

## Craft workshops at Shaker Village



Woolly Sheep rug hooking workshop with Beth Miller.

Sabbathday Lake Gloucester will present several traditional craft work-

shops and an educational nature walk on Saturday, June 10.

The offerings are "Beginner's Knitting" with fiber artist Betsey Leslie (\$55); "Eco-Printing on Fabric" with fiber artist Mary DeLano (\$95); a two-day "Rug Hooking: Woolly Sheep" workshop with Beth Miller of Parris House Wool Works (\$150); and a 2.5-hour ramble over the Shakers' 1,800 acres of diversified habitats with naturalist Carolyn Fensore (free).

Advance registration for the craft workshops is required.

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## Registration open for Leavitt Father's Day 5k

The annual Leavitt Father's Day 5k will take place on Saturday, June 17 at 9 a.m., starting from the fields between the football field and track at Leavitt Area High School, located at 21 Matthews Way in Turner. The race is a woods and field trail 5k to help raise funds for the Leavitt Cross Country Team. Parent-child teams are encouraged to run the event together, and special prize drawings for such teams are offered during the

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Parent-child teams are encouraged to run together in this the event, and special prize drawings for such teams are offered during the awards.

## Lisbon High team are Unified Basketball State Champs



Sen. Garrett Mason and Rep. Gina Mason present the team with a Legislative Sentiment.

The Lisbon High School Unified Basketball Team visited the State House in Augusta recently, where Senator Garrett Mason (R-Andro-

scoggin) and Representative Gina Mason (R-Lisbon) presented them with a Legislative Sentiment for winning the Unified Basketball State Championship.

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## Lost Valley among top 5 WinterKids Passport destinations

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Rancourt honored with Legislative Sentiment



The Maine Legislature honored Lewiston's Jeromey Rancourt with a Legislative Sentiment recently in honor of his receipt of the Travis Roy Award, which goes to the top senior Class A Boys Hockey player in Maine. Rancourt helped lead the Lewiston High School Boys Hockey Team to back-to-back Class A State Championships in 2015-16 and 2016-17. He led the team in scoring this year with 18 goals and 26 assists during the regular season and had one goal and five assists in the playoffs.

## Historical Society elects officers, names Volunteer of the Year



Richard Plourde (l.) of BlueStar Graphics receives the "Volunteer of the Year" award from AHS President Douglas Hodgkin. (Photo by David Colby Young)

At its recent annual meeting dinner, the board of the Androscoggin Historical Society presented its "Volunteer of the Year Award" to Richard Plourde of BlueStar Graphics in Lewiston, who has almost completed a total renovation of the Society's website. The unveiling will occur this summer.

Curtis Jack of Lewiston was elected the society's new president. After graduating from Old Town High School and the University of Maine at Farmington, Jack began his teaching career at Auburn Middle School as an eighth grade social studies teacher. After 17 years, he took a position in RSU 4 as a sixth grade social studies teacher until assuming the role of administrator. He continued as an administrator until 2013, when he retired from public education to pursue a role as an educational consultant working with districts from Madawaska to Southern Maine. A history enthusiast almost from birth, he is fascinated by U.S. history and is especially interested in the

Civil War period.

Beverly Robbins was elected the society's new vice-president. She is the administrator of Outreach Ministry of Hope Haven Gospel Mission and active in Harbor Baptist Church in Lewiston. She serves as the vice regent of the Maine Daughters of the American Revolution and the chapter regent of the Mary Dillingham-Burnt Meadow Chapter. She is also a past president of Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary.

Elected as new board members were Lucy Bisson of Lewiston, Stephen Marsden of Auburn, and Ethelind Wright of Lewiston. Lucy Bisson is chair of the USM-LAC Senior College board of directors and treasurer of the West Auburn School Historical Society. She volunteers at Seniors Plus as a Medicare Counselor.

Stephen Marsden is an Auburn native and attended the West Auburn School. He was a co-founder and is the current president of the West Auburn School Historical Society. He left Auburn in 1992 to accept a position as a nursing home administrator, first in Ellsworth and then in Skowhegan. Upon retiring from Cedar Ridge Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in 2007, he returned to Auburn. He is the immediate past chair of Maine's Legal Services for the Elderly.

Ethelind Wright is a

## Pinning ceremonies at CMCC



Nursing graduate Michael Rioux has his pin affixed by his mother, Daphne Rioux. Nursing instructor Peter Miller and Department Chair Kathy McManus are in the background.



Julie Davis, graduate and president of the Medical Assisting Club, helps her daughters, Ocean and Ryver, get their pins ready. Looking on are fellow graduates Erin Conary and Denise Castonguay.

Family members, friends, and faculty gathered in Central Maine Community College's Kirk Hall recently to attend annual pinning ceremonies to honor the graduates of the college's nursing and medical assisting programs. Twenty-two students completed the associate degree in nursing and twelve completed the associate degree in medical assisting.

The nursing program at CMCC, offered since 1968, prepares students for careers in medical-surgical, obstetrical, pediatric, geriatric, or psychiatric nursing. The medical assisting program prepares graduates for entry-level employment in settings in which medical secretarial and/or basic clinical and laboratory training are required.

member of several genealogical societies and teaches courses in genealogy at LAC Senior College. She currently serves as the registrar of the Mary Dillingham-Burnt Meadow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and as historian for High Street Congregational Church, UCC, in Auburn.

Re-elected to their positions were Recording Secretary Merton Ricker, Treasurer David Chittim, and board members Bruce Hall, John Henderson, Cathy

McDonald, Rick Morris, Marilyn Wilkinson, Elizabeth Young, and David Colby Young. Outgoing president Douglas Hodgkin will continue as a member of the board.

After the dinner, Associate Professor of History Joseph Hall of Bates College spoke on the topic "What Does Androscoggin Mean?" He noted the difficulties that arose when English-speakers attempted to transcribe the unfamiliar Wabanaki language and to recreate how

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# Governor's Address: Money cannot solve our problems with Maine's education system

Money alone cannot solve our problems, we need change.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, Too much money can hide a lot of problems. Well, we spend more and more money every year on education, but our student performance remains stagnant. That's a problem.

Instead of blindly throwing more money at public education, we need to ask why this problem has been allowed to go on for so long.

Just because the status quo is something that has been done for years doesn't mean it's the right way to do it, and we can't defend it any longer.

For decades, Maine

politicians have increased education funding despite massive declines in the number of students in our schools. We are educating far fewer kids, but paying much more to do it. Why?

To chase the mythical 55 percent – a number that can never actually be reached? To line the pockets of superintendents who are making six figures? To pay for bloated administrative costs and inefficient programs that deliver inadequate results? This just doesn't make sense.

We already spend a lot of taxpayer money on education. Now we must insist that it actually go into the classroom to directly benefit students and teachers.

Liberals are demand-



Governor Paul R. LePage

ing hundreds of millions of dollars more be spent on education. They want to grow the state budget by over 12 percent. A 12 percent increase is nearly three times the rate of personal income growth in Maine households. Try telling your boss

to pay you 12 percent more, even though you won't improve your performance or take on more responsibility.

Taxpayers already spend more than \$2 billion per year on education, yet we have some of the lowest paid teachers in New England and in the nation.

The Maine Education Association and its union bosses refuse to support a statewide teachers' contract that would increase pay for your child's teacher. I invited them to the table to help write the plan for a statewide teacher contract, but they said they'd rather see teachers make less money than to work with my administration. That is not serving Maine teachers and it is not serving Maine students.

Meanwhile, the superintendents' association is in denial that we have too many superintendents, despite the fact that Maine school districts pay much more than the national average on administrative costs, driven by superintendent salaries and redundant central office functions.

Some districts have started working together to reduce costs and improve programs, but they are only nibbling at the edges. There is so much more that we can do!

If we want to direct more money into the classroom, we must change our way of thinking. We can redesign the system to lower administrative costs and the cost of programs such as special education by reducing

the number of superintendents and building scale.

We can offer incentives to school districts willing to share programs and resources. And we can provide better wages for our teachers.

Every year, more than \$2.3 billion is spent on Maine's education system. That's a lot of money. If liberals are not committed to ensuring every one of those taxpayer dollars is directed into the classroom, you need to ask them why.

I suspect they won't be able to give you a good answer, and that's a problem.

Thank You,  
Paul R. LePage  
Governor

## Op-Ed

### Residents near Bates College should feel safe in their own neighborhood

A man steps out his front door into a puddle of vomit. A girl drunkenly slur-shrieks at a police officer, then starts chasing and pounding on his vehicle with her fists as he pulls away.

A swaying, slurring boy who has just been ejected from a party puffs himself up and yells at a police officer, "Do you know who I am? Don't you know who I am?"

An intoxicated girl in stilettos chases her visiting sister down the street, shrieking, "Where do you think you're going? I'm telling mom! You are completely ruining college!" She repeatedly bangs her head on the nearest vehicle and starts sobbing.

A mother has to shepherd her young child away from the broken glass on the sidewalk, as they kick through stretches of smashed plastic Solo cups. A man comes frighteningly close to being beaten to a pulp by a drunken member of a sports team who is held back by two friends, who are a just bit less drunk.

Houses, steps, bushes

and lawns are urinated on, night after night. Music is played so loud you can be awakened out of a sound sleep and feel the bass vibrating in your heart half a block away. An elderly woman laments that her newly planted flowers have been trampled and destroyed. Gangs of drunken students are perched on 100-year-old slanted porch roofs, some even ordering delivery pizza; sheets scrawled with graffiti are hung from windows.

Inebriated kids ring doorbells and run away, shrieking with glee. Night after late night, drunken students are taken from single-family homes by the police, while Bates Security observes from a distance. Upon exiting ("I can't believe this is happening! I was just getting started!"), they quickly light up their smartphones to see where the next party destination might be. Uncountable, roving gangs of drunken children scream at the top of their lungs. Night after night after night . . .

Lest you think I am

dramatically condensing events that happened over months or years, I have some news: each incident described above was observed or reported within the past six weeks on one otherwise peaceful, tree-lined street near Bates College. The common denominator of this behavior, which has become the norm in the residential neighborhoods surrounding Bates College, is this: alcohol abuse.

Binge-drinking children do all kinds of things that they would never think of doing while sober, nor do they remember it the next day. Blackouts and hangovers wash it all away; most of them are never required to face consequences for the abusive behavior they inflict on the many families who are not "just passing through," but have chosen to make their lives and homes, sometimes for decades, in a neighborhood they have the right to enjoy and feel safe in 12 months out of the year, not just three during the summer.

The administration of Bates College, while spouting empty, grandiose platitudes about its commitment to the community, has shown itself to be a hypocritical enabler of the worst kind of destructive, self-entitled behavior of its students, many of whom are perfectly wonderful while sober.

Hedonistic, abusive behavior is tacitly tolerated as an inevitable norm; as such, it is not curbed in any meaningful way that alleviates suffering for the victims. While Bates

continues to invest in fancy buildings (including two new luxury dorms that house surprisingly few students, considering their size), its administrators have conveniently exported the worst of its students' behavior to the neighborhoods outside of its campus borders, fully and repeatedly admitting to long-suffering citizens that "no one should have to put up with such behavior under any circumstances" and touting a system of "progressive discipline" that has had precisely no impact

on the steadily worsening experience and property values of neighborhood residents.

At last year's convocation, Bates President Clayton Spencer told her new charges that a liberal arts college such as Bates is a wonderful place to "learn empathy." Really? If that is the case, then Bates might want to start trying to learn and show empathy in its own backyard.

Maybe next year will be better. Maybe not . . .

Maura Murphy  
Lewiston

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# Meeting Two Young Mainers Who are Making a Positive Difference in Their Communities

By Sen. Susan M. Collins

One of the greatest privileges I have serving Maine in the United States Senate is the opportunity to know outstanding people from our state who have devoted part of their busy lives to community service. Whether we meet in Washington or back home, I always come away from these meetings inspired by their commitment and encouraged for the future of our state and our nation.

I recently had the opportunity to meet two such

remarkable young people - Bella Rossborough of Kennebunk and Kathleen Waeldner of Yarmouth - when they were in Washington to receive 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community awards, which recognize students for exemplary community service. From nearly 31,000 nominees nationwide, only two students from each state and the District of Columbia are selected for this recognition, so it was a particular honor to meet these two young women

from Maine.

Although they have dedicated themselves to different types of civic involvement, they are united by a desire to make their communities better, to encourage others to get involved, and to grow personally from their experiences.

Bella is a 12-year-old sixth-grader at the Middle School of the Kennebunks. When she read about how plastic bags harm the environment and wildlife, she took action to reduce their

use in her town.

After writing to the town manager, Bella followed up by meeting with the Board of Selectmen. Then she began working with the Kennebunk Energy Efficiency Committee to explore ways to reduce the use of plastic bags. Joined by members of the committee, a friend, her mother, and a teacher, Bella distributed information and reusable bags at town events. She raised awareness of the issue in radio and newspaper interviews, personally visited local merchants to inform them of the benefits of reusable

bags, and raised the issue with the town's Council. Bella's research, determination, and thoughtful approach truly made a difference.

Kathleen is an 18-year-old senior at Yarmouth High School. A documentary film about hungry children left her with tears in her eyes and determination in her heart.

She started by working with a local community services agency and a nonprofit organization to develop and then expand a summer meal program for at-risk children in her town, and soon was packing weekend food bags for students from low-income families for days when they do not receive school lunches.

Then she wondered how those students managed during the summer, and learned that a summer lunch program was about to start in Yarmouth. She not only stepped forward to help launch the new program, but also recruited other teens to volunteer. The program was scheduled to end three weeks before the end of summer, but Kathleen and another student worked to extend it. The next year, Kathleen became co-coordinator of the program and helped expand it to include both breakfast and lunch, as well as activities such as playing games, going on field trips, and making friendship bracelets.

The commitment demonstrated by both girls benefits their communities today and will for years to come as the at-risk children Kathleen cares for grow into healthy adolescents and as Bella continues her efforts to improve the environment. And both benefit as well from learning the self-reliance and sense of accomplishment that come from taking on responsibilities and meeting them. As Kathleen said when she first learned about hungry children in America, her thoughts quickly turned from "How can this hap-

pen?" to "I am going to help solve this!"

Bella and Kathleen both possess great compassion and integrity, and their desire to serve others is admirable. But they are not alone. These two young Mainers exemplify the tremendous capabilities of our youth. Communities across Maine and all of America are brimming with young people making a positive difference. I see it everywhere, and it continues to reaffirm my faith in our next generation of leaders.

## 5k

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awards. While the youngest participant to run-walk the 5k last year was four years old(!), there is also a Kids' Fun Run for the younger crowd at 10:15 a.m.

There will be a \$50 prize for the first male and female to finish; medals for age group first and second place finishers; special raffle prizes for parent-child runners; and performance tees for the first 100 registrants. The age divisions are 10 and under, 11-14,15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 and over. The fees for adults are \$15 in advance or \$20 on race day; the fees for kids ages 10 and under are waived with advance registration or \$5 on race day. Registration is through Active.com. To sign up, go to the race website at www.leavittfathersday5k.com.

For more information, contact race director Neal Rioux at neal.rioux@msad52.org or Rebecca Webber at rskw@megalink.net.

## Volunteer

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Enough is Enough

Low-income housing projects are not a formula for success

By Robert E. Macdonald  
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

It has been a long five-and-a-half years serving as Lewiston’s mayor. We tried and failed to get any meaningful welfare legislation passed, thanks to Ben Chin and his Maine People’s Alliance, Equal Maine Justice Partners, Pine Tree Legal and a host of special-interest (not your interests) groups whose voices drowned out the majority of Lewiston’s voters’ voices.

You may have elected me as Lewiston’s mayor, but you failed to elect local state legislators who were on the same page.

During my tenure as mayor, Lewiston has been cited by both Forbes and AARP as a great place to retire and live. This has been due to a very unappreciated and hard-working city staff,

which through long periods of heavy lifting has started and is bringing to fruition a positive direction toward prosperity.

But the dark forces of the status quo are fighting hard to ensure that Lewiston’s image does not change.

We hail and treat housing developments for low-income individuals as hallowed ground. Occupants in these housing projects will cost local taxpayers a staggering increase in property taxes due to the demand for expanded social services and school costs that will be created.

But poverty and diversity are good—as long as you are not a property taxpayer living in an area without marketable surroundings. Currently, the mil rate in Lewiston is \$27.54. Auburn, with its



Mayor Bob Macdonald

restaurants, mall and car dealerships, weighs in at \$22.35. Portland on the Ocean is \$20.63.

Their large low-income population is offset by the many businesses and the desire of many well-off people to reside in an atmosphere with the amenities of big-city type of living. Then we have the opulent, well-

heeled bedroom communities surrounding Portland. If you were to take the many single-family homes located in Lewiston and place them in any one of these towns, they would, at a minimum, double in value.

These towns contain sprawling neighborhoods and the type of home the average person dreams about when watching TV shows about the well-to-do. Large homes located on land the size of a couple of city blocks. Well-manicured lawns. Swimming pools with cabanas. Homes with attached garages containing two, three, four and more bays, depending upon how well off the family living there is. Living close to Portland, they are afforded the pleasures of both city life and suburban living.

At this point you’re

probably saying to yourself, that’s great, but how about their property taxes? Well, I’m glad you asked. If you have a house in Yarmouth, your mil rate is \$17.52, \$10.02 less than Lewiston. In Cape Elizabeth it is \$16.88 or \$10.66 less than Lewiston. Scarborough’s tax rate is \$15.49, \$12.05 less than Lewiston.

Lastly we have Falmouth, the home of Republican State Senator Amy Volk. To refresh your memory, she is the legislator who gutted legislation submitted by Lewiston-Auburn that would have freed us from providing any support to asylum seekers. She then rewrote the law, forcing us to continue to support these illegal aliens. And what is Falmouth’s tax rate? It is \$14.63—\$12.90 less than Lewiston.

In the last five years, a

seed has been sown and is currently starting to bloom. Upper Lisbon Street between Main and Pine Streets is becoming home to many successful businesses, along with upscale condos and apartments. Lincoln Street between Main Street and Cedar Street is slowly coming to life.

Yet we have abandoned mills. They are similar to mills being developed north and south of us, which are being scooped up by developers. This is happening while our empty mills remain empty.

Low-income housing projects and more new school buildings are not a formula for success. We need representatives in Augusta determined to move Lewiston to economic prosperity, not to an award-winning social-service community.

Maine DOE seeks volunteer “education surrogate parents”

The Maine Department of Education is seeking volunteers to serve as “education surrogate parents” to children with disabilities who have no available natural parents and/or guardians, including children who are in the custody of the state.

An educational surrogate parent is appointed to act independently on behalf of a student with disabilities to safeguard the student’s rights to equal educational opportunities through the special education process. Some examples would include granting permission for evaluation and placement, attending meetings to discuss the child’s programming, authorizing the release of personal information, and requesting educational hearings.

“Being a surrogate parent to children from many different backgrounds is sometimes challenging, but always rewarding,” says Education Surrogate Peter Quimby of Thorndike. “These children, and too

many more like them, need to know that someone cares about them and is watching over their educational needs and progress.”

“The time commitment is as much or as minimal as the volunteer wants it to be,” says Commissioner Robert Hasson. “Some are only able to attend the annual IEP (educational programming) meeting, either in person or by phone, while others are very involved and not only attend meetings, but also visit the student and stay in regular contact. It’s a really great program, but we always need more volunteers.” Volunteers may sometimes be required travel, but travel expenses are reimbursed by the State of Maine.

For more information about the program, visit the Maine Department of Education’s Surrogate Parent Program webpage, or contact Staci Fowler at 624-6670 or Stacia.Fowler@maine.gov.

They are supported by manager Mason Jefferies; student coaches Jonah Sautter, Kipri Steele, Jasmine Le and Tyrese Joseph; statistician Tammy York; athlete supervisors Brandon Ward and Lynda Nailor; assistant coach Jody Benson; and head coach Terri Tlumac.

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developmental disabilities with students without developmental disabilities to train, compete, and represent their school.

The team includes members Ryley Austin, Brandon Bartlett, Kristy Coleman, Misty Coleman, Michael Farrington, Tyler Halls, Nathan Havlicek, Nicholas Lerette, Devin Libby, Wesley Lucas, Dawson Martel, Hannah Martel, Amanda Mason, Tanton Mattson, Timber Mattson, Jake Patenaude, Joanna Turner and Noah Williams.

Safe Approach hosts Optimist Club Bike Rodeo



The Tri-Town Optimist Club of Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland would like to thank the Veterans of the Armed Forces Motorcycle Club and Roger Dargie, owner of Safe Approach Safety Gear in Poland, for once again hosting the club’s annual Bike Rodeo. Darcie and the VOTAF MC provided the venue, a hot outdoor breakfast, help with arrangements and activities, and a donation of six brand new bicycles that were raffled at the event. A good time was had by all.

Vice Admiral to speak at MMCN Conference

Vice Admiral Raquel C. Bono will be the keynote speaker at the Maine Military and Community Network Conference on Thursday, July 20 at the Augusta Civic Center. The subject of the conference is

“Bringing Veterans, Military Families, and Support Services Together.”

Vice Admiral Bono is

the Director of the Defense Health Agency at Defense Health Headquarters in Falls Church, VA. Her topic will be drugs in the military and what’s being done to combat the issue. For more information about

the conference or to register, see <http://www.cvent.com/d/25qphj>.

Commissioned in June 1979, Vice Admiral Bono obtained her baccalaureate degree from the University of Texas at Austin and attended medical school at Texas Tech University. She completed a surgical internship and a General Surgery residency at Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth and a Trauma and Critical Care fellowship at the Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine in Norfolk.

In addition to being a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery, Bono is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and has an Executive MBA from the Carson College of Business at Washington State University. Her personal decorations include three Defense Superior Service Medals, four Legion of Merit Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, and two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medals.

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# What's Going On

## City hosts weekly Farmers' Market

The City of Auburn is hosting a weekly Farmers' Market this summer through October 3. The event takes place on Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Happy Days parking lot at

67 Mill Street, with parking for market customers at Rolly's Diner. The market features local farmers and artisans selling a variety of products, such as goat's milk, cheese, baked goods, plants,

seedlings, meats, eggs, and vegetables. For more information, contact Market Coordinator Kathy Shaw at 320-1969 or Auburn Recreation Director Sabrina Best at sbest@auburnmaine.gov.

## Four years after fire, redevelopment restores affordable housing units in Lewiston

Almost four years to the day after the original 29 units were lost to fire, local dignitaries recently celebrated the completion of the redevelopment of Pierce Place at 149 Bartlett Street in Lewiston. The three lost buildings have been replaced by new ones, constructed by local contractor Hebert Construction. Sited on twice the land area of the original complex, they feature 24/7 fire alarm monitoring, on-site parking, green space, and modern amenities such as fully accessible laundry and common rooms.

Pierce Place was originally developed by Phyllis St. Laurent in 1984, with a

total of 62 units scattered across sites on Pierce, Bartlett, Knox, Middle and Park Streets. At that time, the units were fully renovated and made affordable through Section 8 vouchers from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The three buildings on Pierce and Bartlett Streets were lost to fire in May of 2013. The 29 units

replaced by the project will again be supported by Section 8 vouchers from HUD to create affordable rents.

Attending the ribbon cutting and open house were Lewiston Council President Kristen Cloutier, Bangor Savings Bank President Bob Montgomery-Rice, Director of Maine Housing John Gallagher, and Craig Saddlemire of Raise-Op.

## June DAR meeting to feature Norlands tour

The June meeting of the Mary Dillingham-Burnt Meadow Chapter of the Maine Daughters of the American Revolution will feature a tour of the Washburn-Norlands Living His-

tory Center in Livermore on Wednesday, June 14 at 11 a.m. There is no cost for the tour and prospective members are welcome to attend. Maine State Regent Liz Hotchkiss will be the honored guest.

## Trinity Jubilee Center to serve summer meals for children

Trinity Jubilee Center is participating in the USDA's federal Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge, regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability. Breakfast will be served Monday through Friday from 9 to 9:45 a.m.

and lunch will be served Monday through Saturday from 11 to 11:45 a.m. There will also be weekly activities, special visitors and prizes for participating children. Trinity Jubilee Center is located at 247 Bates Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 782-5700.

## Litchfield sailor aboard USS Abraham Lincoln



Airman Emily Baker of Litchfield, Maine paints an AB air wings insignia while serving aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), which was recently redelivered to the fleet after a four-year refueling and complex overhaul. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Jacob Smith)

## WinterKids

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alpine skiing, cross country skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, snowshoeing, snow tubing, and dog sledding. This past winter, two new recreational areas joined the program; Quarry Road Trails in Waterville and the Rink at Thompson's Point in Portland.

Some participating Passport partners also offer "WinterKids Family Days," with deep discounts to entice the whole family to try a new area. This year, WinterKids Family Days were held at Mt. Abram, Camden Snow Bowl, Shawnee Peak, Lost Valley, the Rink at Thompson's Point, Smiling Hill Farm, and Midcoast Recreation Center.

WinterKids is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission of helping children develop healthy lifelong habits through education and fun, outdoor winter activity. The organization delivers innovative outdoor programs for families, schools, and communities.

Information about the 2017-18 WinterKids Passport will be available this fall at [www.winterkids.org](http://www.winterkids.org).

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## Master Naturalists to speak at Lisbon Historical Society

On Wednesday, June 14 at 7 p.m., the Lisbon Historical Society will present a program called “Natural Wonders of the Maine Woods” with Maine Master Naturalists Dan and Celeste Crowley. 2017 graduates of the Maine Master Naturalist Program, the Crowleys will share stories of their encounters with all things

natural. Dedicated to the preservation and conservation of land and forest, they put into practice the motto “Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle” on their own land on the banks of the Androscoggin River in Durham. In place of a lawn, they have plantings and multiple habitats that provide opportunities for wildlife to thrive

all year long. They will talk about how to use appropriate tools and techniques to accurately identify many denizens of our natural landscape, from the smallest fern to the largest glacial erratic, all common to Maine. They will also present a display of local natural specimens from their research.

As in the Maine Master Gardeners program, graduates of the Maine Master Naturalist Program are committed to providing 30 hours of volunteer time to satisfy the requirements of the program. In giving their talk, they do not claim to be experts, but “informed generalists.” They encourage their audiences to ask questions and will do their best to give accurate answers.

The event will take place in the Lisbon Historical Society’s rooms in the MTM Center at 19 School Street in Lisbon Falls. Park and enter at the rear of the MTM building. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

For more information, call 353-8510 or email LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

## RSU 16 Student of the Month



The Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland Tri-Town Optimist Club has named adult education student Kayla Olson its RSU 16 Student of the Month. Olson’s teacher describes her as a model of optimism: always cheerful, looking on the sunny side, dedicated to self-improvement and “as enthusiastic about the success of others” as she is about her own. She is pictured here with teacher Sue Lasselle (l.) and club president Jeff Gagnon.

## O’Brien joins Maine Music Society Board of Directors

The Maine Music Society has welcomed Rick O’Brien to its Board of Directors. O’Brien is a local attorney who has practiced with the firm Linnell, Choate & Webber for the past 35 years, where he specializes in estate planning and bankruptcy representation. He has served as president of the Mechanic Falls Development Commission, chair of the Mechanic Falls Budget Committee, president of the Great Falls Balloon Festival, and long-time chair of the Winthrop Planning Board. He is also the Board treasurer for the Araxine Sawyer Memorial Foundation, and has served in a variety of leadership positions for the First Universalist Church in Auburn.



Rick O’Brien is a practicing attorney and a dedicated amateur musician.

Artistically, O’Brien has been singing in the tenor section of the Maine Music Society Chorale and with the Society’s Chamber Singers for the past four years. He sings in his church choir, has been a member of the cast of the Theater at Monmouth’s fall

musical for the past ten years, and is a devoted bluegrass mandolinist.

He has lived for many years in Winthrop with his wife Ellen, with whom he celebrates 40 years of marriage this summer. His children are grown and have careers ranging from woodworking craftsman to attorney to craft brewer.

The Maine Music Society is a nonprofit music-performing organization that serves the communities of Central Maine through imaginative and artistically excellent public performances and educational activities for youth. For more information, see [www.mainemusicsociety.org](http://www.mainemusicsociety.org).

# What’s Going On

## State lauded for financial reporting by national group

The State of Maine has received the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada’s Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report.

The Office of the State Controller, a bureau of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, is responsible for preparing the CAFR on behalf of the State of Maine. Widely regarded as the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, the award is the tenth consecutive GFOA certificate of achievement for the State

Controller.

“When Maine families entrust the State with their tax dollars, they expect efficient and effective government,” said Governor Paul LePage. “I am proud that the State Controller has shown leadership by utilizing tools that promote accountability, flexibility and transparency. All elected officials should take notice.”

The objective of the CAFR is to provide a clear picture of Maine state government as a single, unified entity, as well as to provide traditional fund-based financial statements. The CAFR presents the State’s financial position, along with certain demographic and statistical

information that helps readers assess the financial condition of the State through the end of the most recent fiscal year.

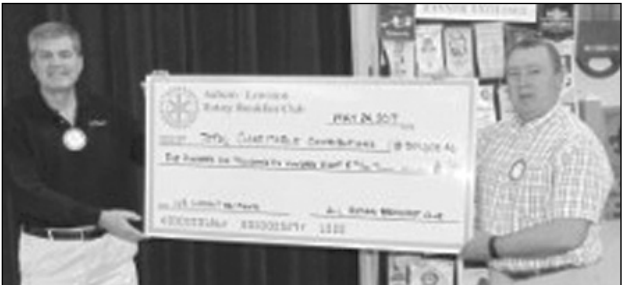
“I am pleased that the Government Finance Officers Association continues to recognize the quality of the State of Maine’s CAFR and the efforts of the Office of the State Controller,” said State Controller Doug Cotnoir. “My office will continue its important work to provide this vital information to Maine taxpayers.”

An impartial panel convened by GFOA determined that the State of Maine’s CAFR met the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story.

## Rotary Breakfast Club surpasses \$500,000 in charitable donations

The Auburn Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club recently surpassed a major milestone by exceeding the \$500,000 mark in donations to various local charities. The club, which has enjoyed an average membership of forty members, was formed in 1991 and has organized numerous fundraising campaigns since then to support local organizations providing services to youth and the elderly.

Donations have been provided to over 164 different organizations and charities, including the Boys and Girls Club, SEARCH, the High Street Food Pantry, Auburn Suburban Little League, and Advocates for Children. The club meets at 7 a.m. on Wednesday mornings at the United Methodist Church on Park Avenue



Breakfast Club President Donald Fournier and President-Elect Jeffrey “Pete” Preble

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Out & About with Rachel Morin

Wrapping up Spring Semester  
at L-A Senior College

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

The Spring Semester has come to a close at May's end at USM's Lewiston Auburn Senior College. We reflect on a great season thanks to the generosity of the many volunteer instructors who teach "for the love of teaching."

The students are older, but they throw themselves wholeheartedly into the courses. Participation is strong. Hands are raised with questions if the instructor makes a point they don't understand. These students are eager to learn "just for the love of learning," now that employment, child care and other obligations do not crowd their lives. It was Michelangelo, the Italian architect, artist, sculptor, poet, who, in his later years

at age 87, observed "I am still learning."

It's exhilarating to see these senior citizens coming early to class with their book bags, a few with walking sticks, many with coffee containers, and greeting each other and exchanging comments on how the courses are going. It was especially good to return for spring semester, after a long, hard winter, what with a few Nor'easters piling up the record snowfalls at winter's end.

Classes are not the only item on their agenda, as there are other events and activities connected with the college to fill their days. There is an enthusiastic membership in special interest groups in theater, dine-around, outdoor adventures and cross country skiing. The Food for Thought program with guest speakers and luncheon, open to the public, continues to be a popular event.

While talking with these students, they say that Senior College is the best thing going for them. These students are interested--and-- are interesting people. They share similar ideas and interests and are active in family and community events. They volunteer in many non-profit organizations.

At this time of year, many are out checking their gardens, clearing the winter debris and already planting. Others look to golfing, fishing, hiking, boating, kayaking and swimming. These seniors are out and about, keeping active. And let's not forget activities with their grandchildren. That's a story in itself.

The photos depict some of our classes and instructors. Other instructors-classes not depicted are Mike Ak-erley, Native American Religions; Lorraine Gi- asson, Advanced Con- versational French; Judy Hierstein, Faith of Our Fathers; Bill Hiss, Mod- ern Chinese Fiction and Film; Claire Robichaud, Oil Painting; Mark Sil- ber, Deviance and Social Control; June Spear, Writing Can Be Fun!; Pat Vampatella and Marty Gagnon, Great Decisions Discussions 2017 and Crystal Ward, Survey of the Bill of Rights.



Art Class--John Stass, Instructor; Louise Mease, Har- olyn Zaldumbide, Gregory Mease. Louise is holding a watercolor she painted in a previous class. (Photo by Cynthia Peters)



Maine Trees, Top to Bottom-- Front, Lynn Derderian, Richard Lee, Pamela Davis-Green, Instructor; Helene Perry; Back, Gene Gilbert, John Schott, William Bryant.

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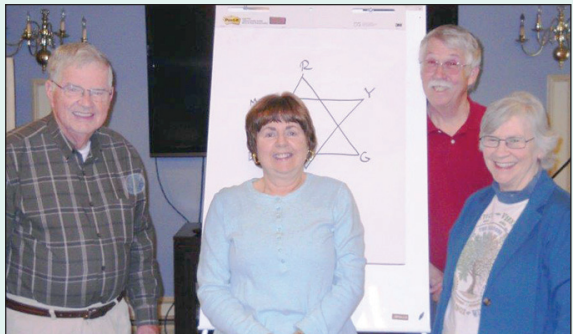
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*Claire Small, Winnie McMorrow and Alan Elze Instructor, The Crusades (Photo by Cynthia Peters)*



*Solving Everyday Problems by Physics--Hugh Keene, instructor; Louise Theberge, Robert Crosby, Jean Potuchek (Photo by Gene Gilbert)*

We are also completing our second semester of an online Writing Memoir class with a dozen senior college students across the state. Another online writing class is finishing its first semester. These online courses are done with the ZOOM application, similar to SKYPE. Maine Senior College Network is coordinating the online courses in cooperation with the University of Southern Maine, Portland.

Our Lewiston Auburn membership is growing each year. Now in its 19th year, the welcome

mat is always out for people 50 and older who are interested in learning about Senior College. There are no entrance requirements, grades or tests. No graduation from high school or college is necessary. An annual membership fee of \$25 is required to enroll in classes and some of the activities.

The course fees, which include the cost of most books and materials, are \$25 each. All classes are held during the day at L-A College, 51 Westminster St. Some classes are also held at Schooner Estates and SeniorsPlus. A Special



*Tekla Upton, Donna Hobson, Wilhelmina Wiegman; Back Lou Giard and Dr. Charles Plummer; Instructor; Understanding Why People Behave the Way They Do.*



*Exploring Poetry-- Seated, June Spear, Adria Hahnel, Nancy Reynolds, Martha Sirois; standing, Elaine McCarty, Marguerite Stapleton, Instructor; Constance Lecompte.*

Winter Series is offered free as a perk to members in January and February at the college and consists of morning and afternoon sessions on diverse topics, games or travelogues.

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*Donald Miville, Joel Packer and Instructor, Dr. Christine Holden, Russian-North American Relations in Historical Context (Photo by Cynthia Peters)*



*Early American History through Family Stories* Instructor Ethelyn Wright, points on the map to where some of the class's ancestors migrated. Larry Mayes, Maggie Chadburn, left; Phoebe Hardesty and Robert Bowyer on right.

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*Tai Chi Class, Kneeling, Gail Martel and Gloria Hall; Standing front row, Jean Potuchek, Jeanne Sylvester, Betsy Ware, Jacqueline Bate, Dolores Bergeron; back row, Bethel Shields, Robert Crosby, Normand Demers, Ruben Cornelius, Instructor: and Dorothy LeClair.*

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### "Prelude to a Kiss" opens Friday at CLT

The romantic comedy "Prelude to a Kiss," directed by Eileen Messina, opens this weekend at Community Little Theater in Auburn. Written by Craig Lucas (Reckless, The Light in the Piazza), the play presents the story of a couple who fall in love despite the girl's pessimistic outlook on life. Shortly after their wedding, a supernatural event tests the strength of their love and commitment.

This is a romance about falling in love, marriage, and what happens when the person you married changes, through age, appearance or illness.

"Prelude takes a most familiar genre, romantic comedy, in directions that are idiosyncratic and challenging," wrote a New York Times reviewer. The play "propels the audience through hair-pin emotional turns... until one is deposited at the final curtain in a winded and teary yet exhilarating state of disorientation."

Performances will take place at Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy Street in Auburn, on June 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and on June



Mark Hazard as the mysterious Old Man (rear) hovers over newlyweds Rita and Peter, played by Michelle Martin and Ryan Adair.

11 and 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

More informa-

tion is available at the box office at 783-0958 or online at [www.lact.com](http://www.lact.com).

### Russian pianists to share stage in Franco Center recital



Tamara Poddubnaya

In a rare occurrence, the Franco Center's two Steinway grand pianos will be showcased together when concert pianist and master teacher Tamara Poddubnaya and rising star Vasily Panteleev present the next Piano Series recital on Friday, June 9 at 7 p.m. This sixth and final program in the center's 2016-17 Piano Series season will feature both solo and two-piano pieces, including works by Mozart, Johann Strauss, Scriabin, and Rachmaninov.

Tamara Poddubnaya is a distinguished graduate of the Rimsky-Korsakov State Conservatory in St. Petersburg and has performed to great acclaim in Europe and the United States. Renowned for her dynamic teaching style and much sought after as a juror at international piano competitions, she keeps a busy schedule, teaching and performing in Europe and the United States, where she is Professor and Head of the Piano Department at the Long Island Conservatory in Albertson, N.Y. She co-founded the Portland Conservatory International

Piano Festival in 2004, and in July of 2007, established the Music without Borders International Piano Festival at Gould Academy in Bethel, which will begin its 11th season this July.

Vasily Panteleev, 27, a student from Saratov, Russia, graduated with honors in piano performance from the Saratov Regional College of Arts in 2008. He has contin-

ued his piano studies after enrolling at Saratov State University, where he followed a curriculum in international relations and English studies. In 2014, he came to the United States to study with Professor Poddubnaya and won first prize that summer in the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival in Glen Cove, Long Island. In 2016, he was the Grand Prix winner at the "Musical Fireworks" international competition in Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

Last July, he received the Grand Prix of the Music without Borders International Piano Competition, held at the close of that festival's 10th season. Currently completing his diploma studies at Long Island Conservatory, this rising star already travels in two worlds, as a concert pianist and a Russian, English, and Chinese interpreter-translator for international commerce.

Admission is \$15, or \$10 for seniors, and free of charge for students. To buy tickets, call 783-1585,



Vasily Panteleev

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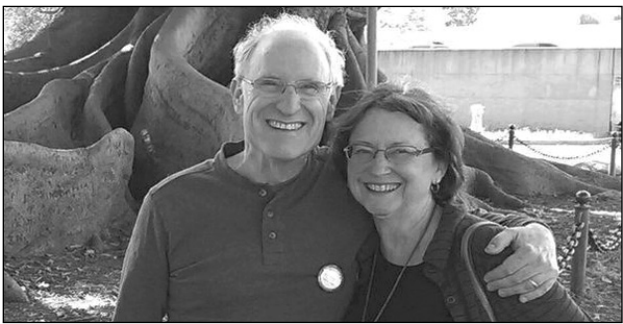
The Dolard and Priscilla Gendron Franco Center is located at 46 Cedar Street, on the corner of Oxford Street in the "Little Canada" section of Lewiston, just across the Bernard Lown Peace Bridge from New Auburn. The building is wheelchair accessible.



APL to screen film on single payer health care

As Auburn Public Library gears up for its adult summer reading challenge, called “Build a Better World,” it will present a free screening of a film that examines one of the biggest social issues of our time. Called “Now is the Time: Healthcare for Everybody,” the 71-minute film expose, which advocates for a single payer health care system, will be shown on Monday, June 12 at 6 p.m. in the library’s Androscoggin Community Room. The program is free and open to the public.

In 2011, filmmakers Terry Sterranberg and Laurie Simons released a self-funded documentary called “The Health-



Filmmakers Terry Sterranberg and Laurie Simons’ sequel to their influential 2011 film “The Healthcare Movie” will be shown on Monday, June 12.

care Movie.” Narrated by Kiefer Sutherland, the film looked at how neighboring countries Canada and the USA took drastically different paths to providing healthcare for their people. The movie was enthusiastically received by healthcare advocates

across the United States. Their new film “Now is the Time” updates that story by recounting the drama, struggle, successes and setbacks of the movement towards healthcare equity in the United States. For more information, call 333-6640, ext. 4.

Erica Brown and the Bluegrass Connection coming to Sawyer Memorial

Erica Brown and the Bluegrass Connection will perform at the Sawyer Memorial in Greene on Friday, June 16 at 2 and 7 p.m. Both shows are free and open to the public. Brown brings a special energy and style to the Maine music scene. Her talent for combining the precision of classical music with the spontaneity of country and bluegrass fiddle makes for a fun-filled performance every time she plays.

Her band, the Bluegrass Connection, is comprised of some of the finest musicians



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in New England, and together, they have performed at venues and festivals including One Longfellow Square, the

Twin City Nights

Downeast Hysterical Society at Celebration Barn

Celebration Barn Theater will present the Downeast Hysterical Society on Saturday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. Randy Judkins and Barney Martin will perform a comedic two-man variety show of novelty songs, hilarious Maine characters, “wicked good” juggling, and hysterical sketches that will keep you chuckling for days.

Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors (60+), and \$8 for kids (17 and under). All tickets are



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general admission; members receive priority seating. The lobby and concessions will open at 6:30 p.m. Celebration Barn Theater is located just off Route 117 at 190

Stock Farm Road in South Paris. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the Barn’s box office at 743-8452 or see [www.CelebrationBarn.com](http://www.CelebrationBarn.com).

Stone Mountain Arts Center, the Franco Center, the Big E, the American Folk Festival and several festivals in Prince Edward Island, Canada. They have opened for such luminaries as Dwight Yoakam, Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder.

Erica Brown started playing fiddle at the age of six and began performing at the age of nine. She has won numerous fiddle contests in New England and Canada. In 2003, she was named Junior Female Entertainer of the

Year by the Maine Country Music Association and in 2006 she received the Harold Carter Memorial Award from the Down East Country Music Association. She was the recipient of a Maine Arts Commission Traditional Arts Apprenticeship in 2006 and is now recognized by the Maine Arts Commission as a Master of Traditional Fiddling.

Brown has a strong desire to share her knowledge with anyone who has an interest in music and the fiddle. A music educator for

over 12 years, she has helped bring music into several elementary schools by holding workshops and performing. She recently opened a teaching studio in her Portland home called Darlin’ Corey Studios, where she and her husband, Matt Shipman, give lessons to people of all ages and abilities.

The Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial is located at 371 Sawyer Road in Greene. For more information, call 946-5311 or see [sawyer-foundation.com](http://sawyer-foundation.com).

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# Twin City Nights

## MSMT offers sensory-friendly versions of shows for children

Maine State Music Theatre presents “Theatre for Young Audiences” programs as part of its performance season each summer, but this year, thanks to a grant from the Anna-Maria Moggio Foundation, those programs will also be offered in special sensory-friendly versions designed for families with children who have autism or other conditions that create sensory sensitivities.

Inspired by a successful 2016 pilot performance, the project will provide a theater experience tailored for young people who might

not be comfortable seeing a production in MSMT’s 600-seat Pickard Theater. The sensory-friendly performances will be offered in the Rehearsal Hall at 22 Elm Street in Brunswick. Robin and Clark’s “Sleeping Beauty” will be presented on Saturday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. and “Alice in Wonderland” will be presented on Sunday, August 20 at 10 a.m.

“We are committed to helping young audiences experience the magic of theater,” says MSMT Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark, who also co-wrote

the adaptations of the classic children’s shows. “But a standard theatrical experience may not always be accessible for children with social, cognitive, or physical challenges. This is a performance environment that is safe and accessible for children who may be uncomfortable in the theatre’s more traditional main stage setting.”

There is no admission fee for these events, but seating is limited and reservations are required. To reserve seats, call 725-8769. For more information, call [www.msmt.org](http://www.msmt.org).

## Chocolate Church presents “An Evening with Cheryl Wheeler and John Gorka”



These two talented singer-songwriters will grace the center’s main stage on Saturday, June 10.

The Chocolate Church Arts Center’s 2016-17 performance season will culminate with “An Evening with Cheryl Wheeler and John Gorka” on Saturday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Cheryl Wheeler is a gifted songwriter with a beautiful voice. Her songs have been covered by such notable artists as Dan Seals, Peter Paul and Mary, Kenny Loggins, Garth Brooks, Bette Midler, and Kathy Mattea. A natural storyteller with a fantastic sense of humor, she connects with audiences through comic routines, serious discussions, and, of course, her repertoire of songs, about half of which are not available on any of her albums.

John Gorka is well-known for his enthralling

baritone voice and original songwriting. Hailing from New Jersey but musically forged in the Fast Folk scene of New York’s Greenwich Village, he has honed his craft and persona into an unmistakable image over a nearly three decades-long career. His new songs and recordings consistently receive rave reviews, and his live performances, both moving and hilarious, with audience members fre-

quently requesting favorite songs, reveal the master craftsman he has become.

This dynamic musical pairing will provide an unforgettable entertainment experience on the center’s main stage, located at 804 Washington Street in Bath. Tickets are \$42, \$35, or \$30 in advance and \$42 at the door. They may be purchased by calling the box office 442-8455 or at [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).

## ME State Music Theatre offers “Peek Behind the Curtain”

Maine State Music Theatre will bring back its popular “Peek Behind the Curtain” series for its Summer 2017 performance season. Each of the four monthly programs in the

series will feature a panel of MSMT artists and staff, who will discuss and answer questions about the current mainstage production at Maine State Music Theatre. Broadway World Maine

## UUCB Concerts for a Cause

The UUCB Concerts for a Cause will present Maine’s own Jud Caswell on Saturday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Brunswick Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 1 Middle Street.

A one-man folk festival, Caswell plays banjo, guitar, cittern and tin whistle while singing Irish drinking songs and his award-winning originals.

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ten “[his] clever, well-groomed lyrics, percussive guitar playing and powerful yet tender voice... reminded me of Ellis Paul in intensely personal songs that offer slices of life and lovely imagery...”

Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, or \$6 for students. They may be purchased at the church office, Gulf of Maine Books, or at <http://judcaswell.brownpapertickets.com>.

## “2nd Friday Brunswick!” kicks off June 9

The Brunswick Downtown Association’s season of “2nd Friday Brunswick!” events will kick off on Friday, June 9. Occurring from June through September on the second Friday of each month within Brunswick’s downtown district, the events will include an ArtWalk and live music, theater, and dance performances. All activities are free of charge.

The performance schedule for June 9 is: 4 to 7 p.m. - Big Blue at the Lincoln Street Block Party; 4:30 p.m. - Todd Orcutt at Gelato Fiasco; 5 p.m. - Los Galactacos at the Camden National Bank Kiosk; 5:30 p.m. - Maine State Music Theatre pop-up performance at Tontine Mall; 5:45 p.m. - Papa Tim on the Bank of America Patio; and 6 p.m. - Puddin’head at Cool as a Moose.

Over 20 artists will display works in a variety of media, including jewelry, photography, mixed media, and printmaking. Artist re-



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ceptions, wine tastings, film and hands-on-art will be offered at various venues, including galleries, museums, restaurants, and shops.

The artist venues for June 9 are ArtVan, Bayview Gallery, Berries Hearing & Optical, the Bowdoin

College Museum of Art, Connie Lundquist Studio, Curtis Memorial Library, Fort Andross, Frank Brockman Gallery, Frontier Café Cinema & Gallery, Keith Field Goldsmith, Lincoln Street (which will be partially closed to vehicular traffic during the events), Local Market/Wyler’s, the Peary-McMillan Arctic Museum, Maine State Music Theatre’s Pickard Theater, Points of View Gallery, Pura Vida Day Spa, Senter Place, Spindleworks, The Daniel, The Mix, The Tontine Mall, Timeless Cottage, and the Unitarian Universalist Church.

The artist listings, venue map, and performance schedule for 2nd Friday Brunswick! can also be found at [brunswickdowntown.org](http://brunswickdowntown.org).

## Avoid ticks with “No Ticks 4 ME” approach

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention recently received confirmation of two cases of Powassan Encephalitis in adults who reside in the Mid-Coast area of Maine. In both cases, the individuals became ill in late April, were hospitalized, then discharged, and are recovering. The cases were confirmed through testing at CDC Fort Collins.

Powassan, also known as deer tick virus, has been around since 1958, when it was discovered in Powassan, Ontario. Cases are rare in the U.S. Maine has identified only nine cases since 2000, including these two. The virus is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected Ixodes tick (including both the woodchuck and deer tick). Signs and symptoms can include fever, headache, vomiting, weakness, confusion, seizures, and memory loss. Long-term neurologic problems may occur. Symptoms can begin any time from one week to one month after the tick bite.

“Powassan, although rare, can be serious, so it is important to be aware of your surroundings and take steps to avoid being bitten by ticks,” said State Epidemiologist Dr. Siiri Bennett. “Ticks are found

in wooded and bushy areas, so use caution if you go into these areas. By following the ‘No Ticks 4 ME’ approach, you can help reduce exposure to ticks and thus lower the risk of disease.”

The No Ticks 4 ME approach includes the following four steps:

- 1) Wearing protective clothing. Light clothing makes ticks easier to see and long sleeves and pants reduces exposed skin for ticks to attach.
- 2) Using an EPA repellent and always following the labels. Clothing and gear can be treated with Permethrin for longer protection.
- 3) Using caution in tick-infested areas. Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass, and stay in the middle of trails whenever possible.
- 4) Performing daily tick checks. Check for ticks immediately after exiting high-risk areas. Bathe or shower (preferably within two hours after being outdoors) to wash off and find ticks on your body. Conduct a full-body tick check. Also examine clothing, gear, and pets.

For more information on Powassan and other tick-borne diseases, click on “Vector-Borne Diseases” at [www.maine.gov/idepi](http://www.maine.gov/idepi).

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**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](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

La Rencontre. 11:25 a.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The Lorraine Ouellette Trio perform after the meal of KFC chicken pot pies, coleslaw, hot biscuits with butter and cake for dessert. \$10, incl. lunch. Reserve at 783-1585 or [boxoffice@francocenter.org](mailto:boxoffice@francocenter.org).

Sampson AFB Veterans Luncheon. Noon. Governor’s Restaurant, 1472 Lisbon St., Lewiston. This informal monthly get-together of those who took basic training at Sampson Air Force Base in the 1940s and ’50s is open to all veterans. 784-5691; 657-4909.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. The guest speaker is Mary LaFontaine, Regional Director of the Southern Maine CareerCenters. No reservation required; lunch avail. at Fusion Restaurant for \$10. 753-9040; [monica.millhime@maine.gov](mailto:monica.millhime@maine.gov). Friday, June 9

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Stanton Bird Club Walk. 8 to 11 a.m. Stan DeOrsey (406-4741) leads this trip to the Papermill Trail in Lisbon. Meet for carpooling in Promenade Mall parking lot, near Staples, 855 Lisbon St., Lewiston. All welcome. Free.

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

# Calendar

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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>.

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**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](http://www.triplecrown5k.com).

Country Sunday. Noon to 4:30 p.m. Litchfield Sportsmen’s Club, Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. Dance to live country music by the Lost & Found Band, Bobbi Berracah, Cathy Severance, Gary Moffett, and John Whitman. Concessions; door prizes. \$5; free kids ages 11-. 536-9647.

Annual Meeting. Noon to 3 p.m. Woodlands Club, Falmouth. Following a luncheon, the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine presents its annual awards for outstanding leadership in Holocaust and human rights awareness.

\$40/\$375 table for 10. 621-3530.

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State Referendum Election. 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Lewiston residents vote at Longley Elementary School, 145 Birch St. (across from Andro. Bank Colisee). For sample ballot, see election page at [www.lewiston-maine.gov](http://www.lewiston-maine.gov).

Auburn Farmers’ Market. 4 to 7 p.m. Happy Days parking lot, 67 Mill St. (park at Rolly’s Diner). Local farmers and artisans are on hand to sell a variety of fresh, seasonal or home-made products. 320-1969.

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DAR Meeting. 11 a.m. The Mary Dillingham-Burnt Meadow Chapter takes a tour of the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore; prospective members welcome. For carpooling, meet at Hope Haven Gospel Mission in Lewiston at 10 a.m. Bring picnic lunch. Free. 577-0706.

“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](http://www.msmt.org).

Lisbon Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. MTM Center, 19 School St., Lisbon Falls (park and enter at building rear). Maine Master Naturalists Dan and Celeste Crowley discuss “Natural Wonders of the Maine Woods.” Free. Refreshments. 353-8510; [LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com](mailto:LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com).

**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.

Senior Resource Fair. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. East Auburn Baptist Church, 560 Park Ave., Auburn. Socialize with fellow seniors while learn about local resources and services; lunch, refreshments provided. Free, but space limited; register at 795-6744, ext. 222.

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**Saturday, June 17**  
Leavitt Father’s Day 5K. 9 a.m. Leavitt Area High School, Turner. This annual woods and field trail race benefits the Leavitt Cross Country Team; age divisions; prizes; Kids’

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The Mummy (PG-13).....	1:05	7:05		
The Mummy 3D (PG-13).....	3:55	9:50		
Captain Underpants (PG).....	12:10	2:20	6:55	
Captain Underpants 3D (PG) .....	4:30	9:20		

Fun Run. \$15/free in advance; \$20/5 on race day. [www.leavittfathersday5k.com](http://www.leavittfathersday5k.com).

Stanton Bird Club Walk. 1 to 3 p.m. Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary, Montello St., Lewiston. Maine Master Naturalist Alan Seamans (240-1723) leads this walk called “Ferns for Beginners.” Meet in Thorncrag parking lot. All welcome. Free.

**Sunday, June 18**  
Civil War Reenactment Weekend. Gates open at 9 a.m. ea. day. Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore. Maine’s largest Civil War reenactment continues Sunday,

6/19. \$12/7 for day, \$18/11 for weekend. For event schedule, see [www.NORLANDS.org](http://www.NORLANDS.org).

Celebration in the Park. 2 to 6 p.m. Simard-Payne Park, 1 Beech St., Lewiston. This event to honor First Responders features a concert, ceremony, and family fun. Pres. by Thomas Memorial Baptist Church. 784-0034.

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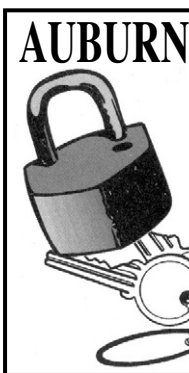
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# Norlands to host Civil War reenactment June 17-18



The 6th Maine Battery will be on hand to fire their Parrott Rifle-cannon and a full-scale battle scenario will be staged each day.

The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore will host its sixth Civil War reenactment weekend on Saturday and Sunday, June 17 and 18. The largest Civil War reenactment in Maine, Rally for Norlands features a wide variety of living history demonstrations, exhibits, and engaging activities recalling daily life in the Civil War. This family-friendly event is organized by the 3rd Maine Company A and 15th Alabama Company G to benefit Norlands, Maine's oldest living history farm and museum.

Union and Confederate military and civilian reenactors from across New England will be camped on the grounds for the weekend.

Cavalry units also plan to attend. Living historians will scrimmage with replica weaponry and perform drilling and firing demonstrations, and the 6th Maine Battery will be on hand to fire their Parrott Rifle-cannon. A full-scale battle scenario will be staged on the hay fields at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Ongoing presentations in the surgeon's tent and in the field hospital will follow each battle.

Visitors will also enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides, military field music, tours of the elegant 1867 Washburn estate, Victorian fashion shows, a period-correct sermon on temperance in the 1828 meeting house, blacksmithing, a historic dress-up

tent, craft activities, visiting the one-room schoolhouse, old-fashioned games, guided nature walks, farm life in Norlands' farmer's cottage, and talks on Maine's Joshua Chamberlain, Civil War firearms, and more.

On Saturday night, a gala affair will begin at 4 p.m. with dance lessons in the easy and fun country dance style. At 4:30 p.m., a Civil War-era period wedding will be reenacted by members of the 3rd ME Company A. At 5 p.m., a Pig Roast, a freshly prepared by Valley View Farm of Auburn, will be served; and at 6 p.m., there will be a lively gala barn dance with twirling hoop skirts, uniformed reenactors, and live fiddle music by the Racket Factory. Dancers of all ability levels are welcome and no costume is required.

Visitors may join in for the pig roast, the barn dance and/or the entire event. The contra dance is free with the purchase of a supper ticket or general event admission; otherwise, a \$5 donation is suggested. The pig roast is \$12 for adults or \$8 for kids ages 12 and under. It's best to purchase tickets for the pig roast in advance, since only a few tickets will be available on the day of the event. To purchase tickets for the pig roast, call Norlands at 897-4366 or see [www.norlands.org](http://www.norlands.org).

History exhibits and demonstrations of traditional crafts will take place on Norlands' picturesque front lawn. Participating vendors will include AgNO3 Lab Tintype Portraits with Cole Caswell, Phoenix Pottery with Sarah Delaney, Shaky Barn Farm Gardens, Malbons Mills Blacksmith Shop, Forrest Bonney Handcrafted Furniture, Creative Basketry by Diane Wheeler, Baah-HummBuzz Farm Soaps with Karen Shumac, Good Tydden Farm with Noni Badershall, crocheting and paper craft with Stamping with Corinne, and historical displays by the Androscoggin Historical Society, Jay Historical Society, Lillian Nordica Homestead Museum and Minot Historical Society.

The Jay-Livermore Falls Lions Club will serve hamburgers, hot dogs, French Fries, and drinks on Saturday. Other lunch and snack items will be for sale on Sunday, while supplies last. Visitors are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the beautiful grounds.

Gates will open at 9 a.m. each day. The daily rate will be \$12 for adults or \$7 for children ages 12 and under. A weekend pass is available for \$18 for adults or \$11 for children ages 12 and under. Admission for kids ages 5 and under



Twirling hoop skirts and uniformed reenactors will be part of the lively gala barn dance on Saturday night, but dancers of all ability levels are welcome and no costume is required.

is free. Enter the event at the admission gate located behind the church. Parking is in the field, across the street from the church. For the safety and comfort of all animals and visitors, no dogs or other pets except service animals will be allowed on the property during Rally for Norlands. For more information, including the complete schedule, see [www.NORLANDS.org](http://www.NORLANDS.org).

Located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore, Norlands is a 445-acre museum and working farm that is the ancestral home of the Washburn family. While no battles took place at Norlands, the historic site has a real connection to the Civil War. The Washburns were one of the nations' most influential political families of the 19th century and had a hand in transforming the

nation at the time of the Civil War. Israel Washburn, Jr. was elected as governor of Maine in 1861 and quickly became known as Maine's little-known giant of the Civil War. He sent more troops per capita than any other northern state. Cadwallader served as a Major General during the War. Elihu was instrumental in getting Abraham Lincoln elected to the Presidency. Samuel served in the U.S. Navy and was Acting Master of the ironclad gunboat, U.S.S. Galena, when it sustained fire on the James River. Caroline married Freeland Holmes, a doctor from Foxcroft, who volunteered with the 6th Maine Regiment. Freeland died in 1863, leaving Caroline as a widow with two small children. Learn more about the lives of the Washburn Family during the Civil War at this event.

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