

Androscoggin County Chamber chooses new helm



Following a lengthy national search by its board of directors, the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce has selected Matt Leonard, 39, from among 54

applicants as president and CEO. Leonard replaces outgoing helm Chip Morrison, beginning his term on May 11.

Leonard grew up in Maine but currently resides

in San Diego, California, where he is completing his career as a senior executive advisor in the military.

According to sources, Leonard has been stationed in Japan, San Diego, Brunswick and the Pentagon over his naval career and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He has several degrees including a bachelor of science in business studies from Southern New Hampshire University. His wife, Rebekah, is an opera singer.

A strong background in organizational leadership complements his extensive experience in business, political management, See **Helm**, page 3

Ribbon Cutting April at L/A's New Indoor Playground Kiddo's



(l.-r.): Mark Kontio, Mary LaFontaine, Chiara Ferrante, Jon and Meghan Levesque, and their children, Diane Jackson, Larry Giroux, Jonathan Labonte

Maine Gladiators Youth Hockey Team



The Maine Gladiators Squirt Tier II team completed their outstanding regular season at the New England District Super Regional Tournament in South Burlington, Vermont, earning a spot through their Maine State Championship win on March 8. Six states were represented and eight State Championship teams advanced to the Super Regional Tournament. The Maine Gladiators faced teams from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Vermont, finishing a proud second.

Chamber YPLAA Y-Not Kick Off event



(l.-r.) Mary Dempsey, Kayla Quesnel, Meghan Hunt, Connor Beatty, Melissa Donahue, Jill St. Laurent, Cecilia Conroy, Matthew Shaw and Jessica Bernier. See more photos on pages 2-3.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

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(l.-r.) Melodie Cyr, Marcella Lessard, Kevin Mitchell and Claire Dick



(l.-r.) Brian York, Dawn Bergeron and Stephen Dick



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Welfare to Work Works and More Reform Makes it Better

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

Before we started reforming Maine's welfare system in 2011, people could stay on «temporary» welfare for as long as they wanted. The rule for eligibility was: "When in doubt, hand it out."

When I became Governor, I knew our welfare system needed to be fixed. We had too many people on the welfare rolls, and there was zero accountability.

We've worked with thousands of Mainers to help them become more

self-reliant and economically independent. Our administration is willing to provide the time and effort it takes to help fellow Mainers. We have enacted a five-year cap on TANF benefits. But that isn't the only solution. We now offer welfare recipients the opportunities and support they need to succeed.

In the past year, our welfare-to-work program has provided vocational assessments to more than 2,000 welfare recipients. More than 850 of them have been placed in jobs or work experiences.

Because of our efforts,

TANF cases have dropped from 14,804 in 2011 to just 6,191 as of March 2015.

This week, I met two Mainers who have made the successful transition from welfare to work. Their names are Jill and Danielle, and they support these changes to the system. These two women are shining examples of how our welfare system is intended to work.

Welfare is not a way of life. Maine taxpayers cannot afford to pay for bloated welfare programs, nor is it government's role to do so. But government can take the time and effort to help Mainers through education

and training to become financially stable and economically independent.

Liberals think throwing money at the problem will solve it. That has never worked, and it never will. Taking the time to train, educate and mentor our fellow Mainers is the path toward success. Our welfare reforms and innovative programs are providing more Mainers the ability to achieve their American dream.

Our latest welfare reform bill is another step in helping them move from poverty to prosperity. This bill will: Require job-ready welfare applicants to apply

for three jobs before receiving benefits; prohibit the use of Maine EBT cards outside our state; ban welfare benefits from being used to buy tobacco, liquor, gambling, lottery tickets, tattoos and bail. We have also strengthened penalties for people who abuse the system.

Some of these initiatives may sound familiar. These changes didn't go through last year because our liberal friends killed the bills.

However, Mainers have spoken. We have a new Republican majority in the Senate. Mainers want welfare reform, and I

hope Democrats listen to them this time. These changes are not going to fix our welfare system entirely. But our reforms will change people's lives for the better.

Our welfare-to-work program has proven successful for people like Jill and Danielle and thousands of other Mainers. It's time we listen to the people who have been through the system themselves so we can improve it for everyone.

*Thank You
Paul R. LePage
Governor*

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Helm

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and web development and design. Standing out among the other candidates, Leonard's vision for the chamber's future

has been viewed as exemplary.

Morrison, completing a nearly 20-year stint with the chamber, will stay on as advisor through June 3 to assist with the transition.

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12th Annual Androscoggin County Job Fair April 10 at CMCC

The Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce will again team up with Central Maine Community College, the Sun Journal, Gleason Radio Group, the Lewiston CareerCenter and others to sponsor the 12th Annual Androscoggin County Community Job Fair.

The event will be held Fri., April 10, from 9 a.m.-noon at CMCC, 1250 Turner Street, Auburn.

Among the 60 employers representing more than 1,200 positions are: AC Electric Corp; Adecco; Androscoggin Bank; Androscoggin

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Attendees should bring a resume and be

prepared to have an "interview-like" conversation with employers to discuss skills, knowledge areas and abilities.

Job seekers should also be dressed for an interview. For more information see www.androscoggincounty.com.

Lewiston-Auburn Veteran's Council receives podium



Students Cayman Thibodeaux, Daniel Iezzi, Brian McDonald and Amber Pelletier of the Lewiston Regional Technical Center trade cluster class used their skills to custom-build a podium for the L-A Veteran's Council. The podium will be used at veteran's park and council-planned events. Also pictured are instructors Tom Flystia (l.) and Dan O'Neill.



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Enough is Enough

Property taxpayers must make their voices heard

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

I have been mayor of Lewiston for the past three years. Over that time, because I am outspoken, I have tended to be controversial.

My words and my actions have been twisted and taken out of context in order to diminish and demonize me in the eyes of the public. Unfortunately for my critics, these attempts have only served to increase my popularity with a great majority of voters.

It has been pointed out to me that I am one of the few mayors throughout Maine that is not only known, but also respected because of my stance on issues. People come up to me locally and throughout the state, shake my hand and ask to have their picture taken with me. They

tell me to keep up the good work.

During my tenure as mayor, good things have happened. They have happened because we, our federal and state delegations, city council, city employees and I have worked together to move Lewiston forward. This, the result of a "gung ho" (work together) spirit found throughout Lewiston's elected officials and employees.

But I have failed. I ran on a platform of welfare reform—reform that has been needed too many years. Our past city fathers were mesmerized by the federal government dangling money and utopian programs in front of them. Costly programs were developed by bureaucrats in the confines of their windowless offices using data collected by other bureaucrats in other windowless



Mayor Bob Macdonald
offices.

While the federal government supported these programs, they ran well. But as the responsibilities were turned over to local government, money continued to run out and local taxpayers were stuck throwing money into a bottomless pit.

This bottomless pit has continued to suck up

money needed for ongoing infrastructure and programs to keep Lewiston competitive with the rest of Maine. To meet the needs of our growing nanny-state population, taxes have continued to rise, and longtime residents are moving to surrounding towns with lower tax rates.

Last week at a joint meeting of the Lewiston City Council and School Committee, it became apparent that the current school budget was about to pit our senior residents, who are finding it harder to come up with money to pay their tax increases, against the families who have children in the school system. They want to increase taxes to ensure their child gets a good education.

If you want to stop tax increases and have quality schools, you can no longer

quietly sit on the sidelines and expect others to fight your battle. We are all in this together. In Lewiston, these high taxes are partly the result of our failure to address General Assistance.

Our schools are full of special needs students. Many of these students carry a lot of heavy baggage no child should be subject to. Many come from places outside Lewiston. They add expense to our strained school budget. Many will never participate in senior graduation.

Too many come to school hungry and receive free breakfasts and lunches. They substitute truancy, classroom disruption, bullying and fighting in place of reading, writing and arithmetic. This has got to stop.

Once again we are

attempting to pass comprehensive welfare reform. Once again we are experiencing heavy push back. What is so objectionable about bringing Maine municipalities into compliance with state and federal laws? These are laws that limit recipients to benefits for a total of five years.

What is so objectionable about requiring a person to reside in a municipality for a period of six months before they can collect benefits from that municipality?

My granddaughter once asked me if I was scared when I was in Vietnam. I told her I was, adding that in order to survive, you must overcome your fears. If Lewiston is to survive, you—the property taxpayers—must leave your fear by the roadway and verbally get into the fray.

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Be the change: Help end sexual assault

Helping to end sexual assault takes courage.

How can we even begin to end a problem so widespread and long-standing?

The answer is, "One person at a time."

When you see or hear things that contribute to and

perpetuate sexual assault, you have the power to take action. What may seem like a small act is in fact very powerful.

Recognizing that each of us has that power is a tremendous step toward preventing - and ultimately, ending - sexual violence.

Here are some simple things anyone can do to help prevent and end sexual assault:

Don't blame victim-survivors who have experienced sexual assault. Blaming victim-survivors contributes to perpetuating the problem of sexual vio-

lence. Ultimately, an act of violence is the fault of the person who committed the violence - not the fault of the person to whom violence was done.

When someone tells you, "I was raped," believe them! People rarely lie about experiencing sexual assault. Whether it's a woman, man or child who has the courage to confide in you, letting

Survivors' Words

"The trauma that happens is unbelievable. But then, the healing is just as unbelievable."

her or him know that you believe them not only helps in their healing process, it also brings the truth of this widespread problem into the light.

Recognize the fact that men and boys are sexually assaulted, harassed and abused. Again, believing the truth of this fact brings the problem into the light, and helps in the prevention of all sexual violence.

Call your friends on their behavior. It may not seem like a big deal, but when your buddy makes a sexual remark to someone on the street, it contributes to a culture that allows sexual violence. Let your friends know why behavior like that isn't cool.

Be open to examining and adjusting your own behavior. Even if we would

never commit an act of sexual violence ourselves, we still might say and do things that contribute to its cause.

Recognizing and changing these things in ourselves is the ultimate in preventing and ending sexual assault: Being the change that we want to see in the world.

Build and join community. There is strength in numbers. Join those committed to preventing sexual assault.

These are only a few things we can do to prevent sexual assault, abuse and harassment.

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Primary prevention of sexual violence is about ending sexual violence before it starts. It also means that everyone is responsible for sexual violence prevention, not just potential victims and potential perpetrators. The public health model of prevention emphasizes decreasing risk factors and increasing protective factors, which means concepts of healthy sexuality can be an important tool for preventing sexual violence.

What is healthy sexuality?

Healthy sexuality is having the knowledge and power to express one's sexuality in ways that enrich one's life. It includes approaching sexual interactions and relationships from a consensual, respectful, and informed perspective. Healthy sexuality is free from coercion and violence (NSVRC 2012).

Risk factors & protective factors

We can increase the effectiveness of sexual violence prevention efforts when we focus efforts on decreasing risk factors while increasing protective factors. Risk factors of sexual violence include: harmful gender norms and hyper masculinity; sexual objectification; coercive sexual behaviors seen in the media and perpetrated in social settings; social norms regarding male entitlement and female sexual submissiveness; and the acceptance and expectation of sexual violence (CDC, 2014).

Protective factors include knowledge of normal sexual functions; negotiation skills around sexuality; comfort with the sexuality and gender expression of one's self and others; and recognizing and respecting consent (CDC, 2014). In other words, healthy sexuality.



Creating a safe & violence-free world

Concepts related to healthy sexuality can play an important role in sexual violence prevention education across the lifespan. Additionally, healthy sexuality can be integrated into the healing process for survivors of sexual violence, as a way for survivors to enhance their own sense of control of their bodies and sexuality.

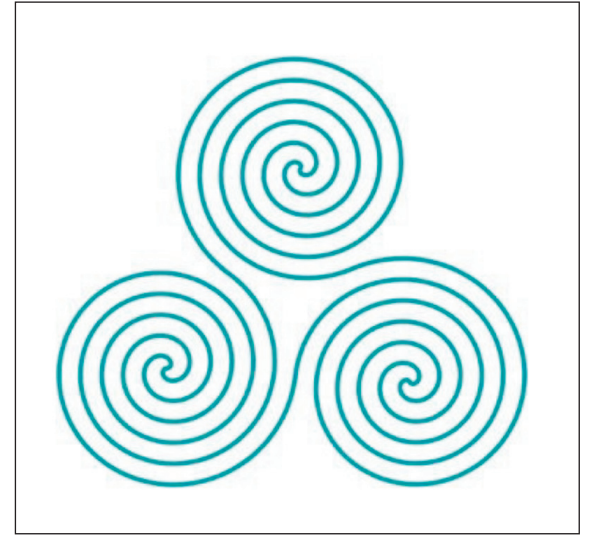
Healthy sexuality is emotional, social, and physical, yet it has not often been addressed openly and honestly within our cultural dialogue. Yet increasingly, new resources are developed and efforts are made at changing this norm. And as our culture makes strides toward effectively addressing healthy sexuality, we build the foundation for creating a safe and violence-free world for ourselves and generations to come.

“Healthy sexuality is emotional, social, cultural, and physical. It is our values, our attitudes, feelings, interactions, and behaviors.”

— NSVRC

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Survivors' Words



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Tattered and Torn,
one might think she'd per-
ish under stresses of ele-
ments which batter fragile
wings.....

Within her there lies-
strength like no other

Lifts up her Spirit to
soar above all things.....

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gentle her beauty still shines

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What's Going On

City of Lewiston seeks 2015–2016 Youth Council members

The City of Lewiston is announcing that members are being sought for the 2015–2016 Lewiston Youth Advisory Council year of service, which will run from July, 2015 – July, 2016.

Youth who reside in Lewiston are encouraged to apply for membership on the Council, and applications will be made available at Lewiston High School, St. Dominic Academy, Lewiston Middle School, the Lewiston City Administrator's office (27 Pine Street) and on the City of Lewiston's web site – www.lewistonmaine.gov/lyac. Deadline for application submission is May 8.

To be considered for membership, an individual must be a Lewiston resident and a high school student or home schooled student in grades 9–12 or at the time of application, an 8th grade student who will be entering grade 9 in the upcoming academic year. Current members may reapply.

The Council was first established by the Lewiston City Council in October of 2001 and has since received local, state and national recognition. The LYAC enables youth to work toward goals to empower youth community-wide, as well as undertake service projects that enhance the community.

The youth council also serves as a liaison between the youth of the community and the City.

Projects for which LYAC has been touted include a current "Do You Do Lew" public image campaign for Lewiston; a 2014 Celebration of Immigration community event; a 2013 December Holiday's Cultural Celebration; "Keep In Mind; Be Kind" anti-bullying outreach; a "Homeless Youth in Lewiston: What Can You Do" documentary; a DVD entitled "Cool Happenings on Lisbon Street" highlighting downtown Lewiston's new businesses and activities.

LYAC also worked

closely with the Downtown Neighborhood Action Committee towards revitalization of Lewiston's Pierce Street Park and facilitated a park renaming contest amidst elementary school children, resulting in Mark W. Paradis Park.

When applications for the 2015–2016 year are received, a selection committee will review all submitted LYAC applications, conduct interviews and appoint up to 15 youth. The committee will make its selection by the last Friday in June, and selected youth will be subsequently notified and then officially appointed during a July Lewiston City Council meeting.

For more information on the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council, see www.lewistonmaine.gov/lyac.

CMCC to host spring open house



CMCC hall of flags

Central Maine Community College will host its annual spring open house for prospective students and their families on Sat., April 11, from 9 a.m.–noon at its lakeside campus, 1250 Turner Street, Auburn.

"In addition to having all academic programs

and student clubs and activities on display, the college will have staff on hand to assist students with the admissions and financial aid application processes," said Director of Admissions Andrew Morong. Students who complete an admissions application at the open house will have the application fee waived.

CMCC offers 24 career and technical programs that prepare graduates for immediate employment or to transfer to a four-year institution. In addition to on-campus housing and a large number of student organizations and activities, the college offers competitive athletics in baseball, softball, and men's and women's basketball, soccer and cross country.

For more information about CMCC, the open house, or for directions to the campus, call 755-5273, or enroll@cmcc.edu, or see www.cmcc.edu. Prospective students and their families are encouraged to visit www.cmcc.edu/FutureStudents/OPENHOUSE for program updates and to RSVP for the open house.

Paris Fire Dept. Auxiliary hosts supper

The public is invited on Sat., April 11, 5 p.m. to enjoy roast pork, potatoes, vegetables, salad and rolls.

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Y-Not?

What do you think are important issues facing young professionals in the L/A area?

The Bank of Maine to merge with Camden National Bank

Camden National Corporation (NASDAQ: CAC), the parent company of Camden National Bank (collectively referred to as Camden National), and SBM Financial, Inc., the parent company of The Bank of Maine (collectively referred to as "The Bank of Maine") have announced the signing of a definitive agreement under which The Bank of Maine will merge into Camden National Bank creating Maine's largest community bank. The combined organization will operate under the Camden National Bank name and brand and be led by Gregory A. Dufour, president and chief executive officer of Camden National Corporation and Camden National Bank. John Everets, The Bank of Maine's chairman

and chief executive officer, will provide consulting services through the transition. The combined organization will be headquartered in Camden with several leadership positions in Portland. "We are excited to welcome The Bank of Maine employees and customers to Camden National. The union of these two great organizations will redefine what it means to be a community bank," said Dufour. "Together, we have a combined history of over 320 years of providing exceptional service to the people of Maine. As the largest community bank in Maine, we are poised to continue to provide our customers and shareholders with an enduring value."

Upon completion

of the transaction, Camden National will have a combined network of 68 branches and three specialized lending locations. The transaction complements Camden National's existing footprint and expands the company's presence in the higher growth Southern Maine market. Customers will have access to over 85 ATMs as well as additional ATMs across the state as part of the Maine Cash Access Network. In addition, customers will also have state-of-the-art digital banking tools, which include online, mobile, text and telephone banking, Smart ATMs as well as mobile deposit and bill pay.

Said Everets, "We are

pleased to be joining a strong and growing institution. Our two institutions share a rich history in Maine,

and our combined size and shared cultures will position us to provide added scale to benefit our cus-

tomers, communities and shareholders alike. I am excited for what the future holds."

What's Going On

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Weekly Arts & Entertainment

V-Day aUbUrn 2015 announces cast

Director Melissa Stevens has announced the cast of "The Vagina Monologues," to be presented on Saturday, April 11 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 12 at 1 p.m., First Universalist Church of Auburn, 169 Pleasant Street.

V-Day celebrates the right of women and girls to live free from fear and violence. This year's show features many familiar pieces, but V-Day will include a female-to-male transgender monologue for the first time.

The 21-women cast includes: Sara Camolli, Roxie Devoe, Tanika Dickson, Sarah Flowers, Pat Gardiner, Whitney Gray, Sara

Karam, Cindy Labonte, Meri Levesque, Krista Lord, Justine Meader, Danielle Miller, Peggy O'Kane, Kellie Pelletier, Kaela Soucy, Michelle Starling, Rachel Swanson, Klara Tammany, Ashley Thibodeau, Michelle Tucker and Danielle Wadsworth.

Proceeds will benefit Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services (SAPARS), Safe Voices, The Center for Wisdom's Women, and the home of V-Day aUbUrn, the First Universalist Church of Auburn, located at 169 Pleasant Street (across from Dairy Joy). A \$7-10 donation is requested. FMI 783-0461 or office@auburnu.org.

Maine-made films showcased at Emerge Film Festival

The 2015 Emerge Film Festival, which opens today in Lewiston-Auburn, will screen over 50 independent films throughout the course of the four-day festival, including more than a dozen Maine-made films.

The Maine Film Office has reported an increase in film production in Maine of more than 200 percent over the past two years adding more than \$10 million in spending to Maine's economy during that period.

"For Maine's economy to advance we need to build our workforce in all industries and bring new business into the state," said Maine Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner George Gervais. "Film festivals like Emerge and others held throughout Maine show what the opportunities are in that industry, and provide our communities, residents

and visitors with more to see and do in Maine."

Maine-made films at the Emerge Festival include two that are contenders for Best of Festival Awards; "Child of Grace," by director/writer Ian McCrudden, writer Willie Hagan and producer/actor Thomas Hildreth, and "Bluebird," by director/writer Lance Edmands and producer Kyle Martin.

"Child of Grace" will have its world premiere at the festival on Fri., April 10, at the Franco Center Performance Hall. The cast includes Ted Levine ("The Bridge," "Monk," "Silence of the Lambs"), Emma Myles ("Orange is the New Black"), Maggie Elizabeth Jones ("We Bought a Zoo," "Identity Theft"), and Thomas Hildreth ("Islander," "Mr. Smith Gets a Hustler"), who also produced the film.

The film is based on the novel "June Bug" by Chris Fabry. It was shot in part in Millinocket, and is the second Maine-made

movie collaboration for McCrudden and Hildreth, who was born and raised in the greater Portland area. The first was "Islander," shot on Vinalhaven and released in 2007.

"Bluebird," which will be shown at the festival on Sat., April 11, had its national debut at the Tribeca Film Festival in 2013 and stars John Slattery ("Mad Men," "Sex In The City," "Judging Amy") and Amy Morton ("Up In the Air," "8MM," "Rookie of the Year"). This critically acclaimed film was written and directed by Lance Edmands, who grew up in Kennebunk.

"Bluebird" was inspired by Maine and the landscapes of Maine," said Edmands. "I wanted to capture the indelible sense of place that is specific to the Katahdin area. The landscape has a toughness, but also a gentle beauty, and there is a certain disposition that is identifiably Maine. It's a special place to me, having grown up there, and it meant a lot to

have the chance to return to make art."

Other films at the Emerge Festival with strong ties to Maine include "A Love Story in Stone" directed by Walter Skold; "Arabel" directed by Erin Enberg; the 10th anniversary screening of "Cleophas and His Own: A North Atlantic Tragedy" directed by Michael Maglaras; "Dark" directed by Ranin Brown; "Go Around Again" directed by Rick Groleau; "She Doesn't Love Marty," directed by Thomas McKellick; "Tea for Two" directed by Colby Michaud; "Tickle" directed by Corey Norman; and "Cigar Man," directed by Evan Clar, starring Steven Culp of NBC's "Revolution" and edited by Auburn native Ross Morin.

More information about the festival and the full schedule of events is available at www.emergefilmfestival.org.



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Bags of compost also

will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 25 at Tractor Supply Company, 1619 Lisbon St., Lewiston.

Proceeds benefit the Androscoggin-Sagadahoc 4-H Leaders' Association,

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a new painting inspiration will be offered each week.

Family Paint Night will show participants how to create and paint a masterpiece each week by featuring a simple painting and simple step-by-step instructions

by art instructor Jocelyn French. The program is designed to promote family involvement while encouraging one's "inner artist." Family Paint Night participants are able to bring their creations home to frame each week.

Classes will run every Tuesday beginning April 28 - June 2, 5:30-7p.m. Cost is \$30 per person for members \$45 per person for non-members. A single class drop-in option is \$10. All drop-in participants are required to call 48 hours in advance to make a reservation. Register at 795-4050.

Meadowview Tenants Council held their Annual St. Pat's Party



Meadowview Senior Tenants Council of Lewiston held its annual St. Patrick's Day party, attended by a large group of residents. Debbie Morin (l.) won first prize for the wearing of the green, with Debbie Osborn claiming the prize for runner-up.

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Twin City Nights

Spurwink to present Sprout Touring Film Festival

In recognition of April as Autism Awareness month, Maine-based nonprofit mental health services provider Spurwink is proud to present the Sprout Touring Film Festival. The festival showcases a variety of memorable films by, for and about people with developmental and intellectual disabilities, including autism.

"These entertaining short films offer insight into the lives and abilities of people living with autism and other developmental and intellectual disabilities," said Spurwink President Eric Meyer. "This year, in honor of Autism Awareness Month, each program will feature several films starring people with autism. We are honored to partner with Sprout to bring these wonderful, entertaining, often humorous, sometimes poignant, stories to the public."

"By presenting films of artistry and intellect, the festival hopes to reinforce accurate portrayals of people with developmental disabilities and expose the general public to important issues

facing this population," said Anthony DiSalvo, founder of the Sprout Film Festival.

The festival begins on Tuesday, April 14, at Woodfords Church, 202 Woodford Street, Portland, program 1 - 11 a.m. Program 2 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15, Lincoln Auditorium, University of Maine at Farmington, Program 1 - 2: p.m. Program 2 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 16, Franco Heritage Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston, Program 1 - 11 a.m. Program 2 - 6:30 p.m.

Admission is free but donations are accepted.

Spurwink is a nationally accredited nonprofit organization that provides behavioral health and education services for children, adults, and families. For more information, visit www.spurwink.org, or 871-1200.

The Sprout Film Festival was founded in 2003 and is programmed and supported by Sprout, a NYC-based nonprofit organization. Sprout is dedicated to promoting innovative programming concerning people with developmental disabilities.

For more information, see www.gosprout.org.

Maine Savvy Caregiver 1 Training

SeniorsPlus announces Savvy Caregiver 1 training scheduled in Androscoggin County. If one is caring for a family member with dementia, the training will provide information on taking care of yourself, stress reduction and also communicating

more easily with the family member. Workshop runs Thursdays, April 30 - June 4, from 1-3 p.m. Class is free at Seniors-Plus education center, 8 Falcon Road, Lewiston, but pre-registration is required. FMI: SeniorsPlus at 1-800-427-1241.



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The Franco-American War Veterans color guard presented the Colors in the Maine House and Senate on March 18. Left to right are Norm Bussiere, Paul Emond, Bruce Danforth, PNC Willie Danforth, Don Gosselin, Moe Fournier, Cecile Burgoyne and PCN Bert Dutil.

CMCC Offers Microsoft Networking Fundamentals

The Corporate and Community Services Department at Central Maine Community College will offer Microsoft Networking Fundamentals on Mondays and Wednesdays, April 20 to May 13, from 5-9 p.m.

The 32-hour Microsoft IT Academy training course prepares students for the Microsoft Technology Associate Exam 98-366 by building an understanding of network infrastructure, network hardware, protocols and services.

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Microsoft technologies. This certification provides an appropriate entry point to a future career in technology.

There are no prerequisites for this course. Cost is \$499 and includes all course materials, six-month access to a practice exam (\$80 value) and one test voucher for the Microsoft Network Fundamentals certification exam (\$115 value).

Registration is open and ongoing, however space is limited.

For more information see www.cmcc.edu/ccs or training@cmcc.edu. Deadline for registration is April 15.

Pelletier promoted by CCU



Laurie Pelletier

Community Credit Union has promoted Laurie Pelletier to the position of Vice President of Branch Operations. In addition to this promotion, she will serve as branch manager at the new branch on Route 4 in Turner.

Pelletier has 21 years of experience in financial institutions. She has attended trainings with the Maine Credit Union League, taken supervisor courses at Central Maine Community College and is a graduate of the Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute. As a CUNA Certified Financial Counselor, she has been trained to help members make budgets, review credit reports, and analyze their overall financial situations to help them meet their financial goals.

Pelletier is a member of the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Club, a member of the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce and a United Way volunteer. She lives with her husband, Chad, and daughter, Abbie. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, riding her motorcycle and playing softball for the CCU team in the summer, and skiing in the winter.

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Friday, April 10

Author event. 11:30 a.m. Jean Flahive of South Portland will be the featured speaker at USM's L-A Senior College's "Food for Thought" luncheon. \$7 with advance reservation. \$8 at the door. Reservations by noon on Wednesday, 4/8. 7

Saturday, April 11

Spring Breakfast. 6:30 to 10 a.m. Leeds Fire Station, Rte. 106, Leeds. Pancakes, French toast, eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, home fries, homemade donuts, coffee and juice. \$6 (\$4 kids). Proceeds will help purchase a new tank for the department's tanker trunk.

Breakfast. 8-10 a.m. Advocates for Children presents Breakfast with Spiderman. Green Ladle, 156 East Avenue, Lewiston. Hear the superhero talk

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

about ways to stay healthy and strong. \$10 adults. \$6 kids 12-. RSVP 783-3990. Tickets not available at door.

Forest Inventory Growth Training. 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust is partnering with Project Learning Tree to establish a Forest Inventory Growth Plot at Crystal Spring Farm in Brunswick. Pre-registration required. See www.btlr.org/fig-training or call 729-7694

Open house: 9 a.m.-noon. CMCC, 1250 Turner St., Auburn.

Craft event: "Spring has Sprung" craft event. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Chill Yoga, 178 Lisbon St. Vintage homemade. FMI: 576-0478 or ella@ellaschocolates.com.

Bean Supper: 4:45

p.m. Calvary United Methodist Church (garden entrance), Lewiston. Baked beans, hot dogs, biscuits, casseroles, salads and pies. \$7.50 adult; \$3. children.

Public Supper: 5 p.m. Paris Fire Dept. Auxiliary. Roast pork, potatoes, veggies, salads, rolls, assorted homemade pies with ice cream. 50/50 raffle. Paris Fire Station, Western Ave., S. Paris. \$8 adults; \$4 ages 4-12; 3- free. FMI 890-6107.

Baked bean and casserole supper. 4:45- 6 p.m. Holy Trinity Church Hall, 67 Frost Hill Avenue, Lisbon Falls. Adults \$7.; \$4 children under 12. Family with children under 12: \$18. Dessert and beverage included. FMI 241-0639.

Theater: 7 p.m. "The

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Sunday, April 12

Country Sunday. Noon-5 p.m. Litchfield Sportsmen's Club. Halloween Road, Litchfield. Country music, dancing and food. Live entertainment by Gary Leet & The Country Drifters, The Down the Dirt Road Band, Miro Zieba, Melanie Jordan and more. Raffles. Door prizes. 50/50 drawing. Doors open at 11a.m. \$5/adults; free children 12-. There will be raffles, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. FMI: 536-9647 or 377-8035

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Davis joins CCU team

Community Credit Union has hired Cheyenne Davis as a Member Representative. Formerly, Davis worked at Antigoni's Pizza in Lewiston. She graduated from Central Maine Community College with her Associates in General Studies and is currently enrolled in the Mental Health and Human Services program at the University of Maine at Augusta. In her free time, she likes to go to the gym, watch movies and study psychology.

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Peaceful Parenting Young Children ages 1,2,3,4: A great program for all new parents, young parents and caregivers. Parents and caregivers will discuss successful

parenting strategies for 1- to 4 year-old children. Topics will include: stages of development; age-appropriate expectations; discipline strategies. For Parents with children ages 1-4 (no child-care). Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20; 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$25/person or \$40/couple..

Put Your Oxygen Mask on First—Anger/Stress Management: We can't give to our children that which we are missing for ourselves. Join us to

explore how our feelings impact our children and ways we can successfully manage our stress, anger and anxiety. Wednesday, May 27; 5:30-6:30pm. Cost: \$15/person.

Mandated Reporter Training: Anyone who works with or babysits for children should attend a state – approved Mandated Reporter Training. Learn about the changes in the state's focus regarding the responsibilities of mandated reporters; the types of abuse & risk factors; how to manage disclosures; how to make a report of suspected abuse. Wednesday, June 3,

5:30-8:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$25/person.

Nothing More than Feelings? Does your child have intense "melt-downs" & outbursts? Does the whining & constant questioning get on your last nerve? Join us to discuss & share more about how our feelings impact our behavior and how parents and caregivers can help to create a peaceful and happy environment while empowering children to express themselves in a healthy manner. Wednesday, June 10, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost: \$15/person.

Fathers Caring for Infants: This is an opportunity for fathers and their infants (0-6 months) to spend time playing, sharing challenges, successes and resources to nurture themselves and their

children. (It is not necessary to bring your child but will make the experience richer if you can.) Expectant fathers are welcome. Thursday, June 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost:

\$20/person. All programs are held at 124 Canal Street, Lewiston. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. For more information: 783-3990.

City Of Auburn Offers May Spring Clean-up

The City of Auburn is pleased to announce the 2015 Spring Clean-up Program for residents. Spring Clean-up is a service which allows residents who receive weekly trash pickup from the city to dispose of materials not normally picked up during weekly solid waste collection.

City Public Service crews will collect materials at normal collection points during the dates listed below. All waste must be placed by

the roadside by 7 a.m. on the date that collection begins for your area. Crews will remove waste on a street-by-street basis and will not return to a street once waste material has been removed. No material may be placed curbside until May 4.

From May 2 to May 23, Auburn residents may also bring their spring clean-up materials (excluding brush and tires) directly to the MMWAC facility on Goldthwaite Road free of charge. You must show proof of Auburn residency (i.e. driver's license, vehicle registration, or tax bill). MMWAC is open from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. – noon on Saturdays.

Public Services Spring Clean-up Schedule:

Monday Waste Collection: Monday, May 4

Tuesday Waste Collection: Wednesday, May 6

Wednesday Waste Collection: Friday, May 8

Thursday Waste Collection: Tuesday, May 12

Friday Waste Collection: Thursday, May 14

Materials to Be Collected:

Wood Waste and Brush (no more than a pickup load please) Note: Brush and Branches must be placed with butt-ends facing the street

Bulky Waste (furniture, rugs, mattresses, tires [four tire limit])

Metals (except for large auto parts and metals containing hazardous materials)

White Goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators, small appliances, etc.)

Provisions:

Waste will not be collected if it is put out after the scheduled collection date. Special note: This includes brush.

The Spring Clean-up program is not intended to dispose of materials that are generated as a result of building renovations, improvements (roofing, siding, etc.) demolitions, land clearing, or for any commercial or industrial waste.

Materials must be separated by type and placed in neat piles; please separate Spring Clean-up waste from normal household waste. No more than one (1) truck load of materials per residence.

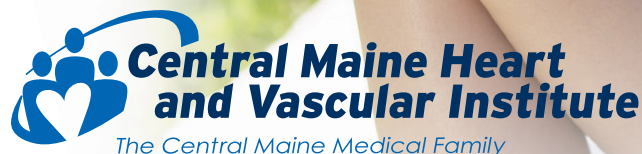
Please keep all Spring Clean-up materials off the sidewalks. Please be aware that it is against city ordinance for persons to scavenge through piles of debris put curbside for collection. If you observe this activity, please report it to Public Services at 333-6670.

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