

Life Ideals cuts ribbon in Lewiston



Life Ideals Vital Self-Care celebrated its opening in Lewiston recently with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured here (l. to r.) are Chip Morrison of the Chamber of Commerce; Misty Parker of the City of Lewiston; Karen Burke Lane, LCSW, Lorraine Wight, LCSW, and Lynn MacDonald-Webber, L.Ac, all from Life Ideals; and Shane Wright of the Chamber of Commerce.

AHCH makes "Best Places to Work" list



President & CEO Julie Shackley shares the award with agency staff.

Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice has been named one of the Best Places to Work in Maine for 2014. Created in 2006 by the Society for Human Resource Management - Maine State Council and Best Companies Group, the statewide survey and awards program is endorsed by partners MaineBiz, the

Maine State Chamber of Commerce and the Maine HR Convention.

"We did it again!" said Julie Shackley, President & CEO of Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice. "We are proud of this award and are blessed to have a staff that always goes the extra mile to do what is best for the patients and families

we care for. This continues to be a core focus of our agency's vision and values. Staff are encouraged to contribute and take leadership roles in the process to develop successful initiatives for the agency. Their leadership, involvement and commitment helps makes Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice an

Roux Insurance hosts YPLAA After Hours



The Young Professionals of the Lewiston Auburn Area held a Business After Hours event at Roux Insurance in Lewiston on February 10. Pictured here (l. to r.) are Alishia Austin, Kotomi Roux, Zac Gayton, Linda Racine, Pam Edwards, Kris Simoneau and Ashley Racine of Roux Insurance.

YPLAA (The Young Professionals of the Lewiston Auburn Area) is an affiliate of The Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce.

They are part of REALIZE! Maine's statewide initiative aiming to develop a network of young people to promote and expand on professional and personal opportunities in Maine.

YPLAA works to strengthen a vibrant



Those attending were treated to a delicious spread prepared by Dad's Place Catering, owned by Diana and Larry Roy.

young professional community by promoting career, social and community development.

outstanding place to work."

The program was designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Maine, benefiting the state's economy, workforce and businesses.

The 2014 list was made up of 70 companies in three size categories: small (15 to 49 U.S. employees), medium (50 to 249 U.S. employees) and large (250+ U.S. employees). AHCH placed third in the large companies category.

City encourages residents to use "Notify Me"

The City of Lewiston is encouraging residents to sign up for its "Notify Me" service, which provides text and/or email notifications of winter parking bans and other emergency events.

To register for the service, visit the city's website, click on "Notify Me" and follow the prompts for "Alert Center." Upon signing up,

you will receive a confirmation text or email you will need to respond to for the notification process to be activated. Other services available within "Notify Me" include "News Flash," which provides news and other information sent out by the city.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Brakey welcomes pages to State House



Senator Eric Brakey (R-Androscoggin) welcomes Autumn Tracey of Auburn (l.) and Tia Mendros of Lewiston to the Senate Chamber. As Honorary Pages for the day, the girls helped deliver messages and assisted the chamber staff. They were accompanied by Tia's father, Stavros Mendros.

Post gives Danforth Letter of Appreciation



Ronnie Ray, Commander of American Legion Post 135, presents Willie Danforth of the Franco American Veterans Center with a Letter of Appreciation for his outstanding service as Santa Clause at the post's annual Children's Christmas Party. The event took place at the Post's monthly breakfast.

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Diocese names new superintendent



Jim King

Bishop Robert P. Deeley of the Diocese of Portland has named Jim King as the new superintendent of Maine's Catholic schools. Currently serving as the interim director of elementary schools for the National Catholic Educational Association, King will succeed interim superintendent Fr. Louis J. Phillips, Ph.D., on July 1.

"The Diocese of Portland is blessed to have found an experienced educator recognized for his integrity and innovation," said Bishop Deeley. "Jim has a strong commitment to keeping Catholic schools centered on faith. He is enthusiastic and dedicated and works well with students, families, faculty and staff. He has a fresh and exciting vision for how best to strengthen and build our Catholic schools as superb centers of learning, service and faith."

"I am tremendously excited at this amazing opportunity," said King. "The Catholic schools in

Maine have a rich 150-year tradition of success. I'm thrilled to work with the great people we have in our schools to maximize the incredible potential for growth that exists in Catholic education."

King brings an exceptional record as a teacher, administrator and national director to the position. Since 2013, he has served as the associate executive director and interim director of the elementary schools department for the NCEA, assisting in the organization and marketing of national conferences while providing Catholic elementary schools across the country with guidance in the areas of communications and technology.

Prior to his time at the NCEA, King was a middle school teacher at four schools in Florida before becoming the principal of St. Martin of Tours School (K-Grade 8) in Maple Heights, Ohio, in 2007. In 2009, he was named principal of St. Matthew Parish School (PK-Grade 8) in Akron, Ohio, where he remained until leaving to complete doctoral internships at the NCEA and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

A 1990 graduate of the University of Akron (B.A., Secondary Education), King completed an M.A. in Educational Leadership in Catholic Schools at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, in 2004. He is currently working towards earning his Ph.D. in Catholic
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Gideon appointed to Board of Overseers



Benjamin Gideon

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court has appointed attorney Benjamin Gideon of Berman & Simmons to the Board of Overseers of the Bar, an independent agency that governs the conduct of lawyers in Maine.

Gideon will serve as one of six lawyers on the board, which also includes three non-lawyer members who are recommended by the governor. Gideon was appointed for a three-year term. A Portland native who lives with his family in Freeport, Gideon is a graduate of Cornell University and Yale Law School. He is a partner at Berman & Simmons, a statewide firm with offices in Lewiston, Portland and Bangor. Gideon represents plaintiffs in medical malpractice, personal injury, civil rights and other complex civil litigation matters.

Established in 1978, the Board of Overseers of the Bar regulates the conduct of lawyers by enforcing the Maine Bar Rules and the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. The board is responsible for receiving and investigating grievance complaints against attorneys licensed in Maine.

Blanchard starts at Court St. Baptist



Nathan Blanchard

Court Street Baptist Church has selected Nathan Blanchard as its new associ-

ate pastor for children, youth and families.

Blanchard, who hails from Rutland, Vermont, attended Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania, where he studied youth ministries with a minor in business administration. He has served as a program director at Camp Sentinel in Tuftonboro, New Hampshire; as an associate director of Camp Fireside in Barrington, New Hampshire; as a chapel speaker and mentor for Coastlands Consultants in Manchester, New Hampshire; as an office administrator for Life-bridge Christian Church
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Governor Paul LePage: Our plan helps senior citizens stay in their homes

This is the weekly radio address by Governor Paul R. LePage.

We all know senior citizens who worked hard their whole lives, but now find themselves facing financial uncertainty. My tax reform plan helps them stay in their homes.

Hello, this is Governor Paul LePage.

This cold winter reminds us of the less fortunate who are struggling to heat their homes and pay their bills. Maine senior citizens are among them.

Our tax reform plan protects seniors from local property tax increases. Giving state aid to local government has not resulted in lower taxes for Mainers.

Property tax relief programs should focus on individual homeowners instead of municipalities. That's why our plan gives relief directly to the taxpayer. Our plan doubles the homestead exemption for seniors. The first \$20,000 of their home's value will be exempt from property tax.

Our plan also in-

creases the property tax fairness credit from \$900 to \$1,500 for those over 65. This is direct property tax relief to seniors and other Mainers on fixed incomes. Senior citizens should not be forced to leave their homes because local officials failed to reduce their property taxes.

Our plan also makes Maine a more attractive home for young retirees to launch a second career and for seniors to retire in comfort. The plan cuts the tax burden by \$300 mil-

lion for Mainers, reduces taxes on all pensions and eliminates taxes on military pensions.

Our plan also eliminates Maine's estate tax and creates a sales tax fairness credit to offset any increase in sales taxes. Under this plan, our Maine seniors will see more money in their checking accounts. It will also keep wealthier Maine seniors in our state.

Too many seniors change their legal residence to other states because of

Maine's high taxes. To make it more affordable for them to stay here after retirement, we will exempt pension income up to \$35,000 from state income tax.

Our plan also exempts military pensions from state income tax. Maine will join 22 other states that honor veterans by not taxing their pensions. This will encourage retired veterans of all ages to reside in Maine, as well as those launching second careers.

Our plan also protects family businesses and farms

by eliminating the "death tax."

Seniors will no longer have to move to other states, and small businesses can keep employing Mainers now and for generations to come.

Our tax reforms are designed to help Mainers age in their homes with dignity. They worked hard all of their lives for their homes. They deserve to keep them.

Paul R. LePage

Church

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in Brandon, Vermont; and, most recently, as a youth director for the Proctor Community Concerns Council, a three-church consortium in Proctor, Vermont.

Blanchard assumed his duties at Court Street Baptist Church on February 1. The church is located at 129 Court Street in Auburn.

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Educational Leadership from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

King has been honored for his leadership, academic achievements and research skills at the local, regional and national levels, including his appointment to the National Blue Ribbon Schools Selection Committee this year. The program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based upon their overall academic excellence.

A native of Akron, King, his wife Roberta, and their three children look forward to calling Maine home. King says that, while his children are excited about the prospect of "playing in the snow," he is overjoyed to have the chance to assist the schools in their quest to provide the academic, spiritual and social benefits of a Catholic education.

"I was and am a very active Catholic, but I

WMTW supports United Way



WMTW's Kelsey Dawson, Donna Rideout, Steve Minich and David Abel present United Way Loaned Executive Jessica Siderio with a donation check on the set of their new studio location.

WMTW-TV 8 recently presented a donated check in the amount of \$500 to the United Way of Androscoggin County.

didn't start off in Catholic education," said King. "Once I had the opportunity to work in a Catholic school, I was blown away by the combination of strong academics and faith. I've

"WMTW-TV 8 employees have shown their support by serving as board members and impact council volunteers and by donat-

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"The work United Way does in our community is critical," said WMTW President and General Manager David Abel. "As a news organization that

reports on issues affecting our community every day, we are proud to know and be aligned with an organization whose mission is to help those in need."

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What's Going On

YWCA adds new board members

The YWCA of Central Maine has announced the election of three new members to its board of directors.

Carrie Mastrogiacomio is a graduate of the University of Maine at Machias, where she majored in Environmental Education. She currently works at the Mastrogiacomio Law Office with her husband, attorney

Matt Mastrogiacomio. The Mastrogiacomios are the parents of a child who has attended the YWCA's preschool program for the past two years, giving Carrie first-hand knowledge of YWCA programming that will be valuable in the areas of program evaluation and expansion.

Susan Chase Baltrus recently retired from the

Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions. She began her career as a nursing instructor, later became the director of the college, and then served as its president before retiring in July. She has a degree from St. Joseph's College, with a Bachelor of Science in Professional Arts (concentration in nursing and business administration) and a Master of Science

Degree in Nursing from the University of Southern Maine. She serves on the Maine State Board of Nursing and is a site visitor for the National League for Nursing's Accreditation Commission for Nursing Education.

Christina King recently graduated from the University of Southern Maine at Lewiston-Auburn with a BA in Social and Behavioral Sciences.

In carrying out coursework for her major, she worked as a volunteer at the YWCA, where she helped develop the Muslim Women's Learn to Swim Program to provide culturally sensitive swimming instruction to women of the Muslim faith. She

was recently hired as a case-worker at Health Affiliates Maine.

The YWCA of Central Maine is located at 130 East Avenue in Lewiston. For more information, call 795-4050 or see www.ywcamaine.org.

Bates College recognized for community engagement



Bates students Kat Harling (l.) and Grace Boueri weigh twigs in Garcelon Bog as part of carbon-sequestration research carried out by an environmental studies class (photo by Sarah Crosby/Bates College).

Bates College recently received national recognition from a federal agency and a major foundation for its efforts to build community engagement into the education of its students.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has selected Bates for its Community Engagement Classification for the second time, a distinction held by only two colleges in Maine and 157 colleges nationwide. The recognition

is based on myriad aspects of community engagement, from impacts on student learning, to ways in which a college evaluates and rewards faculty involvement, to the community's assessments of a college's value as a partner.

At the same time, Bates has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll With Distinction. Through the Honor Roll, the federal Corporation for



Bates students Colette Girardin, Rusty Epstein and Nancy Weidner perform "Seussical the Musical" in May 2013 during the Robinson Players' annual production for local schoolchildren (photo by Mike Bradley/Bates College).

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Enough is Enough

More General Assistance going to asylum seekers

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

It's got to stop! Our General Assistance budget is being overwhelmed.

Thanks to the slow-paced movements of our federal bureaucracy, our General Assistance office is being overrun by asylum seekers.

I must confess that the yeoman's work done by the newly elected state Senator Eric Brakey (R-Auburn) toward reforming Maine's current welfare laws put me into a lull, allowing me to move on to other desperate issues, such as economic development and affordable housing for our working poor. This all changed upon stopping by our General Assistance office.

It is the duty of our General Assistance program

to provide the basic necessities, such as food, clothing and shelter, to those whose financial situation puts these necessities beyond their reach. Our first-class General Assistance staff does a great job investigating each applicant to ensure our property tax dollars are spent on the needy.

Then we have the elderly. You'll see them in the supermarket, usually in the express lines, counting out change to pay for the few items they wish to purchase. Many are forced to go without, or they ration much-needed medications. Many live in cold, drafty homes.

Most would qualify for the many General Assistance programs now being offered. This would add a better quality of life to their



Mayor Bob Macdonald

senior years.

But they are proud people, and no strangers to want and care. They ride out these storms as they rode out other storms they have experienced in life—without government help.

Then we have Portland, a city whose policies attract people from near and

wide looking for handouts. They provide several public-supported homeless shelters. In the past, they had low-income housing where they could shelter these people. This is now being gobbled up by developers and replaced with housing for the city's professionals.

This lack of housing is forcing the indigent and illegal aliens to find shelter elsewhere. They are being pointed in a northerly direction, winding up—yes, you guessed it—in Lewiston.

Asylum seekers are turning up in record numbers at our General Assistance office. They now make up 33 percent (and growing) of our General Assistance budget.

Who are asylum seekers? They technically enter our country legally through a visa. Once here, they apply for asylum. When asylum is granted, the federal government is required to investigate their claims. This could take up to two years.

In the meantime, the property taxpayers of Lewiston are forced to take care of their basic needs. Neither the state nor federal government will provide them with

any financial support.

When you enter our country on a visa, you must state the reason for your visit. You must also declare you have money to support yourself while here. Further, you declare you will return home after your allotted time.

I have spoken with federal officials about the criteria used in obtaining a visa. According to them, the prime condition of a visa's issuance is that the person will return to their native land. A background check is done to determine that the individual has reasons to return to their native land, such as family, bank accounts, etc., as well as to make sure there is nothing to prevent them from returning home.

Yet after this investigation, they are still allowed to claim they will be persecuted if they return home. Not only are they allowed to stay in our country, but local taxpayers must also pick up their tab.

Just when you think it can't get any worse, the other shoe falls. Once granted asylum, they are issued working papers that allow them to

obtain employment. These papers must be renewed. The recipient is told to apply for renewal three months before the papers expire so that new ones can be issued.

This has created a new problem: our gainfully employed visitors are being discharged from their employment and forced back on the local welfare rolls until their paperwork is renewed.

Maybe it's time that the federal bureaucrats spend more time in the office and less time at conferences.

Congratulations to Lewiston's state champion cheerleaders and girls hockey team. Your hard work and dedication has paid off. Your victories have elevated our city and put Lewiston into the limelight.

Lastly, there is not enough praise to bestow on the men and women of our public works departments. As a Mainer, mayor and a veteran, I thank you for the outstanding job performed over the last several weeks. I would encourage the public to follow my lead.

Drama Club to stage "A Doll's House"



The Lisbon High School Drama Club will bring their one-act adaptation of Ibsen's iconic drama "A Doll's House" to the stage at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 27 and Saturday, February 28 at Lisbon High School. Tickets will be \$3 at the door. The cast includes (l. to r.) Max Poulin as Krogstad, Michelle Martin as Mrs. Linde, Jake Fusaro as Dr. Rank, Jake Angelico as Torvald, Cosette Holmes as Nora, Dakota Hern as Anne and Bri Livingston as Helen. Not pictured is Amanda Mason, who will play Emmy.

APL Coffee Talk focuses on real estate

Interested in looking for a home but don't know where to begin? Wondering what your credit score is and what impact it has on buying a home? Realtor Janice Jannetty will have answers to share when she presents a Coffee Talk called "Real Estate Questions and Answers" on Thursday, February 26 at 10 a.m. at

Auburn Public Library. Real estate can be complex, but being educated and knowing where your resources are can smooth the process. This informative workshop will answer such questions as: Should I put my home on the market in the winter? and How do I find the value of my home in today's current market? This

casual conversation will also provide lots of opportunities to ask questions.

The program is free and open to the public. If you are unable to make it to the library on February 26 or you forget to ask a question, Jannetty will also be at the library on March 5 and March 12, both days at 6 p.m.

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6 steps for choosing the best remodeling contractor



All in 1 Builders: (l-r.) Michael Willey, Evan Peer and Heidi Peer.

(BPT) - A remodeling project is one of the most invigorating lifestyle changes a homeowner can make. However, trusting a contractor with both your home and your money can feel overwhelming. Spare your time, money and sanity by following these steps for choosing the best remodeling contractor:

1. Decide what you want out of your newly remodeled home. Start thinking about goals, amenities and a rough timeline, making sure you can clearly articulate your ideas to a contractor. Idea centers can serve as inspiration for kick-starting your remodeling project. This phase is also ideal for researching sustainable building products. By using green products, homeowners save money on heating and cooling costs, and builders can decrease construction's carbon footprint.

2. Ask for advice. You're not the first person to remodel your home, so don't go through the process alone. Talk to friends, relatives, neighbors and coworkers about their re-

modeling experiences. In addition to collecting referrals, ask targeted questions about how those contractors communicated throughout the process and mitigated any setbacks. If you know a building inspector, ask which contractors regularly meet code requirements.

3. Research and contact businesses. Start gathering information on your referrals and local prospects by visiting their websites or making phone calls. Make sure these remodeling contractors have the required licenses, liability insurance and ability to obtain local permits for your project. Most will also tell you if they belong to a profes-

sional association such as the National Association of the Remodeling Industry or National Association of Homebuilders. For exterior remodeling, the James Hardie Building Products website includes a contractor locator tool homeowners can use to search for reputable contractors. The Better Business Bureau also issues warnings about those that might not be trustworthy. Through your research, select three to five potential contractors.

4. Set up meetings with contractors. After identifying your top candidates, schedule face-to-face meetings with each to discuss your project. Ask questions and make sure communication is fluid and straight-forward. How many projects does the contractor handle at one time? Are his or her past projects similar in scope to yours? More of these questions can be found at the James Hardie Hire a Pro resource center. If you find a particular meeting goes especially well, ask for references and a bid on your project.

5. Compare bids and references. Think of this step as putting the finishing touches on your selection process. When contacting references, ask them to rate

their satisfaction with the project. Did the contractor meet time and budget requirements? As soon as the bids come in, look at the cost breakdown of labor and building materials. The best contractor is not always the cheapest. Now's the time to find out if a contractor uses the best quality products that meet your budget. For instance, does he or she install fiber cement siding on home exteriors, or, opt for the cheaper, less durable vinyl siding? Make sure contractors are choosing long-lasting products that will stand the test of time.

6. Choose your contractor and sign a contract. With all of your research on hand, select the best contractor for your project. After confirming with the contractor, draw up a contract that includes a description of the work, products to be used, cost and completion dates and let the project begin.

Bates

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National and Community Service recognizes colleges and universities that embody exemplary community service while raising the visibility of effective practices in campus-community partnerships.

"The Carnegie Foundation's classification is the gold standard for community engagement work in higher education," said Darby Ray, director of the Harvard Center, the Bates office that facilitates the college's partnerships with the community. "To also earn a place on the President's Honor Roll, especially 'With Distinction,' is a wonderful affirmation of the college's commitment to

innovative pedagogy and the public good."

In contrast to Carnegie's standard system of classifying colleges and universities, which is based on public data and includes virtually all U.S. schools, the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification results from a rigorous, elective application process. This approach enables schools to spotlight aspects of their missions and programs that Carnegie would not find in public data.

"They're looking for community engagement that is truly an embedded, systemic institutional priority," Ray said. "For Bates, where our institutional mission emphasizes the cultivation of informed civic action and responsible stewardship of the wider world, the Carnegie classification is a vitally important confirmation of past accomplishments and future direction."

Bates, which first received the classification in 2008, was one of 157 schools to be reclassified this year. Eighty-three colleges and universities received the classification for the first time in 2015, while 121 earned the classification during a selection process in 2010. All told, 361 institutions, including five in Maine, hold the classification. The other four Maine schools are Saint Joseph's College, Unity Colleges and the University of Maine System campuses at Orono and Machias.

According to Ray, the President's Honor Roll evaluates an institution's most noteworthy projects and partnerships in a given year and considers the annual participation rates of students and faculty in com-

munity-engaged work. Bates has been listed on the roll every year since the program's inception in 2006.

Among the programs in Lewiston and beyond that Bates cited on its application this year were initiatives in environmental education, the arts and childhood literacy. Bates was one of 121 schools honored "With Distinction" in the General Community Service category, and one of 22 so designated in the Education category. The only other Maine school on the 2014 Honor Roll is St. Joseph's College.

Bates has long recognized that mutual relationships and shared action are essential if both the college and its surrounding communities are to flourish. Students' community-engaged work at the college includes learning or participatory research connected to courses; senior thesis research, research fellowships or summer fellowships; one-time or ongoing volunteer opportunities; and leadership development projects.

From September 2012 through August 2013 (the most recent year for which data is available), the Harvard Center awarded \$202,666 in grants or fellowships to faculty, staff, students and community partners to support civic engagement work; 1,143 Bates students performed 50,363 documented hours of academically based community work; 12,629 of those hours were provided in connection with the public schools; and fifty-one courses, representing 23 of the college's 32 academic departments and programs, included a community-engaged learning component.



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Adult Ed classes at MSAD #52

Unless otherwise noted, the following classes, offered by MSAD #52 Adult and Community Education of Turner, Greene and Leeds, will begin the week of February 23. For a complete schedule, or to register and pay for a class, see www.msad52.maine-adulted.org. For more information, call the Adult Ed office at 225-1010.

"ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification." This two-day class, held February 20 and 21, is a nationally accredited food safety certification program designed for food service managers, directors, chefs, kitchen managers, dietitians, dietary managers and food service staff. Topics include food handling, HACCP, pest control and more. Fee includes textbook and exam.

"Ballroom Dance: The Basics." The sight of a great dancer moving to a captivating beat is irresistible. Now you can step into that light with confidence. It's fun, romantic, and great exercise - and parties are always more fun when you're dancing! No partner or prior dance experience is necessary.

"Ballroom Dance: Beyond the Basics." You've mastered the basics; now it's time to move to the next level. This class will present the elements of leading and following in a comfortable

and natural way, providing the variety and versatility needed to enjoy social dance at its best.

"Bake the Night Away." Learn to mix, knead, proof and shape basic yeast dough. Baking enthusiasts of all levels are welcome for this hands-on class; children ages 10 and above may attend with an adult. Recipes will be shared. Bring an apron, rolling pin, cutting board and a container to fill and take home.

"American Red Cross Blood Borne Pathogen Training." Learn about blood borne diseases and how to protect yourself to reduce your risk of contracting bacterial and viral illnesses.

"I'm Beginning to Stay Home Alone." This two-session class for kids ages 8 through 11 will cover safety issues they could encounter as they begin to stay home alone for short periods of time. Hands-on activities and discussions will be used to present concepts, including what to do if they feel sick or scared, how to contact a parent, and what are they allowed to do when home alone. Participants will take home an activity booklet with parent notes. The class is being offered this week in Turner. Other sessions will be offered in Greene and Leeds later in the spring.

What's Going On

Tree Street Youth receives \$400k grant



Members of Tree Street Youth stand before the agency's building at 144 Howe Street. Plans are underway to expand the building to accommodate the growing number of students attending its after school programs.

The Next Generation Foundation of Maine has awarded a \$400,000 grant to Tree Street Youth to support the planned remodeling and expansion of its building at 144 Howe Street in

"Snowmobile Safety." Learn how to properly operate and maintain a snowmobile, including laws, responsibilities and personal safety. Certification will be conferred with passage of a final exam. Those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Lewiston. Tree Street Youth purchased the building in August of 2014 with support and financing from the Genesis Community Loan Fund. The expansion project has been supported by Harriman Associates, who is working closely with the agency on preliminary design work.

The goals for the renovation-expansion are

to create additional and new classroom spaces for homework help, tutoring and enrichment activities, such as dance, art, music, college prep and youth leadership development, while also improving its outdoor play spaces.

Tree Street Youth serves an average of 120 to 150 youth in grades K through 12 each day through

its after school academic and enrichment programs. Attendance numbers are demonstrating an average increase of 25 youth per day so far this school year.

"This grant from the Next Generation Foundation is an incredible endorsement of our work and plans to expand our building to support the growing numbers of youth attending the center," said Tree Street Youth Executive Director Julia Sleeper. "It is a game-changer for our organization and we couldn't be more grateful."

"While most of Maine has a growing senior population, a few areas, such as Lewiston-Auburn, enjoy a growing youth population," noted the Next Generation Foundation in announcing the grant. "We are proud to invest in the young people served by Tree Street Youth, who are, after all, Maine's future."

For more information on Tree Street Youth, call 577-6386 or see www.treestreetyouth.org.

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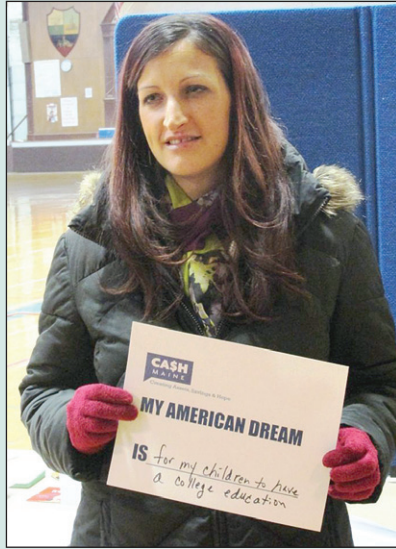
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Super Refund Saturday puts participants on road to succe\$\$



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This year's Super Refund Saturday, organized by the L-A CASH Coalition for February 7 at Lewiston Memorial Armory, was a huge success. A total of 212 people had their tax returns prepared and

e-filed free of charge by IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers. A Financial Education Fair featured information booths and displays, while Volunteer Opportunity Guides answered questions on topics ranging from money

management to health insurance to financing options for home ownership or a college education. Many in attendance took the time to share whatever financial "American Dream" they would like to achieve in their own lives.

Residents of the L-A area making \$53,000 per year or less who would like to make an appointment to have their tax returns prepared free of charge may still do so by calling 513-3160. For more information on the L-A CASH Coalition, see www.lewistonmaine.gov/lacash.



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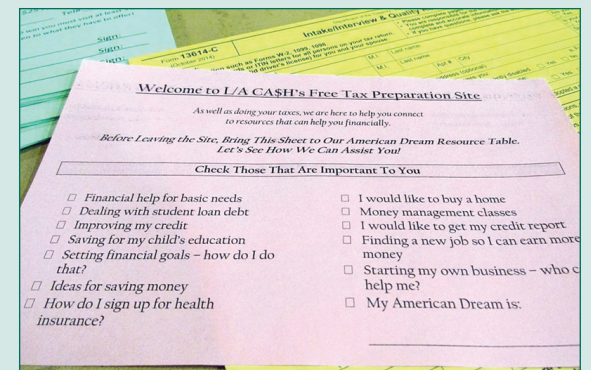
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Site Coordinator KC Geiger reviews some paperwork.



L-A CA\$H Coalition co-chair Dottie Perham-Whittier, with Hannaford gift card winner Nharra Marcelino and son



Free credit reports were accessed and reviewed throughout the day.

Safe Voices staff members visit State House



Steve Moore, Kelley Glidden and Denise Thorn of Safe Voices, a domestic violence resource center serving Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties, met with local Representatives at the State House recently to discuss issues related to domestic violence. Here they are pictured (l. to r., at center) with (from l.) Rep. Jared Golden, Rep. Heidi Brooks, Rep. Michel Lajoie and Rep. Peggy Rotundo, all Democrats serving Lewiston.



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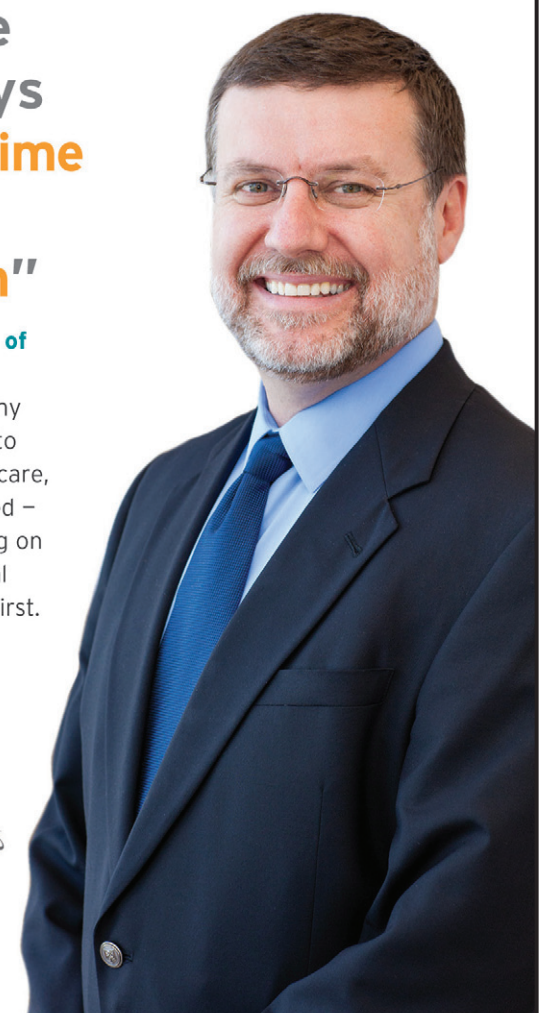
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The L/A Film Forum will present "Night of the Iguana," starring Richard Burton and Ava Gardner, on Monday, February 23 at 6 p.m. at Auburn Public Library. Winner of several Academy Awards, the film drew lots of media attention for its behind-the-scenes stories, heightened when Burton brought his soon-to-be-wife, Elizabeth Taylor, to the location set.

In the film, based

upon the 1961 play by Tennessee Williams, the Rev. T. Lawrence Shannon has been living in Mexico for two years, working as a tourist guide for a cut-rate travel agency after being defrocked for taking liberties with one of his parishioners. Now accompanying a group of middle-aged ladies from Texas, he attracts the attention of the group leader's teenage ward, Charlotte Goodall. When Shannon and Goodall spend the night together, her

aunt sets out to have him fired, so to keep her from communicating with his employer, Shannon strands the group at a remote hotel. The arrival of Hannah Jelkes and her elderly grandfather breaks the impasse as her approach to life and love forces Shannon to deal with his demons and re-evaluate his life.

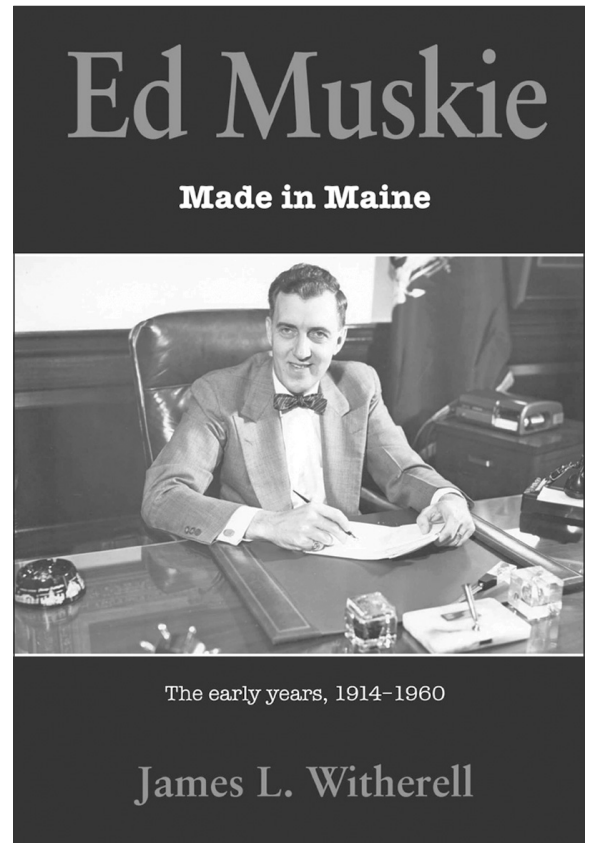
The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 333-6640 ext. 4.

Author to discuss new book on Ed Muskie

The Androscoggin Historical Society will welcome author James Witherell to discuss his new book, "Ed Muskie: Made in Maine," on Tuesday, February 24 at 7 p.m. The book tells the story of how Muskie, born in Rumford as the son of a Polish immigrant tailor, grew up to serve two terms as Maine's governor and become one of the most consequential Maine politicians to serve on the national stage.

It follows Muskie through his boyhood and formative years to age 45, when he finished his second term as governor and set his sights on a seat in the U.S. Congress. His efforts there would have far-reaching effects on the nation's environmental policy and propel him into the national spotlight.

A historian, master Maine Guide and avid cyclist, Witherell is the author of "L.L. Bean: The Man and His Company" and "Bicycle History." He has also created hiking maps of Acadia National Park and Baxter State Park.



James Witherell will discuss his new book on Tuesday, February 24 at Androscoggin Historical Society.

Admission to the program is free, but donations are welcome. The event will take place at the Society's museum on the third floor of the County Building at 2 Turner Street in Auburn. An elevator is available. For more information about the Society, call 784-0586.

Japanese lute player to perform at Bates

An authority on traditional Japanese music will present a lecture-concert called "The Musical

Art of the Samurai" on Tuesday, February 24 at 7 p.m. in Bates College's Muskie Archives. Virtuoso

performer Akiko Sakurai is a proponent of "Satsuma Biwa," traditional music from Japan's medieval period that is performed on a pear-shaped lute called a "biwa." The event is free and open to the public.

Originally performed to accompany the prayers of blind Buddhist priests in the ninth century, biwa music was adopted during the 16th century by the Shimazi clan of Satsuma, a province See Bates, page 12



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Gardener-poet to read at Bates

Ross Gay, author of the new poetry collection "Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude," will read from his work on Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Edmund S. Muskie Archives at Bates College.

Whether writing about the basketball court or his relationship with his father, Gay is known for the dynamic style and vibrant imagery of his poems. Besides being a poet and teacher, he is also an avid gardener. "Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude" (University of Pittsburgh Press) is a sustained meditation on things that go away - loved ones, the seasons, the earth as we know it - that finds solace in the processes of the garden and the orchard, where everything is converted into what might ultimately nourish us.

Gay's second collection, "Bringing the Shovel



Ross Gay

Down" (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2011), was a re-imagining of the violent mythologies of state and power through poems that contemplate violence, compassion and ethics. His first book, "Against Which" (CavanKerry Press, 2006), was described by poet Thomas Lux as "poems that both 'terrify and comfort'" and received the ForeWord

Book of the Year Honorable Mention.

Gay's poems have been published in American Poetry Review, the Harvard Review, the Atlanta Review, and Margie: The American Journal of Poetry and Ploughshares. Poet Jean Valentine has written that they speak of "an individual wisdom that is bright with See **Poetry**, page 12

CLT announces cast for "9 to 5: The Musical"

Director Paul G. Caron has selected the cast for Community Little Theatre's third production of its 75th season, the fun and exciting musical "9 to 5." Performances will take place March 13 through 22 at CLT's home at Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy Street in Auburn.

The musical is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie of the same name. Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex-era is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic. "9 to

5: The Musical" is written by Dolly Parton, with book by Patricia Resnick.

Pushed to the boiling point, three female co-workers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss, "Franklin Hart, Jr." (Dan Kane). In a hilarious turn of events, "Violet" (Sabrina Yocono), "Judy" (Jennifer McClure-Groover) and "Doralee" (Rhonda Webber) are able to live out their wildest fantasy by giving their boss the boot. While Hart remains "otherwise engaged," the women give

their workplace a dream makeover, taking control of a company that had always kept them down.

Also appearing will be Renee Davis as "Roz Keith," Jay Barrett as "Joe," Christopher Hodgkin as "Dwayne," Cameron Gelder

Twin City Nights

Spaghetti & Silent Auction at Lisbon High School

The Lisbon High School Explorers group will present a Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction on Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Lisbon High School Cafeteria. The meal will include spaghetti, salad, dessert, assorted breads and a beverage. The event will also feature a one-act production of "A Doll's House" by the school drama club.

The dinner will raise funds for the school's newly formed Explorers group. Made up of school students, parents and teachers, the group has aspirations to plan an international educational experience to study the artists of France and Spain in April 2016. Members



Lisbon High students (l. to r.) Kali Gould, Elise Chase and Hannah Stritch prepare for the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28.

convene on a regular basis to chart the progress of the project, which falls within the mission of the Lisbon School Department to provide valuable educational experiences that cross all disciplines and bring subjects, people, places and

events to life.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and \$4 for kids ages 3 to 12. Lisbon High School is located at 2 Sugg Drive in Lisbon Falls. For more information, call 754-0021.

as "Josh" and Lynn O'Donnell as Hart's wife, "Missy." Heather Marichal will play "Maria," Greg Charette will play "Dick," Britny Anderson will play "Kathy," Mary Turcotte will play "Marga-

ret," Mitchell Clyde Thomas will play "Bob Enright" and Phil Vampatella will play "Tinsworthy." Rounding out the cast will be Aaron Louque, Anita Charles, Bailey Self, Ashley Gallagher and

Katie Heffernan-Pecor.

For more information about CLT's 75th season, to volunteer, to learn about becoming a show sponsor or to purchase tickets, call 783-0958 or see www.laclt.com.

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French Sing-along February 20

The first French Sing-along of the new year at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College will take place on Friday, February 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the college's Room 170. The program is free and open to the public.

Song books will be provided, so those who are unfamiliar with the songs or less-than-fluent in French may follow along. Making a special appearance at this month's sing-along will be 9-year-old fiddler Owen Kennedy of Winthrop. He and guitarist Don Cunning-

ham will play a few lively "jigs & reels," classic tunes that have become favorites among Maine's music-loving Franco-Americans. USM LAC is located at 51 Westminster Street in Lewiston. For more information, call Jacynthe Jacques at 576-4109.

Fort Andross Winter Antique Show



The historic Fort Andross building is located at 14 Maine Street in Brunswick, just over the bridge from Topsham.

The Fort Andross Winter Antique Show will take place on Sunday, February 22 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Event Center of the historic Fort Andross Building in Brunswick. Now in its fifth season, this day-long event has become a popular winter

destination for the antiques enthusiasts who attend each year. This year's show will feature quality merchandise from more than 50 antiques dealers from across New England.

The admission fee for early buying, from 8 to 10 a.m., will be \$6 (\$5 with

advertisement); general admission starting at 10 a.m. will be \$3 (\$2 with advertisement). Located at 14 Maine Street, the Fort Andross building is wheelchair accessible and has ample free parking. Catered food will be available.

For more information, or to exhibit at the show, contact Deborah J. Stufflebeam at 725-2855 or cabot@waterfrontme.com.

Poetry

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pity, terror and rage, and which asks the reader to realize that she is not alone - that the grief he carries is not just his own."

Gay is an assistant professor of English at Indiana University and teaches in Drew University's low-residency Master's of Fine Arts program. He is also the founder and leader of a publicly owned and operated

"Lunch with Locals" explores shoemaking in Freeport

Freeport Historical Society will revive its successful "Lunch with Locals" series, which invites local residents to help shape the Society's next exhibit, with two upcoming events focused upon the history of Freeport's shoemaking industry.

Participants will be asked to share their stories, knowledge and information about the topic over a free lunch on Saturday, February 21 (snow date February 28) and Tuesday, March 10 (snow date Wednesday, March 11). Both events will take place at Freeport Historical Society's headquarters, Harrington House, at 45 Main Street in Freeport.

For the first event, "Shoe and Tell," those attending are encouraged to bring and discuss objects (or photographs of objects) they own that relate to shoes or shoemaking in Freeport. An example would be a cobbler's anvil (pictured), used to hold a shoe upside down while a sole was added or repaired. Unidentified mystery objects related to the shoe industry in Freeport are especially encouraged. For the second event, "Bare Your Sole," participants are asked to bring stories and experiences that they are willing to



A cobbler's anvil was used to hold a shoe upside down while a sole was added or repaired. Local residents are asked to bring their objects and stories related to shoemaking in Freeport to lunchtime events on February 21 and March 10.

share for recording. No story will be left untold!

"Freeport is a rich community made up of people whose families have lived here for generations and those who have been here for a relatively short time," said FHS Collections Manager Holly Hurd. "They are all important contributors to the collective history we share. Some have artifacts and photographs that have been saved over many years, others have stories and ex-

periences of years gone by, and newcomers often bring a fresh enthusiasm for the history of their new town."

Those interested in learning more about the topic are also invited to attend, even if they don't have artifacts or stories to share. An RSVP is requested. For more information, contact Freeport Historical Society at 865-3170 or info@freeporthistoricalsociety.org, or see www.freeporthistoricalsociety.org.

organic apple orchard and is currently working with Aimee Nuzhukumatathil on a collection of garden poems.

Admission to this Language Arts Live event is free and open to the public. The Muskie Archives is located at 70 Campus Avenue. For more information, call 786-6256 or email rfarnswo@bates.edu.

Bates

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in feudal Japan, to teach martial values to its samurai. Typically relating stories of war heroes and battles, traditional Satsuma Biwa performances are comprised of solo pieces that weave lute

music together with sung storytelling.

The instrument is known for a sound that incorporates buzzing percussive tones as the strings resonate against the top end of the fret board. "The biwa is unusual in its lower tones because its harmonic structure is different than in Western instruments... [which] throws off a listener's perception of pitch," writes Asian studies scholar Eleanor Mannikka for The New York Times. In service of the player's dynamic sense, the unusual sound effectively creates drama in the narrative pieces.

Sakurai studied the biwa at the Tokyo College

of Music. She has toured and appeared extensively in Japan, while also bringing traditional Japanese music to a worldwide audience with performances in the United States, Hungary and Canada. "Delicate yet energetic, her performance captivates audiences with each note," says Houston CultureMap.

Her Bates performance is part of the Cultural Envoy Program of Japan's Agency for Cultural Affairs, offered by the Japanese government to disseminate Japan's culture to the international community. The Muskie Archives is located at 70 Campus Avenue. For more information, contact hmiura@bates.edu.

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Thursday, February 19

Film Screening: "Food Stamped." 6:30 p.m. Topsham Public Library. This entry in the "Community Food" film series examines whether it's possible to eat healthily on a food stamp budget; a discussion follows. Free. 729-7694; www.btl.org/events.

Friday, February 20

French Sing-along. 1:30 p.m. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. Nine-year-old fiddler Owen Kennedy and guitarist Don Cunningham drop in to play a few tunes. Song books provided. All are welcome. Free. 576-4109.

Saturday, February 21

Lunch with Locals: "Shoe & Tell." Freeport Historical Society, 45 Main St., Freeport. Come share your artifacts (or photos of artifacts) related to the history of shoemaking in Freeport; mystery objects encouraged! Lunch provided. Free. RSVP at 865-3170.

Living History Day. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore. This "Cabin Fever Reliever" event features various period activities and tours of the family mansion. \$5/3 (kids 6- free). Call ahead in bad weather. 897-4366.

Sunday, February 22

Winter Antique Show. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Event Center, Fort Andross building, 14 Maine St., Brunswick. This event features quality merchandise from more than 50 antiques dealers from across New England. \$6 (before 10 a.m.), \$3 after. 725-2855.

Monday, February 23

Film Screening. 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. The L/A Film Forum presents the 1961 Academy Award-winning film, "Night of the Iguana," starring Richard Burton and Ava Gardner. Free. 333-6640 ext. 4.

Tuesday, February 24

Author Visit. 7 p.m. Androscoggin Historical Society, third floor, County Building, 2 Turner St., Auburn. Author James Witherell discusses his new book, "Ed Muskie: Made in Maine." Elevator avail. Free, but donations welcome. 784-0586.

Concert. 7 p.m. Muskie Archives, Bates College, 70 Campus Ave., Lewiston. Virtuoso lute player Akiko Sakurai presents a lecture-performance on traditional Japanese music called "The Mu-

Calendar

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sical Art of the Samurai." Free. hmiura@bates.edu.

Thursday, February 26

Coffee Talk. 10 a.m. Auburn Public Library. Realtor Janice Jannetty addresses common question about real estate, including home values, credit scores and information resources. Free. 333-6640 ext. 4.

Visiting Hours. 5 to 7 p.m. Auburn Public Library. City Councilor Tizz Crowley meets with Auburn residents or business owners who want to discuss concerns or share constructive feedback. 333-6600 ext. 1217; Tcrowley@auburnmaine.gov.

Author Visit. 6:30 p.m. Muskie Archives, Bates College, 70 Campus Ave., Lewiston. Author Ross Gay reads from his new collection of poetry "Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude," which explores the solace of the garden and the orchard. Free. 786-6256.

Friday, February 27

Indoor Farmer's Market. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Local vendors offer homegrown and homemade foods and treats; live music by the Peterson Project, embroidery exhibit, craft project for kids. Free. 333-6640 ext. 4.

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Cafeteria, Lisbon High School. This event features the school drama club's one-act production of "A Doll's House"; proceeds benefit Lisbon H.S. Explorers group. Again 2/28. \$6/5/4 at door. 754-0021.

Theater: "A Doll's House." 7 p.m. Lisbon High School, 2 Sugg Dr., Lisbon Falls. The school drama club stages a one-act adaptation of Ibsen's iconic play. Tickets \$3 at the door. Again 2/28.

Saturday, February 28

Baked Bean Supper. 5 p.m. First Congregational Church, Rte. 115, Gray. Baked beans, casseroles, salads, homemade breads, desserts and beverages. \$8 adults, \$4 kids 11-. Wheelchair accessible. 657-4279 or, day of supper, 657-3279.

Sunday, March 1

Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 208 Bates Street, Lewiston. Buy locally grown and made products from

dozens of local vendors and have brunch at the Market café. Every 1st and 3rd Sun. thru April 29. www.stmarysnutritioncenter.com.

Saturday, March 7

Film Screening: "Dive." 3 p.m. Bath Freight Shed. This entry in the "Community Food" film series examines the degree to which Americans discard usable food; a discussion follows. Free. 729-7694; www.btl.org/events.

Tuesday, March 10

Lunch with Locals: "Bare Your Soul." Freeport Historical Society, 45 Main St., Freeport. Come share your stories and knowledge about the history of shoemaking in Freeport for recording; lunch provided. Free. Snow date 3/11. RSVP at 865-3170.

Sunday, March 15

Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 208 Bates Street, Lewiston. Buy locally grown and made products from dozens of local vendors and have brunch at the Market café. Every 1st and 3rd Sun. thru April 29. www.stmarysnutritioncenter.com.

Fontaine Family opens Scarborough office

Local real estate agency Fontaine Family, The Real Estate Leader is expanding its services to the southern Maine area by opening a second location at 432 U.S. Route One in Scarborough.

"In closing numerous home and commercial sales in the greater Portland area in the past few years, we've developed relationships with many business owners, home buyers and investors looking for real estate in that area," said agency President and Founder Brenda Fontaine. "This interest, coupled with our one-of-a-kind luxury marketing program designed to give home sellers maximum exposure when selling their home, makes Scarborough the perfect location for us."

The family owned business has consistently ranked in the top 15 among real estate agencies in the state for the number of closed units in sales. At

Tuesday, March 17

Visiting Hours. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. City Councilor Tizz Crowley meets with Auburn residents or business owners who want to discuss concerns or share constructive feedback. 333-6600 ext. 1217; Tcrowley@auburnmaine.gov.

Thursday, March 19

Film Screening: "Food Where We Live." 6:30 p.m. Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick. This entry in the "Community Food" film series examines community efforts in Ohio to create a more sustainable, local food system. Free. 729-7694; www.btl.org/events.

Sunday, April 5

Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 208 Bates Street, Lewiston. Buy locally grown and made products from dozens of local vendors and have brunch at the Market café. Every 1st and 3rd Sun. thru April 29. www.stmarysnutritioncenter.com.

Sunday, April 19

Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 208 Bates Street, Lewiston. Buy locally grown and made products from dozens of local vendors and have brunch at the Market café. Every 1st and 3rd Sun. thru April 29. www.stmarysnutritioncenter.com.

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UMaine announces Dean's List

The University of Maine recognized 2,114 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2014 semester. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 1,622 are from Maine, 394 are from 32 other states and 98 are from 27 countries other than the United States.

Listed below are students from Androscoggin County who received Dean's List honors for fall 2014, completing 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5

or higher. Students who have requested that their information not be released are not listed.

Auburn: Abby Bellefleur, Lauren Bennett, Colin Benson, Felicia Binette, Ashley Brackett, Taylor Brackett, Ryan Chamberland, Joshua Delong, Marie Dufresne-Dixon, Mikael Heikkinen, Nathaniel Hernandez, Kennedy Hubbard, Nicole LaRue, Michael Lucas, Zachary Lutick, Briana Lynch, Jaclyn Masters, Eileen McKinney, Kaelina

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RoundTable Tech. supports 'Not Here Network'

RoundTable Technology, a technology company based in Lewiston, has joined the Not Here Justice in Action Network as an Angel Level Corporate Sponsor. Not Here focuses upon raising awareness, doing research and building bridges to combat human trafficking. Their Not Here Conference serves as a launching pad for building broad coalitions focused upon prevention and victim

care. "It's difficult to believe that people are still bought and sold as property, and even more shocking to know that it's happening here in Maine," said RoundTable Technology President and CEO Evan Desjardins. "I can think of no greater battle to fight than to work for freedom and a better life for victims of this crime. In addition to our sponsorship, we are

committing to providing pro-bono IT services and support to Not Here as a way to further increase the reach and impact of their mission."

"Modern day human slavery is alive and well," noted Not Here co-founder Bill Legere. "It is a modern failure that continues to plague the weak and vulnerable. This is a problem that we must confront together, with broad coalitions aimed

at advocating for the weak. We are so pleased to partner with RoundTable Technology in taking a stand against this injustice."

The mission of RoundTable Technology is to enrich nonprofit organizations and small businesses with technology. Their work has positively impacted over 200 organizations from Maine to New York City and beyond.

For more information about the Not Here Justice in Action Network, find them on Facebook or see www.NotHere.me. For more information about RoundTable Technology, see www.RoundTableTechnology.com.

Comedy Fix supports Good Shepherd



Comedy Fix XIX, which took place at the Auburn Fireside Inn on February 6, raised \$828 for the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Pictured here (l. to r., from front) are comedians Mark Turcotte, Dee Turcotte, Dennis Fogg, Ryan Chani, Heather Neal, Mike Levinsky and Louie Martinez. The next show is scheduled for Friday, March 13. For more information, see comedyfixlive.com. (Photo by Tim MacLeod)

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Nor'Easters medal at Synchronized Skating Sectionals



The Open Juvenile Team: (l. to r.) Violet Singer, Ava Demer, Nathalie Grobe, Katie Kusturin, Sophie Lawsure, Erin Holmes, Jazmine Margel, Maxine Ewing, Cecilia Kusturin and Eden Larsen (photo by Sara Gray).

The Nor'Easters Open Juvenile Team won their first ever medal at the U.S. Eastern Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships, held January 22 through 24 at the Olympic Center in Lake Placid, New York. After finishing third among a deep field of 29 teams in their qualifying round, the Open Juvenile

Team stormed to the pewter medal with a fourth place finish in the Championship Round. The Nor'Easters Open Adult Team also competed, earning sixth place in their division.

The Eastern Sectionals attracted thousands of athletes, representing dozens of teams from Florida to Maine, to vie for titles in

14 divisions divided by age range and test level. This was the qualifying event for the U.S. National Synchronized Skating Championships, to be held in Providence, Rhode Island in February.

Maine's only synchronized skating team, the Nor'Easters represent the North Atlantic Figure Skat-

ing Club of Falmouth. In 2009, NAFSC served as the host club for the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships. The Nor'easters were formed following the success of that event.

The Open Juvenile Team is comprised of 10 skaters ranging in age from 13 to 17. Their spirited swing program is performed to "Mr. Zoot Suit" and "So Long Toots" from the 1999 film, "Blast from the Past." The team includes Erin Holmes of Cumberland; sisters Cecilia and Katie Kusturin of Gorham; Co-Captain Ava Demer, Maxine Ewing, Violet Singer and Nathalie Grobe of Falmouth; and Co-Captain Sophie Lawsure, Eden Larsen and Jazmine Margel of Scarborough. The team is coached by Beth Houghton of Newburyport, Massachusetts. Earlier this season, they earned second place at the Colonial Classic in Lowell, Massachusetts and fourth place at the Cape Cod Classic in Bourne, Massachusetts.

The Open Adult Team is comprised of 13 skaters ranging in age from 25 to 62, with an average age of 47. Their gutsy blues program is performed to "Show Me How You Burlesque" by

Christina Aguilera, from the 2010 film "Burlesque." The team is comprised of a diverse group of women that includes college students, working professionals, mothers and grandmothers. Team members are Nina Sylvia of West Bath; Kathy Cain of Oxford; Captain Heidi Coffin and Clelia Siguard of Brunswick; Chelsea Ferk of Saco; Sue Gagne-Rousseau of Lewiston; Sarah Lawsure and Mary Markowski of Scarborough; Caroline Paras of Portland; Stacey Blanchard of Sanford; Diane Nugent of Wells; Susan Black of Windham; and Maureen Petone of Salem, New Hampshire. The team is coached by Lori Johnson of Portland. Earlier this season, they placed fourth at the Colonial

Classic and second at the Cape Cod Classic.

Both teams will perform at the club's 17th annual ice show at the Family Ice Center in Falmouth on Saturday and Sunday, April 11 and 12.

A member of U.S. Figure Skating, NAFSC makes its home at the Family Ice Center in Falmouth. Since 1998, the club has supported figure skating as a competitive sport and a healthy lifelong activity for all levels and ages. NAFSC served as the host club for the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships in 2009 and the New England Regional Figure Skating Championships in 2005, and club skaters have competed throughout New England, the U.S. and internationally.



The Open Adult Team: (l. to r., from front) Caroline Paras, Diane Nugent, Stacey Blanchard, Nina Sylvia, Mary Markowski, Sue Gagne-Rousseau, Lori Johnson, Clelia Siguard, Heidi Coffin, Chelsea Ferk, Sarah Lawsure and Kathy Cain (photo by Sara Gray).

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