

## Village Inn Celebrates 10 year Commemoration Since '07 Fire



On April 30th The Village Inn Restaurant will have a celebration to recognize 10 yrs since the fire that forced them to rebuild. See photos on page 9.

## L-A CASH Coalition celebrates successful 2017



Lou MacDonald, Melody Fish, and Monica Lee received pins from the IRS recognizing their 10 or more years of service.

## Charity Dog Wash to benefit humane society

Happy Paws Unleashed in Topsham will present their third annual Charity Dog Wash to benefit the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society on Sunday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. The cost for the dog wash is \$20 for dogs less than 30 pounds and \$25 for dogs over 30 pounds. Open to the public, the event will also include nail trims, flea and tick treatments, and Ask

the Trainer seminars. Happy Paws Unleashed is located at 647 Lewiston Road in Topsham.

For more information about the event, call them at 725-7990.

## Local artists plan eARTh Day celebration

The Downtown Lewiston Art District, the L-A chapter of the Union of Maine Visual Artists, volunteers and downtown businesses will host an eARTh Day celebration at various venues along Lisbon Street

on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free and open to the public, the event will feature children's activities, music and live art.

Those attending will see art demos, musicians, and area artists as they create

public art on fire hydrants and sidewalk squares. Bates College students will host Historic Walking Tours starting from Bear Bones Brewery at 43 Lisbon Street at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. See Artists, page 3

The Lewiston-Auburn CASH Coalition had a lot to celebrate at its 14th annual volunteer recognition event on April 13. Since the 2004 tax season, its IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers have helped local residents claim over \$32 million in federal and state income tax refunds, all free of charge. This tax season alone, the L-A CASH Coalition prepared over one third of the returns filed by the state's 10 coalitions, facilitating over \$2.9 million in claims.

The coalition was established by the City of Lewiston in 2003. "From day one, the city's goal was to help low- to moderate-income residents

with free tax preparation and asset-building, as well as to promote the Earned Income Tax Credit," said Deputy City Administrator Phil Nadeau. "We'd seen the success that Boston had achieved in that regard and wanted our local residents to have the same opportunity. It's now 2017, and we are extremely pleased that this multi-partner coalition has been so successful."

Free preparation of tax returns took place again this year at the Lewiston Memorial Armory. Sue Martin served as Site Coordinator, KC Geiger was the Assistant Site Coordinator, and Asset Coordinator Linda Cronkite and other volunteers

provided financial resource information to interested residents.

At the event, volunteers were recognized with certificates from the Internal Revenue Service. Coalition co-chair Dottie Perham-Whittier presented an overview of the successful season and, with fellow co-chair Chris Adler, read commendation letters from Senator Angus King, Representative Chellie Pingree, Lewiston Deputy City Administrator Phil Nadeau, and Tess Armstrong of the IRS.

Lou MacDonald, Melody Fish, and Monica Lee received service pins from the IRS recognizing their See LA CASH, page 3

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## “Commit to Get Fit” chair to address Rotary Club



Jenny Cowie  
Jenny Cowie, Manager of Volunteer and In-

terpreter Services at St. Mary's Health System and chairperson of the St. Mary's Commit to Get Fit Challenge on May 6, will be the guest speaker at the next L-A Rotary Club lunch meeting on Thursday, April 27 at 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston. Guests are welcome and reservations are not required. Lunch is available at the Ramada's Fusion Restaurant for \$10. For more information, call 753-9040.

## Junior History Club



The Junior History Club of Minot recently took a field trip to the Great Falls Model Railroad Club in Auburn, where they were given a tour by members Paul Lodge and Ed Webb. For the past two months, the group has been learning about the history of rail travel in Maine. Pictured here with teacher assistant Jessica Rodrigue (r.) are club members (from l.) Aiden Bussiere, Brayden Davis, Jack Tetreault and Leland Rodrigue.

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## Auburn UU bean supper will help “Bring Nastya Home”



A 16-year-old girl from Ukraine who had never lived with a family before she visited Maine this winter, Nastya hopes to be adopted by church members Casey Knight and Peter Floyd.

Auburn UU will host a bean supper to “Bring Nastya Home” on Saturday, April 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. Church members Casey Knight and Peter Floyd are seeking to adopt Nastya, a 16-year-old girl from Ukraine who, before

she visited Maine this winter, had never lived with a family and faces a bleak future after she leaves the orphanage back home.

The meal will feature baked beans, coleslaw, bread, and dessert. The suggested donation is \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids. Funds raised will help with the costly adoption applications. This effort supports Auburn UU's mission to “live with fierce hope and radical love,” as stated in their church vision. To make a contribution of food or money, contact Ginny Starbird at 524-3455.

Also known as the First Universalist Church of Auburn, Auburn UU is located at 169 Pleasant Street, across from Dairy Joy). For more information, call 783-0461 or see auburn.org.

## Tri-Town Optimist Club names Students of the Month



Club President Jeff Gagnon (c.) presents the award to Greg (l.) and Kurt Leighton, seniors at Poland Regional High School.

The Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland Tri-Town Optimist Club has named

Greg and Kurt Leighton the recipients of its RSU 16 Student of the Month award for March. Avid basketball players, both boys have displayed amazing effort over the last couple of years by accessing school and community resources to overcome challenges and finish strong in their senior

## Lisbon Falls native on duty in East China Sea



Cryptologic Technician (Collections) 2nd Class Cody Donovan, from Lisbon Falls, practices a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program holding technique on Cryptologic Technician (Collections) 3rd Class Kyle Erland aboard the amphibious transport dock ship USS Green Bay, currently on a routine patrol in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. The Green Bay is part of the Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Group, charged with enhancing partnerships as a ready-response force for any type of contingency. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Chris Williamson/Released)

## Local students named to Bates College dean's list

The following students have been named to the dean's list at Bates College for the fall semester ending in December 2016.

Fatima Saidi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramazan Ali Saidi of Auburn, is a 2013 graduate of Northfield Mount Hermon School. She is majoring in politics and religious studies.

Ashley Pratt, daughter of Mr. and Ms. Kenneth Pratt of Greene, is a 2016 graduate of Leavitt Area

year at Poland Regional High School. Each plan to attend CMCC in the fall with an interest in pursuing a career in the field of fitness and/or wellness education.

High School. Paul Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark O. Phillips of New Gloucester, is a 2014 graduate of Gray New Gloucester High School. He is majoring in philosophy.

Kylie Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig S. Martin of Poland, is a 2015 graduate of Poland Regional High School. She is majoring in English.

Josh Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Caldwell of West Gardiner, is a 2015 graduate of Gardiner Area High School. He is majoring in environmental studies.

Clio Barr, daughter of See Bates, page 7



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# Governor's Address: Regional services can improve funding for education

Democrats say they want to reduce property taxes. But they don't have the courage to actually do it.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

You can't talk about reducing property taxes without addressing state funding for education. Education costs are a major driver of local property taxes.

Democrats keep telling people that my administration has cut education funding. That is absolutely not true. State funding has increased every year since I have been Governor.

The real problem is that student enrollment is plummeting as costs keep climbing. Since I became Governor in 2011, Maine has 10,000 fewer students, but we are still spending over \$100 million more a year.

We are very top heavy in school administration. We simply do not need 148 superintendents for 177,000 students. We could do with one for each county.

Special education is another major factor driving up costs. Small districts do not have the resources to provide services to special education students. So they pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to send these students out of the district or out of state.

We can lower costs

far less money. It saved the Bangor school district over \$1 million a year.

The state is now paying upfront costs of regionalization through its new program called "EMBRACE." Education Commissioner Bob Hasson is introducing a plan that will let communities create 9 to 12 regional centers. Services such as payroll, transportation, nutrition and professional development can be provided regionally at a lower cost.

Local school districts can still choose to go it alone. They can keep all their superintendents and provide all services locally. But local taxpayers should

pay for it, not the state.

By using regional services, the state can put more money directly into the classroom. Maine only spends 59 cents of every dollar in the classroom, which is below the national average. With regionalization, we can get it to 70 cents per dollar.

DOE offered \$3 million in grants for schools to achieve educational opportunities and efficiencies. In only six weeks, DOE got 21 applications to deliver nearly \$40 million in savings over the next five years.

So far, DOE has awarded over \$2.6 million, which is going to save about \$17 million over the next

five years.

Some superintendents get it—they know that by taking money out of administration and non-instruction activities, we can put more in the classroom.

In Saint John's Valley, three superintendents are working to combine their school districts. Two of them know they are working themselves out of a job.

But they are excited because it will mean better opportunities for their students. And that's what it's all about.

Thank You,  
Paul R. LePage  
Governor

## LA CASH

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10 or more years of service, and volunteer tax preparer Mady Roy was the top preparer of the season with 248 returns. A total 1,912 federal and 2,083 state returns were prepared, with the Earned Income Tax Credit accounting for \$687,298 of the federal claims filed.

The other volunteers recognized were appointment scheduler Louise Gervais; greeters Jen Allen, Jan Biron, John Chabot, Roland Danico, Joe Defilipp, Tracy Hall, Diane Kirouac, Ginny Marczak, Sylvia Schrock, Celia Treworgy, and Adri-

ann Tucker; quality reviewers Judy Gervais, KC Geiger, and Paul Blanchard; and tax preparers Teresa Austin, Nancy Bisson, Ron Bunker, Richard Duplisea, Melody Fish, Pauline Fortier, Earl Fournier, Yolande Gay, KC Geiger, Sue Goddard, Lorna Healey, Doug Kinchen, Monica Lee, Jessica Leighton, Blanca Lytle, Lou MacDonald, Paul Maheux, Sue Martin, Kinsey Moser, Mady Roy, Janet Sullivan, Antoine Tolton, Sue Tymoczko, and Bob Wailus. Also recognized were Asset Committee members Jennifer Allen of the Lewiston Housing Authority, Jill Lorom of Coastal Enterprises, and Chris Davis of

ann Tucker; quality reviewers Judy Gervais, KC Geiger, and Paul Blanchard; and tax preparers Teresa Austin, Nancy Bisson, Ron Bunker, Richard Duplisea, Melody Fish, Pauline Fortier, Earl Fournier, Yolande Gay, KC Geiger, Sue Goddard, Lorna Healey, Doug Kinchen, Monica Lee, Jessica Leighton, Blanca Lytle, Lou MacDonald, Paul Maheux, Sue Martin, Kinsey Moser, Mady Roy, Janet Sullivan, Antoine Tolton, Sue Tymoczko, and Bob Wailus. Also recognized were Asset Committee members Jennifer Allen of the Lewiston Housing Authority, Jill Lorom of Coastal Enterprises, and Chris Davis of

## Artists

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Starting from Bear Bones at 1:30 p.m. will be a Studio and Public Art Walking Tour guided by Stanley Hollenbeck of the Hive. City-wide, an art drop will be conducted by Wicked Illustrations and cleanup crews will do spring clean-ups. Volunteer groups or individuals interested in helping with clean up can email [sheriwithers@gmail.com](mailto:sheriwithers@gmail.com).

Remember, Earth without Art is just eh! The rain date for the event is April 23. For more information, see the Downtown Lewiston Art District's event page on Facebook.

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# Only Steps Forward

## Street sweepers, spring clean-up and improving curb appeal

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

Spring has sprung here in Auburn, and that means more sprouting of leaves on trees and the greening of grass in our dozens of city parks. In the coming weeks, street sweepers will be out in our neighborhoods, spring clean-up efforts will have bulky waste piling up by the curb, and road construction crews will be taking to many city streets.

One of the first prior-

ities someone hears from their realtor when they are looking to sell their home is curb appeal. On a much larger scale, the same applies to a city. When visitors, potential new residents or even interested investors and business owners travel through our community, the first impression makes a big difference—and spring is the big season to kick this off.

In the next couple weeks, residents can do their



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

part in a couple of ways. If you are planning to sweep that winter sand from your

yards and driveways, now is the time to do it before the city’s crews come by to sweep the streets and sidewalks. The website listed at the end of this column will help you navigate to the schedule of when your street will be swept.

You can also lend a hand by cleaning up any brush or other bulky waste that may be hanging around your home that you haven’t been able to haul away. City crews from our Public

Services Department will be making scheduled rounds of the city to collect those items that you leave curbside. Again, the link below will help you find the dates for your street, as well as the date you can begin putting out materials.

While sweeping and bulky waste are some immediate curb-appeal improvements, spring also starts heavy construction season, and a number of neighborhood streets are up for reconstruction and improvement this season.

improved lighting for pedestrian visibility and more crosswalks.

Other neighborhood streets in the hopper for this year include Lake Street, off Court Street, and Cook Street in New Auburn. While neither of those streets see the traffic volume of Park Avenue or Hampshire Street, they are relatively busy for cars, but are also a favorite of residents for evening walks, especially as we head into the warmer months. Having local streets with safe sidewalks improve quality of life and adds to that all important curb appeal.

The long-awaited completion of the Park Avenue reconstruction is underway and will be done this year. With the growth of the big box stores, Park Avenue has sadly become more a cut-through for traffic. With the improvements to the street, including extension of sidewalks all the way to Mount Auburn Avenue, I’m hopeful it will feel more like a neighborhood street again. We can’t force traffic onto other streets, but street design can help to slow them down.

Speaking of street design slowing down cars, the reconstruction of the entirety of Hampshire Street, from Gamage Avenue east to Turner Street, will create a completely different look for those driving through. The major focus of this project was to improve the experience and safety of Auburn residents who live in and walk through this area: narrow travel lanes for cars, wider sidewalks,

improving curb appeal in your part of the city or elsewhere, don’t hesitate to reach out at [jlaboronte@auburnmaine.gov](mailto:jlaboronte@auburnmaine.gov) or 333-6601 ext 1216. Since we are now in budget season, it’s the best time to get ideas out and discussed.

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# Enough is Enough

## Campaign for Lewiston’s mayoral election is well under way

By Robert E. Macdonald  
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again.

Most of Lewiston’s mayoral candidates are slowly approaching the starting gate. But one candidate has left the gate and taken a quarter mile lead—and day by day that lead is being increased. That candidate is Ben Chin.

There are six-and-a-half months until Lewiston’s mayoral election. Unlike the others who are running for the Mayor’s Office, there is no grass growing beneath Chin’s feet. He is organized, well-funded and well-known. But most im-

portantly, deep down in his belly, he has an overwhelming desire to win.

Two years ago Chin lost Lewiston’s mayoral election. I would be willing to bet within a couple of days of that loss he was organizing for this fall’s mayoral election. I would wager that he has turned that loss into a learning experience. He is politically astute and has had time to study and correct his political mistakes and meticulously fine tune his campaign.

Every day his opponents dither, he gets stronger. Each day the window of opportunity for his opponents to beat him



Mayor Bob Macdonald

continues to get smaller and smaller and at some point will close. His base is loyal and very dedicated to him. The truth is, many of his volunteers will

campaign harder than his opponents.

Ben Chin is a powerful political mover and shaker with several high-powered and well-funded progressive political groups behind him. Anyone who brushes off Chin’s political power is making a fatal political mistake. But what Chin desperately needs to cement his legitimacy is a political title such as “Mayor.” This title will make him legitimate in the minds of voters.

Title or no, over the last five-plus years, Chin, with the help of his toady local politicians, has killed or modified to meaningless every piece of General

Assistance legislation we have submitted. You, the public, have lost. We, the City of Lewiston, have lost. But we can all take comfort knowing those who sold us out will still be at their legislative seat in Augusta.

Lastly, how did I, Mrs. Macdonald’s little boy Bobby, beat Mr. Chin, who clearly out-campaigned, out-organized and out-raised my campaign? The answer is that I am not afraid to go toe to toe with people to support my convictions.

No matter how high the heat becomes in the kitchen, it does not deter me. I am not afraid to be dishonestly raked over the

coals by the media or lied about. When this happened, I did not run and hide. I stood up and confronted my accusers and let you, the public, decide who was in the right.

I also had a secret weapon, the late Gene Tardiff, who was my political campaign manager. He was a political powerhouse in his own right; if you wished to win, you sought his support.

Lewiston stands on the verge of being known by a new moniker, The Maine Peoples’ Alliance City. The question is this: Is there anyone with intestinal fortitude willing to step forward and put a stop to it?

### HR Thursdays examines recognition, wellness programs

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host the HR Thursdays program “Cost Effective Recognition Initiatives and Wellness Programs” on Thursday, April 27 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Retaining talent is critical to business success, and recognition and wellness programs are effective strategies to that end. As we head further into the labor shortage and the number of applicants decrease, what will you do to attract, train and retain the talent you need? In this program, local business leaders will

share practical tips and best practices, including several ideas that participants can easily incorporate into their retention efforts.

Presented in partnership with the Central Maine Human Resource Association and the Lewiston CareerCenter, the cost is \$25 for LA Metro Chamber members, \$50 for non-members, and free for CMHRA members. The chamber is located at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 783-2249; to register, see [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

### Lewiston Pre-K registration set for May 3

The Lewiston School Department will conduct Pre-K registrations and screenings for the 2017-18 school year on Wednesday, May 3. The informational meeting and registrations will take place at all schools from 6 to 7:30 p.m., except at Longley School, where it will take place from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Your child must have been born between October 16, 2012 and October 15, 2013 to be eligible. It is not necessary to bring your child to Pre-K registration. Please bring a certified birth certificate. If your child was not born in

the USA, you will need to bring an I-94 or green card. You will also need to bring immunization records and proof of residency within your school district, such as a driver’s license, lease or rent agreement, utility bills or mortgage agreement.

Parents who are not

available on May 3 may make arrangements by contacting their home school or the superintendent’s office at 795-4103. The Lewiston elementary schools and their phone numbers are Martel School (795-4130), Farwell School (795-4110), Geiger School (795-4160),

McMahon School (795-4140), Longley School (795-4120) and Montello School (795-4150).

If a lottery is needed, it will be based on all students enrolled on June 2 and it will take place on June 7 at 8 a.m. at the Lewiston School Department’s Central Office at 36 Oak Street.

### Lewiston’s 2017 Spring Clean-Up Assistance Week



#### When/Where Will Spring Clean-Up Assistance Week Occur?

- **During the last full week in April 2017 (Monday, April 24, thru Friday, April 28),** Lewiston’s Public Works Department will collect brush from residential properties (butt ends to face the street). Quantities are limited to **no more than one (1) standard pick-up truck load per residence.**
- **All brush to be collected by City staff must be curbside no later than Sunday, April 23.** City staff will be collecting the curbside brush throughout the week.
- **Once City staff has collected brush from a given street, they WILL NOT return to collect brush from that street.**
- Lewiston Public Works Department staff **WILL NOT BE COLLECTING** tree stumps; wood greater than 12” diameter; or any demolition wood such as fencing, old decking, or wood from construction/demolition projects.

#### Will the Solid Waste Facility Waive Tip Fees/Use of the ePass During This Week?

No. Historically, the City provided one week in April in which residents could dispose of solid waste items generated at their homes at the City’s Solid Waste Facility and were not charged a disposal fee.

**THAT PROGRAM HAS BEEN MODIFIED.** The new program allows residential property owners to set up an ePass account for this service. There is no charge to establish the ePass account and this can be done at the City Treasurer’s Office (second floor, Lewiston City Hall, 27 Pine Street) or the Scale House at the City’s Solid Waste Facility, 424 River Road.

Once the account has been set up, the resident can dispose of up to **1,000 pounds of household waste** (construction & demolition waste, waste refrigerated appliances, old furniture, yard debris, waste tires, electronic waste items, etc.) **at no cost.** The ePass account is good for one year from the date of issue.

**NOTE:** Residents who are **tenants of rental property** may also obtain an ePass account, but they will be required to pay \$20 for this service.

Once the 1,000-pound limit has been exceeded, residents will be charged the nominal disposal fee, \$93/ton (**\$95/ton for construction and demo waste**), for any overage.

Residents can dispose of their household waste at the Solid Waste Facility, 424 River Road, during normal business hours:

- 7:15 AM – 2:45 PM (weekdays)
- 8:00 AM – 11:50 AM (Saturday)

The gates are closed at the listed closing times. Please arrive 15 minutes before closing to assure that you have adequate time to dispose of your waste items.

#### If Individuals Have Questions About Lewiston’s Clean-Up Assistance Week, Where Can They Call?

Individuals may contact the Lewiston Solid Waste Facility at 513-3006; TTY/TDD: 513-3007.

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## Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services

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In 1995, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services created the state's first Sexual Assault Response Team. This effort, originally called Project Response, was developed to bring together the professionals who respond to a sexual assault—sexual assault advocates, law enforcement officers, medical personnel, and representatives from the office of the District Attorney.

The first goal of the project was for each of the disciplines to better understand the role of the other disciplines. That understanding included the scope of their responsibilities, and any limitations (such as confidentiality) that each partner had. This enabled the team members to have a more realistic understanding of the other team members. The second goal was to look broadly at the system response, to identify things that were working well and those that needed improvement, and to make recommendations for change. The overall goal was to improve the experience that sexual assault survivors had within each of these systems, and to create the most effective re-

sponse to support the needs of the survivor.

Today, the partnerships among the team are strong. Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services provides a SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) Advocate whose job is to accompany and support sexual assault survivors through each part of the justice system. This includes being present when a survivor is giving a statement to the police or at any subsequent questioning. It includes providing information to the survivor about the status of the investigation (since there can be long periods of time where it feels to the survivor that nothing much is happening). If the case moves forward for prosecution, the SART Advocate can accompany the survivor to any court proceeding and provide support through that process, also serving as a liaison between the survivor and the prosecutor's office.

Once the case is resolved, the SART Coordinator can continue to provide support and advocacy for the survivor for as long as that person needs. If a perpetrator is released from

incarceration, the SART Coordinator can participate in safety planning meetings with the survivor, making sure that they know where the perpetrator is going to live or work, and what restrictions may be placed on the perpetrator for the period of probation.

The SART Coordinator also helps survivors who would like a Protection from Abuse Order. This can involve accompanying the survivor to the court to file the original petition for the PFA, and then returning to court with the survivor for the final hearing. The SART Coordinator can provide support for the survivor, and can refer the survivor for legal assistance if needed.

Having a SART Coordinator to work with survivors through the system has greatly decreased the anxiety that many survivors feel when they need to interact with law enforcement or court processes. And the improvements to systems through Project Response has created a more victim-centered response, and has increased the number of survivors willing to report the crime and move forward with a prosecution.

### Children's Advocacy Center

In 2003, some community members went to a conference where they learned about Children's Advocacy Centers—a new way of responding to children who have disclosed that they are being or have been abused. Those community members came back to this community and convened a multi-disciplinary team of people who were all working on child abuse issues to look at creating a Children's Advocacy Center in our community.

In 2005, the Children's Advocacy Center was created and located within Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services. (The CAC later became a formal program of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services).

The CAC is a child fo-

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In Oxford County:  
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743-9777

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In Franklin County:  
227 Main St.,  
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Coordinator meets with the non-offending parent to talk about the process, provide information, and assess the needs of the family. The FSC can then make referrals to appropriate resources for the family to make sure their needs are being met. The FSC also follows up with the family in 7 days and 30 days to see if they need any further assistance, have connected with resources, or need additional support. All families who come to the CAC are also offered the opportunity to have a mental health assessment. This assessment is designed to determine if there are needs of the child or family that can best be met by referral to a qualified mental health practitioner. The CAC has linkage agreements with local mental health services to prioritize referrals for these children and families, and the assessment facilitates making the most appropriate referral for treatment.

A cornerstone of the CAC model is the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT). This group of professionals is made up of representatives from law enforcement, DHHS, Prosecution, Medical, Mental Health, Sexual Assault providers, and other child focused agencies. The purpose of the MDT is to examine the cases that are referred to the CAC and make sure that they needs of the family are being met in an ongoing way. The case review can also enhance or further the investigation of the abuse, and can help develop and support the skills of the MDT members.

In 2016, the name of the CAC was changed to the Children's Advocacy Center of Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties (CAC-AFO) to better reflect the scope of the program. An interview site has been established in the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services' office in Farmington, and another is under development in Oxford County. Each of the counties has their own MDT to specifically focus on the cases from their counties. Also in 2016, the CAC-AFO established its own site in Lewiston. St. Mary's Hospital made a building available, and local community businesses and organizations donated over \$50,000 in labor and materials to rehab and renovate the site. This community effort created a beautiful, child friendly, warm and welcoming site that best serves the needs of the children and families who have been impacted by abuse. For more information about the CAC-AFO, call Kat Perry at 784-0436.

### LUNA Fest. Coming to Lewiston

On May 17, LUNAFEST is coming to Lewiston! LUNAFEST is a national travelling festival of short films by, for and about women.

According to its website, LUNAFEST was established in 2000 by LUNA, the makers of the Whole Nutrition Bar for Women. Its purpose is "to connect women, their stories and their causes through film. The festival spotlights the work of a diverse array of talented women filmmakers with intelligent, funny and thought-provoking themes."

The event will be held locally at the Public Theater in Lewiston beginning at 7pm, with proceeds going to support the Breast Cancer Fund (LUNA's designated charity) and LA Women Rising, a collaboration between the Center for Wisdom's Women, the YWCA, Safe Voices and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services. LA Women Rising rose out of the local experience of participation in a One Billion Rising project. It has two goals: To build an ongoing network of support and advocacy around the issue of violence against women and girls and to lead people to action steps going forward that will promote long term change.

Tickets are \$20 a person and can be purchased at the door or at [www.lunafest.org/lewiston0517](http://www.lunafest.org/lewiston0517). For more information, call 513-3922 or email [cww@oxfordnetworks.net](mailto:cww@oxfordnetworks.net).



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## Lewiston delegation to host forum on state budget

Members of Lewiston's delegation to the state legislature will hold a public forum to discuss the Opportunity Agenda, the Democratic alternative to the proposed biennial budget put forth by Republican Governor Paul LePage, on Tuesday, April 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Callahan Hall at Lewiston Public Library. All are welcome to attend the

session, which will include a question-and-answer period.

Assistant Senate Democratic Leader Sen. Nate Libby will convene the town hall-style forum. He will be joined by Assistant House Democratic Leader Rep. Jared Golden and Reps. Heidi Brooks, James Handy and Roger Fuller.

Democratic supporters of the Opportunity Agenda

assert the proposal calls for the largest property tax cut in Maine history, invests in jobs and the economy, fully funds public schools, makes college degrees more affordable and attainable, supports families, seniors, children and veterans, and provides meaningful student debt relief, all without unnecessary program cuts and without raising new taxes. For a more detailed outline of the proposal, see <https://opportunityagendamaine.wordpress.com>.

## Odd Fellows, Rebekahs offer nursing scholarships

The Grand Lodge of Maine Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekah Assembly of Maine have three scholarship funds for Maine students studying nursing. To qualify for the coming academic year, candidates must be high school seniors or current college students who are Maine residents and will be enrolled in the fall at a Maine school in a major field of study leading to a degree in nursing.

Candidates may apply for each award and could win funding from each. The deadline to apply to each fund is May 15.

The W. Scott Reid Nurses Scholarship Fund provides scholarships of \$1,000 each to 22 to 24 students each year. The Ellen Washburn Award last year provided scholarships of \$1,200 each to twelve students. Applications for these two scholarships are

available by calling the Grand Secretary at 786-3638, at the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows IOOF, 80 Caron Lane, Auburn, ME 04210, or online at [www.oddfellowsmaine.org](http://www.oddfellowsmaine.org).

The Rebekah Assembly Nursing Award is open to students enrolled in a degree program leading to the RN. Applications may be requested by contacting Ms. Joyce Young at 839-4723 or [jobeyo1953@maine.rr.com](mailto:jobeyo1953@maine.rr.com).

## New Ventures offers free career planning class

Starting on Wednesday, May 3, New Ventures Maine will present a free, four-week Career Planning class to help you prepare for your next career. Participants will review their skills, interests, and experiences, research the local job market, identify opportunities for needed education or training, and develop a step-by-step plan to achieve their goals. Whether you are unemployed, underemployed, or considering a career change, this class will help you find a good fit.

"When you feel stuck at work, it's hard to take the time to think about what you really want and need from your career," says class facilitator Chris Davis. "This class will help you explore your options, connect with resources,

and create a career plan unique to your skills and values." A participant in a previous class commented that he benefitted from the supportive environment, encouragement from classmates, tools and job search resources, and goal-setting framework that the class provided.

Open to those of all ages and incomes, the class will meet for four sessions on Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, and 24, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College. There is no fee for the training, but

pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Chris Davis at 753-6531 or [christina.m.davis@maine.edu](mailto:christina.m.davis@maine.edu).

New Ventures Maine helps people find success in their jobs, businesses and communities by providing tuition-free classes, workshops, and one-on-one coaching in four areas: Building a Career, Starting a Business, Managing Money, and Becoming a Leader. For more information, including a list of classes offered across the state, see [www.newventuresmaine.org](http://www.newventuresmaine.org).

# What's Going On

## Doctor to discuss prevalence of inherited cholesterol disorder among Franco Americans

At the Spring General Meeting of the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society on Saturday, April 22 at 11 a.m., Dr. Dervilla McCann will discuss the prevalence of an inherited cholesterol disorder among the Franco Americans of New England. Free and open to the public, the program will take place at Auburn Public Library.

Some health matters, like food choices and exercise, are under our control, while others, like inherited conditions, are not a matter of choice. One genetic trait that is more common among the Franco Americans of New England than most other ethnic groups around the world is FH, a genetically inherited form of heart disease which prevents cholesterol produced by the



Dr. Dervilla McCann

body from being properly recycled. This leads to very high levels of cholesterol and the danger of early heart attacks and strokes.

Dr. McCann will discuss why this inheritance pattern becomes clear when we trace the history of New England's Franco Americans from France to Canada and eventually to New England during the industrial revolution, and how greater understanding of the group's

history and genetic predispositions will help create specific programs to support those at high risk for inherited conditions.

A graduate of Bates College, McCann received a Naval Armed Forces Health Scholarship to attend Tufts University School of Medicine. After medical school, she completed a residency in Internal Medicine at New York University, followed by active duty service. After nine years, she left the Navy at the rank of Commander, moving with her family to Maine to practice cardiology. In 2015, she took a one-year leave to complete a Master's degree in public health at Harvard, with a concentration in policy and management. Since then, she has served as Chief of Population Health at Central Maine Health Care.

## Bates

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Mr. John A. Barr and Mrs. Marion R. Hylan Barr of Hallowell, is a 2015 graduate of Hall-Dale High School. She is majoring

in politics.

Abby Westberry, daughter of Mr. Joseph P. and Dr. Nicola C. Westberry of Readfield, is a 2015 graduate of Maranacook Community School. She is majoring in sociology

and politics.

Thomas Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Brown of Phippsburg, Maine, is a 2015 graduate of Morse High School. He is majoring in politics.



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Out & About with Rachel Morin

The Curious Minds lecture series at APL



Todd Glacy explains his equation on the board for the Meditation presentation at the Auburn Public Library in the first program of the Curious Minds Series.

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

Curious Minds, a lecture series partnership between Auburn Public Library and Lewiston Auburn Senior College, had its first presenter on Tuesday, April 4,

in the Androscoggin Community Room. The series will continue on Tuesdays through May 9. Marty Gagnon, APL Manager of Adult Services, working with Joanne Sabourin and Claire Small,

Board members at Senior College, have secured speakers to bring this series to the public free of charge. Todd Glacy of Portland and an instructor at LA Senior College, kicked off the series designed to foster personal growth and curiosity, with a seminar on the benefits of meditation. Glacy contends that happiness is a choice which we decide what an outcome would be by how we react to certain events in our life. Glacy’s relaxed easy-going style, opened with a question to the audience of two dozen people. “How many of you have ever practiced meditation?” This prompted a few people to raise their hands. Many voiced that they had wanted to, but never had learned how. “We are here to learn,” one woman said. Glacy started by telling us that happiness is a choice and he would explore the keys to unlock and create happiness in all areas of our life. We would learn about stress and anxiety, relaxation techniques and how our pre-programmed thoughts impact our perception of reality. “Breathing and relaxation is all important,” Glacy said and continued, “It all starts with controlling our breathing.” He took us through ways to slow and measure our breathing by closing our eyes, slowly inhaling, counting to ourselves and picturing the numbers, while concentrating on inhaling; then slowly exhaling, counting and picturing the numbers, and gradually, we would be relaxed and he suggested thinking of a calming, soothing scene or pleasant memory would help. “It takes practice,” Glacy said, “and the more you do it, the easier it becomes and you will feel more relaxed, and consequently, more healthy and happy.” He reminded us we were in charge and could regulate how we react to stress and anxiety by controlling our responses. He placed an equation on the board:  $E + R = O$  which stood for Event +

Reaction = Outcome. He further explained an event happens. You determine your reaction, which could be a favorable reaction ending up with a pleasant outcome or a kneejerk angry reaction which would result in an unhappy outcome. It all depends on how you react to things that happen to you. He reminded us that we are in charge of our life and how we respond to day by day events affects the outcome. Sitting in a quiet place and incorporating soft music were advised and freeing the mind to pleasant quieting thoughts was helpful. Following his presentation, there was an active audience participation in the question and answer follow-up and discussion. Glacy, who lives in Portland, graduated from Berklee College of Music and received a Master’s Degree in Professional Counseling from Lesley University. He is also a graduate of the University of Southern Maine. He regularly leads workshops and works closely with yoga studios, wellness centers and senior living facilities across the state. Every spring LA Senior College and APL collaborate to bring a free lecture series to the community. Covering a variety of topics, the lectures take place each week through the months of April and May. On April 11, Dr. Charles Plummer, Senior College Instructor, presented his popular report on Abraham Lincoln: The Man, Humorist, Storyteller and Poet. The events that shaped Lincoln’s life and character were examined and humorous stories Lincoln told were related and his original poems were read. On April 18, David Bernier, Sr. college Board member, spoke on The Beatles Songbook and took a closer look on the songs that were not their biggest hits. He also shed light on the song writing process of Lennon and McCartney. Looking ahead to April 25, Alan Elze, veteran Senior College instructor and former Board Chair, will speak about The Shroud of Turin. Much has been written about The



Joanne Sabourin and Claire Small, Board members at LA Senior College, work with Marty Gagnon, APL Manager of Adult Services, to bring these educational programs to the Community free of charge.



Angela Murphy and Judith Otim were eager to learn meditation techniques.



Gene and Lydia Gilbert with Lisa Graves participated in the follow-up discussion of the meditation presentation. Shroud and how it came to be. A look at its history and possible conclusions will be presented. Please take note of the different time slot for this presentation: 12 noon to 2 p.m. May 2 will have John Henderson discussing the Irish of Androscoggin County who had, and continue to have, a major presence in Androscoggin County. An exploration of Irish origins of the settlers, their neighborhoods, what they did for work, and where they worshiped, will be detailed. On May 9, Hugh Keene, long time Sr. College instructor and former Board Chair will present his Phun with Physics class. This fun class for adults will look at the basic concepts of motion and force. With Keene’s guidance, participants will try to figure out why things move the way they do and the force they exert. FMI on these APL programs, please access [www.auburnpugliclibrary.org](http://www.auburnpugliclibrary.org).



Barbara Annear, Carmen Dufresne and Rhonda Cobb added their personal observations of their experiences at the end of the program.

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## Auburn plans 2017 bulky waste pickup

The City of Auburn's 2017 Bulky Waste Pickup Program will allow residents who currently receive weekly trash pickup from the city to dispose of materials not normally picked up during weekly solid waste collection.

Materials to be collected will include brush, which must be placed in a neat pile with the butt ends facing the street. No more than a pickup truck load will be collected by city staff. Additional brush can be brought to the Public Services Facility on Gracelawn Road in Auburn.

Other materials to be collected will include furniture; rugs, which must be rolled and taped; mattresses and box springs (limit of six combined); tires (limit of four); metals (excluding large auto parts and metals containing hazardous materials); propane tanks; white goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators, small appliances, etc.); and televisions, which can also be disposed of any time, free of charge, at the Public Services Facility on Gracelawn Road.

Materials that will not be collected include liquids of any type (paints, oils, cleaners, gasoline, etc.), any wood waste that includes construction and demolition debris, and shingles.

A limit of one truck load of materials will be collected per residence. Keep

materials to be collected off all sidewalks, separate them by type, and place them in neat piles. Please note that it is a violation of City Ordinance to scavenge through piles of debris put curbside for collection. This offense is punishable by a fine of up to \$1000. If you observe this activity, please report it to Public Services at 333-6670.

The schedule for curbside collection is as follows: residents with Monday waste collection should have materials to be collected at roadside by Monday, May 1; those with Tuesday waste collection should have materials at roadside by Wednesday, May 3; those with Wednesday waste collection should have materials at roadside by Friday, May 5; those with Thursday waste collection should have materials at roadside by Tuesday, May 9; and those with Friday waste col-

lection should have materials at roadside by Thursday, May 11.

All waste must be at roadside by 7 a.m. on the date that collection begins for your area. Crews will remove waste on a street-by-street basis and will not return to a street once waste material has been removed. No materials may be placed curbside until April 30. City Public Service crews will also collect materials at normal collection points during the dates listed above.

In addition, from May 1 to May 19, Auburn residents may bring their bulky waste materials (excluding brush and tires) directly to the MMWAC facility on Goldthwaite Road free of charge. You must show proof of Auburn residency (i.e. driver's license, vehicle registration, or tax bill). MMWAC is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

## Marine Corps League seeks members, volunteers

Marine Corps League Central Maine Detachment 810 will host its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 27 at 6 p.m. at the Lewiston Armory, 65 Central Avenue in Lewiston.

All Marines, FMF corpsman and Navy chaplains are invited. Those interested in Marines Helping Veterans are also invited

to attend. The group has a great need for members; get involved and help them help our veterans.

Detachment 810 is also looking for Marines to help put flags on veterans' graves on Sunday, May 28 at 10 a.m. at St. Peters Cemetery in Lewiston. If interested, call Charlie Paul at 798-9548.

## Village Inn Celebrates 10 year Commemoration Since '07 Fire



On April 30th The Village Inn Restaurant will have a celebration to recognize 10 yrs since the fire that forced them to rebuild. The celebration will be sponsored by Pine State from 11am-10pm and will include a bonfire, live entertainment, BBQ, beer station, corn hole and more. Please stop by and enjoy the fun! The rain date for this event is May 7th



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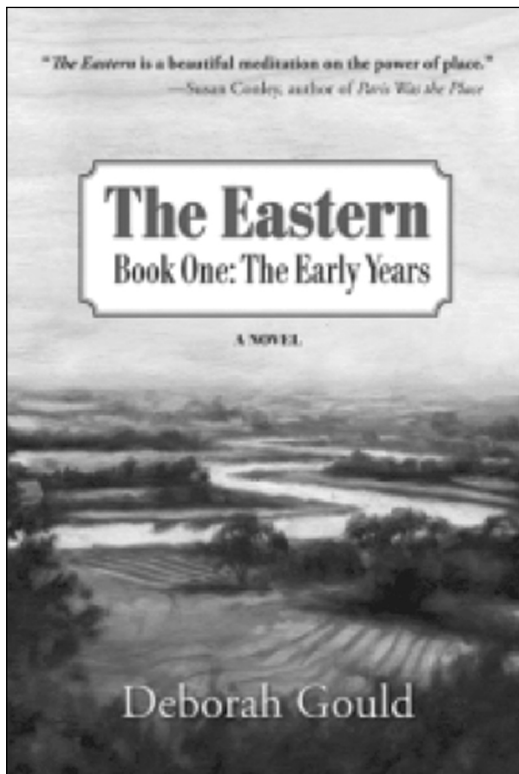
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## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### Novelist to discuss rural life in 19<sup>th</sup>-century Maine



The Androscoggin Historical Society will present Maine author Deborah Gould at its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. Gould will discuss her most recent book, "The Eastern: The Early Years," the first of a two-volume work based on the lives of five families who settled along the Eastern River in East Pittston in the nineteenth century. The novel chronicles forty-five years of social change, from 1820 to the end of the Civil War in 1865.

"The characters in this novel were real people who established an agricultural community that lasted well into the 20th century," said

Gould. "Only a few of those farmhouses are still there today, though."

Gould bought and lived in one of those farmhouses in the 1990s. "I've researched every house I've ever owned," she said. "The history of this particular house brought me to Joel Thompson and his family. From there, I followed the deeds to the neighboring farms; before long, I had an entire community."

Using town records, census information, probate files and social notes from old area newspapers, she established a factual framework of families and events, and then developed them into the novel. "Those

public records gave me the bones of the novel, and living in the area gave me a deep sense of the place - the land, the Eastern and Kennebec river valleys, the neighborhood. But after that, I was on my own."

Both fiction and social history, *The Eastern* explores the themes of community and reciprocity in a nineteenth-century agricultural neighborhood. "We've lost those old social constructs," Gould said. "We've lost that sense of community, of working together for the common good. *The Eastern* is my way of bringing those values back again."

Gould grew up in Portland and Brunswick. After attending college in New Hampshire and exploring a publishing career in Boston, she says she came to her senses and moved back to Maine. She lived and worked on a dairy farm, then owned a successful graphic arts business before earning a degree in sign language interpreting. She spent the next twenty-five years in public education, specializing in English acquisition for students with cochlear implants. She is currently at work on a sequel.

The presentation will take place in the society's museum on the third floor of the County Building in Auburn. An elevator is available. There is no charge to attend, but donations are encouraged. For more information, call 784-0586.

### No. Carolina pianist will make Franco Center debut

Concert pianist and teacher Kevin Ayesh will present the fifth program in the Gendron Franco Center's 2016-17 Piano Series on Friday, April 21 at 7 p.m. The recital will feature works by composers from the Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary periods, Mozart, Chopin, Brahms, and Fauré, closing with a performance of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

A well-known teacher and performer, Ayesh has been head of the Music Department at Blue Ridge Community College in Flat Rock, North Carolina since 1992. He is a past recipient of the Naftzger Piano Award and has been a major prize winner in the Wideman International Piano Competition and the New Orleans International Piano Competition, among others.

In recent seasons, Ayesh has presented recitals and master classes in Ger-



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many, Hong Kong, and Canada, as well as throughout the United States. As North Carolina Visiting Artist, he frequently performs in solo recitals and as a concerto soloist in communities across that state and in the South. In addition to his teaching, he serves as a judge at au-

ditions for regional music conventions.

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and free for students. The center is located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. To buy tickets, visit the box office, call 783-1585 or see [www.FrancoCenter.org](http://www.FrancoCenter.org).

### L/A Arts adds events in "Place for Makers" series

L/A Arts has added three events to its "A Place for Makers" series of networking and professional development sessions showcasing the resources, creative talent, live and work spaces, and support services available to artisan businesses in the Lewiston-Auburn area. For more information, call 782-7228. To RSVP for any of the events, see [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

Aaron Moser, CEO of the Thos. Moser company, will host an event at the acclaimed furniture maker's Auburn factory on Wednesday, April 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. He will discuss the value of artisan products, skilled labor, selling a brand, and keeping Lewiston-Auburn as a home base for production.

Ben Waxman, co-founder of American

Roots, will host an event on Wednesday, May 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. at MUNKA, L-A's newest co-working space. He will discuss how American Roots has partnered with the New Mainer community and education resources to build a skilled workforce and grow a burgeoning textile company.

Chad Leeder, Innovation Specialist at L.L. Bean, will host an event on Wednesday, May 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Rinck Advertising on Lisbon Street. He will discuss innovation in Maine and the process of adapting to changing markets.

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Willy Wonka to highlight WLU's annual Doll Tea



An entertaining presentation of *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* will highlight the annual Doll Tea on Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, at the Woman's Literary Union, located at 19 Elm Street in Auburn. Sessions are at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday and noon and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$11 per person. For more information, call 795-6134; to buy tickets, send check via mail or pay with PayPal online at [www.womansliteraryunion.org](http://www.womansliteraryunion.org).

TAM seeks non-equity actors for fall production

The Theater at Monmouth will hold auditions for its fall production of Rick Elice's "Peter and the Starcatcher," based on the book by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, on Monday, April 24 from 3 to 7 p.m. at its rehearsal studio at 775 Main Street in Monmouth.

A swashbuckling prequel to "Peter Pan," the play chronicles the adventures of Molly, a girl charged with protecting a cargo of stardust, and an orphan named Peter, who eventually becomes "The Boy Who Never Grew Up." Along the way, it answers

such timeless questions as: Where are Peter's parents? How did Hook lose his hand? and What makes crocodile tick?

Non-equity performers are invited to schedule an audition for the production, which will be directed by producing artistic director Dawn McAndrews. Potential acting interns and community members are encouraged to audition. There are no roles for children in this production.

The four-week contract begins August 28 and runs through September 24. The play will preview on Thursday, September 14 and

open on Friday, September 15, with additional performances September 16, 17, 21, and 22 at 7:30 p.m. and September 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 1 p.m. All performances and rehearsals will take place at historic Cumston Hall in Monmouth. For more information, see [www.theateratmonmouth.org](http://www.theateratmonmouth.org).

Those auditioning should prepare a song in the character of the show (to be sung a capella) and a monologue from the original "Peter Pan." Callback sides will be provided. To schedule a time, call 933-9999 or email [boxoffice@theateratmonmouth.org](mailto:boxoffice@theateratmonmouth.org).

Franco Center offers French classes for adults

The Franco Center will host weeknight French language classes for adults starting May 3. The classes will run for an eight-week session in May and June and will take place Wednesdays from 5 to 6:15 p.m. for beginners and 6:30 to 8 p.m. for more advanced learners who want to improve their proficiency.

The classes will be taught in French, at a relaxed pace, with English explanations as needed. Varied topics will be used as a guide to help with speaking. Students are asked to bring a binder or folder and something to write with to class.

The instructor for both levels will be Vanessa Stasse. Born in Sherbrooke,



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Québec of Belgian parents, Stasse has a Master's degree in anthropology from Laval University in Québec City. She has lived in Maine for over 10 years, teaching French and yoga and interpreting in French, English and Portuguese.

The total cost for the

eight classes is \$80. To register by mail, send contact information and payment to Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, Attn: Adult French Classes.

The center requires a minimum of eight people per class session. If that threshold is not met, full refunds will be issued to those who have already registered. For more information on this or other language and cultural programs at the center, call 783-1585 or see [FrancoCenter.org](http://FrancoCenter.org).

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Tri-Town Optimists hold Oratorical Contest



Pictured here (l. to r.) are teacher Ell Fanus, first-place winner Nolan Greenwald, second-place winner Emma Bunyea, and teacher Mike Giampetruzzi.

Thirteen students from RSU 16 Schools recently participated in the Tri-Town Optimist Club's annual Oratorical Contest at Minot Consolidated School. The sixth and seventh grade

contestants delivered four-minute speeches they prepared on the topic: "What the World Gains from Optimism." After deliberation by the judges on content and presentation, sixth

grader Nolan Greenwald was selected as the 1st place winner, with seventh grader Emma Bunyea in 2nd place. Nolan will now compete in the Northeast District Competition in Utica, New York.

Entertainment

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## Muttville Comix bring canine comedy to Choc. Church

Tails will wag and hands will clap when Johnny Peers and the Muttville Comix take the stage for a 2 p.m. performance at the Chocolate Church Arts Center on Saturday, April 22. Adults and children of all ages will be entertained by the tricks and slapstick routines of this troupe of canine comedians, including Noodles, the world's only skateboarding Basset Hound; Murphy, a ladder-climbing Fox Terrier; and Willy, a Border Collie who only answers to "Sir."

"We scheduled this show during April school break for a special staycation event that the whole family will enjoy," said Chocolate Church Executive Director Jennifer DeChant. "Johnny Peers' love of comedy and dogs is a perfect combination for family entertainment."

The Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. They can be purchased by calling 442-8455 or online at [chocolatechurcharts.org](http://chocolatechurcharts.org).

Born in New Orleans, Johnny Peers learned the ropes of traveling show business at an early age while working for his father, a concessionaire for Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus. His skills as a natural comedian led him to join Ringling Bros. Clown College and become a member of the Greatest Show On Earth, where he regularly observed routines performed with dogs.

In 1972, he adopted Freckles, the first of a collection of fifteen mutts rescued from animal shelters across the country who would form Johnny Peers' original Muttville Comix troupe. These



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four-legged artists have since performed across North and South America and in Europe with such leading circuses as Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey, the Big Apple Circus, Circus Krone in Germany, Cir-

cus Maximum in Sweden, and Circus Conelly in Switzerland. The troupe has also been featured on numerous variety shows and in 2003 was named a Pet Stars Champion by the popular TV channel Animal Planet.

## Sawyer Memorial to screen film on Cuba



Filmmaker Marlin Darrah will present his documentary "Cuba: A Road Trip from Havana to Santiago de Cuba" at Sawyer Memorial in Greene on Friday, April 21 at 2 and 7 p.m. Both screenings are free and open to the public. Sawyer Memorial is located at 371 Sawyer Road. For more information, call 946-5311.

## Kassbohrer ATV selects Lost Valley as site of new facility

Lost Valley Management, LLC and Kassbohrer ATV, Inc., the North American division of German parent company Kassbohrer AG, have announced that Lost Valley in Auburn has been selected by Kassbohrer as the future site of a new facility for the company's regional headquarters. The company is the distributor of PistenBully snow grooming equipment.

Outgrowing its current New England location, Kassbohrer has considered various sites, and a partnership with Lost Valley Ski Area has been selected as the leading option.

"Lost Valley is a unique location, with Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing and snowmobile trails all located on site, along with a facility to host an array of people and business opportunities," said KATV Regional Sales and Operations Manager Josh Nelson. "This facility will change the way we approach every aspect of our business, while giving us the ability to maintain, if not improve, our superior level of service to our customers. We will have the ability to offer new options for service and knowledge that have not been possible until now."

Nelson believes that the partnership with Lost Valley and Scott Shanaman will be a game changer for KATV. The history between Kassbohrer and Lost Valley



Kassbohrer ATV, Inc. is the North American division of German parent company Kassbohrer AG and the distributor of PistenBully snow grooming equipment.

goes back almost 50 years, to Valley Engineering and the introduction of early snow grooming implements on the trails of Lost Valley.

"Snow farming," as it was then called, was the early version of grooming as we know it today. Kassbohrer Germany quickly realized the value of the implements being designed and built by Valley Engineering and entered into an agreement to distribute the implements produced in Maine with the machines built in Germany on a worldwide basis. In late 1979, Kassbohrer bought Valley Engineering and created Kassbohrer North America.

Lewiston native Harry Turgeon, one of the original employees with Valley Engineering, works today at Kassbohrer's New England office in Lewiston. "The history of Lost Valley and the snow grooming business are eternally tied together

from the beginning," said Turgeon. "Now we can go back to write the future."

"Lost Valley is excited to have this partnership with Kassbohrer ATV," said Lost Valley owner Scott Shanaman. "Having Kassbohrer's regional headquarters located at Lost Valley means we'll have access to the latest in snow grooming technology, equipment, maintenance and training."

"Lost Valley has a history of being innovative in the ski industry, including the production of Valley Engineering grooming implements, the first snowmaking system in Maine, and the first night skiing in Maine. This partnership with Kassbohrer fits in with our vision of returning Lost Valley to the cutting edge of the ski industry, and provides us and other local service providers with additional business opportunities."

"More importantly, it means jobs are being retained and created here in the Lewiston-Auburn area. It's awesome to have the history - and now future - of snow grooming coming right out of Lost Valley in Auburn."

Lost Valley is located at 200 Lost Valley Road. Site development, meetings with city officials, and planning and permitting are in progress. Kassbohrer hopes to have the new facility up and running by Spring of 2018.

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**Thursday, April 20**  
 Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. The guest speaker is Betsy Sibley, VP of Marketing & Business Devel. at Comm. Credit Union. Guests welcome; no reservation required; lunch avail. at Fusion Restaurant for \$10. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

**Friday, April 21**  
 French Sing-Along. 1:30 p.m. Rm. 170, L-A College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. Les Troubadours lead the singing of local Franco favorites at this free monthly event. All are welcome; songbooks provided. Free. 576-4109.

Film Screening. 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. Filmmaker Marlin Darrah presents his documentary “Cuba: A Road Trip from Havana to Santiago de Cuba.” Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Concert: Kevin Ayesh. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The pianist performs works by Mozart, Chopin, Brahms, Fauré, and Gershwin. Reception at 6:30. \$15 (seniors \$10, students free). 783-1585; FrancoCenter.org.

Songs Beyond Borders Concert. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Maine and East Coast Canadian songwriters Denny Breaux, Heather Pierson, Ian Sherwood and Ashley Condon perform. \$15 adv., \$18 at door. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

**Saturday, April 22**  
 eARTh Day Celebration. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local artists, businesses and volunteers present various activities along Lisbon St. in Lewiston, incl. historic and studio tours. For schedule, find the Downtown Lewiston Art District on Facebook.

Franco-American Genealogical Society Meeting. 11 a.m. Auburn Public Library. Dr. Dervilla McCann discusses the prevalence of the inherited cholesterol disorder FH among Franco-Americans. Free.

Spring Fling Living History Day. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore.

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Bean Supper. 4 to 6 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St., Auburn. Proceeds will sup-

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port church members Casey Knight and Peter Floyd in their efforts to adopt a 16-year-old orphan from Ukraine. Sugg. donation \$6 adults, \$3 kids. 524-3455.

Bean Supper. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Entertainment by the Park Avenue Pickers at 4:15 p.m., supper at 5:00. Adults \$8, kids ages 6-12 \$4, kids 5- free. 782-3972.

Baked Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sixth St. Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Two kinds of beans, brown bread, coleslaw, red and brown hot dogs, American Chop Suey, assorted desserts, beverages. All are welcome. Take-out avail. \$6 adults, \$3 kids 5-12, under 5 free.

Turkey Supper. 5 to 6 p.m. Wales Youth Center, Pond Rd., Route 132, Wales. The Wales Presbyterian Women serve up a turkey dinner w. vegetables, potato, stuffing, beverages and pies. Everyone welcome. 375-8382, 375-6604.

**Sunday, April 23**  
 Charity Dog Wash. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Happy Paws Unleashed, 647 Lewiston Rd., Topsham. Dog washes \$20/25 per dog; nail trims, flea & tick treatments, Ask the Trainer seminars. Benefits Andro. Humane Society. 725-7990.

Scrabble Fest. 12:30 to 4 p.m. The Carriage House, 1119 Lisbon St., Lewiston. In this popular fundraiser for Literacy Volunteers, four-person teams compete in three timed thirty-minute rounds. Prizes, refreshments. Register by 4/18 at 333-4785 or scrabble@literacyvolunteersandro.org.

**Monday, April 24**  
 Information Session. 6:30 p.m. Residence Inn by Marriott, 670 Turner St., Auburn. Reps. from Maine Connections Academy, Maine’s first tuition-free,

virtual public charter school for grades 7-12, discuss the school and its application process.

**Tuesday, April 25**  
 Stanton Bird Club Field Trip. 6 to 8:30 a.m. This first of five scheduled early morning birding walks from Bates College starts at Hathorn Hall and proceeds to the river and back. All welcome. 319-6630.

State Budget Forum. 6 to 8 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Members of Lewiston’s legislative delegation discuss the Democratic alternative to Gov. Lepage’s proposed biennial budget. All welcome.

Author Visit. 6:30 p.m. Bailey Public Library, 39 Bowdoin St., Winthrop. Author Caitlin Shetterly discusses her book “Modified,” which explores America’s use of GMOs. Free. 377-8673.

History Program. 7 p.m. Andro. Historical Society, third floor, County Building, Auburn. Deborah Gould discusses her novel “The Eastern: The Early Years,” based on the lives of families who settled along the Eastern River in East Pittston in the 19th century. Donations welcome. 784-0586.

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lunch avail. at Fusion Restaurant for \$10. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. This month’s topic is “Cost Effective Recognition and Wellness Programs.” \$50 (Chamber members \$25; Central ME Human Resource Assoc. members free). 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Marine Corps League Meeting. 6 p.m. Lewiston Armory, 65 Central Avenue. Central ME Detachment 810 holds its monthly meeting; all Marines, FMF corpsman and Navy chaplains invited, along w. anyone interested in joining as an assoc. member.

**Friday, April 28**  
 Bean Supper. 5 to 7 p.m. Turner Center Universalist Church, Turner Center Rd. (Rte. 117), across from Gazebo. Beans, mac & cheese, red and brown hotdogs, coleslaw, rolls, beverages, and dessert. Donations appreciated.

Book Sale. Public Library, 5 Hancock St., Gray. Early bird sale Friday 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (\$5 admission); regular sale Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (free admission). 657-4110.

**Saturday, April 29**  
 Andro. County Multiple Sclerosis Walk. 10 a.m. Lewiston High School. The five-mile course extends through the Bates College area of Lewiston; shorter routes avail. Rain or shine. Sign in starts at 9:00. 1-800-526-8890; www.msmaine.org.

Annual Doll Tea. Woman’s Literary Union, 19 Elm St., Auburn. Highlights will include an entertaining presentation of Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory. Multiple session times; again 4/30. \$11. 795-6134; www.womansliteraryunion.org.

**Sunday, April 30**  
 Sunday Art Workshop. 1 to 5 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St., Hallowell. Leslie Miller leads “Paper Cutting Around the World.” Open to all experience lev-

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# What’s Going On

## City seeks applicants for Youth Advisory Council

The city is seeking applicants to serve on the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council for its 2017-18

## City reminds residents to display address numbers



The Lewiston Police Department and Department of Planning and Code Enforcement are reminding property owners that a city ordinance requires them to have street address numbers affixed to their buildings in readily visible locations. Failure to have street address numbers prominently displayed can jeopardize lives and buildings if a property can't be quickly located in the event of a police, fire, or medical emergency.

year of service, which runs from July 2017 to July 2018. Applicants must be Lewiston residents who, in the fall of 2017, will be students in grades 9 through 12 at Lewiston High School or St. Dominic Academy. Home-schooled residents are also welcome to apply. Current members may reapply. Six seniors will leave the council in June, so there is ample room for new members. The deadline to apply is May 15. The LYAC was established by the Lewiston City Council in October of 2001 and has since received local, state, and national recognition. While serving as a liaison between community youth and the city, the LYAC undertakes service projects to enhance the community. The council's achievements have included a Treat All Listeners Kindly (TALK) campaign to promote positive communication; a presentation of Community Jeopardy spot-

lighting the past and present of Lewiston; a "Do You Do Lew" campaign promoting a positive image of the city; a December holiday celebration of various cultures; a "Keep in Mind, Be Kind" anti-bullying campaign; the production of a documentary called "Homeless Youth in Lewiston: What You Can Do"; the production of a DVD called "Cool Happenings on Lisbon Street"; and a collaboration with the Downtown Neighborhood Action Committee to revitalize a public park on Pierce Street and rename it "Mark W. Paradis Park." A Selection Committee will review applications, conduct interviews, and appoint up to fifteen members. The committee will make its selection by the last Friday in June. Those selected will be notified and then officially appointed during a July 2017 meeting of the Lewiston City Council. For more information or to access an application, call 513-3000, ext. 3205 or see [www.lewistonmaine.gov/lyac](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/lyac).

## One LA launches campaign for Lewiston-Auburn merger



One LA supporters attending a campaign kick-off event in Auburn included (l. to r. on stage) campaign co-managers Carl Sheline and Gabrielle Russell, Bruce Rioux, Donna Stickeno, and treasurer Marc Roy. (Photo by Rinck Advertising)

One LA, the group supporting a November referendum question to make Lewiston and Auburn one city, gathered recently for a campaign kick-off event at the Hilton Garden Inn of Auburn. Over the next seven months, One LA supporters will hold public meetings and go door-to-door in neighborhoods throughout Lewiston and Auburn to engage the public about the important vote for the future of both cities. The online home for the campaign is [OneLANow.com](http://OneLANow.com). "In November, voters in both Lewiston and Auburn will get the opportunity to say 'yes' to moving forward as one city," said One LA campaign co-manager Carl Sheline. "Hundreds of campaign supporters are enthusiastic about the future and look forward to sharing

our excitement for One LA." More than 2,500 registered LA voters signed the petition that led to the formation of the Lewiston Auburn Joint Charter Commission in 2014. The commission is developing the charter for the merged cities, which includes a 26-month transition process leading up to an official merge date of January 1, 2020. Residents in both cities will vote on the charter on November 7. "I know firsthand that many visions can work together beautifully to produce a stronger solution than a singular approach," said One LA campaign co-manager Gabrielle Russell. "We now have the opportunity to lead the way forward to create a better future for our families through a unified, cohesive plan." One LA supporters are excited about what Lewis-

ton and Auburn could do together as Maine's second largest city with a population of 59,000. A study done for the Joint Charter Commission found that merging the cities could save at least \$2.3 million each year. Campaign supporters say the cities could use their combined resources for economic growth, a better school system, a safer community, a stronger voice in Augusta, and a more efficient city government structure with all leadership pulling in one direction. For more information about how to volunteer for One LA or learn more about the campaign and upcoming events, Lewiston and Auburn residents may visit the campaign website or follow the campaign on Facebook by searching for One LewistonAuburn.

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