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Auburn Citizen of the Year to be named today

The Auburn Citizen of the Year Banquet will take place on Thursday, May 4, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Martindale Country Club. The public is invited to help honor the 2017 Citizen of the Year, a person who lives or works in Auburn and has enriched the community by making a local, state or national impact. This may have been accomplished through a lifetime of service or a single deed, the benefit of which will continue to be felt and recognized years later. The price is \$45 per person. To see the entrée options and register online, see www. auburnba.com.

Big Brothers Big Sisters to "Bowl for Kids' Sake"



Bates College student Lucy spends time with her "Little," Hazey, at Longley Elementary School.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Maine invites businesses, organizations and individuals to participate in the 2017 Androscoggin Bowl for Kids' Sake, taking place at Spare-

time Recreation in Lewiston Thursday through Saturday, May 11 through 13. The event brings together teams of bowlers to raise pledges for BBBS' one-to-one mentoring programs in local schools for "Littles," or children ages 5 to 14.

According to BBBS Manager Jennifer Cartmell, Bowl for Kids' Sake is the agency's largest fundraising *See* **Bowl**, *page* 5

at Annual Dinner

CM Foundation honors achievements



Pictured here (l. to r., from front) are all the awardees who were honored at the dinner: Robyn Rawle, Student of the Year (with her service dog Sig); Kassie Schmidt, "Yes I Can" Award; Kathy McManus, Faculty Member of the Year; Nicole Labbay, Scholarship Recipient of the Year; Misty Edgecomb, All-Maine Academic Team; Diane Dostie, Staff Person of the Year; Deion Jenkins, "Against All Odds" Award; Jarvis Simpson, Student Veteran of the Year; Melissa Potter, All-Maine Academic Team; Dr. Jeff Stewart, President's Award; Charlie Knauer, Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year; TD Bank President Larry Wold, Corporate Partner of the Year; Pietro Badalassi, Male Student Athlete of the Year; and Brooke Reynolds, Female Student Athlete of the Year. See story and more photos on page 16.

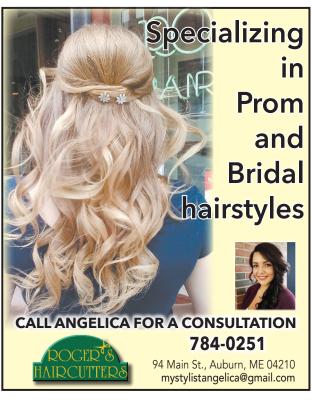
Tommy's Feral Felines plans Bake Sale & Bottle Drive

Tommy's Feral Felines will hold a Spring Fling Bake Sale and Bottle Drive on Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Chapter 11 on Main Street in Lewiston,

next to Cumberland Farms and across from Burger King. In addition to offering a variety of delicious baked goods for sale, Tommy's will also be collecting donations of bottles and cans. Tommy's is looking for bakers to help fill its tables with tasty treats. Please deliver your items directly to the sale, wrapped and priced.

See Felines, page 3







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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Immaculate Heart of Mary teens distribute Easter gift bags



Parish teens assembled items donated by parishioners into nearly 200 gift bags for the residents and patients of Bolster Heights, Clover Health Care, and the Odd Fellows' and Rebekahs' Home of Maine.

In celebration of Easter, teens at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Auburn recently delivered gift bags of candy, hand lotion, lip balm and other toiletries to Bolster Heights Health Care Facility, Clover Health Care, and the Odd Fellows' and Rebekahs' Home of Maine.

The items had been donated by parishioners during Lent and assembled by parish teens into nearly 200 gift bags for the

residents and patients of local nursing and assisted living homes. To provide a sense of connection to each recipient, each gift bag also included an Easter greeting from members of the parish's pastoral

While the gift bags offered support and comfort, the sight of the teens delivering them may have meant more to the recipients than the contents of the bags. "We encourage young people in our youth ministry program to experience ways to volunteer in our community," said Deacon Denis Mailhot, the parish outreach coordinator at Immaculate Heart of Mary. "Today, that meant providing an Easter gift bag to local residents who may be ill or lonely. They smile when they see youth come into their lives, even for just a brief moment."

As part of the parish's Lenten collection, over 50 boxes of food were also donated to the St. Mary's Nutrition Cen-

Evergreen Subaru donates \$27,500 to Androscoggin Land Trust



Representatives of Androscoggin Land Trust and Evergreen Subaru gather to complete the Subaru Share the Love campaign. From left are Wes Davis of ALT, Bill Bergeon of Subaru of New England, Bob Kleckner of ALT, Evergreen Subaru managing owner Doug Weisz, Josh Bisson, Ashley Marquis and Barry Dean of Evergreen Subaru, Shelley Kruszewski, Dana Little, Jim Pross, Woody Trask, Marian Claxton, Doug Boyd and Mary Howes of ALT, and Lynn Weisz of Evergreen Subaru.

Evergreen Subaru and Subaru of America, Inc. recently donated \$27,500 to Androscoggin Land Trust, selected by Evergreen as their "Hometown Charity" for Subaru's Share the Love program. The check was presented to board members and staff of Androscoggin Land Trust by Evergreen Subaru's managing owner, Doug Weisz, and representatives of the ES team.

"The Share the Love Program makes me so proud to be a Subaru dealer," said Weisz. "Evergreen Subaru

was thrilled to be able to help make an impact on an organization that is making such a meaningful impact on Maine's natural resources for generations to come."

From November 17, 2016 to January 3, 2017, customers who purchased or leased a new Subaru selected one from a list of charities to receive a donation of \$250 from SOA. The national charities SOA selected for the list were the ASPCA, Make-A-Wish, Meals on Wheels America, and the National Park Foundation. Subaru dealerships also had the option of adding a local charity to the list. Evergreen selected Androscoggin Land Trust as its "Hometown Charity," adding it as an organization that customers could select to receive the 2016 Subaru Share the Love donation.

"We are truly grateful to Evergreen Subaru and Subaru of America," said Androscoggin Land Trust Conservation Director Shelley Kruszewski. "We look forward to translating these funds into enhancements to the access, awareness and safety of our trail systems for people to enjoy. This partnership will continue to have a significant impact on our work."

meeting of the LA Rotary

Club on Thursday, May 11, from noon to 1 p.m. at the

Ramada Inn of Lewiston,

Juliana L'Heureux will dis-

cuss the contributions of the

area's Franco Americans to the nation's wars and mili-

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Juliana L'Heurex to address **Rotary Club** At the next lunch

wars and military campaigns.

ber of the Franco-American Collection's board of directors and chair of the collection's upcoming exhibit and program on Franco American veterans. She has written about Franco-Americans for 30 years through newspaper articles and published essays. Her blog on the Bangor Daily News website is called "Franco-American News and Culture." She served on the Franco-American Task Force appointed by the Maine Legislature and is a member of the Fran-

Guests are welcome to attend and reservations are not required Lunch is available for \$10 in the Ramada's Fusion Restaurant. For more information, contact Monica Millhime at 753-9040 or mmillhime@wmca.org.

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Governor's Address: Our teachers should be paid what they are worth

Good teachers are critical to Maine's future, so let's pay them adequately.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

Our children are our most valuable asset, and as a parent, I have been fortunate to raise my family in Maine. Unfortunately, while Maine is a good place to raise a family, our teachers are earning below-average salaries.

The average salary for teachers in New England states is more than \$70,000. In Maine, they settle for \$20,000 less, which is \$8,000 below the national average.

Sadly, union bosses who claim to represent our educators don't want to work on solutions that will increase teacher wages and help improve their teaching

For six years I have tried to work with union bosses at the Maine Education Association to benefit students and teachers, but they refuse. For years, I have proposed matching funds for professional development of our teachers to increase expertise and excellence, but they refused and walked away from the table. I have advocated for more money in the classroom and less for inefficient administrative structures, but the union bosses won't support that either. Once again, I am standing up for our teachers to ensure they



Governor Paul R. LePage receive better pay, but we need your help.

There is a bill in the legislature to increase teacher's wages and make sure that more state funds for education actually end up in the classroom.

It is part of a compre-

hensive plan that will recruit and retain highly qualified teachers, as well as provide equity across the state for both teachers and students.

This is especially important in rural and disadvantaged schools where there is high turn-over because they are unable to compete with higher salaries in wealthier districts.

A statewide teacher's contract will enable excellent, properly paid, professional educators for every classroom and student in the State of Maine.

The State would pay for the standard salaries and benefits of all Maine teachers. By directing state funding to actual teaching and learning, the contract would bring the state share of education cost above 55%, the so-called magic number that advocates cite based on a flawed formula.

And it removes an enormous burden on local volunteer school boards, who have to bargain teacher contracts and are often outmatched by professional, highly paid negotiators from the MEA. Think about the wasted time of having 148 superintendents engaged in negotiations every year rather than focusing on student outcomes. There must be a better way.

Past gimmicks, like raising the minimum teacher salary, have not provided a long-term solution. Even after the State implemented a \$30,000 minimum annual salary for teachers, districts fail that requirement claiming added local financial burden. Teachers are still being hired below the minimum.

It's time we put our students and our teachers first, and reject the union bosses and special interests that only want the status quo.

On Thursday, there is a public hearing on this important bill in Augusta. I encourage you to come to the state house and voice your opinion.

If you cannot make it, write a note to your state representative and senator. Your voice matters, and so do our teachers.

> Thank You, Paul R. LePage Governor

Felines

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Tommy's Feral Felines is an all-volunteer, no-kill organization that receives no official funding and relies solely on donations and income generated by its fundraising events.

Tommy's staff works 365 days a year in all kinds of Maine weather to support abandoned cats that live a feral existence. In addition to feeding and sheltering the cats, Tommy's provides spaying and neutering, vaccinations and other medical care to the animals, many of which are too many generations feral to be adoptable.

Tommy's has faced several crises in recent times that have left them in dire financial need. Any and all support is greatly appreciated. So whether you would like to bake, pick up some treats, have bottles or cans to drop by, or would like to make a donation, please mark these dates on your calendar.

For more information or to donate, contact Norm Blais at 240-8767, P. O. Box 274, Greene, ME 04236, or at normblais@ yahoo.com.

Governor commends MDOL Commissioner for service

Governor Paul R. LePage announced recently that Jeanne Paquette, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Labor, will leave the administration to take a position with the University of Southern Maine. Commissioner Paquette served as Deputy Commissioner for MDOL from July 2011 to September 2012. Coming to the LePage Administration with more than 20 years of experience as a business owner and human resources specialist, she fostered a culture focused on how the Department of Labor interacts with employers and employees. Her background in human resources was focused on finding good jobs for good people, which led her to found several industry-related publications and websites, including the Employment Times, HR Times and MyJobWave.com.

Prior to founding her media businesses in 1999, which later merged with Sun Media Group, Paquette held the position of vice president of human resources at Androscoggin Bank, based in Lewiston. She previously served as the director of human resources at Creative Work Systems, a non-profit serving people with disabilities. She has also served as a past member of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Maine Jobs Council and several non-profit boards.

"We are proud of the work Commissioner Paquette has done at MDOL to improve services for Maine workers and the businesses that employ them," said Governor

NBT Bank acquires Downeast Pension Services

NBT Bank, N.A. has acquired Downeast Pension Services, Inc., a retirement plan services company located in New Gloucester. **Downeast Pension Services** provides full-service, thirdparty administration for company-sponsored retirement plans, specializing

LePage. "Under her strong leadership, MDOL has become more efficient and more responsive to the needs of both our employees and our employers. The Department has stepped up its efforts to provide assistance and retraining when jobs are lost and to help Mainers prepare for and find good jobs. During her time at MDOL, Maine has seen the lowest unemployment rate since 1976 and the highest number of private-sector jobs ever created in our state. We are truly sorry to see Jeanne go, but we wish her all the best in this exciting next chapter of her life."

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Rene Morin will continue in his role as DPS president, and the company

will continue to operate as a stand-alone business, retaining its team of professionals and brand at its New Gloucester headquarters. DPS has more than 850 clients and assets under administration of over See NBT, page 7



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Only Steps Forward

Officer Bud Caouette leaves a legacy of commitment to our community

By Jonathan P. LaBonte MAYOR OF AUBURN

Lengthy City Council budget meetings and debates about taxes being too high. Fiery rhetoric about whether or not two cities should merge. The non-stop noise that comes from 24hour news cycles and social media.

Each of these reasons and many more can take the blame for not stopping to celebrate some of the blessings in this community,

specifically some of the people who are living in a way to leave a lasting impact.

As I sat in Kirk Hall on the campus of Central Maine Community College on Saturday, I witnessed the telling of stories and the raw emotion that came from a community impacted by such a person: the late Officer Bud Caouette.

For the last year, the spread of #TeamBud was no less than viral. From his family to his brothers



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

and sisters in the Auburn Police Department, his fellow motorcycle enthusiasts and Lewiston-Auburn ine Officer Caouette as the businesses and non-profits, they all rallied in support Chief Phil Crowell recounted of Bud, not only financially, but also emotionally and spiritually. While I did not PD together for an annual know Bud like so many of summer outing, where he those in his support system, would tend the grill and be-I left Saturday with a much come affectionately known better understanding and a to the Chief's kids as the deep appreciation for what cheeseburger man. Perhaps an example he left.

As cute as the #Team-Bud logo was, developed by our in-house PR rockstar Liz Allen, I can now imag-

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"cheeseburger man." Police how it was Bud's leadership that brought the Auburn it's a mix of the McDonald's characters, the Hamburglar and Mayor McCheese?

Or Deputy Police Chief Jason Moen recalling for those at the memorial service how Officer Caouette was a not a fan of the traffic-enforcement job and would prefer to, instead of providing tickets, report back "Caouette counseling administered." There was no one there to recount having been delivered one of those sessions on a traffic stop, but maybe some of you reading this can relate.

I also learned that dark T-shirts can cause allergic reactions that can only be avoided by wearing white T-shirts. And if needed, you can get a doctor to write a note to your police chief to get you out of the regular wardrobe requirements. Who would have thought?

The stories of Office Caouette stretch well beyond his 22 years serving with honor in the Auburn Police Department. He was husband, a father, a grandfather,

The search committee

for a new Director of Lewis-

ton Public Library will host

a candidate presentation on

Thursday, May 4, from 6 to

7 p.m. in the library's Calla-

han Hall. At the event, can-

didates for the position will

describe their vision for the

future of the library, along

with the experiences, qual-

ifications, skills, and other

attributes they would bring

to the job. The program will

a softball coach, a small business owner and a man for whom a work ethic and commitment to providing for his family was evident in the stories recounted.

I have been proud to watch a clear demonstration of the definition of community, brought forth by Bud's courageous battle. The honor and respect given to him in his passing at his memorial service, and even the procession that followed, was truly moving to those who found themselves, as observers, on the streets of Auburn and Lewiston on Saturday afternoon. I am grateful that Governor LePage granted our request to lower the State of Maine flag on Saturday in Bud's honor.

One phrase that struck me Saturday, as it was repeated multiple times by those speaking of their love of Officer Caouette and their experiences with him, was how the true loss was for all those who would never have the chance to get to know Bud.

If I might be so bold, I would offer a slight correction to that statement. As evidenced by those sharing his impact, it is clear that many more people will come to know Bud's legacy through the lives of his family, friends and brothers and sister of the Auburn PD.

begin at 6 p.m., will include

time for audience questions,

answers, and conversation,

and will conclude by 7 p.m.

All those with an interest

in the library and its future

are invited to attend. The

search committee members

are City Administrator Ed

Barrett, Lithgow Public

Library Director Betsy Pohl,

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Enough is Enough

Should General Assistance from Maine taxpayers be spent out of state?

By Robert E. Macdonald MAYOR OF LEWISTON

They swooped down from the North. They swarmed up from the South. Surged in from the West and streamed in from the East. Their destination was Maine's capital, Augusta. All had very pressing business at the State House.

If you had business in the capital city last Thursday, you probably experienced difficulty getting off Augusta's I-95 exits (both North and South) and experienced unusually heavy traffic and delays on Western Avenue.

No, President Donald Trump was not paying a social visit to Governor Paul LePage. There were no high-profile celebrities in town. For many of those coming to Augusta, the threat of a severe change in their lifestyle hovered like the sword of Damocles above their heads. Gasp!

They may no longer be able to use their Maine General Assistance (welfare) benefits out of state. Oh, the horror!

This bill will be debated in a legislative committee for many hours. Opponents of the bill will present a cornucopia of victims testifying to how this bill will adversely affect them. Worse, their stories will fall on sympathetic legislators' ears. And what will the end result be?

Taxpayers should take a step back and think about what this bill is looking to accomplish. It does not take or reduce the amounts of



Mayor Bob Macdonald

assistance given to those on our General Assistance rolls. It only forbids them from using these benefits out of state. As a Maine taxpayer whose money is being doled out to these wards of the state, how do you feel?

This is benchmark legislation. It will clearly show

central Maine. Funds raised

through Bowl for Kids'

Sake play a critical role in

creating and supporting

the carefully made matches

between high school and

college students and their

if your local legislator is representing your interests or those of the many special interest groups advocating for more welfare and those on General Assistance.

We will remember in November of 2018.

To the chagrin of all my progressive social-engineering critics and their snowflake minions, our policy of removing blighted buildings from Lewiston's landscape has proven very successful.

Last Thursday I had a conversation with Mayor David Rollins of Augusta. He had just been informed that because of shortage of housing in Lewiston and Portland, 90 refugee families were going to be resettled in Augusta. This news is a body blow to those locally who

make a living off the poor, but great news for Lewiston's property taxpayers.

Fighting for their cushy jobs and job titles, which in their minds make them feel important, these local activists counter that the tearing down of these houses is costing Lewiston a loss in tax revenue. This appears on its face to be a powerful argument.

Let's make this simple and direct. Let's take the average three-story, multi--bedroom building in downtown Lewiston and place an inflated tax bill of \$10,000 on the property. If each building houses four school-age children, which costs Lewiston \$9,000 per pupil, that equates to \$36,000. Thus, the school expenses exceed the tax revenue by \$26,000.

If any of these pupils are in need of special education services, it could cost taxpayers \$20,000, \$40,000. or \$100,000 to provide for each of their educations. Add to this other social service costs, and if you were a private business, you would soon be out of business.

Now the argument, by our "government is everything" friends, is that the city will be reimbursed by the state and federal governments. True. But remember: any money from the government comes from you, the taxpayers.

Lastly, the policies of the last five years will soon be replaced by low- or no-income housing projects, compliments of Ben Chin and the Maine Peoples Alliance.

City to hold forum on street, crosswalk, sidewalk safety

The City of Lewiston, the Maine Department of Transportation, and the Bicycle Coalition of Maine will host a public forum to discuss the recent spike in pedestrian-vehicle collisions on Monday, May 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. in

the City Council Chambers at Lewiston City Hall. Those attending will be invited to share ideas and take home reflective safety gear. For more information, contact the Bicycle Coalition of Maine at 623-4511.

New Chamber president to speak at Breakfast Meeting

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host its next Breakfast Meeting



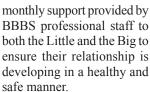
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on Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at the Kora Shrine Center at 11 Sabattus Street in Lewiston. This month's speaker will be the chamber's new president and CEO, Beckie Conrad. The

Bowl Continued from page 1 event, providing more than half of the operating budget that serves seven counties in mid-coast, eastern and

Businesses and indiwhere supporters can make electronic donations online at bbbsmidmaine.org.

Bowlers can also download pledge forms from the website to collect donations and bring the pledge sheet to the event. Teams that raise \$500 or more will receive this year's "Go Big or Go Home" t-shirts at the event. Individuals who raise \$100 or more are entered into a grand prize drawing. There will be hourly bowling prizes awarded and a special recognition event for high fundraisers. For more information about the event or volunteering, or for help registering teams, contact Jennifer Cartmell at 653-3857 or jennifer@ bbbsmidmaine.org, or visit bbbsmidmaine.org.



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What's Going On

"Pack the Bus" food drive for St. Mary's Food Pantry

Volunteers from St. Mary's Food Pantry will be at Shaw's in Lewiston and Auburn on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to collect non-perishable food items for their Pack the Bus event. Organizers hope to fill an entire school bus at each location as part of their spring food drive. Residents can stop in at the Shaw's on East Avenue in Lewiston or Center Street in Auburn to make food or monetary donations. Held twice a year, these Pack the Bus events provide critical community support for Pantry services.

St. Mary's Food Pantry focuses on distributing healthy food items, like unsweetened peanut butter, dry beans, whole wheat pasta, whole grain rice, and non-sugary cereals, along with tons of fresh produce and frozen meats available through Good Shepherd Food Bank. The Pantry also gets many requests for baby items, such as formula and diapers, which are always in need and hard to acquire.



A bus will collect non-perishable food and financial contributions at Shaw's in Lewiston and Auburn from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 13.

St. Mary's Food Pantry has seen a marked increase in need for its services. Last year, it distributed 11,510 boxes of healthy food (up nearly 35% over the previous year), enough to provide two-day emergency relief for 30,340 people. It currently provides food for over 580 people per week.

The Pantry also provides volunteer opportunities for community pounds of food accessible to the community, including 150,000 pounds of fresh produce

Shaw's Supermarkets and Hudson Bus Lines are long-time supporters of this event. In addition to the Food Pantry's Advisory Committee and other volunteers who help staff the event, Lewiston High School's JROTC Cadets will help at each Shaw's

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WMTS launches survey to get feedback on public transportation needs

growing need for public transportation, Western Maine Transportation Services has launched an online survey to get public feedback on how to improve public transportation throughout its service area, which includes Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties and the cities of Brunswick and Topsham.

"We're seeking input from as many people in our service area as we can reach, whether they use currently-available public transportation or not," said WMTS General Manager Sandy Buchanan. "This survey is about determining real-world needs so WMTS can work to offer relevant rural and urban public transportation options for everyone's benefit."

The survey asks why people do - or do not use public transportation, and if they do, where and when they use it. A series of questions allows survey takers to note what changes, additions and improvements they would like to see to fill gaps in transportation services, including rural-to-rural and rural-to-urban connections. Anyone needing

In response to a a printed version of the survey may call WMTS at 800-393-9335, ext. 208. Otherwise, they survey can be accessed online at www.wmtsbus.org. It must be completed by May 8. Part of a study funded

> by the Maine Department of Transportation to improve transit in Maine, the survey will help evaluate the feasibility of new routes and connections, along with a range of strategies for funding. Once the study is completed in August, WMTS will focus on identifying funding sources and moving towards implementation of the region's priorities, as indicated by the survey and interviews with area businesses, hospitals, schools and non-profits.

"We hear every day that the region needs more transportation options to ease the stress of commuting to work, to allow people to access educational opportunities, and to get to everything from essential services like grocery shopping and healthcare appointments to just going to the movies," continued Buchanan. "We are aware of how the number of people in our service area who don't drive due to economic, age-related, or medical reasons - or just out of personal preference - is growing. These people span all age and socio-economic groups and also include tourists. This survey is the public's chance to tell us what their transportation needs are."

As a nonprofit 501(c) (3) public transportation corporation established by statute in 1976, WMTS currently operates bus and van services centered around population centers throughout its service area, as well as Lewiston-Auburn's citylink buses, the Lisbon Connection commuter bus, the Brunswick Explorer bus and the Mountain Explorer and Sugarloaf Explorer seasonal bus



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St. Dom's students embark on "Mission to Mississippi"



In what has become an annual tradition, eleven seniors, accompanied by several parents and school representatives, spent a week doing community service work with the Sisters of Mercy in Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Every April, the population of around 1,500 people in Mound Bayou, Mississippi, grows by about 15 and 20 for a week. These temporary residents arrive in a small school bus, a cargo van, and a minivan after a 1,600-mile journey from Saint Dominic Academy, a "Mission to Mississippi" designed to be a learning experience that also provides valuable assistance to a struggling community.

Eleven seniors, accompanied by several parents and school representatives, departed the academy this year to work with the Sisters of Mercy at the St. Gabriel Center in Mound Bayou. The group painted houses, did landscaping, visited the elderly, performed small house repairs, and even did some planting at Alcorn State University.

Students displayed their commitment to the trip, organized by teachers Lori Rioux and Andrew Girouard, even before departing. Participants sleep on the floors of Catholic schools on the way to Mississippi and in a church hall after they arrive. They are not allowed to bring along smartphones or other electronic devices. They held fundraisers to defray expenses throughout

the school year.

Though this journey takes place outside the classroom, students learn plenty of lessons through the opportunity to observe Southern culture, enjoy local food, and receive the hospitality of thankful residents. "As high school seniors, they really get to see that there is more out there in the world than themselves," said Rioux. "Each evening, everyone on the mission trip gathers together for prayer to reflect on the things we've

seen and experienced over the course of the day."

This year's trip was the school's 20th "Mission to Mississippi," an idea of Michael Welch, a former principal of the school who worked in Mississippi prior to arriving at Saint Dominic Academy. "He passed away in 2006," said Rioux. "The ongoing commitment to keep this mission alive is a testament to his life and to the impact this trip has had on so many people."

What's Going On

APL offers "Let's Talk About It" reading and discussion series

Auburn Public Library will present a free "Let's Talk About It" reading and discussion series called "Exploring Human Boundaries: Literary Perspectives on Health Care Providers and Their Patients." The first session will take place on Thursday, May 18 at 10 a.m., and there will be two additional monthly sessions, ending on July 20.

The books to be read and discussed are "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down," by Anne Fadiman; "The Yellow Wallpaper," by Charlotte Gilman; "The Diving-Bell and the Butterfly," by Jean-Dominique Bauby; and "W;t," by Margaret Edson. A scholar provided by the Maine Humanities Council will facilitate the discussions. Books for

the program are available for loan at the library. To register, call 333-6640, ext. 4.

"Let's Talk About It" is offered to Maine libraries through the Maine Humanities Council in partnership with the Maine State Library. For more information about "Let's Talk About It" and the work of the Maine Humanities Council, see www.mainehumanities.org.

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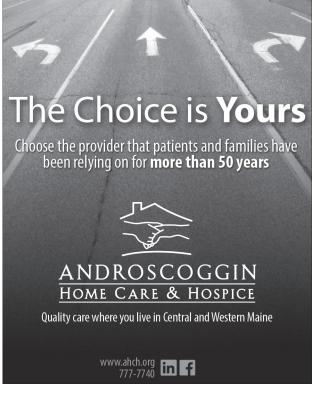
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Out & About with Rachel Morin

Curious Minds contemplate Shroud of Turin

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

Alan Elze, long-time instructor at Lewiston Auburn Senior College, continued the lectures in the Curious Minds Series being offered at the Auburn Public Library in partnership with the Senior College free of charge to the public this



Alan Elze, LA Sr. College Instructor, left, and Marty Gagnon, APL Manager Adult Services, confer on the Power Point presentation on The Shroud of Turin.



Bonnie and Don Miville had heard of the Curious Minds Series in collaboration with Lewiston Auburn Senior College and Auburn Public Library and thought it was an excellent program.

past Tuesday, April 25.

Elze's narrated Power Point presentation on The Shroud of Turin drew an interested crowd who came with questions and he was full of answers. The popular instructor, a historian, who is known for his detailed research on his subjects, deftly took his audience through the history of the linen cloth bearing the image of a man, believed to be the burial shroud of Jesus of Nazareth.

Elze showed us the images on the Shroud, which depicted the head, front and back of a man, showing evidence of the severe scourging with hundreds of marks on his back. The instructor told us it was determined the man in the Shroud was definitely crucified.

Elze spoke of the origins of the Shroud and its images which have been the subject of intense debate among theologians, historians and researchers. Diverse arguments have been made in scientific and popular publications claiming to prove that the cloth is the authentic burial shroud of Jesus, based on the disciplines ranging from chemistry to biology and medical forensics to optical image

analysis.

Over the centuries, the Shroud has traveled extensively and many people handled it, contaminating it before it became guarded and protected. The Catholic Church is now responsible for the Shroud. It is housed in the royal chapel of Saint John the Baptist in Turin in northern Italy. The next public showing will be in 2025.

Elze said every Pope has seen it, but the Catholic Church has neither formally endorsed nor rejected the Shroud. In 1958, Pope Pius XII approved of the image in association with the devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus.

Elze has a M.A. in American History and Museum Science from the University of Rhode Island and



Orrin and Carol Hanscombe were very interested to learn more about The Shroud of Turin.

is involved in local history preservation throughout the city. He serves on the Board of Directors at Museum LA. An instructor at Senior College since 2005, he has taught over three dozen courses, some more than once. He also volunteers at Seniors Plus, Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, the Hospice House, and the

Maine Attorney General's Office where he volunteers as a mediator.

Hugh Keene, LA Senior College instructor and former Board Chair, will conclude the Curious Mind Series on Tuesday, May 16, at 2 pm with Phun with Physics, showing the basic concepts in motion and force.



Lynn Bower, Maurice Ouellette and Nancy Bartley had a few questions about the Shroud of Turin. See more photos on page 9.

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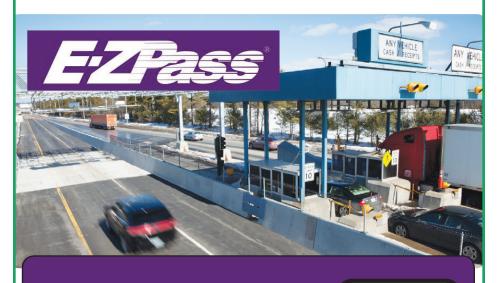


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Cynthia Peters, Grace and Hugh Keene had read ahead about the subject being presented.



Don Robitaille, Gerry and Claudette Martel came early for front row seating.



Gail Martel, Jacqueline Bate, Maureen White and Paula Laroche knew this topic would draw a crowd.

Former Chamber president launches new recruiting company for veterans

Matt Leonard, former president and CEO of the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, recently announced that he is launching a new company. Military Talent Source is a specialized firm that conducts military recruiting and veteran employment consulting as its full focus. The company provides personalized service to both separating military service members and corporate clients to match talent to specific opportunities in the civilian corporate sector.

With the tagline, "Talent on Target," Military Talent Source will initially focus on recruiting for corporations in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. However, through the formation of strategic partnerships, the company has access to job opportunities available nationwide.

"200,000 to 250,000 military service members separate from military service every year," said Leonard. "Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont have demographic challenges that require bringing in new people to sustain their economies. This is a win for veterans, companies, and our communities."

Military Talent Source plans to leverage information technology

by partnering with Lewiston-based Don't Panic Consulting to build a ground-up, proprietary information and business process system to overcome barriers and challenges in the recruiting process faced by both veterans and employers.

"Opportunities to partner on projects like Matt Leonard's Military Talent Source are exactly why I started Don't Panic Consulting," said CEO Justin Donnaruma. "Innovative ideas partnered with technical solutions are the future of Maine's and

Lewiston's economy. Having previously experienced challenges translating my own skill sets from a cyber intelligence background to the corporate world, I immediately recognized Military Talent Source as a needed resource.

"Veterans are tired of charity and the companies that want to hire them because they are a popular buzzword but fail to utilize their talents," added Donnaruma. "Military Talent Source will be the translator between the military and corporate worlds.'

What's Going On

Monmouth resident promoted to lieutenant colonel



Newly promoted Lt. Col. Scott J. Lewis (c.) stands between Brig. Gen. Dwaine E. Drummond and wife, Lynn, during the promotion ceremony at Camp Keyes.

Brig. Gen. Dwaine E. Drummond, Director of the Maine National Guard Joint Staff, recently promoted Major Scott J. Lewis of Monmouth to the rank of lieutenant colonel at a ceremony at Camp Keyes attended by family members, friends, and fellow service members.

Lewis is a combat veteran, having served in Iraq and Afghanistan with the 133rd Engineer Battalion. His more than 27 years of military service include a yearlong deployment to Iraq in 2004 and another deployment to Afghanistan in 2013. His most recent military assignments include Executive Officer for the 133rd Engineer Battalion, Operations Officer for the 52nd Troop Command, and

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Deadline is Friday by five. Deputy Commander for the 52nd Troop Command.

Lewis joined the 133rd Engineer Battalion after completing Officer Candidate School in 1999 and was assigned as an engineer platoon leader to Company B, 133rd Engineer Battalion in Westbrook. He has served in various command and staff assignments within the 133rd Engineer Battalion and the 52nd Troop Command in Augusta, and was the State Partnership Program officer from 2010

"Scott represents the best in us," said Brig. Gen. Drummond. "Words like professionalism, loyalty, outstanding officer and soldier describe him. You can learn a lot about an individual from the way they treat subordinates, and Scott is as professional and personable as they come."

"I am fortunate," said Lewis. "I have the luxury of serving with the less than 1% of the population who wear the uniform."

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"Ripcord" opens Friday at Public Theatre



It's "The Odd Couple" meets "The Golden Girls" when two mismatched roommates wage war over the most desirable room in their retirement home in the hilarious new comedy "Ripcord," playing May 5 through 14 at The Public Theatre in Lewiston. Don't miss the New England premiere of this recent off-Broadway hit by Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Lindsay-Abaire. For tickets, call 782-3200 or see www.thepublictheatre.org.

Post 31 presents "Pin-Ups on Tour"

The Alden M. Gayton American Legion Post 31 at 426 Washington Street N. in Auburn will present Pin-Ups on Tour, a patriotic WWII-style burlesque and variety show, on Monday, May 15 at 8 p.m. This na-

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tionally touring production recreates the magic of 1940s burlesque theater that was popular in America in the WWII era. The evening will feature dancing pin-ups, comedy, variety acts, lounge singers and a few surprises.

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The cost for this ages-21-and-older show is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Reserved seating is available for \$35. Veterans and active-duty service members attend free of charge and should reserve their tickets online. Others may purchase their tickets at auburnpinups.brownpapertickets.com.

at 3 p.m. and food will be available for purchase between 5 and 7 p.m. For information, see pinupson-

Performers include Los An-

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geles- and Las Vegas-based comedians, singers and

Historical Society meeting to feature aerial photos

The Lisbon Historical Society will host amateur photographer Steve Yenco at its next meeting on Wednesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. Yenco will share views of Lisbon and other areas of the state, from Katahdin to the coast, from the eve of his quad copter drone called "Moxie," along with nature scenes from his hiking and kayaking trips

Yenco, who has

been flying his drone since May 2016, also has two trail cameras and two point-and-shoot cameras that he carries with him everywhere he goes. While not a professional photographer, he is a weather watcher for WGME Ch. 13 and WMTW Ch. 8, along with the National Weather Service in Gray. He is a member of the Mount Washington Observatory and a volunteer for Marine Mammals of Maine, a seal rescue group that covers the coast from Kittery to Rockland.

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served after the program. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Parking and entrance are at the rear of the MTM Center at 18 School Street in Lisbon Falls. For more information, call 353-8510 or e-mail lisbonhistsoc@gmail.com.

Popular drag show benefits Outright L/A

Outright Lewiston-Au- Miss E'on, Davina, Cherry burn will present the ninth annual Lewistunning Dragapalooza, a performance to benefit the organization's work with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth in Androscoggin County, on Saturday, May 6 at 6 p.m. The event will take place at Bates College's Schaeffer Theater, 305 College Street in Lewiston. Doors will open at 5 p.m.

form include Shaunna Rai, out. General admission is

Lemonade, Jacinda, Jack Hardness, Simon Seys, Step Mother, Dirty Money, Dana Rae, youth performers and others. The evening will also feature a raffle offering those attending chances to win prizes donated by local businesses.

Lewistunning Dragapalooza is the largest Outright L-A fundraiser of the year. Seating is limited and previous years' performanc-Drag artists to per- es have consistently sold

\$15. First-row VIP seating is \$30. Tickets can be purchased at the door if still available or in advance at Orbit Hair Styling, 124 Ash Street in Lewiston or www. outrightla.org.

Outright L-A is always looking for volunteers interested in working to create safe and affirming environments for youth ages 21 and under who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning. For more information, visit www. outrightla.org.

Free Spring Concert

The United Methodist Church of Auburn will hold its annual Spring Concert on Saturday, May 6 at 3 p.m. The free concert will feature the Wesleyan Singers,

Auburn Bell Ringers, and Park Avenue Pickers, as well as several local soloists and musicians.

Free ice cream, desserts and drinks will be available after the concert. The church is located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn.

For more information, call the church office at 782-3972.

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Food for thought examines "Poems of the Civil War"

Well-known Civil War historian, living-history performer, and long-time L-A Senior College instructor Dr. Charles Plummer will be the presenter at the next LA Senior College Food for Thought session on Friday, May 12 at noon. He will share "Poems of the Civil War" that illuminate the literary meanings and memory of the Civil War as well as the role that poetry plays in American popular culture.

Plummer teaches that poetry is a literary art form that can be associated with a vast array of ideas and emotions, and that many poets



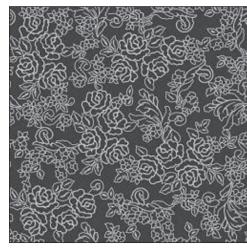
Dr. Charles Plummer

throughout history have expressed both their personal thoughts and political views through poetry. In his program, he will illustrate this with Civil War poems from seven categories: The Hor-

rors of War, Moral Fervor, Snapshots of War, Pantheon, Lincoln, Aftermath, and Stillness.

Open to the public, this monthly luncheon program takes place in Function Room 170 at USM LAC. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins promptly at noon. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$7 with an advance reservation or \$8 at the door. To make your advance reservation, call Senior College at 753-6510 by noon on Wednesday, May 10. Reservation calls received after this date and time will be considered "at the door."

Museum L-A to host discussion on interior design





At the event, the museum will unveil new fashion fabric designs inspired by its historic silkscreen collection.

How are historic mill designs for bedspreads relevant to the contemporary world of interior design? The answer, according to members of a new Entrepreneurial Task Force at Museum L-A, is quite a lot. The task force has assembled several experts in the interior design field to explore this and other questions in a panel discussion called "Interior Design - Notes from the Profession" on Wednesday, May 10 at 6 p.m. at Museum L-A.

The program is free and open to the public and students and youth interested in pursuing a career in interior design are especially encouraged to attend. Among other topics, the discussion will touch upon what interior designers do, the variety of career paths available, what it's like working with an interior designer, and where designers get their inspiration.

Representing the breadth of the interior design industry, the panelists will include furniture designer Chris Blackburn of Intrinsic Design Studio; Lauren Dunn of Creative Office Pavilion, who currently serves as



president of the Maine Interior Design Association; and architect Paul Lewandowski of Lavallee Brensigner Architects, who currently serves as president of the New England chapter of the International Interior Design Association. A Lewiston native, Lewandowski also serves as chair of Museum L-A's Entrepreneurial Task Force and will be the panel facilitator.

At the event, the museum's Entrepreneurial Task Force will unveil the first fashion fabric designs inspired by the Museum's historic silkscreen collection. "It's very exciting to be able to showcase new designs based on the creativity and vision of

our own millworker ancestors," says Museum L-A Executive Director Rachel Desgrosseilliers. Those interested in helping the Entrepreneurial Task Force develop new income ventures for Museum L-A are welcome to contact Desgrosseilliers at the Museum.

Located in the Bates Mill Complex at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston, Museum L-A is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. For tours or information about the program, contact Robert at 333-3881 or rearon@museumla.org.



Twin City Nights

Maine Event Comedy presents AMVETS fundraiser

With a face that has launched a thousand laughs, Maine's own Johnny Ater headlines Maine Event Comedy at AMVETS Post 6 on Saturday, May 6 at 8 p.m. The show will also feature Steve Cloutier, Jake Jacobson, and host Mark Turcotte. Half of the event's ticket sales will benefit AMVETS Post 6.

Whether he's taking light-hearted swipes at himself and his fellow Mainers, or contorting his face into hilarious expressions, Johnny Ater has been making audiences laugh since 2003. He's performed at the Punchline in San Francisco and headlined the Maine Comedy Festival. He has also appeared on "The Nite Show with Danny Cashman" and recently provided voiceover work for an Agren Appliance television campaign.

Jake Jacobson has seen the world and he's not impressed. Born in Massachusetts, raised in Rhode Island, and enlightened in Africa, he now resides in Western Maine and writes intellectual-social-obser-



Johnny Ater

vational irreverence to be delivered wherever some good ol' common sense is required.

When he's not overhauling snowmobiles, tractors, and ATVs, Steve Cloutier can be found on New England stages discussing creative drink concoctions and trying to figure out the strange beings we call "Mainers."

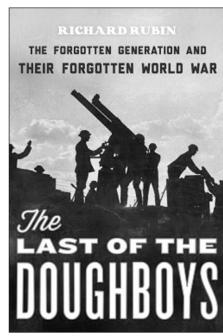
Host Mark Turcotte was selected for the Boston, Cleveland and North Carolina comedy festivals and will soon make his national television debut on AXS TV's "Gotham Comedy Live." Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. They may be purchased at maineeventcomedy.com. AMVETS Post 6 in located at 1095 Lewiston Road in New Gloucester. For more information call 513-0742 or e-mail maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

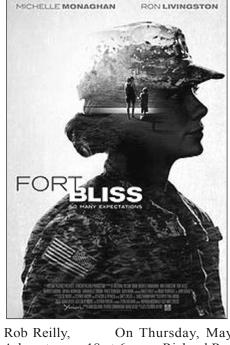
The nation's largest and oldest Congressionally-chartered veterans service organization, AMVETS is a nonpartisan advocate for veterans and their families. They are open to and fight for all veterans who served honorably, including reservists and guardsmen.



Twin City Nights

APL series to explore impact of war on veterans





Auburn Public Library will host a series of programs this month to bring together members of the veterans' community, their families and the public to explore how war has impacted their lives. Authors, historians, veterans' advocates, and veterans themselves will lead discussions and share experiences with audience members. Free and open to the public, the events will take place in the Community Room on the library's lower level at 49 Spring Street. For more information, call 333-6640 or see www. auburnpubliclibrary.org.

On Thursday, May

11 at 6 p.m., Rob Reilly. Director of Adventure Programming for Camp Kieve for Veterans, will lead a discussion after a showing of the 2014 film "Fort Bliss." As a thank you to veterans and their families, Camp Kieve offers camps for families, Vietnam veterans, and women veterans who have experienced the stress of deployment during past and current conflicts. Fort Bliss tells the story of a decorated U.S. Army medic and single mother who struggles to rebuild her relationship with her young son after returning home from an extended tour in Afghanistan.

On Thursday, May 18 at 6 p.m., Richard Rubin, author of "The Last of the Doughboys" and the soon to be released "Back Over There," will share from his interviews conducted with WWI veterans. Veterans and their families are encouraged to share their stories of how war has impacted their lives.

On Thursday, May 25 at 6 p.m., Dr. Elizabeth Bischof, professor at the University of Southern Maine and Project Manager for Maine's World War I Memorials digital humanities project, will talk about her work recording images of Maine's **Annual Plow Day this weekend at Skyline Farm**



Mules plow a field at the 2016 event. (Photo by Patti Mikkelsen)

Skyline Farm at 95 The Lane in North Yarmouth will hold its ninth annual Plow Day on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The free public event will demonstrate the original meaning of the term "horse power" as teams of draft horses

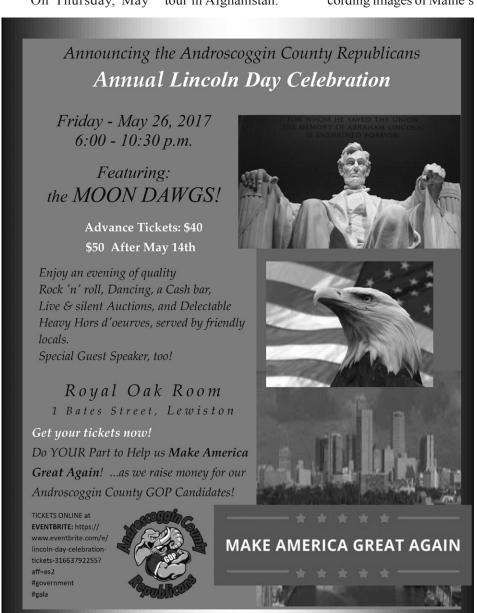
World War I memorials, which will be preserved on an interactive map and website.

The series is funded by a World War I and America grant from the Library of America and the National Endowment for the Humanities to commemorate 100th anniversary of the nation's entry into the war in 1917. plow a portion of Skyline Farm's field.

At the event, blacksmith Tim Greene of Parsonsfield will demonstrate the importance of having a small forge on the farm, even nowadays, to make repairs or tools and hardware. Members of the White Pine Caprines 4-H Club will have a clipping contest and demonstration with their goats and will provide information about 4-H, one of the nation's oldest and strongest youth leadership and educational programs.

A "Recollections: Horse & Buggy Days" exhibit, featuring quotes from real people recalling life in New England during the horse and buggy era, will be available for viewing. Also available on a donation basis will be horse-drawn wagon rides for children by Heather Phinney of Stillbrook Acres in Gray and Ben Lapointe of Greene.

From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., refreshments from the grill and baked goods will be available for purchase. From 1 to 1:15 p.m., Certified Professional Dog Trainer Diana Logan and her dog Astro will demonstrate amazing dog tricks. The rain date is Sunday, May 7. Parking is available in the field beyond the outdoor arena and along one side of The Lane. For more information, contact Pamela Ames, at 829-5708 or info@skylinefarm.org.





Thursday, May 4

Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. 6:45 to 8:30 a.m. Armory, 179 Western Ave., Augusta. The Maine Nat'l. Guard hosts this annual event to celebrate all faiths and build unity; speakers incl. Gov. LePage and Warden Service Chaplain Kate Braestrup. \$10.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. The guest speaker is Laura Keller, Human Resource Manager at the Poland Spring facility of Nestle Waters North America. Guests welcome; no reservation required; lunch avail. at Fusion Restaurant for \$10. 753-9040; monica. millhime@maine.gov.

Auburn Citizen of the Year Banquet. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Martindale Country Club, Auburn. Come for the naming of the 2017 recipient. \$45 per person. To see entrée options and register online, see www.auburnba.com.

Library Director Candidate Forum. 6 to 7 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Candidates to become the library's new director describe their vision for the library and qualifications for the position.

Friday, May 5

"The Caverly Chronicles." 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. Tim Caverly is a former Maine Park Ranger who has published seven books about Maine's northern forest. Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Theater: "Ripcord." 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. Retirement home roommates spar over who gets the room of their choice in this off-Broadway comedy hit. Again May 6-7, 11-14 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$20 (\$5 ages 18). 782-3200; www. thepublictheatre.org.

Poetry Reading. 7 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St., Hallowell. The Bookey Readings continue with poets and teachers Anna Wrobel and Marita O'Neill. Refreshments. \$3 donation at door. 622-3813; www.harlowgal-

Theater: "The Taming of the Shrew." 7 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This play remains one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies. Again 5/6, 7, 12, 13 (2 p.m. 5/7 & 13). \$12 adv., \$15 at door. 442-8455; www. chocolatechurcharts.org.

Pops Concert. 7 p.m. Viles Auditorium, Cony High School, Augusta. Kennebec

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Performing Arts Company presents their Chorus, Wind Ensemble, & Jazz Band. \$10 at door (kids through high school free). 370-5381.

Saturday, May 6

Spring Open House. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Whiting Farm, 876 Summer St., Auburn. Flower, herb, and vegetable seedlings; artisan fair; children's craft and touch-a-tractor events.

Fishing Derby. 8 to 10 a.m. Middle Pond, Beaver Park, 37 Cotton Rd., Lisbon. Open to kids ages 1 to 15; any parent helping must hold a valid Maine fishing license. Register at 7:30 at the beach area. Free. 353-2289.

Plow Day. 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane, No. Yarmouth. Watch as horses plow a field the old fashioned way at this annual event; horse-drawn wagon rides, demos, amazing dog tricks, concessions. Free. 829-5708, info@skyline-

Creatures of the Night. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Maine Wildlife Park, 56 Game Farm Rd., Gray. The park kicks off its Saturday program days with a variety of activities surrounding its new Nocturnal Creatures exhibit. Park admission \$7.50/5.50. 657-4977; www.mainewildlifepark.com.

Spring Concert. 3 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. The Wesleyan Singers, Auburn Bell Ringers, Park Avenue Pickers, and local soloists and musicians perform; refreshments follow. Free. 782-3972.

Public Supper & Music Jam. Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. Doors at 4:30 p.m.; dinner (baked beans, hot dogs, casseroles) from 5 to 6 p.m.; music from 6 to 8 p.m. \$7. 268-9271

Public Supper. 5 p.m. Paris Fire Station, Western Ave., So. Paris. The Paris Fire Dept. Auxiliary serves up roasted pork, mashed potatoes, vegetables, mac and cheese, bread, and homemade desserts. \$8 adults, \$4 ages 4-12, ages 3- free.

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Maine Event Comedy. 8 p.m. AMVETS Post 6, 1095 Lewiston Rd., New Gloucester. Performing are Johnny Ater, Steve Cloutier, Jake Jacobson, and host Mark Turcotte. \$8 adv./\$10 at door. 513-0742; maineeventcomedy.com.

Sunday, May 7

Community Breakfast. 7:30 to 10 a.m. American Legion Post 135, 40 Island Rd., Sabattus. Eggs to order, French toast, chipped beef, pancakes, sausage, ham, baked beans, country fries, toast, muffins, orange juice, coffee, tea and milk. \$7; kids ages 10-\$3.

Kids' Fun Run and 5K. Hebron Station School, Hebron. Kids' one-mile Fun Run at 10:00; 5K follows. All ages, levels welcome. This family event also features a cookie bake-off and raffles. Register at 9 a.m. or in adv. at Active.com. 890-8205; janet@go-malawi.org.

20th Anniversary Celebration. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 151 West Gray Rd. Gray. Liturgy with Communion Service at 10 a.m., followed by buffet luncheon and good conversation until 3:00. Everyone

Country Sunday. Noon to 4:30 p.m. Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. Enjoy dancing to live country music by Tim Sprague & Murky Water, Allen Sockabasin, Paula Kaiser, and the Over the Hill Band. Concessions; door prizes. \$5; free kids ages 11-. 536-9647.

Empty Bowls Supper. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. First Universalist Church 169 Pleasant St., Auburn. This discusses the contributions of "Poems of the Civil War."

fundraiser for Trinity Jubilee Center features free admission and supper with the purchase of pottery crafted by local artisans; early admission passes avail. www. trinityjubileecenter.org.

Tuesday, May 9

Stanton Bird Club Walk. 6 to 8:30 a.m. Steve Reed leads this walk from the front of Hathorn Hall on the Bates College campus to Riverside Cemetery and back. Free; all welcome. 319-6630.

Wednesday, May 10

A Place for Makers. 6 to 8 p.m. At L-A's newest co-working space, MUNKA, American Roots co-founder Ben Waxman discusses how the company has built a growing textile company with a skilled workforce. Pres. by L-A Arts. Free. 782-7228. RSVP at www. eventbrite.com.

Interior Design Forum. 6 p.m. Museum L-A. 35 Canal St., Lewiston. A panel of experts discusses the types of work interior designers do; students, aspiring designers encouraged to attend. Free. 333-3881

Sodalist of the Year Dinner. 6 p.m. Green Ladle, Lewiston H.S. campus, East Ave. A ham dinner will be followed by entertainer Louis Phillip; door prizes, 50/50 raffle. \$18. To buy tix, call Claudette at 784-4391.

Aerial Photography Program. 7 p.m. Lisbon Historical Society, MTM Center, 18 School St., Lisbon Falls. Amateur photographer Steve Yenco shares photos taken with his quad copter drone "Moxie." Park, enter at building rear. Free. 353-8510.

Thursday, May 11

Bowl for Kids' Sake. Sparetime Recreation, Lewiston. This annual event brings together teams of bowlers who raise pledges for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Cont. 5/12-13. Register at bbbsmidmaine.org.

L-A Metro Chamber Breakfast. 7 a.m. Kora Shrine Center, 11 Sabattus St., Lewiston. This month's speaker is new chamber president and CEO Beckie Conrad. \$20/30. www.LAMetro-Chamber.com.

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Sampson AFB Veterans Meeting. Noon. Rolandeau's Restaurant, 715 Washington St., Auburn. Those who served at Sampson Air Force Base/Naval Training Center resume their monthly luncheons for 2017. All veterans welcome. 784-5691; 657-4909.

Veterans' Lives Series. 6 p.m. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Rob Reilly of Camp Kieve for Veterans leads a discussion after a showing of the 2014 film "Fort Bliss." Free. 333-6640; www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

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Friday, May 12

Spring Fling Sale & Bottle Drive. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Chapter 11, Main St. (across from Burger King), Lewiston. Proceeds benefit Tommy's Feral Felines, which works to support local feral cats. Again 5/13. FMI or to donate, call 240-8767 or email normblais@yahoo.

Food for Thought Luncheon. Noon. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. L-A Senior College instructor Charles Plummer shares

\$7/8, incl. lunch. For adv. price, register by noon on 5/10 by calling 753-6510.

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Saturday, May 13

Stanton Bird Club Field Trip. 7 a.m. to noon. Dan Marquis leads this trip to Evergreen Cemetery and Capisic Pond in Portland to look for warblers and other spring migrants. Meet for carpooling at Promenade Mall parking lot, near Staples, in Lewiston. Free; all welcome. 513-8213.

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Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Music by Weber, Canteloube, and Mahler; with guest soloist soprano Rachele Schmiege. \$20; cash or check at door, or call 846-5378, see www. midcoastsymphony.org. Free for college students and those ages 17-.





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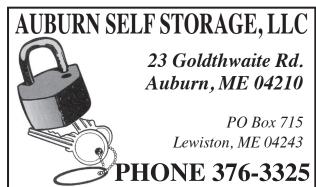
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What's Going On

CM Foundation honors achievements at Annual Dinner



CM Foundation board members Rick Vail (l.), president of Mechanic Savings Bank, and Bruce Tisdale, president of Mountain Machine Works, chat before dinner.

Central Maine Community College's tenth Annual Dinner took place recently at the Hilton Garden Inn of Auburn. The event was hosted by the college's CM Education Foundation Board of Di-

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to students and others for their achievements or contributions to the col-

Proceeds from the dinner, which are expected to exceed \$23,000, will benefit the foundation's scholarship fund.

The mission of the CM Education Foundation is to provide financial support to CMCC and its students, to advocate on behalf of the college, and to nurture relationships with the community and other constituencies.

To date, the foundation has raised more than one million dollars in scholarships for the college.



CM Foundation board member Christine Bosse, vice president at Bangor Savings Bank, talks with Nick Hamel, CMCC dean of student services.



Students Ellie Harrington (left), and Seve Deery-Deraps, members of the CMCC national championship basketball team, served as greeters at the annual dinner.









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