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See schedule of events and more on pages 8-16.

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Bonjour! ¡Hola! Hello!
Guten Tag! Ciao!

Come travel with us! On behalf of myself and the entire Board of Directors, we want to welcome you to the 23rd annual Great Falls Balloon Festival!

First and foremost, we would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to our community as a whole. As you know, the festival has had some particularly dark times during the early planning stages this year. We have been so overwhelmed by the outpouring of support for this great event, helping to get the festival "re-energized"! We would not have been able to help this festival go on without the backing of such a wonderful and generous community, and the financial support brought by the partnerships with other community events, Dempsey Challenge & Liberty Festival.

This year's "Let's Travel" theme will feature three special shapes—Aquario the Fishbowl, Jewel the Hummingbird and Planet Earth. In addition to these very special balloons, we will have more than fifteen other hot air balloons to make this another spectacular summer weekend. All of these balloons are the awe-inspiring

focal point for this annual festival. Whether you look forward to standing beside balloons inflating on the field, catching some vibrant photos, watching them launch into the twin cities' skyline, touching down onto the water in front of the falls, or glowing in the night sky—we cannot wait to have you join us.

In addition to the balloons, we have a fun-filled weekend with free activities for all ages to enjoy. Go visit "The Riding of Ravens-Bridge"—they will be set up in their medieval encampment at Bonney Park for the weekend. They will be performing demonstrations at various times and locations on both Saturday &

Sunday. The ZuZu African Acrobats are making a stop on their Got Talent World Tour 2015 as well! We will continue to have entertainment on stages in Lewiston at Simard-Payne Memorial Park and in Auburn at Festival Plaza, including live bands, local dancers, cheerleaders and of course See Balloon, page 2

Railroad Club presents Train Fest



Come admire (and possibly operate!) the club's five permanent layouts at their annual Train Fest on Saturday and Sunday, August 22 and 23.

In conjunction with the Great Falls Balloon Festival, the Great Falls Model Railroad Club will celebrate another storied mode of transportation with its fifth annual Train Fest on Saturday, August 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, August 23, from noon to 5 p.m.

The club's two-story building at 144 Mill Street

in Auburn will be decorated with pictures and models of hot-air balloons afloat in the blue skies above each of the club's five permanent layouts. As they enter, children will write their names on small paper hot air balloons and add them to a painted backdrop.

Younger children will enjoy playing with toy trains

on the play rug and with the wooden Brio train set on the special child-height layout while their parents watch from the comfort of the nearby tables. In the G-Gauge room, children will operate Thomas the Tank Engine on the recently expanded layout while Percy the Engine runs on the trestle above.

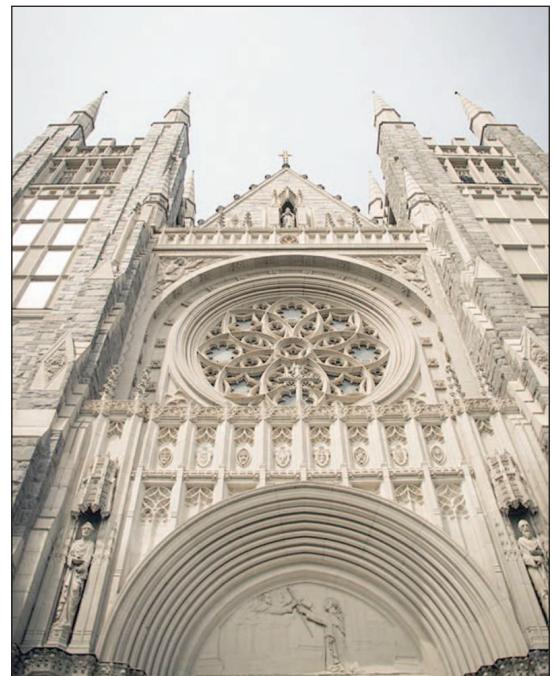
A scavenger hunt will encourage everyone to find specific hot-air balloons near all of the model railroad layouts and in the club's library. The traditional Bubble Blast will take place outdoors, weather permitting. Tickets may be purchased to play the Balloon Bag Toss and Round House Roulette games and to become a Guest Engineer on the extensive HO layout. Admission to the event is \$3; children under age 12 will be admitted for free.

New owner cuts ribbon at Café LA



Guests, friends and officials gather to celebrate the grand re-opening of Café LA (formerly The Library Café), located on the ground level of Auburn Public Library on Spring Street. For more information about the café or its new menu items, call 784-2300 or see www.cafelamaine.com.

Parish offers Basilica tours for Balloon Fest

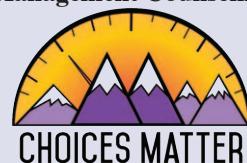


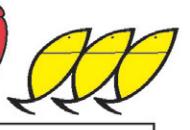
Sts. Peter and Paul Basilica

The Evangelization Team of Prince of Peace Parish will lead tours of the Sts. Peter and Paul Basilica on Ash Street in Lewiston during the Great Falls Balloon Festival on Saturday and Sunday, August 22 and 23. Offered free of charge, the tours will depart from the Basilica's front steps on the half hour between 1 and 3 p.m. each day. A bus service will transport guests to and from the Festival. See Basilica, page 2

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

CMMC residency graduates seven



At recent graduation exercises, the Central Maine Medical Center Family Medicine Residency recognized family medicine physicians (l. to r.) Erik Seth Kramer, D.O., M.P.H., Aliya Rahemtulla, M.D., Genesis Juat, M.D., Mariette Macrander, M.D., Margo Sullivan, D.O., Aaron Hoffman, D.O., M.P.H., and Clayton Bell, M.D.

The Central Maine Medical Center Family Medicine Residency recognized seven third-year family medicine residents at recent graduation exercises. Honored at the commencement exercises were family physicians Clayton Bell, M.D., Aaron Hoffman, D.O., M.P.H., Genesis Juat, M.D., Erik Seth Kramer, D.O., M.P.H., Mariette Macrander, M.D., Aliya Rahemtulla, M.D. and Margo Sullivan, D.O.

Several awards were presented during the graduation ceremony. The Central Maine Medical Center "Special Care of Residents Award" was presented to Dieter Kreckel, M.D.

The Swift River Family

Medicine Staff Member of the Year Award was presented to Sharon Rickards, Administration-Recruiting; the Rural Track Faculty Member of the Year award was presented to Stephanie Sinclair, M.D.; the Research and Scholarship Award was presented to Erik Seth Kramer, D.O., M.P.H.; and Professionalism Awards were presented to Ben Kamin, M.D. and Shayna Shackford, D.O. "Rock and a Hard Place" gifts were presented to Lewiston Co-Chief residents Erik Seth Kramer, D.O., M.P.H., Aaron Hoffman, D.O., M.P.H., and Rural Training Track Chief Mariette Macrander, M.D., in honor of their service and contributions as resident leaders.

Wilderness and International Medicine (WIMP) Director Bruce Kenney, D.O., D.O.M.E., presented a slideshow showcasing international rotation experiences. This was followed by certificate presentations to WIMP graduates Clayton Bell, M.D., Margo Sullivan D.O., Aliya Rahemtulla, M.D., and Genesis Juat M.D.

Raj Woolever, M.D., presented the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine award to Margo Sullivan, D.O. Following the awards, Woolever and the residency faculty presented the graduates with their diplomas and Associate Program Director Deborah Taylor, Ph.D. gave the closing presentation.

Basilica

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tival grounds beginning at 12:45 p.m. A cafe on the downstairs level will offer refreshments after each tour.

Founded in 1870, Saints Peter and Paul Parish is the oldest parish of French-speaking Catholics in the Diocese of Portland. Construction of the church in its current form was completed in 1936. The second largest church in New England, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the Federal Department of the Interior in 1983, underwent significant restoration in the 1990s, and was named a Minor Basilica by the Holy See in 2004. For more information about the tours, contact Barbara Moran at 576-8619.

Balloon

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Family Fun Day on Sunday. On Saturday morning, the festival parade promises to be even bigger and better than ever before, with over fifty groups participating! All weekend we will have carnival rides, craft and trade booths and even some free giveaways.

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Governor's Address: High Electricity Prices Cost Mainers Good Jobs

With 90-degree heat this week, air conditioners are cranking and electricity meters are spinning. Household bills may go up, but it's Mainers seeking good jobs who really pay the price for high electricity costs.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

Homeowners see higher electricity bills during summer months or when prices spike in the winter. But large manufacturing companies using tremendous amounts of

electricity pay high prices all year round.

When companies are forced to pay higher costs for electricity, they have to cut costs elsewhere. Too often, this results in layoffs or furloughs for workers. Some companies even move out of state, taking good-paying jobs with them.

Maine just lost another company, Franklin Fueling Systems of Saco, which is moving to Madison, Wisconsin. Their cost of electricity doubled between 2012 and 2014.

Thirty-five manufacturing jobs are now going to the Midwest, where energy costs are much lower.

Well-respected Maine companies have told us that high energy costs make it difficult to invest in jobs and harder to compete in the marketplace.

Companies struggling with high electricity costs around the state include Pine Tree Orthopedic Lab in Livermore Falls; an Irving sawmill in Dixfield; Elmet Technologies in Lewiston; Auburn Manufacturing;

Jarden Plastic Solutions in East Wilton; and Black Dinah Chocolates in Isle au Haut.

I've been saying it for five years: high electricity costs are a major barrier to attracting business investment and good-paying career jobs, especially in energy-intensive industries such as manufacturing. My Administration is making progress with other states to expand hydropower and natural gas into our region. But 40 year liberal policies in

Maine are preventing us from taking advantage of low-cost energy, such as clean and affordable hydropower in Quebec and natural gas in Pennsylvania.

The Legislature also has a responsibility to address this burden on Maine businesses. Instead of looking exclusively at wind and solar power, elected officials must look at the bottom line. That's where the jobs are. The Legislature neglected to address real energy reforms, choosing to continue 40 year-old

policy of making a few wealthy at the expense of Mainers.

How many more Mainers must lose their jobs before the Legislature takes action? It's time to switch off expensive energy and plug into the affordable reserves of natural gas and hydropower that can lower costs, jumpstart business development and create good jobs for Maine people.

*Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor*

Balloon

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Finally, let's not forget the many, many food offerings provided by our local non-profit organizations. The mission of the festival, for 23 years, has been to provide a major fundraising opportunity for various local non-profit groups. Last year, 35 different organizations raised funds to benefit groups right here in our community. You will find a diverse selection of food and beverages, with something to please everyone's taste buds. The Board will be hosting the Pancake Breakfast again this year on Saturday and Sunday mornings under the tent. Come and watch the morning launch and then sit down and enjoy breakfast! Stay after the launch on

Sunday and watch the L/A Bridge Run, final 5k of the Triple Crown, participants pass through Simard-Payne Memorial Park.

The festival would not be possible without the efforts of many. Our volunteer Board, committee members, festival volunteers, non-profit groups, and the cities of Lewiston and Auburn all contribute endless hours and in-kind services that make this festival weekend hap-

pen. We encourage everyone to remember the mission of the festival and support our local non-profit organizations participating in the festival this year in exchange for a unique and exciting event. If you have the opportunity, say thank you to the many, many volunteers, sponsors, city councilors and local businesses that support this festival. In addition, a special thank you to the landowners in L/A and the surrounding

communities that provide a safe place for our balloons to land.

So come on out and join us for our 23rd annual celebration! Support your community, catch up with friends and neighbors, volunteer, enjoy a wide variety of mouth-watering foods, watch the entertainment and maybe even enjoy a glorious balloon ride!

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Only Steps Forward

Auburn residents step up to celebrate community

By Jonathan P. LaBonte
MAYOR OF AUBURN

During the course of a week, I field dozens of phone calls and emails and was stopped in the grocery store or around town with residents' ideas for how to grow our city, improve its quality of life or lower taxes.

Knowing the collective insights of a mayor and seven councilors pales in comparison to what the whole community can offer. It's always fun to listen, dig a

bit deeper into the conversation and, in a phrase coined by some local students, ask: "What can you bring?"

With so many issues or ideas, it can often seem easier to pass it along to someone else to handle, to have them do the heavy lifting. The challenge is that the person you are handing it off to may lack the expertise, the relationships or the passion you have to move it to the finish line.

What I saw during the



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonte
last weekend, and again to be seen in the one upcoming, is a great demonstration

of residents bringing something to the table.

Late last week, I was out to dinner and commented to a friend and local business leader what the weekend schedule looked like. Without hesitation, he offered: "It wasn't always that way." How fortunate we are to be living in an area of growth and revitalization of community here in Auburn, as well as in the greater community of Lewiston-Auburn.

and final leg of the Greater LA Triple Crown 5K running series, the LA Bridge Run, will take place starting in New Auburn and looping in Auburn's historic Marshall's Popcorn Truck.

The Lake Auburn Community Center hosted a pot luck celebration for their volunteers, the horsepower behind not only the West Auburn Barn restoration, but miles of new trails open to the public near the lake.

Taber's, the historic lakeside stand and mini-golf destination, celebrated 75 years of business, which has included hosting events such as regular reunion weekends for Edward Little High School graduates.

Another local small business, Uncle Andy's Digest, in recognition of 20 years of publishing their light-hearted magazine, threw a bash at Mac's Grill that raised more than enough money to grant two wishes in partnership with Make-A-Wish Maine.

There were several more, but you get the idea.

This weekend, as tens of thousands of people descend on L-A (along with hot air balloons!), dozens of non-profit organizations will be working overtime to serve those visitors and raise money for important year-round causes. And our local business owners will be all smiles as visitors and residents keep those cash registers busy.

This year, for the first time I can recall, the third

The beautiful part about each of these events is that they were envisioned and pushed forward by community members, volunteers and organizations made up of citizens of Auburn, Lewiston and the surrounding area. These events are indications of something much bigger: a city made up of those who not only dream big, but are also quick to grab a shovel and help.

There are plenty of ways the city government can partner and, in a number of the efforts I referenced above, the city did play a small role. But we cannot rely on the government to build community—only the people that call this place home can do that.

Some of my proudest moments as mayor of my hometown are when I can see the results of people's vision becoming reality and I have the opportunity to thank them for what they bring to build Auburn.

As always, you can reach me by phone at 782-1174 or email at jlabonte@auburnmaine.gov.

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Enough is Enough

Shays' Rebellion offers lessons for today's world

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

"A little rebellion now and then is a good thing. It is a medicine necessary for the sound health of government. God forbid that we should ever be twenty years without such a rebellion." Thus spoke Thomas Jefferson about Daniel Shays.

Who was Daniel Shays and what lessons can be learned from him that would apply to today's world?

Daniel Shays was a farmer from western Massachusetts. Prior to the Revolutionary War, he, like others of his day, served in the local militia providing a defense force to ward off Indian attacks. When

hostilities broke out at Lexington and Concord, he and his neighbors responded by defending their colonial countrymen from British soldiers.

As the British forces retreated back to Boston, the colonials followed and trapped them in Boston. During his time as a militiaman, Shays saw action at Bunker Hill. After the battle, he enlisted and served for the next five years in the newly formed Continental Army. He fought at Saratoga and Stony Brook, rising to the rank of captain.

After the war, he returned to his farm in western Massachusetts, penniless and destitute. As a Continental officer, he was



Mayor Bob Macdonald

responsible for purchasing his own uniforms, supplies and equipment. At the conclusion of the war, he was neither paid nor reimbursed for his expenses during his years of military service.

Shays resumed a life of farming. Because of the scarcity of money, local people formed a bartering economy. Goods and services were traded for other goods and services. Their survival depended on self-reliance.

But, like Maine today, there were two Massachusetts. In the east, the livelihood of its citizens depended on commerce, retail and wholesale to survive. It was also the center of the

state's political elite.

The lack of hard cash and a glut of goods, sitting in warehouses on both sides of the Atlantic, resulted in a credit crisis. Goods would only be sold for hard currency. In the western part of the state, they could no longer use bartering to pay their debts. This created a crisis in which western Massachusetts farmers were hauled into court, often losing their farms due to the debt they had run up and were unable to pay.

This aggressive enforcement was brought on by a \$5 million war debt that Massachusetts had accumulated and was finding hard to pay down. Pleas from the rural towns fell on deaf ears. This was due to Governor of Massachusetts John Bowdoin and members of the Massachusetts General Court who made their living as merchants. The quicker the debt was paid off, the faster their financial fortunes would rise.

This caused unrest in western Massachusetts. These patriotic farmers had spent years fighting against what they considered a ty-

rranical government only to find the newly created state government even worse. Taxes were now three times more than they had been. Forming into militia groups, they took over and shut down the local courts, stopping the foreclosures on many farms.

Shays, who eventually would emerge as the rebellion leader (his rising is known to history as "Shays' Rebellion"), threatened to march on Boston and burn down the General Court and the city. The Rebellion was eventually put down, and Shays and other rebellion leaders fled to Vermont and New Hampshire.

When the framers of our Constitution met in Philadelphia, Shays' Rebel-

lion was on their minds. It served to show how weak the federal and state governments were. It also brought the founders to the conclusion that to survive, they needed all the states to be united under one roof.

Today we live in a country where those who produce are forced to support those who refuse to support themselves—a country where we are coerced to meet the needs of uninvited, illegal aliens to the detriment of our families, the elderly and the truly needy. This situation is forced upon us by politicians who pander to welfare activists and special interest groups.

How broke are we going to become before we rise up?

Community Center plans move ahead

With the Auburn Planning Board's recent approval of proposed improvements at Lake Auburn Community Center, elements of the Center's Phase II site plan are poised to move forward.

The plan includes the addition of a new roof, walls and doors to the historic Ice House foundation, which will be used to store recreational equipment, including a new PRST Polaris Ranger and drag system; a new ADA compliant restroom; a new paved half-basketball court and accompanying rain garden area; the addition of two handicapped parking spaces near the restroom; the expansion of the Lewiston-Auburn Commu-

nity Forest Board tree nursery; and two wooded project areas, one of which will be used by Edward Little High School for a ropes course.

With a recent grant, partnership with the Perkins Ridge Sno-Travelers snowmobile club and the assistance of a Goodwill Take-2 volunteer crew, construction of the new Ice House storage facility should be completed before the winter trail season. Additional Phase II projects will commence as funding becomes available.

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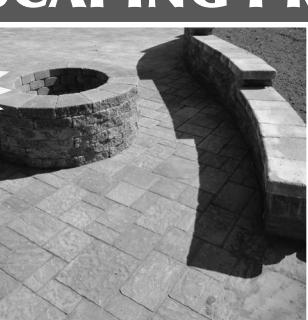
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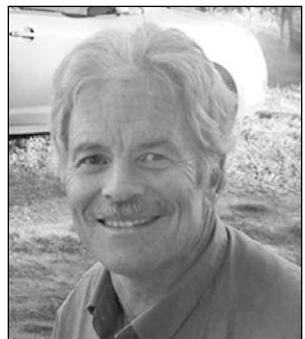
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What's Going On

Morrison takes position at Androscoggin Bank

Androscoggin Bank has announced that Chip Morrison will become a Business Development Officer with the bank starting on August 24. Morrison retired this summer as president and CEO of the Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce. In his new position, he will work with the bank's Business and Government Services division and its loan officers to strengthen and expand relationships with clients and prospects.

In his 20 years with the Chamber of Commerce, Morrison's leadership created a stronger organization, more than doubling its



Chip Morrison

membership and increasing its program offerings for members. Prior to his time with the Chamber, he had a distinguished career in business and government, including terms as the City Manager of Auburn and the

Commissioner of the Maine Department of Labor and Administration.

"We are excited to welcome Chip to the Androscoggin Bank team," said President and CEO Paul Andersen. "His personal and professional mission to help area businesses and organizations prosper is a perfect fit with the Bank. In addition to his value in helping to build business relationships, his deep municipal management experience will benefit our clients."

Headquartered in Lewiston since 1870, Androscoggin Bank has thirteen locations in Central and Southern Maine. Morrison will be based at the bank's main office at 30 Lisbon Street.

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L-A Senior College also has ongoing collaborations with Auburn Public Library, Lewiston Public Library and Schooner Es-

tates in Auburn. At the local libraries, Senior College presents free, one-day classes that are not part of its regular curriculum for the general public, while at Schooner Estates, it provides courses from its regular curriculum for residents and, if space allows, Sr. College students.

"Pillowcase Project" coming to Maine

A free program that helps children prepare and respond in an emergency will launch in Maine this month. The American Red Cross will bring its Pillowcase Project to locations across the state on Saturday,

August 29. A local session will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Red Cross office at 475 Pleasant Street in Lewiston.

The class teaches kids and their families how to prepare for disasters. The program emphasizes the importance of developing an emergency communications plan, fire evacuation plan and emergency contact cards. It also teaches kids to create their own emergency supply kits by packing essential items in a pillowcase for easy transport during an emergency. Students will have the opportunity to decorate and personalize their pillowcases, which will be provided free to participants. This national program has been presented in schools, after-school programs, summer camps and youth programs.

"Project Pillowcase gives students the opportunity to learn about the science behind various hazards and

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Kora Kares Ride-In set for August 29

The Kora Shrine will host its fourth annual Kora Kares for Kids Ride-In on Saturday, August 29 at Twitchells Airport Field in Turner. Kora invites all riders of motorcycles, classic cars and ATVs to join them for some fun and fellowship and to support the medical assistance for children for which the Shriners are known.

The day will start at 9 a.m. with a breakfast and social gathering, where participants will have an opportunity to meet with and hear the success stories of some of Kora's hospital patients. All three rides will depart at 10:30 a.m.

The field at Twitchells Airport will then be open from noon to 6 p.m. for a variety of activities, including live music, a barbecue competition, games, contests and food and merchandise vendors. The barbecue competition will be sponsored by Denny Mikes Sauces and Seasoning and the bands will include Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations.

Admission to the field is free, but donations to benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children are encouraged. Tickets for the rides are \$20 each and include breakfast and a raffle ticket; register by August 15 to receive a free event shirt, pin and \$5 in bear bucks. For more information

about the event, including a complete schedule, or to register, contact a Shriner or see korashriners.org.

Kora Shrine sponsors children from birth to age 18 who are in need of the world-class care provided by its hospitals, regardless of their families' ability to pay. Thanks to the Ride-In's generous supporters, this event in the last three years has raised over \$20,000 for Shriners Burn Hospital in Boston and Shriners Orthopedic Hospital in Springfield, Massachusetts. In addition to providing hospital care at no charge, Kora Shrine last year provided \$19,500 in funding to 85 patients and their families for transportation to, and overnight accommodations near, local outreach clinics.

Project

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the importance of preparedness in a fun and interactive way," says Patricia Murtagh, CEO of the American Red Cross in Maine. "The hands-on activities also help build confidence so that kids are prepared to take action during an emergency." The project was inspired by the story of university students carrying their belongings in pillowcases in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Open to students in grades three through five, the class is free but space is limited. Advance registration is recommended. For more information or to register, call 874-1192 or email Ellin.Ruffner@RedCross.org.

The American Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. To perform its mission, the Red Cross depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public. For more information, visit them on Twitter at @ARC_Maine or see maineredcross.org.

Rotary features Red Claws executive



Devan Knight

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club, taking place on Thursday, August 27 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston, will be Devan Knight of the Maine Red Claws.

A native of Lisbon Falls, Knight returned from New York to his home state to pursue a career in professional sports. He first joined

the Red Claws for the 2012-13 season, when he served

Norlands seeks vendors for Wedding Fair

Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore is seeking vendors for a Wedding Fair on Sunday, September 13. This outdoor event will be a gathering of artisans and venues who help to create one-of-a-kind weddings. Are you a cottage crafter, photographer, florist, caterer, musician, special venue or equipment vendor who provides products and services for weddings? Do you have inspiring ideas to share

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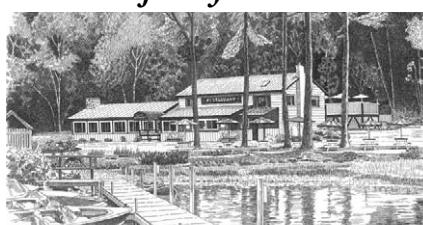
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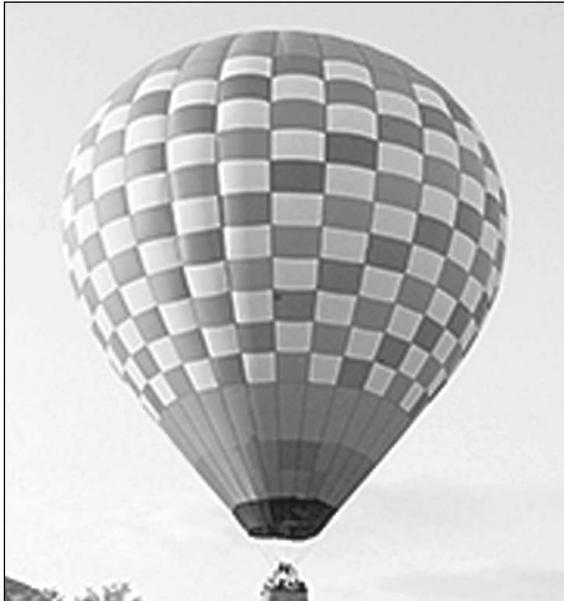
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Don't bring your wheels. This include bikes, skateboards, scooters, roller skates and—yes—unicycles. The level of foot traffic on the walkway around the park is very high, especially at launch time.

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4–9pm Children's Area open

4–10pm Food Booths open
4–10pm Carnival
5–10pm Craft and Trade Vendors open
5pm Arrival of the Balloons (with commentary from pilot Rick Jones)
6pm Balloon Launch (weather permitting)
6:30pm Imari Sahara Desert Dancers
7:15–8:30pm The Ricki George Project
8:45–10pm Cold Blue Steel
9pm Moonglow (rain date: Saturday 8/22)
Festival Plaza, Auburn
4–10pm Food Booths open

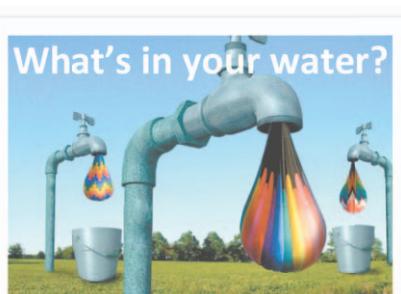
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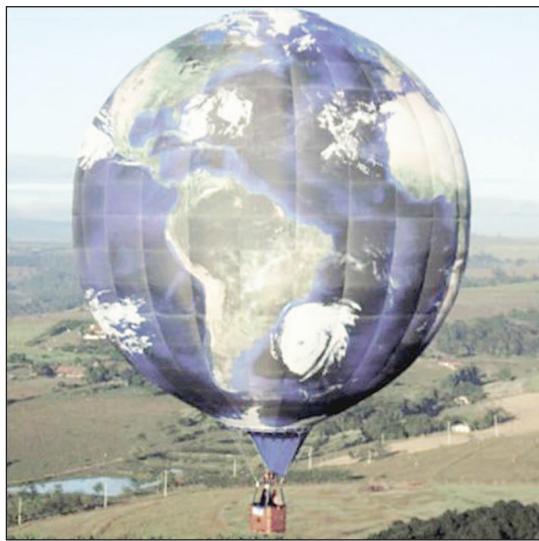
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11am–9pm Children's Area open
11am–10pm Food Booths open
10–11am Riding of Ravensbridge, fighting, combat archery and fencing demos.
12:30–1:45pm Brazen Cane
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11:30am–12:30pm Element All-Stars Cheerleaders

12pm Rotary Duck Race (Main Street Canal)

12:45–1:30pm Camire School of Dance

1pm Riding of Ravensbridge Battle Re-en-

actment

1:30pm Saints Peter & Paul Basilica Tours

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1:45–2:30pm Diamond Athletics

2:45–3:45pm The Veayo Twins

4–5pm Riding of Ravensbridge

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4–5:15pm 4Play

5pm Arrival of the Balloons (with commentary from pilot Rick Jones)

6pm Balloon Launch

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11am–8pm Food Booths open



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Deadline: September 18, 2015

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- Photos must be from the 2015 Great Falls Balloon Festival
- Limit of two (2) entries per person
- Entries must be submitted using our online submission form (below)

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10:30-11am ZuZu Acrobats

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Celebration Barn presents immersive "Camp Maine"



Camp Maine cast members Mike Miclon and Amanda Huotari (Photo by Fritz Grobe)

Celebration Barn Theater of South Paris will present "The Last Hurrah at Camp Maine," a comic summer camp reunion from writer-director Jeff Wirth, in three 8 p.m. performances on August 22, 28 and 29. In this immersive adventure, Celebration Barn's property plays a central role as the oldest summer camp in the state in a story that unfolds all over the camp and all around the audience.

"Camp Maine" writer and director Jeff Wirth is a pioneer in this new style of 'immersive' theater that breaks the boundaries of a traditional stage show," explains Celebration Barn Artistic Director Amanda Huotari. "In 'Camp Maine,' audience members will move around Celebration Barn's 11-acre property as we invite them to imagine that they have a personal history with this fictional summer camp. Whether you are an audience member who prefers to sit back and watch or one who wants to get close to the action, it's designed to be fun for everyone."

Night of Laughs

The Lewiston Fire-fighters Local 785 will present its annual Night of Laughs Comedy Show on Friday, August 21 at 8 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center in Lewiston. The show will feature three Boston-based comedians who have appeared on Comedy Central, Letterman and Leno and at the casinos at Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun.

Proceeds will benefit Local 785's Christmas programs, Community Benefit Fund, youth scholarships and other charitable programs. This will be a 21+ show with a cash bar. Doors will open at 7:00. To buy tickets, call 432-6968. For more information, email alex@ecmgevents.com.

Michael Miclon, Amanda Huotari and Fred Garbo, along with actors from as far away as Washington state and Colombia.

Founded in 1972 by renowned mime Tony Montanaro as a center for the physical performing arts, Celebration Barn is located just off Route #117 at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$22 for seniors (ages 60+) and may be purchased by calling 743-8452 or at www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Beekeeping Day at Wildlife Park



The Maine Wildlife Park in Gray offers an opportunity to learn about the work of honeybees and their keepers when members of the Cumberland County chapter of the Maine State Beekeeping Association visit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 22. Pure local honey and other products of the hive will be available for purchase. For more information about park hours and admission fees, see www.mainewildlifepark.com.

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The event will feature displays of minerals, jewelry, gems and fossils; demonstrations of cabbing, lapidary and geode slicing; vendor sales and door prizes. Kids will get

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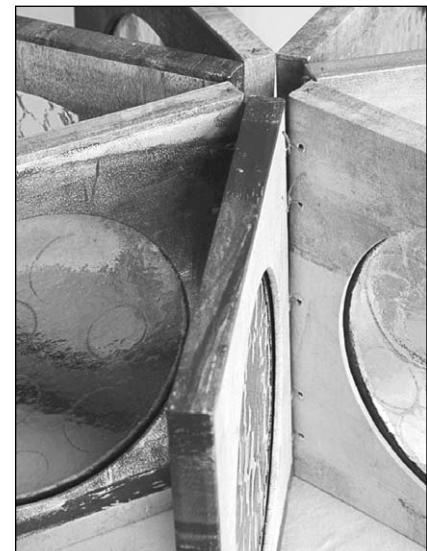
Now on view at Maine Fiberarts of Topsham is an exhibit of handmade artists' books called "One of a Kind." The exhibit includes 62 works of art by 22 Maine artists who have created unusual and remarkable pieces that both resemble and move away from traditional book structures.

A definition of "artists' books" can be as varied as the artists who make them. Formats include traditional structures, altered books, inventive structures, flags, accordions, pamphlets and stars. Materials may include paper of every kind, fabric, metal, glass, photographs, prints, thread, paint, ink and found objects - all of which may be assembled, disassembled or reassembled. Artists' books "read" in their own way. While they may or may not include words or images, they always have something to say.

Many of the artists showing work in the exhibit are associated with the Kate Cheney Chappell '83 Center for Book Arts at the University of Southern Maine. Several have been students of CBA Program Coordinator Rebecca Goodale.

Artists represented include Libby Barrett of Cape Elizabeth, Sandra Barry of East Boothbay, Kathleen Bender of Portland, Elizabeth Berkana of Portland, Sissy Buck of Cumberland Foreside, Bonnie Faulkner of Yarmouth, Rebecca Goodale of Freeport, Sarah S. Harvey of Woolwich, Solange Kellermann of Portland, Natasha Kempers-Cullen of Topsham, Richard Lee (posthumously), Kathleen Leggett of Falmouth, Anna Low of Portland, Cynthia Motian McGuirl of Thomaston, Arlene Morris of Brunswick, Susan Colburn Motta of Kennebunk, Scott Mullenberg of Biddeford, Jill Osgood of Portland, Stephen Petroff of Topsham, Abigail Robbins of Brunswick and Sue West of Brunswick.

The books on view are inventive, unusual, dis-



"Heroin's Journey," by Bonnie Faulkner
(Photo by Christine Macchi)



"Glass and Ice," by Elizabeth Berkana (Photo by Christine Macchi)



"Circling Back," by Sissy Buck (Photo by Christine Macchi)

concerting and beautiful. In form, they spiral, hang from the ceiling, spill over, are hand-stitched, feature watercolors, have metal pages, are comprised of receipts or are made of glass. One can even be worn. They convey stories through images, pages, form and imagination.

The exhibit runs through September 30. A reception for the show will take place on Saturday, August 29 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and will include poetry readings by Gary Lawless and Stephen Petroff. Lawless is a poet and co-owner of Gulf of Maine Books in Brunswick. Petroff has books and paintings displayed in the current show.

Maine Fiberarts is located at 13 Main Street in Topsham. The gallery is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, includ-

ing listings of hands-on workshops and other related events, call 721-0678 or see www.mainefiberarts.org.

Weekend for Warriors

A "Weekend for Warriors" will take place on Saturday and Sunday, August 22 and 23, at T's Golf, located at 41 Range Way off Route 202 in Manchester. All miniature golf and range ball proceeds will benefit the Travis Mills Foundation.

Retired U.S. Army staff sergeant Travis Mills of the 82nd Airborne is a wounded warrior, motivational speaker and international advocate for veterans and amputees. He started the Travis Mills Foundation to assist wounded and injured veterans. Meet Travis on Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. at this event. For more information, call 621-8633 or see www.tsgolfonline.com or www.travismills.org.

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L-A Rotary Club Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Former head of the Massachusetts Citizens for Immigration Reform Robert Casimiro discusses the need for a sustainable, enforceable immigration policy. 754-0021.

Paint Night. 5 to 9 p.m. American Legion building, 426 Washington St., Auburn. Social hour with cash bar at 5 p.m.; painting instruction from 6 to 9 p.m. \$40. Proceeds benefit AHCH's Hospice House. Adv. registration required. 333-6300.

Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. LPL & APL kick off their "Muslim Journeys" film and book series with a showing of the film "Prince Among Slaves." A discussion follows. Free.

Thread Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston. Actors (drawn at random) perform 10-minute scenes (drawn at random) on the theme "Tied in Knots." Food and drinks in Heritage Cafe from 6:30. \$5. 783-1585; www.francocenter.org.

Friday, August 21

Night of Laughs. 8 p.m. Ramada Conference Center, Lewiston. Three nationally-known comedians from Boston perform. Proceeds benefit Lewiston Firefighters Local 785. 21+, cash bar, doors open at 7:00. 432-6968. alex@ecmevents.com.

Saturday, August 22

Weekend for Warriors. T's Golf, 41 Range Way (off Rte. 202), Manchester. All miniature golf and range ball proceeds benefit the

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Travis Mills Foundation; meet Travis each day at 3 p.m. Cont. 8/23. 621-8633; www.travismills.org.

Model Train Fest. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill St., Auburn. Come admire (and possibly operate!) the club's layouts while enjoying train-related games and activities for all ages. Cont. 8/23 from noon to 5 p.m. \$3; kids ages 11- free.

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Basilica Tours. 1 to 3 p.m. Sts. Peter and Paul Basilica, Ash St., Lewiston. Prince of Peace Parish offers 30-min. tours of the Basilica; shuttle transports guests from the Balloon Festival; concessions avail. Again Sunday. Free. 576-8619.

Chicken BBQ. Seatings at 5 and 5:45 p.m. Parish House, Congrega-

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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.

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Wednesday, August 26

Constituent Outreach Hours. 2 to 4 p.m. Staff reps. from the office of Sen. Angus King are on hand at the Lisbon Town Office (300 Lisbon St.) today to meet with area residents about specific problems, legislative issues or concerns about federal govt. agencies. No appt. necessary. FMI call 1-800-432-1599.

L-A Rotary Club Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Lisbon Falls native Devan Knight discusses his work as an account executive for the Maine Red Claws. Guests welcome. 754-0021.

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Bailey Library presents poet Richard Blanco



Best known for writing and reciting the inaugural poem for President Obama's 2013 inauguration, Richard Blanco will read from his work at the Winthrop Performing Arts Center on August 25.

Bailey Public Library in Winthrop will present poet Richard Blanco on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m. Blanco is best known for writing and reciting the inaugural poem "One Today" for President Obama's 2013 inauguration.

As inaugural poet,

Blanco follows in the footsteps of American literary giants such as Robert Frost and Maya Angelou. The choice of Blanco as inaugural poet was full of firsts: 44 at the time, he was the youngest of the poets so honored, and the first Latino and openly gay man to serve in that capacity.

In an interview with Terry Gross for NPR, Blanco described how writing the inauguration poem differed from his typical writing process. «One of the hardest challenges of the poem itself was how to, at once, put myself in there, but realizing that this poem isn't about me, it's about our country.» Blanco's newest book "The Prince of los Cocuyos" is a coming-of-age memoir about growing up as the child of Cuban immigrants in Miami and his family's struggle to retain its cultural heritage while cultivating its American identity. Oprah Magazine described the book as "vibrant" and "exhilarating."

Since his inaugural reading, Blanco has been in demand as a public speaker, addressing the U.S. Federal Reserve and Department of Agriculture and serving as the keynote speaker at numerous cultural events and universities across the country. He was part of the American delegation that visited Cuba on August 14 to mark the historic reopening of the U.S. Embassy in Havana, where he was asked to recite one of his poems as part of the flag-raising ceremony. He received honorary degrees from Colby College and the Maine College of Art in 2014. He lives with his partner in Bethel, Maine.

The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required and must be picked up in person at Bailey Library, located at 39 Bowdoin Street in Winthrop. Due to overwhelming demand, the library will host the event at the Winthrop Performing Arts Center at 211 Rambler Road in Winthrop. The event marks the fifth anniversary of the library's Winthrop Lakes Region Forum, which features writers, artists, historians and community leaders speaking at the downtown library each month.

Copies of Blanco's books will be available for sale through Books-A-Million at the event. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the library at 377-8673.

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What's Going On

Book group to discuss "Go Set a Watchman"

Depending upon who you ask, "Go Set a Watchman," the recently published novel by Harper Lee, is either an illuminating, long-forgotten first draft of her classic "To Kill a Mockingbird" or a poorly-conceived failed sequel. The Auburn Page

Turners book discussion group wants to hear what you think. The group will host a discussion of "Go Set a Watchman" on Wednesday, September 9 at 1 p.m. at Auburn Public Library.

The book features many of the characters from

"To Kill a Mockingbird" but takes place twenty years later. During the 1950s, an era that saw wrenching changes to the fabric of American society, especially in the South, Jean Louise Finch (Scout) returns to her small Alabama home town to visit her father, Atticus, where she struggles with issues both personal and political involving her family and neighbors.

The Auburn Page Turners, who read mostly fiction books with occasional non-fiction titles mixed in, have several titles picked out for the months ahead, including "A Tale for the Time Being," "Harvest" and "The Snow Child." For more information, call 333-6640 ext. 4. For future book discussion dates and times, see www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

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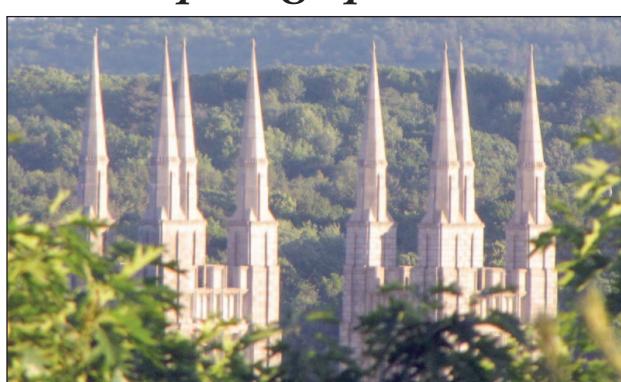
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"Spires" by Doug Warner

The Central Maine Medical Center Woman's Hospital Association is featuring the work of two photographers at its Rotating Art Gallery at CMMC throughout August. The display showcases the work of Doug

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Doug Warner is an amateur photographer who is showing his work publicly for the first time in the CMMC exhibit. "I try to find and capture the awe of our lovely state," he says. "I live and work in the Lakes Region of Western Maine,



"Barn" by Marian Marks

which is abundant with incredible natural wonders. I enjoy the sunrise and the sunsets that are offered to us daily. No two are ever alike."

Marian Marks is an amateur photographer who specializes in outdoor photography, especially birds and wildlife. Her work has been accepted three times for the USM-LA College biennial Area Artist's Show and twice

for the Maine Photography Show, where she earned a third-place prize in the color division in 2015. She has won numerous ribbons at the Maine State Sportsman's Show and the Fryeburg Fair, including several top honors.

Artwork on display may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop, located adjacent to the hospital's Main Lobby corridor.

Mobile Library joins "Thursdays at Plaza"

mini book sale.

Auburn Public Library's Mobile Library will become part of Thursdays at Festival Plaza beginning on Thursday, August 20. Library staffers manning the Mobile Library will offer library card registration (free for residents of Auburn, Lewiston and Minot), book checkouts, demonstrations of the library's digital resources, assistance with reference questions and a

The Library hopes to build the project into a permanent program that provides a new means of access to library services in a way that is fun, convenient and accessible. "This is a wonderful opportunity for the Library to get out and meet people," says Director Mamie Ney. "It's the perfect way for us to grow our programs."

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Shaker Village hosts Native American Market



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The seventh annual Maine Native American Summer Market at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village will take place on Saturday, August 22 from 10 to 3:30 p.m. More than 40 members of the Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Micmac and Maliseet tribes will be on hand to demonstrate traditional Wabanaki art forms, including basketmaking, woodcarving, bark etching, doll making, beadwork and jewelry. High-quality handmade crafts will be available for purchase. There will be featured performances of drumming, dancing and storytelling and barbecue lunch plates will be available for lunch. This is a rare opportunity to learn about



Passamaquoddy elder Mary Creighton in traditional regalia dances to a song of the Burnurwurbskek Singers from the Penobscot Nation.

and experience first-hand Maine's Native American culture at the southernmost

A community clinic on the topic "High Blood Pressure: What You Need to Know" will take place on Saturday, August 22 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 153 in Auburn. Called the silent killer because it has no symptoms, high blood pressure raises risks for heart disease, stroke, kidney disease and eye damage. It is important for people to get their blood pressure checked regularly and to follow up with their healthcare provider if necessary. The condition can often be controlled with lifestyle changes and medication.

Presenting at the event will be vascular surgeon Michael Ricci, M.D., chief of vascular surgery at the Central Maine Heart & Vascular Institute in Lewiston, along with other healthcare professionals from Central Maine Medical Center and other community health organizations.

Ricci is state air surgeon for the Vermont Air National Guard. He has served with the "Green Mountain Boys" since 2003, most recently as commanding officer of Wabanaki artists in the state. Admission is free and the event will take place rain or shine. Shaker Village is located at 707 Shaker Road (Rt. 26) in New Gloucester. For more information, call 926-4597; www.maineshakers.com.

Post 153 hosts blood pressure forum

mander of the 158th Medical Group. He has twice deployed to Balad, Iraq, and once to Bagram, Afghanistan, where he served as a flight surgeon and a vascular and trauma surgeon in

Air Force theater hospitals.

Ricci has extensive experience as a practicing surgeon and a surgical educator. He is a professor of surgery emeritus at the University of Vermont, where he worked for 23 years, starting the first vascular lab in Vermont and initiated the endovascular repair of aortic aneurysms in that region. He most recently served as the first director of the school's Clinical Simulation Laboratory. American Legion Post 153 is located at 71 South Main Street in Auburn. For more information, call 795-2478.

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