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Kora Shrine hosts annual Charity Rally on Saturday

Kora Shrine of Lewiston will host its sixth annual Kora Kares for Kids Charity Rally to support Shriners Hospital for Children on Saturday, August 26 at Twitchells Airport in Turner. Kora invites all mo-

torcycle, classic car, ATV, and barbecue enthusiasts to join them for a day of fun and fellowship. The event starts from 8 to 10 a.m. with breakfast, a social gathering to meet some Shriners Hospital patients and hear

their success stories, and registration for the ATV, motorcycle, and classic car rides that depart at 10 a.m.

Then, from noon to 6 p.m., the field at Twitchells Airport will be open to See **Rally**, page 5

Shaker Village hosts Native American Summer Market



A selection of traditional Passamaquoddy fancy baskets

Featuring some of the state's finest, award-winning Native American artists, the ninth annual Maine Native American Summer Market at Shaker Village will take place on Saturday, August 26 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission to this rain-or-shine event is free of charge. BBQ lunch plates will be served and the Shaker Museum and Shaker Store will be open.

This is the southern-most gathering of Wabanaki artists in the state. More than 40 members of the Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Micmac and Maliseet tribes will demonstrate traditional

Wabanaki crafts, including basketmaking, woodcarving, bark etching, doll making, beadwork and jewelry. There will be performances of traditional drumming, dancing and storytelling

and a wide selection of quality, handmade craft items will be available for purchase at a wide range of prices via cash or personal check.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Community Credit Union receives national CUNA awards



Pictured here (l. to r.) are Executive Vice President Christina Carter and President/CEO Jennifer Hogan of Community Credit Union, with Maine Credit Union League Board Member Vicki Stuart.

Community Credit Union has been named the 2016 recipient of the CUNA Desjardins Financial Education Award for youth and adult financial education, the Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Award, and the Louise Herring Philosophy-in-Action Award. President/CEO Jen Hogan traveled to the Governmental Affairs Conference in Washington D.C. to accept the awards.

The Desjardins Youth and Adult Financial Education Award recognizes leadership in financial literacy for credit union members and nonmembers of all ages. The Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Award honors credit union involvement in community projects and activities. And the Louise Herring Philosophy-in-Action Award recognizes credit unions that are exemplary in incorporating credit union

philosophy into daily operations.

With branches at 144 Pine Street in Lewiston, 40 Stanley Street in Auburn, and 1025 Auburn Road in Turner, Community Credit Union is a member-owned, full-service financial institution that has been serving its members and the community since 1945. For more information, see www.communitycreditunion.com.

Haas Foundation donates \$50K to support Precision Machining scholarships at CMCC

The Gene Haas Foundation has donated \$50,000 to the CMCC Education Foundation for the 2017-18 academic year. These funds will provide scholarships to new and continuing students in the Precision Machining Technology program at Central Maine Community College. The Haas Foundation has contributed over \$150,000 to the College and Foundation for scholarships in the last several years.

The PMT program

at CMCC is one of the largest in the Northeastern U.S. and offers a two-year associate in applied science degree, a one-year certificate, and an advanced certificate. Students are trained in conventional and CNC (computer numerical control) machining. Graduates of the program are employed as machine operators, CNC machinists, tool and die makers, quality control inspectors, machine tool

designers, CNC programmers, and field service representatives.

Founded in 1999, the Gene Haas Foundation has awarded more than \$45 million to more than 2,000 charitable organizations and schools since 1999. The Foundation is committed to U.S. manufacturing and supporting manufacturing education in the form of scholarships and other support for CNC machinist training.



Haas CNC sales associate Marc Lapointe (l.) presents a check for \$50,000 to CMCC President Scott Knapp.

Allstate Foundation awards \$1,000 to Trinity Jubilee Center

Allstate agency owner David Bochtler recently secured a \$1,000 Allstate Foundation Helping Hands in the Community grant to support the Trinity Jubilee Center's efforts to address the needs of underserved people in the Lewiston-Auburn area.

As a volunteer with Trinity Jubilee Center,

Bochtler joins thousands of Allstate agency owners and financial specialists around the country who aim to improve their communities by supporting important local causes. "As a small business owner in Auburn, I see firsthand the opportunities and challenges our area faces," said Bochtler. "Giving back is tremendously rewarding

and gives me a sense of purpose. I believe that when we help others, we can be a positive force for change in our communities, which is why I'm proud to support Trinity Jubilee Center's work."

In 2016, the Allstate Foundation gave more than \$25 million to charitable causes. Trinity Jubilee Center, Inc. is one of thousands of organizations this year that will receive Allstate Foundation Helping Hands in the Community grants secured by agency owners and financial specialists on behalf of the nonprofit where they volunteer. The grants support organizations addressing domestic violence, youth empowerment, disaster preparedness, hunger, and other causes.



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Governor's Address: There's no excuse for violence from any side

The violent behavior in Charlottesville was more than despicable—it was deadly, causing the deaths of three people and injuries to many more.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, I condemn anyone who believes in the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacy or racism. It has no place in our country.

I have spoken out forcefully against the KKK for seven years as your Governor. In the 1920s, the KKK had as many as 40,000 members in Maine. They came after Franco-Americans because they hated Catholics. They hated my family.

The KKK's first parade to take place in broad daylight was in Milo, Maine in 1923. They didn't even try to hide their hate.

As a Franco-American, I know the lasting and devastating effects this kind of hatred and discrimination can have on people. I denounce it in the strongest possible terms.

However, I also condemn the leftists who use hatred and violence against people they accuse of spreading hatred and violence. Both sides are wrong.

These leftists call themselves anti-fascists, but their techniques are right out the fascist playbook. They



Governor Paul R. LePage

deprive the First Amendment rights of people who disagree with them. They use hate speech against the people they accuse of hatred.

They prevent people

with different viewpoints from speaking at colleges. They physically attack supporters of politicians they don't like.

The media is right to condemn neo-Nazis, white supremacists and the KKK. But they also vilify politicians who don't comment on tragic events that happened in other states. They claim such silence is consent, and they draw the ridiculous conclusion that these politicians must support neo-Nazis.

However, the media itself is guilty of remaining silent. They don't condemn or expose the dangerous thugs who are using classic fascist techniques. They are fanning

the flames of this firestorm.

It's admirable to take a stand against hatred and intolerance. But showing up with sticks and clubs and black masks is an invitation for violence.

The so-called "anti-fascists" went to Charlottesville looking for a confrontation. It cost the lives of a young woman and two dedicated police officers.

Those who want to be violent should listen to the mother of Heather Heyer, the young woman who was killed. Heather was there to peacefully protest against the white supremacists. She was not a member of the "anti-fascists."

Heather's mother called for all sides to come together, despite their differences. She asked people not to channel their anger into hate or fear or violence. Instead, they should have an honest discourse, even if it is an uncomfortable dialogue, and channel their anger into righteous action.

No matter what, she said, there is no excuse for hatred. We agree.

Our hearts go out to Heather's family, as well as the families of the police officers who were killed and the people who were injured.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Op-Ed

Opposition to L-A merger seems to come from fear

By Maura Murphy

LEWISTON

"Never!" "Over my dead body!" "Nooooo!"

These are some of the milder expressions of opposition to the Lewiston-Auburn merger that I have heard lately. Such airtight, negative sentiments cannot go beyond themselves; they just repeat and reinforce themselves in closed loops, strengthening and hardening with each repetition. The root of much opposition to the merger seems to be fear: fear of change, fear of risk, fear of the new and unfamiliar, fear of a loss of identity, fear of some vague unfairness, fear of higher taxes, etc.

Fear, like any emotion, cannot be argued against; whether well-founded or not, it exists, powerful and pivotal. It should not, however, be the only basis for making decisions, especially momentous ones such as the possibility of formally joining two small cities into the single community they have always been. It is all but impossible to imagine a person in our community who doesn't have family, friends, healthcare, shopping and cultural destinations on

both sides of the river.

There are also too many families with members, ranging from multiple generations to now, who were forced to seek employment, education and other opportunities elsewhere, even if they would have preferred to stay. Many of our best and brightest leave L-A—and they rarely come back.

Unless you are Native American, your ancestors came here clothed in risk and uncertainty. They could not afford to be paralyzed by fear of the unknown or bound by stagnant loyalties to life as they had once known it. Our ancestors were guided by sacrifice, hope and grit and, above all, a sacred and unshakable determination that life and opportunity would be better for their children and grandchildren. People carried both fear and fearlessness as they packed their bags or fled in the night, boarded trains or ships, parted ways with loved ones or clung tightly to their children, whether they came from England, Ireland, Canada, Greece, Italy, Eastern Europe, Latin America or Africa.

Without our ancestors' faith that things could be

better for their descendants, none of us would be here. Had our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents not taken risks, broken boundaries and leaped with faith into a future they could not have been sure of, these cities as we know and love them would not be here.

Those of us who have lived much of our lives must, as our ancestors did, think of the world our children and grandchildren will inhabit long after we are gone. What might be good enough for us cannot be, in a world that is simultaneously growing larger and smaller, what is best for our

children in the world as it is evolving in such incredible, unprecedented ways. While we cannot stop the sometimes confusing and frightening ways the world around us is changing, what we can and must do as a community is to adapt; this requires consolidating and maximizing our resources, expanding our opportunities and creating new attractiveness for investors, both local and from away.

Continuing to muddle along in two small cities that are at their strongest when they act as one is not laying the groundwork for anything new or better than we have

had in the decades since we last experienced meaningful, widespread growth and prosperity. In these times of dizzying and deep change, formally pooling our resources—financial, political, educational, geographical and human—will allow us to distill the very best from both and let go of the inherent duplication, competition and waste that unnecessarily siphon energy away from becoming the place we need to be to grow and be competitive in these changing times.

Fear can be a powerful engine for determination and growth, just as it can be an excuse to retreat from the

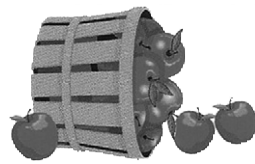
challenges, uncertainties and sacrifices involved in any change. The extraordinary energy and organization that have gone into perpetuating the worst hypothetical "sky is falling" merger scenario could also be applied to rising to the challenges that are an inevitable part of any transition.

Combining the brilliance and power of people on both sides of the Androscoggin will allow us to become a new, bigger, better version of ourselves, one that will be able to host the aspirations and dreams of our children and grandchildren in the rapidly changing world that they will inherit.

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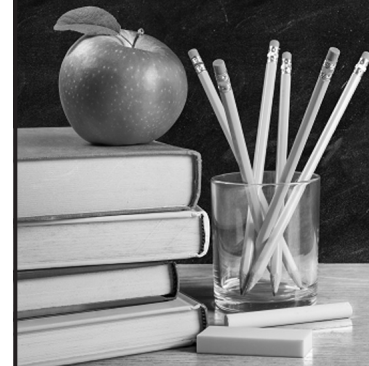


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LTE Merger would create "bitterness and division"

To the Editor:
It is clear the group calling itself "One LA" is spending an enormous amount of money to promote the merger of Lewiston and Auburn. I am curious where all of this money is coming from and what its true agenda is.

This has become a very divisive issue. A city charter is the local

government equivalent of a constitution. To amend the federal constitution, a supermajority of two-thirds of the states is required. And yet, One LA is intent on pursuing its agenda of terminating two great cities, even if it means prevailing by a single vote in each city. This would mean, of course, that nearly half of the pop-

ulation would be dragged, unwillingly, into a brand-new municipality that none of them wanted to be a part of.

The One LA group, with all of its big money, is trying to shove their pet project down our throats. If they are successful, this will cause an enormous amount of bitterness and division among the residents of both cities. Some residents have even gone so far as to say they will move out of their city of this merger goes through.

It will also create gross unfairness. A major reevaluation would be required, causing many more to pay high taxes. The valuation numbers that the Joint Charter Commission is quoting in their report are almost 50% higher than the actual valuation numbers. They are using the numbers from an old census, and they have been determined to be incorrect numbers. This is skewing their facts and leading the public astray.

Vote "No" in November, and beat back the bullying, big-spending tactics of One LA.

Leroy G. Walker, Sr.
Auburn
Ward 5 City Councilor



Passamaquoddy basket maker Linda Dana, with a large traditional fancy basket

Shaker

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Participating artists will include Dolly Barnes, Jason and Donna Brown of Decontie & Brown, Pam and Jacob Cunningham, Barry and Lori Dana, Linda Dana, Faye Decontie, Stuart Tomah and Gal Frey, Wendy Hamilton, Marie Harnois of Passamaquoddy Maple, Butch and Kelly Jacobs, Joe and Tammy Loring, Brenda Moore-Mitchell, Geo Neptune, James Neptune, Peter

Neptune, Molly Neptune Parker, Debbie Nicholas, Debbie Parsons, Gail and Butch Phillips, Caron Shay, Tim Shay, Michael Silliboy, Frances Soctomah, Fred Tomah, and the Burnwurbskek Singers.

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Lewiston hero showed undaunted concern for his comrades

By **Robert E. Macdonald**
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“Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.” (There is no greater love than to give up one’s life for a friend/country.) Thus is attributed to Marcus Tullius Cicero, Rome’s greatest orator.

On 19 March 1969, a son of Lewiston passed through the Gates of Heaven into eternal youth and life. His name was Thomas J. McMahon.

Tommy McMahon was born in Washington, D.C. At some point, his family moved and settled into Lewiston. Upon graduating from Lewiston High School in 1967 he joined the Army and became a combat medic serving with Company A, 2nd Battalion, First Infantry Regiment, 196th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division,

Republic of South Vietnam.

In the Infantry, medics/corpsmen are reverently called, “Doc,” and they hold an elevated status with those whom they serve. If you are wounded or hurt, they are Jonnie on the Spot to save and comfort you. Once they stabilize you, they send you to the next stop: a field hospital.

Spec 4 Tommy McMahon was awarded our country’s highest military honor, The Congressional Medal of Honor. If you never served in the military, you look at this as a great honor, which it is. If you served in an infantry unit, you may look upon it in a different light.

It is rare that someone who has served in combat does not question why their friends died while they lived. Military awards are bestowed for saving the lives of your



Mayor Bob Macdonald

brothers, not taking the lives of your enemy. In saving your brothers, you may have to kill the enemy, but medals are awarded for the lives you saved, not those you took.

In the case of Medal of Honor living recipients, you cannot help but notice the pain in their voice as they relive the battle. They grieve

for their dead brothers, saying the medal they have been awarded belongs to and should have been given to them. Worse, many will suffer through life wondering if they fell short by not saving others who died in the action.

I want to give a public shout out to former McMahon School Principal Althea Walker. Prior to her taking over the McMahon School, a beautiful memorial to Tommy McMahon was on display in the school atrium. Yet very few students—and for that matter very few community members—knew of Tommy McMahon and why the school was named after him.

Althea Walker reversed that. When the Vietnam Traveling Wall came to

Lewiston, every McMahon student knew who Tommy was and why the school had been named after him.

Lastly, this is his Medal of Honor Citation:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Specialist McMahon distinguished himself while serving as a medical aid man with Company A. When the lead element of his Company came under fire from a well-fortified enemy position, 3 soldiers fell seriously wounded. Specialist McMahon, with complete disregard for his safety, left his covered position and ran through intense enemy fire to the side of 1 of the wounded,

administered first aid and then carried him to safety. He returned through a hail of fire to the side of a second wounded man. Although painfully wounded by an exploding mortar round while returning the man to a secure position, Specialist McMahon refused medical attention and heroically ran through the heavy enemy fire towards his remaining wounded comrade. He fell mortally wounded before he could rescue the last man. Specialist McMahon’s undaunted concern for the welfare of his comrades at the cost of his life are in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service and reflect great credit on himself, his unit and the U.S. Army.”
Rest in peace.

Lisbon High School plans Golden Reunion

The 25th annual Lisbon High School Golden Reunion will take place on Saturday, September 16 at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston, with a meet-and-greet at 11 a.m. and a buffet meal at noon. After lunch, Mike Violette of MV DJ Services will provide music from the 1940’s, ’50’s and ’60’s and there will be a raffle to raise money for the scholarship fund.

Begun by the class

of 1942 to mark their 50th reunion, the Golden Reunion is open to all who graduated from Lisbon High School 50 years ago or more and their guests. Members of the Class of 1967 celebrate their 50th reunion this year and organizers hope to see many of them at the event. Also observing milestone reunions are the classes of 1947 (70th), 1952 (65th), 1957 (60th), and 1962 (55th).

The cost is \$25 per person. Please include your name, address, phone number, and graduating class with your registration fee. Reservations should be received by September 1. For more information or to register, contact Nancy Violette, 8 Upland Road, Lisbon, Maine 04250 (353-8013). Information is also available on their Facebook page at lisbongoldenreunion.

LPD offers ten-week “Citizens’ Police Academy”

The Lewiston Police Department will start its next Citizens’ Police Academy on Tuesday, September 5. This ten-week program will meet each Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lewiston Police Department through November 14. There will not be a class on October 31.

The program instructors are sworn Lewiston

police officers and representatives from non-police agencies who will provide insight on the various operations of the department.

The curriculum is frequently updated to stay current and to offer a unique perspective on issues the department is facing. This is an opportunity for applicants to learn about the department and for the department to learn about the concerns of its community members.

It is not a police officer training school or an open forum to discuss previous law enforcement contacts or grievances. Discussions will be held within the confines of the class-time schedule.

Class size is limited to 22 people and preference will be given to Lewiston residents. Only those able to make full a commitment to the class should apply.

An 80% attendance rate is required to successfully complete the “Citizens Police Academy” and

to receive a certificate of completion. A background check will be conducted on all applicants, and those with felony convictions or extensive criminal backgrounds will not be accepted. All applicants should be at least 18 years of ages. All applicants will receive a response concerning their application prior to the start of the class.

Applications are available in the department’s lobby and must be submitted by August 28.

For more information, contact Officer Joe Philippon at jphilippon@lewistonmaine.gov.

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Rally

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the public. Activities will include live music by DR. Fat Finger, a barbecue competition sanctioned by the Northeast Barbecue Society, barbecue food, and a corn hole tournament. Admission to the field is free, but donations to support Shriners Hospital for Children are encouraged.

While registration for the ATV, motorcycle, and classic car rides will be available on the day of the event, early registration will guarantee a tee shirt. To register in advance, see korashriners.org.

Kora Shrine sponsors children from birth to age 18 who need the world-class care that Shriners Hospital for Children provides regardless of ability to pay. Thanks to the event’s generous supporters, the Ride-In has over the last five years raised over \$30,000 for Shriners Burn Hospital in Boston and Shriners Orthopedic Hospital in Springfield, Mass. Last year alone, in addition to providing care at no charge to the families, Kora Shrine supported approximately 85 patients and families with transportation, overnight accommodations, and access to local outreach clinics with about \$19,500 in funding.

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Billy Colasante of Lewiston helps to open the "envelope" of a balloon as it is inflated at the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017 on Friday morning at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston. A big gas engine-powered portable fan is used to blow air into the envelope until it is nearly filled, then the burner is lighted to heat the air and bring the envelope to its final vertical position. (Tsukroff photo)



Nick Bouyea of Lewiston and Angie Lebel of Auburn are ready to help inflate one of the balloons at the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017 Friday morning at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston. (Tsukroff photo)



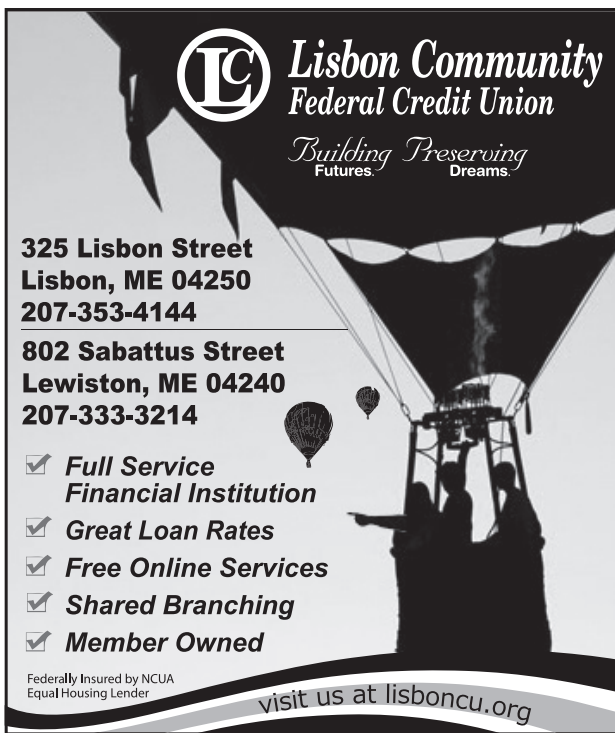
Ted Howe, Jim Rodrique, and Tim Leeman start to unpack the "envelope" – the balloon – of the Tailwinds balloon at the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017 at Simard-Payne Memorial Park as they prepare for the first launch of the festival Friday morning. (Tsukroff photo)



Jim Rodrique releases the "pie ball" – the pilot information balloon – to test wind direction before hot air balloons are launched from Simard-Payne Memorial Park on the first day of Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017. After watching the balloon rise several hundred feet, Rodrique announced "We're going over the river!". (Tsukroff photo)



Brothers Clayton, Carson, Caleb and Cole Gibbs, of Turner, visited Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston Friday morning to watch the first launch of the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017. (Tsukroff photo)



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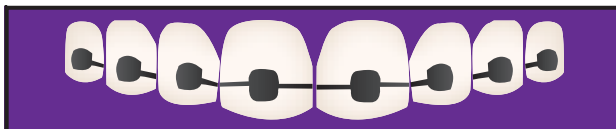
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Danielle Larrabee, one of the directors of the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017, sells a t-shirt to Art Allison of Kittery on the opening day of the festival Friday morning. Vendors tents line Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston, offering food and other items for visitors. (Tsukroff photo)



Jim Rodrique briefs balloon pilots including Joseph Hamilton, Sr., of Rehoboth, MA, and Bill Whidden of Tavares, FL, before the first launch of the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017 Friday morning at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston. (Tsukroff photo)

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Balloons float over Lewiston, toward the river, after launching Friday morning from Simard-Payne Memorial Park (formerly Railroad Park) on the first day of the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017. (Tsukroff photo)



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Beth and Joe Hamilton, Sr., of Rehoboth, MA fire up the burner to heat their Six Pack balloon before taking on passengers. (Tsukroff photo)



Bill Whidden of Tavares, FL, pilot of the Great Balls of Fire balloon, listens to Jim Rodrique at the pilot briefing before balloons were launched Friday morning in Lewiston. (Tsukroff photo)



An ultralight aircraft soars beyond one of the balloons at Simard-Payne Memorial Park. (Tsukroff photo)



Kristina Bouchard and her son, River, of Auburn, watch balloons being inflated at the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017 on Friday morning at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston. (Tsukroff photo)



Lilah Mosher of Turner has fun with a Christmas headpiece while at Simard-Payne Memorial Park to watch the first launch of the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017. (Tsukroff photo)

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The Last Penny balloon, piloted by Bill Colyer from Fairfield, CT, floats toward the river over the tents at the Simard-Payne Memorial Park (formerly Railroad Park) in Lewiston early Friday morning on the first launch of the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017. (Tsukroff photo)



Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017. (Tsukroff photo)



Ariana Vallee and Emma Begin prepare a cup of coffee for a visitor to the Lewiston Field Hockey fund-raising booth at the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017 at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston on Friday morning. The girls are players on the field hockey team at Lewiston High School. (Tsukroff photo)



Jen Kyllonen of Oxford (right) talks with Lavinia Davis, 4, of Auburn, about the balloons at the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017 Friday morning at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston. They were among the hundreds of visitors to the park for the early-morning first launch of the festival. (Tsukroff photo)



Kim Long and Dawn Sullivan, both of Lewiston, shout in excitement as they lift off from Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston at the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017. (Tsukroff photo)



Visitors at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston get a close-up look at the ear of the TomCat balloon at the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017 on Friday morning. (Tsukroff photo)

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Trish Whidden, crew chief for Sky Hi balloon, keeps tension on the balloon "envelope" as the burner is fired up to heat the air in the balloon to ready it for flight on Friday morning. (Tsukroff photo)



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The balloon Six Pack lifts off from Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston early Friday morning. (Tsukroff photo)

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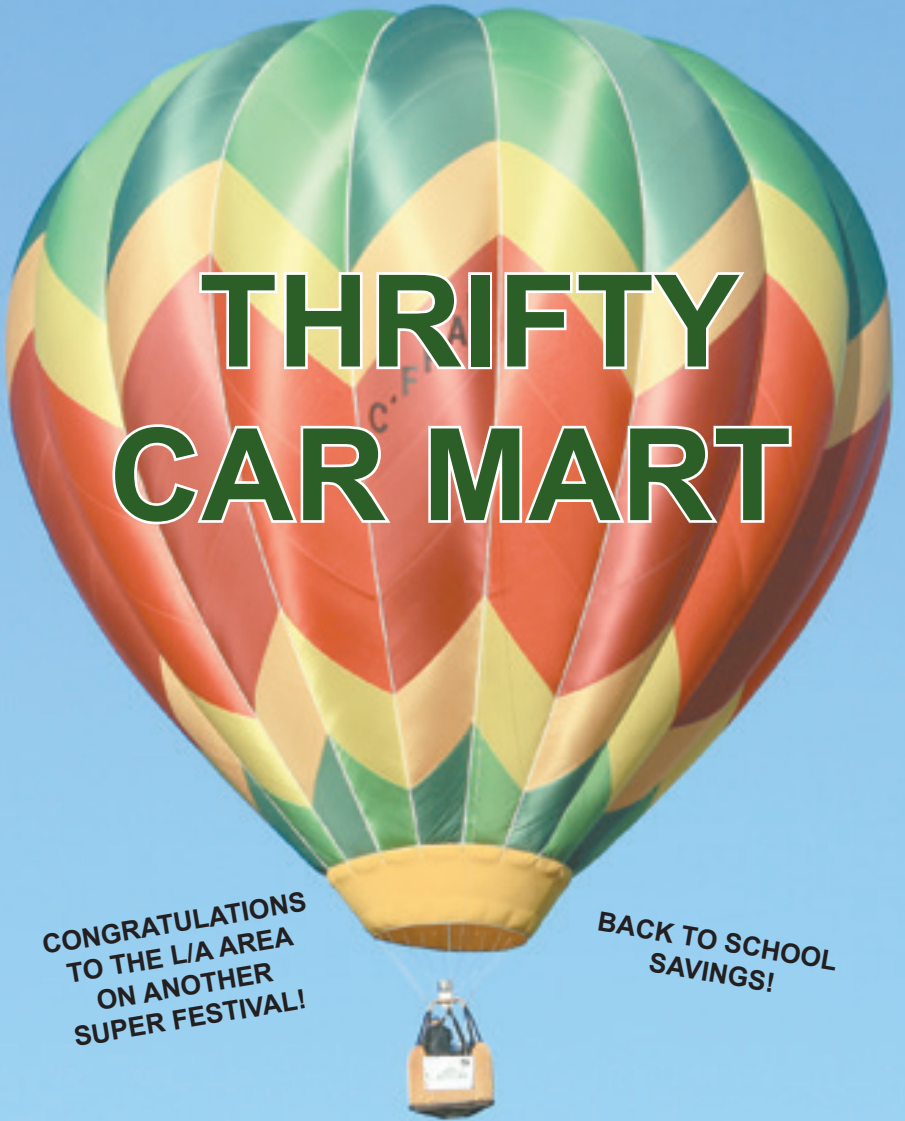


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Robert Zerpolo of Plainville, CT, assembles the basket of his balloon at the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017 at Simard-Payne Memorial Park (formerly Railroad Park) Friday morning. He said he learned to fly around Sebago Lake in 1980. (Tsukroff photo)



The balloon Serendipity, piloted by Jason Boucher of Derry, NH, lifts off from Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston at the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017 on Friday morning. (Tsukroff photo)



Kim Long and Dawn Sullivan, both of Lewiston, wave to family and friends on the ground as they lift off from Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston at the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017. (Tsukroff photo)



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Ballons are inflated while another floats overhead during the first launch of the Great Falls Balloon Festival on Friday morning from Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston. (Tsukroff photo)

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The balloon Six Pack, piloted by Joseph Hamilton, Sr., of Rehoboth, MA, is almost ready for passengers at the Great Falls Balloon Festival 2017 at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston on Friday morning. A crew member is holding a rope tied to the top of the balloon to keep the envelope in place during final inflation. (Tsukroff photo)



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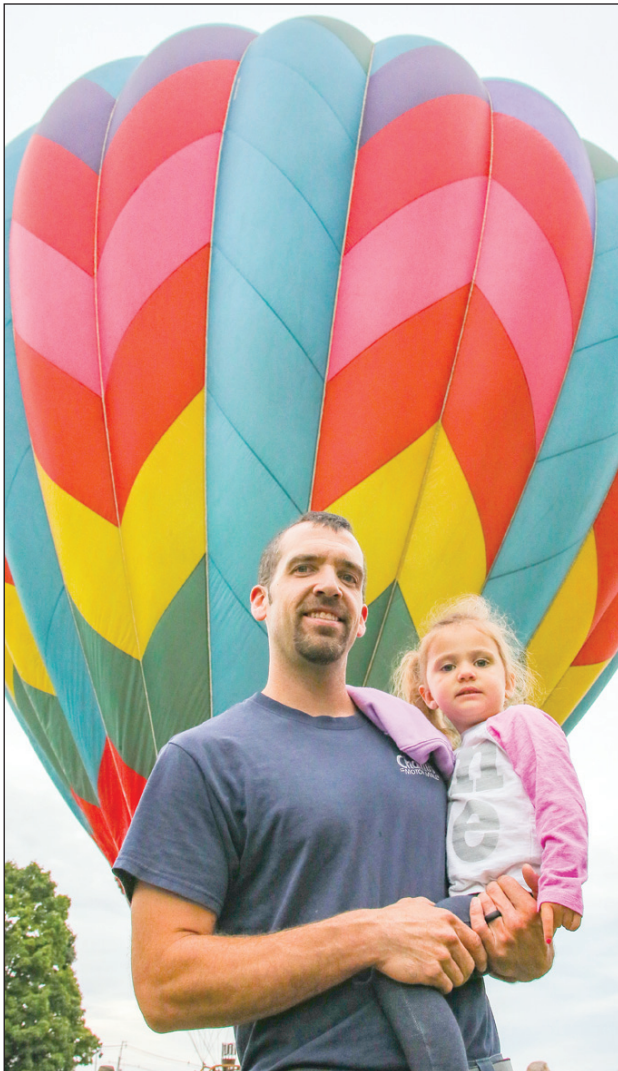
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Resort lodging for the Maine pocketbook? You'll find it at the Poland Spring Resort on Route 26 in Poland!



The library on the second floor of the Maine Inn at Poland Spring Resort has a guest book dating back to when it opened on May 23, 2980. (Tsukroff photo)

Story and Photos by Nathan Tsukroff

Laid out on a 500-acre campus are two hotels; a lodge; an 18-hole championship golf course; 13 cottages for overnight, weekend, or longer stays; and a park with mini-golf, disc golf, a driving range and an ice cream parlor.

Overnight stays at the resort generally include breakfast and dinner buffets.

Nearly 100 years ago, the Poland Spring Resort was an exclusive destination for visitors from cities along the eastern seaboard. Wealthy visitors escaped the summer heat on the golf

course and spacious lawns of the resort. Guests arrived by train and often stayed for the summer.

That changed as society changed. The advent of cars allowed guests to come and go at their leisure, and the resort saw a change in visits from season-long to week-long and less.

Mel Robbins arrived to manage the resort in 1972, and took it in a new direction. He slashed prices to appeal to the new mobile society in America, successfully turning around a slump in the number of guests at the resort. His wife, Cyndi Robbins, inherited the resort

upon his death in 2007 and continues the value offerings at the resort today, with rooms available for guests of all income levels.

The Maine Inn and the Presidential Inn and the cottages are open from mid-May through October, while The Lodge is open year-round. Guests can visit the All Souls Chapel and the museums throughout the year. Cross-country skiing is available in the winter.

The Lodge

The Lodge, which sits,

just a few hundred feet north of the main entrance to the resort on Route 26, offers rooms for visitors to the resort, the Oxford Casino, the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray, or nearby Lewiston and Auburn. And guests can take the shuttle that runs back and forth on weekend nights from the casino, which is just six miles north on Route 26.

Rooms are comfortable and well laid-out with a flat-screen TV, a writing desk, and wifi. There are

ing at the resort on groomed trails during the winter, accessed from the Poland Spring Water Museum. There is no charge for the skiing.

The Maine Inn

Facing the championship golf course at the resort, The Maine Inn is built in a classic antebellum style with tall columns framing the magnificent view from the front veranda. Guests can be found on the veranda morning, noon, and night, talking quietly or simply enjoying the scenery.

The Maine Inn was constructed in 1963 by the owner of the property at that time, Saul Feldman, as part of his business plan to attract new clientele including music and movie stars and professional athletes.

The lobby of the Maine

The Maine State Building, and a short walk from the original Poland Spring water source and bottling building.

The huge Poland Spring House burned to the ground in 1975, and the pro shop, the swimming pool, and a large parking area now sit on the footprint of that building. The smaller buildings make for a wonderful panoramic view from the front of the Maine Inn, bookmarked by the gazebo that sits just beside the golf course.

Rooms received all new furniture at the end of 2016, and guests have commented on the elegance and comfort they enjoyed this year. The investment in the furniture is part of keeping the resort up to date so so guests will visit again and again, Robbins said. In fact, a



Guests at the Maine Inn at Poland Spring Resort are treated to an elegant stay with new furniture that was installed last year. The inn keeps up with the times with flat-screen TVs and wifi access in every room. (Tsukroff photo)



Opened in 1913, the historic Presidential Inn began life with 100 rooms and just 4 bathrooms. Each room now has a private bathroom, and many of the first-floor rooms feature stained glass in the windows. Historic signs throughout the resort tell the story of how the resort rose to fame from when the original inn opened in 1797. (Tsukroff photo)

29 rooms available, all with private bathrooms.

Guests at The Lodge can either eat breakfast at the breakfast bar, or enjoy a quick walk to the breakfast buffet at the Maine Inn. They can also find gifts and necessary items in the gift shop.

Cyndi Robbins said The Lodge is almost always fully booked, with convenient access to the casino and nearby ski areas.

The continued success of the resort is because she is willing to change with the times, Robbins said. When the Oxford Casino was built, she remodeled The Lodge to keep it open year-round, adding the breakfast bar, the gift shop and a front-desk area to make the building self-sufficient. Previously, guests checked in at the Maine Inn.

Robbins then created the driving range and mini-golf at Fenn Park, across the street from the resort and The Lodge, to give guests some fun activities to enjoy during their stay.

Poland Spring Water provides cross-country ski-

Inn is huge, with the check in desk and a gift shop to the left. Comfortable chairs and couches surround the room, and guests can access their rooms from the far end of the lobby. The dining room, with seating for up to 425 guests, opens off the lobby.

Built in 1963, the Maine Inn is now the centerpiece of the resort, surrounded by the golf course with a pro shop and putting green, the All Souls Chapel,

quick survey of guests in the lobby of the Maine Inn and Presidential Inn found that most guests were returning from visits in previous years, while others have already made reservations for next year.

Mel Robbins started managing the resort in 1972, operating it in the style of the owner at that time. "and he lost money," Cyndi Robbins said. "The following year, he came up with the idea of the 25-dollar weekend, which is now the 99-dollar weekend."

The resort tried a concept as an all-adult resort starting in 1978, but the Robbins soon realized that they were losing business and returned the resort to the family-friendly destination that guests enjoy today.

A self-sustained lending library is one of the treats of the Maine Inn. Started by

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Mel Robbins when he arrived in the early 70's, the library is now located on the second floor of the inn and contains thousands of books donated by guests over the years. Visitors can borrow books to take back to their rooms, or simply browse the stacks and relax on the comfortable chairs throughout the library.

A librarian visits the inn weekly to keep the books organized.

Guests "brought books and books and books!" Cyndi Robbins said. "Every building on this property has a library. And all of these books are donated." Any extra books go to other libraries on the hill, while extra books are donated to the Poland Library. Maine Inn library visitors can sign the guest book, which contains signatures from when the library opened in 1980.

Rick's Pub, directly off the Maine Inn lobby, is a wonderful place to relax and visit with friends in the afternoon or evening. Ample seating and comfortable lighting create an upbeat atmosphere.

Guests and visitors can enjoy nightly entertainment throughout the summer, either in the lobby or the Maine Inn dining room, or outside at the gazebo. There is a small fee for some of the shows.

The Maine Inn does not have elevators, but has rooms on the first floor.

The Presidential Inn

Originally built for the employees of the famous guests at the Poland Spring House - the large inn at the resort in the early 1900's - the Presidential Inn first opened its doors in 1913. The historic Victorian classic building is three stories high and originally had 50 rooms and two communal bathrooms on each of the top two floors, the style of hotels at that time in America. Downstairs was a lobby, dining room, and billiard room.

Now the first, second, and third floors are all hotel rooms with private bath-



Guests at the Maine Inn can relax on the spacious front veranda, overlooking the 18-hole championship golf course. (Tsukroff photo)

rooms. Guests check in at the Maine Inn.

For fun, guests can square off on the Democrat or Republican benches that frame the main entrance to the inn.

Local TV station Channel 8 moved into the building in the 1960's and stayed through the early 1990's. The building was leased to the US government in 1966 for the Job Corps, and drop ceilings and firewalls were installed.

Robbins said the resort installed fire sprinklers in the building about 15 years ago, and now have removed the firewalls and false ceiling to reveal the intricate architecture in the lobby area. She pointed out the columns in the lobby, saying "we didn't even know they were here," because they had been covered up before Mel Robbins took over the property.

The lobby ceiling is about 10-feet high, which was typical of architecture before the advent of air-conditioning. The high ceilings allowed heat to rise in the summer, while cooler air from open windows kept guests comfortable. Porches shielded the lobby from direct sunlight in the middle of the day, helping with the cooling efforts.

Many of the rooms on the first floor have stained glass in them, Robbins said.

While every one of the 66 rooms is different, Robbins said, each room is named for a president or president's wife. For ex-

ample, the Lincoln room is lined with photographs and historical clippings from his time as president. There is even an article that compares his assassination with the Kennedy assassination, two events that some historians believe to have oddly coincidental similarities.

There are no elevators in the Presidential Inn.

The Cottages

The Ricker family was the original owner of some 5,000 acres of property that includes what is now the Poland Spring Resort and museums. They started acquiring the land in 1794, and over the years the Rickers built cottages for their important employees and for family members.

Thirteen of the cottages remain and have been converted to guest houses with living rooms, bedrooms, and "snacking kitchens" that include a microwave oven, refrigerator, a toaster and a coffee maker. Rates include the breakfast and dinner buffets that guests can enjoy at the dining room in the Maine Inn.

One of the cottage that can be rented was built by the Shakers before the Rickers purchased the original property in 1794, Robbins said.

While the cottages are upwards of 200 years old, they have been meticulously maintained and have the look of the small, classic New England houses that line streets throughout Maine. The cottages are two-stories tall with small front porches and play areas around them.

Rates at the cottages are surprisingly affordable, starting at \$59 per person per night, with minimum-stay requirements.

These rates are part of what makes the resort so competitive in the marketplace. While not on the coast of Maine or in the heavily-visited areas in the Kennebunk or York area, the Poland Spring Resort is a great value for couples and families, especially with the availability of the cottages.

The Roosevelt House is a cottage on the 14th hole of the championship golf course. It was named for Teddy Roosevelt, who visited the resort in 1921. He served as president from 1901-1909, coming to Maine several times during his tenure. He was known for his conservation efforts to preserve parks and forestland.



Bill Hartman of Hudson, MA and Eric Guba of Acton, MA, enjoy time on the shuffleboard court on the grounds near the Maine Inn at Poland Spring Resort. Guests have access to shuffleboard, bocce, a putting green, grass tennis courts and horseshoe pits.

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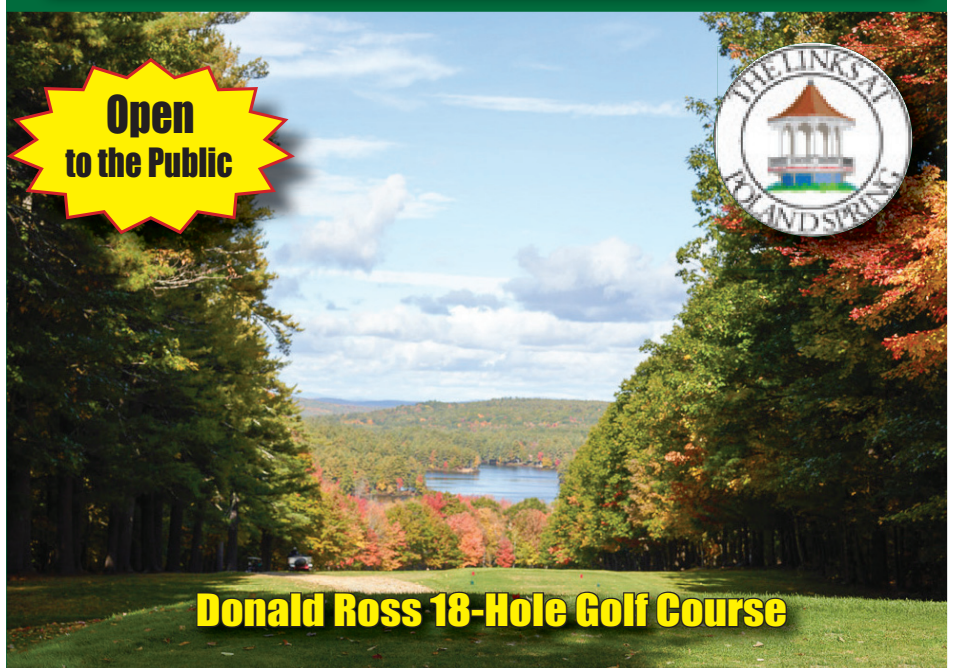
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Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Celebration Barn offers two shows this weekend

Celebration Barn Theater in South Paris will present two shows on Saturday, August 26, including the second of three performances in its new family-friendly matinee series.

At 2 p.m., family audiences are invited to come explore the funny side of scary stuff with Marta Mozelle's "Please Ship this Wet Gift," a clown show that will give families an opportunity to laugh together about feeling bad. Mozelle is a NYC-based puppeteer who performs, builds, and teaches. As a builder, she has worked on puppets, millinery, and costumes for Broadway (including "Wicked," "Something Rotten," *the Rockettes*, and *Avenue Q*) and at the Puppet Kitchen, where she most recently served as a department head overseeing the structures for 21 puppets headed to the San Diego Zoo. Her short works have appeared at puppet slams and cabarets across NYC and the U.S. "Wet Gift" was partially developed during a 2016 show incubation residency at Celebration Barn.

Tickets for this matinee performance are \$10 for adults and \$8 for kids ages 17 and under. The lobby and concessions will open at 1:30 p.m.

Then at 7:30 p.m., Celebration Barn will present "An Evening of New Works" featuring a variety of different performances created in residency at Cel-



Marta Mozelle in "Please Ship this Wet Gift"



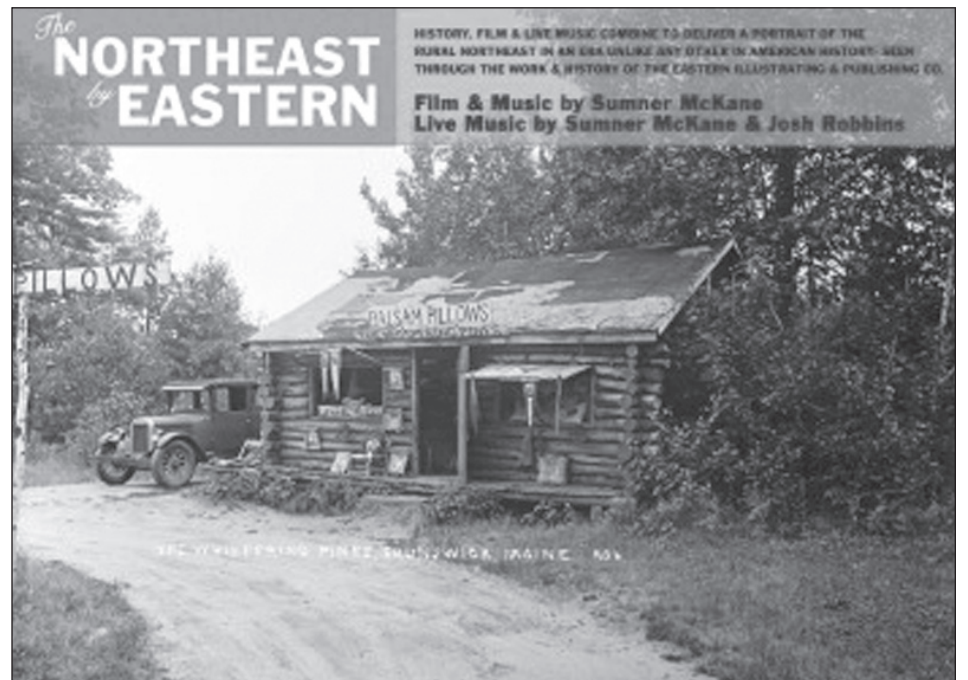
Amanda Huotari in "Pretty Face Does a World of Good"

bration Barn Theater this summer. These original shows were developed by artists while spending a week at a time exploring various physical theater styles, including puppetry, stand-up comedy, "bouffon," and 3-D shadows. The performances will feature faces familiar to Celebration Barn audiences, includ-

ing Amanda Huotari, Fritz Grobe, Ian Bannon, and Shane and Collin Miclon, along with guest artists from around the country.

Tickets for this evening show are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors (ages 60+), and \$8 for kids ages 17 and under. The lobby and concessions will open at 6:30 p.m.

"Northeast by Eastern" to screen at Sawyer Memorial



Sumner McKane will present his film "The Northeast by Eastern" at Sawyer Memorial in Greene on Friday, August 25 at 2 and 7 p.m. Both shows are free and open to the public.

For years, Belfast, Maine-based Eastern Il-

lustrating and Publishing Company sent traveling photographer-salesmen out onto the roads of New England and beyond with cameras, catalogues, and order books to find buyers and markets for their unique "real photo" postcards. The film draws upon the company's comprehensive collection of early 20th century photographs, archival film footage, interviews, oral histories, a musical soundtrack featuring period music, and an original score by Sumner McKane to explore a unique era in American history.

The film's interviews and oral histories not only detail the history of the Eastern Illustrating and

Publishing Co. and the postcard craze of the early 1900s, but also reveal stories from a quieter, simpler, yet stirring and enterprising period. The audience will hear first-hand accounts of smuggling during prohibition, river drivers brawling for fun, growing up without worry or constant adult supervision, and of slop buckets spilling onto tourists' pies, all presented against an exceptional backdrop of archival film and Eastern Illustrating photographs.

The Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial is located at 371 Sawyer Road in Greene. For more information, call 946-5311 or see sawyer-foundation.com.

Celebration Barn Theater is located just off Route 117 at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris. All tickets are general admission and members receive priority seating. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at 743-8452 or see www.CelebrationBarn.com.



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Final week for summer tours at Norlands



Clara Howard, portrayed by Willi Irish, bakes cookies for visitors to the Washburn's Farmer's Cottage. (Photo by Jessica Eldridge)

Norlands Living History Center in Livermore will present the final living history tours of its summer season on Saturday, Tuesday, and Thursday, August 26, 29, and 31, each day at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. To have time to enjoy the full site, plan to arrive by 3 p.m. Come tour the 1867 Wash-

burn family mansion, farmer's cottage, and one-room schoolhouse while visiting with interpreters dressed in period clothing who portray residents of the area from the 1800s. Round out your visit with a nature walk on a historic carriage trail or bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the beautiful grounds.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$6 kids 12 and under, or \$25 for a family of two adults with two or more children under 18. Discounted admission will be offered on August 31. Norlands is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore. For more information, call 897-4366 or see www.norlands.org.



Hiram Briggs, portrayed by Larry Whittington, explains the day's penmanship lesson in the District #7 school house. Briggs (1838-1892) taught 18 terms of school in Livermore from 1848-1877. (Photo by Ryan Burnham)

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Kids' "Fun in French" course at Franco Center

The Gendron Franco Center will start a new session of "Fun in French" classes on Saturday, September 9. The course provides an opportunity for families with children ages 4 to 12 to learn activities in French that they can build upon with each session. The program is based upon the Maine French Heritage Language Program curriculum, which offers a wide range of fun educational activities influenced by the local Franco-American and other French-speaking cultures. The course will be taught by Jacynthe Jacques, a native of the Eastern Township region of Québec who has lived in the Lewiston area for over 20 years.



Two young Fun in French participants enjoy a visit to Museum L-A.

The five-week course consists of 90-minute sessions running from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings. A full schedule of classes will be available at the first session or can be acquired by contacting the Franco Center. No prior language experience is needed to participate. A parent, grandparent or adult

caregiver should accompany each child ages eight and under.

L-A Children's Foundation, and other sources.

Fun in French classes are offered free of charge thanks to grant funding provided by the French American Cultural Exchange - French Heritage Language Program of New York, the

A minimum of five students is required to hold the course; class size is limited to 15 students. For more information or to register, call the Center at 783-1585, email jjacques@francocenter.org, or visit francocenter.org.

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L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce seeks submissions of original art

The Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce invites Maine artists to submit an original two-dimensional artwork to be selected for reproduction as a limited-edition print. Works submitted should represent a distinctive, classic, iconic theme, landmark, environmental or structural detail, texture, tone, or representation of the LA region of today and tomorrow. Past examples of local iconic images are canals, skylines, and streetscapes, but visions of the future are encouraged. Works can be in any medium (photography, illustration, paint, etc.) that can be reproduced at a high-quality resolution. The maximum size of the finished piece cannot exceed 24" x 18". Each piece should be titled.

Twenty pieces will be selected by a jury of Chamber board members, staff, and local arts professionals for display at the Chamber's "130th Fête d'anniversaire" on Friday, November 3, 2017. A cash prize of \$700 will be awarded to the artist whose piece is judged "Best in Show" and that image will be reproduced as 100 limited-edition prints. The original will be framed and auctioned as part of a live auction. All other submissions will be displayed at the event for audience judging and silent auction. A \$300 cash prize for the "People's Choice" will be awarded at the event.

Each piece should be assigned a value for sale following 50-50 gallery standards, including a minimum

reserve. The Chamber will promote the names of each participating artist when marketing the 130th Fête d'anniversaire. The reverse of the limited-edition print will feature text on the artist and their work. Pieces that do not meet their reserve for sale on November 3 will be returned to the artist following the event.

The deadline to submit works is September 30. Work may be dropped off at the Chamber Office during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eligibility is open to professional, practicing artists who reside in Maine. For more information, email Beckie@lametrochamber.com.

Harlow Gallery hosts Poetry Open Mic Night

The Harlow Gallery in Hallowell will host a Poetry Open Mic Night on Friday, August 25 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for poets to register to read, ending promptly at 7:00. At that time, all poets' names will be thrown into a hat and readers will wait for their name to be selected. Each reader will have a maximum of five minutes to read, which means they can read three

short poems of 16 lines each; two medium poems of 25 to 30 lines each; or one long poem of 50 to 60 lines. When your name is called, you're on! This fun evening will provide poets who might not otherwise have an opportunity to read their work to do so in a welcoming environment of good spirit and support. Poems read must be appropriate for an all-age audience.

Located at 160 Water Street in Downtown Hallowell, the Harlow Gallery is home to the Kennebec Valley Art Association, a membership-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting and celebrating art, artists and community in central Maine since 1963. For more information about the Harlow Gallery or this event, email jayfranzel@yahoo.com or see harlowgallery.org.

Leading through Art



Members of Lewiston High School's 21st Century "Leading through Art" mural team and L/A Arts staffers take a break from installing a work in preparation for last week's Art Walk LA. The 21st Century Leaders showcased work from their 2017 summer internship program at three locations at the event.

Thos. Moser exhibit on display at State Museum



Ramsy Uter and Tom Moser work on their carving of a small carousel horse that makes its debut in the exhibit, the first career retrospective of Moser's contribution to art, craft, design, and entrepreneurship in Maine.

"Thos. Moser: Legacy in Wood," a traveling exhibition illustrating the artistic vision of legendary Maine furniture maker Tom Moser, has made its final stop at the Maine State Museum in Augusta, where it will remain on view through January 13. The exhibition is the first retrospective of Moser's 45-year contribution to art, craft, design, and entrepreneurship in Maine. In addition to showcasing beautiful furniture, the exhibit includes a wood-bending jig from the factory floor and hands-on joinery examples to display how the furniture is made.

"While this version of the exhibit has some commonalities with its installations in the other two venues, in many ways it is unique," says the exhibition's curator, Donna McNeil. "Different pieces of furniture and new styles are featured. Some pieces made by a new generation of designers, inspired by Tom Moser's vision and working at Thos. Moser

Handmade American Furniture, are highlighted as well." A small carousel horse, hand-carved by Moser in collaboration with Ramsy Uter, a craftsman at Thos. Moser Handmade American Furniture since 2007, also makes its debut as part of the Maine State Museum exhibit.

In 1972, Tom Moser was a tenured professor at Bates College when he took a year off to make furniture and never went back. His early designs were based on classic New England styles, such as Windsor and ladder-back Shaker chairs. Forty-five years later, the design of his sinuous take on the Windsor has been updated several times. It is joined in the exhibit by a twenty-first century interpretation, fittingly called the Sequel, along with other iconic designs.

As Moser tells it, he has always had, and still has, a compulsion to build. "To this day, I cannot imagine a life in which I am not creating objects in three

dimensions," he says. "The urge runs deep in my bones and, for better or worse, I define myself by my output. The unexamined life may or may not be worth living, but for me, life without a project is at best a shallow experience."

The result of Moser's compulsion was first a one-man shop in New Gloucester, where his family's dining room served as the showroom for his furniture. Now, Thos. Moser Handmade American Furniture, based in Auburn, employs more than 100 people - including three generations of Mosers - and has showrooms across the country.

The exhibit catalog, "Moser: Legacy in Wood," by Thomas Moser and Donna McNeil, will be available for sale in the Maine State Museum Store throughout the exhibit's run. The Maine State Museum is located at 230 State Street in Augusta. For more information, see www.mainestatemuseum.org.

Kindness Rocks in Auburn



Pictured here (l. to r.) are project supporters Levi Taylor, Tonia Taylor, Stella Taylor-Dobson, Miranda Haggerty, Royalle Grant, Mya Kelsea, Duncan Cooper, and Molly Cooper.

The Maine Kindness Rocks project has made its mark on Auburn by setting up home in Pettengill Park. Local Auburn Middle School student Miranda Haggerty teamed up with Auburn Recreation to offer a place where these rocks can be found to help provide

the community with some colorful inspiration. Stop by and find a rock to take home or, better yet, donate a rock with an inspiring message for someone else. For more information about the Maine Kindness Rocks project, find them on Facebook at "mainekindnessrocks".

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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 Ehrenbach. 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. Register onsite from 5 p.m. Pres. by Sabattus Rec Club. Running@sabattusrec.com.

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.

Film Screening. 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. Sumner McKane presents his film "The Northeast by Eastern," which draws upon period film, photos, oral histories, and music to portray life in the early 20th century. Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Poetry Open Mic Night. 7 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St., Hallowell. Poets who register from 6:30 to 7 will have 5 minutes to read when their names are drawn in random order. Poems must be appropriate for an all-age audience. Free. harlowgallery.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

Kora Kares for Kids Charity Rally. Twitchells Airport, Turner. ATV, mo-

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torcycle, classic car rides depart at 10 a.m.; barbecue, live music, field activities from 12-6 p.m. Proceeds support Shriners Hospital for Children. Regis. for rides onsite from 8-10 a.m. or at korashriners.org.

Native American Summer Market. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Shaker Village, Rte. 26, New Gloucester. This southernmost gathering of Wabanaki artists features performances, demos, and traditional hand-made craft items for sale. Rain or shine. Free. 926-4597; www.maine-shakers.com.

"Please Ship this Wet Gift." 2 p.m. Celebration Barn Theater, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. In this special matinee show for families, Marta Mozelle's clown show explores the funny side of scary stuff. \$10/8. 743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

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

"An Evening of New Works." 7 p.m. Celebration Barn Theater, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. Summer physical theater residents present short new works in a variety of styles. \$14/12/8. 743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Sunday, August 27

L-A Bridge Run. 8:30 a.m. Rolldrome, Auburn. This USA Track & Field-certified 5k race features chip timing, drawings, refreshments, music, and awards. \$25 adv./30 on race day. www.triple-crown5k.com.

Tuesday, August 29

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

Thursday, August 31

Informational Meeting. 10 a.m. Theater, Building 210, Togus VA Medical Center, Augusta. VA staff provide detailed information on VA healthcare and other benefits/services and answer questions. Free. 430-6004.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. Public Relations Committee co-chair Chris Martel discusses the club's website and social media apps. No reservation required; lunch avail. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Marine Corps League Meeting. 6 p.m. Lewiston Armory, 65 Central Avenue. Central ME Detachment 810 holds its monthly meeting; all Marines, FMF corpsman and Navy chaplains invited, along w. anyone interested in the Marines Helping Veterans program.

Saturday, September 2

Yard and Bake Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Church vestry, Sixth Street Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Bake goods, white elephant table, books, children's toys. 782-7517.

Tuesday, September 5

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

Friday, September 8

2nd Friday Brunswick. 4 to 7 p.m. Downtown venues along Maine St. This monthly Art-walk event features live performances, extended shopping hours, and over 40 artists' displays. Free. brunswickdowntown.org.

Sunday, September 10

Central Maine Heart Walk. Simard-Payne Park, Lewiston. The largest American Heart/Stroke Assoc. fundraising event in Central Me features a one- or three-mile walk, 5K Fun Run, and Kids Zone. 289-2397; www.central-maineheartwalk.org.

Second Sundays Art Workshop. 2 to 4 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St., Hallowell. Mathew Scease leads this session on creative writing. Open to all ages, experience levels. Free; no registration required. 622-3813.

Tuesday, September 12

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

Thursday, September 14

Community Engagement Seminar. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Brunswick Hotel and Tavern, Brunswick. this day-long session for community leaders is pres. by the Community Institute. \$100. <https://jblafleur-consultants.com>.

Friday, September 15

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.

Saturday, September 16

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this event features a reception at 11:00, buffet lunch at noon, and music from the 1940s, '50s, and '60s. \$25. Register by 9/1. 353-8013.

Tuesday, September 19

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Wednesday, September 20

Membership Meet-

ing. 6 p.m. Parish Hall, Holy Family Church, 607 Sabattus St., Lewiston. The Ladies of St. Anne host their annual meeting, which includes a meal. \$10. Purchase tix by 9/10. 782-4516.

Tuesday, September 26

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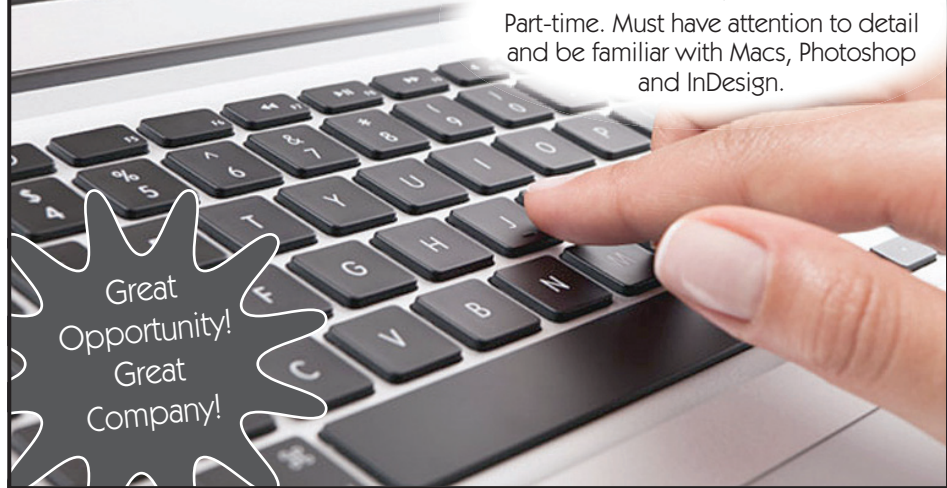
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What's Going On

Pastor of the High Street Congregational Church: "You all belong here!"



Rev. Stephen R. Carnahan, Pastor of the High Street Congregational Church, left, addressed the Food Pantry guests Thursday morning, assuring them and any visitors to the Church that they are all welcome at the Church and declared in a clear and strong voice, "You all belong here!" He said "In light of what is going on in the world and specifically, the Charlottesville, Virginia event, I feel it is necessary to deliver this message." Rev. Carnahan continued by including all people of any color, faith, political party, immigrants, handicapped, and he even included sports fans, which lightened the mood with appreciative audience comments. Lee Upton, Director of the Food Pantry, is at right. (Rachel Morin Photo)

CMMC welcomes UNE med students to "Clinical Campus"



Pictured here (l. to r., from front) are new CMMC Family Medicine residents Cashel O'Brien, Danielle Beard, Ula Lewandowski, Masina Wright, Tahlia Wolfgang, Emily Boone, Andrew Bressier, and Ethan Duane.

The CMMC Family Medicine Residency recently welcomed eight third-year medical students from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. As CMMC's "Clinical Campus" for UNECOM, the residency program allows students to spend their entire third year of medical school within the Central Maine Healthcare system to complete their core clinical rotations in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine (inpatient and outpatient), Obstetrics-Gynecology, Pediatrics, and Surgery. The students will also have the opportunity for

one Psychiatry rotation at St. Mary's Health System and one community health-rural medicine rotation.

One of the unique aspects of the program involves introducing students to Maine's rural and community health needs through a clinical rotation, often completed at Swift River Family Medicine in Rumford. As the need for healthcare providers in the state continues to grow, it's important for future providers to experience the work and see if it's a good fit for their career. When the students finish out the

year, they will have a greater general understanding of all aspects of healthcare and the career options their medical degrees provide.

Central Maine Medical Center created the Family Medicine Residency Program in 1978 to support the training of family physicians and to provide well-trained family doctors for the Lewiston-Auburn and other areas of Maine. The program provides care for entire families and individuals all ages at the Oscar Treat Turner Family Medicine Center at 76 High Street in Lewiston.

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Community Institute offers seminar on promoting community engagement

Strengthening communities by getting residents more civically involved and keeping the conversation civil will be the topic of a seminar hosted by the Community Institute on Thursday, September 14 at the Brunswick Hotel and Tavern in Brunswick. In the day-long session, participants will learn about programs, tools and techniques that successfully bring productive engagement and, in turn, strengthen communities and places.

Designed for public officials, planners, and community organizations, the event will feature a keynote address

by nationally recognized expert Carolyn Lukensmeyer, executive director of the National Institute for Civil Discourse. In addition to heading up NICD, Lukensmeyer also founded AmericaSpeaks, which developed and facilitated deliberative methods such as the 21st Century Town Hall Meeting and focused on creating opportunities for citizens to influence and encourage public officials to make informed, lasting decisions. The title of her talk will be "Incivility and Political Dysfunction: How Did We Get Here and What Can We Do?"



Keynote speaker Carolyn Lukensmeyer is Executive Director of the National Institute for Civil Discourse.

of learning stations to experience engagement tools and see actual results of engagement processes.

Faculty members for the seminar will include Sara Lightner, Senior Associate, Orton Family Foundation; Caitlyn Davison, Associate, Orton Family Foundation; Nancy Smith, Executive Director, GrowSmart Maine; Anne Ball, Program Director, Maine Downtown Center; Tara Hill, Executive Director, Maine Cancer Foundation; and Kate Howe, owner, Better Yet Studio.

This is the eighth program the Community Institute has organized. Each has focused on an issue of importance to communities, beginning at the policy level, incorporating a field work component, and ending with practical tools and techniques. This session will include an afternoon

This program is sponsored by the Orton Family Foundation, the Maine Development Foundation, Lift360, and others. Additional sponsorships and exhibit booths are available. Registration is \$100, with an early bird rate of \$85 before September 1. To register, see <https://thecommunityinstitute.eventbrite.com>.

A program of JB Lafleur Consultants of Camden, the Community Institute was founded in 2014 to organize educational conferences, workshops, and seminars focused on timely topics related to strengthening communities and community development. For more information, see www.jblafleurconsultants.com.



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Chris Martel to address Rotary on social media apps

The Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Club will welcome guest speaker Chris Martel on Thursday, August 31 at noon at the Village Inn, located at 165 High Street in Auburn. Guests are welcome, lunch will be available, and reservations are not required. A life-long resident of Lewiston, third-generation Rotarian,



Chris Martel

and co-chair of the club's Public Relations Committee, Martel will discuss how the club's website, Facebook, Twitter, and smartphone applications work to help spread the word about club service and fellowship activities.

Visit their website at www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

What's Going On

Central ME Heart Walk set for Sep. 10



This year's event is chaired by Shawn Reed of Great Falls Marketing.

The 19th annual Central Maine Heart Walk will take place on Sunday, September 10 to benefit the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA). This year's event will have a new kick-off location at Simard-Payne Park in Lewiston. The AHA's largest event in Central Maine, the Heart Walk draws more than 1,000 walkers who together raised more than \$130,000 last year.

Shawn Reed, Vice President of Call Center Development and Performance

at Great Falls Marketing, will serve as the 2017 Heart Walk Chairman. "The Heart Walk is a great way to gather employees, families and friends to celebrate good heart health," said Reed. "But it's so much more than a walk. It's a way to support lifesaving medical research and to make our community healthier through education

and learning how to prevent heart disease and stroke by living a healthier lifestyle."

From Simard-Payne Park, walkers will embark on either a one- or three-mile walk along the L/A Trails Riverwalk. The event also includes a 5K "Fun Run" and Kids Heart Challenge Obstacle Course designed for kids ages 5 through 12. There will be music, water, and snacks at the start and end of the walk. Children will enjoy heart-healthy jump roping, face painting, and other activities in the Kids Zone.

The 2017 Heart Walk Executive Committee includes: Sharon Goes of Camden National, Lena Hann of Androscoggin Saving, and Deb Kiker of Central Maine Medical Center. To register, contact Becky Adams at Becky.Adams@heart.org or 289-2397, or visit www.centralmaine-heartwalk.org.

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MCCS announces tuition freeze for 2017-18

Tuition and fees at Maine's seven community colleges will remain unchanged for the coming academic year. Tuition for Maine students will remain at \$92 a credit hour. For a full-time student taking 30 credits, the annual cost of tuition and fees will average \$3,600.

Maine's community college have been the lowest in New England for several years and on par with the national average. "Maine has the lowest per capita income and the lowest college attainment rate in New England," noted MCCS President Derek Langhauser in making the announce-

ment. "Our Board of Trustees and our colleges are committed to keeping our institutions as affordable as possible so more Maine people can access higher education and acquire the skills they need to build a brighter future."

This year's freeze was made possible by increases in FY18 state appropriations to the MCCS budget, as requested by the MCCS Board of Trustees.

Registration remains open for students interested in enrolling in classes and programs of study for the fall 2017 semester. Most classes begin between August 28 and September 5. However, many sections of community college classes start later in the fall to accommodate the needs of those who work in industries such as hospitality and construction or whose schedules do not align with the traditional fall semester. More information about registration and flexible course scheduling is available by contacting the admissions offices at the colleges.

The Maine Community College System is Maine's comprehensive two-year college system. Additional information about the MCCS and its seven colleges is available at www.mccs.me.edu.

What's Going On

Fall College Transition Program starts Sep. 12



Program instructor Amy Hatch presents Bright L. Musuamba with a Certificate of Completion at the end of the spring session.



Spring session graduate Susanna Straight

Those looking to prepare for college and scholarship help may sign up for the fall session of the College Transition Program at Lewiston Adult Education. This free program reviews reading, writing, and math skills in a college-style setting. The program is also expanding its focus this fall to include instruction in time management skills and finding and applying for

scholarships.

The 14-week fall session will begin on Tuesday, September 12 at Lewiston Adult Education's suite at the B Street Community Center on 57 Birch Street in Lewiston. Classes will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. During the semester, students will visit the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College, Central Maine

Community College, and Kaplan University. Making classroom appearances will be representatives from Northeast Technical Institute, the Maine Educational Opportunity Center, and the Finance Authority of Maine.

To start the application process, schedule a CASAS assessment, or learn more about the program, call Lewiston Adult Education at 795-4141.

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