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Festival Plaza hosts Balloon Festival kick-off events

Festival Plaza in Auburn will host an impressive "trifecta" of events on Friday, August 18 to kick off the Great Falls Balloon Festival weekend. Art Walk L-A, presented by L/A Arts, will occur in the downtown area from 5 to 8 p.m. and will showcase a children's

book reading at One Great Falls Plaza. A Red Table Picnic event, sponsored by Auburn Recreation, will encourage the community to celebrate their proud "Red Eddies" history by holding red-themed picnics at Festival Plaza from 5:30 to 8 p.m. And the Great Falls Balloon Festival

will present two bands at Festival Plaza: Polarized Acoustic Duo from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. and Rubber Band from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more information, contact the Auburn Recreation Department at 333-6601, ext. 2101 or see www.auburnmaine.gov.

GAHS hosts Clear the Shelters adoption drive

As part of the third annual nationwide Clear the Shelters pet adoption drive, Greater Androscoggin Humane Society will offer reduced and waived pet adoption fees on Saturday, August 19, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit the shelter on that day to meet dozens of pets of

different breeds, sizes, and colors in need of homes. Adoption fees on pets over six months in age will be waived, while adoptions will be discounted 25%. All dogs and cats will be spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, and brought up to date on their vacci-

nations before going to their new homes. GAHS is located at 55 Strawberry Avenue in Lewiston. Since 2015, Clear the Shelters has resulted in more than 70,000 pet adoptions nationwide. For more information about the event, call GAHS at 783-2311 or see ClearTheShelters.com.

Firehouse Subs mural portrays Balloon Festival



In keeping with the company's founding by former firefighting brothers, the décor of the new Firehouse Subs restaurant at 410 Center Street in Auburn features firefighter memorabilia on display. The new restaurant also boasts this custom, hand-painted mural depicting store proprietor Coleman Sheffield and a fireman holding a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation banner while standing between Lewiston and Auburn fire trucks at the annual Great Falls Balloon Festival.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Howaniec to address Rotary on proposed Twin Cities merger

The Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club will welcome guest speaker Jim Howaniec on Wednesday, August 23 at 7 a.m. at Park Street Methodist Church in Auburn. Tickets are available at the door and include breakfast. Howaniec, chair of the Coalition Opposed to Lewiston-Auburn Consolidation, will discuss his position on the proposed merger of the two cities, to be voted on in a local referendum on November 7. A lifelong resident of Lewiston, Howaniec has served as mayor from 1990 to 1994 and as a former Assistant Attorney General



Jim Howaniec in Augusta. He has maintained his own law practice on Lisbon Street since 1991.

Local Allstate agency owner earns service designation



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Gray youth testifies before U.S. Senate committee on importance of finding a cure for diabetes



Senator Susan Collins poses with Charlie Albair of Gray and Brady Chappell of Naples. Abdair testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Aging, which Collins chairs, about what it's like to live with diabetes.

"I want my disease to go away - for me and all the other kids who suffer from it. I want us all to be able to live without thinking about it. That's why I am here," said 10-year-old Gray native Charlie Albair at a hearing chaired by U.S. Senator Susan Collins recently. Senator Collins, Chair

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of the Senate Aging Committee and founder of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, invited Charlie to testify at the JDRF Children's Congress, a biennial event to raise awareness about Type 1 diabetes (T1D). Brady Chappell of Naples also attended the hearing as one of the 160 Children's Congress delegates, who are selected from nearly 1,300 entries in a national competition on the basis of a letter that they wrote stating why a cure for T1D is important to them. This is the ninth time Senator Collins has chaired the Children's Congress.

"I want to give a special welcome to the two delegates from Maine, Charlie Albair of Gray and Brady Chappell

of Naples," said Senator Collins. "I am proud that you are here representing our great State of Maine. I appreciate that you have shared your personal stories and told us what it's like to live with diabetes, just how serious it is, and why it is so important that Congress fund the research necessary to discover better treatments and, ultimately, a cure."

"Since I started the Senate Diabetes Caucus, funding for diabetes research has more than tripled, from \$319 million in 1997 to more than a billion dollars this year," Senator Collins continued. "As a result, we have seen encouraging developments in the management,

treatment, and potential cures for Type 1 diabetes. With continuation of this investment, we can see a future in which the children here today can look forward to a better and brighter tomorrow."

Albair described how some of these advancements have made managing his diabetes easier. "In the beginning, we treated my diabetes with syringes," he explained. "A half a year later, I got the Omnipod pump and then a [continuous glucose monitor] to monitor my sugar levels. When I first found out I had diabetes, I remember thinking that this would change my whole life. I thought that I wouldn't realize my dream of being a sports star. Now I can realize I can do whatever I want."

Charlie urged Senators to continue to support diabetes research, promising that "if you do, I will invite you to a game when I am on the Red Sox."

More than 30 million Americans - 9.4 percent of the population - suffer from diabetes. About five percent of all diabetes cases are Type 1. Sometimes referred to as juvenile diabetes, T1D usually starts in childhood or adolescence and renders



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Governor's Address: Making promises is easy if you don't live in the real world

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Governors are directly accountable to the people. We are required to balance our budgets. If we fail to do that, our residents suffer the consequences, such as higher taxes or even government shutdowns.

We have to live with the consequences of our actions every day. Senators in Washington D.C.

don't have to deal with the harsh reality of keeping their promises. They just keep making promise after promise, even if it creates \$20 trillion in debt.

Our Senators in Washington, D.C. want to expand Medicaid in Maine. They aren't living in the real world. They did not have to deal with the disastrous effects of Maine's Medicaid expansion in 2002.

Maine expanded Medicaid to able-bodied people in 2002, and then-Governor King left behind a structural gap of \$1 billion. He didn't have to deal with the ruinous effects of Medicaid ex-



Governor Paul R. LePage

pansion on our budget or the structural gap he created.

The structural gap then increased to \$1.2 billion under Governor Bal-

dacci, partly because of runaway spending on Medicaid expansion. It created a \$750 million debt to our hospitals, and it blew massive holes in the state budget every year.

Senator Collins also wants to expand Medicaid to able-bodied people, but she has no executive experience. She never had to balance a state budget or deal with massive budget shortfalls every year.

But I promised to restore fiscal responsibility to the Maine state budget, and I did. I paid off the hospitals—without raising taxes. My administration managed

our Medicaid program and got the budget under control. Medicaid spending is now nearly flat, and we don't need gimmicks to fill budget holes.

In six years, I reduced the structural gap from \$1.2 billion to just \$165 million. But other states are now in a budget crisis because they expanded Medicaid under ObamaCare.

We had 15 years of experience with Medicaid expansion, and it wasn't good. It didn't reduce the number of uninsured Mainers, and it nearly broke the bank.

It's easy for our Senators to grab national head-

lines by pushing Medicaid expansion. It's another thing to deal with the financial disaster it would create in their home state. We estimate it would cost nearly a half-billion dollars from the General Fund over five years. It would raise your taxes, and it would raid money from agencies that now provide the services you deserve.

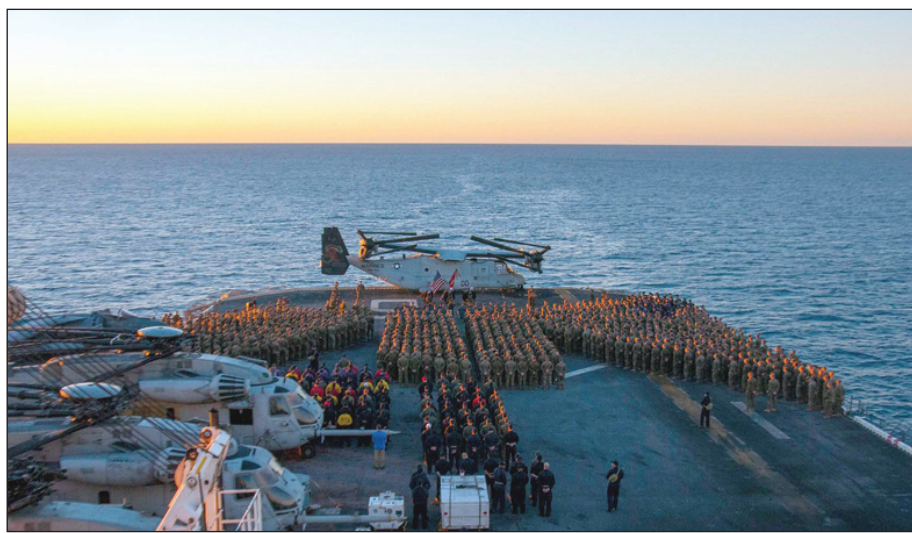
As we always say, "free" health care is very expensive to someone. With Medicaid expansion, that someone is you.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Remembering 1st Lt. Benjamin Cross



On August 9, the Marines and Sailors of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and the USS Bonhomme Richard gathered to honor the three Marines, 1st Lt. Benjamin Cross, Cpl. Nathaniel Ordway, and Pfc. Ruben Velasco, who were lost on August 5 during a training mishap off the coast of Eastern Australia. Benjamin Cross was from Oxford, Maine.



Several speakers remembered Cross, Ordway and Velasco during the moving sunset memorial, which offered their fellow Marines an opportunity to recall shared moments, common aspirations, and stories of the three who gave their lives in the line of duty.

Andro. Leadership Development Inst. begins Sep. 13

The Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute will begin on Wednesday, September 13, from 4 to 9 p.m., running with weekly sessions through the beginning of December. Hosted every fall by the LA Metro Chamber, ALDI is designed to enhance leadership abilities through skill building and interactive sessions with experienced leaders. The program motivates aspiring leaders to assume positions of greater responsibility in business, community organizations, and government. It also fosters a greater understanding of the current and future needs of our community and the opportunities for individuals to make a meaningful difference in addressing those needs. While sessions will take place primarily in the Chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston, a few will take place at other locations in the LA Metro area.

The institute will be facilitated by Steve Pecukonis, Principal Consultant with HRD Associates, a human resource development training and consulting firm he founded in 1985. Pecukonis works with clients from business, industry, government, health care, social services, and education. He has served as adjunct faculty at the University of Maine at

Augusta, Thomas College, and Central Maine Community College, and has facilitated more than sixty-five Community Leadership Development programs around the State of Maine since 1987. In his years of corporate and independent work, he has developed special expertise in interpersonal and organizational communication, leadership and management skills develop-

ment, organizational development, and team building. He is a frequent conference speaker and seminar leader throughout the Northeast.

Prior to starting his independent training and consulting practice, Pecukonis held management, personnel, and training positions with General Mills and Digital Equipment Corporation. He also served as

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Enough is Enough

Well-heeled Southern Maine towns have no pity for Lewiston

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Several years ago a coalition of service city mayors was formed to ensure that their cities would have an outlet to the legislature. Being a “service city” was the progressive code to indicate welfare was abundant.

Collectively, the coalition strove to ensure that our cities were not left by the wayside and our many needs would be met.

School funding remains a constant problem,

especially if you live in a small school district. One problem that could easily arise and place severe fiscal distress on a small school system is special education. Special education students range from a student needing a little bit of help in their schoolwork to the school system being forced to send a child out of state, often costing a healthy six-figure tuition in order to meet the child’s needs.

A while ago I was in Augusta attending a coal-



Mayor Bob Macdonald

tion meeting. I overheard the city manager of Gardiner

lamenting to several of those present that a special ed student was about to enter their school system. Because of the child’s needs, it stood to place a tremendous fiscal burden on the town. This left them in a quandary of how to come up with the additional money needed to educate this child.

Then we have Scarborough. Currently, they are having a problem passing a school budget for the upcoming school year. Their student enrollment has decreased

while the teaching staff has increased. The school budget has been before the voters, twice, and been rejected. The last vote, a few weeks ago, narrowly defeated the proposed budget.

I would point out that Scarborough has a minority school population of five percent. Ten percent of their school population is eligible under federal guidelines for either a reduced or free lunch.

Prior to coming to the point of this week’s column, it is necessary to mention the mil rates of Scarborough, \$15.49, Gardiner, \$20.48, and Lewiston, \$27.54.

For far too long the taxpayers of Lewiston have borne a tremendous fiscal burden to save the progressive communities of the First District (Southern Maine) to somewhat quell their guilt over their white privilege. These towns pass ordinances that make it almost impossible for lower-income people to take up residence in their “always welcoming” town.

In Westbrook, a developer has presented a grand plan to create several hundred housing units. This plan has been met with resistance from the town and its residents. Their reasons for concern are well-founded. This project would force the town taxpayers to spend a fortune for needed infrastructure, added police and fire personnel, a minimum of two schools and additional hiring of more teachers.

In order to meet these expenses, Westbrook would have to substantially raise their current \$17.96 mil rate.

But while well-heeled Southern Maine towns, like Scarborough and Westbrook, look to the people of Maine for pity, none of our southern Maine neighbors have pity for Lewiston.

Over the last 15-plus years, Lewiston was overwhelmed with a large num-

ber of refugees. Many of their children did not speak English. Upon their entering our school system, the government expected our dedicated teachers, who did not speak their language, to make scholars out of them. Failing, they were ostracized by the general public.

When former mayor Laurier Raymond simply asked that the rapid pace of this diaspora slow down so Lewiston could catch its breath, he was branded a racist by many southern Maine communities.

Isn’t it strange how people’s attitudes change when they are subject to what they have previously criticized?

I want to publically apologize for my error in believing that as mayor, part of my job description was to grow and attract businesses—businesses that in turn would create much-needed jobs. I apologize that I failed to require a litmus test to both current and incoming businesses. I thank Ward 7 Councilor Mike Lachance for taking a page out of Ben Chin and the Maine Peoples’ Alliance Handbook and publically chiding me for my failures.

Getting along in age and not as sharp as I once was, perhaps Councilor Lachance, unlike Chin, could enlighten me, defining and naming these “good old boys.”

Leadership

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Director of Training and Consulting Services for a private, nonprofit healthcare organization.

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Lewiston H.S. Class of '77 plans 40th Reunion

Lewiston High School's Class of 1977 will hold its 40th Reunion on Friday, September 8 at Martindale Country Club in Auburn. The Reunion Committee invites all members of the Class of 1977 to visit their website to fill out a profile (and see who else is coming!) so they can be reached regarding the details of the event. The website address is classreport.org/usa/me/lewiston/lhs/1977.

Reunion announcements will be posted here first and all communication regarding the reunion details will be sent from this website. A current email address is all that is needed to receive all the details regarding the upcoming reunion.

As part of the 40th reunion weekend, there will be tour of Lewiston High

School on Saturday, September 9. The time will be announced on the class website. This is a free event, but advance registration is required. Following the tour, alumni will meet for lunch (on your own) at Schemengees Bar & Grill, 551 Lincoln Street in Lewiston. For more information, visit the website of contact Susan Fales Daniels at (703) 587-4154 or sdaniels50@gmail.com.

Safe Voices receives donation from Leota New York



Safe Voices shelter director Melanie LaMore Gagnon poses with dresses donated by the New York designer.

Safe Voices was recently selected to receive \$10,000 worth of designer dresses from Leota New York. The donation was part of a national challenge created by domesticshelters.org, an online resource directory for people affected by domestic violence. Domestic violence shelters nationwide who successfully raised \$1,000 worth of items from their shelter wish lists were entered to win a shipment of Leota dresses, which are sought

after for their lively prints and flattering designs.

Safe Voices' staff put out a notice to supporters on May 19, and by the close of business that day, four local donors, including Pediatric Associates of Lewiston, answered the call by making purchases of furniture, diapers, and other household goods.

The dresses will be available to Safe Voices clients as they find their way back into the workforce, at job interviews, and in posi-

tions that require business casual attire.

"The women we serve have faced incredible obstacles, which often include financial abuse and disruptions in employment or careers," said Safe Voices shelter director Melanie LaMore Gagnon. "Having something to wear that is polished and professional can be an enormous boost of confidence and very empowering when getting back on their feet in the workforce."

care adopted a policy Senator Collins has long pushed for to provide coverage for an effective lifesaving device, the continuous glucose monitor (CGM), that is helping millions of Americans with diabetes successfully manage the disease. Last year, the FDA approved an artificial pancreas system that will automatically control blood glucose levels. Senator Collins first held a hearing on the promise of the artificial pancreas to revolutionize diabetes care in September 2006.

This most recent hearing focused on the impact of T1D at all ages and stages of the disease, looking at

recent advances in research, particularly as it relates to the artificial pancreas systems. It also highlighted the importance of the Special Diabetes Program and the need to renew the program to continue momentum in Type 1 research for new treatments, therapies, and, ultimately, a cure.

What's Going On

Public invited to view eclipse at Auburn Public Library



Auburn Public Library's American Girl Doll, Josephina, invites the public to join her for two events at the library celebrating the upcoming "Great American Eclipse." Free viewing glasses like Josephina's are available at the Library, now and at the events.

Auburn Public Library will host two events related to the "Great American Eclipse," occurring on Monday, August 21. Because Maine is not in the direct path of the total eclipse, viewers in Auburn will see a "partial eclipse," when about two-thirds of the sun will disappear behind the moon. The event will be the best eclipse viewing in Maine since 1963, and will not occur again until April of 2024.

Retired science teacher Jon Wallace will present a family-oriented eclipse program on Friday, August 18 at 1 p.m. Wallace will talk about the difference between a "solar" eclipse and a "lunar" eclipse, how to observe the eclipse, and what to expect. He will emphasize safety and teach children how to turn a shoebox into an eclipse viewer. Weather permitting, there will be time to observe the sun to prepare for the event. The Library will have safety viewing glasses to give away.

On Monday, August 21, the public is welcome to gather on the back lawn of the Library from 1:30 to 4 p.m. to watch the eclipse. The library will have viewing glasses to hand out (required for viewing on library property)

and fun activities to enjoy while waiting for "totality" at approximately 2:45.

Both programs are free and open to the public. Eclipse viewing glasses will also be available ahead of the eclipse, provided by the Space Science

Institute. The public is invited to stop by the lending desk, the reference desk, or the children's desk to pick up a free pair. For more information, call 333-6640 or see www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Bishop invites Maine youth to participate in survey

Pope Francis has announced that a Synod of Bishops with the theme "Youth, Faith, and Vocational Discernment" will take place in October of 2018. A synod is an assembly of bishops from around the world who assist the pope by providing counsel on important questions facing the Catholic Church.

To involve them in preparations for the synod in Vatican City, Pope Francis has asked young people around the world to "make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities, and let it be heard

by your shepherd of souls."

In that spirit, Bishop Robert P. Deeley has invited young people in Maine between the ages of 16 and 29 to complete a survey on the Diocese of Portland website. The results will be correlated and provided to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for a report that will be submitted to the Vatican.

"The results will also assist the diocese in our own planning as we look for ways to better engage them in the Church," said Bishop Dee-

ley. "Maureen Provencher, the diocese's coordinator for youth and young adult ministry, will study the surveys as they come in and report what the voices of our young people are saying to us as we plan ministries for them and with them. Parish life will be richer for it as we discover new ways to bring God's love into the world around us."

To access the survey, see portlanddiocese.org/content/synod-youth-faith-and-vocational-discernment.

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individuals insulin-dependent for life. Those with T1D must be injected daily - often multiple times - with insulin or receive routine infusions of insulin to survive.

As the founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, Senator Collins has championed investments in biomedical research that led to breakthroughs in diabetes research and for policies to alleviate the difficulties and heartbreak diabetes causes so many American families as they await a cure.

Earlier this year, Medi-

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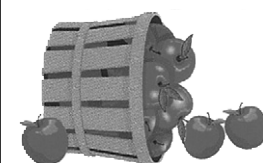


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What's Going On

Lewiston Adult Ed offers free and new classes for Fall 2017

Registration is now open for Fall 2017 classes at Lewiston Adult Education. The fall roster includes several free classes and more than 30 new offerings. Classes that are free of charge with registration include Budgeting Basics, which will cover money tracking and goal setting, and two different sessions of Navigating the College Admission and Enrollment Process, led by Doug Dumont of Lewiston High School's Aspirations Lab.

New offerings this semester include Spanish, Basic Arabic, and Introduction to Digital Photography. Zamzam Mahmoud will teach a new class on how to make Sambusas, which is a fried pastry with meat filling, and Chef Junlong Bunleng of Pepper and Spice will teach a new class on how to make Thai Appetizers. He will also offer his popular class in Thai Cooking.

Those wanting to increase job skills or find a new career have choices



Lewiston Adult Education teacher Anna Golendukhina holds flowers given to her by students in her final class in the spring. She will teach two classes in Fall 2017.

in workforce training. The Certified Nursing Assistant Program will return for the fall, along with Welding I, Welding II and Computer Literacy. On Fall Super Saturday, scheduled for October 14 at Lewiston High School, Anna Golendukhina will return to teach two

half-day dance classes, and Martha Chessie will lead students in making Plastic Bag Wall Baskets.

For more information about the Fall 2017 brochure, call Lewiston Adult Education at 207-795-4141 or go to www.lewiston.maineadulted.org.

TAM wraps up summer season with What's Next Fest

While Theater at Monmouth's regular performance season closes August 20, TAM's not done just yet. As the curtain falls on its summer season of classic plays, TAM will be right back at it with its new "What's Next Fest," presenting a cornucopia of theatrical offerings each night at 7:30 p.m. from Tuesday, August 22 through Friday, August 25.

The What's Next Fest was created to address two concerns: to provide an answer to the question the company hears from patrons each year after the last performance of the summer repertory season ("What's up next?"); and to provide the flexibility to extend the season with a cornucopia of other types of theatrical offerings. From a veteran company member's nostalgic look back at a milestone in popular music, to fresh new looks at lesser known works by Shakespeare, to improv comedy hijinks, the week is destined to have something for everyone. The festival programs are:

Tuesday, August 22 at 7:30 p.m. "It was 50 Years Ago Today: The Making of 'Sgt. Pepper.'" To celebrate the 50th anniversary of

the landmark album, Mark S. Cartier takes an in-depth look at the Beatles' risky decision to become a full-time studio band, a move that was unprecedented at the time. The risk paid off, however, as the group created a psychedelic masterpiece which is still regarded as the most influential album in recording history.

Wednesday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m. Staged reading of Callie Kimball's "Lucrece and the Two Janes." Jane and Other Jane live in a nursing home for dying Roman gods. They bicker over their differing versions of an event that changed the course of history, the rape and suicide of Lucretia. They can only settle their disagreement by opening the archive and replaying once again what led up to the night when the birds were aflame and dying. Based on the narrative poem "The Rape of Lucrece" by William Shakespeare.

Thursday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m. A Night to Remember with Capital City Improv. Dennis Price's improvisational comedy troupe uses audience suggestions to create a completely zany and spontaneous evening of fun. Based in Augusta, Maine, Capital City Improv

has been making people laugh for years with their quick-witted, lighting-fast, short-form laugh fests.

Friday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m. Staged reading of Lillian Groag's "Play On!", a translation of Shakespeare's "Troilus & Cressida." Both warriors and lovers play hard to get in this surprisingly modern epic about the hot blood, hot thoughts and hot deeds of the ancient Greeks. In the seventh year of the Trojan War, Troilus, a young prince, pines for the affections of Cressida, a bright young woman who knows how to play it cool. Meanwhile, the heroes of The Iliad - Hector, Paris, and the kings they serve - debate whether to return the dangerously beautiful captive Helen or continue to fight without end. Nations and lovers alike do battle in this funny, piercing drama about romance and revenge in a world at war.

What's Next Fest single-event tickets can be purchased for \$20 and a week-long What's Next Fest pass for one ticket to each event is available for \$65. For more information or to buy tickets, call 933-9999 or see www.theateratmonmouth.org.

TIMOTHY PAUL DOTTS



AUBURN- Sweet Tim is at peace. Timothy Paul Dotts, 64, of Auburn, died early Wednesday morning, July 26, 2017 at the Androscoggin Hospice House. Tim had suffered a long illness. Friends need to take comfort knowing Tim is no longer in pain.

Tim was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 31, 1952, the only child of the late Osborn and Vivian (Tustison) Dotts. Tim grew up in Hicksville, Ohio surrounded by grandparents, Aunt Lois and Uncle Vance Hook and many other family and friends. He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1970 and joined the navy upon graduation. Tim proudly served in Vietnam and on the USS Saratoga CVA-60. After discharge from the Navy, Tim settled in Maine.

Tim attended University of Maine in Augusta and was a graduate of Mid-Coast Maine Leadership Institute. Prior to his illness, Tim was employed by the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Administrator for the Driver Education Program. He enjoyed his work with the Motorcycle Safety program. Tim instructed a couple Maine Governors to safely ride motorcycle. A fiscal conservative, Tim served two terms on the Brunswick Town Council, was a member of the Personnel Board and of the High School Reuse Committee.

Tim enjoyed cooking, motorcycles, muscle cars, reading, and the company of friends. He restored a Barracuda and watched NASCAR racing faithfully. Tim performed in Fuddy Meers at Winterport Open Stage for which he got great reviews. Tim was a member of the United Methodist Church of Auburn.

Surprising all in attendance, Tim married Tizz Crowley on February 9, 2002 at a charity event in Bangor, Maine. He shared many interests with Tizz including a passion for theater and presenting first person interpretation of Oren Horr, MD with Tizz as Elizabeth Horr, MD. Oren was a civil war surgeon and a medical leader in Androscoggin County.

Tim is survived by his love Tizz E. H. Crowley of Auburn, two grandchildren Bryce and Caitlyn Henson of Bowdoin, special friends: Jen and Chip Audette of Springfield, VT, Corinne and Rene Saindon of Lewiston, ME, Keith and Kathy Bourgault of Frederiksberg, VI, France Wiley of Auburn, ME, Jayson Hanson of Lewiston, ME, and James Wilson of Gallatin, TN.

A celebration of Tim's life will be held on 4pm Friday, August 25, 2017 at the United Methodist Church of Auburn, 439 Park Avenue. A supper to follow, family and friends are most welcome to attend.

A scholarship in Tim's name has been established. Gifts would be made payable to Hicksville High School, 958 East High Street, Hicksville, OH 43526 with a notation "Tim Dotts Memorial Scholarship".

Tim's remains will be buried beside his mother in Harlan, IN later in the fall.

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About the festival

Established in 1992 by a group of business people, civic leaders and friends, the Great Falls Balloon Festival is a weekend-long celebration featuring hot air balloons, food and entertainment.

With the support of local businesses, an army of volunteers and the cooperative efforts of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, the festival has gained a national reputation as a first-class event and is a destination for many visitors to the state of Maine.

Based at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston—with additional entertainment and food offerings at Festival Plaza in Auburn—the festival attracts approximately 100,000 visitors throughout the weekend. The Androscoggin River and rocky Great Falls provide a picturesque setting for the dozens of balloons that visit each year, including some special shape balloons. With free admission, hundreds of thousands of dollars raised by participating non-profits and economic impact in excess of \$2,000,000, it's easy to see why our community eagerly anticipates the festival each year.

Balloon launches are scheduled for 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, weather permitting. When the balloons aren't overhead, there is still plenty to do: dozens of food booths offer everything from lime rickeys to taco salad, pancake breakfast follow the morning launches, craft and trade booths invite browsing, a children's area with games, a bounce house and face painting and live entertainment on two stages. Carnival rides, a parade and various demonstrations and contests round out the weekend's events.

Mission

The mission of the Great Falls Balloon Festival is to provide fundraising opportunities for local non-profit organizations, while celebrating our community and promoting the Lewiston/Auburn area as a visitor destination.

Spectator Tips

The experience that our visitors get at the Great Falls Balloon Festival is rare in the ballooning world. At most festivals, spectators are not allowed in the area where balloons are launching.

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On the Mic

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6:15-6:40pm Sahara Dancers	6:00-7:15pm Polarized Acoustic Duo	4:00-10:00pm Food booths Open	Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA.org)
7:00-8:15pm The Depths	7:30-9:00pm The Rubber Band	6:00pm Hot Air Balloon Launch	Village Set-up - everyone welcome to observe
8:30-10:00pm Southern City Band		8:00-9:00pm Moon Glow (est time - post sunset)	
Saturday, August 19			
12:45-1:15pm Girl Power	11:00-10:00pm Food booths Open	6:00am Hot Air Balloon Launch	11:00-12:00pm Parade - Main Street, Auburn to Lewiston Field
2:30-3:45pm The Ricki George Project	11:00-12:00pm Parade - Main Street, Auburn to Lewiston Field	5:30-10:30am Pancake Breakfast	10:00-8:00pm Village open
4:00-5:30pm Sassquatch	2:00-3:30pm The Fedoras	11:00-10:00pm Food booths Open	1:00 - 5:30pm Fighting and Fencing Demos
6:00-7:30pm Moon Dawgs	4:00-5:45pm Toast	11:00-12:00pm Parade - Main Street, Auburn to Lewiston Field	12:00-5:00pm Kid's Demos and Displays
8:00-10:00pm Black Cat Road	6:00-7:15pm Andrew Dostie	12:00-12:45pm Pups in the Air	3:00 - 3:30pm Interactive Puppet Show
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		3:45-4:15pm SCA Medieval March	
		6:00pm Hot Air Balloon Launch	
Sunday, August 20			
10:30-11:15am Camp of Rock	11:00-7:00pm Food booths Open	6:00am Hot Air Balloon Launch	10:00-5:00pm Village open
12:00-12:45pm Jason Hardy - High Energy Juggler	12:00-1:45pm Backlash	5:30-10:30am Pancake Breakfast	10:00 - 1:00pm Fighting and Fencing Demos
1:45-2:15pm Camire School of Dance	1:45-2:45pm Elvis - Robert Washington	11:00-7:00pm Food booths Open	10:00-3:00pm Various Kid's Activities
2:15-3:00pm Jason Hardy - High Energy Juggler	3:00-4:30pm Sugarbox	8:30-9:00am Family Fun Day Registration	12:00 -1:00pm Fencing
3:15-4:45pm Sharon Dixon Band		9:00 - 9:45am Fun Run - Toddler Trot - Diaper Dash	2:00-2:30pm March across Bridge
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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.

Don't drink. No alcohol is allowed on festival grounds.

Special Shapes

Specials fly only in the morning. At our evening launches, the specials will inflate and stay at the field to glow for the crowd. They are large, complex and hard to pack up in the dark.

Moonglow

This ground-level light show is a crowd favorite! Following the Saturday evening launch (usually around 9 p.m.) some of our visiting balloons will return to the field, inflate and light their burners for a ground-level light show.

Chasing Balloons

Chasing balloons can be an exciting way to participate in the festival. Keep your focus on the road if you spot a balloon while driving. Pull off to the side of the road to watch the

balloon safely. And be careful not to drive or walk onto private property without the landowner's permission. We ask that everyone involved in the festival—including spectators, volunteers and balloonists—be respectful of landowners' rights and responsibilities.

Parade



Please join us on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at 11 a.m. for the festival parade!

The parade will line up on Elm Street, proceeding down Elm Street. It will turn left onto Main Street, right onto Court Street and across the Longley Bridge. It will then turn right onto Lincoln Street, and then a right onto Cross Street and disperse on Oxford Street, right out front of the Entrance to Simard-Payne Park.



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Ballooning 101

The first impression that comes to mind when we see hot air balloons is the free spirit and grace of floating where ever the wind decides to take you. But there is much more to a hot air balloon launch and flight than just riding the wind.

Hot air balloons are considered aircraft and are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) just as fixed-wing aircraft are. Hot air balloon pilots must pass a yearly in-flight certification to maintain his or her license as a commercial pilot. The Great Falls Balloon only invites pilots who have met these qualifications.

The balloons themselves must pass a yearly safety inspection which includes testing the fabric of the balloon, fuel system, integrity of the basket, burners and all other related equipment before the balloon receives its annual air worthiness certificate to fly.

Unlike fixed-wing aircraft, a hot air balloon is dependent upon fair weather. Ideal conditions are calm winds below 8 mph and cool temperatures. Since wind and heat come with the sun, the ideal time for a balloon to fly is early in the morning before the sun gets too high in the sky and in the early evening as the sun begins to descend. The exception to this rule would be wintertime flying when the sun is less intense.

To inflate the balloon, pilots use inflation fans to fill the balloon with outside air. This process is called cold packing.

When the balloon is inflated enough the pilot uses his burner to heat the inside air to approximately one hundred degrees warmer than the outside temperature. This is when the balloon takes shape and is ready to fly on a new adventure.

It is the heat inside the balloon that makes the balloon rise. If the outside air temperature is too high, the pilot would need to add more heat to the balloon to compensate. High heat can cause damage to the fabric of the balloon. This is why balloons rarely fly in the heat of the day.

Hot air balloon pilots are always aware of the weather and the function of their equipment. The safety of the people in the basket is a top priority for the pilots always have the final say in whether the conditions are right for them to fly.

Ballooning FAQ's

What are hot air balloons made of?

The bag or envelope is made of reinforced fabric called rip-stop nylon (some balloons are made of dacron). The material is very light weight but very strong. The fabric is coated to prevent leaks.

What are the baskets made of?

The baskets are made from rattan or wicker. The material is lightweight and very durable. Each basket is individually woven by hand.

How fast does it go?

As fast or as slow as the wind. Since the balloon has no forward propulsion system, its speed is determined entirely by the speed of the wind. That is why balloon competitions are strictly for accuracy, not for speed.

How high does it go?

The balloons will fly from ground level to anywhere from tree level to a couple thousand feet above ground level, depending on wind direction and speed.

When is the best time to fly?

Usually just after sunrise and one or two hours before sunset. This is the time of day when the winds are calmest and the air the most stable.

How long can the balloon stay up?

It depends. Normally, the balloon carries enough fuel to remain aloft for 1 to 2 hours, but factors like outside air temperature, weight being carried in the basket and weather conditions determine the duration of the flight. Our pilots try to get in at-least 45 minutes of air-time each flight.

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Ballooning FAQ's

What kind of fuel is used?

Propane is kept in pressurized tanks in the basket. The balloon carries 30-40 gallons of liquid propane. It is carried under pressure through flexible hoses to the burner. When the valves are opened, the propane atomizes and is ignited by a pilot light in the burner. The flame may shoot out as much as ten to twenty feet, making a loud whoosh.

How do you get back?

With the help of friends, who drive a chase vehicle. The chase crew will follow the flight of the balloon (as well as existing roads allow) and should be on hand to make the recovery when the balloon touches down.

What should I wear?

We recommend wearing casual clothing and comfortable shoes. Consider light layers of warm clothing so you can easily adjust to the temperature as the sun comes up. The coolest you will be is on the ground. Once you're in flight, the burners tend to keep the baskets nice and warm.

Other Visiting Balloons

Jim Reagan – “Reflections” – Manchester, CT

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- Limit of two (2) entries per person
- Entries must be submitted using our online submission form:
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One Best in Show winner will receive a ticket for a hot air balloon ride at the 2018 Great Falls Balloon Festival. First, second, third and honorable mention winners will be chosen in each category. All winners will receive a festival t-shirt and the winning photos will be featured on the festival Facebook page and website.

Launch Times

Launches are scheduled for 6 am and 6 pm throughout the weekend and are always weather permitting. This includes wind and clouds as well as more obvious conditions like rain and lightning.

In the event of questionable conditions, Our Balloonmeister will wait as long as they can in hopes of a turn for the better. However, a launch decision may be delayed by up to an hour if weather conditions are changing. Ideally, the balloons will launch by 6:45 p.m. This timeframe provides a fair ride for our passengers and gets everyone back on the ground before we run out of daylight.

Launch Sites

Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston is our main launch site. Edward Little High School in Auburn will also act as an additional launch site for some regular shape balloons.



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Mackenzie Richard, who is the voice of the Gingerbread Man, and Mason Lagasse (Pinnocchio) watch helplessly as Dan Kane (Lord Farquaad) tries to find out where the Fairytale creatures are hiding so he can get rid of them and make Duloc his perfect kingdom. (Photo by Rachel Morin)

This is the last weekend for "SHREK the Musical" the blockbuster show that opened last week to packed houses at all their performances at Lewiston Auburn Community Little Theatre, 30 Academy St., Auburn. SHREK re-opens tonight, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with the final show at Sunday's 2 p.m. matinee. Judging from the standing ovations at last week's performances, this week promises the same stellar musical with full houses. If you haven't obtained your tickets, there may be a few tickets still available by calling the box office at (207) 783-0958 or checking online at www.laclt.com.

Franco Center adds second performance of MSMT's "The Taffetas"

Maine State Music Theatre's upcoming performance of "The Taffetas" at the Gendron Franco Center on the evening of Friday, August 25 sold out so fast that a second show has been scheduled for the same day at 2 p.m. All tickets for this second performance are \$20 each for reserved seating.

"We sold all the tickets for the evening performance in just a few hours," said Franco Center Executive Director

Mitchell Clyde Thomas. "I expect the two o'clock show to also sell quickly." The center holds an audience of 428. To buy tickets, call the box office at 689-2000, visit from noon to 4 p.m. on weekdays, or see franco-center.org. A small handling fee will be charged to online purchases.

The Taffetas, which debuted on August 14 with two performances at MSMT in Brunswick, is directed and choreographed by Raymond Dumont, who grew up in Lewiston and started

acting and directing at Lewiston-Auburn's Community Little Theatre. The show takes audiences back to the 1950s, when a quartet of sisters from the Midwest is determined to sing their way onto national television. This musical revue pays tribute to the McGuire Sisters, the Fontane Sisters, and the Chordettes with hits like "Johnny Angel," "Mr. Sandman," "You Belong to Me," "Sh-Boom," and "Where the Boys Are."

Children's author to visit Auburn Public Library



Monmouth resident Nancy Beaule will visit Auburn Public Library on Tuesday, August 22 at 10 a.m. to read from her latest book and share some fun nutrition tips in a program geared to kids ages 4 to 8. Beaule, inventor of the pie saver and author of the "Chompy & the Munchy Bunch" series, says her exciting tales about Chompy, his pals, and their unusual adventures began as a way to keep her grandchildren entertained. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 333-6640, ext. 3.



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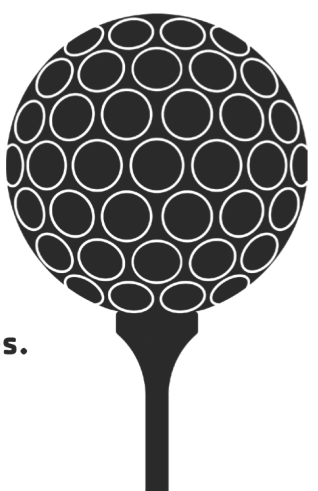
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Pianists open Franco Center season with free Frank Glazer Memorial Concert



A highlight of the program will be Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 "Emperor," which pianists Ksenia Kostelanetz and Chiharu Naruse will play together on the Center's two Steinway grand pianos.

Ksenia Kostelanetz and Chiharu Naruse will present the third annual "Frank Glazer Memorial Steinway Concert" at the Gendron Franco Center on Thursday, August 24 at 7 p.m. Glazer, who played the inaugural concert on the Center's Steinway piano in 2006 and returned every year to present solo concerts, died in January of 2015, weeks shy of his 100th birthday. Ksenia Kostelanetz was his youngest student and took lessons from him over several summers. Chiharu Naruse, a resident of Gray and Kostelanetz' current teacher, was also a student of Glazer's.

Free and open to the public, the concert will open the Franco Center's 17th season in the magnificent performance hall, which now houses two Steinway grand pianos. A highlight of the program will be Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 "Emperor," which the two pianists will play together. Kostelanetz's solo concert pieces will include works by Bach, Chopin and Rachmaninov.

Kostelanetz, who spends summers with her family in Greene, is only 16 years old, but to hear her play classical music on the piano, an audience might think they were listening to a seasoned virtuoso. She was born in Indianapolis to a musical family of immigrants from St. Petersburg, Russia. The family resides permanently in Wisconsin.

Among the musicians in Kostelanetz's family was the renowned conductor, Andre Kostelanetz, best known to modern audiences for a series of easy listening instrumental albums on Columbia Records from the 1940s through 1980. In the 1920s, he conducted concerts for radio. In the 1930s, he began his own weekly show on CBS, "Andre Kostelanetz Presents."

Ksenia began her piano lessons at age four and has studied with Sue Medford, Glazer, Naruse, and Stephen Swedish. She has had master classes with concert pianists Andre-Michel Schub and Alan Feinberg. Fluent in French and Russian, she has attended school in France and has visited France and Russia several times. This fall, she will begin taking classes at Marquette University. She plans to become a neonatologist.

Naruse, already praised for her keyboard talents in her native Japan, went on to study in Germany with Klaus Baessler, receiving master's degrees in music performance and music instruction from the Hochschule für Musik "Hans Eisler" in Berlin, where she also studied vocal accompaniment under Wolfram Riegar. In 2002, she came to the United States to study with Glazer. In addition to her solo appearances, she is a well-respected chamber musician and coach,

teacher, and juror at music competitions. Since her critically-acclaimed Franco Center debut in December 2006, she has given solo recitals and appeared with chamber groups in Europe and Japan. Here in Maine, she has performed at Bates College, Gould Academy, the University of Maine at Augusta, and the Ocean Park Music Festival.

"We will once again present this season-opening performance as a gift to the community and hope that everyone will attend," said Franco Center Executive Director Mitchell Clyde Thomas. "Both Ksenia and Chiharu are very special friends to the Franco Center and we are thrilled that they are willing to help us remember another great friend, Mr. Glazer." No tickets are needed for this free event. The doors and bar will open at 6 p.m. The Franco Center is located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston and is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 783-1585.

Sabattus Rec Club plans Prediction 5K

The Sabattus Rec Club will hold its fifth annual Prediction Run-Walk at the Oak Hill Middle School on Ball Park Road in Sabattus on Thursday, August 24, beginning at 6 p.m. The second of the Running Program's Summer Series 5Ks, this will be another fun, non-competitive event, with the focus on getting out, getting some exercise, and guessing a good finish time in the process.

Participants will predict their finish time for the 5k course when they register. There are no time limits; any time could be a good time. No watches, trackers, mp3s, headsets, or any other electronic devices will be allowed during the event. The participants closest to

their predicted times will win prizes, and many prizes will also be raffled off. The course is a relatively flat 3.1 miles. The first male and female finishers will be awarded prizes, but otherwise, fast times will not be needed to win.

The Prediction 5K is open to runners and walkers of all ages. Those under 18 will need parental permission. This will be a show-up, sign-up event, with no pre-registration required. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. The registration fee is only \$5. The event will start at 6 p.m. For more information, find the Sabattus Rec Club Running Program on Facebook or email them at Running@sabattusrec.com.

Twin City Nights

Historical Society presents Kids' Living History Day

The Androscoggin Historical Society will host a Kids' Living History Day on Saturday, August 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Knight House, located along the Riverwalk beside the Great Falls in Auburn. Society members have organized a program called "Work... then Play," which will give children of all ages insight into daily life in the 19th century. The Society hopes to see those looking for activities after the balloon launches at the Great Falls Balloon Festival on Saturday morning.

Built in 1796, the Knight House is the oldest house in downtown Auburn. It sits with the Downing Shoe Shop, in which shoes used to be made by hand. Both buildings will be open for tours at the same hours. Various activity stations will provide hands-on experiences where participants will learn about hauling water with a shoulder yoke, washing clothes with a scrub board and home-made soap, wringing clothes with a wringer,



During last year's program, children learned how to dry newly washed clothes with a hand-powered clothes wringer.

wool-carding, grinding tops, hoop rolling, pick-up herbs with a mortar and pestle, and making kindling. Play activities will include wool-carding, grinding tops, hoop rolling, pick-up herbs with a mortar and pestle, and making kindling. For more information, call 784-0586.

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Twin City Nights

Celebration Barn presents Rene Johnson's GEEL

Celebration Barn Theater in South Paris will present Rene Johnson's *GEEL* on Saturday, August 19 at 7:30 p.m. In this original one-woman show written and performed by René Johnson, the action unfolds through thoughtful storytelling as her "tribe" - the audience - experiences a new kind of interactive theater that includes powerful dance and song in multiple languages, including English, Afrikaans, and Xhosa.

"Rene is a creative powerhouse with an incredible story of overcoming childhood trauma," says Celebration Barn Executive Artistic Director Amanda Huotari. "She takes the audience on a journey from South Africa to Maine in beautiful and inspiring ways." René Johnson is the Creative Artistic Director



This original one-woman show offers a new kind of interactive theater, conveying Johnson's personal journey toward overcoming childhood trauma. (Photo courtesy of Rene Johnson)

of Theater Ensemble of Color and a member of the Lorem Ipsum Theater Collective. For the past five years, she's been the Residence Manager at Celebration Barn Theater, which has afforded her the opportunity to work alongside a wide range of collaborators to develop this show.

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors (ages 60-plus), and \$8 for kids (ages 17 and under). All tickets are general admission and members receive priority seating. The lobby and concessions will open at 6:30 p.m. Celebration Barn Theater is located just off Route 117 at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended. For more information or to buy tickets, call 743-8452 or see www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Maine Event Comedy tonight at Bear Bones Beer

Maine Event Comedy will present Massachusetts comedian Brian Plumb at Bear Bones Beer on Thursday, August 17 at 7 p.m. The show will also feature Mike Gray, Randy Williams, Danny Bullis, and Mike Hallinan. Mark Turcotte will host.

Plumb's confrontational style has made him a favorite throughout New England and beyond. He



Brian Plumb

performed at the Dallas Comedy Festival and was

a semi-finalist at the Last Comix Standing contest at Foxwoods Casino. He's appeared at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas and NYC's Greenwich Village Comedy Club.

The show is free and for those ages 21 and over. Bear Bones Beer is located at 43 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 513-0742 or e-mail maineventcomedy@gmail.com.

Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival set for Aug. 19



This juried fine arts show features more than 100 artists and artisans displaying and selling their work along the sidewalks of Maine Street in downtown Brunswick.

The 11th annual Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival will take place on Saturday, August 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Brunswick. Hosted by the Brunswick Downtown Association, this juried fine arts show includes more than 100 artists and artisans, who will be displaying and selling their work along the sidewalks of Maine Street and on the Town Mall (Green) in downtown Brunswick. This free event features both recognized and emerging artists working in an array of media, including jewelry, fiber, ceramics, photography, and painting.

"The 2017 show will be our biggest and best ever," said festival co-organizer Roxane Rathje. "We received many more applications than we could accept. Being a juried art show, this allowed us to be very selective about the quality and variety this festival will offer. It promises to have something for ev-

eryone."

The event will also feature live music, arts demonstrations, and children's activities. A stage in front of the Bank of America building on Maine Street will spotlight performances by Jimmy Jo & the Jumbol' Ayuhs (Cajun and Zydeco), Barefoot (traditional folk, contemporary pop and electronica), and the Downeast Soul Connection (R & B, Soul, and Funk), while a variety of roving musicians will play

Bluegrass, Folk, Old Timey, and Americana music from noon to 4 p.m. Art demonstrations will include fish carving, iron forging, wood turning, jewelry making, quilting, and henna art. Children's activities will include face painting, balloon art, and crafts.

For more information about the event, including a complete list of artists, entertainers, and stage schedules, call 729-4439 or visit www.brunswickdowntown.org.

Chocolate Church hosts open air square dance for Bath ArtWalk

As part of the Friday, August 18 ArtWalk in Bath, the front of the Chocolate Church Arts Center Annex at 804 Washington Street will be the site of an open air square dance called by the incomparable Al Hipkins. The public is invited to participate, and members of the SAGE Square Dance Club will be on hand to demonstrate easy-to-learn moves during an introductory class, open to those of all ages and skill levels, from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Dancing will begin by 6 p.m., when songs will be called based on Allemande Left, Right, and Left Grand, Swing, Promenade, Ladies Chain, Stars, and Circles.

The evening will include a few songs from the beloved Rogers & Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma," currently in rehearsal and slated to open the Chocolate Church Arts Center's 40th Anniversary theatrical season with performances September 15 through 24. Cast

members from the production will be present to dance and sing at the square dance. Tickets for "Oklahoma" are available by calling the box office at 442-8455 or online at www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Al Hipkins, who started square dancing in 1972 and began his calling career in 2006, will be joined by the SAGE Square and Round Dance Club of the Bath-Brunswick-Topsham area. Established fifty years ago, this is the largest such club in New England, with a membership of 115 dancers.

There is no charge for this entertaining evening of music and dance. Dancing is not mandatory. Light refreshments will be available. It is suggested, but not required, that those planning to dance sign up in advance for the 5:30 p.m. introduction class by calling 442-8455 or emailing info@chocolatechurch.com.

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Thursday, August 17

Magician Dennis Labbe. 2 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. Sawyer Memorial presents its annual Children's Day program (one show only) on this special day and time. Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Third Thursday Comedy Showcase. 7 p.m. Bear Bones Beer, 43 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Maine Event Comedy presents Massachusetts comedian Brian Plumb, with Mike Gray, Randy Williams, Danny Bullis, Mike Hallinan, and host Mark Turcotte. Free admission. Ages 21-plus. 513-0742.

Theater: "Shrek: The Musical." 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy St., Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents this adaptation of the popular film. Again 8/18, 19, 20 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). For ticket info, call 783-0958 or see www.lactl.com.

Kennebec Early Music Festival. 7:30 p.m. Grace Episcopal Church, 1100 Washington St., Bath. This "Music in the Time of Shakespeare" concert is preceded by a discussion on "Elizabethan Music" at 6:45. (Again 8/18 at Congregational Church, 10 Church Lane in Phippsburg.) \$25/20/10. 504-6860; www.kemfmaine.org.

Friday, August 18

"Get Ready for the Solar Eclipse." 1 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Local NASA Ambassador Jon Wallace discusses how to observe the upcoming eclipse safely, what to expect, and how to turn a shoe box into an eclipse viewer. Free. 333-6640, ext. 3.

Open-Air Square Dance. 6 p.m. In front of Chocolate Church Arts Center Annex, 804 Washington St., Bath. As part of the Bath ArtWalk, members of the SAGE Square & Round Dance Club lead the public in fun but simple dances. Intro class at 5:30. Open to all. Free.

Art Walk L/A. 5 to 8 p.m. Happening every third Friday through Dec., this event converts over 20 downtown L-A businesses and storefronts into public arts spaces. For more info., call 782-7228; for event schedule, see laarts.org.

Maine Event Comedy. 7 p.m. Baxter Brewing, 130 Mill St., Lewiston. Tonight's line-up features Johnny Ater, Ian Clark, Mike Levinsky, Ian Stuart, Scott McLaughlin, and host Mark Turcotte. Free. Ages 21-plus. 513-0742; maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

Saturday, August 19

Train Fest. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill St., Auburn. See the club's five permanent layouts while enjoying various kids' activities (some w/ small fees). \$3 (kids ages 12 and under free).

Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Greater Andro. Humane Soc., 55 Strawberry Ave.,

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Lewiston. Proceeds benefit Alley Cats LA, a local trap-neuter-return program for feral cats. 784-1553.

Blueberry Pancake Breakfast & Church Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. United Methodist Church, corner Rte. 121 and Empire Rd., Minot. Breakfast served until 10 a.m. for \$7 donation.

Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downtown Brunswick. This juried fine arts show features over 100 artists and artisans displaying and selling their work; live music, demos, kids activities. Free. 729-4439; www.brunswick-downtown.org.

Kids' Living History Day. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Knight House, along the Riverwalk, beside the Great Falls, in Auburn. The Andro Historical Society opens downtown Auburn's oldest house for activities to teach kids about 19th-century daily life. Free. 784-0586.

Clear the Shelters. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Greater Androscoggin Humane Society, 55 Strawberry Ave., Lewiston. As part of this national pet adoption drive, GAHS waives adoption fees on pets over six months and discounts adoptions fees for puppies and kittens by 25%. 783-2311.

Camden Yarns Building Tours. 2 to 4 p.m. Former Camden Yarns building (adjacent to Simard-Payne Park), Lewiston. Museum L-A offers tours at the site of its future home; come learn about what's being done to plan for the relocation. Free. 333-3881; info@museumla.org.

Concert in Waterfront Park. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Commercial St, Downtown Bath. The Downeast Soul Coalition play R&B, Soul, folk, and blues. Free. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Rene Johnson's GEEL. 7:30 p.m. Celebration Barn Theater, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. In this original one-woman show, the audience experiences a new kind of interactive theater that conveys Johnson's personal journey toward overcoming childhood trauma. \$14/12/8.

743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Kennebec Early Music Festival. 7:30 p.m. Congregational Church, 10 Church Lane, Phippsburg. This "Sound of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, & Schubert" concert is preceded by a discussion on "Pianos and Fortepianos" at 6:45. (Again 8/20 at 3 p.m. - discussion at 2:15 - at Grace Episcopal Church, 1100 Washington St. in Bath.) \$25/20/10. 504-6860; www.kemfmaine.org.

Sunday, August 20

Theater: "Alice in Wonderland." 10 a.m. Rehearsal Hall, 22 Elm St., Brunswick. ME State Music Theatre presents this special sensory-friendly version for kids with autism or other disabilities. Free, but reservations required. 725-8769; www.msmt.org.

Monday, August 21

Watch the Eclipse at APL. 1:30 to 4 p.m. Back lawn, Auburn Public Library. The library will have viewing glasses to hand out (required for viewing on library property) and fun activities to enjoy while waiting for "totality" at approximately 2:45. Free. 333-6640; www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Tuesday, August 22

Author Visit. 10 a.m. Auburn Public Library. Monmouth resident Nancy Beale reads from her new book in the "Chompy & the Munchy Bunch" series and shares fun nutrition tips. For kids ages 4 to 8. Free.

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

Winthrop Lakes Re-

gion Forum. 6:30 p.m. Bailey Public Library, 39 Bowdoin St., Winthrop. Writer Susan Conley and photographer Winky Lewis present a slide-show-reading from their new book "Stop Here, This Is the Place." Free. 377-8673; www.baileylibrary.org.

What's Next Fest. 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth. TAM's season-ending week of theatrical events kicks off with Mark Cartier's "It was 50 Years Ago Today: The Making of 'Sgt. Pepper.'" \$20. 933-9999; www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Wednesday, August 23

Rotary Club Breakfast Meeting. 7 a.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Guest speaker Jim Howanec, chair of the Coalition Opposed to Lewiston-Auburn Consolidation, will discuss his opposition to the proposed merger. Guests welcome; no reservation required. \$10. 751-6281.

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

What's Next Fest. 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth. TAM's season-ending week of theatrical events continues with a staged reading of Callie Kimball's "Lucrece and the Two Janes." \$20. 933-9999; www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Thursday, August 24

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Rotary District Governor Lincoln Ehrlenbach. No reservation required; lunch avail. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Prediction Run-Walk 5K. 6 p.m. Oak Hill Middle School, Ball Park Rd., Sabattus. Those who come closest to guessing their finish times for this flat 3.1-mile course will win prizes; you don't need to be fast to win! \$5.

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The Dark Tower (PG-13).....	1:10	4:10	7:25	9:40
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Concert: Pianists Ksenia Kostelanetz and Chiharu Naruse. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The 3rd annual "Frank Glazer Memorial Steinway Concert" features works by Beethoven, Bach, Chopin and Rachmaninov. Free. 783-1585.

What's Next Fest. 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth. TAM's season-ending week of theatrical events continues with "A Night to Remember" with Capital City Improv. \$20. 933-9999; www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Friday, August 25

Theater: The Taffetas. 2 and 7:30 p.m. Gendron Franco

Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This Maine State Music Theater revue is a fun, nostalgic romp through the songs of the 1950s. Tix \$10-20. 689-2000; francocenter.org.

What's Next Fest. 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth. TAM's season-ending week of theatrical events ends with a staged reading of Lillian Groag's "Play On!", a translation of Shakespeare's "Troilus & Cressida." \$20. 933-9999; www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Saturday, August 26

Concert in Waterfront Park. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Commercial St, Downtown Bath. The Alison Freeman-Shipmates perform maritime chanties. Free. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

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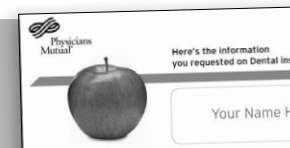
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Fenn Park is a hidden gem at the Poland Springs Resort on Rt. 26 in Poland



Poland Spring Resort PGA Golf Pro Allan Menne sinks a short putt on the practice green at the resort. Behind him is the putting green island, which is seen in photographs of the resort from 100 years ago, and the gazebo that is used by wedding couples on weekends throughout the summer. (Tsukroff photo)

Tucked behind a line of trees just a few hundred feet down the hill from the main entrance to the resort, The Golf Park at Poland Spring Resort, called Fenn Park, offers mini golf, disc golf, an ice cream shop with unique concoctions

from Giffords Ice Cream, and a golf driving range of 330-yards.

Fenn Park is named for Arthur Fenn, who designed the original nine holes that opened at the resort in 1896. He is thought to be the first American-born professional



Sandy Miranda of Rehoboth, MA, putts on the first hole of the Poland Spring Resort's championship 18-hole course on a recent weekday afternoon. The resort is home to the first resort golf course in the country. The original nine holes opened in 1896, and were redesigned in the 1930's to the current 18 holes. (Tsukroff photo)

Story and photos by Nathan Tsukroff

golfer and course designer, and stayed on at the resort for many years as the golf pro. He lived with his wife and his daughter, Bessie – the first woman pro at a golf course – in the house beside the driving range, which is now home to the ice cream shop.

Cars rush up and down the hill past Poland Spring Resort, their drivers perhaps barely noticing the sign to

the park. But anyone who takes the time to stop in and enjoy the amenities at the park is in for a treat.

The mini-golf course was laid out in 2012 and is a fun challenge for youngsters while offering great accessibility for handicapped persons. Even someone who is wheelchair-bound can enjoy the course, moving easily from hole to hole along the hard-surfaced fairways.

Featured on the course are replicas of the original Poland Spring water tower, the Poland train depot on Plains Road in Poland, and the Poland Spring school-house, created by Chris Kimball and Jeff Strout of Poland.

On the last hole, sinking your putt wakes up a groundhog who pops out of his hole for a little dance.

The driving range has 10 artificial mat stalls and huge grass tee surface for golfers to practice their full swing. There is a practice bunker, plus several differ-



Matt Smith of Norway practices his skills on the driving range at Fenn Park. (Tsukroff photo)

ent target greens to work on distance and the different clubs in the golfer's bag. The range also offers a view of Mount Washington on a clear day.

Just behind the driving range is the entrance to a nine-hole disc golf range. The first hole, the Trail Blazer, is a par-4 313 feet, featuring a sharp left dogleg at the end before finding the basket. Players start off from a cement platform at each hole, playing through the woods on wide lanes cut between the trees. Play is \$5 for two nine-hole rounds, with players placing money in the honor box or paying at the golf cottage.

After finishing off a round of mini golf or disc golf, or completing their practice on the driving range, visitors can enjoy a selection of Gifford's Ice Cream inside the Fenn House. There is also soft-serve ice cream and Eli's Root Beer floats.

A line of trees blocks the view of Route 26 from the park, giving visitors a safe area to let children run and play. The trees are also incorporated into the mini golf range, providing shade on a bright day. "Normally when they create a mini-golf range, they clear the lot. But we kept the trees," Robbins said.

The ice cream parlour in the Fenn House was opened by Laura Brown of Poland as a project for her master's degree. This is her third season of operation. When not managing the ice cream parlour, Brown works fulltime for the resort at the front desk of the Maine Inn, checking in guests and training other staff members, and in the housekeeping department.

Resort owner Cyndi Robbins has a gentle management style that encourages staff participation and helps her to retain staff members long-term. She



Harper Fugere, 3, of Poland, finishes her ice cream cone outside the ice cream parlour at the Fenn House at Fenn Park. (Tsukroff photo)

said that Brown started volunteering at the Maine State Museum building at Poland Spring when she was just 13, helping her grandmother who worked there. "She knows the history of Poland Spring probably better than anybody!" Robbins said. Brown went to work for Robbins at the front desk several years later. After high school, she attending college to earn a degree in Hospitality.

Poland Spring Golf Course

Poland Spring Resort is renowned as the home of the oldest resort golf course in America.

Arthur Fenn's original course from 1896 was redesigned by Donald Ross, of Pinehurst fame, expanding to 18 holes in the 1930s. Only the first green stills exists from Fenn's original design.

The course now features an 18-hole part 71 championship layout with a slope of 124 measuring 6,178 yards. Fifteen of the holes have view of the White Mountains or nearby lakes. Golfers can enjoy well-maintained fairways, ponds, and tees for all abilities.

Allan Menne is the PGA golf pro at the course, providing golf lessons and clinics. He said he enjoys Poland Spring because, "We have a great membership.



Garrett Beaucauge, 8, of Poland, shows his skill with a putter at the fourth hole of the mini golf course at Fenn Park, just across the street from Poland Spring Resort on Route 26 in Poland. (Tsukroff photo)

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And the course is excellent!” Most of the members are from Maine, Menne said, with visitors to the course coming mainly from the surrounding area.

Guests at the resort enjoy the course, as well. And golfers from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Hampshire can be found any day of the week throughout the summer.

The first tee is just a few steps away from the pro shop, which sits on small portion of the footprint from the Poland Spring Hotel, a huge L-shaped building that was the pride of the resort before falling on hard times and eventually burning to the ground in 1975.

A building from the closed ski area on the back side of the resort was moved to the first tee, with the pro shop occupying the first floor and Mel’s Hilltop Restaurant making up the second floor. A grand veranda on the ground floor and the second floor offer relaxing views of the course and surrounding countryside. And the “19th Hole”, part of Mel’s Hilltop, offers drinks and a relaxing atmosphere after a day on the links. The Garden Café is located inside the pro shop, providing quick snacks and simple sandwiches.

The Pro Shop has a selection of clubs and mens and womens clothing.

On Tuesday nights, the ladies league gathers at Mel’s Hilltop, with Thursday nights set aside for the men’s league. Wednesday nights see members of the Cage League, who travel from the local Cage restaurant to enjoy the course.

The resort opened a swimming pool for resort guests beside the pro shop, with dressing areas/showers stalls available inside the building. Golfers’ locker rooms are also found next to the pro shop.

Parking for the pro shop and Mel’s Hilltop fill in the remainder of the footprint from the original hotel.

The putting green that once was shadowed by the hotel now sits just across the driveway from the parking area. Visitors can take advantage of a challenging layout to hone their skills. The island in the middle of the green can be seen in photographs of the resort from 100 years ago.

House guests and club members can enjoy badminton/volleyball courts, two shuffleboard courts, two horseshoe pits and three bocce ball courts that are located around the putting green. Three grass tennis courts are located beyond the rear of the Maine Inn, near the All Souls Chapel.

The Boathouse
Cyndi’s Dockside Restaurant gives visitors and resort guests easy access to The Boathouse, where they can rent canoes and sit-on kayaks. The kayaks

have a traditional hull shape, but a flat top that makes for a safe ride for inexperienced paddlers.

Cyndi’s Dockside and The Boathouse are found about a half-mile north of the main entrance to the resort, at the bottom of the hill that marks the edge of Middle Range Pond.

Visitors can also rent paddle boats, stand-up paddle boats, and fishing boats with a small five-horsepower engine.

There is a dock with slips for boats to be left all season, or rented for a week or a weekend. An easily-accessed boat ramp allows local boaters to launch and retrieve their craft for an \$8 fee. “People are in and out

here all day long,” Robbins said.

Pontoon planes often fly into Middle Range Pond, and pilots and passengers will tie up at a beach near the dock to enjoy lunch or dinner at Cyndi’s Dockside.

Middle Range Pond has access to Upper Range Pond, but there is no direct access to Lower Range Pond, which sits across Route 26 from The Boat-house and dock area.

The ponds are quiet and lined with trees and houses. Paddlers will have an easy time because there are very few power boats on the ponds.

Winter time sees locals enjoying ice fishing and ice skating on the ponds.



Lydia Ramseyer, 9, plays in the hotel pool on a recent weekday, while visiting the resort with her parents from Syracuse, NY. The pool is open to resort guests and golf club members. (Tsukroff photo)



Laura Brown, manager of the ice cream parlour in the Fenn House at Fenn Park, puts the finishing touches on two scoops of pistachio ice cream. This is the third summer for the ice cream parlour, which Brown created as a project for her college master’s degree. (Tsukroff photo)

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Olivia Ouellette of Poland returns to shore on one of the sit-on kayaks at The Boathouse next to Cyndi’s Dockside Restaurant on Route 26 at Middle Range Pond in Poland. Ouellette lives on Middle Range Pond and works at the takeout counter at Cyndi’s Dockside. (Tsukroff photo)

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Museum L-A offers Saturday tours of future home

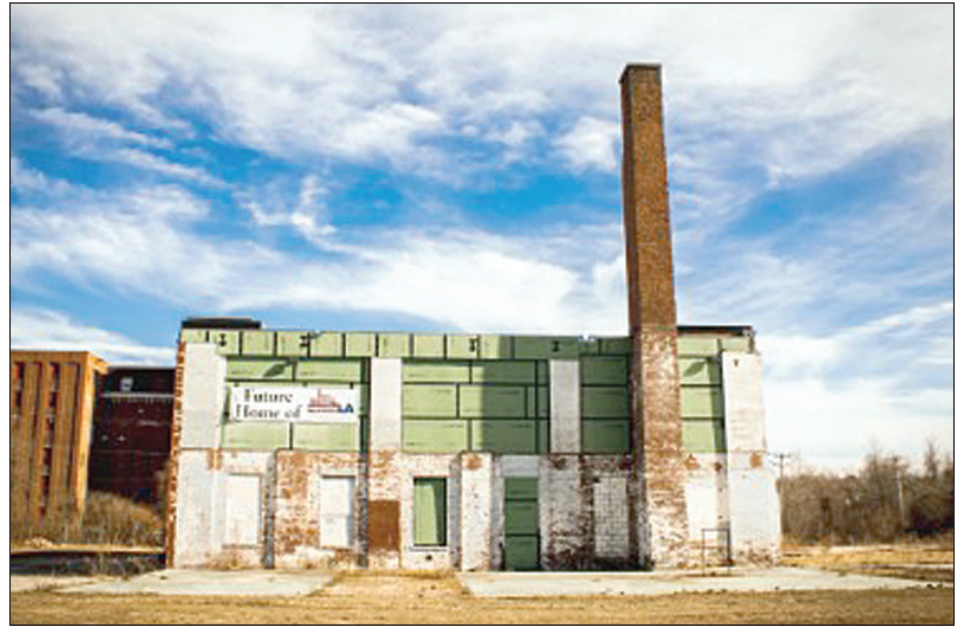
Museum L-A will offer tours of the former Camden Yarns building, their future location, which is adjacent to Sismard-Payne Park, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 19. The public is invited to come and learn about the work that has been done so far and the planning that is underway for relocating Museum

L-A to this special new site and building. A few fun games will be available for children to enjoy part of the new site while tours are being conducted.

Also, Museum L-A is inviting Balloon Festival guests to view its gallery and museum free of charge on Friday, August 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Currently on exhibit in

the gallery is "Structures & Patterns: The Remnants of Our Work," a collaboration with guest curator and fine arts painter Janice L. Moore and photographer Mark Marchesi. Regular museum hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special tour requests and large group tours outside hours are available by appointment.

Museum L-A is currently located in the Bates Mill Complex at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 333-3881 or email info@museumla.org.



The former Camden Yarns building will be the future home of Museum L-A. (Photo by Erin M. Dunn-Kimball)

Model Railroad Club presents seventh annual Train Fest



Jonah Paul of Augusta and his grandmother, Racine Bruce of Hebron, admire the Thomas the Tank Engine layout at the Great Falls Model Railroad Club at 144 Mill Street in Auburn. The club will host its seventh annual Train Fest on Saturday, August 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In keeping with the Great Falls Balloon Festival, this family-fun event will have a hot air balloon theme. Admission is \$3, with those under 12 entering free of charge.

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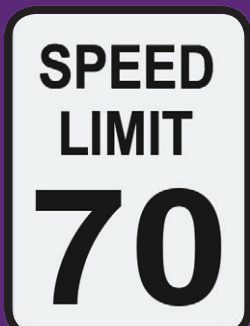
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