

CMCC students awarded MEREDA scholarships



Scholarship recipients Nicole Belanger (l.) and Sophie Martel (r.) are pictured here with Shelly Clark, VP of Operations at MEREDA.

Nicole Belanger and Sophie Martel, second-year students in the Business Administration and Management program at Central Maine Community College, have been awarded \$1,250 scholarships from the Maine Real Estate & Development Association (MEREDA) for study during the current See CMCC, page 4

Safe Voices honors five with Community Partner Awards



Safe Voices' recognized five community leaders for their work raising awareness of and combatting domestic violence at its recent Fall Mixer & Community Partner Awards, part of the agency's 40th anniversary celebration. Pictured here (l. to r.) are Ginger Keiffer of Senator Susan Collins' office; Elise Johansen, Safe Voices executive director; awardee Cynthia Patterson of Safe Voices; Marty McIntyre, executive director of Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Services, accepting on behalf of SAPARS; awardee Lt. David St. Laurent of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office; awardee Peter Lasagna of the Bates College Athletic Department; awardee Nicole Bissonnette of Pine Tree Legal Assistance; and Tim Gallant of Congressman Bruce Poliquin's office.

Auburn Public Library hosts Vietnam exhibit



Library Director Mamie Anthoine Ney adjusts the canvas bunks display banner in the "Marking Time: Voyage to Vietnam" exhibit, now on display through November 16.

Now on display at Auburn Public Library is an exhibit called "Marking Time: Voyage to Vietnam," which presents the stories of young American soldiers and Marines going to Vietnam during the 1960s through graffiti left on the bunk canvases of a troopship.

The exhibit was developed by Art and Lee Beltrone of Keswick, Virginia, founders of the Vietnam Graffiti Project. When the graffiti aboard the troopship General Nelson M. Walker was discovered in 1997, the VGP was created to preserve examples of the historic canvases by re-

moving them from the ship and placing them in museums throughout the country.

Every bunk canvas has at least one story to tell, as the artwork and slogans capture not only the writer's thoughts and emotions, but also the era's politics, military pride, humor, and anti-war sentiments. Efforts were made to locate the graffiti-writers, and their voyage stories are incorporated into exhibit text panels.

Artifacts were also collected from the Walker during the scrapping operation, when the bunks, as they were removed by work-

ers from the ship, yielded personal items left behind by the troops. Everything from candy bar wrappers, empty cigarette packages, and magazines, to books from the ship's library and liquor bottles, were removed and are part of the exhibit.

The canvases are located on the first floor of the library and will be on display through November 16. Free and open to the public, the exhibit is sponsored in part by a grant from Norman, Hanson and DeTroy. For more information, call 333-6640 or see www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

CMMC presents Sunshine Award



Melissa Mathon

Central Maine Medical Center recently presented its Sunshine Award to Melissa Mathon. The award was established to reward and celebrate the extraordinary skills and compassionate care provided by the hospital's technical support staff. Recipients consistently demonstrate compassion, a focus on patients and their families, passion for life, patient advocacy, and support of all other healthcare team members.

Co-workers describe Mathon as dedicated, hard-working, and professional. She goes above and beyond for the patients in her care and does anything she is asked to do without hesitation. The nomination story highlighted one such instance: when two babies that required constant monitoring were admitted to the unit, Mathon was assigned to be the CNA sitter in the room for a 12-hour shift. During that shift, Mathon fed, bathed, and consoled the babies while keeping the strict records needed for their care. Not only did Mathon provide top-quality care, but she also provided the parents with some rest by helping to take care of the tiny patients.

Mathon's dedication to caring for her patients and their families personifies Central Maine Healthcare's vision of touching the lives of its patients and elevating the communities it serves every day.

CMMC presents inaugural Larry Hopperstead Award



Award recipient Julie Booker, NP, AONP, is a nurse practitioner at Hematology-Oncology Associates in Lewiston.

Central Maine Medical Center recently presented its inaugural Larry Hopperstead Award for Excellence in Patient Care to Julie Booker, NP, AONP. A nurse practitioner at Hematology-Oncology Associates in Lewiston, Booker was nominated for the award by the entire staff of the infusion center for her professionalism and selfless efforts to ensure that her patients receive top-quality, compassionate care.

The nomination spoke of her commitment to providing patients with seamless continuity of cancer care by working with other providers, creating symptom management and survivorship classes, exhibiting patience and compassion, being a constant presence of support, never rushing through care, and for often being heard saying "Because it's what is best for our patients."

Her dedication to cancer treatment and care goes beyond her patients and into the community. Each year, Booker participates in the cycling portion of the Dempsey Challenge and the Tri for a Cure. She also dedicates time to coaching youth soccer and hockey in her community.

The Larry Hopperstead Award for Excellence in Patient Care is named in honor of long-time Central Maine Healthcare sur-

geon Dr. Larry Hopperstead, FACS. In his tenure at CMMC, Hopperstead was instrumental in creating and building the hospital's trauma program and in bringing Lifeflight of Maine to the Lewiston campus. In 2011, he joined the staff of Rumford Hospital Surgical Associates, bringing his knowledge, surgical prowess, and patient-centered care to the River Valley until his retirement earlier this year. Throughout his career, Hopperstead never forgot that treating patients and team members with respect and compassion is the foundation of high-quality healthcare.

In honor of all that Hopperstead brought to CMH, award recipients are honored for modeling altruism, competence, trustworthiness, and humility, receiving exemplary patient and family feedback, and demonstrate success in improving the patient experience and reducing patient and caregiver suffering.

New developments at Photo Finish

The locally-owned Photo Finish in the Auburn Mall is making a change in the scope of its services. Film developing, once the heart and soul of a local photo shop, will no longer be offered. Due to the rising costs of photo chemistry supplies combined with the decreasing demand for film developing, Photo Finish will cease production on October 27.

"I'm sad to let it go," says owner Francis Gagnon. "We still see interest in film processing from local photo artists and people who find old cameras in the

attic or at yard sales." If you have a few rolls of film in a drawer that you want to use, Gagnon advises to visit the store before the deadline.

Photo Finish will continue to offer other services, such as archiving and preservation, including digitizing and printing of negatives, slides, and old pictures. The store's portrait studio continues to be popular, under the direction of lead photographer Kaitlin Gallagher of Kaitlin Lavin Photography. Besides family portraits, Lavin is also experienced taking newborn, maternity, and senior class portraits. Photo Finish also provides video services, which include transferring home movies to DVD and live recording of special events. For more information, call 783-3354 or see www.mainephotofinish.com.

cession solutions through employee and community buy-outs. He has an extensive background in workforce development, having worked in community and economic development for a decade with nationally known organization CEI.

Gagne has a training background in customer service, interviewing skills, supervisory implementation, and coaching and is a qualified Myers-Briggs' Type Indicator facilitator. He also has a certification as

a Continuous Improvement Practitioner through Bend the Curve. He is actively involved in the Institute for Continuous Improvement at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College and serves as a technical advisor in an undergraduate Certificate Program on LEAN & Process Improvement.

Guests are welcome and no reservations are required. Lunch will be available at the restaurant. For more information, call 753-9040 or see www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

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Business Ownership Conversion Specialist to address Rotary Club

The next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club will feature guest speaker Marcel Gagne on Thursday, October 26, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn. Gagne is a Business Ownership Conversion Specialist with the Cooperative Development Institute, a New England non-profit that promotes a cooperative economy by supporting lo-



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Governor's Address: Question 1 is about a Third Casino, Not Education or Jobs

Once again, special interest groups are not being honest and upfront about a ballot initiative.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

Question 1 on the ballot this November is not a referendum on funding our schools. It is not about creating new jobs or lowering taxes. Make no mistake: it is about putting a third Maine casino in York County. It's about gambling, plain and simple.

Gambling and casinos are controversial, so ad campaigns focus on other things, like jobs or

funding for schools. But voters need to know what they are really voting on.

Question 1 doesn't even mention jobs, education or taxes, so voters could be easily confused by the ads they are seeing. Question 1 asks:

"Do you want to allow a certain company to operate table games and/or slot machines in York County, subject to state and local approval, with part of the profits going to the specific programs described in the initiative?"

The question on the ballot says nothing about taxes, schools or jobs.



Governor Paul R. LePage

Here's another way Question 1 is misleading. The legislation behind the question is written in such a way that only one entity can

even qualify to apply for the gaming license.

In other words, the person who wrote the legislation or his companies are the only legal entities that can apply for the gambling license.

This gambling initiative is not an open or fair process. In fact, it's yet another case of big-money, out-of-state interests using Maine voters to get a sweet deal. But it's a phony deal for Maine.

Supporters of Question 1 are using a bait-and-switch tactic that has nothing to do with funding schools or creating jobs.

Their promises of boosting our economy are overblown.

Our casino market is already saturated. Maine has two casinos, one in Oxford and one Bangor. Further, two huge casinos are being built in Massachusetts that will attract residents of Maine.

Opening a casino in York County will not draw new revenue or visitors to the state—it will just shift funds away from our existing casinos. It could destroy the casinos in Oxford and Bangor.

Let's be honest about Question 1. Proponents

spent \$4.3 million in out-of-state money to get this question on the ballot. They want to put a third casino in Maine, but only one person will be able to apply for the gaming license. It's a stacked deck.

Once again, Maine's referendum process has been hijacked by big money, out-of-state interests hoping to pull the wool over your eyes. Before you cast your vote, remember what Question 1 is really about. It's about gambling. Period.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Op-Ed

Merger presents opportunity for a clear vision for L-A

By Clif Greim
AUBURN

On November 7, an important decision is being asked of our citizens regarding the One LA merger. The question boils down to the following: what we can do as one city that we can't do as two?

The answer to this question is the reason I will be voting in favor of One LA, and I urge voters in Auburn and Lewiston to do the same. It is a golden opportunity to move L/A forward in this region.

Having worked in the private sector for 37 years, along with my work on several regional and state boards, including the local and state chambers of commerce, I have spent time thinking about public and private sector solutions to some of the problems that our communities currently face. I have found that the most important pieces of the prosperity equation are straightforward: we need to create a suitable environment that attracts business and people to operate and live here.

With one of the youngest populations in the state, as well as plenty of available and affordable real estate, we already have some of those competitive advantages in this process. But

a significant administrative piece is missing: solidified clear vision for our community along with a strategic implementation plan to work towards, to invest by and to sell with. This work must be done; without it, we will continue to underrepresent the advantages of this community. Recent history shows us that this level of collaboration and planning has not been achievable.

It is readily apparent we cannot afford a winners-and-losers strategy that stems from years of isolated, individual planning by the two communities. A publically supported charter commission was formed and delivered a comprehensive evaluation of the potential of our communities. I

am surprised many of the current concerns were not offered during the charter commission's work. The commission has included the experience and policy expertise of stakeholders from across the public and private community spectrums in their plans. They understand that if we want to position our region for prosperity, we have to have many seats at the table.

The takeaway here is that strength of a community is not measured by size of its population, government or even by the number of representatives in the Legislature. Rather, it is the ability of a community to establish a unified vision, representing all stakeholders, in a strategic plan that can be

understood and shared consistently by everyone who is building and supporting our communities. Consistency in message, clear objectives and a realistic strategic plan will allow our communities to demonstrate leadership and strength.

The benefits of the One LA merger will not come to fruition in the current, divided form of government. We need to join together in order to build on and accomplish the foundational objectives that I have outlined. Only this initiative can accomplish the kind of prosperity that our communities deserve.

Think about the future that results from this. We can demonstrate regional, state and national strength and leadership for this initiative too. Please consider this positive stepped process and allow our communities to become one.

Vote "yes" for One LA.

Letter to the Editor

Merger could delay new ELHS project

To the Editor:

During a recent television interview, Auburn Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonte discussed the numerous reasons why he is opposed to the merger of Auburn with Lewiston. Of particular note, Mayor LaBonte stated: "If the merger passes, I fully expect the E.L. project to be delayed."

All Auburn residents should be alarmed about the fate of a new Edward Little High School in the event of a merger. Merging Auburn's excellent neighborhood school system with

Lewiston's struggling big box school program should send chills down the spines of every parent living in Auburn.

Auburn residents should protect the future of the city's new Edward Little High School and its excellent neighborhood schools by going to the polls on November 7 and voting "no" against merger; "no" against consolidation; and "no" against new city charter.

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Enough is Enough

Local officials have ignored the problem with generational welfare

By **Robert E. Macdonald**
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Let's bury our heads in the sand like an ostrich. When we finally pull them out and return to reality, it is with the hope that the crisis we have attempted to avoid has either gone away or been solved.

Does this remind you of anyone, perhaps Lewiston-Auburn elected officials?

In a recent article in the Sun Journal, it stated, "Jim Howaniec, chairman of the Coalition Opposed to Lewiston Auburn Consolidation, said the discussion over welfare in the two cities is an example of the negativity that has been caused by the merger initiative."

No, Jim! The 3,000-ton welfare elephant has been in the room for a long time. It was there long before your election as Lewiston's mayor. Early on, the problem could have been righted. But it was ignored by elected officials as a low-impact item. That changed with the Somali diaspora.

The federal government resettlement agency, Catholic Charities of Maine, targeted the very well-heeled city of Portland and one of the poorest cities in Maine—Lewiston—as the locations best suited for resettlement in Maine. Then-mayor Laurier Raymond wrote a letter to the government explaining the



Mayor Bob Macdonald

city was being overwhelmed and asked the resettlement be slowed down, not stopped, so we could catch our breath. This resulted in many progressive left-wing organizations and outsiders from Southern Maine cities

and towns branding Raymond as a racist.

The Maine Peoples Alliance, Equal Maine Justice Partners and a myriad of left-leaning social justice groups sullied Lewiston's reputation by labeling Lewistonians "racists." They knew that this labeling would be an effective weapon that could be used to shut down criticism by future wannabe politicians over the resettlement issue.

Our welfare problems were not brought on by Lewiston's Somali refugee community. The problem is the result of decades of unchecked generational welfare problems that for many decades were ignored

and allowed to fester by local and state politicians. While serving during the five years and nine months as Lewiston's mayor, the only local politician to join with me and passionately address this issue has been Senator Eric Brakey of Auburn.

But, to be truthful, I never expected much local political help. This was because I was aware of the powerful weapon in the arsenal of groups like the Maine Peoples Alliance and Maine Equal Justice Partners: the word racist. Once they have labelled you a racist, there goes your reputation. I salute my opposition for being able to deflect our real

welfare problems: generational welfare. They have successfully made it seem like the real issues that were responsible for our welfare problems were the legal refugee problem.

If our politicians, business leaders and the general public on both sides had addressed the generational welfare issue with the passion they are currently addressing the Lewiston-Auburn consolidation issue, Dollar Stores would not be our number-one area retailer.

Next week, we will review all the exciting accomplishments the Maine Peoples Alliance and Equal Maine Justice Partners have done for our area.

Auction winners!



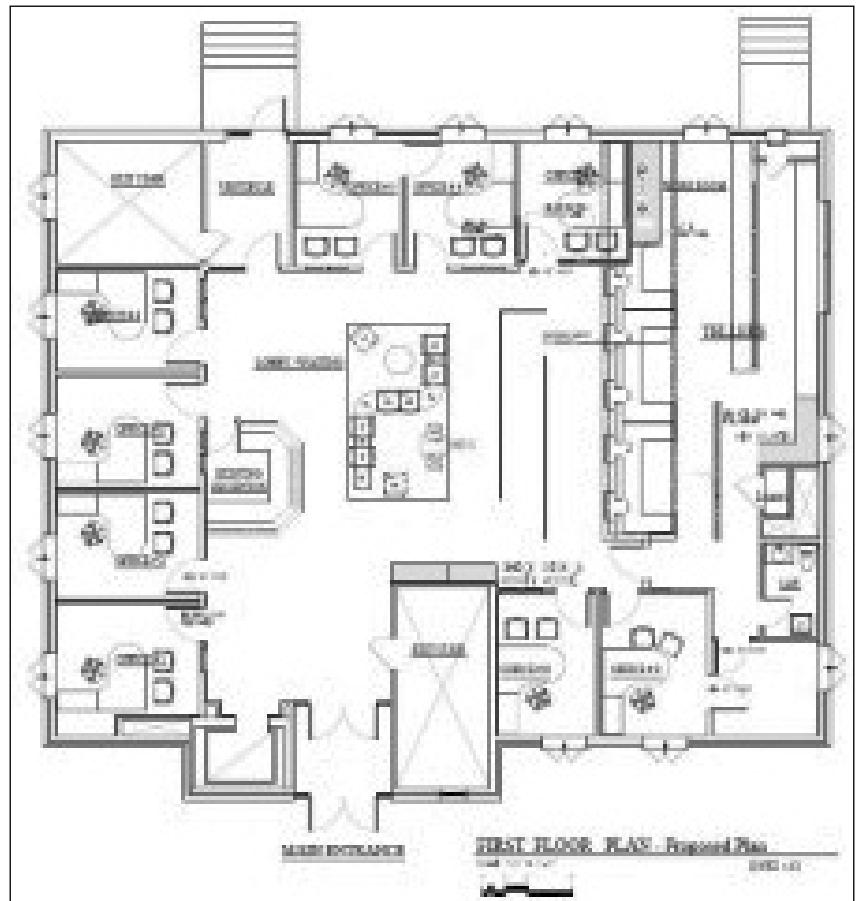
Mike Royer and Terry Walker-Brown were two of the big auction winners at the recent Golf Fore Kids' Sake fundraising scramble to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Androscoggin at Auburn's Martindale Country Club. Royer was the high bidder for a football personally autographed by former New England Patriots quarterback Steve Grogan, while Walker-Brown took home a football signed by current Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski.

AREA marks 9/11 with Backpack Project



The Androscoggin Retired Educators' Association participated in the 9/11 Day of Caring by delivering backpacks this year to fifteen schools in the towns of Greene, Leeds, Turner, Sabattus, Wales, Litchfield, Lisbon, and Lisbon Falls. Pictured here (l. to r.) are 2017 AREA officers Marsha Haines (Treasurer), Crystal Ward (Vice-President), Susan Cornelius (President), Cynthia Peters (Corresponding Secretary), and Linda DeSantis (Recording Secretary).

Community Credit Union begins renovations



The project will include roof repairs, a wheelchair accessible entryway, additional offices, more seating, and a new look and feel.

Community Credit Union recently kicked off renovations at its Lewiston branch. The project is expected to continue through late November and will include roof repairs, a wheelchair accessible entryway, additional offices, more seating, and a new look and feel. Renovations at the Auburn branch will follow and are expected to begin in late November and continue through February. There will be no interruption in services

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What's Going On

Bates professor to address genealogists

Professor Mary Rice-Defosse will be the speaker at the Fall General Meeting of the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society on Saturday, October 21 in the Androscoggin Community Room at Auburn Public Library. The business meeting and raffle drawings will take place beginning at 10 a.m. The presentation will begin around 11:00 and is free and open to the public.

Rice-Defosse will discuss how she conducted research for the book "Writing the Franco-Americans of Lewiston-Auburn" (The History Press, 2015), which she co-authored with James Myall. She will speak about the various sources she consulted, including parish histories, newspapers, oral



Mary Rice-Defosse is co-author of the book "Writing the Franco-Americans of Lewiston-Auburn" (The History Press, 2015)

histories, and genealogical information, and how she assessed the validity of those sources.

Mary Rice-DeFosse is a Professor of French and Francophone Studies at Bates College. She earned her doctorate at Yale University and also studied at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris. She has worked to integrate the history, literature, and culture of Maine's Franco-Americans and

other French-speakers into the curriculum at Bates. She has served as lead scholar for a permanent exhibit on the work of the Sisters of Charity of Saint-Hyacinthe in the local community at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston. She also wrote and co-produced a documentary called "They Came, They Served (Elles sont venues, elles ont servi)," which is a part of that exhibit. She serves on the board of the Gendron Franco Center and the Franco-American Collection of the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College. She is past president of Women in French, an international professional organization dedicated to the study of women writers of French expression. Her research publications include essays on French literature of the nineteenth century. She was inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame by the State Legislature in 2014.



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Chamber to mark 130th, with "Fête d'anniversaire"

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What everyone now knows as the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce began in 1887, when approximately 200 businessmen from Lewiston and Auburn gathered to discuss the formation of a board of trade. You are invited to help celebrate the

chamber's rich history.

The event will feature the unveiling of the piece of art that was voted "Best in Show" from the Chamber's call to Maine artists for a new iconic image of the LA Metropolitan region. That piece, as well as a limited number of other items, will be up for bid in a live auction.

The artist of that piece will receive a \$700 cash prize and their work will be reproduced as 100 limited-edition prints available for sale starting that evening. Other art submissions will be displayed for audi-

ence judging for a \$300 cash prize "People's Choice" award and will be up for bid, along with other items, during a silent auction.

There will also be Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The suggested attire is Creative Black Tie. General Admission Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased tickets by visiting www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Easel sponsors are available at \$500 each, which includes two tickets to the event. For more information, contact the LA Metro Chamber at 783-2249.

Hope Haven seeks community support to replace windows

Hope Haven Gospel Mission is launching a "Sponsor A Window Project" to aid in raising funds for new windows. The Mission operates within a building that turns 100 this year, so repairs and renovations must be done periodically. The 63 windows throughout the building are in desperate need of replacement, beginning with the Women and Children's area of the shelter. This area is a priority because the

inefficiency of the windows causes the rooms to be unbearably hot in the summer and drafty in the winter. Not only will new windows help manage the room temperatures, but the savings in energy costs will also benefit the Mission in the long term.

Each new window costs \$350, installed. Hope Haven would like to thank Quality Glass, which has generously donated the first three windows for the project, and is asking local community members

and corporate sponsors for donations in any amount to help fund additional windows in hopes that the project can be completed before winter.

As funds are received, donors can expect to see a red heart placed in every newly installed window, indicating the progress made towards completion of the project. For more information about the project or to make a donation, call 520-4076.

Youth Indoor Soccer opportunity in Auburn

Androscoggin Youth Indoor Soccer is now accepting registrations for its third season at the Ingersoll Turf Facility in Auburn. AYIS is run by Andro United, a local non-profit organization based in Leeds that prepares, trains and develops youth players with the intent of encouraging them to pursue soccer as they grow, gaining a lifelong love of the sport. Participation requires a combination

of weekly practices and games, all hosted at Ingersoll. Players from all cities and towns are welcome.

There are three coed age divisions. The oldest division is for high school-aged participants born in 2000, 2001, 2002 or 2003. The second division is for those born in 2004, 2005 or 2006, and the youngest division is for those born in 2007, 2008 or 2009. The first sessions will meet on Saturdays, November 4 through December 16, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Registration is open

and ongoing, but space is limited. The deadline for registration is October 28. Registrations will be processed in the order they are received and any overflow will be put on a waiting list. To register, families may pick up a form in person at the Auburn Rec Department or Ingersoll Turf Facility or may register and pay online at www.androunited.com.

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Participants will learn how to make their daily tasks easier, relax and manage stress, and new ways of finding support and solutions to their health concerns. Discussion and activities will focus on topics such as dealing with frustration, exercising at your level of ability, working with your healthcare provider, setting personal goals, managing pain, healthy eating, and improving communication skills. A family member, friend, or caregiver can also participate. The workshop

has been shown to reduce hospitalizations by improving a person’s ability to take care of their health.

Participants will receive a book and relaxation CD on loan for use during the class. At the end of the six-week workshop, there will be a drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card. The more you attend, the better your chances to win. Snacks will be provided each week. To register or for more information, call SeniorsPlus toll free at 1-800-427-1241.

UME Extension, Wolfe’s Neck offer beginning farmer class

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension and the Wolfe’s Neck Center for Agriculture and the Environment in Freeport will host a 15-week distance education seminar offered by the Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers. The seminar will begin Thursday, November 2, from noon to 2 p.m., at Wolfe’s Neck Center, located at 184 Burnett Road in Freeport, and will continue through early March.

Experienced graziers, business leaders, and University of Wisconsin faculty teach the WSBDFL seminar. Topics include the economic, environmental, and agronomic principles of

managed grazing; milking center design; dairy, beef, goat, and sheep production; organic marketing and herd health; farm selection, design, and remodeling; winter feeding and housing strategies; and goal-setting and farm enterprise development. Facilitating the remote seminar will be UMaine Extension professor Rick Kersbergen, who will provide additional educational and networking opportunities with a local perspective.

WSBDFL seminars emphasize business planning and pasture-based farm management and are part of the core curriculum for the Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship, a new na-

tionally recognized, guided pathway to independent dairy farm ownership. Wolfe’s Neck Center is a partner in the Northeast with DGA and currently hosts five apprentices at the organic dairy farm in Freeport. WSBDFL is also an approved vendor of the USDA Farm Service Agency Beginning Farmer Loan Program for new borrower business training. Apply for the WSBDFL for credit online <http://wsbdf.wisc.edu/how-to-apply>.

For more information, to register, or to request a disability accommodation at the remote host site, contact Rick Kersbergen at 342-5971 or richard.kersbergen@maine.edu.

Hannaford to open store in Mechanic Falls

Hannaford Supermarkets recently announced that it will build a 20,000-square-foot store at the northeast corner of the intersection of Routes 11 and 26 in Mechanic Falls. The full-service supermarket and pharmacy is expected to open for business in late 2018.

As a company, Hannaford is active in the community through the Hannaford Helps charitable

program, especially in the areas of education and child development, health and wellness, and hunger relief. It donated 23 million pounds of rescued food to local pantries and food banks last year, including 12.4 million pounds in Maine. The company also works closely with local farmers and food producers in Maine and across its five-state market area, carrying more than 6,000 different local

products overall.

The Mechanic Falls Hannaford will be the company’s 63rd store in Maine. Hannaford was founded in Portland, Maine in 1883. Now based in Scarborough, it operates 181 stores and employs more than 26,000 associates in the states of Maine, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. For more information, see www.hannaford.com.

L & A Veterans Council visits Maine Veterans Home



Pictured here with Administrator Don Dube (l.) are L & A Veterans Council representatives (from l.) Brad Peck, Moe Fournier, Bert Dutil, Armand Bussiere, and Ron Arneault, who, as they normally do each year, recently toured and visited the residents of the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris. The council is currently planning a Veterans Day “Pass in Review and Musical Tribute” on Monday, November 11 at 10 a.m. at the Lewiston Armory. This event is an opportunity for citizens to thank our veterans and military personnel for their service, and the council hopes attendance will continue to grow.

What’s Going On

Safely dispose of sensitive docs, unwanted meds at Oct. 28 Lewiston event

To address two important needs, AARP Maine is teaming up with the Androscoggin County Sheriff’s Office and the Lewiston Police Department to host a free event for residents to dispose of sensitive documents, as well as any unused, expired or otherwise unwanted medications. The event will take place on Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lewiston High School at 156 East Avenue.

With many scams and identity theft on the rise, it is more important than ever to protect one’s personal information. Rifling through trash cans for sensitive documents is a common tactic of identity thieves, but shredding sensitive and personal documents can minimize the risk. AARP encourages you to shred all paperwork that includes account numbers, birth dates, passwords, PINs, signatures, Social Security

and/or driver’s license numbers, email addresses, home addresses, and phone numbers. When in doubt, shred it! While electronics or plastics will not be accepted at this event, paper clips and staples do not need to be removed. Your documents will be shredded on-site and you will have peace of mind knowing you have taken an important step in the fight against identity theft and fraud.

If you take prescription drugs, you may be one of the millions of consumers whose medicine cabinet could use an autumn clean-up. This free event presents an excellent opportunity to safely dispose of your unused or expired medicines. This Lewiston “drug take-back” event is for prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicines, whether in pill, liquid, or any other form. In prior years, such programs have resulted in the safe disposal of thousands of pounds of unwanted medications.

There are several reasons why it is important to properly dispose of unneeded or expired medications. Pills thrown into the trash can be removed by people who wish to take them themselves or even sell them. Medications that are thrown away in your weekly garbage could also be found and consumed by children or even animals. Further, if not disposed of properly, the chemicals and toxins from drugs could eventually leach into the ground and our groundwater. Imagine those thousands of pounds of pills polluting the environment year after year.

Volunteers from AARP Maine, the Sheriff’s Office, and the Police Department will be on hand to assist you as needed. There is no quantity limit. For more information, call Jane at 1-866-554-5380 or Chief Deputy William Gagne at 753-2559.

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Out & About with Rachel Morin

At SeniorsPlus' annual Aging Well, Living Well Expo



Ready for breakfast are members of the line dancing group: front, Pauline Parshall, Denise Hebert, Instructor; Linda Lafontaine; back, Patricia Vampatella, Carol Doucette, Joanne Sabourin and Maddie Campbell.



John Rice, Director of Operations, Mark Prevost, Director of Resident Services, and David Cassidy, Director of Marketing & Community Outreach, Schooner Estates Senior Living Community, Auburn.

Story and photos by Rachel Morin
It was a beautiful drive to Sunday River

in Bethel on Friday, October 6, a great fall weather day. My friends and I met promptly at 7:15 am for

the Tenth Annual Aging Well Living Well EXPO presented by SeniorsPlus of Lewiston at the Grand

Summit Hotel and Conference Center.

Patricia Vampatella was the driver. Carol Doucette, Joanne Sabourin and I were the passengers. We did not see the bright, vivid colors of last year's foliage. It was indeed muted and you might say drab. We remembered the weather-woman's foliage predictions: "Autumn foliage would not have the vivid red, orange and purple splashy colors due to the unusual warmer weather."

And so we focused on the EXPO's excellent sessions that we had registered for-- , Downsizing, Self Defense and Safety Awareness, Staying Sharp as You Age and Antiques and Collectibles Appraisals. We arrived in time for the large breakfast buffet and joined the close to 225 registrants from Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties and greeted old friends and caught up on their news.

Lee Ann Szelog, an award-winning author, was the Keynote Speaker. She spoke with fondness of her late grandmother and how much she learned from her. Szelog told us of her affection and respect for the older people saying "They are the most important generation on



Bob Thompson and Jackie Bate



Joanne and Lou Giard took advantage of their free time between sessions to enjoy the lovely fall weather.



Kaitlyn Desjardin, Casey Borstel, and Hilary Maxim, Au. D. of LA Hearing Center, Lewiston.



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the planet.” She suggested that we could create a Time Capsule for our future family generations by filling it with special memories, photos, historic moments, personal keepsakes, to name just a few of the several categories she listed and the method in which to store them.

Following Szelog’s excellent presentation, we received a detailed map outlining the 20 workshops and lectures with their times and locations. The day-long Expo is a great learning opportunity for seniors. A diverse selection included Medicare, Diabetes, legal, health, exercise, diet, hypnosis, long term care, water fitness, Reiki and opiate crisis. Workshops on a lighter side were Maine Lighthouse Living, cooking, paper art, model railroading, essential oils, jewelry making and line

dancing. An important and timely offering was a Falls Risk Assessment offered by Nate Miller. This was taken by many of the attendees which proved to be a surprising eye opener for some. Nate offered exercises to increase stability and balance.

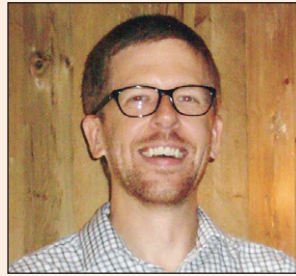
We also had time to visit the interesting exhibits and vendors offering information on hearing aids, eye care, Medicare supplemental insurance, senior citizen residential living, hospitals, investments and other related exhibits. And free time to visit the long raffle table



Gloria Smith, Martha Sirois and Jean Pulsifer



Kathy Baillargeon, Professional Organizer, had the audience laughing, when they recognize themselves in her stories on “Downsizing: The Joy of Living with Less”



Joshua Bridges, MSN, FN-P-BC, RN-BC at Geriatric Mental Health and Neuropsychiatry at Acadia Hospital gave an excellent presentation on “Staying Sharp as You Age.”



MaryEllen Joyce, Sales Executive Senior Markets, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care



Jeff Higgins and Dan Sands of the Old School in Sabattus provided special entertainment marking the Tenth Anniversary of Aging Well Living Well EXPO in the Grand Ballroom



Geraldine Harrington and Pauline Smith enjoy a laugh with Katelynn Fitzgerald, Marketing Director, Montello Heights, Lewiston.

filled with high ticket prizes and certificates donated by businessmen with proceeds benefitting the SeniorsPlus Education Center.

We enjoyed the large buffet luncheon in the Grand Ballroom. Morning classes were discussed and ideas exchanged. Many took walks outside to enjoy the fresh air and fall season. In celebration of the Tenth Annual Expo, Jeffrey Higgins and Dan Sands of Old School of Sabattus provided musical

entertainment in the afternoon in the Grand Ballroom. Jeff is a self-employed contractor and Dan is Manager of Facilities at Bates College. They have played locally for several years.

At the conclusion of afternoon classes, we returned to the Grand Ballroom to learn who the lucky winners of the raffle prizes were. Soon it was time to leave for home. As we prepared to leave, we concluded we enjoyed a great learning experience and the Expo was so well planned and organized, as always, by



Seated, Carol Ann Simisky, Priscilla and Stephen A. Agurkis; Standing, Janice Jones and Diane Higgins

the SeniorsPlus staff and that of the Grand Summit Hotel staff. “Goodbye” and “See you next year” were echoed as everyone piled into waiting cars.

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TWIN CITY NIGHTS

Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Mad Science Halloween Show at APL

Auburn Public Library will host a Mad Science Halloween Spooktacular on Thursday, October 26 at 6 p.m. in its Androscoggin Community Room. The program is free and open to the public. Prepare for science tricks and treats as

the folks from Mad Science present some of their most famous concoctions, including a Foaming Jack O' Lantern, cauldrons of frothing witches' brews and warlock potions, and "ghosts" released from bottles. You'll also learn how a spider

dives to its doom and what can happen when scientists don't follow proper safety rules at this most "mad-dening" and scientifically spooky Halloween ever.

For more information, call the library at 333-6640, ext. 3.

Downtown Trick or Treating on Friday, October 27

The L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce will host Downtown Trick or Treating on Lisbon Street in Lewiston and Main Street in Auburn on Friday, October 27, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The chamber will be at Dufresne Plaza, 72 Lisbon Street in Lewiston, and Festival Plaza, 112 Main Street in Auburn, both before and during the event to hand out trick-or-treat bags and maps indicating participating businesses.

The event is expanding into Auburn this year, and there will be a trolley from Northeast Charter and Tours to help shuttle trick-or-treaters across the bridge. There will also be a Zamboni parked in Dufresne Plaza. Scrubby the mascot from

Spectrum Healthcare Partners will be on hand, as will Maine Photography Studio to take photos of trick-or-treaters.

This community event engages downtown businesses and invigorates community spirit by promoting Lisbon Street in Lewiston and Main Street in Auburn

as safe, walkable, family-friendly places. There are opportunities for other local businesses, not just those with storefronts on Lisbon Street or Main Street, to participate. For more information, contact Rachel Bishop at the LA Metro Chamber at 783-2249 or Rachel@LAMetroChamber.com.

Church Fair in Minot

Minot Corner United Methodist Church will present a Church Fair on Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be home-cooked baked goods, a candy and fudge table, crafts, knit goods, Christmas gifts, and old fashioned store cheese. New this year will be a pet table. There

will also be a silent auction table and free drawings for door prizes. A homemade lunch of fish chowder, corn chowder, and macaroni and cheese with free coffee will be served beginning at 11 a.m. The church is located on the corner of Minot Avenue and Empire Road on Route 121.

"The Revolutionists" opens Friday at Public Theatre



The Public Theatre kicks off its 2017-18 performance season with its production of "The Revolutionists," opening Friday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. That night, the theater will also launch its new "Opening Night BREW-HaHa," a free pre-show beer sampling that takes place, courtesy of Baxter Brewing, in the theater's lobby starting at 6:30. Lauren Gunderson's funny, provocative play reimagining the French Revolution from the standpoint of four smart, sassy women runs through October 29. For show times and ticket information, call 782-3200 or see thepublictheatre.org.

Historical Society program looks at wall stenciling

Androscoggin Historical Society will present a program by Polly Tarbell Bartow on the history of wall stencils and wall murals in New England on Tuesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. at the Society's Davis-Wagg Museum on the third floor of the County Building.

Polly Tarbell Bartow is an historian and decorative artist specializing in techniques used in both Europe and America during the late 18th through late 19th centuries. She does wall murals and stenciling,

as well as fine decoration on furniture, boxes, mirrors, and other objects. She is an award-winning member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration and teaches from her studio in Biddeford.

In the late 18th and early 19th century, when expensive wallpaper became all the rage in the United States, itinerant stencilers emerged to offer an affordable alternative for the average homeowner who could not afford pricy wallpaper. Many men learned this trade and

traveled throughout New England and beyond with their kits containing a few stencils, pigments, and brushes.

One of the best known and documented stencilers working in New England was Moses Eaton, Jr. Many beautiful examples of his work survive in private homes and museums, and Bartow will explain the process of attempting to authenticate a family tradition that Eaton did stenciling in their house in Oxford County.

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

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Audition added for "Come Out Swingin'"

An additional audition day has been added for the upcoming Franco Center-Community Little Theatre co-production of Brian Daly's musical, "Come Out Swingin': A Lewiston Story." Open auditions are scheduled for Saturday, October 21 at 10 a.m. at the Franco Center, located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. Those unable to attend at this time are encouraged to call the director to request

an appointment.

Production dates for the show are Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 4, at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. has been set aside as a snow date, if needed.

Interested performers may be asked to audition in all three parts (vocal, choreography and dialogue). There are numerous lead and supporting roles, both

singing and non-singing, and there is an ensemble. Those with all levels of dance experience are welcome to audition. Singers are asked to bring sheet music for the piano accompanist. Recorded samples of six of the show's songs are posted on the show's Facebook event page. For more information or to request a perusal script, contact director Richard Martin at 754-9828 or rmartin@francocenter.org.

Sportsmen's Club plans House of Horror, Kids' Spook House

The Litchfield Sportsmen's Club will host two nights of Halloween fun with a House of Horror for teens and adults on Friday, October 27, and a Spook House for younger children on Saturday, October 28. The fun will begin after sundown both nights from

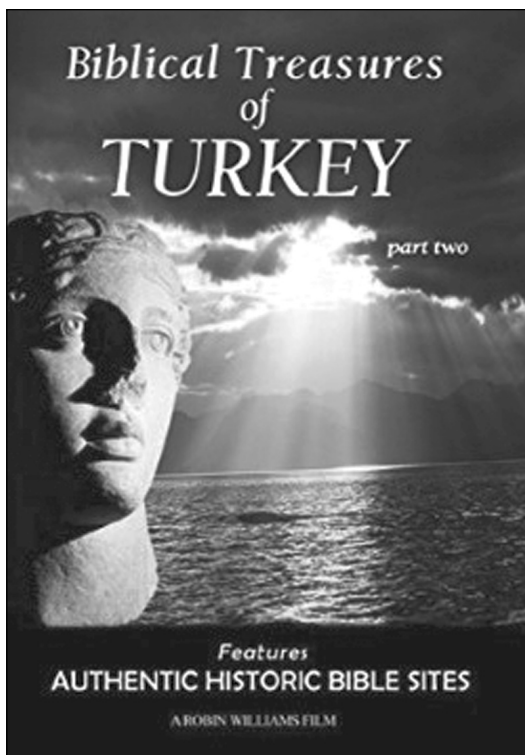
6:30 to 9 p.m.

Sure to terrify even the most brave-hearted, admission to the House of Horror is by a suggested donation of \$5 per person; geared for younger visitors toward the "spooky" rather than the horrifying, admission to the Spook House is by

donation only and all kids will receive a treat at the end of their visit.

Wheelchair accessible and with plenty of free parking, the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club is located at 2261 Hollowell Road in Litchfield. For more information, call 268-4494.

Sawyer Memorial wraps season with film, ice cream



For the final show of its 2017 season, Sawyer Memorial in Greene will screen Robin Williams' film "Biblical Treasures of Turkey, Part 2" on Friday, October 20 at 2 and 7 p.m. The film portrays beautiful

scenery and the sites of historic events, including the travels of St. Paul, Christ's choosing of the Apostles, the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse, and a Roman villa. After the show, there will be an ice cream social

to celebrate the end of the 2017 season. Admission is free and open to all. Sawyer Memorial is located at 371 Sawyer Road in Greene. For more information, call 946-5311 or see sawyer-foundation.com.

Twin City Nights

Today's Great Falls Forum explores reliability of eyewitness identification

The 2017-18 season of the Great Falls Forum continues Thursday, October 19, when Bates College Professor of Psychology Amy Bradfield Douglass will discuss "Eyewitness Identification: Causes of Errors and Suggestions for Reform." The program will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in Callahan Hall at Lewiston Public Library.

Amy Bradfield Douglass has taught at Bates College since 2001. She has a B.A. from Williams College and a Ph.D. from Iowa State University. Her research is at the interface of psychology and law. In particular, she studies how eyewitnesses to crimes make incorrect identifications and how to reduce those errors. Her work has been supported by the National Science Foundation and the Australian Research Council. She has testified as an expert witness for the defense in state and federal courts throughout New England.

In her Great Falls



Amy Bradfield Douglass is a Professor of Psychology at Bates College.

Forum presentation, Dr. Douglass will present science-based recommendations for conducting lineups and photospreads. She'll discuss how psychological scientists study eyewitness identification, how reforms have been put into practice, and recent court decisions related to eyewitness identification evidence. In addition, she will talk about some of the court cases she has been involved with.

The Great Falls Forum is a monthly, brown-bag speaker series featuring state and regional leaders in public policy, business, academia, and the arts. The programs are free, open to all, and no reservations are required. Coffee, tea and bottled water are provided for a donation at the event.

For more information, contact LPL Adult & Teen Services at 513-3135 or LPLReference@Gmail.com.

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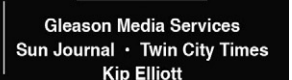
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Twin City Nights

Roots music duo to perform in Phippsburg



Martin Grosswendt and Susanne Salem-Schatz

The celebrated American roots music duo Martin Grosswendt and Susanne Salem-Schatz will perform in concert at the Phippsburg Congregational Church on Friday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Called “one of America’s great natural musical resources” by Robert Resnik of Vermont Public Radio, Grosswendt is an internationally-known interpreter of pre-war blues and other southern roots music. His performances with Susanne Salem-Schatz encompass the breadth and depth of American roots music, from classic Delta and East Coast blues to early country music to Creole and Cajun music. As a solo artist, he has shared the stage

with legendary performers including Jesse Winchester, Dave Van Ronk, Tom Rush, Sonny Terry and Brownie Magee, Sam and Dave, Taj Mahal, and many others.

A vocalist and multi-instrumentalist with a mastery of numerous regional styles on guitar, mandolin, five-string banjo, and fiddle, Grosswendt began his musical career in the early 1970’s as a session player at the original Philo Records in Vermont, recording and performing with some of the leading folk singers of the time, including U Utah Phillips, Jim Ringer, Mary McCaslin, and Rosalie Sorrells. He simultaneously pursued his passion for pre-war blues and created a solo career playing the music of

legendary bluesmen such as Charley Patton, Blind Blake, Robert Johnson and Blind Willie McTell. With three solo albums to his credit, his love for a good song also moves him to perform material from such modern songwriters as Townes Van Zandt, Bobby Charles, and Richard Thompson.

Salem-Schatz is a veteran of the Boston roots music scene. A life-long singer, she enjoys slipping seamlessly from soulful blues to sassy honky-tonk. The two played and sang together for three years in Honky Tonk Masquerade, a honky tonk-western swing band, before striking out as an acoustic duo two years ago. Their first CD together, “Old Songs, New Hats,” was released late in 2015.

The historic Phippsburg Congregational Church is located at 10 Church Lane (at Parker Head Rd.) in Phippsburg. Admission is \$15 (\$8 for students) at the door or \$12 in advance. Children under eight are admitted free. Tickets may be purchased at BrownPaperTickets.com.

Doors will open at 7:00 and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 389-1770.

Rotary Clubs to host “Pints for Polio” at Gritty’s

The Auburn-Lewiston Breakfast and Lewiston Lunchtime Rotary Clubs will team up with Gritty McDuff’s Brew Pub in Auburn on Thursday, October 26 to help Rotary International’s effort to wipe out Polio worldwide. From 5:30 to 9 p.m., fifty cents from every pint sold will go to the Rotary Club and all donations

will be matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation. Gritty’s is located at 68 Main Street.

The evening’s festivities will include a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, and the opportunity to learn more about the club’s community service projects, which recently reached the \$500,000 mark in total donations to various local charitable or-

ganizations that help kids and aging citizens in our community.

Since 1985, Rotarians worldwide have made it their mission through the “Polio Plus Program” to eradicate this dreaded disease around the world. Local Rotarians invite everyone to join them at Gritty McDuff’s to support their Polio Plus efforts.

Auburn honors Civil War hero with new gravestone

The City of Auburn honored a local son and Civil War hero recently by correcting a longstanding mistake. When Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Moses C. Hanscom of Danville was buried in Auburn’s Oak Hill Cemetery in 1873, the name on his memorial stone was incorrectly spelled as “Hansom.”

The City recently replaced Hanscom’s original stone with a beautiful new memorial upon which his name is correctly spelled. The project was completed at no cost to the city, thanks to a donation by Collette Monuments of Lewiston. “It was an honor to help,” said a company representative. “We were grateful to be allowed to be part of this.”

Hanscom was awarded the country’s highest military honor for his heroic actions on October 14, 1863, when, as a young Army Corporal at the Battle of Bristoe Station in Virginia, he cap-



On the 154th anniversary of his heroic actions on the battlefield, the city dedicated a new memorial stone to Moses C. Hanscom that correctly spells his last name.

ured the Confederate flag. On Saturday, October 14, on the 154th anniversary of that day, the city conducted a ceremony to re-dedicate Hanscom’s memorial at Oak Hill Cemetery.

“The City of Auburn is honored to recognize this

local hero,” said Auburn Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté before the event. “Corporal Hanscom’s valor is an inspiration, and we will stand proudly beside members of his family and his community to celebrate his life and heroism.”

Bass-baritone to perform at UU Church of Augusta

The Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta will present a one-hour recital by bass-baritone John David Adams called “The Heart of the Evening: American Nocturnes” on Saturday, October 21 at 4 p.m.

An accomplished artist with an active career in concert, opera, recital, and professional vocal ensembles, Adams’ repertoire ranges from Baroque masterworks to world-premiere compositions. He has appeared with orchestras, choral organizations, and musical



John David Adams

ensembles nationwide and is a featured performer at such music festivals as Blue Hill Bach, White Mountain Bach, and the Portland Early Music Festival. He has presented recital programs for Opera Down East, the Longwood Opera, the

Vanderkay Summer Music Series, the Boothbay Opera House, Rangeley Friends of the Arts, and the Lincoln Arts Festival. In addition to performing and teaching, Adams is an active member and past president of the Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and serves on the Board of Directors of OUT Maine.

He will be accompanied by Bridget Convey, who has performed piano selections nationwide as a soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral musician. She serves on the faculty of Bates College and maintains a private studio. Admission will be by a suggested donation of a \$10 per person. The church is located at 69 Winthrop Street in Augusta. For more information, call 622-3232.

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Thursday, October 19

Great Falls Forum. Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Bates College Professor of Psychology Amy Bradfield Douglass discusses "Eyewitness Identification: Causes of Errors and Suggestions for Reform." Free. Bring your bag lunch. 513-3135.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Dr. Tara Coste, Professor of Leadership and Organizational Studies at the University of Southern Maine. No reservation required. 753 9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Benefit Auction. 5 to 7:30 p.m. The Daniel, 10 Water St., Brunswick. This Brunswick Downtown Association fundraiser features a silent and live auction; hors d'oeuvres, and a dessert buffet; cash bar. \$20 (\$30 per couple). 729-4439; www.brunswickdowntown.org.

College Night. 5:30 p.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Following a panel discussion about the application process, reps from ten Maine colleges will be avail. to provide information about their schools. 333-6640, ext. 4.

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

French Sing-Along. 1:30 p.m. Rm. 170, L-A College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. Les Troubadours lead participants in singing favorite French and Franco-American songs. Everyone welcome; songbooks provided. Free. 576-4109.

Film Screening. 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. The 2017 season ends with Robin Williams' film "Biblical Treasures of Turkey, Part 2," followed by an ice cream social. Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Art Walk L/A. 5 to 8 p.m. Happening every third Friday through Dec., this event converts over 20 downtown

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L-A businesses and storefronts into public arts spaces. 782-7228; for event details, see laarts.org.

Autumn Night Out. 5 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, Poland. This Andro. Home Care & Hospice fundraiser features silent and live auctions, dinner, and dancing to the Larry Williams Band. \$65 per person. 795-9407; Noelle.Hotham@ahch.org.

Graveyard Shift. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Museum L-A, 35 Canal St., Lewiston. Based on a story by Stephen King, this unique event features a dramatic (and scary) reading by Mike Miclon, tours, and refreshments. \$15. Reserve at 333-3881.

Theater: The Revolutionists. 7:30 p.m. Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. Four beautiful, badass women are reimagined as the heroes of the French Revolution in this provocative new comedy. Again 10/21-22, 26-29 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$20/17/5. 782-3200; thepublictheatre.org.

Theater: "Sister Act." 7:30 p.m. Community Little Theatre, 30 Academy St., Auburn. CLT presents this uplifting musical comedy based on the hit 1992 film. Again 10/21-22, 26-29 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$12-18. 783-0958; www.laclt.com.

Concert: Martin Grosswendt and Susanne Salem-Schatz. 7:30 p.m. Phippsburg Congregational Church, 10 Church Lane (at Parker Head Rd.), Phippsburg. The celebrated American roots music duo perform. \$15 (\$12 at BrownPaperTickets.com). 389-1770.

Saturday, October 21

Arts & Craft Fair. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Armory, 179 Western Ave. (Rte. 202), Augusta. Start buying your holiday gifts from talented artisans from Maine and across New England. Again 10/22. 946-7079; STpromo37@aol.com.

Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society Meet-

ing. 11 a.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Prof. Mary Rice-DeFosse discusses her research for the book "Writing the Franco-Americans of Lewiston-Auburn." Free.

Open House. Noon to 4:00 p.m. Fire Dept., Central Station, 550 Minot Ave., Auburn. Local families are invited to join the Auburn F.D. for free pizza, raffles, a bounce house, and fire safety and prevention tips. Free. 333-6633, ext. 4.

Concert: John David Adams. 4 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Community Church, 69 Winthrop St., Augusta. The bass-baritone singer performs a program of American nocturnes. Suggested donation \$10. 622-3232.

Public Supper. 5 to 6 p.m. American Legion Post 31, 426 Washington St. No., Auburn. Soups, stews, casseroles, green salad, rolls/bread, coffee and desserts. 50-50 raffle. Pres. by Ladies Auxiliary. \$8/5. 689-1602.

Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This "Fairy Tales and Dances" program features music by Ravel, Hindemith, and Dvorak. Students free. \$20 (cash or check) at door. 846-5378, www.midcoast-symphony.org.

Concert: Home Again. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This six-piece band pays tribute to the music of Carole King. \$28 adv., \$32 at door. 442-8455; chocolatechurcharts.org.

Monday, October 23

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

Discover Girl Scouts. 6 p.m. Poland Community School, Poland. Girls in grades

K-3 and their adult caregivers are invited to learn more about what Girl Scouting offers. 888-922-4763, girlscoutsof-maine.org.

Tuesday, October 24

Classic Horror Film. 1 p.m. Androscoggin Community Room, Auburn Public Library. The library screens the 1942 film "The Ghost of Frankenstein." Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

History Program. 7 p.m. Andro. Historical Society, third floor, County Building, Auburn. Historian and decorative artist Polly Tarbell Bartow discusses the history of wall stencils and murals in New England. Free; donations welcome. 784-0586.

Thursday, October 26

Blood Drive. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kaplan University, Lewiston. The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce and Kaplan Univ. host this American Red Cross event. 783-2249. Register by entering "LAMETRO" in the blue box at www.redcrossblood.org.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Marcel Gagne, Business Ownership Conversion Specialist with Cooperative Development Institute. 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. Steven Greeley of the ME Dept. of Labor discusses "Workplace Safety - How it can Improve Your Recruitment and Retention Efforts." \$50 (Chamber members \$25; CMHRA members free). 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

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Mad Science Halloween Spooktacular. 6 p.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Prepare for science tricks and treats, including a Foaming Jack O' Lantern and "ghosts" released from bottles. Free. 333-6640, ext. 3.

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Friday, October 27

Downtown Trick or Treating. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Pick up your map of participating businesses at Dufresne Plaza (72 Lisbon Street in Lewiston) or Festival Plaza (112 Main Street in Auburn); pres. by the L.A. Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Wicked Halloween Art Show. 6 to 8 p.m. Wicked Illustrations Studio and Gallery, 140 Canal St., Lewiston. Enjoy a glass of wine while browsing spooky Halloween-themed art and visiting the glow in the dark painting room. www.wickedillustrations.com.

House of Horror. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Sportsmen's Club, 2261 Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. This holiday adventure for teens and adults is sure to terrify even the most brave-hearted. Suggested donation \$5. 268-4494.

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WHA Gallery features photos by Bryant, Ranney



Photograph by Lisa Bryant



Photograph by Alana Ranney

The Woman's Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery is now displaying photographs by Lisa Bryant and Alana Ranney through the month of October. The gallery is located at 60 High Street in Lewiston, at the main entrance to Central Maine Medical Center.

Bryant's photography is inspired by the Imogene Cunningham quote, "Which

of my photographs is my favorite? The one I'm going to take tomorrow." Inspired by a passion for capturing the tiny everyday miracles of her surroundings in western Maine, she is rarely without her camera. Her other favorite subjects to photograph are family, animals, and travel locations.

For Ranney, photography has been a life-long jour-

ney and creative outlet that has allowed her to explore light and form. In addition to taking photographs, she enjoys adding textures and overlays to her images, transforming them into unique works of art. She has studied with top professionals at the New England Institute of Professional Photography and through the Maine Professional Photographers

Association. She also keeps her skills up-to-date through online learning and forums.

"My art allows me to travel and explore the back roads of Maine looking for unique places and things to photograph," she says. "I enjoy nature and landscape photography and macro, and anything old and rusty! Maine has such a wide selection of unique things and places to photograph."

Her hard work has resulted in numerous awards and the appearance of her photographs in local magazines, calendars, and publications. She is the owner of the boutique photo studio A Fine Photo and is available for commissions and assignments throughout Maine. For more information, see www.afinephoto.com or www.maineartphotography.com.

Works on display may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop, located adjacent to the main lobby at Central Maine Medical Center. A percentage of sale proceeds benefits CMMC.

Lewiston residents awarded McPherson Scholarships



Sahra Abdi



Peyton McPherson

Lewiston residents Sahra Abdi and Peyton McPherson, students in the Early Childhood Education program at Central Maine Community College, have been awarded Doris M. Stewart Memorial Scholarships.

Abdi is a native of Kenya who graduated from Lewiston High School in 2014. She has earned high honors in the ECE program and will graduate next spring. She plans to work with preschool children and may continue her education at the baccalaureate level.

McPherson graduated from Lewiston High School in 2016 and works part-time at the Karis Place Infant Center in Lewiston. After she completes her studies at CMCC next spring, she hopes to open her own preschool facility and may pursue a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

The scholarships honor the many years of service Mrs. Stewart devoted as an elementary school teacher in Lewiston by recognizing the promise of exceptional students in the Early Childhood Education program at CMCC.

Diocese donates over \$320,000 to aid victims of Hurricane Harvey

A special collection on September 2 and 3 at Catholic churches throughout Maine raised \$322,760 for victims of Hurricane Harvey, which caused massive damage to communities in Texas and Louisiana. All proceeds are being donated to Catholic Charities USA as they provide immediate relief, regardless of faith affiliation, and offer long-term recovery assistance.

"Once again, the people of the Diocese of Portland have met tragedy with generosity," said Bishop Robert P. Deeley. "The size and scope

of the devastation in these areas is still being measured, and the need for recovery support will last for years. These donations will not only help many individuals and families in need, but also provide a renewal of hope and a connection to the merciful love of God to the recipients."

In the days following the hurricane, Catholic Charities USA mobilized staff members and has been offering emergency aid, case management, and shelter assistance to those displaced due to flooding or damage.

Catholic Charities is also supplying humanitarian aid and resources to ongoing relief efforts in Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean.

Catholic Charities assures donors that 100% of funds raised will go directly towards disaster efforts. To contribute, send a check, payable to Catholic Charities USA and marked "Hurricane Relief," to Catholic Charities USA, P.O. Box 17066, Baltimore, MD 21297; call 1-703-549-1390 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 1-800-919-9338 after 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, Saturdays, and Sundays; or visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

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