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Ribbon Cutting held on April 28 for Rancourt & Co.



(L-R) Lewiston Mayor Bob Macdonald, Kyle, Mike and Debbie Rancourt of Rancourt & Co., Chamber past chair Patti Gagne and Chamber President Chip Morrison. (TCT Photo by Jen Pike)

Paradis Park dedication planned for May 6

Former City Councilor Mark W. Paradis' legacy will be highlighted at a May 6 dedication of a park named in his memory.

The current nonsmoking Mark W. Paradis Park—formerly Pierce Street Park—has been revitalized through tireless efforts of the Downtown Neighborhood Action Committee, supported by the Lewiston City Council, the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council and other community partners such as The Root Cellar.

The 4:30 p.m. dedication will include music by the Lewiston High School Chamber Singers, food donated by the Italian Bakery, and a youth council "DO YOU DO LEW" shirt raffle to secure additional funds for park soccer balls/nets.

Speakers will include Deputy City Administrator Phil Nadeau; Paradis' good friend Attorney Thomas Peters; Nairus Abdullahi, chair of the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council; Root Cellar Executive Director Joel Furrow; and Paradis' widow, Ronella Paradis' widow, Ronella Paradis, who will be accompanied by her son, Phillip. The unveiling of a related Bartlett Street sign will also take place. Following the dedication ceremony, The Root Cellar will facilitate a BBQ for attendees to enjoy.

At the recommendation of the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council, the park was officially named in memory of Paradis by the Lewiston City Council at its December 18, 2012, meeting. LYAC previously sponsored a "Name That Park" renaming contest for K-6 Lewiston students in an effort to give the former Pierce Street Park a more attention-getting name.

The winning entry was that of student Nicole Morin whose entry stated, "The late Mark Paradis lived in Lewiston all his life and contributed much of his life to the community. In his last days running for Mayor, his ultimate goal was to bring our community together once again. What better way to represent his dream than providing a place, named in his honor, where the community comes to gather."

Paradis served three terms as a Lewiston City Councilor. His service also included the Downtown Advisory Board; Lewiston Mill Redevelopment Corporation; Planning Board; Auburn-Lewiston Airport Committee; Finance Committee; Lewiston Urban Civic Center Enterprises, LLC; Citizen Application Review Committee; and the Taxi License Appeals Board. At the time of his passing in 2011, Paradis was running for the office of mayor of Lewiston, a long-time dream of his.

Ingersoll Arena Ground Breaking April 24



L-R Chip Morrison, Howard Kroll, Mary Lafontaine, David Gonyea, Leroy Walker, Norris Ingersoll, Ravi Sharma, Tizz Crowley

Androscoggin Bank sponsors Independence Association's Run for Independence

Androscoggin Bank has announced that it is the platinum sponsor of the Independence Association's third annual Run for Independence, Maine's only run focused on people with disabilities. The run will be held May 17 at Brunswick Junior High School in Brunswick and is the first 10K in Maine to include a para-athletes wheeled division. Androscoggin Bank has committed to a threeyear sponsorship of the annual event.

The Run for Independence is a community event focused on "celebrating ability" while raising awareness and encouraging inclusivity. Proceeds from the race will support Independence Association employment service programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Dennis St. Pierre, Independence Association executive director, said, "This is the first of its kind 10k in Maine for individuals with disabilities. This race is designed to allow anyone with any kind of disability to enjoy participating in an event as complete equals."

Melissa Rock, Androscoggin Bank vice president of marketing and client relations, said, "It is our privilege to partner with the Independence Association to support their great programs for Mainers with disabilities. The Run for Independence is a chance for the bank's employees to team up and make a big impact in our community. We not only want to help the Independence Association raise funds, but more importantly, we want to help them bring greater awareness of their programs See Run, page 4



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Lisbon High School graduate completes Army basic training

Private Paula Nicole Caron, a graduate of Lisbon High Schools' Class of 2014 and a member of the Lisbon Schools' volunteer program, has graduated from The United States Army Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Caron is a U.S. Army Reservist who completed the Motor Transport Operator (88m) Training at Fort Leonard Wood. She is currently assigned to the 619th Transportation Company located on Minot Avenue in Auburn. Caron recently met with LHS undergraduates and shared her military aspirations and goals. She completed a program assisting a second grade class at Lisbon



Private Paula Nicole Caron

Community School with a unit of studies relating to the community provided by the Junior Achievement Program.

Caron is the daughter of George and Lisa Caron of Lisbon Falls.

Hedrich receives **CAVS** credential

Susan Hedrich, system director of volunteer services for Central Maine Healthcare, including Central Maine Medical Center, and Bridgton and Rumford hospitals, has been awarded the credential "Certified Administrator of Volunteer Services" by the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration. The CAVS is a national credential that distinguishes an individual as being among the elite in the field of volunteer management in healthcare.

To earn the CAVS designation, an individual must satisfy eligibility requirements that incorporate a blend of work experience and education, agree to adhere to professional standards of



Susan Hedrich

conduct and pass the CAVS Examination. The CAVS credential is sponsored by the Association for Healthcare Volunteer Resource Professionals, a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association.

Baumann accepted for West Point seminar

Joseph Baumann, a junior at Leavitt Area High School in Turner, has been selected to be among 1,000 attendees at West Point's prestigious Summer Leaders Experience in June. More than 5,000 ju-



St. Dom's senior receives 2015 Principal's Award

St. Dominic Academy senior Anya Lee, daughter of Mark Lee and Sandra Heutz-Lee of Lewiston, has been selected as the recipient of the 2015 Principals' Award. This award is sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and

niors nationwide applied to SLE, which offers outstanding high school juniors the opportunity to experience life at West Point. SLE attendees live in the cadet barracks, eat in the cadet mess, and participate in academic, leadership, athletic and military workshops. The oneweek seminars are designed to help juniors with their college selection process while giving them an idea of the importance of leadership and sound decision-making in their education, careers and lives. All SLE attendees participate in virtual-reality war simulation, and military and physical fitness training, along with other opportunities.



Anya Lee citizenship.

"Anya is an outstanding and very involved student who has maintained a rigorous curriculum throughout her high school career," said Don Bonneau, acting guidance counselor. "She has earned numerous achievement and effort awards from her teachers including, but not limited to, the Harvard Book Award, National Math Award and the Bishop Cote Trophy.

Lee, a National Honor Society member, is the secretary of the community-oriented Key Club and a leader in the upcoming Mission to Mississippi trip. Anya is also a member of the math team, tennis team and is a student ambassador at the school. She shares her passion for art through her designs and intends to pursue a career in architecture.

The Principals' Award is presented by member principals of the MPA, the professional association that represents Maine's school administrators.

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Governor's Address: We Need Energy Results for New England

Last week, I traveled to Connecticut to meet with New England Governors about energy costs. The meeting was the first time they seemed focused on results, not just chatter.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, To lower rates, we need a transmission line from Canada to provide

Lewiston HS Class of 1970 reunion set

Lewiston High School Class of 1970 is planning its 45th reunion. Location is Lost Valley Ski Area, July 25, 6 to 11 p.m. Reunion committee is Denise Bonenfant Leifester, Debbie Ouellette Blais, Judi Vaughan Adams, Nicky Hamann, Linda Bussiere Beaulieu, Doris St. Hilaire Davis, Dennie Deschenes Campbell, Denise Langlais McCarthy, Diane Perron Beaulieu, Guy Langelier and Nancy Marquis Ashe. Classmates needing information contact Guy Langelier at 782-4425.

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additional hydroelectricity, and we need more natural gas capacity in Maine.

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The region's grid operator said our carbon emissions are going up because we cannot get domestic natural gas to our markets, and we are relying too much on coal and oil to keep the lights on.

The answer is obvious: we need additional energy infrastructure. But NIMBY activists have blocked sensible improvements in energy infrastructure, whether it is a transmission line or pipeline.

I am encouraged that our two newest Governors, Governor Raimondo of Rhode Island and Governor Baker of Massachusetts, are also interested in results.

We cannot allow a small group of activists to block projects that benefit the economy of our entire region.

Electric bills have spiked to the point where our rates are 40 percent higher than the national average. All New England states are in the top 12 in the country for highest electricity rates.

Maine may have the lowest rates in New En-

gland, but we also have the most energy-intensive manufacturing companies in the region. We simply cannot be competitive in the world economy until we lower our region's energy costs.

Maine is ready to do its part for a regional effort to build cost-effective infrastructure, but we need partners. Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut are working with Maine to lower energy costs for all our citizens.

Since our discussions began in 2013, two paper mills in Maine have closed, largely due to the high cost of energy. We need action now

I have introduced legislation to focus our energy policy on lower rates and lower pollution. Rather than cater to special interests, we must go after any form of affordable energy that meets these two goals.

We should be open to all sources of energy,

whether it is hydroelectricity, nuclear, wind, solar or biomass. Let the best price dictate what keeps the lights on in your house and powers our factories across the state. It is simple, and it is overdue.

I will work with anyone who is truly committed to lowering rates and reducing pollution. I will not stop until we finally lower our energy costs in New England.

> Thank You Paul R. LePage Governor





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Peter Brown, STRIVE Program Director, reports the

What's Going On

Ground Breaking for the STRIVE Center

It was a milestone event for the STRIVE Center last Thursday afternoon, April 23, as staff, clients, parents, neighbors, benefactors and supporters gathered on a warm spring afternoon to witness the long-awaited Ground Breaking event. It was held during school vacation week to accommodate the STRIVE Members. STRIVE, the non-

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profit organization that serves tweens, teens, and young adults with developmental disabilities, would soon see the construction of a major expansion effort. The expansion is the kickoff for Phase Two of its Capital Campaign. The agency was able to purchase the building in November and construction will start in early May.

This space will allow

for each program to have its own room, rather than share one space for its ever-growing programs. It will also include much-needed health and safety improvements, such as an internal wheelchair ramp, full sprinkler system, hoods for each stove, and air conditioning, to name a few.

The renovations will also modernize the building and include a focus on assistive technology throughout. This project will allow in-



Participating in the Ground Breaking Thursday afternoon for the building expansion at the STRIVE Center on 28 Foden Road in South Portland were these clients who represent the different programs at STRIVE. L to R Allanah Barraso (Camp STRIVE); Mary Roberge (Waves); Charlie Saffian (Tweens); Blake Waterhouse (After School); [] Sarapas (Active); Nate Dibiase (Next STEP); and Haley Pass (STRIVE Night.) (Photo by Jenn Ridell)

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Enough is Enough **Don't confuse "downtown" with "inner city" neighborhood**

By Robert E. Macdonald MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Well, they're at it again. The Maine People's Alliance, aka "The Scourge of Maine's Property Taxpayers," has started its spring offensive. It should be called "Operation It's-the-City's-Fault."

With a stroke of the keyboard, Ben Chin, political director for the Maine People's Alliance and mayoral candidate, kicked off the offensive. In an op-ed column that appeared in the local Sunday paper on April 19, he accused Lewiston's code enforcement officers and fire department personnel of not doing their jobs.

Daisy Girl Scouts seeking new members

Daisy Girl Scouts are seeking girls entering first grade in the fall for a gathering at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 11, at Lewiston High School. This is an opportunity to make new friends, explore Girl Scout traditions, make a first Girl Scout SWAP and learn what Girl Scouts are all about. For more information contact ymalaz@yahoo. com. Call Jeanie Duguay 364-3639 or email jduguay@gsmaine.org. Call toll free 1-888-922-4763 or see www.girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Chin listed a litany of violations: buildings with leaking water pipes, apartments without heat or hot water for up to a month and fire exits screwed shut. I sent code enforcement officers to speak with Chin in order to locate and correct the violations and summons the violators. According to the officers, Chin informed them he did not know where these violations were occurring. In his column, he wrote that he "heard stories" about such violations.

Organizations like the Maine People's Alliance and other groups that make excuses for irresponsible tenants and welfare abusers have a word for these kinds of stories: anecdotal.

In his column, Chin goes on to blame the corporate landlords for the rundown housing conditions located in the inner city. Yes, there are landlords whose inattentiveness has contributed to the blight in the area.

However, many of the tenants share equal blame. Dog feces and trash in the hallways. Litter on the property and streets, left for someone else to pick up. Since becoming mayor, we have pumped over \$3 million into the area, attempting to spruce it up. It is readily apparent that federal money is not a panacea that will save the area.

Lastly, let's stop re-



Mayor Bob Macdonald

ferring to this area as the downtown. It is an inner-city neighborhood. Our downtown is the area that contains restaurants, retail businesses, condo and market-rate housing. It is time to stop giving Lewiston a black eye by continually referring to this inner-city neighborhood as our downtown.

At the close of my column last week, I provided the readers with six pieces of legislation dealing with welfare reform introduced by Senator Eric Brakey (R-Auburn). I provided the LD number of each bill, along with a description of the bill. Further, I asked if the readers found any of these objectionable.

During the week, I was approached by several individuals who firmly support these bills. However, the Maine Municipal Associa-



tion, whose members include most of the cities and towns throughout the state, has come out against three of the six bills. In fairness, the bill requiring residency would probably fail to pass muster under the interstate commerce clause of the United States Constitution. But in the case of LD 369, prohibiting undocumented aliens from collecting General Assistance, and LD 1035, which limits an able-bodied person with no children to nine months of General Assistance in a five-year period-what's the problem?

Many of the MMA members don't have to deal with these problems. Many read emotional stories of the plight of the undocumented individuals fleeing death or persecution in their homelands. Once here, they are provided with clothing, shelter, food and medical care, all free of charge, thanks to the Maine taxpayers.

They are provided with these things, while our elderly and working poor scrape to feed, shelter and clothe their families. Medical? Most of our elderly and working poor cannot afford to see a doctor, and when they finally go, they find themselves now chronically ill. Who sympathizes with these Mainers?

It is time for those who

in November cast their ballot for welfare reform to publically start making their feelings known. Pick up the phone and call your state senator and representative. Let them know how you feel. You'd be surprised at how effective one of these calls can be. Pick up a pen or go online and write a letter to the local daily paper expressing your views. The other side will most certainly make their opinions known. You can no longer sit on the sideline. You must engage!

Lastly, to my friends in the Republican Legislature: Please make sure these bills make it to the floor and all are subject to a roll call vote.





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What is Sexual Violence?

Sexual violence is an tor-patient), sexual assault, umbrella term for a range of behaviors. Types of sexual violence include, but are not limited to, sexual harassment and gender- based bullying, street harassment, sexual coercion, commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking, child sexual abuse, elder sexual abuse, unwanted sexual contact, sexual abuse by a caregiver, stalking, drug-and alcoholfacilitated sexual assault, a power differential which makes sexual contact inappropriate or illegal (e.g., student-teacher or doc-

and sexual violence within an intimate partner relationship.

Sexual violence is the most chronically underreported violent crime in the US. Each year 13,000 Mainers experience some type of sexual violence.

However, in Maine in 2013, only 359 rapes or attempted rapes were reported to law enforcement. Survivors often do not report for fear of not being believed, safety issues, ability, and concerns about the criminal justice process.

Cost of Sexual Violence

Because it is so underreported, it is difficult to quantify the cost of sexual violence. Yet, we know that the economic impact of sexual violence is profound, and includes costs associated with: crisis services; medical treatment for victims/ survivors (both short term and long term, mental and physical); lifetime loss of income; the criminal justice process; and incarceration for perpetrators, including treatment and management (probation, the sex offender registry, etc.). Rape is the most costly violent crime, costing 127 billion dollars annually, excluding the cost of childhood sexual abuse.

According to a recent report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the total lifetime estimated financial costs associated with just one year of confirmed cases of child maltreatment (physical abuse, sexual abuse, psychological abuse, and neglect) is approximately \$124 billion.

Prevention is Possible

At Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services and MECASA, we believe that everyone has a part to play to end sexual violence. We ask that everyone explore why sexual assault occurs, and what we all can change within ourselves and our communities to make a difference. Sexual violence prevention is about changing our social and cultural norms in order to create a safer, healthier world for all of us. For more information on preventing sexual violence, visit sapars.org and mecasa.org.



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What's Going On

YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston announces May events

teens age 12-15, Young Guns teaches the fundamentals of exercise and nutrition to help young athletes get the most out of their workouts. Sessions include gym time and brief classroom instruction. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 5-28, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Kids Art Class: Local artist Debra Trafton leads children age 7-17 in an introduction to watercolor. Supplies provided. May 9, 10 a.m. to noon.

Youth Swim Lessons: All ages and ability levels welcome. Multiple days and times available. May 11-June 20.

Lunch & Learn: Diabetes Prevention with Rachel McGarry, registered dietician and certified diabetes prevention instructor at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. Tuesday, May 12, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A light lunch will be provided.

Summer Camp Sign-Ups: Registration is open for Camp Connor, Y Kids Camp and Teen Leadership Camp. For children entering kindergartern through 10th grade. Sessions available June 22 through August 21.

Pickleball: A combination of ping pong, badminton and tennis, pickleball is a low-impact cardio sport for people of all ages. Every Friday, noon to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

Group Exercise Classes: Multiple classes available, seven days a week, including Aqua Zumba in the pool. Visit www.alymca. org or visit the YMCA Wel-

Prince of Peace Parish Mission

Young Guns: For come Center for a complete schedule.

> Pre-registration is required for most events. Some fees apply, and financial assistance is available for qualifying individuals and families.

> All programs take place at 62 Turner Street in Auburn, with the exception of Camp Connor and Teen Leadership Camp. For more information, see www.alymca.org or call 795-4095.

Free camp in Maine for young survivors of suicide

Camp Kita, a week vivors. Entering its second long overnight camp on Thompson Lake in Poland for kids ages 8-17 who have lost a parent or other loved one to suicide, announces free tuition for 2015 campers. The opportunity is the result of diligent fundraising and generous donors.

Founded by the Mosher siblings 10 years after their father's suicide, Camp Kita is a recreational and therapeutic summer camp focused on child suryear, the camp provides a safe, nurturing environment where child survivors can connect with one another while learning constructive ways to deal with losing a parent or other loved one to suicide. It is also an opportunity to have fun together.

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Looking for a family doctor? A specialist?

Prince of Peace Parish announces its 2015 Parish Mission: "God, Are You Online?" under the direction of Rev. Bill Garrott, O.P.

Events will take place at Holy Family Church, 607 Sabattus Street, Lewiston beginning Sunday, May 10. Rides are available and can be scheduled by calling the Parish Office at 777-1200.

Schedule is as follows: Sunday, May 10 - 6:30 pm: "Come to the Father!" Monday, May 11 - 6:30 pm: "Christ and Him Crucified." Tuesday, May 12 - 6:30 pm: "Fire It Up!"

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May programs at APL include gardening and Victorian customs

In keeping with the partnership that L.A. Senior College has established with the Auburn Public Library, two programs will be of-

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fered in May on Tuesday afternoons. The community programs will feature a talk on the landscapes and gardens of England and a presentation on Victorian burial customs.

Senior College instructor June Spear will be doing a presentation at the library on the afternoon of May 5, 2-4 p.m. : "Landscapes and Gardens of England."The English term



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'park' originally meant a deer park. The 18th century English landscape garden movement inspired by the new liberal philosophy and the love of classical arts transformed the deer parks of the aristocratic society into picturesque gardens or later into landscape parks. In the meantime, gardens and parks became a necessity for the recreation of the urban population

On May 19 at 2 pm, Senior College instructor Beverly Robbins will present "Grave Matters: Victorian Customs." Victorian society dictated strict rules for the observance of rituals related to death and dying. Grand scale mourning characterized death practices in the Victorian era, particularly after 1861 in Great Britain when the widowed Queen Victoria took grieving to the extreme.

For more information on programs call 333-6640 ext. 4.





Gene and Lydia Gilbert with Jeanine and Curt Arey at "The Beverly Hillbillies" sign at the Schoolhouse Theatre in Standish.



Text and Photos by Rachel Morin

USM LAC Senior College, in addition to holding classes, has organized special interest groups within its membership since early in 2014. They are Theater, chaired by David Marshall; Dine-See USM, page 9

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Around, chaired by Alan Treworgy; Cross Country Skiing, chaired by Paul and Sally Belisle; and Outdoor Adventures, chaired by Patricia Vampatella.

Lots of activity has been enjoyed ever since its beginning and an enthusiastic following is seen in every group. In fact, many members have participated in two or three of the groups. As we all know, this past winter has been long and harsh for the outdoor folks, yet they managed to still get around. As for the theater and dine-around aficionados, what could be better than seeing live theater and meals in warm, cozy setting?

The theater crowd saw several plays at The

Outdoor Adventure group enjoyed a sleigh ride in Lisbon Falls sponsored by the Pejebscot Sno-Chiefs Snowmobile Club, an annual fundraiser for Pine Tree Camps. Left side, Joanne Sabourin, Carol Seward, Sue Tymoczko, Adrienne Tucker; right side, Patricia Vampatella, leader; Sue Matthews, Sandie Crossley, Patricia Hall, Claire Bilodeau. (Pejebscot Sno-Chiefs Snowmobile Club Photo)

Footlights in Falmouth, Gaslight Theatre in Hallowell, and Lyric Theatre in South Portland. Their latest venture was at The Schoolhouse Theatre in Standish. The dine-around people enjoyed meals at Mother India, The Rails, Sea 40, all in Lewiston; Snow Squall in South Portland and Marty's and Henry's in Brunswick. Their latest was Mac's Grill in Auburn.

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The Cross Country Skiing saw action on the Auburn Nordic Trails on Perkins Ridge. The Belisles noted that volunteers did a great job grooming the ski trails and snowshoe trails have been developed.

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Enjoying the culinary fare at Mac's Grill in Auburn are Erwin Hodsdon, Lucy Bisson, Celia Treworthy and Sandie Crossley.



Also at Mac's Grill with the Dine-Around group are Lorraine Deremer, Alan Treworthy, leader; and Paul Robinson.



Paul and Sally Belisle, leaders for Cross-Country Skiing, posed with Joyce Berg for a trial run early in the season.



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'The Sunshine Boys' opens Friday at The Public Theatre



Michael Dell'Orto and Bill Van Horn star as the famous comedy team Lewis and Clark in Neil Simon's classic comedy 'The Sunshine Boys.

Neil Simon's classic comedy "The Sunshine Boys" opens Friday, May 1, at The Public Theatre, Lewiston/Auburn's Professional Theatre.

The most famous comedy team in history hasn't spoken to each other in years, on or off the stage. But when these

cranky comics are convinced to reunite for a TV special, who will get the last laugh? Don't miss Neil Simon's comic masterpiece about showbiz, aging, and the true meaning of friendship.

Performances are May 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, Thurs./ Fri .- 7:30 p.m., Sat. - 8

p.m., Sun - 2 p.m., with an added Saturday matinee, May 9 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 adults/ \$16 groups of 10 or more and \$5 for anyone 18 and under. For more information call 782-3200 or see www. thepublictheatre.org. The Public Theatre is located at 31 Maple St., Lewiston.





The cast for the Last Chance Bar & Grill

Mystery for Hire is set to launch another mystery show at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, at Marco's Ristorante Italiano, 12 Mollison Way, Lewiston, with a rollicking country theme.

Mystery for Hire is Maine's longest running professional mystery dinner theater troupe having performed over 700 shows to audiences totaling over 40,000. Most of its business is for private group functions, but they have also maintained public shows at the Senator Inn in Augusta, the Spectacular Event Center in Bangor and at Marco's

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Amanda Hinsey of Monmouth, Dan Marois of Poland Spring and Steve Corning of South Paris. Doors open at 6 p.m. with show starting at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person. Reservations can be made at Marco's at 12 Mollison Way or by calling 783-0336. For more information on Mystery for Hire, see www. mysteryforhire.com.

New Auburn May Day **Egg Hunt**

The annual New Auburn May Day Egg Hunt will take place from 1-2 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, at Walton Field. Games; music; baby animals; how to plant a seed; contests; prizes. For more information call Leroy Walker at 577-2694.



in Lewiston.

"This show has non-stop country music and our guests are encouraged to wear their best western outfits," said Dan Marois, who with his wife, Denise, have operated Mystery for Hire for 20 years. "Audience members take part in a fun night at the Last Chance Bar & Grill where just about anything can happen from trivia contests to country dance demonstrations."

The cast for the Last Chance Bar & Grill includes Mystery for Hire favorites and newcomers including Brian Files of Gardiner, Julie Poulin and





Comedy Fix to feature Johnny Ater

One of Maine's favorite comedians, Johnny Ater, highlights a great lineup of stand-up comedians for Comedy Fix XXII. The show will take place Friday, May 8 at 8 p.m. at the Auburn Fireside Inn. Net proceeds will benefit Good Shepherd Food Bank, which feeds over 36,000 Mainers each week and can provide four meals for each dollar raised.

Comedy Fix founder and host Mark Turcotte will also welcome Jay Chanoine, Mike Mulloy, Anthony Smith, Greg Boggis and Jordan Handren-Seavey.

Whether he's taking light-hearted swipes at himself and his fellow Mainers or contorting his face into hilarious characters, Johnny Ater has left audiences laughing throughout New England and beyond since 2003. He's performed at the Punchline in San Francisco and is the resident host of the Maine Comedy Festival. Ater has also appeared on WCSH's '207' and 'The Nite Show with Danny Cashman'.

Chanoine recorded his debut comedy album "Come On Feel Chanoine" in his hometown Manchester, New Hampshire last year. It is now available via iTunes, Amazon and Google Play.



Johnny Ater (Photo by Mark Turcotte)

He'll begin a southern tour with JT Habersaat's Altercation Punk Comedy Tour beginning May 28.

Mulloy is a regular at the Boston clubs including The Comedy Studio, Nick's Comedy Stop and Improv Boston. He has also performed at the Women In Comedy Festival and World Series of Comedy.

Smith represented Rhode Island as a finalist in the 2014 "Funniest Comic on the East Coast" contest at Mohegan Sun. He's appeared on the "Public Excess" television show and performs regularly throughout New England.

Boggis, from Milford, New Hampshire, hosts his own television show, "The Boggis Hour," and has appeared in Maine State Lottery television commercials. Handren-Seavey hails

from Somerville, Massachusetts, and served as the Comedy Studio's comic in residence last month. He won the 2014 Beantown Comedy Riot and was named Portland's Funniest Professional in 2012.

The show is for ages 21-and-older and contains adult language and content. Doors open at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$10 and may be reserved at www.comedyfixlive. com. The Fireside Inn is at 1777 Washington St. For more information, call 513-0742 or email comedyfixlive@gmail.com.

Twin City Nights

Lewiston Auburn Community Little Theatre to hold auditions for 'Into the Woods'

by Rachel Morin Lewiston Auburn

Community Little Theatre will hold auditions for the musical "Into the Woods" at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 11, and Tuesday, May 12, upstairs in the Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy St. Auburn.

The invitational callback is Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. Principal character auditioners, intent on being cast, must be available to attend Callback.

Music and lyrics are by Stephen Sondheim with the book by James Lapine. Vincent S. Ratsavong is director/choreographer. Producers are Kay Warren and Derrick Lacasse. Courtney Babbidge is musical director. The play runs August 7-16.

The synopsis of the play: A childless baker and his wife endeavor to lift their family curse by journeying into the woods, where they encounter Rapunzel (and her witchy "mother"), Cinderella, Jack (of Beanstalk



Vincent S. Ratsavong will direct and choreograph the Musical "Into the Woods" running August 7-16 at Lewiston Auburn Community Little Theatre.

fame), Little Red Riding Hood and other classic fairy tale characters. They must all learn the responsibility that comes with getting what you want.

The cast is huge. Character roles, descriptions and song suggestions for auditions may be found on the website at www.laclt.com or CLT's Facebook page.

Vocal Auditions: Please prepare 32 bars of a ballad or up-tempo song from "Into the Woods" for your character. An accompanist will be available at the audition. (No a cappella auditions.)

Please provide sheet music for the accompanist that is clearly marked where to begin and end.

Dance Auditions: Please come prepared to dance. Bring suitable dance wear; you will have time to change prior to this portion of the audition. All females auditioning should wear character heels.

All males auditioning should wear oxford jazz shoes or jazz shoes (no sandals, crocs, boots, jeans, baggy or loose fitting clothing).

Contact Producer Kay Warren if unable to make the scheduled auditions at KayLyrics0529@live. com or 689-5269. For more information, contact Director Vincent S. Ratsavong at vsratsavong@ gmail.com or 344-9482.





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What's Going On

Maine and NH help kick off 13th annual fundraiser for RMHC

As part of its refreshed focus on the "lovin" part of "I'm lovin' it," McDonald's is renaming its former "Give a Hand" fundraiser "Lovin' #for RMHC." The event kicks off May 1 and continues through May 10 at participating restaurants nationwide, regionally in Maine and New Hampshire. To participate, customers purchase paper hearts in \$1, \$3 or \$5 denominations. All proceeds raised from fundraising efforts go to Ronald McDonald House Charities, helping to strengthen families with critically ill children in local communities across each state. Event organizers hope to raise more than \$5 million this year, adding to the more than \$47.7 million

collected from McDonald's customers since the annual event was started in 2003.

"Our community has always been eager to help others and over the past year, with McDonald's customer and employee support, RMHC of Maine has helped children and family-focused organizations across Maine and eastern New Hampshire," said Gary Eckmann, local McDonald's owner/operator and former president of the board of RMHC of Maine. "Maine and eastern New Hampshire McDonald's encourage our customers to participate in the 'Lovin' #for RMHC' fundraiser and continue working together as a community to help local families and children.

Through donations and events like "Lovin' #for RMHC," the charity is able to serve more than 9 million children and families around the world every year. RMHC creates family-centered programs such as the Ronald McDonald Houses in Maine and New Hampshire which serve as a home away from home for families with sick children to stay together while the child receives medical treatment.

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Houses® in Bangor and Portland, the Ronald McDonald Family Room® at Maine Medical Center in Portland and Eastern Maine Medical Center's Children's Cancer and Treatment Center located at the LaFayette Family Cancer Center in Brewer. A complete list of Maine and eastern New Hampshire McDonald's restaurant locations can be found at www. mcmaine.com.

Theater Project benefit auction

The Theater Project's 7th Annual benefit auction takes place at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 8 in the Robinson Room at the Brunswick Hotel and Tavern, 4 Noble Street, Brunswick.

Original art and handicrafts, jewelry, high-end electronics, sporting event tickets and unique packages and baskets are available. The auction is The Theater Project's biggest fundraising event of the year and all proceeds go directly to the Young People's Theater and the Young Company.

Black tie optional dress, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and music. Event begins with silent auction bidding at 6 p.m.; live auction portion of the evening starts at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the theater box office at 729-8584 or 14 School Street, Brunswick; online at www. theaterproject.com; or at the door on the evening of the event.

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'Songs of the Civil War' at Franco Center



General Joshua Chamberlain

The Maine Music Society presents "Songs of the Civil War," May 9 at 7:30 p.m. and May 10, 3 p.m. at the Franco Center.

In commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the end of the conflict, the Androscoggin Chorale will present songs from both sides: rousing marching tunes contrasted with pensive reflections of home and loved ones. Also hear renditions of stirring letters written by native sons on the battlefield.

In addition special guest General Joshua Chamberlain, impersonated by living history performer Charles W. Plummer, will comment on his role during the war. Chamberlain is most noted for leading the 20th Maine Regiment in defending Little Round Top during the Battle of Gettysburg, an action that earned him the Medal of Honor. He later served four terms as Maine's governor and was a professor and president of $\dot{B}\text{owdoin}$ College. Plummer's living history portrayal will provide a special complement to the Civil War Concert. Tickets are available at www. mainemusicsociety.org or by calling LA Arts at 782-7228.



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Friday, May 1

15th Annual Downtown Conference. 8 a.m. registration. First Parish Church, 9 Cleveland St., Brunswick. \$75 non-members; \$60 members of Maine Development Foundation, Main Street Maine, or Maine Downtown Network Communities. FMI: 626-3117 or 975-9149. www.mdf.org.

Luncheon. Bag lunches. Staggered times. Calvary United Methodist Church, 59 Sabattus St., Lewiston. Annual lobster roll luncheon. Order early. FMI: Lucky Dibello 784-3869 or www. calvarylewiston.org. Same day order hotline 212-1551.

Theater, Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys." The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. Again May 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, Thurs./Fri.- 7:30 pm, Sat. - 8 p.m., Sun. - 2 p.m., with an added Sat. matinee on May 9 at 3 p.m. Tickets \$20 adults/ \$16 groups of 10 or more and \$5 for ages 18-. FMI: 782-3200 or www.

thepublictheatre.org. Saturday, May 2

May Day Craft Fair. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lewiston Armory, 65 Central Ave., Lewiston. Presented by the

Lewiston Recreation Division. For more information, call 513-3005.

Egg hunt. New Auburn May Day Egg Hunt. 1-2 p.m. Walton Field. Games; music; baby animals; how to plant a seed; contests; prizes. FMI: 577-2694.

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Sunday, May 3

Dedication service: 10 a.m., Christian Community Church of Turner, 425 Turner Center Rd., Turner. FMI: cccofturner@gmail.com.

Benefit. 2-5 p.m. Meals on Wheels/SeniorsPlus. American Legion Hall. 595 Gore Rd., Locke Mills. Live music and snacks. 50/50 raffle. \$10 at door; \$8 in advance. FMI 1-800-427-1241 or info@seniorsplus.org.

Tuesday, May 5

Grief support mtg. 6-7:30 p.m. North Windham Union Church, 723 Roosevelt Trail, Rte. 302, Windham. FMI: Linda Hopkins - 400-8714. Ongoing Tuesdays.

Wednesday, May 6

Awards dinner: 6 p.m., Ladies of St Anne Sodality of Holy Family Prince of Peace Parish, Green Ladle. Entertainment by Pamela Vaillancourt. Door prizes and 50/50 raffle. \$18. FMI: Anita at 333-0288.

Thursday, May 7

Southern Maine Community College spring open house. 4-6 p.m. Brunswick. SMCC holds open houses every spring and fall at its South Portland Campus and its Midcoast Campus in Brunswick. Learn about academic programs, meet faculty and staff.

Friday, May 8

Benefit. 6 p.m. The Theater Project's 7th Annual Benefit Auction. Robinson Room at the Brunswick Hotel and Tavern, 4 Noble Street, Brunswick. Original art and handicrafts, jewelry, high-end electronics, sporting event tickets and unique packages and baskets are available. Black tie optional dress, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and music. Event begins with silent and live auctions. \$20. FMI: theater box office 729-8584/14 School Street, Brunswick. www.theaterproject.com or at the door evening of event.

Saturday, May 9

Chicken BBQ. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. KofC at the KC picnic grounds. Rte 196, Lisbon Falls. 1/2 BBQ chicken, assorted salads, beverage and dessert. \$8 adults; \$15 couple; \$4 children. FMI: 241-0639.

Public supper. 5 p.m. Paris fire station, Western Avenue, S. Paris. Proceeds will go toward a \$1,000 scholarship that PFD Auxiliary has awarded to Matthew Welch, a 2015 Oxford Hills High School graduate. Chicken pie, potatoes, rolls, vegetables, mac & cheese, salads, assorted homemade pies with ice cream. Paris fire station, Western Avenue, S. Paris. Adults \$8. Ages 4 -12 \$4.

Concert. 7 p.m. Final Cabin Fever Concert. The First Universalist Church of Turner Center, 450 Turner Center Rd., Rte. 117, Turner. Turner's own musical brothers Kevin and Bryce Libby. Dessert. Donations to support young, aspiring area musicians. For more information call 754-0954 or 225-3962.

Square dance. 7-10 p.m. Swingin' Bears Dance Club. Oxford Hills Mid-

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dle School, 100 Pine St., S. Paris. Refreshments. Door prizes. 50/50 raffle. \$6. FMI: Eleanor Herrick 782-4050 or www.squaredanceme.us. Concert: 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday, May 10

Performance: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Vineyard Church of Mechanic Falls, 90 Lewiston St., Mechanic Falls; 7 p.m., East Auburn Baptist Church, 560 Park Ave., Auburn. African Children's Choir. Free. Donations welcome. FMI: Vineyard Church of Mechanic Falls 345-9501 or East Auburn Baptist Church 782-0348. Also see www.africanchildrenschoir.com.

Monday, May 11

Church event – 1st of three: 6:30 p.m. Prince of Peace Parish 2015 Parish Mission: "God, Are You Online?" Holy Family Church, 607 Sabattus Street. Sunday, May 10 "Come to the Father!" Monday, May 11 - 6:30 pm: "Christ and Him Crucified." Tuesday, May 12 - 6:30 pm: "Fire It Up!" FMI and rides call 777-1200.

Auditions. 7 p.m. Lewiston Auburn Community Little Theatre for musical "Into the Woods." upstairs in the Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy St. Auburn. Again 5/12.

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Lisbon High School Class of 2014 graduate Cory O'Connor is currently serving his country as an Airmen 1st Class in Guam.

O'Connor is the son of Tammy Orr and James O'Connor, and the grandson of Darrell and Nancy Orr, Lisbon Falls. O'Connor graduated in top of his class with a grade point average of 98 at the Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas.

Cory will be stationed at the Andersen Air Force Base in Guam for the next two years.

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Auburn students raising funds to attend 'Odyssey of the Mind'

Three Auburn teams comprised of 11 students have qualified to represent Maine at the upcoming "Odyssey of the Mind" world finals at Michigan State University, May 20-23. Odyssey of the Mind, an international program for students from kindergarten through college, focuses on problem-solving exercises. Each team chooses an OM-created problem in the fall, working throughout the winter to create a solution which may entail anything from building mechanical devices to reinterpreting literary classics. Solutions are tested at spring regional and state competitions, such as a Sanford event on March 28.

Fundraising efforts to

raise \$16,000 are currently underway, and include bottle drives, selling baked goods and car washes. Additional events include a "Dine and Donate" night at Panera Bread on Tuesday, May 5, and one at Applebee's on Wednesday, May 13. The teams will be selling Whoopie pies at the Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 9, as well as organizing a yard sale on Nottingham Road in Auburn, also on May 9.

Through donations by local businesses, a raffle calendar has been created in which the purchase of a calendar means a chance to win over \$600 in prizes during the month of May. Cookie-grams and a dessert night that includes a silent auction are also in the works. A bottle drive will continue throughout the month. For more information, contact Keith Brann at kbrann@mtabstracting. net.

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