

## Gov. LePage surprises Bruce Myrick on 80th birthday



Governor Paul R. LePage and First Lady Ann LePage flank Bruce and Rita Myrick at a surprise 80th birthday party for Bruce on Saturday at Grid Iron in Lewiston. Bruce was the Governor's mentor and foster dad after he left home as a boy. The party, organized by Rita, was a well-kept secret and a real surprise to Bruce. (TCT photo by Laurie A. Steele)

## CM Education Foundation honors achievements at annual dinner



Award recipients honored (seated, l.-r.) Liz Oken, staff person of the year; Kim Pfusich, "Yes I Can" award; Janelle Thornley and Chyanna Millett-Cordwell, All-Maine academic team; Brianna Crosby, student of the year; Jeanne A.K. Hey and Paulette St. Ours from the University of New England, partner of the year; Julie Hansen, scholarship recipient of the year. Standing (l.-r.) Carrington Miller, male athlete of the year; Bob Brainerd, president's award; Eileen Steck and Karen White, faculty members of the year; Jack Buckley, adjunct faculty member of the year; Laura Soohy, female athlete of the year; Rick Tardiff, alumnus of the year; Jennie Ingall, "Against All Odds" award. (See story and more photos on page 4)

## Not Your Normal Formal held on May 1 at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston



"Sailing Into the Sunset" was the theme of this year's Not Your Normal Formal. The theme was carefully selected to be a metaphor for Chip Morrison's retirement as President of the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce. Pictured above is "Captain" Chip Morrison with his lovely wife Jane. (TCT photo by Jen Pike) (See more photos on pages 6-8.)

## Preservation Board honors Rails, Kora Shrine

Rails, the new restaurant located at 103 Lincoln Street, will be the site of the Lewiston Historic Preservation Review Board's 2015 Annual Awards presentation on Thursday, May 7 at 3 p.m.

The building housing Rails will be one of two honored by the board for outstanding preservation efforts this year. Previously known as the Grand Trunk Depot, the

historic building is owned by the Lewiston-Auburn Railroad Company, which made renovations to the building's interior and exterior. The company leases the space to Rails proprietors Stephen and Claire Dick.

Also slated to be recognized for renovations to its facade will be the Kora Shrine building, located at 11 Sabattus Street.

Kora Shrine Potentate

Richard Hersom will attend the ceremony.

Each year, in observance of National Preservation Month, the City of Lewiston's Historic Preservation Review Board recognizes outstanding preservation efforts in the community to raise awareness of the ability of historic preservation to enhance community, energize local economies and renew existing resources.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Mechanics Savings supports CMCC



Rick Vail, President of Mechanics Savings Bank (L.), presents a \$2,500 check to Roger Philippon, Dean of Planning & Public Affairs at Central Maine Community College, to fund scholarships for students.

## CMMC adds new members to Board of Trustees

Central Maine Medical Center has added Steven Wallace of Auburn, Christine M. Bosse of Sabattus, Austin Albert of Lewiston and Adam Dunbar of Auburn to its Board of Trustees.

Steven Wallace is the chief executive officer of the YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston. Prior to assuming leadership of the YMCA, he served as president and CEO of the Southern Mid-coast Maine Chamber of Commerce. His experience includes leadership of the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce. Prior to his chamber work, he was director of the Base Realignment and Closure Transition Center at Brunswick Naval Air Station. He is a 21-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps, where he served in multiple capacities, including combat soldier.

He was recognized as 2013 Chamber Executive of the Year by the Maine State Chamber of Commerce and the Veteran Small Business Champion for 2007 by the Small Business Association. He earned the "Above and

Beyond Award" in 2008 from the Training Resource Center.

Wallace is chairman of the Veterans Employment Committee for Maine's State Workforce Investment Board, a member of the Maine Society of Account Executives Board of Directors, and past President of the Maine Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

He holds a master's degree in project management and finance from Southern New Hampshire University and a bachelor's degree from Mount Olive College in North Carolina.

Christine M. Bosse is vice president retail manager at the Lewiston branch of Bangor Savings Bank. Her professional experience includes more than 20 years in various capacities at People's Heritage-TDBank in Auburn.

She serves as a governing board member at Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice, Museum L/A, the Maine Music Society, the Good Food Council See CMMC, page 3

## Lisbon grad serves in U.S. Navy

Lisbon High School Class of 2014 graduate Courtney R. Martel enlisted in the United States Navy on June 23, 2014. She completed basic training at the Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois on August 22, 2014 and the Quarter Master Class "A" school in November of 2014. She is currently stationed on the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Paul Hamilton with the homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Martel is the



Courtney R. Martel daughter of Lisa and Robert Martel of Lisbon and Melony Martel of York.

## Mason completes NICD training

Maine State Senator Garrett Mason (R-Androscoggin) is one of thirteen legislators from across the country to complete the National Institute for Civil Discourse's recent training to facilitate workshops across the nation for its Next Generation program. Next Generation is an initiative directed by former Ohio State Representative Ted Celeste with the goal of creating and strengthening relationships across the aisle through mutual trust based on compassionate commu-



Senator Garrett Mason

nication. "I was pleased to have the opportunity to participate in the NICD's facilitator training," said Mason, the Maine Senate Majority Leader. "Speaking with legislators from across the country, comparing experiences and ideas and determining that we can all take steps to improve civil discourse provided me with a fresh perspective that will have a positive effect on my work in the Maine Legislature."

Next Generation works specifically with state lawmakers, advocates and universities to address political gridlock within state legislatures. Since December of 2012, Next Generation has held workshops in nine different states. With the addition of these thirteen newest facilitators, See Mason, page 3

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# Governor's Address: Contact your legislators about eliminating the income tax

My bill to eliminate the Maine income tax would make sure it never comes back. This would put 1.2 billion dollars in the pockets of working Mainers.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, Eliminating the income tax is the largest wage increase Mainers could get. You work hard for your money, you earned it and you should keep it.

Liberal politicians tax and spend and tell you they are helping you. There's no amount of your money they won't spend on their follies, expand welfare and reward their friends in special-interest groups.

I have just one special interest: the Maine people. You know much better than government how to spend your own money.

That's why I have proposed a Constitutional amendment to eliminate the income tax. This amendment would prevent politicians from enacting an income tax in the future.

The Constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. Maine voters must then approve it at a state-wide referendum in November.

Some states tried moving too fast to eliminate their income tax. We are taking a much more cautious approach.

We are phasing it out over time until it is gone. We first reduced the top rate from 8.5 to 7.95 percent, giving tax relief to two-thirds of Mainers.

In addition, 70,000 low-income Mainers no longer pay income tax. Opponents said the loss of income tax revenue would hurt government. But revenue has gone up since we reduced the income tax.

This year, my plan cuts the income tax even further, from 7.95 to 5.75%. That's a 40% reduction in the income tax since I took office.

As the income tax goes down, Mainers get more money in their pockets. As they spend that money, it creates economic growth.

This generates the revenue needed to right-size government, resulting in an affordable, efficient and effective governance.

My goal is to reduce the income tax to 4% by the end of 2018. The Constitutional amendment would guarantee it keeps going down after I leave office.

I have been holding town hall meetings all over the state. I am telling Mainers I'm trying to put more money into their paychecks. Most people get it.

But liberal politicians are purposely misrepresenting my plan, saying it will cut education or local services. These are nothing more than ideological fabrications being used to scare the Maine people.

Angry liberals often yell out or strongly object to my plan at the town hall meetings. I asked one man if he would give up \$300,000 in revenue sharing in his town if the residents in that town would get back \$5 million from my income tax cut. He said, "No!" You just can't please some people. But I know the vast majority of Mainers do want their money back. They prefer to spend their own money, rather than have greedy liberal politicians redistribute their earnings on programs we don't all agree with.

Whether you like my plan or not, I urge you to contact your legislators. You hold the true power — not me and not the Legislature.

If you want to eliminate the income tax and put more money in your paycheck, then pick up the phone and call your legislators. Write them a letter or send them an email.

Your voice is very important: make sure they hear it.

*Thank You*  
*Paul R. LePage*  
*Governor*

## CMMC

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of Lewiston and Auburn, Central Maine Community College, the University of Southern Maine L-A Community Advisory Board, College For Me, and the Lewiston Education Fund. She is a past president and member of the Central Maine Medical Center Associates.

Austin Albert is a financial adviser and founder of Champoux Financial Services in Lewiston, now the Twin City Financial Group.

He is a member of the governing boards of the Franco-American Heritage Center and the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce and is vice president of the Lewiston Education Fund. He belongs to the Auburn Business Association.

He is a graduate of Union College with a bachelor's degree in managerial economics.

Adam Dunbar is a financial advisor—first vice president at Wells Fargo Advisors in Portland. His professional experience includes work with Wachovia Securities and A.G Edwards. He presently manages approximately \$120 million in investments, primarily for individuals in Androscoggin County.

He is a current member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Maine Board of Directors and a past member of the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce governing board. He is presently a member of the American Heart Association Executive Leadership Team.

He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Southern Maine in Portland.

## Mason

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Next Generation now has twenty-six trained facilitators ready to guide legislators through a civil discourse workshop in their state.

Mason is currently serving his third term in the Maine State Senate. He represents the people of Senate District 22, which consists of Litchfield, Wayne, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lisbon, Sabattus, Turner and Wales.

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Enough is Enough

It’s business as usual for Democrats in Augusta

**By Robert E. Macdonald**  
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“Democrats said such a rigid standard could cause hardship to people who are willing to repay the money but need emergency assistance before doing so.”

Thus wrote reporter Kevin Miller in his article, “Bipartisan effort targets welfare loopholes” (*Portland Press Herald*, April 30, 2015).

The statement is the reported response from the Democrat legislators who sit on the Health and Human Services Committee to a piece of welfare reform legislation, LD 722. If someone is caught committing fraud, they are now removed from General Assistance rolls for 120 days and ordered to reimburse the city or town from which they stole.

On the 121st day, those who have abused the system will show up at the General Assistance office and be reinstated, even though they have not made restitution.

The bill, LD 722, would ensure reimbursement is made to the city or town before those who committed fraud could be reinstated on the welfare rolls. Democrats think this is too draconian. They feel that those who abuse welfare should be reinstated, as long as they promise to pay the money back.

Democrats are trying to create legislation that will give those who abuse the welfare system a chance to return, after only 120 days suspension, to the General Assistance rolls without making any restitution. In



Mayor Bob Macdonald

In short, this legislation will not change anything. It will continue to be business as usual.

Enough is enough. Pass the bill in its original form: make welfare abusers pay full restitution or they cannot return to the General Assistance rolls.

This bill, if passed with

the Democrats’ changes, does absolutely nothing but give liberal politicians an out on Election Day, when they can point to this toothless bill and claim they voted for welfare reform.

But the real outrage, which is not addressed in this bill, is that those who abuse the welfare system can continue to reapply, commit fraud, then reapply again after their penalty time has expired.

Apparently, many in Augusta still don’t quite get it. They seem to have forgotten – or just don’t care – that this past November election was a call for welfare reform. In Lewiston, these nanny-state policies are slowly killing the city.

While communities in the southern part of the state, which don’t have to deal with these problems, enjoy mil rates in the mid-teens, Lewiston’s mil rate is 27-plus. When they build

a new school, it’s done to provide their students with a nicer facility. In Lewiston, new schools are built to accommodate our growing General Assistance population.

Our high mil rate makes it difficult to attract businesses. Our new vibrant downtown, featuring Lewiston’s middle-class and upscale neighborhoods, is overshadowed by a somewhat rundown inner city. But worst of all, our seniors on fixed incomes and our families with school-aged children have been pitted against each other due to increasing budget expenses that are beyond the control of our city councilors and school committee members.

Sadly, things don’t appear to be looking up. Most of the welfare legislation introduced by Senator Eric Brakey (R-Auburn) appears to be going down the drain.

Two of these bills, LD 368 and LD 369, would bring Lewiston and Auburn into compliance with federal and state regulations.

It appears the Democrats are still turning to liberal activist organizations that make their living off the poor for their marching orders. Why do they fear these organizations more than the wrath of the voters?

It’s time to call your local state senators and state representatives and ask them the following:

1. If the federal and state government refuse benefits to undocumented aliens (LD 369) and people reaching their lifetime five-year limitation on welfare benefits (LD 368), why are local taxpayers forced to support them?
2. Why are the well-heeled communities to our south exempt from having to share in the cost incurred by this financial support?

Former St. Joseph’s rectory building razed



The last day of April saw the demise of the rectory building at the former St. Joseph’s Church on Main Street in Lewiston. In the early morning hours, St. Laurent & Sons Excavation made short work of the demolition, resulting in a pile of rubble the firm worked to remove last week.

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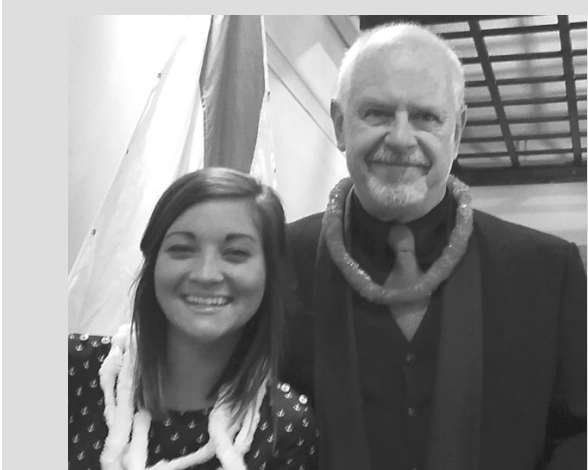
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Postgraduate Abdibaari Hersi of Lewiston, son of Mr. Abdullahi Abdi Hersi and Mrs. Nadifo Issak Hersi, was recently named to the Dean's List at Hyde School in Bath, Maine.

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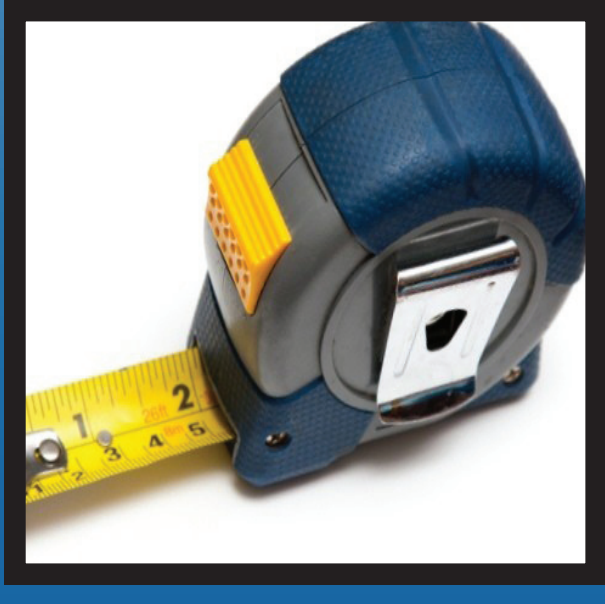
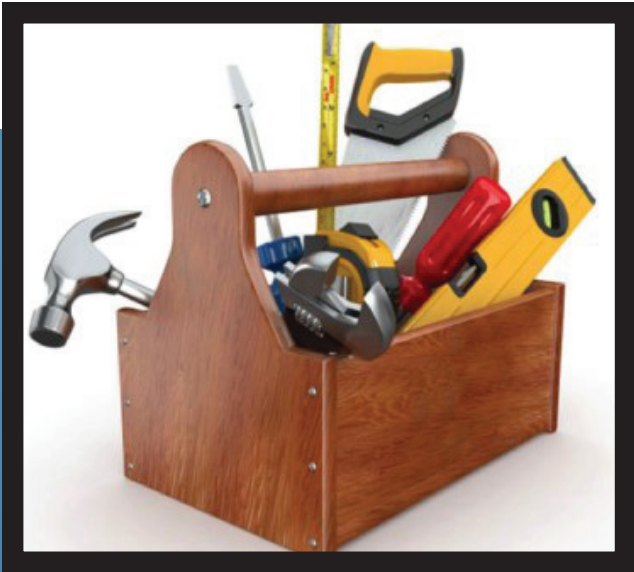
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# What's Going On

## United Hosts Free "CPR Blitz"



Left to Right: Samantha Massey, Brad Gilbert, Susan Yurek, Michel Vining, Patrick Guzewicz, Jen Spencer, Dianne Irving, Spencer Simoneau, and Michelle Cooper. (Photos courtesy of United Ambulance)

On Saturday, May 2nd United Ambulance Service sponsored a free "CPR Blitz" event. The event was held at Central Maine Medical Center and was an attempt to provide community members with CPR training and certification.

United provided 11 CPR instructors for the event who were able to successfully train and certify 60 adults and children in adult, child, and infant CPR. The training also included an overview and hands-on experience utilizing automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

"United decided to host a free CPR Blitz for the community in efforts to increase awareness regarding what to do if someone witnessed or tried to assist an individual suffering from cardiac arrest" mentioned Dennis Russell, United's Education Manager.

The "blitz" hosted by United Ambulance was a

huge success with over 60 American Heart Association (AHA) CPR Cards distributed. Each participant's certification is valid for two years and can be renewed by attending a refresher course prior to the expiration date.

United Ambulance Service is jointly owned and operated by Central Maine Medical Center and St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. United is Maine's only nationally accredited ground ambulance service and has been serving the citizens of central and southern Maine since 1981. If you would like more information regarding training programs at United, please contact 782-8414 or visit them online: [www.unitedambulance.com](http://www.unitedambulance.com).



Community Members Participating in CPR Training

## SeniorsPlus receives grant from Women's Fund

SeniorsPlus has received a \$10,000 grant from the Maine Women's Fund, awarded through a competitive application and review process through its 2014-15 Economic Security Initiative grant cycle. The funds will support the "Money Minds for Women" program at SeniorsPlus, which educates and assists low to moderate-income older women with money management.

An estimated five percent of Mainers older than sixty become victims of elder abuse - including financial abuse. Money Minds helps individuals achieve financial independence by assisting them to create a monthly budget, ensuring bills are paid, connecting

*See Grant, page 15*

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Hebron fourth graders tour State House



The fourth grade class of Hebron Station School met with State Representatives Lloyd “Skip” Herrick (R-Paris) and Kathleen Dillingham (R-Oxford) recently as they spent the day touring the Blaine House, State House and Maine State Museum.

Maine Audubon seeks “road watch” volunteers

As the weather warms up, many animals are on the move and are more likely to be spotted on or near Maine roads. This spring, Maine Audubon is seeking volunteers to survey roads in Maine for signs of animal road crossings.

Maine Audubon’s Wildlife Road Watch is a web-based map and database designed to record citizen scientists’ observations of roadside and road-killed wildlife. Volunteers can participate by submitting roadside observations on the Wildlife Road Watch website. To register and submit observations, visit [maineaudubon.org](http://maineaudubon.org).

Information collected by volunteers about where different animals attempt to cross roads will be used by biologists with Maine Audubon, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife and the Maine Department of Transportation to identify ways to reduce road-kill and increase safety for people and wildlife.

Since the inception of the Wildlife Road Watch program in 2010, over 460 volunteers have reported over 4,800 wildlife observations of 130 different wildlife species, including some that are rare and endangered.

Roads can have a big impact on endangered species by impeding movement and separating populations, as well as killing individuals from collisions. For instance, Maine Audubon biologists report that, unless changes are made, Blanding’s turtles and spotted turtles are likely to become extinct in Maine due to road mortality.

To learn more about Wildlife Road Watch, contact Barbara Charry at Maine Audubon at 781-2330 ext. 225 or [bcharry@maineaudubon.org](mailto:bcharry@maineaudubon.org).

What’s Going On

May activities at Meadowview

Activities scheduled by the Meadowview Senior Complex Tenant Council for this month include the monthly Tenants Council meeting on Monday, May 11 at 10 a.m. (coffee and donut holes will be served); an Ice Cream Social organized by Bates College students on Wednesday, May 13 at 3 p.m.; a Pass the Buck game on Sunday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m.; the annual Anniversary Banquet on Wednesday, May 20 at 5 p.m.; and a brunch served by Bates Colleges students on



Taking part in the annual Easter Hat Contest at Meadowview Senior Complex were residents Gil Lafrance, Hope Hughes, Bert Dutil, Gladys Costa and contest winner Bea Caron.

Saturday, May 25 at 11 a.m. at 5 p.m. is a weekly Beano event. Taking place every Thursday

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# TWIN CITY NIGHTS

## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### CLT casts "Importance of Being Earnest"



The cast of CLT's "The Importance of Being Earnest" includes (l. to r. from front) Jennifer Fox, Mark Hazard, Jane Mitchell, Genevieve Hering, Bernie Button, Paul Menezes and David Moison.

Director Celeste Philippon has announced the cast for the upcoming L-A Community Little Theater production of "The Importance of Being Earnest." Written by Oscar Wilde and first performed in 1895 at St. James's Theatre in London, this farcical comedy has become his most enduringly popular play. Its major theme is the triviality with which Victorian society treated institutions as serious as marriage.

Jennifer Fox will play the role of Gwendolen Fairfax; Mark Hazard will play the role of Rev. Chasuble; Jane Mitchell will play the role of Miss Prism; Genevieve Hering will play Cecily Cardew; Bernie Button will

play Jack Worthing; Paul Menezes will play Merriman; David Moison will play Algernon Moncrieff; Andrea Quaid will play Lady Bracknell; and Brendan Cassidy will play Lane.

Production dates for the show will be June 5, 6,

11, 12, and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and June 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$12 for children 12 and under. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the CLT website at [www.lactl.com](http://www.lactl.com).

### Public Supper & Music Jam

The Litchfield Sportsmen's Club will present its monthly Public Supper & Music Jam on Saturday, May 9. The meal will include baked beans, hot dogs, casseroles, biscuits, all the fixin's, desserts and more.

Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 and

the music jam will take place from 6:30 to 8:30. Admission is \$7 per person.

The Litchfield Sportsmen's Club is located on the Hallowell Road in Litchfield. The facility is wheelchair accessible and has plenty of free parking. For more information, call Tom at 268-9271.

### Franco Center '80s Night to feature The Awesome

Next up in the Franco Center's ongoing Club Series will be a rocking '80s Night dance on Friday, May 8 at 8:30 p.m. in its downstairs Heritage Hall Clubhouse at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston.

The '80s-era music will be provided by popular band The Awesome. Hailing from Portland, the band is comprised of seasoned musicians from several of Maine's most popular bands.

"These talented performers have been packing in sold-out crowds at nightclubs in Maine and beyond," said Franco Center executive director Mitch Thomas. "We'd love to see people dress up '80s-style and join us."

Doors and the cash bar will open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. To purchase, call the Box Office at 689-2000, visit in per-



Pogo the night away in the Franco Center's Heritage Hall Clubhouse when popular party band The Awesome provides the '80s music on Friday, May 8.

son Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., or go online at [www.Franco-Center.org](http://www.Franco-Center.org).

### Country Sunday

The next Country Sunday will take place on May 10 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club. The event will feature food and dancing to live country music by Sally Doe, Wendy Day, Carol Royer, Barb Hartford, Cathy Severance, Dona Whittemore and the Lost & Found Band. There will also be raffles, door prizes,

a 50/50 drawing and concessions.

Doors will open at 11 a.m. Admission is \$5, free for children under 12.

Located on the Hallowell Road in Litchfield, the club is wheelchair accessible and has plenty of free parking. For more information, call Connie at 536-9647 or Gary at 377-8035.

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## Vineyard Church hosts African Children's Choir



Performing around the globe in support of relief and education programs for children in Africa, the African Children's Choir will appear at Vineyard Church of Mechanic Falls on Sunday, May 10.

The African Children's Choir will perform two shows, at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., on Sunday, May 10 at the Vineyard Church, located at 90 Lewiston Street in Mechanic Falls.

A nonprofit humanitarian and relief organization dedicated to helping Africa's most vulnerable children, the African Children's Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. Their programs feature well-loved children's songs, traditional

spirituals and Gospel favorites. Their concerts are free and open to all. A free-will offering is collected at each performance to support African Children's Choir programs for education, care, relief and development. Their parent organization, Music for Life, has worked in Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa to educate over 52,000 children and impact the lives of over 100,000 people through its relief and development programs.

The African Children's Choir has performed before

presidents, heads of state and, most recently, Queen Elizabeth II of England for her diamond jubilee. The Choir has also sung alongside artists including Paul McCartney, Annie Lennox, Keith Urban, Mariah Carey and Michael W. Smith.

They recently recorded some tracks with Sarah Hickman for the CD "Love Is a Journey" and will have a small role in the upcoming Warner Bros. Pictures movie, "Pan," starring Hugh Jackman. For more information about the performances, call the church at 345-9501.

## Louis Philippe to perform at May La Rencontre



Performer Louis Phillipe as his comic alter ego, Father Frenchie.

Popular entertainer Louis Philippe and representatives from both local hospitals will provide portions of the program for this month's La Rencontre (The Gathering) at the Franco Center on Thurs-

day, May 14 at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the meal and program is \$8.

After the meal, musician and vocalist Louis Philippe will make an encore appearance at the Center to perform French and English

songs intermingled with occasional humor. Based in Portland, Philippe is the guiding force behind Reindeer Records, a small grassroots label that showcases the work of, and provides business experience and career exposures to, new artists. Philippe's work is featured on a number of CDs, including "La Vie En Rose - A Tribute to Piaf" and "Father Frenchie Comes to Lewiston."

As part of the Center's ongoing healthcare series, the program will also include a brief talk called "I'd Rather Not Think About It: Advance Care Planning and Palliative Care," to be presented jointly by Jackie

# Twin City Nights

## Dragapalooza to benefit Outright L/A



Drag artists from throughout Maine will perform at this year's Dragapalooza on Saturday, May 9 at Bates College's Shaeffer Theater. (Photo courtesy of Phyllis Graber Jensen, Bates College.)

Fournier, Nurse Practitioner at CMMC, and Elizabeth Keene, ACC, FT, Vice President of Mission Integration at St. Mary's Health System.

The May meal will be KFC Chicken Pot Pies with cole slaw and biscuits and cake for dessert. Doors will open at 10 a.m. To make reservations, guests may contact the Center at 783-1585; please leave a message or call during office hours, Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. E-mail reservations may be sent to [boxoffice@francocenter.org](mailto:boxoffice@francocenter.org). Reservations must be placed by Tuesday, May 12 at 4 p.m. Those who plan to attend are advised not to wait until the last minute to reserve a spot, because this popular monthly event often reaches capacity days before the registration deadline.

La Rencontre is in no way restricted to French-speakers or those of Franco descent. All are welcome to attend while spots remain. The Franco Center is wheelchair accessible and located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston.

Outright Lewiston-Auburn and Bates College OUTfront will present the seventh annual "Lewistunning Dragapalooza" on Saturday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at Bates College's Shaeffer Theater.

Proceeds from the event will support the organizations' work with youth in Androscoggin County.

Drag artists from throughout Maine will per-

form, including Shaunna Rai, Miss E'on, Cherry Lemonade, Jacinda, Justin Case, Lil'T, King Stephon, Morgan Juliette, Lucille, Leanna Love, Sarah Tonin, Jersey Couture Dior, Prodigy Diamond, Club-Kid MizzDiveena, Adison, Anita Dragname and Lady Fatima Blush.

The evening will also include amateur performance. See Bates, page 15



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## *Out & About with Rachel Morin*

## Jean Flahive discusses “Railroad to the Moon: Elijah’s Story”



*Author Jean Flahive (third from right), with several of her former co-workers from the Central Maine Technical Institute. Pictured (l. to r.) are Richard Lee (Vice President/Academic Dean), William Hierstein (President), Betty Campbell, RN (Sr. Faculty, Nursing Program), Judy Hierstein (exemplary volunteer for social culture) and Patricia Vampatella, RN (Chairperson of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program).*

**Story and photos  
by Rachel Morin**

We settled in with great anticipation as au-

thor Jean Flahive began to discuss her book, "Railroad to the Moon: Elijah's Story" at an April book signing

event at Lewiston-Auburn Senior College. We had looked forward to hearing from this acclaimed,



*Author Jean Flahive with Monique Gagne and Maureen Chicoine*

award-winning author about her latest work, a historical novel set partly in Maine.

Flahive knew many of the people in the audience, who turned out in great numbers for the event. Of special note were several of her former co-workers at Central Maine Technical Institute (now the Central Maine Community College). She introduced us to William Hierstein, former CMTI President, to whom she gave credit for the primary inspiration behind "Railroad to the Moon."

Flahive recalled how her story, partly set in post-Civil War Lewiston and featuring as its main character the fictional Elijah, a freed black slave headed to Maine, was stalled while she searched for an authentic voice to spark the narrative.

Hierstein, who knew of her penchant for researching lesser known historical details to flesh out her characters and bring their stories to life, reminded her that Oren Cheney, the founder and first president of what soon became Bates College, was a Freewill Baptist who had helped runaway slaves and was instrumental in helping to establish education for freed slaves.

That was it! Now needing a genuine voice for Cheney, she enlisted the scholarly research of Pastor J. Trent Boyd of



*Author Jean Flahive with Helen Archambault and Nancy Ruff*

Freewill Baptist Church in Buxton. Sharing her passion for history, Boyd proved to be invaluable in researching the voice of Cheney.

Flahive's novel interweaves the stories of Cheney and Elijah, a freed slave headed to Maine  
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*Author Jean Flahive with Cynthia Peters*



*Author Jean Flahive with Paul and Jean Boucher*

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Author Jean Flahive with Barbara Randall

## Flahive

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to find the white family  
whose son, Billy, saved his

life. While Elijah had once  
promised to befriend Billy's  
younger brother, he also had  
obligations to return to the  
South to find his Pappy and



Author Jean Flahive with Linda Morton



Author Jean Flahive with Eloise O'Neill

the girl he left behind.

Told warmly in the dialect of the freed slaves, the story reveals their plight in an era when American society was undergoing vast upheavals and many were far from pleased with emancipation. As the location of the former Maine State Seminary, now Bates College, Lewiston plays a prominent role in the book, and local readers will enjoy imagining what their city, with its familiar natural and man-made landmarks, looked like a century and a half ago.

With Cheney potentially adding the role of matchmaker to his numerous other accomplishments, the book ends hopefully with the birth of a child, always the greatest of new beginnings.

A resident of South Portland, Flahive is a former Dean of students at Central Maine Technical College and a former trustee of the University of Maine System. She has also worked as a grant writer for numerous municipalities and non-profits.

She's the author of "Billy Boy: The Sunday Soldier of the 17th Maine" and co-author of two books: "Remember Me: Tomah Joseph's Gift to Franklin Roosevelt," which won the Moonbeam Gold Award for Best Multi-Cultural Children's Picture Book of 2009, and "The Galloping Horses of Willowbrook," which was a finalist in the 2012 Maine Literary Awards.

For further information about Jean Flahive and where to buy her books, visit her website at [www.jeanflahive.com](http://www.jeanflahive.com).

achieve our mission of enriching the lives of seniors in our communities while supporting their independence," said Connie Jones, Director of Community Services at SeniorsPlus.

Established in 1972, SeniorsPlus is the Western Maine designated Agency on Aging covering Franklin, Oxford and Androscoggin counties.

### Bates

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mances from area youth. A raffle will offer attendees opportunities to win one of several prizes donated by local businesses.

Lewistunning Dragapalooza is the largest annual fundraiser for Outright L/A. Previous years' performances have consistently sold out.

Outright Lewiston-Auburn works to create safe and affirming environments for youth ages 21 and under who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or questioning, and their straight allies. Outright L/A is always looking for volunteers. For more information, visit [www.outrightla.org](http://www.outrightla.org).

OUTfront is a student-run support group and a political organization that serves the Bates College community by facilitating education and discussion of gender and sexuality issues while working to change intolerant and discriminating attitudes.

OUTfront cooperates with other student organizations toward the greater goal of social justice for all both within and beyond the College.

Doors will open at 6:00. General admission tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in advance at Orbit Hair Styling, 124 Ash Street in Lewiston, or online at [www.outrightla.org/drag](http://www.outrightla.org/drag).

Shaeffer Theater is located at 305 College Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 402-2318 or email [outrightlewisonauburn@gmail.com](mailto:outrightlewisonauburn@gmail.com).




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# May programs at SeniorsPlus

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“Gentle Morning Chair Yoga for Seniors.” Mondays, April 27 to June 22 (no class May 25), 9 to 10 a.m. Instructor: Tisha Bremner, Inner Light Yoga of Maine. Cost: \$40 for 8 weeks or \$8 per class. Designed to increase vitality, gain a deeper sense of balance, and find your inner calm. Combines meditation, easy warm-ups, light stretches and gentle yoga postures.

“Beginners Strength, Balance & Resistance Training.” Every Monday, 11 to 11:45 a.m., and every Wednesday, 1 to 1:45 p.m (no classes May 25 and 27). Instructor: Linn Morin, Certified FLEX Trainer. Cost: \$2 per class. For more information or to register, call Linn at 523-9055. This new twice-a-week class

is designed to improve participants’ quality of life. Come every Monday and/or Wednesday and move to music while increasing bone density, muscle strength, neuromuscular strength and balance. The class will consist of standing or sitting - whichever works better for you.

“Legacy Writers Group: Let Us Help Tell Your Life Story.” Wednesday, May 6 (final class). Time: 3 to 5 p.m. Instructor: Mark Pechenik, Alzheimer’s Association. For more information, call the Alzheimer’s Association at 772-0115.

“Discoveries at our Lewiston Farmers’ Market.” Date: Thursday, May 7. Time: 10 to 10:45 a.m. Instructor: Sherie Blumenthal, Lewiston Farmers Market. Sponsored by St. Mary’s Nutrition Center. Discover Seniors Day Coupons, recipes that work and fruits and vegetables that are great for us as we age. Also, share ideas about how to make the farmers’ market a better place to shop and whether you would like weekly home deliveries of fruits, vegetables and other fresh food!

“Chair Tai Chi.” Date: Friday, May 8. Time: 1 to 2 p.m. Instructor:

Ruben Cornelius. Practice Tai Chi and learn how it works with Balance, Body Awareness, and Breathing.

“Things Change... (Re) Discover Meaning & Purpose.” Date: Monday, May 11. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Instructor: Marilyn Newell. What’s meaningful to us may change as we change, as life changes. Join us as we explore and (re) discover what interests you as an individual.

“Thriving in Place.” Date: Tuesday, May 12. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Instructors: Betsy Sawyer-Manter, Executive Director, SeniorsPlus, and Connie Jones, Director, Community Services, SeniorsPlus. We want to hear from you about what will help you to “thrive in place.” Maine has one of the fastest growing older adult populations in the country. We also know that nearly 100% of older Mainers want to live in their homes and communities. They do not want to move to nursing care even when they are in need of assistance. This workshop will look at ways that communities across Maine are finding ways to support older Mainers to remain in their communities and find ways to give purpose

and meaning to stay put and be a vital part of their community.

“Falls Risk Assessment.” Date: Tuesday, May 12. Time: Individual 30-minute assessment appointments from noon to 4 p.m. Instructor: SeniorsPlus Falls Risk Assessment Staff. Every 15 seconds in the U.S. a senior goes to the ER as a result of a fall. There are about 1000 hip fractures everyday in the U. S., over 90% of which are caused by falls. Most falls can be prevented with early identification, assessment and treatment. Help us help you. In partnership with a study by the University of New England, you’ll be assessed for Balance and Mobility. Your results will be mailed to you within 2 weeks.

“Create a Mosaic Picture Frame.” Date: Wednesday, May 13. Time: 10 to noon. Instructor: Meri Levesque, Unique Mosaics & Photography. Materials Fee: \$20. If you’ve ever seen a piece of artwork where the picture is comprised of little glass tiles, clay tiles, stones, gems, broken china or something you picked up on a walk in the woods, such as birch bark, then you’ve seen a mosaic. Students will learn the fine art of placing these objects on a picture frame. Bring

your tiny treasures that you’d like to incorporate into your own unique mosaic or use the fun pieces the instructor will provide. Class size limited.

“Genetic Genealogy - How, When, Where, and Why.” Date: Thursday, May 14. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Nancy Mason, Genealogy Researcher. New to the idea of DNA testing for genealogy research? Learn about the three major test types: Y-DNA, mtDNA and atDNA. Find out what each test offers and which one might help you best with your research. This is a new but rapidly growing field.

“Health and Humor!” Date: Monday, May 18. Time: 1 to 2 p.m. Instructor: Birdie Googins (aka The Marden’s Lady), Maine Comedian. We know that humor reduces stress, anxiety, and tension, promotes well-being and improves mood. Recent research has also shown that laughter improves pain tolerance, cardiovascular function, immune function and exercises the internal organs. Laughter is good medicine, so let’s have some fun discovering and cultivating our sense of humor.


“Medicare 101.” Date: Wednesday, May 20. Time: 3 to 5 p.m. Instructor: Roland Buss-

iere, SeniorsPlus. New to Medicare? Already on Medicare? Going on Medicare in the near future? Come learn the basics and timelines of this complex system, when you need to sign up for what, ways to save money, the Buy-In, QMB/SLMB/Q-I, LIS and more.

“Re-Discovering Maine’s Landmarks.” Date: Thursday, May 21. Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Christine Richards, Author, Editor, Researcher. Statues are identifying landmarks and part of the fabric of our cities. But what’s their back story? We were curious, did a bit of digging and were surprised at what we found. Whether you’re a history buff, interested in art or simply curious, join us to learn more. In the first in our series, we’ll look at Longfellow, Portland’s beloved poet who was a bestselling author in his day. Those attending will receive a Longfellow poster.

“Healthy Habits for a Healthier You.” Date: Friday, May 22. Time: 10 a.m. to noon. Instructor: Bill Kirkpatrick, Program Director, Alzheimer’s Association. For centuries, we’ve known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to

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Awards Ceremony. 3 p.m. Rails Restaurant, 103 Lincoln Street, Lewiston. The Lewiston Historic Preservation Review Board recognizes the Rails and Kora Shrine buildings for outstanding preservation efforts in 2015. Free.

Spring Open House. 4 to 6 p.m. Brunswick. S. Maine Community College 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. Free.

**Friday, May 8**  
'80s Night. 8:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston. The Center's Club Series continues with a rockin' night of nostalgia featuring live '80s music by The Awesome. \$12. 689-2000; FrancoCenter.org.

**Saturday, May 9**  
Public Supper & Music Jam. 5 p.m. Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, Hallowell Road, Litchfield. Doors at 4:30, meal at 5:00, music

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from 6:30 to 8:30. Wheelchair accessible; plenty of free parking. \$7. 268-9271.

Concert. 7 p.m. First Universalist Church, Rte. 117, Turner Center. Kevin and Bryce Libby perform. Donations will support young local musicians. Elevator available.

Lewistunning Dragapalooza. 7 p.m. Shaeffer Theater, Bates College, 305 College Street, Lewiston. Drag artists from throughout Maine perform to benefit Outright L-A and Bates College OUTfront. Doors open at 6:00. \$15. [www.outrightla.org/drag](http://www.outrightla.org/drag).

**Sunday, May 10**  
Concert. 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Vineyard Church, 90 Lewiston Street, Mechanic Falls. The world-traveling African Children's Choir performs spiritual, Gospel and lively

African music. A free-will offering will benefit relief and education programs for African children. 345-9501.

Country Sunday. Noon to 5 p.m. Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, Hallowell Road, Litchfield. Enjoy and dance to live country music by Sally Doe, Wendy Day, Carol Royer, Barb Hartford, Cathy Severance, Dona Whitemore and the Lost & Found Band. Raffles, door prizes, concessions. Doors at 11:00. \$5 (kids 11- free). 536-9647.

**Wednesday, May 13**  
DAR Meeting. 11 a.m. Hope Haven Gospel Mission, 209 Lincoln Street, Lewiston. Presented by the Mary Dillingham Chapter; program features Elizabeth Swift. Members, bring a bag lunch. Prospective members welcome. Free.

symptoms and effects of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia; how Alzheimer's affects the brain; causes and risk factors; how to find out if it's Alzheimer's disease; the benefits of early detection; how to address a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease' stages of the disease; treatment; hope for the future; ways the Alzheimer's Association can help.

"Volunteer Fair." Date: Tuesday, May 26. Time: 10 to noon. Learn about a multitude of volunteer options available to seniors in our area, including Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Literacy Volunteers Androscoggin,

SEARCH and Western Maine Transportation.

"AARP Smart Driver." Date: Wednesday, May 27. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Instructor: Joe Hahn, AARP Instructor. Cost: \$20, payable to AARP (\$15 for AARP members). Drivers 55 + completing this class are eligible for discounts on their auto insurance for 3 years.

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Americana All You Can Eat Buffet. 5:30 to 7 p.m. American Legion Hall, 71 South Main Street, New Auburn. \$5; cash bar available. Presented by the William J. Rogers Post. FMI, call the Legion Hall afternoons and evenings at 782-1118.

History Program. 7 p.m. Lisbon Historical Society, MTM Center, 18 School Street, Lisbon Falls. Korean War Veteran Charles W. Plummer, Ph.D., discusses "Korea: Memories from a Forgotten War." Free. 353-8510.

**Thursday, May 14**  
Sampson Air Force Base Veterans Lunch. Noon. Marco's Restaurant, 12 Mollison Way, Lewiston. This month's speaker is Jerry DeWitt. All veterans welcome. 657-4909.

**Friday, May 15**  
Plant sale. 3 to 6 p.m. Andro.-Sagadahoc counties Extension Association. UMaine Cooperative Extension Office, 24 Main St., Lisbon Falls. Again Sat., 5/16 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Proceeds to benefit UMaine Extension outreach programs in the two counties that are supported by ASCEA. FMI: 353-5550 or [kymnoelle.sposato@maine.edu](mailto:kymnoelle.sposato@maine.edu).

**Sunday, May 17**  
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**Sunday, June 7**  
YMCA Fit Fest. 8:30 a.m. Festival Plaza, Auburn. This 5K race kicks off the Greater L-A Triple Crown Series. Cash prizes, raffles, music, refreshments, awards. USA Track & Field-certified. Kids' Fun Run 8 a.m.. \$25 (\$20 in advance). [www.triplecrown5k.com](http://www.triplecrown5k.com).

**Sunday, July 19**  
Emily's Run. 8:30 a.m.

Edward Little H.S., Auburn. This 5K race continues the Greater L-A Triple Crown Series. Cash prizes, raffles, music, refreshments, awards. USA Track & Field-certified. Kids' Fun Run 8 a.m. \$25 (\$20 in advance). [www.triplecrown5k.com](http://www.triplecrown5k.com).

**Sunday, August 23**  
L-A Bridge Run. 8:30 a.m. Festival Plaza, Auburn. This 5K race concludes the Greater L-A Triple Crown Series. Cash prizes, raffles, music, refreshments, awards. USA Track & Field-certified. Kids' Fun Run 8:00. \$25 (\$20 in advance). [www.triplecrown5k.com](http://www.triplecrown5k.com).

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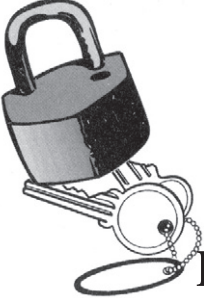
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## Former LYAC Chair announces run for School Committee

Lewiston resident Luke D. Jensen has announced his intention to seek the At-Large seat on the Lewiston School Committee in the November elections.

“We need a school committee that is more responsive to parents in our city,” said Jensen. “Parents are frustrated because they feel like their voices aren’t being heard.”

Jensen said he was motivated to run after listening to parents and teachers express their concerns during school committee meetings. He made it clear that he adamantly opposes the Proficiency Based Learning standards that are being applied in the school district.

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## Sampson Air Force Base Veterans

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This informal luncheon get together of veterans who served at Sampson AFB and their guests takes place each month

spring through fall. The base was called Sampson Naval Training Center from 1942 to 1945 and then Sampson Air Force Base from 1950 to 1956. All Veterans are welcome to attend. Marco’s is located at 12 Mollison Way in Lewiston. For more information, contact Bob Sawyer at 657-4909, Roy Tassinari at 784-5691 or Larry Hanson at 283-3564.

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