have an advantage when caught and found guilty. They go to a country club that serves as a jail—after all, they might end up getting reelected to a higher office. Mobsters go to prison.

One of the obstacles faced by today's law enforcement is name identification of the mob players. When they are born into this world, they are viewed as another angel ready to serve in God's army. Their first names seem to reflect

this, as many bear the name of (Saint) Peter and (Saint) Paul. The excessive use of these two names present a problem for investigators and prosecutors.

But thankfully the culture of organized crime dictates you must have a moniker—a street name. This proved helpful last week when the Feds rounded up dozens of connected guys on indictments. Let's close with some of the street names of those arrested. With a little imagination you too could heighten your status as a tough guy (or girl) in our society.

Do any of these catch your eye? Mustache Pat, Symbie, Mike Polio, Tony the Wig, not to be confused with Tony the Cripple, Tugboat, Nickie the Wig, Harpo, Sam Shark and Rooster.

Until next week, this is Bobby "The Mayor" Macdonald signing off.

Speaking Up for Us seeks school supplies

Speaking Up for Us of Maine, a statewide self-advocacy organization for people living with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, is conducting a statewide School Supplies Drive as their annual community service project. Donations will be accepted until Thursday, September 1 at donation boxes located throughout the

state. Some of the items needed include pencils, pens, filler paper, two-inch binders, pencil-top erasers, multicolored two-pocket folders, pencil boxes and pouches. For more information, including your nearest donation location, contact program director Monique Stairs at 458-5791 or Program-sufu@sufumaine.org or see www.sufumaine.org).

Ride-In

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Both rides will return to the field for door prizes, vendors, food concessions, the Gritty's Beer Garden, a Backyard BBQ competition and a concert by Motor Booty Affair from noon to 4:30 p.m. The second annual Backyard BBQ competition is open to any group or organization that wants to put their skills to the test to compete for the People's Choice award and the overall Grand Champion award, to be selected by a panel of

celebrity judges at 5 p.m. The competitors will sell samples of BBQ and side dishes all day. Dry camping will be available Friday and Saturday night.

The ride and admission ticket is \$25 and includes the motorcycle or ATV ride, a door prize ticket, a 2016 event shirt, five Bear Bucks for BBQ sampling and the concert. Admission to the ride and

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- 10am Shield Panting, Face Painting, Viking Beading, Whack-A-Knight, and Goat Fur Paint Brushes with the Riding of Ravensbridge.
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- 11am-7pm Craft/Trade Vendors open
- 11am-8pm Food Booths open
- 11am-8pm Carnival
- 11:30am-12:30pm Element All-Stars
- 12pm Mad Science of Maine Make-and-Take Slime!
- 12:45-1:30pm Camire School of Dance on stage
- 1pm Riding of Ravensbridge Battle Re-enactment

Balloon Launches

Due to weather conditions, the best times for balloon launches are 6 a.m. for morning launches and 6 p.m. for evening launches. Launches are always weather permitting and times may vary depending on conditions. The Moonglow (hot air balloons tethered and lit up with propane) is scheduled for Friday night (usually around 9 p.m.), after the balloons return from the evening launch.

Ravensbridge Medieval Encampment Schedule of events

- Friday:**
- Bonney Park**
- 12:00 pm set up til 5
- 5:00- 9:00pm Village is open
- 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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Saturday	11:00	12:00	Parade	Mid Field
	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
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Parking

Ample parking is available in the downtown area and in several lots adjacent to the festival grounds.

Many non-profit organizations will be raising money for their organizations by offering parking for



a donation.

This parking will be located around the Bates Mill and along Lincoln Street in Lewiston. The City of Lewiston is graciously donating the use of these areas to the non-profit

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Maintaining a safe environment is a top priority; and it is crucial to the future of the festival.

Below are some things to keep in mind when visiting the festival:

THE BIG 4:

Don't Smoke. Our visiting balloons carry tanks full of propane gas. Due to the obvious fire hazard created by the use of propane gas, as well as the risk of damage to the balloon envelopes, smoking is prohibited.

Don't bring your dog. Or your cat. Or bird. Or

snake. With the exception of service animals, NO PETS of any kinds are allowed on festival grounds.

Don't bring your wheels. This include bikes, skateboards, scooters, roller skates and—yes—unicycles. The level of foot traffic on the walkway around the park is very high, especially at launch time.

Don't drink. No alcohol is allowed on festival grounds.

LAUNCH TIMES

Launches are scheduled for 6 am and 6 pm throughout the weekend and are always weather permitting. This includes wind and clouds as well as more obvious conditions like rain and lightning.

In the event of questionable conditions, Our Balloonmeister will wait as long as they can in hopes of a turn for the better. However, a launch decision may be delayed by up to an hour if weather conditions are changing. Ideally, the balloons will launch by 6:45

p.m. This timeframe provides a fair ride for our passengers and gets everyone back on the ground before we run out of daylight.

LAUNCH SITES

Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston is our main launch site. Edward Little High School in Auburn will also act as an additional launch site for some regular shape balloons.

ON THE MIC

Live stage performances will end at 5pm and will resume following the launch. As the balloons arrive on the field, visitors will learn about each balloon and pilot from our on-field announcer.

BE READY TO RE-LOCATE

If you've staked out a spot in the center of the field ... you probably won't get to stay there. At launch time, if you're on the main field at Simard-Payne Memorial Park, there is a good possibility that you will be asked to move; and maybe more than once.

Additionally, please give balloon vehicles the right-of-way when they are entering/exiting the field. We also ask that you take care not to step on the fabric of the balloon envelope when the balloons are on the ground.

SPECIAL SHAPES

Specials fly only in the morning. At our evening launches, the specials will

inflate and stay at the field to glow for the crowd. They are large, complex and hard to pack up in the dark.

MOONGLOW

This ground-level light show is a crowd favorite! Following the Saturday evening launch (usually around 9 p.m.) some of our visiting balloons will return to the field, inflate and light their burners for a ground-level light show.

CHASING BALLOONS

Chasing balloons can be an exciting way to participate in the festival. Keep your focus on the road if you spot a balloon while driving. Pull off to the side of the road to watch the balloon safely. And be careful not to drive or walk onto private property without the landowner's permission.

We ask that everyone involved in the festival—including spectators, volunteers and balloonists—be respectful of landowners' rights and responsibilities.

TETHERED RIDES

When the weather permits, tethered rides are available for \$10-\$15/person. Tethered rides typically begin in the late afternoon (exact time is dependent on temps and/or winds).

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Hot air balloons are considered aircraft and are

regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) just as fixed-wing aircraft are. Hot air balloon pilots must pass a yearly in-flight certification to maintain his or her license as a commercial pilot. The Great Falls Balloon only invites pilots who have met these qualifications.

The balloons them-

selves must pass a yearly safety inspection which includes testing the fabric of the balloon, fuel system, burners and all other related equipment before the balloon receives its annual air worthiness certificate to fly.

Unlike fixed-wing aircraft, a hot air balloon is de-

pendent upon fair weather. Ideal conditions are calm winds below 8 mph and cool temperatures. Since wind and heat come with the sun, the ideal time for a balloon to fly is early in the morning before the sun gets too high in the sky and in the early evening as the sun begins to descend. The exception to this rule would be wintertime flying when the sun is less intense.

To inflate the balloon, pilots use inflation fans to fill the balloon with outside air. This process is called cold packing. When the balloon is inflated enough the pilot uses his burner to heat the inside air to approximately one hundred degrees warmer than the outside temperature. This is when the balloon takes shape and is ready to fly on a new adventure.

It is the heat inside the balloon that makes the balloon rise. If the outside air temperature is too high, the pilot would need to add more heat to the balloon to compensate. High heat can cause damage to the fabric of the balloon. This is why balloons rarely fly in the heat of the day.

Hot air balloon pilots are always aware of the weather and the function of their equipment. The safety of the people in the basket is a top priority for the pilots always have the final say in whether the conditions are right for them to fly.



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What are hot air balloons made of?

The bag or envelope is made of reinforced fabric called rip-stop nylon (some balloons are made of dacron). The material is very light weight but very strong. The fabric is coated to prevent leaks.

What are the baskets made of?

The baskets are made from rattan or wicker. The material is lightweight and very durable. Each basket is individually woven by hand.

How fast does it go?

As fast or as slow as the wind. Since the balloon has no forward propulsion system, its speed is determined

entirely by the speed of the wind. That is why balloon competitions are strictly for accuracy, not for speed.

How high does it go?

The balloons will fly from ground level to anywhere from tree level to a couple thousand feet above ground level, depending on wind direction and speed.

When is the best time to fly?

Usually just after sunrise and one or two hours before sunset. This is the time of day when the winds are calmest and the air the most stable.

How long can the balloon stay up?

It depends. Normally, the balloon carries enough fuel to remain aloft for 1 to 2 hours, but factors like outside

air temperature, weight being carried in the basket and weather conditions determine the duration of the flight. Our pilots try to get in at-least 45 minutes of air-time each flight.

What kind of fuel is used?

Propane is kept in pressurized tanks in the basket. The balloon carries 30-40 gallons of liquid propane. It is carried under pressure through flexible hoses to the burner. When the valves are opened, the propane atomizes and is ignited by a pilot light in the burner. The flame may shoot out as much as ten to twenty feet, making a loud whoosh.

How do you get back?

With the help of friends, who drive a chase vehicle. The chase crew will follow the flight of the balloon (as well as existing roads allow) and should be on hand to make the recovery when the balloon touches down.

What should I wear?

We recommend wearing casual clothing and comfortable shoes. Consider light layers of warm clothing so you can easily adjust to the temperature as the sun comes up. The coolest you will be is on the ground. Once you're in flight, the burners tend to keep the baskets nice and warm.

Balloon Rides

There's still availability, please reach out to our Ride Coordinator directly...

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What's Going On

Free "Budgeting Basics" workshop at New Ventures

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New Ventures is a state-wide non-profit organization committed to improving the economic lives of Maine men, women and families. The organization works with all individuals "where they are" to provide support, guidance, and tools needed to take the next steps toward a more promising future, including individual assistance and group training in building careers, starting and growing businesses, planning for financial security, and becoming community leaders. For more information, see www.newventuresmaine.org.

Citizens Police Academy starts Sep. 6

Have you ever wondered what exactly the police do, why, and what it's like to have to make a split-second decision? If so, apply to participate in this fall's Lewiston Citizens Police Academy! This free, ten-week program will meet every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lewiston Police Department or Central Maine Community College. The program runs from September 6 through November 15.

This is a great opportunity for community members to familiarize

themselves with their police department, gain new perspectives about law enforcement, and share ideas with the LPD. Participants will tour the police department, explore the vehicles, and learn about various topics, including the history of policing in general and in Lewiston, covert drug investigations, criminal investigations, evidence collection, case preparation, recruitment, and community outreach.

Participants will experience "ride a-longs" and, at the Criminal Justice Lab at Central Maine Community College, will learn about the use of deadly and non-deadly force by trying out some of the most up-to-date technologies for training police officers, including Fast Action Training Simulators and Stress Vests (think laser tag). The class will meet with representatives from the Androscoggin County District Attorney's Office to discuss the judicial system and with Lewiston Interim Police Chief Brian O'Malley for a question-and-answer session.

Class size will be limited to 22 people, background checks will be done on applicants, and precedence will be given to Lewiston residents. The application is available at www.lewistonmaine.gov/academy16.

For more information, call 513-3010 or (preferred) contact Officer Joe Philippon at jphilippon@lewistonmaine.gov.

Leadership Development Inst. begins Aug. 31

The L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce will present its annual Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute starting on Wednesday, August 31 from 4 to 9 p.m. Running with weekly sessions through the end of November, ALDI is designed to enhance leadership abilities through skill building and interactive sessions with experienced leaders. The program motivates aspiring leaders to assume positions of greater responsibility in business, community organizations, and government. It also fosters a great understanding of the current and future needs of our community and the opportunities for individuals to make a meaningful difference in addressing those needs. While most sessions will take place in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston, a few will take place at local venues.

The program will be facilitated by Steve Pecukonis, Principal Consultant with HRD Associates, a Human Resource Development training and consulting firm he founded in 1985. Pecukonis works with clients from business, industry, government, health care, social services, and

education. He has served as adjunct faculty at the University of Maine at Augusta, Thomas College, and Central Maine Community College and has facilitated more than sixty-five Community Leadership Development programs around the state since 1987.

In his years of corporate and independent work, he developed special expertise in interpersonal and organizational communication, leadership and management skills development, organizational development and team building. He is a frequent conference speaker and seminar leader throughout the Northeast. Prior to starting his independent training and consulting practice, he held management, personnel, and training positions with General Mills and Digital Equipment Corporation. He also served as Director of Training and Consulting Services for a private, non-profit healthcare organization.

The cost of the program is \$750, which includes all materials. More information and registration is available at www.LAMetroChamber.com. If you have questions, call 783-2249.

Sabattus Rec hosts 5k Prediction Run-Walk

Do you know your running, or jogging, or walking pace? Find out while having fun when the Sabattus Rec Club presents its fourth annual Prediction Run-Walk on Thursday, August 25 at 6 p.m. at Oak Hill Middle School on Ball Park Road in Sabattus. This fun, non-competitive event will encourage participants to get out, get some exercise and guess a good finish time in the process.

Participants will predict their finish time for the 5k course when they register. There is no limit, and any time could be a good time. No watches, mp3s, headsets, or any other electronic devices will be allowed during the event. The first male and female finishers will be awarded prizes, as will those who finish closest to their predicted times. Fast times are not needed to win prizes, and there are many prizes to win.

The course is a relatively flat 3.1 miles. The event is open to runners and walkers of all ages. Those under 18 will need parental permission. Registration is only \$5. This will be a show-up, sign-up event with no pre-registration required. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. For more information, see the Sabattus Rec Club Running Program page on Facebook or email Run@sabattusrec.com.

LAE sets interview dates for fall CNA class

Those interested in a career as a Certified Nursing Assistant can take steps toward a new job by signing up for interviews and testing for the fall CNA program at Lewiston Adult Education. All students must take the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System exam and interview before they can be considered for the program. These will take place on Tuesday, August 23 at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, August 24 at 4 p.m.

The CNA course fo-

cuses on nursing theory and application, including basic anatomy and physiology. Once students finish the classroom portion of the course, they will participate in a full-time, two-week clinical experience at local hospitals and nursing homes. Classes will begin on September 13 and will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4 to 8:30 p.m. The program costs \$975, with a \$145 test fee.

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Agren to address Rotary Club



Eric Agren will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, August 25 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston. Part of the family that owns and operates Agren, Maine's largest appliance and mattress retailer, he will discuss entrepreneurship through the lens of his career working for appliance-focused web development companies, buying groups and manufacturers before returning to the family business to help with daily operations. Guests are welcome to attend. For more information, call 753-9040 or email monica.millhime@maine.gov.

New academic offerings at CMCC

The Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System recently approved three new program offerings at Central Maine Community College. Starting in fall 2016, the school will begin offering a Certificate of Fundamentals in Surveying, an Advanced

Certificate in Police Operations, and an Advanced Certificate in Education. Those interested in learning more about these programs should contact the admissions office at (800) 891-2002, ext. 273 or 755-5273.



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What's Going On

MCHP students win essay awards

Four students from the Maine College of Health Professions have been honored in an essay competition sponsored by the Maine Society of Radiologic Technologists and The Radiologic Educators of Maine.

Emma Schalk of MCHP's Radiologic Technology Program earned a first place award and \$350 for her paper "The Medical Imaging Repercussions of Thyroid Radiosensitivity." She is from Sabattus. Kersti Bayne, an MCHP Nuclear Medicine



Emma Schalk

Technology major, was recognized as the third place honoree and was awarded \$100 for her paper, "Radium 223 Dichloride or Xofigo: What Is It Used For?" She



Kersti Bayne

is from Standish. Honorable mentions went to MCHP Radiology students Christine Doyle and Robin Perkins.

Essays had to address a technical aspect of an im-

aging modality or therapy, and were judged on content, presentation, and originality. The competition was open to students enrolled in a Radiologic Science Program in Maine.

The Maine College of Health Professions in Lewiston offers degree programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiologic Technology, and Nursing. The College also provides certificate-level education in Computed Tomography and Nursing Assistance. For more information, see www.mchp.edu.

Breathe Easy Coalition recognizes Healthy Androscoggin

The Breathe Easy Coalition of Maine has selected Healthy Androscoggin as the recipient of its 2016 Smoke-Free Environments Champion Award. The coalition has presented the award annually since 2009 to an organization, committee, work group, or individual who has been a leader in promoting smoke-free policies in hospitals, colleges, multi-unit housing or behavioral health settings.

Healthy Androscoggin has gone above and beyond to champion smoke-free environments and encourage tobacco-free lifestyles for those who live, work and play in Androscoggin County. Their commitment to addressing tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke has resulted in numerous policy and



Here with Breathe Easy Coalition Director Sarah Mayberry (r.) are (from l.) Board Chair Vicky Wiegman, Health Promotion Coordinator Emily Dooling-Hamilton, and Director Erin Guay of Healthy Androscoggin.

environmental changes in housing, health care, behavioral health and institutions of higher education.

Healthy Androscoggin works to create a community environment supportive of healthy lifestyles by promoting five main goals: support for tobacco-free lifestyles; prevention of substance use and misuse; promotion of physical activity; promotion of healthy eating; and prevention of childhood lead poisoning. For more information about Healthy Androscoggin, call 795-5990 or see www.healthy-androscoggin.org.

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TWIN CITY NIGHTS

Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Stand-up Comedy tonight at Bear Bones Beer



Lewiston comedian Mark Turcotte will host a Third Thursday Comedy Showcase at Bear Bones Beer on Thursday, August 18 at 8 p.m. The show will feature "Big" Bob Glancy, who's performed at the

Comedy Cellar in New York City, along with fellow Maine comedians Mike Gray, Kevin Ryan, Jake Jacobson and Regan Sweeney. Glancy has performed in Boston, Los Angeles and Montreal.

He is making a comedy comeback after falling ill from working the World Trade Center rescue and recovery effort in 2001.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. Bear Bones Beer is located at 43 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The show is for those ages 21 and older. For more information, call 513-0742 or e-mail maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

"Violence & Belonging" book discussion series at LPL

This fall, Lewiston Public Library will host a reading and discussion series called "Violence and Belonging: The 14th Amendment and American Literature." Meetings will take place at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month from September through January. The series is free, but space is limited and pre-registration is required.

"Violence and Belonging" is the newest of several book discussion programs offered through the Maine Humanities Council's "Let's Talk About It" series. In describing this new program, facilitator and Bates College Associate Professor Eden Osucha writes: "By any account, we are still living out the reverberations of the transformative moment that gave rise to the Fourteenth Amendment. Its 150th anniversary coincides with a presidential election year in which the nature and

meaning of race and the significance of the nation's history of slavery are of urgent popular concern. In examining the legacies of the Fourteenth Amendment for the nation's literary history, this reading and discussion series looks at books that address issues of diversity, identity, and inequality in exploring how, for many Americans, the promise of citizenship falls short of their lived reality."

The book to be discussed at the first session on September 6 is "Once in a Promised Land," by Laila Halaby. The book explores the relationship of Jassim and Salwa Haddad, a childless Jordanian couple living in Arizona in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Through this portrait of wholly assimilated immigrants who no longer feel welcome in their chosen country, we glimpse how the spectacular violence of terrorist attacks thousands of miles away becomes, much closer to home, a rallying cry for a paranoid and xenophobic brand of patriotism.

The other titles in the series are "The Round House," by Louise Erdrich; "Between the World and Me," by Ta-Nehisi Coates; "A Map of Home," by Randa Jarrar; and "Marrow of Tradition," by Charles Chesnut. To register, call the Library's Adult and Teen Services Department at 513-3135 or contact them via email at LPLReference@gmail.com.

Thread Theatre tonight at Franco Center

The Thread Theatre's next monthly appearance at the Gendron Franco Center will take place on Thursday, August 18 at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 for a happy hour with live music and comedy.

There is a \$5 entrance fee for everyone, including playwrights, actors, and spectators. This month's theme is "On the Rocks." For more information on how the program is presented, call or visit the

Center's website. The event tends to carry adult themes and is often not appropriate for minors, who should be accompanied by a responsible adult (or have permission) if they do attend.

The Franco Center, located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston, is wheelchair accessible. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

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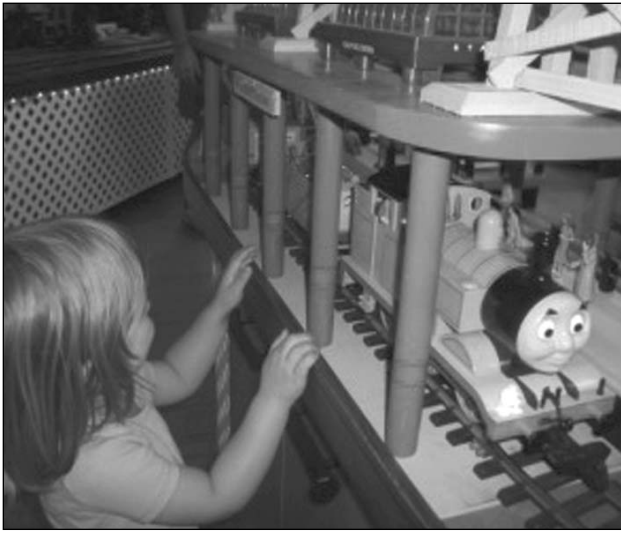
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Model Railroad Club hosts Train Fest

The Great Falls Model Railroad Club will celebrate the Lewiston-Auburn Balloon Festival with its sixth annual Train Fest on Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21. The club's two-story, wheelchair-accessible headquarters at 144 Mill Street in Auburn will be open for the event on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. All five permanent layouts will be in operation, with pictures and models of hot-air balloons suspended from the ceiling to float in the blue skies above them. A scavenger hunt will encourage people to go into each room to find specific hot-air balloons near all of the model railroad layouts and in the club's library.

As they enter the club, children will be greeted by the interactive winter scene and the large trains of the G-gauge layout. They will write their names on small paper hot air balloons and tack them on a painted backdrop scene.



Miya Pelletier watches Thomas the Tank Engine at the Great Falls Model Railroad Club.

The younger children will enjoy playing with toy trains on the play rug and with the wooden Brio train set on a special layout built at a child's height; parents can watch them while relaxing at the nearby tables. In the G-Gauge room, they can operate Thomas the Tank Engine on the recently updated interactive layout and watch the engine named Percy run on the trestle above Thomas. The

traditional Bubble Blast will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

Admission is \$3; children ages 12 and under will enter for free. Tickets to play the Balloon Bag Toss and Round House Roulette games for prizes, become a Guest Engineer on the extensive HO layout, and decorate and eat hot air balloon-shaped cookies can be purchased for \$1 each or seven for \$5.

Team Mustang paints for Dempsey Challenge



Team Mustang, a Dempsey Challenge team representing Central Maine Community College, recently raised \$450 by hosting a paint night fundraiser, where 30 guests painted "Swirly Birds on a Wire." Funds raised for the Dempsey Challenge support the Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope & Healing.

Shaker workshops, nature walks on Saturday



In the "Shaker-Style Seat Weaving" workshop, participants will use cloth chair-tape to weave a classic pattern to restore their favorite chair or stool.

On Saturday, August 20, Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village in New Gloucester will offer a variety of traditional craft workshops and nature walks. Workshops will include "Space-Dyed Bread Basket Making" with

Carolyn Kemp, "Shaker-Style Seat Weaving" with Sandy MacDonald, "Shaker Christian Cross Quilt-Top" with Dianne Devonshire, "Beginner's Woodcarving: Pineapple" with Norm Devonshire, and

"Shaker-Style Single Step Stool" with Chris Becksvoort. Also, "Gentle Flow Yoga" with Sue Faunce of Gingko Leaf Yoga will be offered from 10 to 11 a.m. Preregistration is required for all of these classes. For a full description, including course fees, see www.maine-shakers.com.

Resident naturalist Carolyn Fensore will See *Shaker*, page 20

Twin City Nights

Theatre for Young Audiences presents "Aladdin"

Come along for a journey to the Cave of Treasures to find the magic lamp... and the Genie who lives inside, when the Maine State Music Theatre presents its original Theatre for Young Audiences production of "Aladdin." Shows will take place on Monday, August 22 at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Pickard Theater, located at 1 Bath Road on the Bowdoin College campus in Brunswick. Tickets are \$15 or \$10 and may be purchased by calling 725-8769, by visiting the box office, or online at www.msmt.org.

With book, lyrics and music by Marc Robin and Curt Dale Clark, this enchanting tale follows Alad-

din, a poor street urchin who desperately wants to become a prince so he can marry the beautiful Princess Zenobia. In this zany version of the time-honored tale, directed by Ray Dumont and assistant directed by administration intern Jenna Adamek, you'll meet a very helpful pet monkey, an evil wizard who wants to rule the land, and a fast-talking female genie who bestows lots of comical commentary along with those three proverbial wishes.

Performance intern Marty Lauter will play the role of Aladdin. A current student at the Boston Conservatory, Lauter has dazzled MSMT audiences this season with his dancing in "Fid-

dler on the Roof," "Mamma Mia!" and "Evita." Aladdin's friendly pet chimpanzee will be played by performance intern Katie Whittemore, a student at the University of Central Florida who has tackled roles including Belle in "Beauty in the Beast" and Elle Woods in "Legally Blonde." Stepping into the role of the magical Genie will be performance intern Megan Flynn, a rising junior studying music theatre at North Carolina's Elon University. Also appearing in this interactive show are performance interns Kyle Laing, Alex Drost, Giovanni DiGabriele, Haley Ostir and Berkley Jones and Maine locals Ali Sarnacchiaro and Taylor Gervais.

Longhorn managing partner receives national award

Jason Williams, Managing Partner of the LongHorn Steakhouse in Auburn, has been awarded Diamond Club status by parent company Darden Restaurants. He joins a group of top-performing Managing Partners recognized for their commitment to delivering guest experiences at the highest level while making a difference in the lives of guests, team members and in their community.



Jason Williams

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Twin City Nights

Bates debuts Dylan-themed prints by Robert Indiana

Twelve new silk-screened prints adapting lyrics from Bob Dylan's groundbreaking song "Like a Rolling Stone" are among works by acclaimed artist Robert Indiana now on display at the Bates College Museum of Art. The exhibition "Robert Indiana: Now and Then" includes the debut of Indiana's latest series, the extraordinary "Like a Rolling Stone," which merges the sensibilities of two of the definitive pop culture figures of the 1960s: Dylan and Indiana.

Shaker

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lead "Nature's Outdoor Classroom," a 2.5-hour hike through the Shakers' 1,800 acres of diversified habitats at 10:30 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. The walks are free. Reservations are suggested but not required. Check-in at the Visitors' Center. Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village is located at 707 Shaker Road (Route 26) in New Gloucester. For more information, call 926-4597.



"Once Upon a Time" (2016), silkscreen in colors on triple-primed canvas, from the "Like a Rolling Stone" series by Robert Indiana

the career of a seminal Pop artist whose image "LOVE," with its signature tilted "O," is one of the most recognizable works in American art. The show comprises more than 70 works representing such Indiana icons as "EAT," "HOPE" and "THE ALPHABET."

The exhibition runs through October 8. Showing through the same period is "Jay Bolotin: The Book of Only Enoch," an exhibition of prints by the profoundly inventive storyteller and artist. Also at the museum through August 27 is "David C. Driskell: The Doorway Portfolio," comprised of 12 silkscreens by Driskell and

12 hand-set letterpress pages of poetry by Michael Alpert.

The Bates College Museum of Art is open to the public at no cost. The museum's regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday (until 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays while Bates is in session). For more information, call 786-6158 or email museum@bates.edu.

One of America's foremost living Pop artists, Indiana is a longtime resident of Vinalhaven. In addition to debuting the Dylan adaptations, the Bates exhibition showcases his versatility in rendering a given image on paper and canvas, in prints, and in three dimensions.

"Much of Indiana's work is about the continued exploration of variations on themes," says museum director Dan Mills. "This exhibit reflects that side of Indiana, yet each work in the Dylan series is very distinct from the next. It's an incredibly dynamic group as a result, and I'm excited that we are the institution that is introducing them to the world." Indiana draws his sub-

ject matter from the visual vernacular, such as commercial logos, road signs, and factory die-cut stencils, while incorporating the heritage of Modernists such as Charles Demuth and Marsden Hartley. The well-known "LOVE," conceived originally as a post card for New York's Museum of Modern Art, has appeared as sculptures, paintings, drawings, prints, and as a U.S. postage stamp.

Indiana began the series about two and a half years ago, says Michael McKenzie, a longtime colleague of Indiana's who curated the Bates exhibition and published the catalog for an earlier version of the show, "The Hope of Art."

In the past, Indiana has based art works on writings by Walt Whitman and others. McKenzie, thinking of a 2010 artist book that photographer Ed Ruscha had made from Jack Kerouac's novel "On the Road," suggested that Indiana return to literature for inspiration.

Dylan emerged as the natural choice of author. For decades, Indiana routinely listened to Dylan in his studio. "I'd have to say that no musical artist has influenced me as much as Dylan, and probably no poet has influenced me as much as Dylan," Indiana told McKenzie.

Just as Dylan was the natural choice for Indiana to

Juvenile justice forum tonight at LPL

Lewiston Public Library will partner with Maine Immigrant & Refugee Services to host their annual forum on the juvenile justice system on Thursday, August 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. in LPL's Callahan Hall. Free and open to the public, the event will provide parents, youth, community members and social service providers

with an opportunity to interact with and ask questions of juvenile judges, police officers, probation officers and other experts who deal with youth offenders.

For more information or to register for the event, contact MIRS Youth & Family Coordinator Mohamed Ibrahim at 784-2703.

adapt for his work, the most potent choice of Dylan song was "Like a Rolling Stone," an excoriating indictment of a precarious debutante that galvanized pop radio in 1966. The song is said to be about Edie Sedgwick, one of the most prominent and tragic members of the circle around Andy Warhol in the 1960s.

"The way Indiana has integrated Dylan's lyrics - the few people who have seen the work, it has blown their minds," McKenzie says. "We're starting to realize that this is a very important project. The significance is that you have the greatest shape poet of all time" - that is, someone whose poems take the shape of their subjects - "collaborating with the greatest rock poet of all time. To see Robert Indiana figure

out Bob Dylan was pretty intense."

Born Robert Clark in 1928 in Newcastle, Indiana, Robert Indiana graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago, where his fellow students included Pop artists Claes Oldenburg and Red Grooms and the Photorealist painter Richard Estes. In 1956, he moved to New York City and became one of the six founding fathers of Pop Art. He moved to Vinalhaven in 1970.

His work is represented in more than 1,000 collections in 100 countries, including the Museum of Modern Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, and The Louvre.

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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.

Disabilities Empowerment Forum. 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 14 Great Falls Plaza, Auburn. Pres. by the Five+ Council Collaborative; 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 discusses the principles of ACT (Aspirations, Commitment and Transitions) in relation to her Business/Education classification. Guests welcome. 753-9040; monica.milhime@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.

Juvenile Justice System Forum. 5 to 7 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Meet and learn from juvenile judges, police officers, probation officers and others who deal with youth offenders. Pres. by ME Immigrant & Refugee Svcs. Register at 784-2703.

Thread Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston. Actors (drawn at random) perform 10-minute scenes (drawn at random) on tonight's theme, "On the Rocks." Adult themes. Happy hour with live music, comedy at 6:30. \$5. 783-1585; www.francocenter.org.

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Great Falls Balloon Festival. All day. Simard-Payne Memorial Park, Lewiston; Festival Plaza, Auburn. Special Star Wars balloons, entertainment, family activities, rides, concessions. Free, with some fees. Cont. Sat & Sun. For complete schedule, see greatfallsballoonfestival.org.

Calendar

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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. \$249 (chamber members \$149). 783-2249; www.LAMetroChamber.com.

"The Elves & the Shoemaker." 2 and 6 p.m. MTM Center, Lisbon. The Lisbon Recreation Dept.'s Summer Theater Camp for Kids ends its week with these public performances. Free. 353-2289; www.lisbonme.org/rec.

Glow-Golf Scramble. 5:30 p.m. Martindale Country Club, Auburn. This glow-in-the-dark, four-person scramble over nine holes benefits Central ME Heart & Vascular Inst. \$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. Again 8/20-21, 25-28 (Suns. at 2 p.m.) For ticket info, call 783-0958 or see www.laclt.com.

Saturday, August 20

Great Falls Balloon Festival. All day. Simard-Payne Memorial Park, Lewiston; Festival Plaza, Auburn. Special Star Wars balloons, entertainment, family activities, rides, concessions. Free, with some fees. Cont. Sun. For complete schedule, see greatfallsballoonfestival.org.

Train Fest. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill St., Auburn. See the club's five permanent layouts while enjoying various kids' activities (some w/. small fees). Cont. Sun., noon to 5 p.m. \$3 (kids 12- free).

Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Greater Andro. Humane Society, 55 Strawberry Ave., Lewiston. Proceeds support Alley Cats LA,

which works to humanely control local feral cat populations. To donate items, call 784-1553.

Living History Activities. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Knight House, next to Great Falls and Esplanade, Auburn. Activities pres. by Andro. Historical Soc. at the oldest house in downtown Auburn will give kids insight into what life was like in the 19th century. 784-0586.

Summer Country Gospel Concert. 4 p.m. United Methodist Church, corner Rte. 121 and Empire Rd., Minot. Sonny Perry and the Country Music Show perform old-time favorites; baked bean supper follows.

Summer Saturday Concert. 6 p.m. Waterfront Park, Bath. This weekly series continues with the Americana music of Heather Pierson; bring your own blankets and chairs. Free. www.chocolatecharters.org.

BrouHaHa. 8 p.m. Celebration Barn Theater, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. Happenstance Theater presents this original escapade featuring clown-like eccentrics who find themselves on a precipice at the end of the world. \$14/12/8. 743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Sunday, August 21

Great Falls Balloon Festival. All day. Simard-Payne Memorial Park, Lewiston; Festival Plaza, Auburn. Special Star Wars balloons, entertainment, family activities, rides, concessions. Free, with some fees. For complete schedule, see greatfallsballoonfestival.org.

Bass Fishing Tourney. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Andro. River Boat Launch, Center Bridge Rd., Turner. Pres. by Comm. Credit Union and Andro. Bassmasters, this fundraiser features over \$2,000 in cash prizes. \$135 per team. Register at <http://ow.ly/gUek301hJmf>.

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.

Keyboard Concert. 6 p.m. Court Street Baptist Church, 129 Court St., Auburn. This annual event features music by Glenda Winkle-Morrow, Kathy Haley, and the world premiere of a new piece by organist Mark Thallander; ice cream social follows. Free will offering.

Monday, August 22

Theater: Aladdin. Shows at 10 a.m. and 1, 4 and 7:30 p.m. Pickard Theater, 1 Bath Rd., Bowdoin College. The Maine State Music Theatre's intern company presents this original Theatre for Young Audiences production. \$15/10. 725-8769; www.msmt.org.

Vigil for Black Lives Matter. 4:30 p.m., Longley Bridge. Central Maine's Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) group leads this monthly vigil; concerned citizens invited. 783-0461; centralmainesurj@riseup.net.

Tuesday, August 23

Tuesdays at the Gazebo. 6:30 p.m. Village green, Rt. 117, Turner Center. Wayne, Marty, Jodi and Possibly Kevin perform. Suggested \$5-10 donations support the musicians.

Wednesday, August 24

Music on the Mall. 6 p.m. Town Mall (green), Maine Street, Downtown Brunswick. The Big Chips Trio play Americana. Free. Bring blankets, chairs. Rain date is Thurs. www.brunswickdowntown.org.

Concert at the Basilica. 7:30 p.m. Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, 122 Ash St., Lewiston. This weekly concert series continues with a performance by organ and trumpet duo Deux Voix. Free. www.princeofpeace.me.

Outdoor Movie Night. 8:30 p.m. Simard Payne Park, Lewiston. The Lewiston Police Dept. presents a screening of "Ice Age."

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Pete's Dragon (PG)	11:50	2:15	7:05	

Pre-movie activities begin at 5:30. Free. Rain location Franco Center.

Thursday, August 25

Rotary Club Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Eric Agren discusses entrepreneurship and his career working for various appliance-focused companies, incl. the family business. Guests welcome. 753-9040; monica.milhime@maine.gov.

Prediction Run-Walk 5K. 6 p.m. Oak Hill Middle School, Ball Park Rd., Sabattus. Those who come closest to guessing their finish times for this flat 3.1-mile course will win prizes; you don't need to be fast to win! \$5. Register onsite from 5 p.m. Pres. by Sabattus Rec Club. Running@sabattusrec.com.

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. Again 8/26-28 (Sun. at 2 p.m.) For ticket info, call 783-0958 or see www.laclt.com.

Friday, August 26

Red Table Picnic. 5:30 to 8 p.m. Festival Plaza, Auburn. In conjunction with the August Art Walk, the City of Auburn encourages residents to attend this second annual event; wear red clothes and bring your red table cloths, cups, foods, etc. 333-6601, ext. 2101.

Saturday, August 27

Kora Kare for Kids Ride-In. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Twitchell's Airport. Turner. This family event for Shriners Hospital for Children features escorted motorcycle and ATV rides, a classic car show, BBQ contest, Gritty's Beer Garden, and Motor Booty Affair concert. Dry camping avail. Tix \$25/10. For event schedule, see www.korashriners.org.

Chicken BBQ. 5 to 5:45 p.m. Parish House, Congregational Church, Brown St., Gray. A half chicken, baked potato, and ear of corn, w/. homemade biscuits, deserts, and beverages. Take-out avail. \$10 adults, \$5 kids 11-. 657-4338.

Summer Saturday Concert. 6 p.m. Waterfront Park, Bath. This weekly series concludes with the rock music of Max Ater; bring your own blankets and chairs. Free. www.chocolatechurcharts.org.


Sunday, August 28

L-A Bridge Run 5K Race. Rollodrome, Auburn. Event three in the Greater L-A Triple Crown 5K Series; chip timing, prizes, refreshments; free kids' fun run at 8 a.m. \$20 (\$25 on race day); free for kids ages 14-. www.triplecrown5k.com.


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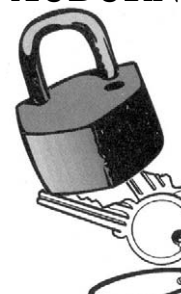
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Hunter safety, Vietnamese cooking top LAE fall offerings

The fall semester at Lewiston Adult Education will feature several partnerships with community organizations to teach everything from ATV Safety to how to do genealogical research. For instance, Adult Services Librarian Marcela Peres of Lewiston Public Library will help instruct a Family Tree Fundamentals class at the library and show how the collection can provide different types of information to researchers. Mike Mayo, a volunteer instructor for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, will teach classes in ATV Safety and Hunter Safety at Central Maine Powersports in Lewiston. Chef Zack Pratt of Boba Restaurant will show how to make popular Vietnamese

dishes, including dumplings and pho, while Chef Junlong Bunleng of Pepper and Spice Restaurant will return to teach a couple sessions of Thai cooking.

Beth Derenburger will be back to instruct students in Rug Braiding I and II. Topping the lineup for this fall's Super Saturday on October 15 will be a food truck class taught by Randy Smith of Pinky D's and a wool drying basket class. Making up some of the classes for workforce training certificates will be Welding I and II, along with the Certified Nursing Assistant program. Academic and college prerequisite classes will be available for those interested in earning their high school diploma or high school equivalency credential. Those interested in re-

freshing their skills before taking a college class can sign up for the College Transition Program.

Adult education classes begin in late August, so for more information or to sign up, call 795-4141 or see www.lewistonadulted.org.

Speaking Up for Us seeks school supplies

Speaking Up for Us of Maine, a statewide self-advocacy organization for people living with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, is conducting a statewide School Supplies Drive as their annual community service project. Donations will be accepted until Thursday, September 1 at donation boxes located throughout the state. Some of the items needed include pencils, pens, filler paper, two-inch binders, pencil-top erasers, multicolored two-pocket folders, pencil boxes and pouches. For more information, including your nearest donation location, contact program director Monique Stairs at 458-5791 or Programsufu@sufumaine.org or see www.sufumaine.org.

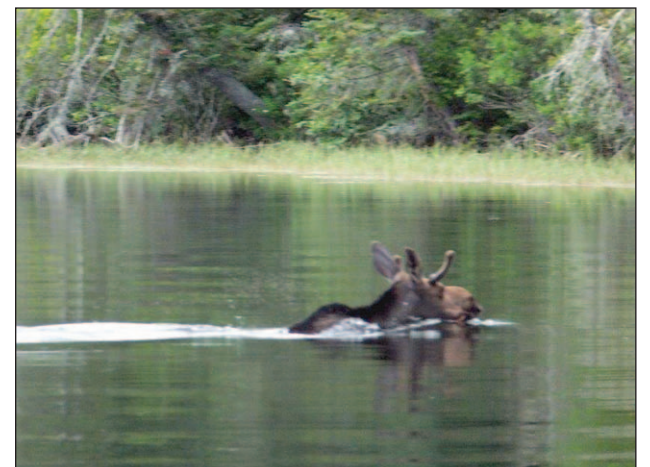
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LA Senior College Outdoor Adventure Group at the Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge : Left to Right: Joanne Sabourin, Barbara Oliver, Mary Jane Beardsley, Sue Tymoczko, Adriann Tucker, Cindy Boyd, Patricia Hall, Charlotte and Les Bosworth. Kneeling: Claire Bruno and Pat Vampatella

Members of the Lewiston Auburn Senior College Outdoor Adventure Club enjoyed a three hour Pontoon Boat cruise in late July through the Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge. According to its website, "The Secretary of the Interior designated part of the wetlands at Harpers Meadow as a Floating Island National Natural landmark in 1972. The Wildlife Refuge was officially established with the primary purpose of protecting wetlands and wetland-associated wildlife and to protect migratory birds in 1992."

The Refuge is located along the New Hampshire/Maine border. Lake Umbagog is more than seven miles in length and covers over 7,000 acres. With an average depth of only 15 feet, Pontoon Boats are able to get close to the shoreline and navigate thru the bogs and marshlands. The Refuge



A special treat was seeing the young moose swimming across the Androscoggin River right in front of the boat.

is home to many different species and provides the perfect breeding ground for birds, and waterfowl. Mother Nature provided the group with a perfect day to be out on the lake with picnic lunches. Aside from the magnificent scenery, added treats included loon sightings, bald eagles, and a young moose swimming across the An-

droscoggin River right in front of the boat. Eric, the boat's captain and guide from Northern Waters Outfitters, entertained the group with a running narrative on the history of the region, its geological features, and conservation measures for the Magalloway and Androscoggin Rivers. All in all, a wonderful adventure!!

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