

SeniorsPlus presents Aging Well, Living Well Expo



Following a keynote breakfast address, the event offers a choice of 20 fun and serious workshops.

SeniorsPlus will present its tenth annual Aging Well, Living Well Expo on Friday, October 6, from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel and Conference Center at Sunday River in Bethel. As a learning opportunity for adults, the event will feature workshops and lectures on a variety of fun and serious topics, from line-dancing, essential oils, and model railroading to Medicare 101 and estate planning.

The Expo will begin with a keynote breakfast address by Maine author and inspirational speaker Lee Ann Szelog, who will discuss how attendees can

create their own family time capsules and will lead the audience in creating a unique time capsule commemorating the event. The more than twenty workshops to be presented will cover topics including law, health, exercise, cooking, and art. Sample workshop titles include "Antiques and Collectibles," "Self Defense and Safety Awareness," and "Diabetes 101." All workshops run for 75 minutes. In celebration of the Expo's tenth anniversary, musical entertainment will be provided by the duo Old School.

"Our goal is to offer new learning opportunities to enlighten and encourage

active aging and improve quality of life," said Betsy Sawyer-Manter, President and CEO of SeniorsPlus. Almost 300 attended the event last year. A complete schedule of programming can be found at www.seniorsplus.org.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include breakfast and lunch, as well as entrance to the workshops. Tickets for raffles and chondola rides may also be purchased for an additional fee. Seats are limited and advance registration is strongly recommended. To buy tickets, visit SeniorsPlus or call them at 1-800-427-1241.

Noted Bluesman to perform at Bates College

The Olin Concert Series at Bates College will present a concert by Blues musician Corey Harris on Sunday, September 24 at 2 p.m. in the college's Olin Arts Center Concert Hall at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston. Aside from being a Bates College alumnus and the recipient of a MacArthur "Genius" Award, Harris is acclaimed for his rare ability to persuasively channel the raw emotion of acoustic blues, drawing from historical influences that span from New Orleans to the Caribbean to Africa.

For free tickets for students and seniors ages 65-



Corey Harris

plus, call 786-6135 or email olinarts@bates.com. Tickets for all others are \$25 at batesconcerts.eventbrite.com. (Photo by Phyllis Graber Jensen/Bates College)

Auburn athletes compete in State Summer Track Meet



Setting new state records at the event were 100 and 200m racer Lindy Hyndman and the Boys' Ages 8 & Under 4x100 Relay Team of Tallen Berry-Hart, Peyton Langlois, Brodyn Rodrigue, and Eben Thibodeau. (See story on page 3)

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Lewiston ELL teacher to address Rotary Club



Patti MacKinnon

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, September 28 from noon to 1 p.m. will be English and ELL teacher Patti MacKinnon of Lewiston High School. The event will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn. Guests are welcome and no reservations are required. Lunch will be available at the restaurant.

MacKinnon has taught English and ELL at Lewiston High School for the past 12 years, working primarily with immigrant and refugee populations. Prior to coming to Maine, she directed language schools in South Korea and San Francisco, California. Around 2004, she read about the influx of Somalis in Lewiston and was intrigued by the possibility of helping them integrate, so she came to Maine. Last year, she and a group of Lewiston students formed a Celebrate Diversity Club to build cross-cultural understanding and acceptance by

bringing people of diverse backgrounds together to share stories, food, music, dance, and other cultural activities.

MacKinnon lives in Brunswick and is an active member of the Brunswick Coastal Rotary Club. She sees herself as part of a global community and spends a good part of her summer with indigenous villagers in Guatemala working on the Safe Water for Guatemala Project that she and her daughter formed several years ago. At this event, she will speak about her experiences with the African immigrant community and her mission to build cross-cultural understanding and acceptance. Several of her students will also share their personal stories of immigration and integration into the Lewiston community.

For more information, contact Club President and Program Chair Monica Millhime at 753-9040 or see www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

Local students graduate from Bates College

Bates College held its 151st commencement ceremony on May 28. Delivering the commencement address was Geoffrey Canada, president of the Harlem Children's Zone. Also honored were U.S. Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine), with a Doctor of Human Letters; actor, philanthropist, and Lewiston native Patrick Dempsey, with a Doctor of Human Letters; and art historian Wanda Corn '62, with a Doctor of Fine Arts.

Cumulatively, the Class of 2017 performed 80,000 hours of community service, exemplifying Bates' commitment to community learning and civic action. Among the 460 graduates

of the class of 2017 were the following local students:

Lily Shi of Lewiston, Cecelia Carey-Snow of Brunswick, Taylor Saucier of Durham, McKayla Girardin of Lewiston, Audrey Burns of Topsham, Mitchell Newlin of Brunswick, Ahmed Sheikh of Lewiston, Allison Hill of Brunswick, Fatima Saidi of Auburn, Andrew Lachance of Manchester, Stefan Joseph of Lewiston, Quinlan Leary of Auburn, Jenney Abbott of Rangeley, Jack Martell of Gray, Declan Chu of Winthrop, Hannah Wilson of Lewiston, Jess Wilson of North Yarmouth, Nevo Polonsky of Lewiston, and Mahad Mohamed of Auburn.

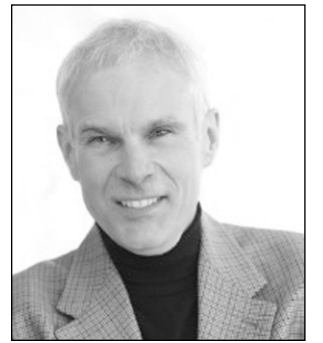
CMCC renames Corporate and Community Services Dept.



Michelle Hawley

Central Maine Community College has announced that its Corporate and Community Services Department will become the "Center for Workforce and Professional Development." The center provides custom training and professional development programs across Androscoggin, Oxford, Franklin, and Lincoln counties. Non-credit classes, including online options, and industry-recognized certification programs are also offered. Popular training topics include supervision, leadership, communications, customer service, occupational trade skills, and computer based applications.

"The center's mission is to assist employees and organizations by developing a variety of solutions to address their workforce and professional development needs, including specialized programs tailored to specific requirements," says Michelle Hawley, Director of Workforce & Professional Development. "Many of our programs can be delivered at one of our campus locations,



Christopher Paradis

at a place of business, or at a venue of an organization's choosing. High quality training and lifelong learning opportunities are crucial to remaining competitive in a dynamic global economy."

Hawley has worked at CMCC for 23 years, most recently as grant project manager for a Maine Community College System federal grant consortium. Prior to that, she served as CMCC director at the Western Maine College Center in South Paris. She holds an associate degree in business administration and management from CMCC; a bachelor's degree in leadership and organizational studies from USM; and a master's degree in adult and higher education from USM. She serves on the Central-Western Maine Workforce Development Board. A native of Texas, she now lives in Oxford.

Christopher Paradis serves as a Workforce Development and Training Specialist. He has more than 25 years of marketing, sales and international business. See CMCC, page 3

Community Credit Union supports Poland Food Pantry



Community Credit Union recently presented the Poland Community Food Pantry with a donation check of \$250. The pantry distributes food to 135-150 families each month and provides support to those who have been displaced due to fire or other emergencies. A thrift shop partially funds its activities. Pictured here (l. to r.) are Betsy Sibley and Matthew Shaw of Community Credit Union and Sharon Bazinet, Stacey Monahan and Constance Akerley of Poland Community Food Pantry.

Flags lowered in memory of Rep. Gina Mason

In memory of State Representative Gina Mason, Governor LePage directed that all State of Maine flags in Augusta and in her district of Lis-

bon be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Wednesday, September 13. Representative Mason died on September 5.

"Representative Ma-

son served both her community and her state with enthusiasm and purpose, and we have all benefited from her generous donation of time and talent to the cause she believed in," said Governor LePage. "Ann and I are saddened by her passing and express our

most sincere condolences to her family."

Born in Lewiston on December 30, 1959, Gina Mason was the daughter of Chauncey and Carmella DeBurra Crafts. She earned an Associate's Degree from Westbrook College in 1980. She is the mother of state Senator Garret Mason, the current senate majority leader.

Mason served her town in many voluntary and elected roles, including terms on the town council and school board and as a volunteer with the Moxie Parade. In 2010, she was recognized by the Maine Downtown Network as its Public Official of the Year. She was elected to the State Legislature in November of 2016.

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Governor's Address: You must act now to save the American health care system

If we are going to save the American health-care system, we need your help—and we need it now.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

I have been in close contact with many people working hard on this issue in Washington D.C. We're nearing the number of votes needed to end the national nightmare of ObamaCare. A new piece of legislation could be voted on this week.

I don't need to tell you how damaging ObamaCare has been. Premiums are skyrocketing yet again, and de-

ductibles are about to jump significantly. Everyone who pays for their insurance knows what is happening.

Democrats are trying to use the massive failure of ObamaCare to have the federal government completely take over the healthcare system. Folks, if we don't do something now, that could happen.

This week, we have one last shot to get the votes in the United States Senate to save the healthcare system from total collapse or a big government takeover. I am convinced this is our last chance.

Unfortunately,



Governor Paul R. LePage

Maine's two senators have been opposing efforts to reform ObamaCare. Senators Collins and King just want another massive expansion

of Medicaid. They want to give free health care to able-bodied people who should be working and paying for health insurance.

They are ignoring their own state's disastrous history of expanding Medicaid in 2002.

Medicaid expansion did not decrease the number of uninsured Mainers, and it did not reduce emergency room utilization. It increased charity care, and it racked up a \$750 million debt to our hospitals

Even worse, Medicaid expansion nearly destroyed the state's budget. After I took office, we paid off the

hospitals, and we fixed our Medicaid system.

We know firsthand that Maine cannot afford another expansion of Medicaid for able-bodied people. This new welfare entitlement will cost taxpayers \$500 million over the next five years.

I urge you to call Senators Collins and King and ask them to vote for the Senate's bill to reform ObamaCare. Even they don't admit it, they must see that the system is failing.

It's time for our elected officials in Washington to lift this terrible burden from hard-working Mainers and

the American people.

Senators Collins and King must stop their excuses and politically motivated delays. They must vote to save the healthcare system for Mainers and all Americans. Please call them and tell them to do the right thing.

Call Senator Susan Collins at her Washington D.C. office, (202) 224-2523.

Call Senator Angus King at his Washington D.C. office, (202) 224-5344.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

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Use facts, not emotion, to decide on Lewiston-Auburn merger

To the Editor:

Be an informed voter.

Whether or not to merge Lewiston and Auburn is an important decision. Depending who you listen to, it will bring great benefit—or not.

We owe it to ourselves, our kids and grand-kids to make a good decision, one that is based on solid facts. Who should we listen to?

Most of us read what we can find, and we listen to the opinions of people who know what they're talking about before making an important decision.

So, how do you know when people know what they're talking about? When they use facts, not emotion, to support their conclusions.

Lewiston and Auburn have been successfully saving money and doing things better by doing them together for more than a hundred years. Think of the cost and probable reduced service if we had not long ago decided to share a water supply, a sewage treatment plant, a 911 dispatch center, an economic development agency and the list goes on. We should consolidate because it works, and it has for over a hundred years.

At the request of the city councils, three different citizen groups have studied consolidation over 21 years. The facts, documented in 21 years of independent study by competent people with no axe to grind, are that the people of Lewiston and Auburn will save money and be better off if we merge.

Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, Princeton, New Jersey, and towns in Ontario and New Brunswick have all done it, and it worked to save

money and improve service.

Emotional appeals to fear of change and unfounded financial alarms won't outweigh the facts in the minds of thoughtful voters.

I plan to vote based on common sense, history, the studied opinions of people I trust and the successful experience of others.

I plan to vote for merger.

Peter Garcia
Auburn

Auburn athletes compete in State Summer Track Meet

The young athletes below represented Auburn in the 2017 State Summer Track Meet for those ages 8 through 15. Setting State USATF records at the event were Lindy Hyndman, who won the Age 15 Girls 100 and 200m races with times of 13.75 and 28.59; and Tallen Berry-Hart, Peyton Langlois, Brodyn Rodrigue, and Eben Thibodeau, who won the Boys' Ages 8 & Under 4x100 Relay with a time of 1:10.78. The old record of 1:10.90 had stood since 1991. For more information about the event, contact City of Auburn Recreation Direc-

tor Sabrina Best at sbest@auburnmaine.gov.

Ages 8 & Under Boys & Girls: Tallen Berry-Hart - 1st in 4x100m Relay (1:10.78), 4th in Javelin (50-6); Peyton Langlois - 1st in 4x100m Relay (1:10.78), 5th in 400m (1:29.48); Brodyn Rodrigue - 1st in 4x100m Relay (1:10.78), 4th in 800m RW (5:16.14), 4th in HJ (3-00.00); Eben Thibodeau - 1st in 4x100m Relay (1:10.78), 3rd in Shot Put (20-07.25); Isabelle Merrill - 3rd in Javelin (33-01), 6th in Long Jump (8-04.50).

Ages 9 & 10 Boys &

Girls: Violet Vincent - 4th in 200m (35.06); Leilani Mitchell - 5th in HJ (3-04.00), 3rd in 800m RW (5:06.92); Isabel Hayes - 1st in Javelin (63-00).

Ages 11 & 12 Boys & Girls: Owen Vincent - 3rd in 3000m (12:19.09); Austin Sellinger - 3rd in 80m Hurdles (15.72); Saphrin Humasan-Fulgham - 4th in 400m (1:10.24), 4th in TJ (27-06.50); Payton Bell - 3rd in 3000m (13:13.68), 4th in 1500m (6:07.28); Kendra Baker - 4th in Discus (56-02).

Ages 13 & 14 Boys & Girls: Cameron Langlois - 3rd in Javelin (95-06); Finnegin Thistle - 2nd in Shot Put (34-02.75), 3rd in PV (7-09), 4th in 4x100m Relay (55.07); Gabriel Garcia - 4th in 4x100m Relay (55.07); Nathan Hyndman - 4th in 4/100m Relay (55.07); Devin Smith - 4th in 4x100m Relay (55.07); Brooklyn Alexander - 5th in HJ (4-04.00); Mia Morin - 4th in Shot Put (30-04.50); Tatum Tripp - 4th in Discus (63-08).

Age 15 Boys & Girls: Devin Egge - 1st in 800m, (2:31.13) 3rd in 100m (12.99); Jacob Jackson - 1st in HJ (5-02.00), 1st in LJ (16-08.50), 1st in TJ (33-03.00), 2nd in Discus (84-09); Aiden Morrison - 4th in 100m Hurdles (20.00); Lindy Hyndman - 1st in HJ (4-02.00), 1st in LJ (14-03.00).

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experience. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Maine and a master's degree in business management from Husson University. He has served as a member and chair of the board of directors for the Maine International Trade Center and currently serves on MITC's "Invest

in Maine" Committee, the Franklin County Workforce and Education Committee, and the Husson University Alumni Board. He resides in Gray-New Gloucester.

The Center for Workforce and Professional Development is located in LaPoint Center on the CMCC campus at 1250 Turner Street in Auburn. For more information, call 755-5280, email WorkforceDevelopment@cmcc.edu, or visit www.cmcc.edu/training.

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Chamber lunch seminar explains Foreign Trade Zones

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host a Power Lunch Seminar on "Understanding Foreign Trade Zones" on Wednesday, September 27 from noon to 1:30 p.m. The event is presented in partnership with the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council and will take place in the Chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

Are you importing any materials and/or components used to manufacture items? Are you

exporting manufactured goods containing imported materials and/or components? Do you import materials and/or components for a product and pay a higher duty rate than if you imported the finished product?

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The seminar will be presented by Michael

Doyon, a Licensed U.S. Customs Broker who is experienced and knowledgeable in the areas of supply chains, trade logistics, and compliance. A lifelong resident, he is committed to the success of Maine's global trade. The focus of his global consulting firm, MDc, is to help Maine companies study the feasibility, initiate a path to, and navigate the challenges of global trade.

The event is free, but advance registration is required; lunch will be provided. For more information, call 783-2249. To register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

HR Thursdays workshop covers "New I-9 Form"

The topic of the next HR Thursdays workshop on Thursday, September 28 from noon to 1:30 p.m. will be "The New I-9 Form: Its New Bark and How to Avoid its Bite - Like Anti-Discrimination Claims." Presented in partnership with the Central Maine Human Resource Association and the Lewiston CareerCenter, the workshop will take place in the LA Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

The I-9 is a two-page form with a 115-page in-

struction manual, and employers need to complete one for every new hire who crosses their threshold. Auburn attorney Michael Malloy will give an overview of this important document, including tips for staying in compliance and avoiding the heavy fines that can accompany seemingly innocent errors. Topics will include what to do in the event of a Homeland Security audit, fixing mistakes, and avoiding national origin discrimination claims. Come learn some valuable pointers, and bring your questions.

Michael Malloy is an Auburn lawyer devoted to serving individuals and organizations working to build a better Maine. After eight years practicing at medium-sized firms, where

he represented some of Maine's largest private employers and municipalities, he recently embarked on a longtime dream by launching the Malloy Firm as an independent practice with a statewide reach based in Lewiston-Auburn. He currently serves as City Attorney for Auburn and advises public and private sector clients on business and human resources matters.

All workshops in the ongoing "HR Thursdays" Human Resources series cost \$25 for LA Metro Chamber members and \$50 for non-members. Attendance is free for members of the Central Maine Human Resources Association. For more information, call 783-2249. To register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Chamber offers Sept. membership deal

The Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is inviting area businesses to join with a special deal. Those who join during the month of September will get 15 months of membership for the price of 12. Sign up before September 30 and you won't be billed again until January 2019.

Take this opportunity to grow your business with the many benefits Chamber membership provides, including: a robust professional network; a membership listing on the LA Metro Chamber website; an opportunity to display your business card, rack card, or brochure in their lobby; customer and client referrals; public new member recognition; social media activation for your events; grand openings and ribbon cuttings for your business; and opportunities to get involved in roundtables, committees, councils, or initiatives that serve your strategic goals. As a new benefit, tourism-related businesses will also get a

listing on the chamber's new website dedicated to marketing the LA region to visitors worldwide, www.DiscoverLAMaine.com.

An organization of community-minded businesses that serves Lewiston, Auburn, and the surrounding communities, the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce exists to help make LA Maine not only a welcoming place to do business, but an ideal place to live. Located at 415 Lisbon Street in the heart of downtown Lewiston, the Chamber offers networking events, professional development opportunities, educational scholarships, and practical resources to help professionals advance and businesses of all sizes grow. The Chamber also provides a collective voice, advocating for issues, influencing ideas, and facilitating conversations in support of business, commerce, and community. For more information or to sign up, call 783-2249 or visit www.LAMetroChamber.com.



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Enough is Enough

Civility and pride should start with personal appearance

By **Robert E. Macdonald**
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What is the matter with today's society?

Growing up in a middle/lower middle class family in Boston, I developed traits that were instilled and reinforced by my family. One was pride in your personal appearance. This helped define who you were.

The families in the neighborhood stressed and made sure that their children presented a respectable appearance in public, not one mirroring a character in a Charles Dickens novel. The fact that your family might be financially limited did not give you an excuse to look like the neighborhood waif.

At public school, you showed up groomed. Your

educational ensemble if you were female included a blouse, skirt or slacks and appropriate footwear (and the occasional tight sweater).

Boys' attire consisted of shoes, socks, slacks and a button-down shirt (and you were permitted a not-so-tight sweater).

At some high schools, males were compelled to take military drill two days a week. This required you to wear modified military clothing. These classes were taught by descendants of Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, the Drill Master of Valley Forge. Unlike the Baron, they spoke English, but with a military accent.

At several of Boston's all-male public high



Mayor Bob Macdonald

schools, you were required to wear clean, fresh, crisp attire and a tie. Should you show up without a tie, there was always a teacher ready to rent you one from their personal private stock.

The purpose of the dress code with the tie was

to prepare you for the business world.

In your late teens, if you were a male, you were required to register for the military draft upon reaching your eighteenth birthday.

Upon entering the military, two things were required of you. The first was politeness. The second required you to wear a uniform, meaning everyone dressed the same and your uniform was expected to be clean and crisp.

Pride in our families, our city, our state and our country is what made us great. Now modern living standards are bringing us down, and it starts in the family and filters down to our local schools.

There are many prob-

lems in our schools. Today, let's talk about appearance and respect.

Today if a student shows up at school disheveled, half-dressed and unapproachable due to intense body odor, it would seem to indicate they're presence is for purposes other than learning. This must be stopped.

For all you social apologists, poor hygiene is not brought on by poverty.

Boy, have things changed! Today, a slovenly appearance is a good indication that person probably has money. Dressing like a bum is expensive.

It's hard to tell if they are trying to reinstitute the Middle Age custom of donning sack cloth and ashes,

climbing the church stairs on their knees seeking forgiveness or if they are just embarrassed by their "white guilt."

Next time you pass a school, if the students are outside, look at their dress. In far too many cases, you wonder if their parents actually know what their children are wearing to school.

This begs the question: Does this have any adverse effect on the student's behavior in class? Does it have an adverse effect on learning?

Perhaps if we, as a society, took a step backwards into the past era, when politeness and dress were valued, it could serve as a small step forward to civility and pride.

Quilt Raffle supports new Permaculture Project



Tickets may be purchased at Viles Arboretum in Augusta through October 16.

A beautiful handmade quilt made by the Seam Rippers of South China is the prize in a raffle to support a new Permaculture Project at Viles Arboretum in Augusta. The quilt is now on display in the Visitors Center of the Arboretum, where raffle tickets may be purchased through October 16. They are on sale for \$3 each or two for \$5.

The latest addition to the botanical collections of the arboretum, the Permaculture Project demonstrates a holistic, ecology-based approach to gardening, where replicating ecosystem functions supports the production of food for humans and wildlife. The project's tiered system of planting provides refuge for beneficial insects,

which keep in check other insects that normally become pests of vegetables, fruits and berries, thereby eliminating the need for pesticides. As the project develops, a variety of edible plants, from hazelnuts to paw paw, various herbs, and mulberries, will be gradually incorporated into the mix.

With its 224 acres of fields, forests, wetlands, and botanical collections centrally located in the heart of Augusta, Viles Arboretum offers an ever-changing selection of programs for schools and the public. Programs take an interactive, creative, and hands-on approach to teaching, with a focus on unlocking everyone's natural ability to understand the natural world through their own eyes and by using their own intellect. For more information about Viles Arboretum, including its programs or how to become involved, visit them at 133 Hospital Street in Augusta, call 626-7989, or see www.vilesarboretum.org.

Walk to end Alzheimer's raises nearly \$34K in Lewiston

Nearly 300 residents from the Lewiston-Auburn area took part in the Lakes & Mountains Area Walk to End Alzheimer's recently at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston. Participants raised \$33,904 to fund Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Fundraising for the Walk to End Alzheimer's continues through the end of the calendar year. To

donate, see alz.org/walk.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association has mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk; now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's.

The Alzheimer's Association works to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, to provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Their vision is a world without Alzheimer's. For more information, call 800-272-3900 or see alz.org.

Sammons and Wildes new owners of Sheridan Construction

Now in its 70th year providing design and construction services to Maine, the Sheridan Construction Corporation of Fairfield has announced that Mitchell Sammons and Daniel Wildes have assumed ownership of the Sheridan companies following the recently announced retirement of Bradley Nelson. Sammons will assume the role of President and Wildes will assume the role of Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Mitchell Sammons has more than 45 years of experience in the construction industry and has been part of the Sheridan Corporation executive team since 1982. An alumnus of the University of Maine, he began his construction career with the Eichleay Corporation of Pittsburgh, PA. As its Vice President of Construction, Daniel Wildes has managed construction operations for the company since 1989. He is a graduate of the Went-

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What's Going On

Maine crime writer to read at APL



Retired Portland P.D. Detective Sergeant Bruce Robert Coffin will read from and sign copies of his new novel, "Beneath the Depths."

Auburn Public Library will present a reading by Maine crime writer Bruce Robert Coffin on September 26 at 2 p.m. to celebrate the release of his second novel. The library invites the public to attend

this free event which will take place in the library's Community Room.

Coffin is the best-selling author of the John Byron Mystery Series from HarperCollins. The debut novel in the series, "Among the Shadows," won critical praise and became a bestseller. His second novel in the series, "Beneath the Depths," is now available. Copies of the book will be for sale at the event and may be signed by the author.

Coffin turned to writing after retiring as a detective sergeant with more than twenty-seven years in law enforcement. At the time of his retirement from the Portland Police Department, he supervised all homicide and violent crime investigations for Maine's largest city. He also spent four years working counter-terrorism with the FBI, where he earned the Director's Award, the highest honor a non-agent can receive.

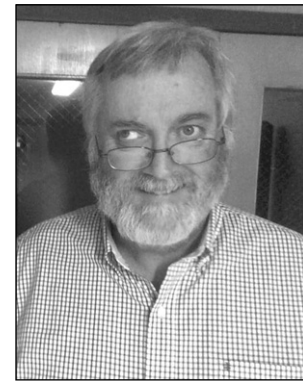
Old-Time Piano Playing Contest winner



Adam Swanson, four-time winner of the World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest, will present an evening of musical fun on Thursday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Bates College's Olin Arts Center Concert Hall at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston. Tickets are \$10, available at batesconcerts.eventbrite.com. For more information, call 786-6135 or email olinarts@bates.edu.

Comedy Showcase, Open Mic at Bear Bones Beer

Salem, Massachusetts comedian Joe Flynn will highlight the line-up for the next Third Thursday Comedy Showcase at Bear Bones Beer in Lewiston on September 21 at 7 p.m. Also performing will be Maine comics Jed Bloom, Nikki Martin, Jim Martin, Steve Cloutier, and Shana D'Andrea. A new comedy open mic for jokesmiths of all levels will follow the show.



Joe Flynn

Flynn is a likable curmudgeon who recently performed at Comix at Mohegan Sun. He was a finalist in the Best Bar Comic Contest and a runner-up in the Witch City Comedy Competition. The show is free and open to those ages 21 and older. Bear Bones Beer is located at 43 Lisbon Street. For more information, call 513-0742 or e-mail maineevent-comedy@gmail.com.

Is your child protected from preventable illnesses at school?

Fall is an exciting time for kids - seeing old friends, getting to know new classmates, learning new skills and exploring classrooms. But with all this fun and interaction, it's important to remember one of the best ways to keep your child safe and healthy is to make sure he or she is up to date on their vaccinations. Vaccines have made many once-common serious childhood diseases rare today. They are safe, effective and they save lives.

"It's critical to make sure that you and your children receive vaccinations according to the schedule recommended by the Centers for Disease Control," says John Meigs, Jr., MD, president of the American Academy of Family Physicians. "Vaccines are important not only for school-age children, but for babies and young children, pregnant women, teens and pre-teens, adults and seniors."

How exactly do vaccines work? According to

the patient education website familydoctor.org, "Vaccines contain weakened versions of a virus or versions that look like a virus (called antigens). This means the antigens cannot produce the signs or symptoms of the disease, but they do stimulate the immune system to create antibodies. These antibodies help protect you if you are exposed to the virus in the future."

Much like how an athlete trains to prepare for competition, vaccines train your immune system to respond in case the body is exposed to the virus. If it is, it knows exactly how to fight it off. Vaccines help you stay healthy, and if you do get sick, it might be less severe or for less time when compared to others who have not been immunized.

The CDC lists recommended immunizations for the prevention of 17 diseases to protect people from birth through old age. All states require children to be vaccinated against certain com-

municable diseases in order to attend school.

Information about recommended immunization schedules for people of all ages is available at familydoctor.org. On aafp.org, you can find an interactive map showing vaccine-specific coverage levels for each state.

If anyone in your family is behind on their vaccinations, it's easy to catch up. Speak with your family physician about creating a plan. You might even be able to schedule vaccine-only visits, meaning you won't even need an exam.

Concerned about costs? Vaccines are typically covered by health insurance, so it's likely you won't have to pay anything. If you don't have health insurance, reach out to your state public health department. Many offer assistance programs that provide vaccines at a reduced cost.

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KVAA presents first exhibition at new gallery location



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Watercolor painting by Judy Herman

On Saturday, September 23, the Kennebec Valley Art Association will unveil "Harlow 2.0," the first art exhibition to be displayed at its new location at 100 Water Street in downtown Hallowell. The public is invited to come see the new location, filled with works by local artists in a wide range of genres and media. Participating artists include Karen and Ru Allen, Nancy Keenan Barron, Megan Daigle, Whitney Gill, Judy Herman, Pamela Hetherly, Nancy Holland, Eddie Leaman, Kay Morris, Anita Morrissey, Linda Murray, Petrea Noyes, Peter Precourt, Judy Schuppien, and Sally Wagley. After September 23, the exhibition will be on view Thursday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. through November 4.

The association's Harlow Gallery will remain open at its original location at 160 Water Street in Downtown Hallowell into



Ceramic pottery by Whitney Gill

the spring of 2018. Now on display at 160 Water Street is "POW!," an exhibition of original comics, and work inspired by comics, on view through October 21. Gallery hours at 160 Water Street are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call 622-3813 or see harlow-gallery.org.

Located in historic Downtown Hallowell, Harlow Gallery is home to the Kennebec Valley Art Association, a membership-based 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to connecting and celebrating art, artists, and community in Central Maine since 1963. Exhibitions are always free and open to the public.

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What's Going On

BDA Fall Speaker Series welcomes Bill Green

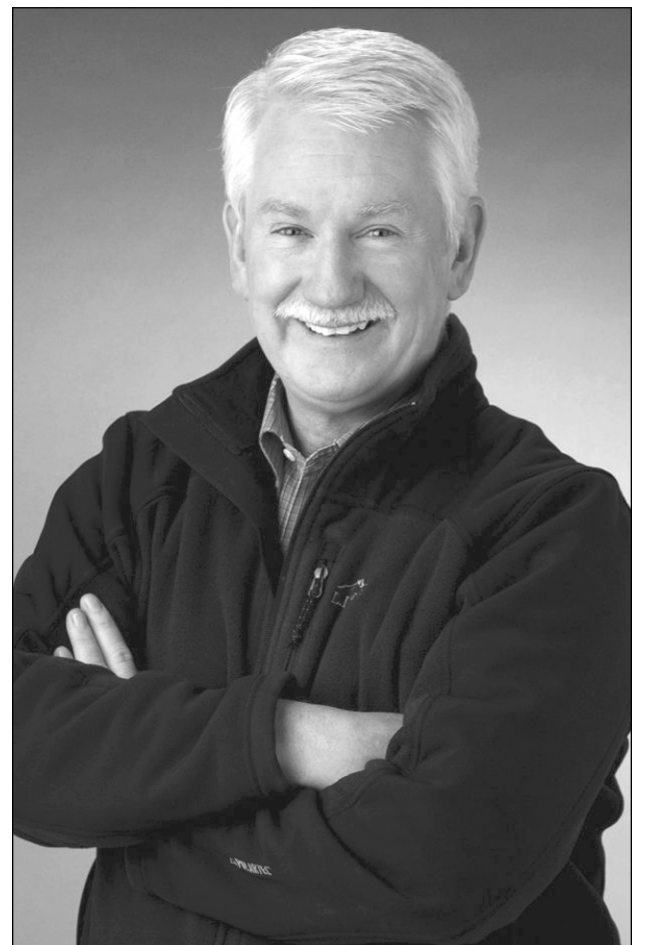
The next program in the Brunswick Downtown Association's Fall Speaker Series will feature "Bill Green - 'Maine's Community Anchor'" on Thursday, September 28, in the historic sanctuary of First Parish Church at 9 Cleveland Street in Brunswick. Registration and a continental breakfast will start at 7 a.m. The program will begin at 7:40 and will conclude at 9 a.m. The public is invited to attend. The cost for the event is \$10 per person and pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Payments can be or

mailed to the BDA, P.O. Box 15, Brunswick, ME 04011, or processed online at conta.cc/2wo10VZ.

Bill Green has worked in the television industry in Maine for four decades. He worked as a sportscaster on WLBZ 2 for 28 years and left the anchor desk in 1993 to produce feature stories and documenta-

ries. He will recount highlights of the many unique Maine experiences he has shared during 15 years of "Bill Green's Maine," speaking for 25 minutes before taking questions from the audience.

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Irene Delorme, left, and Tonie Ramsey at Tonie's display of her collectibles from her travels all over the world.



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I was visiting my friend, Hope Weston, Friday afternoon at Schooner Estates, when she happened to mention the retirement community was having an Open House the next day, Saturday, September 9, for family and friends.

"The event is planned to coincide with Senior Day and Grandparents Day Weekend. We are having a cookout, live music and tours of the buildings," she continued enthusiastically. I had not read nor heard anything about it so with her encouraging "You should come!" I decided to attend.

I arrived Saturday to see guests enjoying a meal under the shaded umbrellas on the lawn near the Castine Building, one of the main entrances to the campus. Tours were being set up and I joined a small group led by Mark Prevost, Resident Services Director. Other tour guides were David Cassidy, Market & Community Outreach Director; Dianne Day, Business Office & Human Resource Director; Mike Lacasse, Residential Care Director; and Cindy Swift, Home Health Director. A team of over 40 staff from all departments were on



Friends gathered at lunch under the shaded umbrellas.



I just had to take a picture of this red 1956 Chevy truck!

hand to assure all went well.

It bears noting that the driveway leading to the buildings and parking areas have been recently repaved and gives a fresh new look to the place.

Our tour started at the Village Green in the Castine Building where we viewed the exhibits prepared by the tenants. Hope was at a table displaying her handcrafted

artistic greeting cards, many featuring colorful flowers and birds. A Wall of Honor with pictures paying tribute to our Veterans held a place of prominence.

The Village Green is a favorite spot for tenants to congregate and hear entertainers who come to sing and visit with them. Larry Gowell of New Auburn is one of their favorite vocalists with his repertoire of Frank Sinatra ballads. Larry always has an anecdote or two to engage the audience. Also a special spot at the Village Green is the Brass Rail set in a corner; it is open all day, with coffee, tea, fruit and small snacks for conversation and gathering. I was told the men tenants favor their morning coffee break there.

Mark led us through the remaining buildings, Searsport, Harpswell, Camden, the other main entrance, and Rockport, all connected and elevators to each floor. At each level, he pointed out the many sitting areas, the libraries, the mail rooms

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where mail is delivered in the afternoon, the dining rooms and the theater room where movies are shown weekly and at different times to accommodate the tenants' schedules.

Our group was small, but very interested and peppered Mark with questions and he was pleased to respond with all the answers. We learned the tenants were an active group and had a calendar posted in the elevators for viewing the events each day for the current month.

On the tour, we saw my friend Tonie Ramsey in one of the libraries with her display of the collectibles she gathered in her world-wide travels. There is a story behind each item which I am looking forward to hearing when I see her again.

The Tenants Harbor Room in Camden can accommodate bigger groups. A plus for the tenants is the collaboration with USM's Lewiston Auburn Senior College which furnishes two instructors, Dr. Charles Plummer and Kirsten Larsson-Turley,

who teach two classes each fall and spring semesters at Tenants Harbor. Schooner also welcomes the Androscoggin Readers Theater group who perform there with original humorous skits they write based on senior citizen mishaps that residents can relate to.

I spent an enjoyable afternoon visiting with friends and had the opportunity to visit all five buildings. I learned how active the residents are in scheduled activities, both on and off campus and participate fully, according to

their interests or as schedules allow. They have a monthly newsletter, The Schooner Flash, which I picked up on my way out.

But I was wondering--was there an opportunity to garden? Oh my yes! At the rear of the buildings were raised garden beds for residents to plant and harvest. I decided I would return another day to look it over.

And so a few days later, the groundskeepers directed me to several raised plots with a "September look" to them. Gar-

deners will mourn the fading summer flowers but will appreciate the appearance of the colorful purple asters and other autumn perennials taking over. The trip back was well worth it to see the raised beds.



The left half of the Camden Living Room where many musical concerts are held.

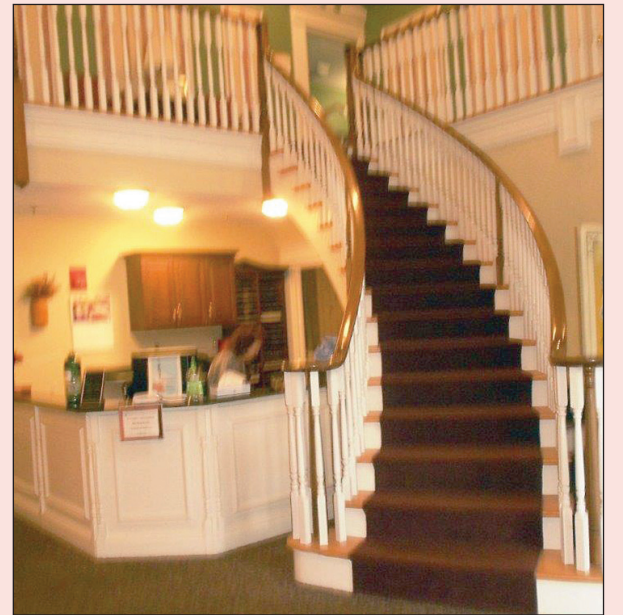


Mark Prevost, our tour guide, was making a point in his presentation.

Story and photos by Rachel Morin



The Ethel Muelendyke Library. The late Ethel Muelendyke, during her residency, was instrumental in setting up this library.



The Grand Staircase in the foyer at Castine Building.



The Castine Building is the first building in the circular driveway on entering Schooner Estates.

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Public Theatre presents Manhattan Short Film Fest



In the film "Fickle Bickle," a plumber left alone in a magnificent mansion by its forgetful owner contacts his high school crush, knowing she's always been a "gold-digger."

For one weekend only, filmgoers in Lewiston will unite with audiences in over 250 cities spanning six continents to view and judge the work of the next generation of filmmakers from around the world when the Public Theatre presents the 20th annual Manhattan Short Film Festival on Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, October 1 at 4 p.m. All ten short films will be screened each evening.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and students and can be purchased by calling 782-3200 or online at www.thepublictheatre.org.

Manhattan Short Film Festival audiences know a good short film when they see one. Two of the top vote-getters from past festivals have become Oscar nominees and, in 2015, "Bear Story" from Chile went on to win the famous statue in the Best Animated Short category.

Selected from 1615 entries produced in 75 countries, this year's ten finalists are "Do No Harm" (New Zealand), "Behind" (Spain), "Fickle Bickle" (USA), "Hope Dies Last" (UK), "Perfect Day" (Spain), "Just Go!" (Latvia), "Mare Nostrum" (Syria), "Viola, Franca" (Italy), "In a Nutshell" (Switzerland), and "8 Minutes" (Georgia). All 10 finalists are Oscar-qualified, meaning they are automatically eligible for an Academy Award nomination.

Which of these 10 short films is the best? That's up to the local and worldwide festival audience to decide. Cinema-goers will become instant critics as they are handed a ballot upon entry that allows them to vote for the Best Film and

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Steinway artist opens Franco Center Piano Series

Concert pianist and teacher David Fung will open the Gendron Franco Center's 2017-18 Piano Series on Friday, September 22 at 7 p.m. The program will include works by Mozart, Villa-Lobos, Messiaen, and Schubert, as well as the artist's critically acclaimed arrangement of Ravel's "La Valse."

A native of Australia, Fung garnered international attention as a winner of two of the "top five" international piano competitions, the 2008 Arthur Rubinstein Piano International Masters Competition in Tel Aviv and the 2013 Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition in Brussels. In Tel Aviv, he received additional awards for Best Classical Concerto and Best Performance of Chamber Music.

Recognized for his prodigious musical talent early on - he received the ABC Symphony Australia Young Performer of the Year Award in 2002 - Fung went on to study piano with John Perry at the prestigious Colburn Conservatory in Los Angeles. He later studied at the Hannover Hochschule für Musik and the Yale School of Music. His teachers have included Claude



David Fung

Frank, Peter Frankl, and Arie Vardi.

His playing has been described as "stylish and articulate" by the New York Times, while the Los Angeles Times has described him as "startlingly good," one of a few young pianists with "unassuming charisma, charm, and natural talent."

Fung has appeared as guest soloist with several major orchestras and is a frequent guest artist in concert series and festivals around the world. He has recorded for ABC Classics, Naxos, and Yarlung, performing music of Liszt, Bach, and Ravel on his debut album and works by composers ranging from Mozart to Tan Dun on later solo releases. Two other recordings present collaborations with violinist Da-

nielle Belen and Canadian cellist Elinor Frey.

A Steinway Artist, Fung is currently recording the complete Mozart piano sonatas for the Steinway & Sons Spirio high resolution player piano. A gifted teacher as well as performer, this fall he joins the faculty of the Hugh Hodgson School of Music at the University of Georgia as Artist-Teacher.

Admission is \$15, \$10 for seniors, and free for students. Located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston, the Franco Center is wheelchair accessible. Free parking is included. For more information or to buy tickets, visit the Box Office Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., call 783-1585, or see FrancoCenter.org.

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Public Theatre announces season schedule



Thanks to a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, Maine writer Elizabeth Peavey will collaborate with the Public Theatre to present a new version of her popular play "My Mother's Clothes are Not My Mother" November 10 through 19.

"September is here, which means it's time to go 'back to theater,'" says Christopher Schario, Artistic Director of the Public Theatre in Lewiston. On the heels of being named "Best Theater Group in Maine" for the fifth year in a row by Down East Magazine's Readers' Poll and enjoying record breaking attendance for last season's production of "Ripcord," Lewiston-Auburn's professional theater company is excited to start its 27th season.

Tickets are now on sale for the theater's 2017-18 offerings, which feature an assortment of recent Off-Broadway hits and new scripts, this year emphasizing female characters and their stories. New for this season will be the "Opening Night BrewHaHa," a free pre-show sampling of beers, courtesy of Baxter Brewing Company, on the opening night of all plays in the 2017-18 subscription series. Back again this year will be the popular "Wine-Down Thursday," a free wine tasting before each Thursday evening performance, courtesy of Rail's Restaurant and The Vault.

The season will officially begin with "The Revolutionists," in performance October 20 through 29. Come see how a quartet of very independent gal pals in big wigs and corsets turn HIS-tory into HER-story in this provocative new comedy that reimagines the French revolution by exciting young playwright Lauren Gunderson.

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are Not My Mother," running November 10 through 19. When Peavey's mother passed away, she was faced with the dilemma of what to do with her mother's "stuff," launching her on the funny and poignant journey through time chronicled in this work, which won the 2013 Maine Literary Award for Drama.

Come celebrate the holiday season with the Public Theatre's acclaimed original production of "A Christmas Carol," with shows on December 8, 9, and 10. You'll rediscover the magic of theater when six actors and a fiddler bring this classic story to new life in a way you'll never forget. With a ticket price of only \$5 for those ages 18 and under, this is quality entertainment that families can afford to enjoy together.

Ring in the new year and shake off the winter blues with "Fly Me to the Moon," running January 26 through February 4. It's "I Love Lucy" meets "Thelma and Louise" when two Irish home-care nurses with dreams of getting rich quick instead wind up coping with a hilarious series of misadventures once their elderly patient turns up - or fails to turn up - dead.

The arrival of spring will bring the Maine premiere of "Marjorie Prime," playing March 16 through 25. This finalist for the Pulitzer Prize is a mesmerizing sci-fi reminder about the irreplaceable need for love and connection in our lives. With the help of artificial intelligence, an elderly woman gets a handsome and younger version of her

deceased husband back to keep her company. But is this really what she wants?

Watch new love bloom with the Maine Premiere of "The Midvale High School 50th Reunion," running May 4 through 13. In this charming new romantic comedy exploring how revisiting the past can change the future, a high school reunion unexpectedly transforms an old friendship into a new love.

The season ends on May 20, when the Frog-town Mountain Puppeteers present a special production of "Everybody Loves Pirates." Kids ages four and up will love watching this gang of bumbling pirates foil the plans of Lobster Boy, his reluctant sidekick, Crabby, and an overgrown sea monkey. This troupe has received three Citations of Excellence from UNIMA-USA, the highest national award in puppetry.

Located at 31 Maple Street in downtown Lewiston, the Public Theatre features Broadway-quality productions starring professional actors from New York to LA for a top ticket price of \$20, and admission to all shows for students 18 and under for only \$5. Season subscriptions are currently on sale. Individual tickets, gift certificates, student school-day morning performances, and group rates for parties of 10 or more are available for all productions. For more information about the 2017-18 season, including show times, call 782-3200 or see www.thepublictheatre.org.

Twin City Nights

"Maine Waterfalls" topic of next Historical Society program

The next meeting of the Androscoggin Historical Society on Tuesday, September 26, at 7 p.m. will feature a presentation by Patricia Hughes based upon her book "Maine's Waterfalls: A Comprehensive Guide." The program will take place at the society's Davis-Wagg Museum on the third floor of the Androscoggin County Building in Auburn.

The Great Falls in Lewiston and Auburn testify to the role of waterfalls in the economic history of our region. During the Industrial Revolution, the power con-

tained in waterfalls big and small were an engine for the development of various types of mill buildings in towns throughout the state. Before that, waterfalls were important to Native Americans for fishing. Today, they continue to stimulate Maine's economy through the generation of electric power and as tourist attractions.

A resident of Dixmont, Hughes will discuss the features of some of the state's 177 waterfalls, paying particular attention to the history, photogenic qualities, and accessibility of those in Androscoggin

County and beyond. "Waterfalls are magical," she says. "Exploring the treasure-rich, mysterious, magical history of New England is just one more excuse I use to play outside in any season!" Hughes is also the author of the book "Lost Loot: Ghostly New England Treasure Tales."

Admission to this program is free of charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Please enter the building on the Court Street side, where an elevator is available. For more information about the society, call 784-0586.

Franco Center to screen live French-language broadcast

On Thursday and Friday, September 21 and 22, the Gendron Franco Center will screen a 25-hour TV-5MONDE special that will take viewers on a live, day-long tour of Francophone cultures around the globe.

Starting at 7 a.m. (EST) on Thursday, September 21 from the roof TV5MONDE's studios in Paris, France, and continu-

ing through 8 a.m. on Friday, September 22, the program will consist of 25 hours of live broadcasting from 24 different time zones around the world. In welcoming French speakers from 23 major cities, including Paris, New Orleans, Sydney, and Mumbai, broadcast hosts will explore major challenges facing the French-speaking world today.

A long-time sponsor of the Franco Center, TV-5MONDE broadcasts locally on channel 71 on Spectrum cable. Those unable to access TV5MONDE from home are welcome to join Franco Center staff and volunteers in viewing the program on television in the center's Heritage Hall. The Gendron Franco Center is located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. For more information about the program schedule, call the center at 783-1585 or see usa.TV5monde.com.

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Maritime folk duo to perform at Chocolate Church

If you can't hear the wind in the rigging when William Pint and Felicia Dale break out into song, then you're not listening. This Seattle-based duo will present a lively program of maritime music old and new on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m. on the main stage at Chocolate Church Arts Center, located at 804 Washington Street in Bath.

Pint and Dale make it easy to sing along. Whether it's a familiar tune like "Cape Cod Girls" or a new rendition of "Handsome Cabin Boy," the duo relishes the vocal accompaniment. "There are only two of us, after all," Pint points out. "So it's nice to fill out the choruses and make it sound more like it would have on the deck of a working ship."

Pint hails from Milwaukee, but found himself - and maritime music - while on sojourn in the Puget Sound area. There he



Pint and Dale will perform lively maritime music old and new on Tuesday, September 26.

met Dale, a sea captain's daughter. In the ensuing two decades, the couple has performed around the world, collecting songs from the British Isles, coastal regions of France, the Canadian

Maritimes, and the northeastern U.S. Nine albums to date showcase their powerful harmonies and dramatic instrumental prowess on guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and penny whistle. Their songs

range from traditional work chanteys like "One More Day," to ghostly ballads like "Tryphina's Extra Hand," to tales of true courage like "Harbo and Samuelson" who dared to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a rowboat.

One of the attractions of their performances is Felicia's playing of the hurdy-gurdy. Dating back to the 12th century, the instrument is basically a mechanical violin played by turning a crank while fingering a keyboard. In Felicia's capable hands, it can mimic the wail of wild bagpipes, the barking of a mad terrier, or the gentle swell of the sea.

Come experience life at sea, if only for a few spellbinding hours, with this unique performance. Tickets are \$15, available by calling the box office at 442-8455 or online at www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Moon Dawgs concert to benefit Maine Music Society

Put on your dancing shoes and join the Maine Music Society at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston on Saturday, September 23, from 7 to 11:30 p.m., when former Lewiston PAL-Hop band the Moon Dawgs will perform old favorites from the 1960s, '70s, and '80s. No partners are needed and delicious hors d'oeuvres, a pasta bar, and a cash bar will supply the energy to rock the night away. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m.

The evening will include a live auction with auctioneer Chip Morrison. Plan to bid on a one-week stay in the Bahamas or a weekend get-away at Boothbay's Country Club and Ocean-

side Inn. Also on the auction block will be a hybrid bike, courtesy of Rainbow Bicycles, and an instant wine cellar. A silent auction with about 15 items up for bid will give you an opportunity to start your holiday shopping.

Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. Tables for groups of 8 or 9 may be reserved by calling MMS at 333-3386 and purchasing the group tickets together. Individual tickets may also be purchased at mainemusicociety.org.

The Gendron Franco Center is located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. For more information, contact the Maine Music Society at 333-3386 or info@mainemusicociety.org.

Celebration Barn presents singer-songwriter Ellis Paul

Celebration Barn Theater in South Paris will present a performance by acclaimed singer-songwriter Ellis Paul on Saturday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. The evening will include an opportunity to attend a limited

sound check party before doors open to the general public.

A native of Northern Maine, Ellis Paul has become one of New England's most gifted singer-songwriters. Though some may refer to him as a folksinger, he is more, for lack of a better expression, a singing storyteller, a musician whose words reach out from inside to express feelings, thoughts, and sensibilities that most can relate to regardless of age or upbringing. While his unique style has made him a staple at the Newport Folk Festival, he has appeared at Carnegie Hall and at various performance venues from Alaska to Miami, Paris to London.

Opening the show will be Tod Pronto, a singer-songwriter born and raised in Newport, Vermont. Pronto has recorded three albums of original music, including "Nashville Ste-

re," which was recorded in Nashville for B-Venturous Records, and his new, self-produced album "It Can't All Be Wrong." His music combines Folk, Roots, Country, Rock, and Blues influences to create a unique Americana sound, while his live performances combine his original songs with his fun and unique brand of storytelling.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, and \$35 for a VIP ticket to the special pre-concert sound check party at 6 p.m. All tickets are general admission and members receive priority seating. The lobby and concessions will open at 6:30 p.m. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended.

Celebration Barn Theater is located just off Route 117 at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at 743-8452 or see www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Film

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Best Actor. Votes will be tallied at each participating cinema and submitted to festival headquarters, where on Monday, October 9, the top vote-getter will be announced on www.ManhattanShort.com.

The first Manhattan Short Film Festival was held in 1998, when 16 short films were shown on a screen mounted on the side of a truck on Little Italy's Mulberry Street in New York City. The event has since grown into the only film festival that unfolds, simultaneously, in cinemas around the world, attracting over 100,000 film-lovers on six continents.

The Public Theatre is located at 31 Maple Street in downtown Lewiston. For more information about the Manhattan Short Film Festival, see manhattanshort.com.



This Northern Maine native is a regular performer at the annual Newport Folk Festival.

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Thursday, September 21

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. Julia Sleeper discusses her work as co-founder and Executive Director of Tree Street Youth Center in Lewiston. Lunch avail.; no reservation required. 753 9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Great Falls Forum. Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Ian Catlett, Attorney-Adviser with the U.S. Department of State, discusses "East Africa Security and Justice and the U.S. Role Overseas." Q-&A follows. Free. Bring your bag lunch. 513-3135.

Third Thursday Comedy Showcase. 7 p.m. Bear Bones Beer, 43 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Tonight's show features Joe Flynn, Jed Bloom, Nikki Martin, Jim Martin, Steve Cloutier, and Shana D'Andrea; a new comedy open mic follows. Free admission. Ages 21-plus. 513-0742.

Concert: Pianist Adam Swanson. 7:30 p.m. Olin Arts Center, 75 Russell St., Bates College, Lewiston. This four-time winner of the World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest presents an evening of musical fun. \$10. 786-6135; batesconcerts.eventbrite.com.

Friday, September 22

Concert: Pianist David Fung. 7 p.m. Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This Steinway Artist opens the 2017-18 Piano Series with works by Mozart, Villa-Lobos, Messiaen, and Schubert. \$15/10 (students free). 783-1585; FranoCenter.org.

Theater: Oklahoma! 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. The center opens their theatrical season with the Rodgers & Hammerstein classic. Again Sep. 23, 24 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$15 (\$12 in adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Saturday, September 23

Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sixth St. Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Two kinds of beans, brown bread, coleslaw, red and brown hot dogs, American chop suey, assorted desserts and beverages. \$6 adults, \$3 kids 5-12, under 5 free. Take-out available.

Bean Supper. 5 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Baked beans, casseroles, hot dogs, coleslaw, bread, beverages, and pies. Entertainment by Park Avenue Pickers from 4:30. \$8/4 (kids ages 4- free). 782-3972.

Ham Supper. 5 to 6 p.m. American Legion Post 31, 426 Washington St. North, Auburn. Ham with raisin sauce, whipped potatoes, green beans, corn, carrots, rolls, and homemade desserts. Pres. by Ladies Auxiliary. \$7/4. 689-1602.

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Concert: Ellis Paul. 7:30 p.m. Celebration Barn Theater, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. Paul is one of New England's most gifted singer-songwriters and a staple at the Newport Folk Festival. \$30 (\$25 in adv.). 743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Sunday, September 24

Ride for Suicide Awareness. 10 a.m. After refreshments and opening remarks, motorcyclists depart the Auburn Mall parking lot at 11 a.m. for a group ride along the scenic route to Thompson's Point in So. Portland. 344-4150.

Olin Concert Series. 2 p.m. Olin Arts Center, 75 Russell St., Bates College, Lewiston. Acclaimed Bluesman, MacArthur "Genius" Award-winner, and Bates College alum Corey Harris performs. \$25. 786-6135; olinarts@bates.edu.

Monday, September 25

BBBS Golf Tournament. 10 a.m. Martindale Country Club, Auburn. This first annual Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraising event includes breakfast, lunch, a silent auction, and an awards ceremony. 653-3857; jennifer@bbbsmidmaine.org.

Tuesday, September 26

Author Visit. 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Retired Portland P.D. Detective Sergeant Bruce Robert Coffin reads from his second crime novel, "Beneath the Depths." Free.

Discover Girl Scouts. 4 p.m. Mechanic Falls Library, Mechanic Falls. Girls in grades K-3 and their adult caregivers are invited to learn more about what Girl Scouting offers. 888-922-4763, girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Budgeting Basics. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. MSAD 52 Adult Education, Turner. Learn methods for stretching your money, paying your bills, and saving for future goals. Pres. by New Ventures. Free. Register at 753-6531, newventures-maine.org.

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

Andro. Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. County Building, Court St., Auburn. Author Patri-

cia Hughes discusses her book "Maine's Waterfalls: A Comprehensive Guide." Free; donations welcome. 784-0586.

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Wednesday, September 27

Power Lunch Seminar. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Licensed U.S. Customs Broker Michael Doyon discusses "Understanding Foreign Trade Zones." Free; adv. registration required; lunch provided. 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Ribbon Cutting and Open House. 4 to 6:30 p.m. LA Hearing Center, 72 Strawberry Ave., Lewiston. Join them for hors d'oeuvres and tours as they celebrate their recent expansion. 782-2150; <http://lahearingcenter.org>.

Thursday, September 28

Fall Speaker Series. 7 a.m. First Parish Church, 9 Cleveland St., Brunswick. The Brunswick Downtown Association welcomes Bill Green to discuss highlights from his broadcasting career. \$10. 729-4439. Register at conta.cc/2wo10VZ.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. Patti MacKinnon discusses her work teaching English to immigrant populations at Lewiston High School. Lunch avail.; no reservation required. 753 9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Attorney Michael Malloy discusses "The New I-9 Form: Its New Bark and How to Avoid its Bite." \$50 (Chamber members \$25; CMHRA members free). 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

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 Marines Helping Veterans.

Friday, September 29

Manhattan Short Film Festival. 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre, Lewiston. Audiences at venues across the globe view the same 10 short films and vote for the winner. Again 9/30 and 10/1 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$8. 782-3200; [\[lictheatre.org\]\(http://lictheatre.org\).](http://www.thepub-</p>
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Tuesday, October 3

Multi-Faith Discussion Series. 12:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Local clergy discuss the perspectives of their respective faiths on pressing issues of the day. Refreshments. Free. 333-6649, ext. 4.

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

Friday, October 6

Aging Well, Living Well Expo. 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Grand Summit Hotel & Conf. Center, Sunday River, Bethel. Explore a variety of fun and serious topics from a choice of 20 avail. workshops. \$25 (incl. breakfast, lunch). 1-800-427-124; www.seniorsplus.org.

Sunday, October 8

Second Sundays Art Workshop. 2 to 4 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St., Hallowell. Louise Poirier Stickney leads a session on quilting. Open to all ages, experience levels; no registration required. Free. 622-3813.

Monday, October 9

Blood Drive. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nezinscot Lodge, 92 Weston Rd., Turner. Walk-ins welcome. For more info or to schedule a time, call Barry Gates at 212-0974.

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p.m. Spring Meadow Golf Course, 59 Lewiston Road, Gray. Bring a donation and be entered for a door prize. Benefits Safe Voices' work to end domestic violence.

Thursday, October 19

Women of Achievement Awards Gala. 5:30 p.m. Gendron Franco Center, Lewiston. Join the YWCA to honor this year's recipients. The keynote speaker

will be Sherri Mitchell, founder of the Land Peace Foundation. \$50. 795-4050.

Friday, October 20

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 details, see laarts.org.

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A group motorcycle ride from Auburn to Portland on Sunday, September 24 will help increase awareness of suicide and its after-effects. Riders will convene in the lower parking lot of the Auburn Mall near Center Street at 10 a.m. After enjoying free coffee and pastries, sharing memories of lost loved ones, and hearing opening remarks by event organizers and former Auburn and Lewiston Mayor John Jenkins, riders will depart

at 11 a.m. along the scenic route to downtown Portland. The ride will end at 12:30 when riders meet-up with participants in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness Walk at Thompson's Point in South Portland. Event organizer Nick Danforth, who lost his father, David, to suicide in August 2015, started the ride to help others suffering from the after-effects of this tragedy. "The outpouring of

positive feedback so far has been amazing, and we've already begun achieving our purpose for this event even before a single rider rides," he said. "We want to help and connect with others affected by suicide, create a venue for people to remember their loved ones, and increase awareness." For more information, search "Ride for Suicide" on Facebook or contact Nick Danforth at 344-4150 or nickdan4th@icloud.com.

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