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## **Hope Weston turns 102**



Hope Weston (Photo by Rachel Morin)

Hope Weston of Schooner Estates Retirement Community celebrated her 102nd Birthday on July 6. She received several birthday telephone calls from family and friends across the country. At lunch, fellow residents gathered to sing Happy Birthday and share in the birthday cake prepared by Schooner in her honor. The day concluded with her sons, Robert Weston of Winthrop and James Weston of Greene, and their families, gathering for an evening celebration. Hope is an active resident at Schooner and participates in as many of the activities offered as her schedule allows.

## Tommy's Feral Felines plans Yard Sale and Bottle Drive

Tommy's Feral Felines will hold a combination Yard Sale and Bottle Drive on Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 700 Main Street in Greene, across from Hurricane's Café and Deli. They are seeking donations of recyclable bottles and cans, as well as items for the yard sale. Tommy's does not have storage for donated items

prior to the event, so bring all donations directly to the sale any time after 9 a.m. on July 28 or 29. Please no donations of clothing, bedding, books or large appliances. The rain dates for the event will be August 4 and 5.

Tommy's Feral Felines is an all-volunteer, no-kill organization that supports abandoned cats that live a feral existence. In addition

to feeding and sheltering the cats, Tommy's provides spaying and neutering, vaccinations, and other medical care to the animals, many of which are too feral to be adoptable.

Tommy's receives no official funding and relies solely on donations and the income generated by its fundraising events. See Tommy's, page 5

## Good Food Bus adds stops for 2017 season

The Good Food Bus, a colorful mobile market that offers fresh fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious foods for sale at multiple stops in three counties, will hit the road for its second full season starting Tuesday, July 18.

The goal of the project, which is operated by St. Mary's Nutrition Center and Cultivating Community, with grant support from the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation and other funders, is to make fresh, healthy foods more accessible to households that may experience food insecurity while helping Maine farmers and distributors reach new customers. All are welcome to shop at the Bus's new roster of weekly stops in Lewiston, Auburn, Bath, Gorham, and Westbrook.

Customers of the Good Food Bus will find a wide variety of fresh, locally-grown fruits and vegetables, along with favorites from away, such as citrus and bananas. Other items for sale will include eggs, cheese, and bread; pre-prepared frozen lunch items; and, at select stops, meal bags stocked with a recipe and all the ingredients needed to prepare a delicious and healthy dinner.



The Good Food Bus has been transformed for 2017 into a spacious truck and trailer with two large concession windows.

Cash, credit-debit, SNAP-EBT, and WIC coupons will be accepted at all stops, and SNAP-EBT and WIC customers can get twice the fruits and vegetables for their dollar through the Maine Harvest Bucks and other programs.

Previously a 30-foot school bus, the Good Food Bus has been transformed for 2017 into a spacious truck and trailer with two large concession windows. This new vehicle set-up will help the service function more efficiently, allowing it to reach more people by

incorporating more stops. "We are really excited about the new and improved Good Food Bus," says program coordinator Price Hulin. "This market model is attractive, user-friendly, and will allow us to reach more people in the communities we serve."

Last year, the bus served nine stops, where it sold \$20,000 worth of food to approximately 700 households. 42% of those sales were made to households with low incomes. This year, the Good Food Bus starts the season with 11 confirmed See Good Food, page 4







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**AVCOG** selects new

executive director

## Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## **Central Maine Healthcare hires Human Resources leader**



Michele A. Talka

As part of its ongoing transformation into a regional healthcare innovator, Central Maine Healthcare has named Michele A. Talka, SPHR, CEBS Fellow, as its Chief Human Resources Officer. She started on June 26. Talka's main focus will be on strengthening the employee experience as CMHC works to transform its culture into one that's employee-centric as well as patient-centric.

"I am extremely excited to become part of the leadership team at Central Maine Healthcare," said Talka. "I have worked at larger institutions, and people often think 'bigger is better.' So they wonder why I would choose to move to a smaller organization. Central Maine Healthcare's size allows you to be closer to the true mission of the organization, to understand the challenges more clearly, and to make positive changes for the employees much faster. In the end, the result of these decisions is higher quality care for patients."

Talka's human resources career spans more than 30 years. She's led transformational change in all aspects of human resources administration - from training and benefits to compensation, recruiting, staffing and payroll - in a wide range of industries, including financial services, insurance and healthcare. Most recently, she was Vice-President of HR Operations and Total Rewards at Baystate Health System in Springfield, Mass. While there, she led a diverse mix of Human Resources departments providing services in the areas of benefits, staff, executive and physician compensation, wellness and work-life programs, and HR technology and analytics. Prior to that, she was Senior Director of HR Operations at the Tampa, Fla.based Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute, which was recognized as one of the area's "Best Places to Work" from 2008 through 2012.

## Muhammad elected to MCF board of directors



Adilah Muhammad is a strategic planning and research consultant who has facilitated community change efforts between faith-based and public institutions at the local, state, and national

The Maine Community Foundation has elected Adilah Muhammad of Lewiston to its board of directors. Muhammad is a strategic planning and research consultant who has facilitated community change efforts between faith-based and public institutions at the local, state, and national level. She is past chair of the Lewiston Downtown Neighborhood Action Committee and Task Force and serves on the boards of L/A Arts and Raise-Op Housing Cooperative. She is a graduate of DePauw University and holds a master's degree from the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine.

A statewide organization with offices in Ellsworth and Portland, the Maine Community Foundation works with donors and other partners to improve the quality of life for all Maine people. To learn more, call 1-877-700-6800 or see www.mainecf.org.

## **SeniorsPlus presents Ross Award to Patricia Vampatella**

SeniorsPlus has honored Dr. Patricia A. Vampatella with its 2017 Margaret Ross Award for her sixteen years of volunteerism with the organization. The award is given each year to a volunteer who has



Vampatella has served on the agency's Board of Directors, Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee, and Advisory Council.

demonstrated significant contributions to the agency and the larger community. Almost 200 volunteers attended the event, which was held recently at the Ramada Inn of Auburn.

A resident of New Gloucester, Vampatella has served on the Board of Directors of SeniorsPlus for a total of eight years. At

served on the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee and its Advisory Council.

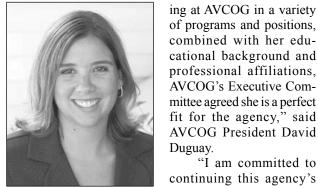
"Pat excels at whatever she does, always going beyond the call of duty," said Betsy Sawyer-Manter, President and CEO of SeniorsPlus. "Her contributions to SeniorsPlus over the years are immeasurable, and we are grateful for her support."

Vampatella spent half her professional career covering most of the major specialties, including long-term care. The other half was spent in Nursing and Higher Education administration. She earned an Associate degree in Nursing from SUNY Farmingdale, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Molloy College, N.Y., a Masters in Nursing Administration from Boston University, professional affiliations, AVCOG's Executive Committee agreed she is a perfect fit for the agency," said AVCOG President David Duguay. "I am committed to continuing this agency's legacy and providing the leadership required to move AVCOG forward," said Landry.

cational background and

AVCOG is a regional agency that provides services to promote and develop businesses and communities in Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties, including business financing and counseling, customized training opportunities, tourism promotion, strategic planning for local economic and community development, and transpor-

tation planning.



Lewiston native Amy

Landry has been promoted

to the position of Execu-

tive Director-CEO of the

Androscoggin Valley Coun-

cil of Governments. She

will assume her new role

on July 21. Landry's duties

and responsibilities have

expanded during her tenure

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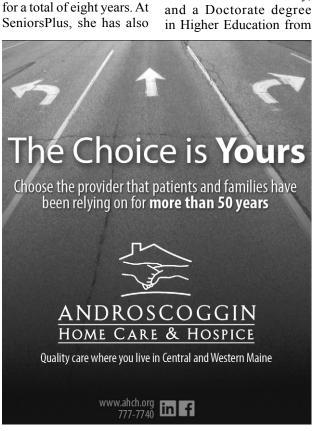
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the University of Maine. Orono. She retired from Central Maine Community College, where her last position was as Academic Dean. After six months of retirement, Vampatella was asked to work at Quincy College, MA, as Vice President for Academic Affairs, a position she held for three vears Established in 1972

and headquartered in Lewiston, SeniorsPlus is the Western Maine designated Agency on Aging covering Franklin, Oxford and Androscoggin counties. Its mission is to enrich the lives of older people and adults with disabilities, with the overall program goal of assisting them to remain safely at home for as long as possible. SeniorsPlus believes in supporting the independence, dignity and quality of life of the 12.000 individuals it serves annually. Its Meals on Wheels program alone serves almost 100,000 meals per year to almost 800 people.

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## Governor's Address: Saving lives is more important than saving money

As your Governor, I will do everything within my authority to prevent deadly drugs from killing Mainers.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

Recently, I informed the Federal Highway Administration that Maine will follow federal law and suspend driver's licenses from those who are convicted of a drug-related offense.

Some legislators, including Democrat Speaker of the House Sara Gideon, disagreed with me. But I am adamant we must do more to deter the influx of out-ofstate drug-trafficking into

The Legislature could have conformed to this federal law during the past session, but they chose to ignore it-even after I advised them that we would lose nearly \$13 million in federal funding.

By ignoring this issue, the Legislature has neglected the health and safety of Mainers across our state who are affected by the wrath of drug addiction and abuse.

While Maine is not in compliance with federal law, I will remain committed to addressing the drug problem facing our State. Maine law enforcement is serious about cracking



Governor Paul R. LePage

down on illegal drugs crossing our border, and we will take every step necessary to save lives.

When it comes to battling addiction, we must be willing to step outside the box. Our administration will continue to monitor treatment programs and adjust them if they are not adequate to truly help people recover.

We also are piloting a Vivitrol project in the Penobscot County Jail to help inmates and former inmates stop using opiates. By eliminating withdrawal symptoms, this medication can neutralize opiate cravings and help maintain abstinence in an effort to prevent relapses.

The drug epidemic we face as a state is something I've been talking about for the majority of my term.

Last year, Maine spent \$80 million in taxpayer dollars on substance abuse treatment and prevention. This doesn't even begin to account for the cost of substance abuse in our families and jails, the cost of public safety or the cost of charity care in our hospitals.

More than 1,000 babies were born affected by drug use last year, and there were 378 overdose deaths more than one a day.

Organized drug gangs are flooding the state with fatal drugs like heroin and carfentenal.

In 2014, our administration was able to get the Legislature to fund more Drug Enforcement Agents, but even that came after a fight with Democrats.

There are reasons I am passionate about this fight. If Democrats in the Legislature want to make a difference, then they too must understand the importance of having the ability to punish drug-trafficking criminals.

I want people to be free from their addiction—I want them to get their lives back. When Democrats complain we are losing federal funding for not complying with federal law, my response will always be the same: you cannot put a price on the value of life.

> Thank You, Paul R. LePage Governor

## Op-Ed

## **Lewiston-Auburn merger will result** in higher, not lower, taxes

### By Jim Howaniec

We live in a world of immediate gratification, over-simplification and quick fixes. Thus it comes as no surprise that some believe a "merger" of Lewiston and Auburn is a "game changing" answer to the problems that afflict us.

If we merely merge, the argument goes, Lewiston and Auburn will become an economic "powerhouse."

In municipal government, like most things in life, there are no quick fixes. An analysis of actual facts—rather than mere wishful thinking—leads to a disturbing conclusion: city mergers not only do not save money, the resulting bigger governments actually end up costing taxpayers much more in the end. Higher taxes, obviously, are bad for economic development.

The proposal to merge Lewiston and Auburn begs an obvious question: if municipal mergers are such a great idea, then why are there not more of them? There have been about 10 city mergers in the past 30 years, out of nearly 90,000 local governments in the United States. Why have places like Biddeford-Saco, Bath-Brunswick,

Bangor-Brewer and numerous other Maine communities not likewise considered merger?

Surely the members of the Lewiston-Auburn Joint Charter Commission are not the only ones in the country who have thought about this great idea?

The answer is obvious: municipal mergers simply do not work. In fact, they do more harm than good.

Municipal governments are labor intensive. Thus, city budgets are generally "fixed" from year to year. Some 80 percent of local budgets are related to union

contract costs: salaries, costof-living increases, health and retirement benefits, workers compensation premiums, etc. At the local level. the only way to cut spending in any meaningful way is to lay off city employees.

The Joint Charter Commission is asserting that a merged Lewiston-Auburn will save the new city upwards of \$40 million over the next decade. This reckless estimate would require dozens of layoffs of teachers, police officers, public works employees and firefighters. To realize their unrealistic proposed savings, city

services would need to be scaled back devastatingly.

The damage would not end there. Not only would there be major layoffs of city employees, there would be a dramatic "leveling up" of union contract costs. In other words, when new collective bargaining contracts are negotiated after a merger, the unions would demand salaries and benefits at the level (and beyond) being paid by whichever of the two cities is currently paying the higher amount.

The Joint Charter Commission does not talk much about its own analysis that this "leveling up" of union contracts will increase city spending by upwards of \$16 million over the next 10 years. Our side actually believes that union contracts will cost significantly more—upwards

of \$30 million—because the Joint Charter Commission has underestimated school contract costs and completely ignored the costs of all city benefits in its calculations.

Of the very few local governments that have merged over the years, most have involved populations under 3,000. In each case, taxes have increased postmerger, sometimes dramatically. In Oak Island, South Carolina, for example, per capita spending is between two and three times higher than it was before consolidation.

Suburban towns near Indianapolis and St. Louis, that had projected huge savings (as are being projected for Lewiston-Auburn), ended up realizing no such savings after a decade of merger. Municipalities in Canada are actually de-merging, having come to recognize the error of their ways.

The one big "success" that the Joint Charter Commission keeps coming back to—the consolidation of Princeton Borough and Princeton Township—is now experiencing higher taxes and a larger municipal workforce, a mere five years after their merger.

Lewiston and Auburn have made significant economic progress in recent years as separate municipal See Op-Ed, page 5



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## Maine DOE, MDOL launch bus driver hiring initiative for veterans

The Maine Department of Labor is collaborating with the Maine Department of Education for the 2017 Maine Hire-A-Vet campaign to offer free training for veterans interested in becoming a school bus driver. The initiative, which is being offered to help fill an anticipated shortage of school bus drivers in Maine and across the nation, offers free training with varying schedules available at local school districts across the state.

According to a jointly released 2015 report of the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Transportation, and U.S. Department of Labor, school bus drivers and special needs bus drivers hold the second highest number of job openings in the nation. The report also identifies the need for bus mechanics and diesel engine specialists.

Since there is already a high percentage of Maine school bus drivers who are veterans, it is hoped that the initiative will attract more veterans who may be transitioning from serving their country or are enjoying the later years of their work lives. A flexible schedule may be especially accommodating for veterans who are looking for a part-time job. 76% of Maine's veterans are over age 50.

In Maine, there is expected to be about 50 school bus driver job openings available for the coming school year. There is also a need for school bus mechan-

ics. While the initiative is specifically geared towards veterans, the free training is available to anyone interested in becoming a school bus driver. The pay range for licensed school bus drivers in Maine is anywhere from \$11to \$25 per hour, including part-time schedules and benefits based on location. Some positions include pay while learning to drive and/ or a hiring bonus.

For more information, contact Maine DOE Transportation and Facilities Administrator Pat Hinckley at 624-6886 or pat.hinckley@ maine.gov, or see maine. gov/doe/transportation.

## Airport manager to address Rotary Club



Rick Lanman is an accredited member of the American Association of Airport Executives.

The guest speaker at the next lunch meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, July 20 at noon will be Rick Lanman of the Airport Cooperative Research Program. The meeting will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn. Guest are welcome and reservations are not required. Lunch will be available at the restau-

Rick Lanman has spent a large portion of his life on or near an airport, most recently serving as the Airport Manager for a

## **Good Food**

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stops, and more to be added as the summer progresses.

The confirmed stops for 2017 are:

Tuesday: Noon to 12:30 p.m. - Goodwill Industries, 34 Hutcherson Drive, Gorham; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. - Westbrook Pointe Apartments, 26 Prospect Street #41, Westbrook; 2 to 5 p.m. - St. Mary's Nutrition Center, 208 Bates Street, Lewiston; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. - St. Anthony's Church, 268 Brown Street, Westbrook.

Wednesday: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Center for Women's Wisdom, 97 Blake Street, Lewiston; 11 a.m. to noon - St. Mary's Integrative Medicine, 198 Main Street, Lewiston; 12:30 to 2 p.m. - St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, 93 Campus Avenue, Lewiston; 4 to 5:30 p.m. - Knox Street Commumunicipal Airport in Arkansas. A retired Marine, he has also held leadership positions at airports in Illinois and Kansas since leaving a faculty position at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in Carbondale, IL.

Lanman is an accredited member of the American Association of Airport Executives. He has completed the AAAE's Airport Certified Employee Operations course, qualified as a Form 5010 Master Record Safety Data Inspector for non-commercial airports for the Federal Aviation Administration, trained as an NOAA Advanced Weather Spotter, and completed the training requirements for Airport Security Coordinator and Wildlife Hazard Manager. In his role with the Airport Cooperative Research Program, he serves on multiple research panels. He holds a Master's degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Management from Southern Illinois University.

For more information on the program, the club, or upcoming club events, contact club program chair and president Monica Millhime at 753-9040 or mmillhime@ wmca.org, or see www. lewistonauburnrotary.org.

nity Garden, 61 Knox Street, Lewiston.

Thursday: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Bath Iron Works, Bath.

Friday: Noon to 1:30 p.m. - Bedard Pharmacy and Medical Supplies, 359 Minot Avenue, Auburn; 2 to 3 p.m. - Lake Auburn Avenue Townhouse, 74 Lake Auburn Avenue, Auburn; 4 to 5:30 p.m. - Great Falls Plaza (across from the YMCA), 62 Turner Street, Auburn.

For more information about the Good Food Bus, call St. Mary's Nutrition Center at 513-3849 or see www.facebook.com/Good-FoodBus.

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## Enough is Enough

## L-A could become a political powerhouse in Maine

By Robert E. Macdonald MAYOR OF LEWISTON

"And this is good old Boston, the home of the bean and the cod. Where the Lowells talk to the Cabots and the Cabots talk only to God." Thus spoke John Collins Bossidy at a Holy Cross Alumni Dinner in 1910.

This quatrain is an amusing poke at the blue-bloods of Boston commonly referred to as "Boston Brahmins." These were the descendants of the English Protestants who left England throughout the 1600s aboard such ships as the Mayflower and Arabella to settle in America. They included family names such as Lodge, Cabot, Lowell, Adams, Quincy, Winthrop, Forbes and Saltonstall.

Their names appear

throughout the pages of history. They were presidents, governors, senators, bankers, businessmen and industrialists who were responsible for and controlled America's economy. They looked at everyone not sharing their bloodline as the hoi polloi, uneducated and deplorable. They felt the lower classes should look upon them magnanimously for allowing them to live and work (increasing their wealth) in their country.

So how does this relate to Lewiston?

It was the Boston Brahmins, the most notable of which in L-A was Benjamin Bates, who built the Lewiston mills. They built mill-worker housing and mill-worker stores, which



Mayor Bob Macdonald added to their bottom lines. By supplying housing and jobs, they kept workers complacent. They also kept companies that might have helped these workers in their quest for upward nobility out of the area.

In Boston, the Irish Catholics, full of generational hatred, pushed back and wrested their power from them to run the city and state. Now it's time for L-A's citizens to take back and mold our cities' future.

For too long we have served as a doormat of the well-to-do communities of Southern Maine, especially the elitists who run Portland. They continually degrade our city and its French heritage. This November, like the Boston Irish, we have a chance to become a power in Maine.

The melding of Lewiston and Auburn into one city will create a political powerhouse in Augusta. Will it save money? I doubt it. But in the long run we will grow in both wealth and political power. We will go from the cities of the Androscoggin to the shining city spanning the Androscoggin.

In the late evening of

Donald Dion, Jr., a

July 4 and the early morning of July 5, three water breaks occurred in the outer Sabattus Street and Pond Road area of the city. Public Works personnel from the Water and Highway Department responded, and by 6 a.m., just in time for those getting up to start their workday, had service restored. As the Mayor of Lewiston, I thank and commend them for their service during this crisis.

This week I testified before the State Liquor/Lottery Commission asking they not de-list 50ml bottles of liquor, referred to as "nips." Half of the nips sold in Maine are the Fireball variety, which are bottled in Lewiston.

When Beam Liquors announced its intent to close the Lewiston plant, which would have resulted in the loss of over 100 jobs,

St. Dom's graduate offers community challenge

Sazerac Liquor Company purchased the distillery and saved these jobs. They are now thinking of a million-dollar expansion to the facility, which would increase jobs and add tax revenues to our city coffers.

Drunk driving is the lack of responsibility on the part of the vehicle operator. Nip bottles don't kill—the driver kills.

Lastly, this week I was saddened to learn of the death of Anthony "Tony" Emmi. Tony was a retired Lewiston Police Captain. He also was the person responsible for starting me in politics, 30-plus years ago. But what I will really miss about Tony is communicating with him using my limited knowledge of Italian.

Restare in Pace il, mio

## Lawyer-turned-educator named Adult Ed Teacher of the Year

The Maine Adult Education Association presented Jessica Trimmer of Lewiston Adult Education with its Teacher of the Year award recently during its annual conference at the University of Southern Maine's Portland campus. Trimmer joined Lewiston Adult Education in 2006 after working as a lawyer for four years. Tutoring international students while a student at the University of Maine School of Law got her interested in teaching. She has taught classes in Adult Basic Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, and citizenship, and has assisted inmates at the Androscoggin County



Jessica Trimmer teaches Intermediate English at Lewiston Adult Education.

Jail getting their high school equivalency. She credits her fellow teachers at the Adult Learning Center with helping her when she first started and for their continued support.

Trimmer, who now teaches Intermediate English, said she is impressed by the work ethic of her students, some of whom know six to eight different languages. A comment about community she overheard from a student in class got her thinking about the overall mission of Adult Education. "It struck me that the Learning Center is a place where we come in from different communities and become one," she said.

## 1972 graduate of Saint Dom-

inic Academy (formerly Saint Dominic Regional High School) is challenging the community to help raise \$150,000 in scholarships for local families. Dion has pledged to match every dollar donated to the Dion Student Scholarship Fund, up to \$75,000, before August 4, 2017.

Dion attributes much of his success in his career in finance to the education he received at St. Dom's. "I

sistant Attorney General. He serves as the chairman of the Coalition Opposed to Lewiston-Auburn Consolidation.

## Tommy's

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Monetary donations are always appreciated. For more information or to make a donation, contact Norm Blais at 240-8767, P. O. Box 274, Greene, ME 04236, or normblais@yahoo.com.



Donald Dion, Jr., has pledged to match every dollar donated to the Dion Student Scholarship Fund, up to \$75,000, before August 4, 2017.

was fortunate to attend St. Dom's," he says. "Along with the rigorous academics, I also learned to work hard, reach for my goals, and the value of service to others. I would like to ensure more students are afforded the opportunity to attend a faithbased college preparatory school.'

After graduating from St. Dom's, Dion earned a bachelor's degree in economics and business administration from St. Michael's College

in Vermont. He went on to receive a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Maine School of Law and a Master of Law degree from Boston University School of Law. He founded Dion Money Management, an investment advisory firm in 1996, served as the publisher of the Fidelity Independent Advisor, and is the trustee of the Dion Family Foundation, which, among other initiatives, focuses on offering tuition assistance at Catholic institutions.

To donate to the Dion Student Scholarship Fund and have your contribution matched, send a check before August 4 to Saint Dominic Academy, 121 Gracelawn Road, Auburn, ME 04210, ATTN: Dion Challenge, or click on "Donate to the Dion Challenge" at www.stdomsmaine.org.

For more information, call 782-6911 or email donald.fournier@portlanddiocese.org.

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corporations that have often worked well together to promote the overall economic health of the region. Why would we want to interrupt that great progress by imposing this radical "quick fix"

that has been such a failure in those extremely rare cases where towns have merged?

There has never been any significant grassroots call for a merger from the general public in either Auburn or Lewiston. It is a pet project that has unnecessarily caused divisiveness in the community. It is a bad idea that will raise taxes significantly in Lewiston and Auburn; for that reason alone, it should be defeated soundly at the polls this November.

Jim Howaniec is a local attorney with an office on Lisbon Street in Lewiston. He is a former mayor of Lewiston and As-

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## What's Going On

## ELHS grad takes first place in "Arrive Alive!" contest



Lily Russell

Edward Little High School graduate Lily Russell won first place in the 13th annual Arrive Alive Creative Contest sponsored by the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein. The contest asks students to come up with a creative message about the dangers of drinking and driving and-or distracted driving.

Russell was chosen as one of five first-place winners and received a new laptop computer for her essay exploring how the decisions drivers make can both positively and negatively impact their lives. The Auburn native was honored among the top 20 winners statewide at an award ceremony on June 14.

The Arrive Alive Creative Contest is open to graduating high school seniors in Maine who may enter a creative project of their choice. First-place winners receive a new laptop, second and third-place winners receive a new iPad, and every student who enters receives fun prizes from the law firm. Since 2004, over 750 graduating seniors from 115 Maine high schools have entered the contest.

In the past 13 years, the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein has given away over \$120,000 in prizes to help educate teenagers on the risks of dangerous driving. The firm's dedication to the Arrive Alive Creative Contest made them a finalist for the American Association for Justice Trial Law-

## **Volunteers needed for Color Me Rad 5K**

On Saturday, July 15, the YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston and the YWCA of Central Maine will team up to host Maine's annual Color Me Rad 5K fundraiser. Volunteers are needed to help throw paint, check in runners, and sell merchandise.

For every volunteer who pre-registers, Color Me Rad will donate \$60 to either the YMCA or YWCA, and the two organizations are competing to see who can recruit the most volunteers. The winning Y will celebrate by throwing a pie in the face of the losing Y's executive director.

"Volunteering with Color Me Rad is fun, the race is exciting, and the donation of time supports the YWCA's work to eliminate racism and empower

yers Care Award in 2014. A complete set of rules and all past winning entries can be viewed online at www. arrivealivecreativecontest.

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women in the community," says Natalie Bornstein, Social Justice and Advocacy Manager for the YWCA. "The contest between the YWCA and the YMCA brings a friendly, competitive spirit to the event and, at the end of the day, all of the volunteers have contributed to two important community organizations."

Volunteers must be 16 years old or older. Each volunteer is expected to work a five-hour shift and will receive a t-shirt, drinks, and snacks. Anyone interested in volunteering may sign up online at www.alymca.org or www.ywcamaine.org. Be sure to select your charity of choice.

"Color Me Rad is a great family run," said Steve Wallace, CEO at the YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston. "It's not a certified timed run, but it's something everyone can enjoy, with lots of music and color."

The Color Me Rad 5K will take place from 8 a.m. to noon at Simard-Payne Memorial Park at 46 Beech Street in Lewiston. Runners and walkers will make their way through color stations, where volunteers will throw powdered paint at them. Special guests will include Zumba Instructor Megan Skilling, who will lead a warm-up Zumba class before the race. Runners and walking participants can also save 10% on registration fees by visiting their local Y's website and using the appropriate discount

## Turner pastor opens Senate in prayer



Pastor Steve Christner of Turner recently served as Pastor of the Day for the Maine Senate, where he delivered the opening prayer. Pastor Christner serves the congregation at Calvary Baptist Church in Turner. He is pictured here with Senator Garrett Mason (R-Androscoggin).





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## Alfond Foundation awards \$10M to launch MaineHealth Cancer Care Network

Cancer patients in Mt. Washington Valley and Maine - including those at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Lewiston - now have access to world-class, coordinated cancer treatment thanks to an innovative collaboration between MaineHealth members and its affiliate hospitals.

Launched in part with a \$10 million grant from the Harold Alfond Foundation, the MaineHealth Cancer Care Network, which is also affiliated with Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, will enable the delivery of comprehensive, patient-centered care across a large rural geographic

Diagnosing cancer and treating patients with the disease requires a team of experts. Most cancer patients receive a combination of therapies that can include surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy. These treatments are best performed by specialists, including those with the highest level of training in their field. Not every hospital or private practice has the expertise or technology to deliver all types of care, but by working together, the MaineHealth Cancer Care Network can provide comprehensive cancer treatment services to everyone in its member communities.

For patients and their families, this means less time and travel to obtain top cancer care. Most patients will have access to a patient navigator, who educates them about the disease, discusses treatment options, and then helps coordinate appointments.

"Our network includes nearly 300 providers across Maine and the Mount Washington Valley," said Scot C. Remick, M.D., chief of oncology for Maine Medical Center and Maine-Health. "Coordinated, comprehensive care represents best practice in cancer treatment and typically delivers the best clinical and expeerous investment from the Harold Alfond Foundation will make a tremendous difference in the lives of Maine and New Hampshire residents by facilitating personalized, state-of-the-art care that turns more patients into survivors."

"St. Mary's Regional Medical Center is proud to be a partner in the Maine-Health Cancer Care Network, providing cancer patients access to worldclass, coordinated cancer treatment," said Chris Chekouras, President and CEO of St. Mary's Health System. "This collaborative commitment to improving the health and lives of cancer patients in our community is remarkable."

In addition to St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, MaineHealth Cancer Care Network partners include Franklin Memorial Hospital, LincolnHealth, MaineGeneral Medical Center's Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care, Maine Medical Center, Memorial Hospital, Mid Coast Hospital, Pen Bay Medical Center, Southern Maine Health Care, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Waldo County General Hospital and the Cancer Care Center of York County.

Cancer is a serious public health challenge in Maine, where incidence and mortality rates outpace national averages. Statewide, the most common cancer diagnoses are breast, lung, kidney and prostate cancers. Those that account for the highest portion of deaths in Maine are lung, colon, breast and pancreatic cancer. Maine's population health trends, including age, obesity and smoking rates, are all significant factors. The grant will also support MaineHealth's continuing efforts in prevention and education

When patients access the MaineHealth Cancer Care Network for care, they will access the services they need as close to home as possible. Patients can be rience outcomes. This gen-referred to larger centers for

more advanced care, second opinions or clinical trials, and then return to their local communities for follow-up care. The network's commitment is to coordinate the patient's journey as they access the services that are most appropriate for them.

For nearly a decade, Augusta-based MaineGeneral, an affiliate of Maine-Health, has used a similar coordinated-care model through its Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care. Alfond Foundation Chairman Greg Powell said the new network will build on the success of both MaineGeneral's Harold Alfond Center and the Maine Medical Center Cancer Institute.

The Harold Alfond Foundation grant will be distributed over a five-year period and will cover some of the network's start-up costs, such as technology investments and the hiring of additional providers, patient navigators and program managers.

Through the network's affiliation with Dana-Farber Cancer Institute - designated by the National Cancer Institute as a comprehensive cancer center and widely recognized as one of the world's leading treatment and research centers - patients will have expedited access to Dana-Farber for evaluation and treatment of rare cancers, second opinions, and an expanded array of clinical trials in Boston.

"We are very excited about this relationship with MaineHealth, one that we expect will evolve over time," said Eric Winer, M.D., chief strategy officer with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. "We hope to help ensure that people with cancer always have access to the very best care possible."

For more information about the MaineHealth Cancer Care Network, see MaineHealth.org/can-

## What's Going On

## East Auburn Baptist breaks ground for new addition



More than 75 people dug in with shovels recently for a ceremonial groundbreaking at East Auburn Baptist Church. (Photo by Sarah Gove)

East Auburn Baptist Church recently held a ceremonial groundbreaking for a \$4.1 million building expansion project. Church staff, members and friends were among the nearly 400 people who gathered to kick-off the project, which will be the largest in the Auburn church's 210-year history. The church opened its doors at its current location on Park Avenue in

2007. Prior to that, it was located on Turner Street in Auburn.

The two-story, 17,000 square-foot addition will provide new staff offices and add six meeting/classrooms, a music room, youth room, 142-seat chapel, café, and larger fover and welcome center. The new addition will connect to the existing church building. The project architect is Harriman and the construction will be managed by Ledgewood Construction. The new building is expected to be completed in the spring of

A fundraising campaign is under way to pay for the project. Those interested in donating are asked to contact the church office at 782-0348 or to give online at www.eabcministries.com/ building-project.



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## Out & About with Rachel Morin

## **AUMC hosts Grondin Construction for Friday lunches**

### Stories and photos by Rachel Morin

The Auburn United Methodist Church on Park Avenue, the site of much road construction and repaving since the summer of 2016 and continuing this spring and summer, is hosting lunches for the Grondin Company construction workers for the four Fridays in July, who have worked tirelessly these past several months in the summer heat.

I met with Cherie Downing, Director of Christian Education, and her Vacation Bible School Team, on this first Friday lunch, July 6, to learn how this all came about.

While her team was busily preparing the table set up for the workers to enjoy a sit-down, served meal, of tossed salad, American Chop Suey with garlic bread, bottled water and pitchers of fruit drinks, topping off with pound cake ladled with fresh strawberries and whipped cream, Cherie explained over the hub-bub of happy workers how this decision came to fruition.

Cherie told me that after much discussion and prayer, she and her team decided on not having the Bible Vacation School this summer for the safety of the children and to allow the construction workers to work freely and use the church's parking lot without worrying about the comings and goings of children at school.

Cherie and her team further decided that community service and outreach would benefit the construction workers with home cooked meals. Maynard Chapman, a team member, was dispatched to speak with Roger Menard, Gron-



Construction workers on Park Avenue



Construction scene as viewed from the parking lot at Auburn United Methodist Church. Workers used part of the lot for their equipment.

## **Photos by Rachel Morin**



Table One, Seated, Philip Quirron, Roger Menard, Grondin Company Foreman; John McDonough, MDOT; Standing; Pastor Steven Bascom, Van Terrill, Chris Reinhard

din Company Foreman of the street crew, to see if this

was feasible. It was and the workers were looking forward to hot meals!

Menu planning was next on the agenda and no repeats on each Friday. Gladys Chapman, Pam MacDonald,



Barbara Jamrog and Janet Wilkinson went to work and outlined the following: First Friday—as above; Second Friday-hamburgers and hot dogs, potato salad, sliced cucumbers and tomatoes and cookies and bars;

Third Friday—meatball subs and chips, cole slaw and brownies and ice cream; Fourth Friday—mac and cheese, ham slices, sliced cucumbers and tomatoes,

apple crisp and ice cream.

Members of the church volunteered to donate needed items, prepare desserts, serve the meal and do the clean-up. Pastor Steven Bascom was thrilled with the response from the Congregation.

I saw first-hand how the team worked so well tomeeting with the construction workers and serving

the meals. The workers enjoyed the meals and said how delicious everything was and left expressing many thanks to the kitchen crew. Construction workers not pictured included Ryan Poitras, Steve Jean, David Noyes, Dale Hosford and Zach Nichols.

A surprise bonus for gether and how they enjoyed me as I left, Cherie and Pam insisted I take a box lunch home. It was delicious!



Vacation Bible School Team Workers front row, l to r, Jan Wilkinson, Cherie Downing, Chairperson; Pam MacDonald, Penny Price, Maynard Chapman; back row, Desiree Cossey, Norm Smith, Gladys Chapman, Roy Cossey. Absent was Barbara Jamrog.



Table Two, Seated at left, David Johnson and Colby Nadeau; seated at right, Dalton Leppala, Alex Hall, and Raymond Warnar, at the far end.



Table Three, Seated at left, Adam Sargent, Yusuf Sultan and Ben Weisner; on right are Mike Smith and Patrick White in American Flag shirt.

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## Bird club offers "Thorncrag Nature Days"



Penny Jessup introduces a group of children to the creatures found at Thorncrag Bird Sanctuary in Lewiston.

The Stanton Bird Club ture Days" for children ages will offer "Thorncrag Na- 6 to 12 from July 24 through

28. Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to noon and will consist of nature activities and crafts exploring a different theme each day. Themes will include "Step into the Wild: Nature Exploration," "Creatures and Critters," and "A Bird's-Eye View." The program will consist of two classes, limited to 15 students in each. Registration is \$25 per child and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Limited scholarships are available. For more information or to receive registration forms, contact Penny Jessop at 782-5467 or see www.stantonbirdclub.org.

## **Summer Resident**



A member of the Wood-Warbler family, the Northern Parula is regularly found in wooded areas throughout Maine, often high in the trees. About the size of a Chickadee, this small bird migrates across the Gulf of Mexico to and from the Yucatan Peninsula and then further south. This one pictured is a male. For a list of summer bird watching opportunities and other activities provided by the Stanton Bird Club of Lewiston-Auburn, find them on Facebook or see www.StantonBirdClub.org. (Photo by Dan Marquis)

## What's Going On

## **Lewiston High Class of '67 plans 50th Reunion**

Lewiston High School's Class of 1967 will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a Class Reunion on Saturday, August 26 at Martindale Country Club in Auburn. The event will begin with a social hour from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and an evening of dancing to music from the '50s, '60s and '70>s, blended with current artists, will follow from 8 p.m. to midnight. Plan to renew acquaintances, enjoy reminiscing and rekindle that Blue Devil spirit while rolling back the years and dancing the night away!

Also, as a 50th anniversary gift, the Class of 1967 has donated a granite bench to Veteran's Memorial Park in Lewiston. The bench recognizes all veterans, with a special salute to classmate and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Thomas J. McMahon. The dedication will take place on Friday, August 25 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Classmates and veterans are welcome to attend.



Reunion committee members (l. to r.) Ron Paradis, Pauline Bergeron Dingle, Peter Longley, Pauline Derosier Pelletier, Kathy Field, Steve Tewhey, Paul Labbe, Paul Lavoie and Mr. Lucky surround the granite bench the class has donated to Veterans Memorial Park in Lewiston. The bench recognizes all veterans, with a special salute to classmate and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Thomas J. McMahon.

This is a weather-dependent event; notice of any cancellation will be posted on the class's Facebook page at "Lewiston High School (Maine) 1967."

After the dedication, a casual pre-reunion get-together for class members will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. at Rails Restaurant at 103 Lincoln Street in Lewiston. Do not delay making your reservation for the class reunion. For more information, email organizers at lhsclass1967@gmail.com or find them on Facebook at "Lewiston High School (Maine) 1967."

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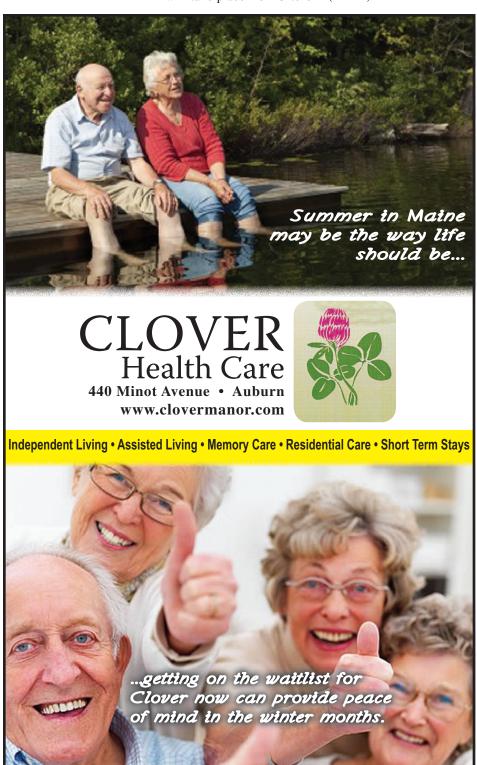
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## Father-son duo to perform at Sawyer Memorial



Averill Lovely

Father and son duo Ralph and Averill Lovely will perform at the Sawyer Memorial in Greene on Friday, July 14 at 2 and 7 p.m. Both shows are free and open to the public.

The only thing better than swing is swing that's had some of its polish rubbed off, been run through the blues mill, been driven down a country road, and rolled around in the blue-

grass. When you're done, you have a something that defies all reason and sensibility but somehow it works.

Averill Lovely has been operating in this genre of Hillbilly Swing for a long time, from New England to the Dirty South, from Transylvania to Taos. He has been a blues front man, a roots reggae front man, and a Dixieland jazz front man. He has been a singer-songwriter in the insurgent country tradition, influenced by such artists as Merle Haggard, Tom Waits, and Jimmy Cliff. The result is a new old-time sound with roots that tap into what makes up Americana.

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

## The dancers of "Shrek: The Musical"



L to R, Sophie Wood, Mason Lagasse, Kristin Beaulieu, Maxwell Draper, Lacey Moyse, choreographer; Eric Yim, Mackenzie Richard and Danica Hemond. (Photo by Rachel Morin)

Choreography rehearsals have been held three evenings weekly since June 5 for "SHREK the Musical" under the direction of Lacey Moyse, choreographer for the Oscar-winning musical comedy coming to Lewiston Auburn Community Little Theatre August 11-20. Moyse is pleased with the progress and says "The dancers are quick learners and have mastered the routines. Now, it is practice, practice, practice."

John Blanchette and Christoher Hodgkin are co-directors with Brandon Chaloux, producer. Steven Barter is musical director. Reservations are available by calling the Box Office at (207) 783-0958 or the website www.laclt.com.

Happy Hour is 3 - 5pm Moday - Thursday

## This weekend at Celebration Barn Theater



Bill Bowers has performed on Broadway, at the Kennedy Center, at the White House, and in some of the finest grade school cafeterias across the country. For years, he toured the United States as Slim Goodbody. On Saturday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m., he'll present a program of stories called "All Over the Map" at Celebration Barn Theater in South Paris. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors ages 60+, and \$8 for kids ages 17-. All tickets are general admission and members receive priority seating. For more information or to purchase tickets, call at 743-8452 or see www.CelebrationBarn.com.





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## "Stories and Songs for a Small Planet" at APL



Renowned storyteller-performer Jackson Gilman presents "Stories and Songs for a Small Planet" on Monday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Androscoggin Community Room at Auburn Public Library. Call them cabaret, vaudeville, or story- and song-filled fun, Gillman's performances reach out and touch audience members of all ages. All are welcome for this free family program.

## David Dorfman Dance to premiere new work this weekend at BDF



"Aroundtown" is a kinetic poem that examines varied notions of love's meaning in trying times. (Photo by Adam Campos)

David Dorfman Dance will present the world premiere of choreographer and troupe namesake David Dorfman's latest work, "Aroundtown," in Bates Dance Festival performances Thursday and Saturday, July 13 and 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Both performances will take place in Bates College's air-conditioned Schaeffer Theatre at 329 College Street in Lewiston. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$12 for students. Online tickets are available at batestickets. com. For more information, call the box office at 786-6161 or visit the festival website at batesdancefestival.org.

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## **Twin City Nights**

## MMS Chamber Singers to perform at Basilica



The group consists of 18 members of the MMS Chorale who enjoy singing a cappella.

The Maine Music Society Chamber Singers will perform at the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Lewiston on Wednesday, July 19 at 12:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Donations to help restore the church's historic Casavant Organ will be gratefully accepted. The Basilica is located at 122 Ash Street.

Formed four years ago, the group consists of 18 members of the MMS Chorale who delight in singing a cappella, i.e., without accompaniment. Their repertoire covers a variety of musical genres, including renaissance pieces, madrigals, spirituals, and ballads, as well as modern songs by composers such as George Gershwin, the Beatles, and

Billy Joel.

They sing at local events, including naturalization ceremonies for our newest citizens, L/A Art Walks, and Veterans' Day festivities, and in the summer concert series in Isleboro and the Battle of the Blends at the Gendron Franco Center. This will be their second appearance at Sts. Peter and Paul.



## **Twin City Nights**

## **Bestselling author to speak at Bailey Library**



Christina Baker Kline's latest book, "A Piece of the World," centers on Christina Olson, the real-life inspiration for Andrew Wyeth's famous 1948 painting, "Christina's World."

New York Times bestselling author and essayist Christina Baker Kline will give a reading from her new novel, "A Piece of the World," along with a slideshow presentation, on Friday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bailey Public Library in downtown Winthrop.

Part of the annual Winthrop Lakes Region Community Read, which is put on by the Bailey Library and sponsored by the Winthrop Public Library Foundation, the event will take place in the lower-level

King Event Room of the library at 39 Bowdoin Street in Winthrop. The program is free and open to the public, but tickets are required and must be picked up in person at the Bailey Library prior to the event. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the library at 377-8673.

Using personal and archival photographs, Kline will talk about what inspired her to write the book, the true story behind the novel, and the challenges she faced along the way. The story centers on Christina Olson, the real-life inspiration for Andrew Wyeth's famous 1948 painting, "Christina's World." The painting, which is considered an icon of American art, hangs in the Museum of Modern Art in New York City as part of their permanent collection.

Christina Baker Kline is the author of five novels. Her 2013 novel, "Orphan Train," spent more than two years on the New York Times bestseller list, including five weeks at # 1, and has been published in 38 countries. Kline has also written and edited five nonfiction books. Her essays, articles, and reviews have appeared in the New York Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, and Psychology Today, among other places.

Kline was born in Cambridge, England. She was raised there, in the American South, and in Maine. She is a graduate of Yale, Cambridge, and the University of Virginia, where she was a Henry Hoyns Fellow in Fiction Writing. She has taught writing, poetry, literature, and women's studies at Yale, NYU, and Drew University, and served as Writer-in-Residence at Fordham University. She is a recipient of several Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Fellowships and Writer-in-Residence Fellowships at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. She is a member of the Advisory Board for Roots & Wings, a nonprofit that provides support for at-risk adolescent and aged-out foster care

Kline lives in an old house just outside New York City with her husband, David Kline, and three sons, Hayden, Will, and Eli. She spends as much time as possible in an even older house in Southwest Harbor,

## **Land for Maine's Future marks** 30th anniversary with LFM Passport



This summer, Maine people are invited to explore the more than 150 destinations that have been conserved with support from the Land for Maine's Future program over the past three decades. Celebrating its 30th Anniversary, LMF has secured public access to more than 600,000 acres in the state, offering opportunities in all sixteen Maine counties for outdoor activities like hiking, fishing, swimming, boating, and ATV riding. To help Maine families and friends plan their next outdoor adventure, an LMF Passport is now available featuring 35 destinations to get them started.

"This new passport offers something for everyone, including gentle nature paths, challenging mountain hikes, extensive ATV trails, scenic picnic locales, popular fishing spots, sandy beaches, and canoe-friendly waters," explained Maine Coast Heritage Trust President Tim Glidden. "With so many opportunities to enjoy Maine's great outdoors,

## Maine State Mu-

sic Theatre will host a 1950s-themed Summer Blast Sock Hop Gala on Monday, July 24 at 6 p.m. at the Brunswick Golf Club at 165 River Road in Brunswick. Tickets to the event are \$60 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres and one complimentary drink at the cash bar. The event will feature a live band, dances with "Sandy and Danny" and other actors from MSMT's production of "Grease," a short live auction, the crowning of a prom king and queen, a muscle car display (weather permitting), a fire pit, and more. 1950s themed clothing is optional, but encouraged

MSMT hosts Summer Blast Sock Hop Gala

MSMT is also holding a raffle. Now on sale are \$100 "Golden Tickets" for

a chance to win a trip for two to the 2017 MSMT London Theatre Tour from October 5 through 13, a prize value of \$8,300. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Tickets to the gala and for the raffle are available over the phone by calling 725-8769, in person by visiting the Box Office at 22 Elm Street in Brunswick, or online at www.msmt.org.

## **Poets to read at Harlow Gallery**





Edward Rielly Poets Edward Rielly and James Breslin will read from their works on Friday, July 14 at 7 p.m. at the Harlow Gallery at 160 Water Street in Hallowell. Part of

the ongoing Bookey Readings series, the event is open to the public. A suggested \$3 donation at the door will benefit programming at the Harlow Gallery. Edward J. Rielly is a professor of English and director of the Writing and Publishing program at Saint Joseph's College

of Maine. He is the author or editor of approximately thirty books, including biographies, studies of popular culture, accounts of Native American history, books on teaching, children's picture books, a memoir, and fourteen volumes of his poetry. His most recent books are "Bread Pudding and Other Memories: A Boyhood on the Farm," the children's picture books "Spring Rain Winter Snow" and "Jugo Meets a Poet," and "Answers Instead: A Life in Haiku," which received the Mildred Kanterman Memorial Award from the Haiku Society of America. He lives in Westbrook with his wife,

James Breslin

James P. Breslin was born in New York City 1943. He has published in the Lyric, the Aurorean (as both contributor and featured poet), Off the Coast, and in the Irish literary magazine the Moth. He has won first, second, and third prizes and several honorable mentions in contests sponsored by the Maine Poets Society.

His recent book, "The Crow and Other Poems," was published by North Country Press of Unity, Maine. He has a Masters in Social Work and has worked primarily with children and adults with mental illness. He lives in Winslow.

During the reading, visitors may also enjoy the Gallery's Summer Members' Show & Sale, which is on view through July 22. Located at 160 Water Street in downtown Hallowell, the Harlow Gallery is home to the Kennebec Valley Art Association, a membership based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization connecting and celebrating art, artists and community in Central Maine since 1963. For more information, email jayfranzel@yahoo.com.

families can choose a different activity each weekend throughout the summer."

The LMF Passport features 35 recommended itineraries, divided into five regions. However, participants can customize their explorations by using a new website with information on more than 150 places to visit. As a bonus, passport holders who explore at least three LMF destinations this

summer and upload a photo of their passport will be awarded a handy "LMF Works for ME" flashlight carabiner. For a list of the recommended itineraries and all LFM destinations, see www.landformainesfuture.org.

"No matter where you are in our state, you're never far from a special place that's available to the public today because of the Land for Maine's Future program," said Kate Dempsey, State Director of the Nature Conservancy in Maine. "Best of all, since LMF's work has been funded by Maine people for the past 30 years, these properties belong to all of us, forever."

People who visit LMF destinations this summer are also encouraged to share their experiences on a new "LMF Works for ME" photo gallery. Anyone who takes a photo at an LMF destination and uploads it to the gallery will have an opportunity to win camping gear donated by L.L. Bean, an overnight stay at a sporting camp in the Maine Woods donated by the Appalachian Mountain Club, and other prizes. The winners will be selected at random and announced in October. There is a limit of one entry per person. Instagram users can post their images by using #LMFWorksforME to post to the gallery at www.landformainesfuture.org.

"The Land for Maine's Future program embodies our long-standing commitment to outdoor conservation, the protection of the environment, and public access to outdoor recreational opportunities," said Janet Wyper, Manager of Community Relations at L.L. Bean. "We are excited to be part of this effort and hope to see many Maine families exploring these incredible places the LMF program, state agencies, land trusts, municipalities, and other partners have conserved over the past thirty years."

Both programs run from June 21 until October



### Thursday, July 13

L-A Metro Chamber Breakfast. 7 a.m. Agora Grand Event Center, 220 Bates St., Lewiston. Community Concepts CEO C. Shawn Yardley discusses "Changing How We Build Communities - A Public-Private Collaboration." \$20/30. www.LAMetroChamber. com.

La Rencontre. 11:25 a.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Louis Philippe performs songs in French and English after the meal of meatloaf and apple pie for dessert. \$10, incl. lunch. Reserve at 783-1585 or boxoffice@francocenter.org.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Betty Balderston, Elder Abuse Prevention Advocate at Legal Services for the Elderly. No reservation required; lunch avail. for \$14.753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Sampson AFB Veterans Luncheon. Noon. Marco's Restaurant. 12 Mollison Way., Lewiston. Open to all veterans, this is an informal monthly get-together of those who took basic training at Sampson Air Force Base in the 1940s and '50s. 784-5691: 657-4909.

Maine-ly Jewish Storytelling Festival. 7 p.m. Auburn Public Library. This year's storytellers will be Dr. Ellen Frankel, Antonio Rocha, Jen Wren, Rebbetzin Lisa Mayer, and other writers, poets and bloggers; dessert reception follows. Suggested donation \$5.

Bates Dance Festival. 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, 329 College St., Lewiston. David Dorfman Dance performs the kinetic poem "Aroundtown," examining varied, unique and sometimes divided notions of love. Again 7/15. \$25/18/12. batesdancefestival.org.

## Friday, July 14

Concert: Ralph and Averill Lovely. 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. This fatherson duo play Hillbilly Swing and Americana. Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.

2nd Friday Brunswick. 4 to 7 p.m. Downtown venues along Maine St. This monthly Art-walk event features live performances, extended shopping hours, and over 40 artists' displays. Free. brunswickdowntown.

Author Visit. 6:30 p.m. Bailey Public Library, 39 Bowdoin St., Winthrop. New York Times bestselling author Christina Baker Kline reads from and discusses her new novel, "A Piece of the World." Free. 377-8673.

Bookey Readings. 7 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St., Hallowell. Poets Edward Rielly and James Breslin read from their works. Sugg. donation \$3. 622-3813; www.harlowgallery.org.

## Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Saturday, July 15

Saturday at Maine Wildlife Park. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 56 Game Farm Rd., Grav. The New England Mineral Association presents displays and hands-on activities related to Maine gems and minerals. Free w. park admission. \$7.50/5.50. 657-4977; www.mainewildlifepark.com.

Concert in Waterfront Park. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Commercial St, Downtown Bath. Steel band Pan-Fried Steele performs. Free. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.

Bill Bower's "All Over the Map." 7:30 p.m. Celebration Barn Theater, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. The actor and storyteller presents a program of stories, from the beautiful to the confounding. \$14/12/8. 743-8452; www. CelebrationBarn.com.

### Tuesday, July 18

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

Bates Dance Festival. 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, 329 College St., Lewiston. In advance of their mainstage performances this weekend, zoe | juniper presents this Show & Tell discussion of their creative process. Free. 786-6161.

## Wednesday, July 19

Rotary Club Breakfast Meeting. 7:15 a.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. The guest speaker is Adam Wyatt, Director of Advocacy and Public Policy for the Maine chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Guests welcome; no reservations required. \$10. 751-6281.

Concert at the Basilica. 12:15 p.m. Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, 122 Ash St., Lewiston. The Maine Music Society Chamber Singers perform songs from a variety of genres. Free. www.princeofpeace.me.

Thread Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston. Actors (drawn at random) perform 10-minute scenes (drawn at random) on tonight's theme, "Ball's in your Court." Adult themes. Happy hour at 6:30. \$5. 783-1585; For more information, see www.francocenter.org.

### Thursday, July 20

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Rick Lanman of the Airport Cooperative Research Program. No reservation required; lunch avail. 753-9040; monica.millhime@ maine.gov.

### Friday, July 21

Bates Dance Festival. 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, 329 College St., Lewiston. zoe | juniper perform "Clear & Sweet," mixing choreography and video with the American tradition of Shape Note Singing to highlight the roots of community. Again 7/22. \$25/18/12. batesdancefestival.org.

### Saturday, July 22

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

Concert in Waterfront Park. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Commercial St, Downtown Bath. The Big Chip Trio plays blues, jazz, and soul. Free. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

## Sunday, July 23

Emily's Run. 8:30 a.m. Edward Little High School, Auburn. This USA Track & Field-certified 5k race has been designated the 2017 Maine State Championship event by the Road Runners Club of America. \$25 adv./30 on race day. www. triplecrown5k.com.

## Monday, July 24

Summer Blast Sock Hop Gala. 6 p.m. Brunswick Golf Club, 165 River Rd., Brunswick. Pres. by ME State Music Theatre, this 1950s-themed event features heavy hors d'oeuvres, a live dance band, muscle car exhibit, fire pit, and cash bar. \$60/pp. 725-8769; www. msmt.org.

"Stories and Songs for a Small Planet." 6:30 p.m. Androscoggin Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Call them cabaret, vaudeville, or story- and song-filled fun, Jackson Gillman's performances touch audience members of all ages. Free. 333=6640, ext. 3.

Bates Dance Festival. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The annual Musicians' Concert features festival composers and multi-instrumentalists playing original and improvised music from around the world. \$16/12/8. batesdancefestival.org.

## Tuesday, July 25

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 homemade products. 320-1969

### Wednesday, July 26

"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 current production of "Grease." 725-8769; www.msmt.org.

Outdoor Movie Night. So, Lewiston Ballfields. Movie (to be announced) starts at dusk; kids' activities start at 6:00. Popcorn and water provided. Free.

## Friday, July 28

Yard Sale and Bottle Drive. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 700 Main St., Greene (across from Hurricane's Café and Deli). Tommy's Feral Felines collects donations of recyclable bottles and cans, as well as yard sale items, to fund its work supporting feral cats.

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Again 7/29. 240-8767.

Bates Dance Festival. 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, 329 College St., Lewiston. The festival's 35th Anniversary Gala, night one, features festival artist alums, including several of America's most acclaimed dance artists. \$35/27/20. batesdancefestival.org.

### Saturday, July 29

Concert in Waterfront Park. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Commercial St, Downtown Bath. The Mass.-based DuPont Brothers play folk music. Free. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Bates Dance Festival. 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, 329 College St., Lewiston. The festival's 35th Anniversary Gala, night two, features festival artist alums, followed by a celebration honoring retiring director Laura Faure. \$60/35/27/20. batesdancefestival.org.

## Tuesday, August 1

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 homemade products. 320-1969.

## Thursday, August 3

Bates Dance Festival. 8 p.m. Bates Mill Complex, 35 Canal St., Lewiston, "Mill Town" is a site-specific, multimedia promenade around and through the Bates Mill Complex featuring dance, music, video and installations. Again 8/4. \$20/15/12. batesdancefestival.org.

## Friday, August 4

Concert: Sultans of String. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This group thrills audiences with their genre-bending fusion of world music styles. \$25/28. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

## Saturday, August 5

Monmouth Academy Alumni Reunion. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monmouth Academy gymnasium. A social hour will be followed by a buffet lunch as the school honors the Class of 1967. \$10. To register, call Chriss Wight Hayden at 784-2568.

Bates Dance Festival. 1 to 5 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, 329 College St., Lewiston. This Young Choreographers-New Works program features informal, adjudicated showings of more than 20 new works by talented festival students. Come and go as you please. Free. 786-6161.

Concert in Waterfront Park. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Commercial St, Downtown Bath. Cold Chocolate plays Americana, roots, and bluegrass. Free. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Bates Dance Festival. 7:30 p.m. Alumni Gymnasium, 130 Central Ave., Lewiston. The Festival Finale features new works by David Dorfman, Danny Buraczeski, Claudia Lavista and Omar Carrum, Tania Isaac and Shakia Johnson; and a production by festival Youth Arts Program participants. \$6 (cash admission at door). 786-6161.



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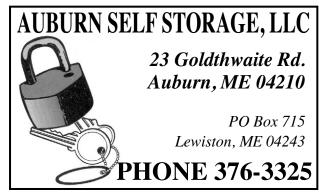
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## **Dorfman**

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"Aroundtown" is a kinetic poem that examines varied and sometimes divided notions of love's meaning and purpose. The piece musters original music, text and visuals to explore commitment, community and intimacy in times of strife. Dorfman's trademark empathy, sly humor and robust physicality are clearly in evidence in this scrutiny of love through a sociopolitical lens

Dorfman founded his eponymous company in 1987 and is the troupe's artistic director. Professor of dance at Connecticut College, he has undertaken seven creative residencies at the Bates Dance Festival since 1995. His deeply engaging works examine aspects of power and powerlessness, activism, dissidence, community and intimacy.

David Dorfman Dance has performed nationally and internationally, frequently participating in community-based projects. As a New York Times commentator wrote, Dorfman "has never shied away from openhearted explorations of self and society, channeling big ideas into raw hyper-athletic movement that calls for go-forbroke dancers."

Dance writer Debra Cash will offer insight into Dorfman and his work in an Inside Dance series lecture preceding the July 15 performance at 7 p.m. Cash will also facilitate post-performance talks with the choreographer and performers.

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## What's Going On

## **Scholarship Scramble set for August 23**

The Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and the Central Maine Community College Foundation will host a golf tournament to fund scholarships to help students from regional high schools attend Central Maine Community College. The 18th annual Chip Morrison Scholarship Scramble will take place on Wednesday, August 23 at Poland Spring Resort.

Last year, over 63 local businesses joined a large field of golfers by participating as event sponsors, raising over \$38,000. In the last 17 years, the Scholarship Scramble has raised over \$647,000. Sponsor-

ships opportunities are still available for the 2017 event. Your participation will make a difference in the lives of students and their families. For more information, contact Maureen at the Chamber at 783-2249, Maureen@ LAMetroChamber.com, or see www.LAMetroChamber.com.



## Camden House & Garden Tour

The Camden Garden Club will present its 70th Annual House & Garden Tour on Thursday, July 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.-rain or shine. The tour is well known throughout Maine and the New England states. Many tourists, as well as flower gardeners in our own Lewiston- Auburn and surrounding communities, mark their calendars and plan their vacations around this landmark garden tour.

This year's tour spans a wide spectrum of styles, design and size ranging from a magnificent 21-acre estate and guest house overlooking Penobscot Bay to two charming Camden town houses with an amazing shared perennial garden. The remaining homes and gardens on the tour are just as lovely.

A garage housing two classic automobiles will draw much interest to a vintage Bugatti, still competing in races with the homeowner behind the



Tall cedar hedges enclosing expansive gardens at The Hurricane House provided privacy and coolness from the summer heat at the 69th Annual House & Garden Tour of July, 2016. (Photo by Rachel Morin)

wheel, and an immaculate C series Porsche. A number of antique toy cars and a large collection of motoring memorabilia will add to the visual nostalgia.

The Camden Garden Club is the oldest Garden Club in Maine. Its major fundraising event, the House & Garden Tour, is the highlight of the summer season and benefits the club's goal of preserving and beautifying the public spaces of Camden.

The town itself takes on a flower garden appearance with baskets of flowers hanging from the lamp posts and shops sporting flower-boxes on their store fronts, all created by the Garden Club members. With Camden's past history of excellent weather on tour day, the club is looking forward to another outstanding event. Tickets may be purchased by accessing the website at www.camdengardenclub.

## **Monmouth Academy Alumni Reunion Aug. 5**

Monmouth Academy will honor the class of 1967 at its 118th annual Alumni Reunion on Saturday, August 5. The event will take place at the Monmouth Academy gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A social hour with cof-

fee and refreshments will be followed at noon by a lunch buffet of assorted tea sandwiches, pasta salad, a relish platter, chips, fruit salad, cookies, and drinks, catered by RSU2 School Nutrition

The cost for alumni is

\$10 for lunch and \$5 dues. Guests who are not alumni are welcome to attend for \$10.

For more information or to register, contact Chriss Wight Hayden at 784-2568 or christine. hayden3@gmail.com.

## Maine Military & Community Network plans state conference

The Maine Military & Community Network invites those with a military service connection to attend their annual state conference on Thursday, July 20 at the Augusta Civic Center. This year's event will focus on

Vietnam War veterans, with sessions featuring a panel of couples sharing their deployment experiences and a military clergy member discussing the moral injuries and spiritual needs of those struggling with combat- or service-related trauma. For more information about the conference or to register, call http://www.cvent.com/d/25qphj.

The mission of Maine Military & Community Network is to support Maine service members, veterans, and their families in their local communities. Affiliated with the Joining Community Forces and MyVA Community initiatives, MMCN relies on collaborating partners to provide funding for programs and events like the MMCN state conference. To donate, call 735-8260 or email revngrace@hotmail.com



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