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New wheels for Robitaille



Avid cyclist Don Robitaille poses with his new Felt electric bike. (Photo by Rachel Morin)

Don Robitaille of Lewiston, well known long distance biker to California, has a new bike, a blue Felt electric model. He is excited and thrilled with its performance. He covered 200 miles the past three weeks trying it out.

He showed off the amenities: shock absorbers in the front, a disk brake system; LED lights in front and back, white reflective paint on the bike and tires for night time biking, a handcuff device that locks and prevents the bike from being

wheeled. He pedals but has pedal assist. He says he gets power from the battery which goes to the gearbox and he travels twice as fast.

"I biked up Goff Hill going 8 mph easily" and continued "I biked up the hilly and twisting Snake Trail at Edward Little with no problem at all." The ease with climbing hills has opened a new world for him. He tackles hills easily now without the hardship and trepidation he had with his old bike.

YWCA's electronic sign campaign continues

The YWCA is still hard at work raising funds for a new electronic sign to go outside its building at 130 East Avenue in Lewiston. To date, they have raised \$12,000 in contributions from members and friends, and need \$4,000 more in donations and sponsorships to reach their goal

According to the Maine Department of Transportation, over 15,000 vehicles pass by the YMCA's building each day. The new

electronic sign will not only allow the Y to better publicize its own programming, but will also provide free space to other community nonprofits to advertise their important events.

Sponsorships will give local businesses a unique opportunity to advertise their services and support of the YWCA. For more information about sponsoring the sign or contributing to the campaign, call 795-4050 or see https://ywcamaine.

Pre-K fun at St. Dom's



Callum Crockett of St. Dominic Academy's pre-Kindergarten class enjoys an up-close look while he and his classmates learn about the lifecycle of butterflies during a spring science unit. St. Dom's pre-K enrollment for 2017-18 is now underway. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 783-9323 or see www.stdomsmaine.org.

Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony set for May 27



Pictured here (l. to r., from front) are L & A Veterans Council members Don Dube, Jerry Dewitt, Norm Cote, Helen Taylor, Arthur Roy, Al Landry, Carl Haskel, Norm Bussiere, Moe Fournier, Bert Dutil, Cecile Burgoyne, and Don Gosselin.

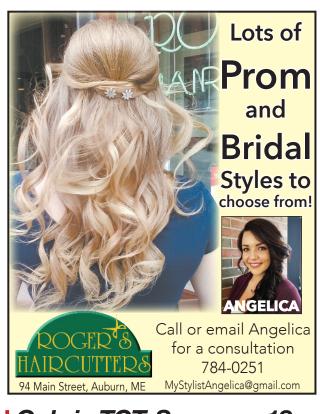
The L & A Veterans Council will host their annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Saturday, May 27. The parade will form at Kennedy Park in Lewiston at 8:30 a.m. and will depart at 9:30. Groups interested in participating, such as musical units, Honor or Color Guards, marching units, antique car clubs, military units or vehicles, military cadets, Boy and Girl Scout troops, fraternal and civic organizations, etc. should call Jerry Dewitt at 576-0376 or Bert Dutil at 786-2305 to register for the line-up.

Following the parade, there will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park on Main Street in Lewiston, where the park's 29th Name Stone and a new polished granite

bench will be unveiled by military veterans and local dignitaries.

The member organizations of the L & A Veterans Council are American Legion Posts 22 of Lewiston, 135 of Sabattus, and 153 of Auburn; Amvets Post 6 and Auxiliary of New Gloucester; Disabled American Veterans Chapter 11; Franco American Veterans Post 31 of Lewiston; the Marine Corps League of Central Maine; the Military Order of the Purple Heart; Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts 1603 of Auburn and 9150 of Lewiston. The new officers of the council are Chairman Jerry Dewitt, Co-Chairman Norm Cote, Secretary Helen Taylor, Treasurer Cecile Burgoyne, and Advisor Bert Dutil.







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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Community Recycle Day diverts waste from landfills



This year's effort collected 16,188 pounds of electronics, 50 tires, and 2873 pounds of paper for recycling.

Community Credit Union hosted a Community Recycle Day recently to help community members do their part in saving the Earth. The purpose of the annual event is to highlight the importance of recycling and the local organizations that offer recycling options to this community.

Several local organizations joined forces to make the event a success including, e-Waste Recycling Solutions,

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Records Management, the SHAREcenter and Stratham Tire. At the event, 16,188 pounds of electronics, 50 tires, and 2873 pounds of paper were collected for re-

Union runs a program each

quarter called "Do Your Part."

It encourages members to do

their part in saving the Earth

by participating in different

recycling opportunities, in-

cluding the recycling of cell

phones and eye glasses. For

more information about up-

coming community efforts,

see www.communitycredi-

tunion.com.

"We got a lot of great items to put out for our members," said Steve Gagne of the SHARECenter. "We hope to be able to partner for the event again next year."

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Royal Rangers recognized in Maine Senate

Senator Garrett Mason (R-Androscoggin) recently presented several members of Royal Rangers Outpost #16 with legislative sentiments recognizing their accomplishment of receiving the Gold Medal of Achievement, the program's highest award. Recognized before the Maine Senate were Cody Brochu of Jay, Jacob Brochu of Jay, Christian Hiscock of Auburn, Timothy Morin of Sabattus

and Hunter Knowlton of Lewiston. The Royal Rangers is a Christian mentorship program designed to provide boys and young men with the skills necessary to become lifelong servant leaders.

Longtime local physician retires



Dr. Roger Austin

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Dr. Roger Austin, a longtime local practitioner who spent the last 11 years of his career at Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice's Hospice House, has retired

patient care. More than 100 people gathered at an open house celebration at DaVinci's Restaurant recently to pay tribute to the physician who spent 39 years caring after more than 40 years of for patients from the Lewiston-Auburn area.

Dr. Austin grew up in Farmington, graduated from Bowdoin College in 1968 and Tufts Medical School in 1972. After completing his residency in internal medicine at Providence Medical Center in Oregon, he spent a couple of years practicing out west before returning to Maine. He then ran a private practice in internal medicine for 12 years before joining Community Clinical Services, where he practiced for 15 years. He was the first and only Medical Director of the Hospice House and AHCH's hospice program until his retirement.

"Dr. Austin has provided exemplary care and service to the patients and families at the Hospice House," said Ken Albert, President and Chief Executive Officer at AHCH. "He has certainly made a difference in the lives of many, including those who have worked alongside him for so many years. We wish him the very best."

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Collins ranked most bipartisan Senator for fourth consecutive year

lic Policy recently released the results of their "Bipartisan Index," and for the fourth year in a row, the index ranked U.S. Senator Susan Collins as the most bipartisan Senator.

While many of the

graded on partisan, parochial, or special-interest standards, the Bipartisan Index uses an objective formula to give each Member of Congress an overall score based equally on two things: the frequency with

The Lugar Center and current measures for bi- which a member sponsors Georgetown University's partisanship are based on bills co-sponsored by at McCourt School of Pub- voting records alone or are least one member of the opposing party; and the frequency with which a member co-sponsors bills introduced by members of the opposite party.

Senator Collins has long been recognized for her efforts to reach across the aisle and find consensus. Last year, she received the inaugural Jacob Javits Prize for Bipartisan Leadership for her exemplary efforts to facilitate bipartisanship throughout her Senate service.

This acknowledgement from the Lugar Center and Georgetown follows recent profiles about Senator

See Collins, page 7



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Governor's Address: Gideon's Bill Would Expand Welfare Dependency

Speaker of the House Sara Gideon is trying to pull a fast one on Mainers. She is pushing a bill to expand welfare, and she claims there is \$150 million to pay for it. Folks, it's not true.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

Once again, Speaker Gideon is being disingenuous—to put it politely. She claims DHHS has \$150 million in federal funds for welfare that are not being used. That is totally false.

This money is in the DHHS spending plan. Instead of handing out cash benefits—like previous administrations did— DHHS is investing this money in programs that

directly benefit at-risk youth and families in need.

The money is helping Mainers transition from welfare to work. But Gideon doesn't like that plan. She wants to use the money to keep more Mainers on welfare. Like most limousine liberals, Gideon thinks throwing money at poverty helps poor people.

It doesn't. The last forty years in Maine should prove that notion. And I know poverty because I've been there. Rich liberals like Gideon have not walked in my shoes. She doesn't understand poverty—and she never will.

Through sound fiscal management and policies that help Mainers escape poverty, DHHS has been



Governor Paul R. LePage able to free up TANF funding for programs that serve more low-income families and children.

We are now able to support at-risk children and their families through our pro-job, anti-poverty programs.

For example, DHHS dedicates \$1.5 million in TANF funding to youth programs that reduce risky behaviors, promote job skills and encourage educational achievement. This money goes to agencies such as My Place Teen Center, Trekkers, KVCAP and the Maine Leadership Institute.

Another \$300,000 supports programs like Good Will-Hinckley to help young people with their education and employment goals.

After we required able-bodied adults to comply with federal work requirements for food stamps, we saw them moving toward independence.

Their incomes rose 114% within a year of leav-

ing the program. Their average quarterly wage is now above the Federal Poverty

Furthermore, there are plenty of jobs out there. Unemployment is at 3 percent, and businesses need employees. Now is a good time to move from welfare to work.

That's why our administration is proposing a bill to make our common-sense welfare reforms permanent. We've shown we can empower able-bodied Mainers to become more self-sufficient.

But Speaker Gideon and some of her colleagues want to roll back these reforms and keep more Mainers trapped in poverty. She claims child poverty has increased. But between 2004 and 2016, Maine's overall number of children living in poverty rate has gone down.

If she wants Maine children to prosper, Speaker Gideon should focus on creating good jobs. Good jobs-not government handouts-create stable families, stronger communities and a more prosperous state.

So if she really wants to help poor people, Speaker Gideon should put away her checkbook, roll up her sleeves and join us in moving Mainers from welfare to work.

> Thank You, Paul R. LePage Governor

Leeds, Gray-New Gloucester men become game wardens



The new wardens are (l. to r., from front) Nick Raymond of Winslow, Megan Miller of Pittsfield, Lauren Roddy of Belgrade, Kayle Hamilton of Buxton, Kale Oleary of Fort Kent, Harry Wiegman of Leeds, Taylor Valente of Gray-New Gloucester, Camden Akins of Winslow, Kyle Franklin of Durham, and John Carter of Orrington.

Among the newly inducted game wardens who graduated from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro recently were Harry Wiegman of Leeds and Taylor Valente of Gray-New Gloucester. After completing the 18-week Ba- rescue, recreational vehicle

sic Law Enforcement Training Program required of all full-time Maine police officers, the ten graduates also completed an extensive 12week advanced academy focused upon unique aspects of game warden work. Topics covered included search and

crash investigation, snowmobiling, water survival, and bureau policies and procedures. Wiegman, who was named class speaker for the induction ceremony, will serve in the Rangeley District, while Valente will report for duty in the Rock-

Realtors award scholarships to CMCC students



Pictured here (l. to r.) are CMCC Dean of Planning & Public Affairs Roger Philippon, scholarship recipients Fanie Wabwende, Spencer Robinson, Adam Sawyer, and Therese Turmel, and AVBOR President Kelly Pitman.

The Androscoggin Valley Board of Realtors awarded scholarships to Central Maine Community College students Fanie Wabwende, Spencer Robinson, Adam Sawyer, and Therese Turmel at a recent breakfast meeting hosted by the organization.

Fanie Wabwende of Auburn has earned high honors in the Life Sciences program at CMCC. After she graduates from CMCC, she plans to transfer to the University of New England to pursue a graduate degree in Phar-

Spencer Robinson of Mechanic Falls has earned President's Honors, the highest honors at the College, as a student in the Precision Machining Technology program. He plans to pursue an advanced certificate in machining at CMCC after he completes his associate's degree in

Adam Sawyer of Greene has earned high honors in the Network Security/Computer Forensics Program. After CMCC, he plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in Cyber Security at the University of Maine Au-

Therese Turmel of Lewiston is an honors student in the General Studies Program. She plans to continue her education as a secondary education major at the University of Maine at Farmington.

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ABA's Citizen of the Year exemplifies humility, pride in community

By Jonathan P. LaBonte MAYOR OF AUBURN

The Auburn Business Association (ABA) hosted the annual Citizen of the Year dinner last week. For nearly two generations, this group of volunteer business leaders has solicited nominations for someone who has gone above and beyond in serving and improving the Auburn community.

Of the long list of deserving past recipients, this year's recipient, Ken Blais, sets a new bar.

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Going beyond the fact that he may be the first recipient, as owner of Rolly's Diner, to have one of the long-standing ABA sign locations right across the street from his business—or his love of golf carts that made the venue of Martindale a risky proposition in case Ken wished to take one home with his key to the city—the humility with which Ken approaches running his business and giving back to the area is a model to be followed.

Rolly's Diner, with Ken's willingness, is often opened after regular business hours for community engagement activities. One significant example is his work co-founding, along with City Councilor Leroy Walker, the most active neighborhood organization in the Twin Cities: the United New Auburn Asso-

Drive down Mill Street, sometimes late into the evening, and you will see residents sitting in a full



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

diner wanting to discuss development projects, learning about new initiatives or engaging with staff or elected

officials. As the crowds file out, Ken quietly cleans up, knowing that before the sun rises the next morning he will be right back to open up for the day's breakfast customers.

I can recall one Sunday afternoon, after they'd typically be closed, seeing what appeared to be a business meeting taking place. When asking Ken some days later, he mentioned that he opens to host the annual meeting of the local Franco-American War Veterans group to show his support for them.

The Diner is not just a staple in the community; it is fully woven into its fabric. Long-time residents have referenced Rolly's, in their obituary, as the place they liked to spend time with friends and family. (As I pointed out to Ken, thankfully there was no connection between frequenting his diner and the cause of death.)

News outlets from out of town looking to get the take of locals on an issue? You'll find them showing up at Rolly's Diner.

Visitors from away in town for the balloon festival. a local 5K run or some other morning event are looking for where to have breakfast. Odds are, they are being given directions to Rolly's Diner in New Auburn.

Hundreds of kids and their parents, every Saturday before Halloween, get to experience the fruits of Ken's labor and that of the team assembled by the neighborhood group, as they sponsor trick-or-treating in a safe environment at local businesses with trained crossing guards at every crosswalk.

The first Saturday of December features Ken and the neighborhood group hosting a parade for local kids and the arrival of Santa Claus behind his diner to hear the wishes of local youth for the holiday season.

And at many community events, when the call goes out for the Marshall's popcorn truck, Ken joins Leroy in bringing it out of Ken's garage on Second Street, where it's being stored while funds are raised locally to continue its journey to restoration.

The list could go on, and it sure does. Ken does all of this with his wonderful wife Jean, his daughter Sadie joining in on the family business and his mother Rolande helping to keep service running smoothly at the diner. He's done it while sustaining and growing his business.

And, most importantly, he does it all humbly, taking no credit, and trying his best to stay out of the spotlight.

So next time you see Ken Blais out in town or you pop into Rolly's Diner, be sure to extend to him a hearty congratulations!

AREA Leadership Award



Recipient Susan Cornelius taught math at Lewiston High School for 31 years.

The Androscoggin Retired Educators' Association presented its Leadership Award to Susan Cornelius at the Maine Educators' Association Convention held recently in Augusta. Cornelius taught math at Lewiston High School for 31 years. She is an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, volun-

teers at St. Mary's Gift Shop and is a greeter at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. She has served at vice-president and president of the Androscoggin Retired Educators' Association and is active in the Day of Caring project. She is a member of the Board of Loaves and Fishes that provides meals for the needy.

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Enough is Enough

By Robert E. Macdonald

"I'm not questioning their findings, mind you, I just wonder: if they see Lewiston as a great place to retire to, where exactly are they retiring from?"

Mayor of Lewiston

Thus wrote Sun Journal reporter Mark La-Flamme in his April 30 "Talk of the Town" column, under the heading "Your Golden Years," questioning Forbes Magazine conclusion that Lewiston is a good place to retire.

My question to La-Flamme and his editor: Why do you find it odd that retired couples would choose to live out the remainder of their lives in Lewiston?

Perhaps Mr. La-Flamme could enlighten us and provide us with a list of concerns he feels are lacking

Forbes says Lewiston is one of the best places to retire when choosing our area as a retirement destination.

This could provide valuable insight which could be used to help tailor Lewiston to become a more desirable location.

Many living in Maine, and especially Lewiston, have not truly experienced what life is really like in most of our major metropolitan areas throughout the

Lewiston is centrally located. Thus if you enjoy the ocean, mountains or well-groomed hiking trails, we are a short distance, about an hour, from these types of recreational activities. In Oxford, we have the Oxford Casino. This is like an adult Disneyland to us senior citizens.

Growing up in Boston, there were always things to do. But unlike Maine,



Mayor Bob Macdonald

native Bostonians measured distance in time. An example would be if going to Fenway Park from the Roslindale/West Roxbury section of Boston, it would take anywhere from 30 to 40 minutes by public transportation or 25 minutes by car. If you lived in one of Boston's suburbs, the time could easily double.

Today, with the Maine Turnpike it's about 30 minutes to Portland and twoand-a-half hours to Boston. You have the choice of driving your own vehicle, taking a bus or the train.

Lewiston is a product of its people, not Madison Avenue advertising. When the big city glitter of major cities throughout the United States is rolled back, it reveals violent crime, drugs, filthy unsafe streets and neighborhoods. Many of these neighborhood streets are more violent than the Middle East.

Lewiston is a great city because of its city employees and its residents. There is no glitter hiding an unseemly city. What you see is what you get.

Last Friday I received a postcard asking "Please help us protect our City from ICE and deportation that will strike fear into all." It

ended, "No taxpayer dollars toward deportation!"

This is my response to these race baiters, law breakers, progressive social engineers, carpetbaggers and our safe-space-seeking snowflakes: I resent the fear you are stirring up in our refugee community. You know very well that they are here legally and will not be a target of ICE Agents.

If ICE comes into Lewiston, it will receive full cooperation from our city staff and police. ICE is targeting, not harassing, illegal aliens.

The taxpayers, and the City of Lewiston, are not running a charitable organization. We are running a municipality. We are using our very limited funds to provide health for the elderly, attempt to limit our children's exposure to

lead paint, fix our roads to prevent costly repairs to our motor vehicles, build badly needed fire stations and provide city employees with compensation for their hard work instead of using our limited resources to support foreign interlopers: does this make us racists?

With the exception of Senators Eric Brakey and Garrett Mason, when are our local political representatives going to develop some intestinal fortitude and start standing up for those they represent? It's time our elected officials stop worrying about being called a naughty name by some snowflake and start advocating for your constituents.

When I leave the mayor's office in 34 weeks, will my replacement even create a spark concerning these issues?

ME Connections Academy names Student of the Month



Meaghan Dyer

Language Arts and Literature classes. She loves to problem-solve, so math is her Maine Connections favorite subject. Using these Academy, the state's first skills, she hopes to become virtual public charter school, an architect so she can design has selected Meaghan Dyer, homes and commercial space. a 7th-grader from Auburn, Outside of school, she trains as its March STAR Student. in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and is Dyer started with Maine working towards earning her Connections Academy this next belt. She is also learning academic year seeking a more to play the piano. challenging curriculum. The virtual school environment

Maine Connections Academy is Maine's first statewide, tuition-free, distance-learning public charter school for students in grades 7-12. The school is now in its third year serving students with a fully-accredited curriculum. MCA provides students with the flexibility to learn from anywhere there is an Internet connection. The combination of certified Maine-based teachers, an award-winning curriculum, engaging electives, technology tools, and social experiences provides a supportive learning opportunity for students who want a personalized approach to education.

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The school's teaching center is based at 75 John Roberts Road in South Portland. The non-profit local Governing Board of MCA is authorized by the Maine Charter School Commission. Educational programs and other services are provided

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Post 135 installs new officers

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The newly elected officers of the Harry J. Conway American Legion Post 135 of Sabattus are (l. to r., from front) (Auxiliary) Secretary-Treasurer Teresa Bradford, Vice President Denise Michaud, President Jen Caron, Chaplain Debra Devoe, Vice President Joan Caron, Sgt. at Arms Joan Caron Fournier, (Legion) Service Officer Amedeo Lauria, Historian Gordon Smith, 1st Vice Commander Joseph Michaud, Commander Donald Caron, Finance Officer Anthony Culpovitch, Adjutant Jim Rancourt, Sgt. at Arms Harvey Moses, and Chaplain *David Devoe. Absent from the photo is 2nd Vice Commander Joseph Tetreault.*

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What's Going On

Musical "Celebration of Cultural Diversity" at Phippsburg Congregational Church

A Peruvian music duo, a Franco-American fiddler and step dancer, a Somali oud player, a South Sudanese Hip Hop artist, and a church choir that represents seven African nations - all of whom make their homes in Maine - will be the featured performers in "Sweet Thunder: A Musical Celebration of Cultural Diversity" on Saturday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at Phippsburg Congregational Church.

In celebrating the rich musical stew that Maine offers, the concert will honor both the recent and historical immigrant experience that has contributed to our state's cultural diversity.

Don and Cindy Roy draw from roots deep in the Maritimes and Quebec to celebrate French Canadian and Celtic music. Don is a champion fiddler and music director of Fiddle-icious, a community fiddle orchestra of over 100 members. His wife Cindy brings piano accompaniment and step dancing to their performances. In addition to having played with bluegrass, Irish, and French music groups, they have directed the popular Maine French Fiddlers since the ensemble's inception. Don has received Fellowship awards from the State of Maine in 1994, 2001 and 2008 for excellence in traditional music.

Central to the concert will be musical offerings from the Church of All Nations Choir in Portland. The audience will also get to hear the oud, a traditional string instrument played in Somalia, performed by Hadith Bani-Adam, a musician, singer and peace activist from that country who will offer a selection of his songs.

ESTABLISHED 1962

The program will feature Mark Otim. Better known by his stage name, African Dundada, this recording artist, songwriter and performer was born in South Sudan during its second civil war. He started his musical career in Maine when he was 17, free-styling and performing at local venues. Since then, he has appeared at regional clubs and performed alongside international reggae superstars like Gyptain and Khago. He will be joined by James Swaka, a comedian born in South Sudan. Raised in an orphanage in Uganda, Swaka told his friends that he would make it to America. He arrived here at 16 and served in the Marines before establishing himself as a comedian.

Peruvian music duo the Flying Seeds was born when Emily Sabino heard a traveling Peruvian band at the Berklee Performance Center in Boston and fell in love with the haunting flute and guitar melodies played by Lenin Sabino. In addition to becoming a couple, Emily and Lenin began playing together, combining Northeastern nature songs with melodies and instruments from the mountains of Peru. Now living in Midcoast Maine, they are finishing their second album, "Cielo Azul" (Blue Sky). Emily provided vocals and Lenin plays a variety of string and wind instruments, including pan flute, quena, quenacho, toyo, charango, ronroco, classical and electric guitar, and bass. He is also a member of the Peruvian band Yaros.

The event will also feature poetry and spoken word pieces by Vanuza Mateus and Rakiya Mohamed. Refreshments, including cuisine from cultures represented in the program, will be served at intermission. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students at the door. Advance tickets are available for \$12 via BrownPaperTickets.

The concert will take place in the historic 1802 Phippsburg Congregational Church, on the banks of the Kennebec River, at 10 Church Lane (at Parker Head Road). Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 389-1767 or 389-1770.



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The Flying Seeds

Post 135 to host Memorial Day 5K

American Legion Harry Conway Post 135 of Sabattus will hold its first Memorial Day 5K Run-Walk on Monday, May 29. The event will begin and end at the Legion Hall on Island Road, off Main Street, in Sabattus. Registration will take place on race day only, beginning at 7 a.m. The race will start at 8:00. Participants are invited to stay after the event for the annual Memorial Day Parade.

There will be awards

for the winners and raffles after the race. The cost is \$20 for adults, and \$15 for those ages 16 and under. Anyone wearing a photo or other memorabilia of a veteran family member, friend, or loved one will receive a \$5 discount. Proceeds will support various Post projects, including building upgrades and local student scholarships. For more information, or to volunteer to help at the event, call 576-2920.





Congressional Delegation warns of new fraud targeting veterans

U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King and Representatives Chellie Pingree and Bruce Poliquin are warning Maine veterans to beware of a scam where imposters attempt to imitate the Veterans Choice Program phone line.

Through this scam, a phone line has been set up by an unknown party to potentially mimic the VCP phone line. The imposter phone line is designed to reach veterans who inadvertently dial the VCP number incorrectly. The correct VCP phone line is 1-866-606-8198. This line is for veterans to check their eligibility for the VCP and ask questions about the program. The fraudulent phone line is 1-800-606Veterans will know they have reached the wrong phone line when: 1) the phone line offers callers a \$100 rebate if the caller provides a credit card; and 2) the phone line does not state the caller has reached the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

If veterans are unsure if they have reached the correct phone line, they should hang up and dial 1-866-606-8198 again. Veterans who believe they have been scammed can report it to the Senate Aging Committee's Fraud Hotline at 1-855-303-9470.

"We urge all Maine veterans to take extra care when dialing the Veterans Choice Program phone line and to ensure they have the correct number so they are not at risk," said Senators Collins and King and Representatives Pingree and Poliquin in a joint statement. "It is critical that people throughout the community are aware of these malicious attempts to steal personal information and money from our nation's veterans, and we encourage Maine people to share this information so that no veterans fall victim to this despicable trap."

The Choice Program, which was established in 2014 by legislation that reformed the Department of Veterans Affairs, aims to allow veterans to receive care within their communities based on wait times or distance from a VA medical facility.

League of Women Voters to convene in Brunswick

The League of Women Voters of Maine will hold its biennial convention on Saturday, May 20 in Brunswick, where members will reflect on achievements of the past two years, elect a new board of directors, and chart a course for the next two years and beyond. Open to the public, the day-long convention will begin at 9 a.m. at Curtis Memorial Library.

The convention will also be an opportunity to explore the political polarization of the nation and state and learn to navigate the new reality of "fake news." Confirmed speakers and guests include Theda

Skocpol, Victor S. Thomas Professor of Government and Sociology, Harvard University; Colin Woodard, author of "American Nations: The Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America"; Judy Meyer, Managing Editor, Sun Journal; and Josh Roiland, Assistant Professor & CLAS-Honors Preceptor of Journalism at the University of Maine. The registration fee of \$30 includes lunch. For a detailed agenda or to register on-line, see www.lwvme. org/Convention.html.

Founded in 1920 and one of America's most trusted grassroots organizations, the League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Over the past two years, the League has advanced the causes of voting rights, ranked choice voting, reform of money in politics, ethics in government, and more. Membership is open to men and women of all ages. For more information, see www.LWVME.org.

Collins

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Collins' bipartisan leadership, including, "A Senator Listens to Voters' Quiet Desperation" in the New York Times; "In Divided Senate, Maine's Susan Collins Emerges As Critical Voice" on NPR; and "Sen. Susan Collins, Armed for Compromise on Guns" in the Christian Science Monitor

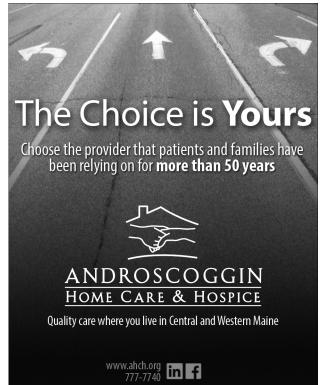
"In today's highly charged partisan atmosphere, it is more difficult than ever to find common ground," said Senator Collins. "Given how divided our country has become, I feel a special obligation to try to find a path forward on the many contentious issues that we are facing. I am pleased that my work to bring people together and develop bipartisan solutions is reflected in this Bipartisan Index, and I appreciate the work the Lugar Center is doing to encourage bipartisan cooperation and civility in Congress."

The Lugar Center and Georgetown University's

McCourt School of Public Policy's Bipartisan Index is a non-partisan ranking of how often each member of Congress works across party lines based on sponsorships and co-sponsorships of legislation.

Sponsorships and co-sponsorships are positions Senators carefully con-

sider and often reflect their long-term priorities. The Index choses to measure this activity to focus on bipartisanship and cooperation, rather than where members sit on the ideological spectrum. For a full description of the methodology behind the Bipartisan Index, visit the Lugar Center's website.



What's Going On

Community Concepts Finance Corporation announces promotion



Zachary Maher

Community Concepts Finance Corporation has promoted Zachary Maher to the position of Vice President of Lending. For the past two years, Maher has been a loan officer specializing in business lending and related services. During this time, CCFC was twice recognized as the Top Performing Microlender in Maine by the U.S. Small Business Administration, achieving a 150% increase in overall business lending activity. Maher's new role will focus on expanding residential lending activities and related services to coincide with the recent growth realized within business service lines.

"We recognize Zach's commitment to CCFC's mission of creating more financially secure communities," says Shawn Yardley, CEO of Community Concepts Inc., the parent organization of CCFC. "We are confident that, by expanding our services, we can help more people and create a larger impact in people's lives." Maher is a life-long resident of Poland, where he lives with his wife and two daughters.

CCFC is a federally designated Community Development Financial Institution whose mission is to provide resources to move businesses and individuals financially forward. In addition to business lending and technical assistance, CCFC provides support to people who want to become successful home owners, including education in the areas of home ownership, available financing options, how to improve credit, and how to create a budget that establishes savings. For more information, visit ccfcmaine.org.



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Out & About with Rachel Morin

John Henderson on "The Irish of Andriscoggin County"

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

I felt it as soon as I walked into the Androscoggin Community Room at Auburn Public Library on May 2 and shook hands with John Henderson, historian, author and lecturer for the continued Curious Minds Series offered free to the public. There was no mistaking the warmth and camaraderie of the Irish people, among the many others, who were drawn to hear the author talk about his book "Éireannaigh Na hAndroscoggin: The Irish

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of Androscoggin County." It was a happy and smiling audience.

I met John several years ago when he conducted a walking tour of Mount Hope, the Irish cemetery off River Road in Lewiston. He drew a crowd there as well and told the history of the people buried there, who were dignitaries of Lewiston Auburn in their day.

He engaged the audience right from the beginning with his Irish humor by asking them to keep score on the slides he would show of 10 build-



John Henderson, author of "Éireannaigh Na hAndroscoggin: The Irish of Androscoggin County", gestures towards a slide of an Irish building in Lewiston during his presentation at the Auburn Public Library.

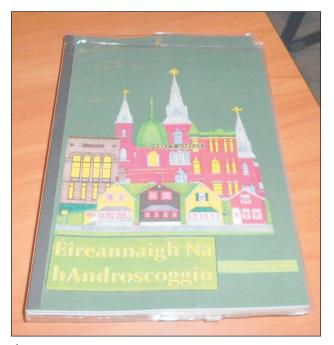
ings around Lewiston and Auburn showing their Irish connection to see if they could identify them. The audience was sharp as all buildings were identified. John would expound on stories and backgrounds about

the buildings after they were identified. Lillian O'Brien, a long-time resident added much to the background as the presentation continued. There were others in the audience eager to share their memories as well.

The buildings were St. Joseph's Church, Bates Mill, Conley-Fahey Funeral Home, St. Patrick's Church, Lewiston City Hall, Roak Block, St. Joseph's School, Wallace School (St. Patrick's), Lincoln St. Gas Patch houses and Mount Hope Cemetery. These buildings and many others in LA, denote the Irish presence. John explained buildings without names could be identified as Irish by medallions or shamrocks.

John told us his overriding passion was in history, but his interest in Irish history came relatively late. He heard the Irish music and loved it. He remembered the Irish phrases his mother would often use, even more often than she realized. These memories whetted his appetite and he decided to pursue his Irish history and thus came his book on the Irish of Androscoggin County.

Lewiston in the 1850s had one in four people who were Irish. Maine was a rural state. John took us around the LA area, telling us about the Irish neighborhoods called "patches" or clachans. These clusters



Eireannaigh Na hAndroscoggin», book cover for John Henderson's expanded book on his first publication, Androscoggin Irish.



Beth Veilleux and Robin Leblanc

were a recreation of the Homes, theater and the mil-Irish houses built in their home country. One of these settings was called "Burnt Woods." This was on Willow Street, going up Bartlett Street hill on the right. It was named after a fire destroyed woods in the area.

The bulk of Irish descendants worked on the railroads or dug canals. As the work was seasonal, to help with finances, the women worked in the mills, domestic service or house cleaning. In time, the Irish soon populated the Fire and Police Departments and politics. Many became doctors and surgeons at both Lewiston hospitals. Soon there were teachers and lawyers. Irish merchants opened shops on Lisbon St. Lewiston's first Irish Mayor was a Democrat named Daniel McGillicuddy who served three terms and went on to serve three terms as a U.S. Representative.

John Henderson of Auburn presented this expanded edition of his first book, broadened to include research to cover the Irish in nearby towns including Lisbon, Minot, Poland, Wales, Leeds and Greene. New topics include Irish women, newspapers, John Murphy

He holds a Master's degree in Logistics Management from Maine Maritime Academy as well as Bachelor's degrees in Political Science and German Studies from the University of Southern Maine.

John acquired his interest in history while travelling the country and western Europe during his father's Air Force career. John produces notecards and prints that feature portraits of local historical architecture and a summary of their history, as well as prints and other cultural keepsakes, and can be found at the Lewiston Farmers Market.

The Curious Minds Series is a collaboration of Lewiston Auburn Senior College and Auburn Public Library with Joanne Sabourin and Claire Small, LA Sr. College Liaisons, working with APL Adult Manager, Marty Gagnon, to bring these programs to the community free of charge. The final presentation will be May 16 at 2 p.m. when Hugh Keene of Auburn will present his Phun with Physics discussing the basic concepts of motion and







Lillian O'Brien and Maureen O'Brien



Anita Delekto with Carol and Harry Milliken



Nancy and William Bartley



Winnie McMorrow, Sylvia McLeod, Anna Boyce; standing, Unidentified, Joanne Sabourin, Sue Tymoczko



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Bates professor to discuss Wabanaki place names at AHS annual meeting



Working with Bates students and Wabanaki scholars, Joseph Hall has developed a map of Wabanaki place names for the western part of Maine

Associate Professor Joseph Hall of Bates College will present a talk titled "What Does 'Androscoggin' Mean?" at the annual meeting of the Androscoggin Historical Society on Tuesday, May 23. The event will take place at Marco's Restaurant at 12 Mollison Way in Lewiston. The business meeting will begin at 5:30

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p.m., followed by a social time. Tickets for the dinner, which starts at 6:30 p.m., are \$20 for society members and \$25 for nonmembers. They must be reserved by Friday, May 19, by calling 784-0586.

Professor Hall is currently researching the history of Wabanakis, the collective name for the Penobscots, Passamaquoddies, Mi'kmaqs, Maliseets, and other peoples indigenous to Maine and the Canadian Maritimes. He is especially interested in the ways that Wabanakis cultivated their ties to their homelands even as European-American colonists dispossessed them of most of that territory.

"My favorite class is a course on the history of Wabanakis in Maine," Hall noted. "Students are almost always surprised to learn that Maine has Native American inhabitants, and they are even more surprised to learn that Wabanakis continue to play a prominent role in our state."

Hall, in partnership

with Bates students and Wabanaki scholars, has developed a map of Wabanaki place names for the western part of Maine. During his talk, he will discuss how Wabanakis used these names to make this place their home and, in some cases, to make claims to the very lands that the English thought they were purchasing.

Professor Hall received his B.A. at Amherst College and his Ph. D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He teaches courses at Bates College about colonial North America, the United States' War for Independence, environmental history, and Native American history. He is the author of the book "Zamumo's Gifts: Indian-European Exchange in the Colonial Southeast," about how European and Native American understandings of trade and gift-giving shaped the history of the Southeast between 1350 and 1740.

Veterans program series kicks off tonight at APL



Rob Reilly, Director of Programming for Camp Kieve for Veterans in Nobleboro, will lead a discussion after a free screening of the 2014 film "Fort Bliss" on Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m. at Auburn Public Library. The movie 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. For more information, call 333-6640 or see www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Museum L-A to launch Maine Innovation Expo

Celebrating creativity, spirit, ingenuity and innovation in the State of Maine, Museum L-A's first Maine Innovation Expo will take place on Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This fun and educational event for all ages will feature interactive exhibits created by businesses from the local area and across the state and talented students to showcase their innovative processes.

The event is presented with the support of an Our Town Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and in collaboration with L/A Arts, Maine College of Art, the Pratt Institute and the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council.

Space for exhibitors is limited but is still available. Museum L-A invites businesses and individuals to contact them to find out

how they can be involved by showcasing their innovative ideas in the areas of business, or leadership or other realms.

The event is free and open to the public, but advance registration is requested. Museum L-A is located at 35 Canal Street in the Bates Mill Complex in Lewiston. For more information, call Andrea at 333-3881 or email events@museumla.org.





Momenta Quartet returns to Bates College



The Momenta Quartet will perform works by Beethoven, visiting artist Arthur Kampela, and others in a concert on Friday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. Members (from 1.) Emilie-Anne Gendron and Alex Shiozaki (violinists), Stephanie Griffin (violist), and Michael Haas (cellist) will then be among the instrumentalists performing works by students and professor Bill Matthews in the Senior Thesis Concert on Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. Both events will take place in the college's Olin Arts Center at 75 Russell Street. Tickets for Friday's concert are \$25; the Saturday concert is free, but tickets are required. For more information, call 786-6135; for tickets, see batesconcerts.eventbrite.com. (Photo by John Gurrin)

Maine-ly Harmony to perform at Sawyer Memorial



The group sings in barbershop-style four-part harmony, a style adaptable to the songs of many eras.

Sawyer Memorial in Greene will present the Maine-ly Harmony all-women's a cappella chorus in two performances on Friday, May 19 at 2 and 7 p.m. Both shows are free and open to the public.

Directed by Kathy Greason, the group meets every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army on Eastern Avenue in Augusta. Members hailing from as far away as Bangor and Auburn convene to sing barbershop-style fourpart harmony. The group is a chapter of Harmony, Inc., an international organization active in the United States and Canada which offers competitions, coaching and educational classes throughout the year. In keeping Harmony, Inc.'s motto, "A blend with Friendship," members develop lifelong friendships that span generations and that have no geographic boundaries.

Barbershop harmony is a style of four-part, unaccompanied singing. The style is characterized by a dominant, familiar melody sung by the "lead" and supported by three harmony parts: the tenor above the lead, the bass below, and the baritone filling in the middle chords. The style is adaptable to songs of many

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

TAM offers CampShakespeare for students

This summer, Theater at Monmouth will offer students in grades 3 through 8 an opportunity to dive into the world of William Shakespeare. From July 31 through August 18, Camp Shakespeare participants will unravel Shakespeare's plays as text detectives, transform into Shakespeare's characters through voice and movement, and perform for friends and family on the Theater at Monmouth stage.

There will be a choice of one-week sessions, each taking place Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and culminating with a sharing for friends and family.

Students in grades 3 through 5, the "Groundlings," will be introduced to Shakespeare's stories through a variety of theater games, art projects, and creative play. Three sessions for Groundlings will be offered: Session A, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," will run July 31 through August 4; Session B, "Romeo and Juliet," will run August 7 through 11; and Session C, "Twelfth Night," will run August 14 through 18.

Students in grades 6 through 8, the "Young Company," will be guided to become an ensemble that will perform a Shakespeare play. They will investigate how Shakespeare directs actor choices through the text, learn to create unique characters, and explore the art of unarmed stage combat. Three sessions for the Young Company will be offered: Session D, "As You Like It," will run July 31 through August 4; Session E, "The Tempest," will run August 7 through 11; and Session F, "The Comedy of Errors," will

Tuition for each ses-

run August 14 through 18.

sion is \$225. There are discounts for registering for multiple sessions or siblings. Scholarships are available. For more information, call 933-9999. To register online, see theateratmonmouth.org.

Founded in 1970, Theater at Monmouth was named the Shakespearean Theater of Maine in 1975. The theater's mission is to present innovative approaches to Shakespeare and other classic plays through professional productions that enrich the lives of people throughout Maine. Since its founding, TAM has produced expertly crafted, engaging productions in its three-month Summer Repertory Season, entertaining audiences from 36 states, and through Education Programs that reach more than 15,000 students each year.

Twin City Nights

Oasis of Music presents fiddle concert

Young fiddler Owen Kennedy will be the featured performer at the Oasis of Music concert on Wednesday, May 17. This free event will take place from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 247 Bates Street in Lewiston. He will perform a program of energetic traditional tunes from Quebec and Maritime Canada, Scottish and Celtic classics, and a few New England favorites. For more information about the performance, call 344-3106.

Kennedy's joyful, energetic fiddling entertains audiences of all ages: young folks dance in their seats while older ones take a trip down memory lane to kitchen parties of the past.

He performs regularly with the Maine Folque Co-op and the Pineland Fiddlers. He recently joined the Mozart Mentors Orchestra for the Bowdoin Chorus program at Bowdoin College and played at USM's Hannaford Hall for the Maine Acoustic Festival. For more information about Owen Kennedy, see www.fiddlerokennedy.



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Bob Marley returns to Franco Center



Marley has been featured in his own special on Comedy Central and is one of the few comics to do the complete late-night TV circuit.

Comedian Bob Marley will return to the Gendron Franco Center on Friday, May 19 at 8 p.m. Over the years, Marley has performed several sold out shows at the Franco Center. One of the hottest and most sought-after comedians in the country, Marley has been featured in his own special on Comedy Central and is one of the few comics to do the complete late-night TV circuit with David Letterman, Jay Leno, Conan O'Brien" and Craig Ferguson. The peripatetic Marley works nonstop throughout the country in such cities as Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Washington D.C., Boston and New

"We're thrilled to welcome Bob back for another show," said Franco Center executive director Mitch Thomas. "Tickets are selling quickly again this year."

Doors will open for happy hour at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50 each. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 689-2000 or see francocenter.

French Sing-Along May 19



Les Troubadours will lead the next French language sing-along session on Friday, May 19 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 170 at Lewiston-Auburn College. Everyone is welcome to the free event and song books will be provided. Pictured here are group members (front) Gail Lawrence, Rita Gosseling, Jacynthe Jacques, Louise Bolduc, Mary Ann Leclerc, (back) Aliette Couturier, Jeannine Doucette, Jeannette Gregoire, Doris Bonneau, and Madeleine LeBlanc.

MMS Chorale presents "Songs of Carole King and James Taylor"

The Maine Music Society Chorale will present "Songs of Carole King and James Taylor" on Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. and again on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m. Both performances will take place at the Gendron Franco Center at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston.

Under the direction of Artistic Director John Corrie, the MMS Chorale will celebrate the music of these two extraordinary popular composers by performing energizing arrangements of songs you'll recognize in the first few notes. Selections by James Taylor will include "How Sweet It Is to Be Loved By You," "Sweet Baby James," and "Fire and Rain." Carole King favorites will include "So Far Away," "I Feel the Earth Move," and "You've Got a Friend." You'll find yourself

wanting to sing along!

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students. Children under 12 will be admitted for free when accompanied by an adult. A 20% discount is available for groups of 10 or more. For tickets, call SmART Management at new telephone number 333-3377 or purchase online at

www.mainemusicsociety.org.

Maine Music Society moves ticketing operation

As of May 8, Maine Music Society has moved its ticketing and business operations to SmART Management, located in the upper lobby of the Gendron Franco Center at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. Tickets and information for all MMS concerts and events can now be obtained by calling their new telephone number, 333-3377, or by visiting their website at www.

mainemusicsociety.org.

The society's business and ticketing functions had been managed for several years through L/A Arts, and this change is the product of a reorganization of both agencies to better focus missions and services.

Maine Music Society is a non-profit music-performing organization committed to bringing performances to the public

through educational and youth-oriented activities, imaginative programming, and artistic excellence. It supports the MMS Chorale, Chamber Singers, and Orchestra. The society's next performance will be a Chorale concert of "Songs of Carole King and James Taylor" at the Franco Center on Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m.

Jazz saxophonist to perform at Brunswick High

Culminating a three-day residency working with Brunswick-area student musicians, renowned Jazz saxophonist Dave Pietro will headline a Capstone Concert at the Crooker Theater on Friday, May 12 at 7 p.m. The concert will feature Pietro performing with Brunswick student big bands and in a professional set with musicians Brad Ciechomski, John Hunter, and Ryan Parker.

Dave Pietro is an accomplished saxophonist, composer and educator. He is currently a member of the Grammy Award-winning Maria Schneider Orchestra and the Grammy-nominated groups the Gil Evans Project and Darcy James Argue's Secret Society. He has recorded six albums as a headliner and over 60 as a sideman

Pietro has a music education degree from University of North Texas and a Master of Arts degree in



Dave Pietro has recorded six albums as a headliner and over 60 albums as a sideman for a long list of music industry luminaries.

jazz composition from New York University, where he is currently a professor of Jazz Studies. He has played with many well-known musicians, including David Bowie, Paul Anka, Louis Bellson, Blood, Sweat & Tears, the Dave Matthews Band, Ray Charles, Rosemary Clooney, Harry Connick Jr., Michael Feinstein, Chaka Khan, Liza Minelli, Sandip Burman and John Pizzarelli.

The Crooker Theater is located at Brunswick High School at 116 Maquoit Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. They can be purchased at the box office on the night of the event or online at www. jazzresidencyinitiative.org.

The residency has been coordinated by the Brunswick High School Music Boosters and the Jazz Residency Initiative, a Maine-based non-profit dedicated to the development of aspiring jazz musicians. To learn more about JRI and other upcoming residencies, call Christopher Burk at (612) 991-2139 or see www. jazzresidencyinitiative.org.



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Thursday, May 11

Bowl for Kids' Sake. Sparetime Recreation, Lewiston. This annual event brings together teams of bowlers to 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 Rebecca Conrad. \$20/30. www. LAMetroChamber.com.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Guest speaker Juliana L'Heurex discusses the contributions of Franco Americans to the nation's wars and military campaigns. No reservation required; lunch avail. at Fusion Restaurant for \$10. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

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.

Theater: "Ripcord." 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. Retirement home roommates spar over who will get the room of their choice in this off-Broadway comedy hit. Again May 12-14 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$20 (\$5 ages 18). 782-3200; www. thepublictheatre.org.

Friday, May 12

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

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Food for Thought Luncheon. Noon. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. L-A Senior College instructor Charles Plummer shares "Poems of the Civil War." \$7/8, incl. lunch. For adv. price, register by noon on 5/10 by calling 753-6510.

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

Concert: Dave Pietro 7 p.m. Brunswick High School, 116 Maquoit Rd. The renowned Jazz saxophonist performs with local students and in a professional set with musicians Brad Ciechomski, John Hunter, and Ryan Parker. \$10/5. www.jazzresidencyinitia-

Concert: Momenta Quartet. 7:30 p.m. Bates College, Olin Arts Center, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. The ensemble performs works by Beethoven, visiting artist Arthur Kampela, and others. \$25. 786-6135; batesconcerts.eventbrite.

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 in Promenade Mall parking lot, near Staples, in Lewiston. Free; all welcome. 513-8213.

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Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner. 4:45 to 6 p.m. Parish Hall, Holy Trinity Church, 67 Frost Hill Ave., Lisbon Falls. Meal includes beverage and dessert. \$8; kids ages 11- \$4; family with kids \$18. Pres. by Knights of Columbus. 241-0639.

Square & Round Dancing. 7 to 10 p.m. Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine St., So. Paris. Phil Pierce calls Easy Mainstream for the square dancing and Bernie Porter cues the round dancing; refreshments, door prizes, raffles. \$7 (free for non-dancers). 782-4050; swinginbears. squaredanceme.us.

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

"Celebration of Cultural Diversity." 7:30 p.m. Congregational Church, 10 Church Lane (at Parker Head Rd.),

Phippsburg. Various performers present a program of French, Celtic, African, and Peruvian music. \$15. 389-1770; BrownPaperTickets.com.

Monday, May 15

Public Forum. 6 to 8 p.m. Council Chambers, Lewiston City Hall. Share ideas about pedestrian safety in Lewiston and then take home some reflective safety gear. 623-4511.

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Tuesday, May 16

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.

Curious Minds Series. 2 p.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Senior College instructor Hugh Keene presents a fun look at the concepts of force and motion in "Fun with Physics." Pres. w. L-A Senior College. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Wednesday, May 17

Oasis of Music Concert: 12:30 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Church, 247 Bates St., Lewiston. Young fiddler Owen Kennedy performs energetic tunes from Quebec and Maritime Canada, the British Isles, and New England. Free. 344-3106.

A Place for Makers. 6 to 8 p.m. At Rinck Advertising on Lisbon Street, Chad Leeder of L.L. Bean discusses adapting to changing markets through a process of innovation. Pres. by L-A Arts. Free. 782-7228. RSVP at www.eventbrite.com.

Thursday, May 18

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Concert: Maine-ly Harmony. 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. This group, with members hailing from as far as Bangor and Auburn, sings barbershop-style four-part harmony. Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Comedian Bob Marley. 8 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The popular funnyman makes a return visit to the Franco Center. Doors open at 6:30. \$27.50. 689-2000; francocenter.org.

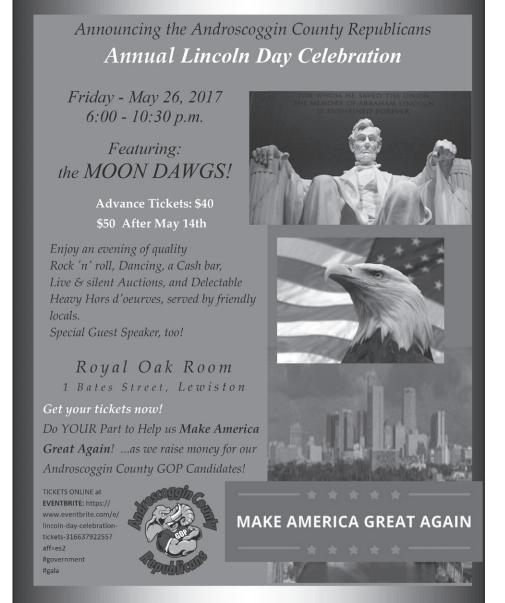
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Indoor Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Universalist Church, Route 117, Turner Center (across from Gazebo). Pres. by the Turner Center Universalist Ladies

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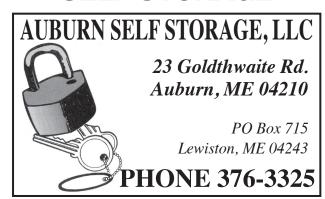
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What's Going On

World Pro Ski Tour plans expansion after successful Sunday River event



Mark Engel (l.) and Robby Kelley (r.) fly off the first jump during the finals of the Pro Ski Challenge at Sunday River. (Photo by Lisa Mutz-Nelson)

The World Pro Ski Tour is announcing that its successful Pro Ski Challenge at Sunday River on March 11 will be the launch for a full tour in 2018 that will include four to six stops across the U.S. and Canada. The event was part of the rebirth of the World Pro Ski Tour, which has been dormant for 17 years. The best giant slalom and slalom racers from across the U.S. and Canada, along with additional athletes from countries such as Argentina and France, attended to compete.

Considering the harsh conditions, with wind chills down to -32F, spectators were thrilled with the worldclass competition. David Chodounsky of the U.S. Ski Team skied through zero degree temperatures and high winds on Sunday River's Monday Morning Trail to take the event's \$10,000 grand prize.

"This was just what we needed to continue our growth into one of the premier winter sports properties in the world," said Ed Rogers, president of the

World Pro Ski Tour. "Our exceptional athletes provided stunning competition and a return for our sponsors that will definitely give us the value to host a full tour

The opportunity to mingle with Olympians, NCAA champions, and World Cup competitors is a unique part of the World Pro Ski Tour. Sponsors, athletes, and fans bonded throughout the weekend during Ski with the Pros Day and at parties in the Sunday River area. Athletes who endured the

cold throughout the day still cherished the opportunity to be part of the debut event. "It was amazing to race against these guys," said Chodounsky. "It was a good old-fashioned drag race and it feels tremendous to win it. I had a blast."

AJ Ginnis, who is ranked sixth in the U.S. in slalom, qualified in the top position for the event final, slightly ahead of first-ranked Chodounsky, second-ranked Mark Engel, third-ranked Robby Kelley, and fifthranked Michael Ankeny. Ginnis experienced a heartbreaking defeat as he slid on his hip past the final gates, shocking the spectators on the deck of the Sunday River base lodge. Despite the agony, he treasured the experience, "It was still an unbelievable event, and I'll remember it forever."

The World Pro Ski Tour will begin planning events for the 2018 season at Sunday River and other potential sites, such as Vail, Colorado; Sun Valley, Idaho; Stowe Mountain, Vermont; Steamboat Springs, Colorado; Bretton Woods, New Hampshire; and Boyne Highlands, Michigan. Following 2018, the World Pro Ski Tour plans to continue growing, with more events across the world throughout the year, including possible summer events in the southern hemisphere and in

High Street Congregational hosts Indoor Yard Sale



Mary K. and Monte W. survey treasures donated for this year's event.

The Parish Guild of High Street Congregational Church will host their annual Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at 106 Pleasant Street in Auburn. All items will be priced to sell and coffee and refreshments will be available for purchase.

They will accept donations of gently used items (please no clothing, furniture, or electronics) right up to the day of the sale. Table rentals are available for \$20 each. All proceeds will benefit the work of the parish guild, including youth camp scholarships and donations to local and foreign mission projects.

For more information on table rentals or to donate goods, contact the church office on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 784-1306 or office@highstreet-ucc.org.

Vendor spaces available for Giant Tag Sale

The Fiddlehead School of Arts and Sciences will hold its third annual Giant Tag Sale on Sunday, May 21, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school at 25 Shaker Road in Gray. Vendor spaces, 8.5 by 15 feet in size, are available for \$30. Each space can

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