



Travis Mills Foundation, Franco Center plan "Maine Remembers" veterans tribute



In 2012, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Travis Mills lost both arms and portions of both legs to an improvised explosive device while on his third tour of duty in Afghanistan.

The Travis Mills Foundation will team up with the Gendron Franco Center to present "Maine Remembers," a musical tribute to our veterans on Saturday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. Performers will include the center's executive director, Mitch Thomas, and other local artists. The concert will be followed by a reception.

The purpose of the event is to entertain, inspire and raise awareness of veterans' organizations in Maine. Festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m., when representatives of several veterans' support agencies, including Honor Flight Maine, will be in the center's Heritage Hall to answer questions and provide information about their work. At 5:30 p.m., the

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Volunteers needed to place flags at veterans graves this weekend

Looking for a meaningful way to observe Memorial Day? If so, volunteers are needed to place flags at the gravestones of local veterans in several area cemeteries this weekend.

In 2001, the State of Maine passed a law requiring each municipality to purchase and place individual American flags at the gravestones of all veterans buried in each cemetery in the town. The flags



must be in place each year by Memorial Day. Lewiston has 13 cemeteries and places over 6,000 flags. All work is done by commu-

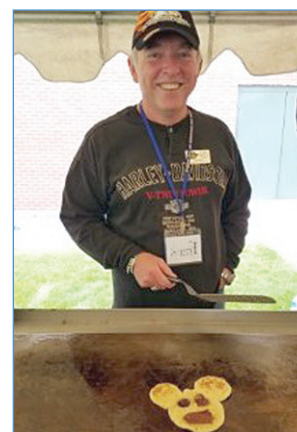
nity volunteers. While the larger cemeteries have been adopted by various veterans and service organizations who organize the work, placing thousands of flags is a big undertaking, and the help of additional volunteers is vital.

The L/A Veterans Council is seeking volunteers to place flags in St. Peters Cemetery on Sunday, May 28 (rain

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Kiwanis Club to serve annual Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes and Mailhot sausages will be on the menu at the annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 4, from 6:30 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Dominic Academy in Auburn. The 59th annual event will also include children's activities such as face painting, a balloon artist from Oxford Hills Entertainment, and a bounce house. A new addition to this year's event will be Mr. Drew and His Animals Too! Drew Desjardins, who has been working with exotic animals for more than 35 years, will have several critters



Volunteer server Frank Welch, Jr., of Mid-Maine Lewiston HOG Chapter #1980 uses his culinary skills to whip up a Mickey Mouse pancake at last year's event.

and reptiles to introduce to children between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. His unique educational show spotlights animals he has rescued and rehabilitated.

Everyone is welcome to this rain-or-shine community event featuring the club's signature all-you-can-eat pancakes, Mailhot's sausage, and all-you-can-drink Starbucks coffee. Guest pancake flippers will include Lewiston Mayor Bob McDonald, Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonte, President and CEO of the L-A Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Rebecca Swanson Conrad, Sen. Nate Libby, and perhaps another dignitary or two.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Search committee names new Lewiston Public Library director

After a national search that attracted 25 applicants, Lewiston City Administrator Ed Barrett has announced that Marcela Peres will be the new Director of Lewiston Public Library. A Lewiston resident and LPL employee since 2012, Peres currently serves as the city's Adult Services Librarian. In that capacity, she has frequently filled in for long-time Library Director Rick Speer, who is retiring at the end of May.



Marcela Peres has served as the city's Adult Services Librarian since 2012.

Prior to arriving in Lewiston, Peres was the College Librarian for Southwest Florida College in Tampa, Florida, where she oversaw all library operations. She holds a Master of Science degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a B.A. from Cornell University. She is active in the Maine, New England, and American Library Associations and is a graduate of the New England Library Leadership Symposium, the Maine Library Leadership Institute, and the Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute.

In addition to the City Administrator, the search committee included representatives of the library's Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Lewiston Public Library, and Betsy Pohl, Director of Lithgow Public Library in Augusta.

"Marcela rose to the top of the field based on her knowledge of our library and community, her vision for the library's future, the work she has done to pre-

pare herself for this position, and her enthusiasm," said Barrett. "As the hiring process moved forward, the members of the search committee became more and more convinced that she was the right candidate for the job."

"The combination of Marcela's educational background, relevant experience, collaborative instincts, forward-looking vision, and deep commitment to this community set her apart from other applicants," agreed board chair and search committee member Darby Ray. "She is superbly qualified to lead the library into the future."

"I am honored and grateful to have the support of the City Administrator, Board of Trustees, library staff, and the many community members who participated in this selection process," said Peres. "I look forward to leading Lewiston Public Library into its next chapter and working to ensure its continued success as the heart of community learning and growth in Lewiston."

Tri-County Mental Health welcomes new board member

Tri-County Mental Health Services has appointed Walter Riseman to their Board of Directors. Riseman has spent his career serving people and community organizations. After graduating from Babson College, where he studied Business Administration, he bought the Village Tie-Up, a local business landmark in Harrison, Maine, which he owned for eight years. He then switched careers by going to work for Community Concepts, Inc., a non-profit community action agency for which he became the Chief Financial Officer. He retired after 23 years of service, leaving the agency in the best finan-

cial shape it had been in 30 years.

Building on his experience, he has been actively involved in numerous community activities, including serving as a volunteer board member for the Oxford Hills Growth Council, Fare Share Food Cooperative, and Deertrees Theatre. He served as a business counselor with the Oxford Hills SCORE chapter for over 20 years, and after his retirement became a volunteer and substitute teacher specializing in special education for the Oxford Hills School District. For more about Tri-County Mental Health Services, find them on Facebook or see www.tcmhs.org.

Lewiston Municipal FCU names scholarship recipient



Lewiston Municipal Federal Credit Union has awarded its 2017 college scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to Nathan Osgood. The son of Lisa and Rick Osgood, Nathan participated in the Gifted and Talented Androscoggin Valley Educational Collaborative Contemporary Affairs program while attending Lewiston High School. He plans to study engineering at P.C. Rossin College of Engineering & Applied Science at Lehigh University in the fall. Founded in 1944, Lewiston Municipal Federal Credit Union serves the municipal employees of Lewiston and Auburn and their families.

Willard joins Bangor Savings' Lewiston branch



Tina Willard

Tina Willard has joined Bangor Savings Bank as a Consumer Banking Senior Relationship Manager for the bank's Lewiston branch. She brings over 30 years of commercial banking experience to her role at Bangor Savings, most recently working at Andro-

scoggin Savings Bank and Northeast Bank. She has a BS in Business Administration from Husson University and received her Master's in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University in 2016.

Willard is active in the community. She previously served as a board member of Literacy Volunteers-Androscoggin and currently serves as treasurer for the Risk Management Association. She

also volunteers for Junior Achievement in the Lewiston and Auburn school systems. She and her husband, Michael, have three grown children and one grandchild and reside in Turner.

Optimist Club presents Respect for Law Award



L-A Optimist Club President George Mathews presents the club's Respect for Law Award to Auburn Middle School student Jacob Wilson, who was nominated by Auburn Police Dept. School Resource Officer Jason Croft (l.) as the student who best represents a positive role model of good character in the school community. The award was presented at the annual Bike Safety Day at Pettingill Park, where Wilson has volunteered for several years.



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Dear Maine Taxpayer,

The State of Maine cannot tax-and-spend its way to prosperity, but the Democrats are doubling down on spending. My biennial budget calls for \$6.8 billion, which is more than enough to fund government and meet the needs of Mainers.

The Democrats want to boost spending to \$7.5 billion. Hard-working Mainers should be outraged by this kind

of reckless and unnecessary spending.

In January, I presented a balanced budget that is fiscally responsible. It essentially flat-funded Executive Branch agencies and made an effort to reduce spending and the growth of government.

In six years, we have gotten Maine's fiscal house in order—despite the Legislature's insatiable appetite for spending your tax dollars. We reduced Maine's structural gap by \$1 billion dollars. We repaid the \$750 million Medicaid debt to Maine's hospitals.

We took back and restructured the state's liquor business, which enabled us



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to pay back the hospitals and provide a much better deal for Mainers.

We reduced our pension liability from \$4.1 billion to \$2.4 billion—a decrease of 41 percent.

Fiscal responsibility is not about spending money to fulfill political promises for the next election. It is about how government can best manage Maine taxpayer dollars.

Unfortunately, the Legislature has a history of careless spending. In 2015, the Legislature passed a budget, over my objections, which increased spending to \$6.7 billion. That was \$300 million more than the previous budget!

This time around, Democrats are attempting to spend money we don't even have yet. They are dreaming of uncollected online revenues, a 10.15% income tax and unrealistic

expectations of "economic growth."

Lawmakers don't need to look far to find several states that are facing projected budget shortfalls: Massachusetts, Connecticut, Oregon, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Pennsylvania.

These states failed to make the fiscally responsible decisions necessary to resolve the deeply entrenched budget problems they have faced for decades.

We have been working for six years to put the State of Maine on a stable, financial footing, rather than scrambling to fill budget gaps. But the Legislature has con-

tinued with their cavalier spending spree every year.

Democrats claim to respect the will of the people, but they are disrespecting you and your tax dollars with this kind of outlandish budget proposal. We cannot go backwards to the days of massive budget holes filled with one-time gimmicks.

We urge all hard-working Mainers to contact their legislators and tell them to stop using your money for their irresponsible spending spree.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Auburn Public Library pilots new Family Literacy program

Auburn Public Library is partnering with Androscoggin County Jail to create a new Family Literacy program for inmates and their children. The program, called "ReadingConnects!", seeks to improve the literacy skills of incarcerated parents and their children, to foster the children's interest in books so they will be ready to learn when they reach school, and to encourage incarcerated parents to

bond with their children through reading.

Funding provided by Fales and Fales law firm, the Androscoggin Bank "Greater Giving" program, and a grant from the Yelp Foundation will be used to purchase 12 durable bags and books to go in each, which will be brought to the county jail on a monthly rotating basis to provide quality children's literature for inmates to read to their children on

visit days. Each bag will have a different theme - holidays, seasonal, animals - and will come with "story extenders," or questions to ask the children to increase their comprehension, and activities such as puzzles, flash cards, or coloring sheets that complement the theme.

For more information about the program, call the library at 333-6640 or see www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.



Attorney Jennifer Ferguson of Fales and Fales presents a donation check to APL Director Mamie Anthoine Ney. Also pictured are Andro. County Jail Programs Director Sgt. Victoria Langelier; Children's Library Services Manager Deb Cleveland, and Library Development Coordinator Susan Geismar.

Argo rebrands to reflect core business

Argo Marketing Group, a rapidly expanding Maine-based contact center with headquarters in Lewiston, recently rebranded to better represent the company and is now doing business as Argo Contact Centers. To coincide with the name change, Argo has also launched a new website.

The rebrand is a more accurate representation of Argo, reflecting what services Argo provides to its domestic and international clients and ensuring

there is no confusion about what Argo does, which is provide contact center services. The new website highlights Argo's core competencies of customer service, customer acquisition, e-communications, and business process outsourcing while celebrating the employees who make the company's success possible. For more information, see www.argocontact.com.

Argo selected local branding agency Anhour to rebrand and develop its new logo and website.

Anhour worked closely with Argo's CEO and Business Development team to build a brand identity that reflects Argo's core values, culture, and strategy.

"This rebrand highlights the evolution of our company while staying true to our story," said Argo CEO Jason Levesque. "Beginning as a campaign management firm, the name Argo Marketing Group was fitting.

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Only Steps Forward

L-A could benefit from coordination with Francophone Cities Network

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

Over the last couple of years, the Mayors of Quebec City, Moncton, New Brunswick and Lafayette, Louisiana have established a network of Francophone cities with the intent to promote and encourage deeper connections between communities with language and cultural similarities around the French language.

With support from the Franco Center in Lewiston,

both Auburn and Lewiston have joined as twin cities.

Rather than one city in the lead, as others in the international network have advanced, here in Lewiston-Auburn the Franco Center has played the lead role in convening a working group of local partners that involves both cities, Museum LA, the Franco-American Collection at USM's Lewiston campus, the Chamber of Commerce, the local libraries and business leaders.



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

As both cities look for ways to grow our economies, in particular by at-

tracting outside dollars, there's growing recognition that playing to our strengths is the only way to achieve that. You can spend a lot of time and energy—and sometimes money—trying to be something you're not.

And even with the growing diversity of other immigrant groups coming to L-A, there's still a strong foundation of French-Canadians with the relationships and history that brings. An important note is that

some of our new immigrants are fluent French speakers, something a number of businesses are finding very helpful.

The Francophone Cities Network is planning a number of initiatives over the next few years, and cultural tourism corridors and sharing best practices are high on that list. While we are still early in packaging what a visitor to L-A might do or see when here, other towns and cities not too far away in the Province of Quebec have been doing it for a while and are eager to share what they've learned.

Can't imagine that a visitor to Montreal or Quebec City would have a reason to add a visit to Lewiston-Auburn to their itinerary? Just this spring, two tour buses from Atlantic City stopped at the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Lewiston on their trip south from the Province of Quebec. In this case, the cultural tourists were traveling to visit and play on internationally renowned organs, and the Casavant organ in the Basilica was on their list.

In the future, as our local work group expands, tour groups like this may find opportunities to add a few more hours to these trips, or even an overnight. Might they want to visit Museum LA and learn more about the daily life of the parishioners that helped fund the Basilica and the organ? Perhaps that extended trip means a dozen extra tables served at a downtown restaurant? Two busloads doesn't revitalize an economy, but ensuring each time a visitor is in town we've

ensured they've maximized their experience sure will.

While the Lewiston MAINEiacs of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League were here, local hotels and restaurants benefited from visiting fans from across eastern Canada. And today, with the Norway Savings Bank Arena, youth tournaments hosted their have often included teams from Canada. A further coordination, by partnering with the Androscoggin Bank Colisee and other members of the Francophone Cities Network, could have Lewiston-Auburn hosting thousands of people from dozens of communities to experience L-A for several days, with youth hockey as the convening force.

This summer, the network is hosting its second conference of member cities in Quebec City, and a delegation from Lewiston-Auburn is already planning how to make best use of the time not only learning from others, but also planning for how we can bring this potential here.

If you work with an organization or business that you believe would benefit from joining the local workgroup, I'd encourage you to reach out to Mitch Thomas, executive director at the Franco Center. There's a lot more potential when more local partners are communicating and share opportunities.

Kiwanis

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Advance tickets are only \$5 each and can be purchased at Shaw's in Lewiston (27 East Avenue), Shaw's in Auburn (600 Center Street), the L-A Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce (415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston), Victor News (59 Park Street in Lewiston), L-A Harley-Davidson (839 Main Street in Lewiston), the main office at St. Dominic Academy (121 Gracelawn Road in Auburn), or directly from a Kiwanis Club member. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$6 each. Proceeds from the event help fund projects, programs and scholarships for youth throughout Androscoggin County.

Local business and service organizations are welcome to attend in groups and encouraged to wear identifying t-shirts if they have them. Children and youth are welcome but must be accompanied by adequate adult supervision; they may not be dropped off and left.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear sneakers or boots in case the grass is wet. Bring a screwdriver to poke a hole in the grass, which makes placing the wooden staff of the flag into the ground much easier. Dress for the weather and, if it will be sunny, bring a water bottle, bug spray, hat and sunscreen.

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Stand easy in Elysium’s meadow land.”

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This coming Monday is Memorial Day—a day to honor those who went off to war and ended up paying the supreme sacrifice. If you could speak to them what words would you use to convey and acknowledge to them your appreciation for their sacrifice, a sacrifice that allows you to live a life of comfort and freedom?

How many are aware of the history of this holiday?

Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War, a war that saw death, maiming and destruction on an unprecedented scale, drastically reducing a generation of American youth, from both the North and the South. Over 600,000 would never return home.

In 1866 a veterans’ organization, The Grand Army of the Republic, was founded by Benjamin Stephenson of Decatur, Illinois. This was a fraternal organization made up of honorably discharged Union Civil War veterans who had served in the Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard. It subsequently evolved



Mayor Bob Macdonald

into a veterans group that sought pensions and benefits for their members. It also sought voting rights for its former black military members.

On May 5, 1868, General John Logan, the National

Commander of the GAR, issued General Order No. 11 declaring and establishing May 30 of each year as Decoration Day. On this date the graves of Union soldiers would be decorated with flowers. This custom pertained to those states north of the Mason Dixon Line.

On June 10, 1889, the United Confederate Veterans were formed by Joseph Shipp in New Orleans, Louisiana. The organization consisted of Army, Navy and Marine veterans of the Confederacy. They set up their own version of Decoration Day, which would be celebrated on various days in the month of April.

This separation of Memorial Day celebrations

continued until shortly after the end of the Great War—World War I, a war whose scenes of death and horror matched the savagery of the American Civil War. The realization of the slaughter of American youth appears to have brought the country to its senses. The day was then changed to honoring all our country’s war dead.

With the passage by Congress of the National Holiday Act of 1971, Memorial Day was established as a national holiday celebrated on the last Monday of May. This made it a three-day weekend celebration.

So what will you be doing this weekend? Will you be at a beach with family and friends kicking off

the start of the summer? Will you be at a family barbecue? Will you be shopping at the mall? Maybe just relaxing around the house?

Or will you take time at some point during the weekend to attend one of the many ceremonies to honor those dead whose sacrifice allows you to enjoy the weekend?

In his poem, “Aftermath,” Sassoon details the horrors of war, closing his poem by asking, “Have you forgotten yet? . . . Look up, and swear by the green of Spring that you’ll never forget.”

When we cease as a country to remember and no longer honor our war dead, we cease to be a country.

Mills

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award-winning documentary “Travis: A Soldier’s Story” will be presented in a free viewing in the center’s Performance Hall. The film chronicles the life and recovery of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Travis Mills, who in 2012 was critically injured while on his third tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Following the film, a social hour in Heritage Hall will lead up to the 7:30 p.m. concert. The Franco-American War Veterans Color Guard of Post #31 will present the flags of the United States and the five U.S. military branches, and Brandy M. Cain of the Travis Mills Foundation will speak. Highlighting the event will be a special tribute to the 81 Maine service men and women killed in combat since September 11, 2001.

After the concert, a reception with light hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar will take place in Heritage Hall. Reserved tickets for the fundraising concert and reception are \$20, or \$15 for veterans and members of their immedi-

ate families. Proceeds will benefit the Travis Mills Foundation. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the Box Office at 783-1585, visiting Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., or online at FrancoCenter.org.

Retired United States Army Staff Sergeant Travis Mills of the 82nd Airborne is a recalibrated warrior, motivational speaker, actor, author and advocate for veterans and amputees. On April 10, 2012, while on patrol during his third tour of duty in Afghanistan, he was critically injured by an improvised explosive device, losing both arms and portions of both legs.

Thanks to his strength, courage, will to live, the heroic actions of the men in his unit, prayers of thousands, and the healthcare providers at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Mills is one of only five quadruple amputees from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to survive his injuries. He remains on the road to recovery.

In September 2013, Staff Sergeant Mills founded the Travis Mills

June Chamber Breakfast at Poland Spring Resort

The June Breakfast Meeting of the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will take place on Thursday, June 8 at 7 a.m. at the Poland Spring Resort, located at 640 Maine Street in Poland Spring. This month’s speaker will be Dana Connors, President of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce.

Those attending are invited to stay afterwards to take advantage of specials being offered for the day, including free admission to the Maine State Building, built by the State of Maine for the Chicago World’s Fair in 1893; free admission to the Poland Spring Bottling Museum, built in 1906-07; and free admission to Fenn Park, where

Foundation, a nonprofit organization working to create a unique, fully-accessible retreat where combat-injured veterans and their families can go to relax and enjoy adaptive sports and family recreation.

Wheelchair accessible, the Gendron Franco Center is located on the corner of Cedar and Oxford Streets in the “Little Canada” section of Lewiston.

visitors may hit balls on the driving range or play miniature or disc golf.

Also, the golf course will offer 18-holes for a special discounted rate of only \$10 per player, valid on June 8 for tee offs between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. only. Reserve your time by calling 998-6002 and asking for the special Chamber rate.

The cost for breakfast is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Registration is available at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Absentee ballots available for State Referendum Election

A special State Referendum Election will take place on Tuesday, June 13 to decide one Bond Issue question regarding economic development. Absentee ballots for this election are now available from the Lewiston City Clerk’s Office. Registered voters needing an absentee ballot may call, mail in an application form from the City’s website, or pick one up in the office, located on the second floor of City Hall. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Voters

may also order an absentee ballot on line through the State’s website.

On election day, all voting city-wide will take place at Longley Elementary School at 145 Birch Street, across from the Androscoggin Bank Colisee. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. For more information, call the City Clerk’s Office at 513-3124. The city’s election website contains a sample ballot, polling place information and other details. See www.lewiston-maine.gov.

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CMCC offers Grant Writing Workshop

The Corporate and Community Services Department at Central Maine Community College will offer a Grant Writing Workshop on three Fridays, June 2, 9 and 23, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

This introduction to preparing proposals for funding nonprofits is designed for beginners who want a thorough overview of the process, as well as more experienced practitioners who seek to build a stronger knowledge base. Participants will gain an understanding of the steps involved to identify prospective funding sources; develop a plan of approach to seek support; understand the fundamentals of project

design; and prepare effective proposals. All participants will be given the opportunity to engage in an interactive, hands-on learning experience that will help them achieve success when seeking outside support.

The program will be facilitated by Christos Giannopoulos, who has assisted business professionals to clarify their thinking about the direction and management of their enterprises. He has decades of experience in personal and professional development, leadership of community initiatives, and teaching. He has been a project director for nonprofit organizations such as Maine Audubon Society and the Maine Lyceum. A graduate

of Bowdoin College, he also holds graduate degrees from American University and Syracuse University. To register online, see www.cmcc.edu/ccs.

The Corporate and Community Services Division of Central Maine Community College provides customized training programs to business, government, nonprofit and other organizations throughout Androscoggin, Oxford, Franklin and Lincoln counties. In addition, they offer both non-credit classes and certification programs on a wide range of subjects. For more information, please contact Corporate & Community Services at 755-5280 or training@cmcc.edu.

Vardamis joins Red Cross development team

Judy Vardamis of Auburn has joined the American Red Cross of Maine's development team as a major gift officer. Vardamis brings a wealth of business, economic development and non-profit sector experience to the position. A longtime Red Cross volunteer, she has served on the Board of Directors of the agency's Bangor and Central-Midcoast Chapters and on the philanthropy committee of the Central-Midcoast Chapter.



Judy Vardamis

donors, whose generosity enables the Red Cross to fulfil its mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies."

Vardamis has been a civic leader in the Bangor and Lewiston-Auburn ar-

reas. She was the executive director of both the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Bangor and Keep Bangor Beautiful/Bangor Garden Show. She has also been a corporate sales officer with the Maine Public Broadcasting Network, now called Maine Public, and a community outreach coordinator at Electricity Maine. She is the board secretary for both the Center for Wisdom's Women, a weekday drop-in center in Lewiston, and Literacy Volunteers -Androscoggin, and is the immediate past chair of L/A Arts.

Vardamis resides in Auburn with her husband, dog, and two kitties. In her spare time, she enjoys baking cookies and bread, reading and gardening.

New members at Auburn UU



The First Universalist Church of Auburn recently welcomed new members (l. to r.) Tiffany Manson, Bridget LaRoche, Annika Black and Alejandra Yari Rodriguez. The group learned about the history of Unitarian Universalism and about opportunities to minister within the church. New member sessions are offered by the church's Membership Committee several times per year. For more information, call 783-0461 or visit www.auburnuu.org.

Fire Up Your Grilling Game

Warm weather means grilling season is here, and nothing turns up the heat like great summer grilling. It's the perfect opportunity to get away from a stuffy kitchen and enjoy a casual meal outdoors with family and friends.

Whether you prefer gas or charcoal, grilling is convenient for cutting calories and creating your own versions of cookout classics. From your favorite protein to fresh fruit, just about any food can be grilled, so grab your grilling gear and get ready to experiment with different ingredient options.

If you're tired of traditional burgers, try substituting ground duck for beef for savory flavor and a skinnier profile. Made from duck breast meat, all-natural ground duck is 87 percent lean, making it a healthier alternative to most ground beef. Since duck is red meat, its depth of flavor and moist texture can be incorporated into a variety of dishes that usually call for ground beef.

In this recipe, ground duck is used to make a robust, juicy burger that's sure to delight any cookout connoisseur. Top it off with some duck bacon for a hearty and flavorful summer feast. It has less fat than the regular pork variety, giving you an excuse to pile even more on your sandwich. Plus, duck bacon is more like pork bacon than traditional poultry bacons - thick cut with a smoky flavor.



Source: Maple Leaf Farms

Ready in less than 30 minutes, these burgers featuring a duo of duck products can help you turn up the heat at your next backyard get-together.

Find more recipes for the grill and information about cooking with duck at mapleleafarms.com.

Duck Bacon Burgers with Cheese

Servings: 6

Burgers:

2 pounds Maple Leaf Farms All Natural Ground Duck
4 tablespoons bread crumbs
2 tablespoons white onion, minced

1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 teaspoon paprika

1/4 teaspoon chili powder salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

canola oil

6 strips Maple Leaf Farms

Duck Bacon, halved
6 hamburger buns
3 tablespoons Maple Leaf Farms All Natural Rendered Duck Fat

6 slices cheddar cheese
6 slices red onion (optional)
6 slices tomato (optional)
lettuce leaves (optional)

Heat grill to medium-high heat.

In large bowl, mix together ground duck, bread crumbs, onion, garlic, paprika and chili powder. Divide mixture into six equal parts and form into patties. Season both sides of each patty with salt and pepper.

Lightly brush grill rack with oil. Place burgers on rack and cook, flipping frequently until internal temperature reaches 155 F.

While burgers are cooking, place bacon on grill and cook until crisp.

Once burgers are done, remove from heat and let sit 3-5 minutes. Brush insides of hamburger bun halves with duck fat and toast lightly on grill.

Serve each burger on toasted bun with two bacon half-strips and slice of cheese then top with red onion, tomato and lettuce, if desired. (Family Features)

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Tax Fairness for Small Businesses: Supporting Our Nation's Job Creators

By Senator Susan M. Collins

Small businesses are our nation's job creators. According to the Small Business Administration, small businesses employ more than half of all American workers and have generated two-out-of-three net new jobs since the 1970s.

Maine truly is a small business state, with nearly 300,000 of our residents employed by our more than 141,000 small businesses. That's nearly 60 percent of our workforce.

Small businesses also make a great contribution to the American economy, generating half of our nation's Gross Domestic Product of more than \$18 trillion. They also account for 54 percent of all U.S. sales, 41 percent of private sector payroll, and one-third of our nation's export value.

Their success is critical to the health of our economy.

Unfortunately, our nation's small businesses shoulder an unfairly heavy tax burden that can affect their ability to compete with large firms in the marketplace. A recent survey by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), America's leading small-business association, found that concerns about federal taxes on business income ranked high on the list of the top problems facing small business owners.

The reason for the unfairness is that, in many cases, the profits small businesses earn are taxed at a higher rate than the profits of larger corporations. Most of our nation's small businesses are organized as pass-throughs, meaning that their profits are passed on to their owners and reported

on individual tax returns as ordinary income at the end of every tax year. As a result, small business income is subject to taxation at individual rates, which can be as high as 39.6 percent at the federal level and can exceed 50 percent in some states. In contrast, the highest federal corporate tax rate is 35 percent. If we want our small businesses to grow and create more jobs, we must reduce these high marginal rates.

I believe Congress should undertake comprehensive tax reform to make our tax code simpler, fairer, and more pro-growth. And, as we do so, we must make sure American businesses of every size are given the opportunity to compete on a level playing field.

Aligning the tax rate for pass-throughs with our corporate tax rate will ensure

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that Main Street remains competitive. That is why, along with Senator Bill Nelson of Florida, I have introduced the bipartisan Main Street Fairness Act, which will link the tax rates of pass-through entities and large corporations to ensure that small businesses never pay a higher tax rate than large companies. The Main Street Fairness Act has been endorsed by the NFIB and the National Association of Manufacturers.

As a former Regional Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, I know the importance of local businesses as the engines of economic growth. They sustain our communities and create good jobs. Small-business owners are our friends and neighbors, and they are among the most generous supporters of civic groups, local charities, youth sports, schools and virtually every other form of community activity.

As I travel throughout Maine, I see again and again the role innovative small businesses play in revitalizing our downtowns with shops, restaurants, and small manufacturing operations. The energy, ingenuity, and perseverance of small business entrepreneurs must be supported with tax policies that are fair. The tax change Sen. Nelson and I propose will help make sure that small businesses remain healthy, strong, and growing, so that they can continue to serve as America's job creators.

Free coffee for veterans



Mark and Jenn Tripp of Tripp's Farmhouse Café, located at 1056 Center Street in Auburn, will provide a free cup of coffee and a donut or cookie to any veteran who visits on Saturday, May 27, from 7 to 10 a.m., before the unveiling ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park. Tripp's is a dedicated gluten-free operation that also serves dairy-free items. Mark Tripp is a member of the Auburn Fire Department and a frequent volunteer at the William J. Rogers American Legion Post 153 of Auburn.

Auburn woman walks to end breast cancer



Chriss Hayden of Auburn (r.) was one of the over 1600 women and men who gathered in Washington, D.C. recently to participate in the Avon 39 Walk to End Breast Cancer. The two-day event, consisting of 26.5 miles on the first day and 13 miles on the second, raised more than \$4 million. She is pictured here with her daughter, Wanda (c.), and breast cancer survivor Carla.

Maine youth volunteers honored at national awards ceremony



Maine's top two youth volunteers of 2017, Kathleen Waeldner, 18, of Yarmouth and Bella Rossborough, 12, of Kennebunk, were honored for their outstanding volunteer service recently at the 22nd annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards in Washington, D.C. Along with 100 other top youth volunteers from across the country, Waeldner and Rossborough each received \$1,000 awards and were congratulated by Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps.

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Out & About with Rachel Morin

A Mother-Daughter Banquet at United Methodist Church



Servers Joel Irish, Frank Thomas, Scott Kenison, Pastor Steve Bascom, and Paul Bisson.



Women of the Bible, Gerry Tinkham, Kary Coffin, Gail Theberge, Desiree Cossey, Pat Thomas and Janice Meserve.



Marcia Akers, left, with her daughters, Dawn Beaulé, left, and Debbie Humason-Fulgham, and her granddaughter, Saphryn Humason-Fulgham.



Marcia Baxter, center, with her mother-in-law, Clarissa Damon, 91, left, and her mother, Ruth Baxter, 99. Both women are proud of their ninth decade in age.

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Stories and photos by Rachel Morin

The Mother-Daughter Banquet held May 9 at the United Methodist Church on Park Avenue sponsored by the United Methodist Women was a huge success. The committee had worked for weeks in preparation for the event which saw close to 75 mothers, daughters and granddaughters gathered in the parish hall at the beautifully covered tables, centered with vases of flowers and colorful ribbon-tied napkins encircling the flatware.

Working on the committee were Lucille Webber, Pat Thomas, Jan

Wilkinson and Judy Sargent. Ably serving the guests were Pastor Steve Bascom, Frank Thomas, Joel Irish, Scott Kenison and Paul Bisson.

Following the delicious meal prepared by The Green Ladle, a special program entitled "Women of the Bible" was presented in the Sanctuary. Carol Costopoulos, Moderator, introduced the readers, Janice Meserve, Gerry Tinkham, Pat Thomas, Kary Coffin, Gail Theberge and Desiree Cossey. Each presenter gave a reading on the bible woman she was portraying.

The evening concluded with the guests singing several church hymns.

★ Have a safe Memorial Weekend! ★



Judy Sargent and her granddaughter, Acadia Guay, with daughters, Susan Robichaud, left, and Laurie Guay.



Lucille Webber, President of the United Methodist Women, left, welcomed the guests and Carol Costopoulos served as Moderator for the program.

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about the shelter, including how to volunteer or adopt an animal, call 783-2311 or see www.SavingPetsInMaine.org.



For her third birthday, Emelia Doyon of Greene asked for donations for the pets in lieu of birthday gifts.



Ava Pablo of Auburn, a student at the East Auburn Community School, asks guests to her tenth birthday party to bring donations for the pets in lieu of birthday gifts.

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Quickbooks, cuisine top LAE summer schedule

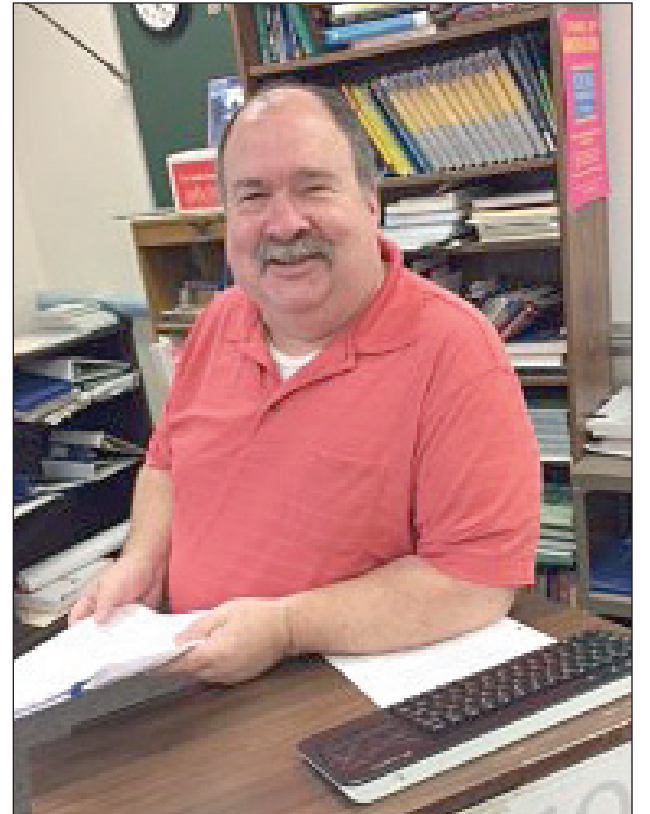
Aspiring chefs and business people will have plenty of options to choose from on the new schedule of summer classes from Lewiston Adult Education.

Greg Yates will teach several classes related to Quickbooks. Students interested in learning more about accounting software can take the "Essentials of Quickbooks Bootcamp" or "Special Topics in Quickbooks."

The Culinary Arts Certificate program will begin at the Green Ladle on July 6 with instructors Chef Dan Caron, Chef Brianne Doyle and Chef Rebecca Levesque. It will include six or more hours of catering experience as students work as interns.

The B Street Community Center will offer two different formats for the College Transition Program. Both are 12 weeks long, with one based in a classroom and the other a combination of classroom and online sessions.

The Certified Nursing Assistant class is scheduled to begin on June 26 at Lewis-



Greg Yates will teach Quickbook Bootcamp as part of Lewiston Adult Education's slate of summer classes.

ton High School. This accelerated summer program will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Students must complete a screening, interview and take the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment

System before they can be considered for the program. To schedule the CASAS test, call 795-4141.

For more information about the CNA program and other summer classes, see lewistonadulted.org.

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Bates Dance Festival to mark milestone season with mill performance, anniversary gala



"Mill Town," by internationally renowned site choreographer Stephan Koplowitz, will be performed at the Bates Mill Complex in Lewiston on Thursday and Friday, August 3 and 4. For ticket information, see batesdancefestival.org.

The Bates Dance Festival will mark its 35th anniversary season this year with spectacular public events from July 7 through August 5, including a special gala program and a multimedia performance in the Bates Mill complex in downtown Lewiston. The 2017 season will also be the 30th - and last - led by festival director Laura Faure, under whose guidance the Bates Dance Festival has become a leading American dance center, celebrated as a laboratory

for important contributions to contemporary dance.

Among the acclaimed artists who will perform or present works this year are Christal Brown and INSPIRIT, David Dorfman Dance, zoe | juniper and Stephan Koplowitz. Festival alumni who will perform in the 35th Anniversary Gala will include Bebe Miller, Doug Varone, Larry Keigwin, Sara Pearson, and Patrik Widrig.

Festival events take place at Bates College in

Lewiston, except as noted. Schaeffer Theatre is located at 329 College Street and Alumni Gymnasium is located at 130 Central Avenue. Off-campus in downtown Lewiston, the Gendron Franco Center is at 46 Cedar Street and the Bates Mill Complex is at 35 Canal Street. Tickets for most performances will cost \$25, or \$18 for seniors and \$12 for students. Beginning June 28, reservations may be made by phone Monday through Saturday from 1 to

5 p.m. by calling 786-6161. Otherwise, for more information about the performers or to buy tickets, see batesdancefestival.org.

The 2017 performance schedule will open with DanceNOW, showcasing dynamic new works by New England dance makers, on Friday and Saturday, July 7 and 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Bates College's air-conditioned Schaeffer Theatre. Friday's program will feature performance artist Lida Winfield in her extraordinary text-based solo "In Search of Air." In this poignant and hilarious chronicle of growing up dyslexic, Winfield shares the gifts and heartache that accompanied her struggle to learn to read in her early 20s. On the same program, Betsy Miller and Matthew Cumbe will present a whimsical duet that explores new possibilities for virtuosity in performance and presence.

On Saturday, Christal Brown and her company INSPIRIT will per-

form Brown's acclaimed "The Opulence of Integrity." Adapting the life story and legacy of Muhammad Ali, the piece explores the inner struggle for identity of men of color in the U.S. through an expansive look at the social, economic and spiritual conditions that inhibit freedom.

David Dorfman Dance will present "Aroundtown," a kinetic poem examining varied and sometimes divided notions of love's meaning and purpose, on Thursday and Saturday, July 13 and 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Schaeffer Theatre. Dorfman, who recently choreographed Paula Vogel's Broadway-bound play "Indecent," has conducted seven creative residencies at the festival since 1995. His deeply engaging works examine aspects of power and powerlessness, activism, dissidence, community and intimacy. "Aroundtown" musters original music, text and visuals to explore commitment, community and

intimacy in times of strife. Dorfman's trademark empathy, sly humor and robust physicality are harnessed to look at love through a sociopolitical lens.

From Seattle, zoe | juniper will return to the festival to present their arresting new "Clear & Sweet" on Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Schaeffer Theatre. Co-founded by choreographer Zoe Scofield and visual artist Juniper Shuey, recipients of a 2013 Stranger Genius for Performance award, the company creates stunning works of dance, photography and video installation. Powerful and impassioned, "Clear & Sweet" deploys Scofield's angular, intense choreography and Shuey's cutting-edge videography in an adaptation of the uniquely American tradition of shape-note singing. Mixing singers with a stellar cast of dancers, this work plays with constantly shifting points of perspective and highlights the strengths of community.

Marking a festival milestone and honoring the contributions of longtime director Laura Faure and late festival founder Marcy Plavin, the 35th Anniversary Gala will unite favorite festival artist alumni for performances on Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Schaeffer Theatre. On the program are

CLT names crew for "Prelude to a Kiss"

Director Eileen M. Messina has named the crew for the upcoming Community Little Theater production of the romantic comedy "Prelude to a Kiss." They are Britny Anderson as producer and sound designer, Dan Kane as assistant director and stage manager, Richard Martin as light designer, Zach Gagne as light design assistant and light board operator, Maureen Brann as sound designer assistant and sound board operator, Sophie Messina in charge of properties and prompting, Celeste Philippon in charge of publicity and program layout, and Rebecca Cole as photographer.

Messina has been ac-

tively involved with CLT for 40 years. She has directed many shows, including "Our Town," "The Lion in Winter," "Sylvia," "Inspecting Carol" and "Greetings." She has also choreographed at least 30 more musicals and performed in well over 100 shows.

The play tells the story of a young couple - Peter, idealistic and romantic; and Rita, a bit wild and unpredictable - who fall in love and marry. After they exchange vows, a mysterious elderly man asks to kiss the bride. When he does, something magical happens and Peter discovers that the soul of his new wife now inhabits the body of the old man and vice versa. Back from the honeymoon, he

realizes he must find the old man and try to switch them back. This quest tests the strength of their love and commitment to each other.

Written in the late 1980s and widely considered to be an allegory about the AIDS epidemic, the play is at heart a romance about falling in love, getting married, and what happens when the person you married somehow changes, whether through age, appearance or illness.

Production dates for this show are June 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and June 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. For more information or to buy tickets, see www.laclt.com.

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Scotty Gagne returns home for show with national performing artist



Performing as a duo, Scotty Gagne and Cassidy Daniels have opened shows for such bands as Thompson Square, Love and Theft, Jamey Johnson, John Michael Montgomery, and Rodney Atkins. They headline a show at the Franco Center on Thursday, June 1.

Lewiston native Scotty Gagne returns home for a performance at the Gendron Franco Center on Thursday, June 1, when he will be joined on stage by national singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist Cassidy Daniels. The duo, now based in Florida, will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the center's Heritage Hall Clubhouse. The doors and bar will open at 6 p.m. Brett Raio, a 15-year-old singer-songwriter from Topsham, will open the show at 7 p.m.

Gagne, who plays many solo shows in the Stuart, Florida area, has opened for Charlie Daniels at the Balsam Valley Amphitheater. Since teaming up with Cassidy Daniels, the duo has opened shows around the country for bands such as Thompson Square, Love and Theft, Jamey Johnson, John Mi-

chael Montgomery, and Rodney Atkins.

Daniels was born in Asheville, North Carolina into an Army family. She and her family had to relocate 14 times while her father served 27 years in Special Forces. "Though it was tough growing up in a military family, I found my solace in music," said Daniels. Her friends and family quickly discovered that she was a musical prodigy after she wrote her first song on piano, "Beautiful Day," about finding positivity at home when her father was deployed in Iraq. In a few short years, she learned to play guitar and soon began to master other instruments.

Daniels has written and co-written hundreds of songs with some of Nashville's top-tier songwriters. She began performing live, gracing stages across the U.S. and garnering the at-

tention of the music industry along the way. Johnny Van Zant of Lynyrd Skynyrd became one of her first mentors. Daniels has shared the stage with artists including Hunter Hayes, Trace Adkins, Craig Morgan, Chris Janson, Tyler Farr, Cole Swindell, the Marshall Tucker Band, the Little River Band, Chris Lane, and many others.

Tickets for the show are \$8. They can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the Box Office at 783-1585, visiting Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., or online at FrancoCenter.org.

The Gendron Franco Center is wheelchair accessible and located at 46 Cedar Street, on the corner of Cedar and Oxford Streets in the "Little Canada" section of Lewiston, just across the Bernard Lown Peace Bridge from New Auburn.

Swingin' Bears install new officers



The Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club installed new officers during its recent annual meeting at Dunkin Donuts in Welchville. Here Paul LaRoche hands over the gavel to new co-president Bob Herrick; also pictured are Esther Tucker, Treasurer; Chandler Wright, Secretary; Melody Cox, Vice-President; and Eleanor Herrick, co-president. The club's next dance will take place on Saturday, June 3, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street in South Paris. Admission is \$7 per person; non-dancers are welcome at no charge. For more information, call Eleanor Herrick at 782-4050.

Twin City Nights

Sawyer Memorial presents singer Larry Gowell

The powerful baritone voice of singer Larry Gowell will fill the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial in Greene on Friday, June 2 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Known for his emotional expression of songs from the Great American Songbook, Gowell's concerts are enriched by his outgoing personality and passion for music. His greatest influences include Frank Sinatra, Nate King Cole, Dean Martin, Elvis Presley, and Josh Groban. Over the course of his eight-year career, he has performed 640 concerts, appearing at venues ranging from local nursing homes to Boston's Fenway Park to the Metropolitan Club in New York City.

At Sawyer Memorial, he will perform some of the biggest hits of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nate King Cole, and Sammy Davis Jr., including some of the greatest swinging songs and ballads of the era.

Admission is free and open to the public. The



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

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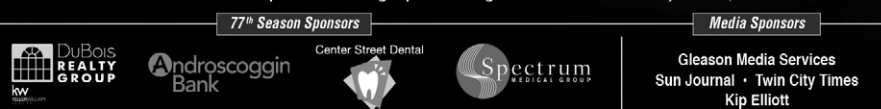
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Twin City Nights

Booth spaces available for Moore Park Art Show

Booth spaces are now available for artists and fine crafters for the Moore Park Art Show, taking place Sunday, July 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date August 6).

This annual event brings together a wide range of artists, crafters and live performers in a day of creative fun for all ages. The park is located on Route 26 in South Paris.

The show accepts work in the form of paintings, drawings, photography, wood working, metal sculpting, weaving, metalsmithing glass blowing, beading, print and book making, quilting, felting, weaving and more. All art work displayed must be the original design and creation of the exhibitor.

Booth spots are 10 x 10" and cost \$65 for a single exhibitor. Shared booths are \$40 for each artist, up to four in a booth. Student booth fees are \$40 per booth, or



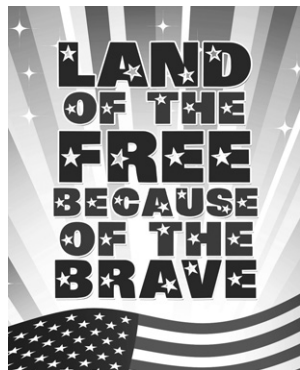
Dominique Berry, 17, of West Paris will exhibit at the show for the second time this year. As a young artist, she is part of the wide range of genres, ages and experience levels represented that makes the event unique.

\$25 each for a shared booth. Exhibitors must supply their own tent, tables and display materials.

Community groups booth spots are \$30. Food vendor spots are \$75. Food vendors must provide proof of insurance with application. Please apply early as

spots are limited. Applications must be received by July 1; no refunds for any reason will be issued after that date.

To apply for a booth, call Director Aranka Matolcsy at 890-6386 or see www.mooreparkartshow.biz.



LGBTQ Pride Celebration set for June 10

Forty-eight years ago, a police raid at the Stonewall Inn led to a series of public protests and prompted the LGBTQ+ community to begin to organize, resulting in the first gay pride parades. In 1978, openly gay San Francisco public official Harvey Milk asked Gilbert Baker to design a new symbol of gay pride, resulting in the first Pride Flag.

The LGBTQ+ community of Lewiston-Au-

burn will carry on the tradition of pride symbolized by that original 1978 flag with a free, fabulous, family-friendly Pride Celebration on Saturday, June 10 at Simard-Payne Park in downtown Lewiston-Auburn.

Show your support by gathering at the park to march at 10 a.m., then stay for the celebration from noon to 4 p.m. There will be live music, per-

formances of camp and burlesque, opportunities to dunk-tank some local politicians, sweet and savory refreshments from a variety of food trucks, a bounce house, and lots of fun and games. Bring your pride, your love, and your color. Admission is free and so is garage parking.

For more information, find them on Facebook at @PrideLAMaine or see <http://pride-l-a.weebly.com>.

Carriage exhibit runs through June 18

"Recollections of Horse & Buggy Days," the current exhibit at Skyline Farm's Carriage Museum in Falmouth, spotlights quotations from real people who recall living during the horse-drawn era in New England. The thirty-three vintage vehicles on display,

including a child's "Harvard" goat-drawn wagon, piano-moving wagon with rare cylinder player piano, four-wheel racer, pallbearer's coach, Rockaway, Bar Harbor buckboard, market wagon, and fire department wagon, help bring these memories to life.

Located at 95 The Lane in North Yarmouth, the museum is free and open for public viewing on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. through June 18.

For more information, contact Greg Cuffey at 892-0188 or info@skylinefarm.org.



Visitors examine one of the 33 carriages on display in the current exhibit, "Recollections of Horse & Buggy Days." (Photo by Pamela Ames)

Bates

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"Short Story," a poignant duet by Doug Varone and Natalie Desch; an excerpt from "The Making Room," by Bebe Miller and Angie Hauser; a brand-new duet by Mexico's Delfos Danza directors Claudia Lavista and Omar Carrum; a glimpse of "Crazy Beautiful," a new solo by Tania Isaac; excerpted solos by Larry Keigwin, Sara Pearson, Patrik Widrig and Riley Watts; and a group work by festival veteran Michael Foley. A party will follow Saturday's performance.

Internationally renowned site choreographer Stephan Koplowitz will create "Mill Town," a site specific multimedia work for 60 dancers that will be staged in and around the Bates Mill Complex on Thursday and Friday, August 3 and 4, at 8 p.m. Inspired by the geography, industry and

culture of Lewiston-Auburn, "Mill Town" features a multigenerational cast of professional and local dancers, original music by award-winning composer Todd Reynolds, scenic and media design by Shawn Hove, video by Ellen Maynard, and costumes by Melody Eggen. Structured as a promenade for the audience through the mill, the piece includes installations of artifacts from Museum L-A and video shot throughout the city.

In addition to these mainstage performances, the festival also offers numerous other programs. The annual Musicians' Concert, featuring music by the remarkable composers and players who collaborate with festival artists in the creation of new works, will take place on Monday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gendron Franco Center.

The Festival Finale, presenting student dancers of all ages performing jazz, contemporary, hip hop and Caribbean-inspired works

by David Dorfman, Danny Buraczkeski, Claudia Lavista and Omar Carrum, Shakia Johnson and Tania Isaac, and featuring the Festival's Youth Arts Program, will take place on Saturday, August 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Gymnasium.

Free Show & Tell lecture-demonstrations by the company in residence for the week will offer a glimpse into the creative process. They will take place on Tuesday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. with David Dorfman Dance and on Tuesday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. with zoe | juniper, both in Schaeffer Theatre.

Pre-show lectures by dance writer Debra Cash and post-performance talks by the artists will afford insight into the artists and their work. 7 p.m. lectures will precede the Saturday evening performances by Dorfman on July 15, zoe | juniper on July 22, and Mill Town on August 4. The post-performance talkbacks will follow most evening performances.

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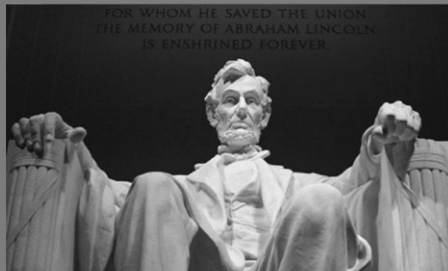
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Thursday, May 25

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. The guest speaker is Misty Parker, economic development specialist for the City of Lewiston. No reservation required; lunch avail. at Fusion Restaurant for \$10. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Veterans' Lives Series. 6 p.m. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Dr. Elizabeth Bischof of USM discusses her work recording images of Maine's WWI memorials for an interactive map and website. Free. 333-6640; www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Friday, May 26

Lincoln Day Celebration. 6 p.m. Royal Oak Room, 1 Bates St., Lewiston. Reception, speakers, auction, cash bar, then dancing to the Moon Dawgs at 7:30; covered courtyard for quieter mingling. Pres. by Andro. County Republican Comm. \$50. www.eventbrite.com.

Saturday, May 27

Taking Root Plant Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Masonic Lodge, 65 Baribeau Dr., Brunswick. Your purchase of annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, vegetable seedlings or baked goods supports the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust's Community Garden. 729-7694.

Saturday at Maine Wildlife Park. 56 Game Farm Rd., Gray. The park's annual plant sale runs today through 5/31; Red Cross blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (register for free park admission at www.redcrossblood.org). \$7.50/5.50. 657-4977; www.mainewildlifepark.com.

Memorial Day Parade. 9:30 a.m. Departs from Kennedy Park in downtown Lewiston and ends at Veterans Memorial Park on Main St.; ceremony follows.

Memorial Day Ceremony. 10:30 a.m. Veterans Memorial Park, Main St., Lewiston. Military veterans and local dignitaries unveil the park's 29th Name Stone.

Baked Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sixth St.

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Two kinds of beans, brown bread, coleslaw, red and brown hot dogs, American Chop Suey, desserts, beverages. All welcome. Take-out avail. \$6 adults, \$3 kids 5-12, under 5 free.

"Maine Remembers" Events. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Meet veterans assistance groups to learn about their work (4:30); see the documentary "Travis: A Soldier's Story" (5:30); help pay tribute to Maine service men and women killed in combat since 9/11 (6:30). Free.

Baked Bean Supper. 5 p.m. First Congregational Church, Rte. 115, Gray. Baked beans, casseroles, salads, homemade breads and desserts, beverages. Wheelchair accessible. Adults \$8; kids 12-\$4. Call 657-4279, day of supper 657-3279.

"Maine Remembers" Tribute Concert. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Local performers pay musical tribute to our veterans; proceeds benefit Travis Mills Foundation. \$20; veterans \$15. 783-1585; FrancoCenter.org.

Sunday, May 28

Sunday Art Workshop. 2 to 4 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St., Hallowell. Heather Rose leads "Art of the Harvest." Open to all experience levels, ages 10+. \$30 (members \$25), plus \$10 materials fee. Register at 622-3813, http://harlowgallery.org.

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day 5K Run-Walk. 8 a.m. American Legion Post 135, Island Rd. (off Main St.), Sabattus. Registration is on-site only and begins at 7 a.m. Awards, raffles. \$20/15. Parade follows.

Thursday, June 1

Concert: Scotty Gagne and Cassidy Daniels. 7 p.m.

Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Lewiston native Scotty Gagne and national performing artist Cassidy Daniels perform as a duo; 15-year-old singer-songwriter Brett Raio of Topsham opens at 7 p.m. \$8. 783-1585; FrancoCenter.org.

Friday, June 2

Concert: Larry Gowell. 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. The singer applies his powerful baritone to renditions of songs from the Great American Songbook. Free. 946-5311; sawyerfoundation.com.

Weekend Country Jamboree. 7 p.m. Hebron Pines Campground, 430 Buckfield Rd., Hebron. The Maine Country Music Assoc. presents some of Maine's favorite country musicians and bands; raffles, concessions. Cont. all day Sat. \$6/day. 966-2771; to camp, call 740-2179.

Saturday, June 3

5K Walk-Run to End Domestic Violence. Lewiston. Register as a 5-k runner, 5-k walker, or 1-mile walker and raise pledges to support Safe Voices. For details, see www.safevoices.org.

Square & Round Dancing. 7 to 10 p.m. Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine St., So. Paris. Walter Lougee calls the Mainstream square dances and Sandy Burke cues the rounds; pres. by the Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club. \$7 (no charge for non-dancers). 782-4050.

Sunday, June 4

Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast. 6:30 to 11:30 a.m. St. Dominic Academy, 121 Gracelawn Rd., Auburn. All-you-can-eat pancakes, Mailhot's sausage, all-you-can-drink Starbucks coffee, children's activities. \$6/5 adv. pgauvreau4@gmail.com.

Monday, June 5

Blood Drive. 2 to 7 p.m. Parish Hall, Holy Trinity Church, 67 Frost Hill Ave., Lisbon Falls. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 2358. For an appointment, call 733-2767 or 1-800-RED CROSS.

Thursday, June 8

L-A Metro Chamber Breakfast. 7 a.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland Spring. This month's speaker is Maine State Chamber President Dana Connors; stay afterwards to enjoy numerous today-only specials offered by the resort. \$20/30. www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Friday, June 9

Theater: "Prelude to a Kiss." 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy St., Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents this romantic fantasy about what happens when the person you love somehow changes. Again 6/10, 11, 15, 16, 17 and 18 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). For ticket info, see www.laclt.com.

Saturday, June 10

Camp Dragonfly. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tripp Lake Camp, Poland. Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice presents this one-day retreat for grieving children and teens. Free. Register by 5/26 at 795-9468 or amy.dulac@ahch.org.

LGBTQ+ Pride Celebration. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Simard-Payne Park, downtown Lewiston-Auburn. Come at 10:00 to march and show your support, then stay for the family-friendly celebration; music, performances, dunk tank, concessions. Free. http://pride-l-a.weebly.com.

Sunday, June 11

YMCA Fit Fest. 8:30 a.m. Festival Plaza in Auburn. This USA Track & Field-certified 5k race features chip timing, drawings, refreshments, music, and awards. \$25 adv./30 on race day. www.triplecrown5k.com.

Tuesday, June 13

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Wednesday, June 14

"A Peek Behind the Curtain." Noon to 1 p.m. Morrell Meeting Room, Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick. A panel of artists, actors and staff discuss the Maine State Music Theater's production of "Always, Patsy Cline." 725-8769; www.msmt.org.

Thursday, June 15

Business-to-Business Trade Show. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Androscoggin Bank Colisee, Lewiston. Sponsored by the Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council, this annual event features over 150 exhibitors from across the state and beyond. B2BMaine.com.

Theater: "Prelude to a Kiss." 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy St., Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents this romantic fantasy about what happens when the person you love somehow changes. Again 6/16, 17

and 18 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). For ticket info, see www.laclt.com.

Friday, July 7

Bates Dance Festival. 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, 329 College St., Lewiston. Tonight's DanceNow program features witty and poignant new works by New England dance makers Lida Winfield and Betsy Miller / Matthew Cumbie. \$20/15/12. batesdancefestival.org.

Saturday, July 8

Bates Dance Festival. 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, 329 College St., Lewiston. Tonight's DanceNow program takes a deep dive into the legacy of Muhammad Ali with Vermont company Christal Brown and IN-SPIRIT. \$20/15/12. batesdancefestival.org.

Tuesday, July 11

Bates Dance Festival. 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, 329 College St., Lewiston. In advance of their main-stage performances this weekend, David Dorfman Dance presents this Show & Tell discussing their creative process. Free. 786-6161.

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What's Going On

DHHS launches texting option for those seeking substance use treatment

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with 2-1-1 Maine and the United Ways of Maine, recently unveiled a new texting service to facilitate communications for those seeking access to opioid treatment services.

When you text your zip code to 898-211, a Maine-based information specialist will be notified that a new transaction has been received. The person requesting assistance will receive an automated "Thank you for contacting 2-1-1" response and can immediately begin their di-

alogue with the trained and friendly specialist.

Initially, the text line will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If someone needs assistance outside those hours, they will receive a text response encouraging them to dial 2-1-1 to speak with an information specialist.

DHHS launched the 24/7 Opiate Help Line in April of 2016 through a contract with 2-1-1 Maine focusing on pregnant women and young mothers seeking treatment.

"This is another effort by the Department to help individuals struggling

with addiction to get access to treatment when they are ready," said DHHS Commissioner Mary Mahew. "As technology advances, we must adapt our services, and this texting capability broadens the reach of 2-1-1 services, including to Maine youth."

In a recent OpenMarket study, Millennials expressed more interest in texting compared to calling because texting was viewed as a less invasive form of communication.

This service is also intended to address a concern voiced by some seeking treatment - the stigma attached to substance use disorder. With the attention surrounding the opioid epidemic facing our state, many people are intimidated by the idea of participating in an open dialogue about their treatment needs over the phone.

"Unfortunately, there is still stigma around substance use disorder in today's society, even though

MSAD 52 students tour State House, Blaine House



Students from Turner Elementary School, with Senator Garrett Mason

MSAD 52 students from Leeds Central School and Turner Elementary School visited the State

House and Blaine House on a recent field trip to Augusta. During their trip, they met their state legislators, Sena-

tor Garrett Mason (R-Androscoggin) and Representative Jeff Timberlake (R-Turner), and Governor Paul LePage.



Students from Leeds Central School

most people are affected by it either directly or indirectly," said Dr. Christopher Pezzullo, State Health Officer for the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. "That stigma prohibits people from reaching out for help and pushes them further away from a path to successful recovery. Providing texting capability through 2-1-1 offers

individuals the feeling of a safer and more anonymous experience when seeking guidance on recovery options."

2-1-1 Maine is a free resource that provides an easy, confidential method to connect to information about thousands of health and human service programs available around the state. The service is available by

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