

Lewiston Fire Department Hosts 9-11 Remembrance



Lewiston Honor Guard members place a wreath to honor fallen Lewiston firefighters. This year's ceremony was held inside the station due to inclement weather. Once the weather improved, on-duty firefighters placed the wreath at the front of the firefighter memorial in front of the fire station. Honor Guard members also "Ring the Bell" in memory of those who perished on 9-11-01. Pictured is Pvt. Luc Gervais, Pvt. Carlos Ortiz, Pvt. Timothy Berry and Pvt. Cory Higgins. See additional photo on page 3. TCT Photo by Laurie A. Steele



Lewiston Firefighters and members of the Lewiston Fire Department Honor Guard gather at the front of Central Fire Station at the conclusion of their annual September 11, 2001 Remembrance Ceremony. Pictured are Pvt. Jonathan Keating, Pvt. Cory Higgins, Pvt. Carlos Ortiz, Pvt. Dennis Eveson, Pvt. Troy Cailler, Pvt. Anthony Siderio, Lt., Kevin Bergeron, Pvt. Luc Gervais, Pvt. Denis Morin, Pvt. Nathan Maillet, Pvt. Mathew Wiers, Pvt. Timothy Berry, Pvt. Bill Bergeron, Chief Paul LeClair, Pvt. Robert Gayton, Lt. Brian Bernier, Pvt. Trent Beaulé, Pvt. Brooks Boucher and Lt. Richard Emmons. TCT Photo by Laurie A. Steele.

Governor attends L-A Greek Festival



Governor and First Lady Ann LePage visited the Lewiston/Auburn Greek Festival at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Lewiston on September 11. Stella Gammaitoni, Father Peter Day, Maine Governor Paul R. LePage, Tracey Levesque and First Lady of Maine Ann LePage. TCT photo by Laurie A. Steele

Androscoggin Bank announces Greater Giving recipients



Androscoggin Bank's President and CEO and members of its Greater Giving Committee recently presented Community Concepts with a grant check in support of their Financial Capability project. Pictured here (l. to r.) are Kim Fogg of Comm. Concepts LSW Family Services; Sally Smith, Comm. Concepts Property Management Specialist; Tina Willard, Andro. Bank Commercial Loan Officer; Danielle Dill, Comm. Concepts LMSW-cc Clinical Manager Family Services; David Pease, Andro. Bank Chief Resource Officer; Paul Andersen, Andro. Bank President and CEO; Dennis Lajoie, VP of Economic Development & Housing, CEO of Comm. Concepts Finance Corporation; Sara Trafton, Comm. Concepts Grant Coordinator-Resource Development; Lacey Gammon, Andro. Bank Loan Operations Specialist; Nicole Gosse, Andro. Bank Customer Service Rep.; Melissa Runstrom, Andro. Bank Marketing Specialist; and Allicea Howard, Comm. Concepts Children's Case Manager, Family Services.

Androscoggin Bank has announced the recipients of the first bi-annual grants awarded by Greater Giving, a new community impact program launched

earlier this year to support nonprofits and other organizations that benefit the community in the areas of economic development, education or the arts. This

first cycle of bi-annual grants totals over \$7000. The Greater Giving awards committee approved grants to the following organizations.

Community Concepts Finance Corporation: \$2,200 was awarded to this regional non-profit to support its Financial Capability Project, designed to increase financial capacity and housing stability through one-on-one money management educational support within Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Coste named Interim Director of Grad. Studies



Tara Coste, Ph.D.

Tara Coste, a Leadership and Organizational Studies professor at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College, has been named USM's Interim Executive Director of Graduate Studies.

An experienced team builder, Coste has been an active member of the Faculty Senate Executive Council, Chair of the Graduate Council and Director of the Leadership Studies Program.

Her teaching focuses on refining the training processes that enhance creativity in teams and on teaching

business professionals techniques to enhance their leadership abilities in multicultural, multi-national environments. She is a Colleague of the Creative Education Foundation, Leader at the Creative Problem Solving Institute, Visiting Scholar at Singapore Management University's Wee Kim Wee Centre for Cultural Diversity in Business, Co-Founder of the International Forum of Creativity Organizations, and Past-President and Director of Communications of the American Creativity Association.

"Dr. Coste has been an innovative leader at our Lewiston-Auburn campus," said USM President Glenn Cummings in making the announcement. "Tara's work as the Director of the Leadership Studies Program exemplifies the type of student-centered focus that students can expect at USM."

New faculty members



Among the new teachers joining the St. Dominic Academy faculty this year are (l. to r.) Ralph Nelson (phys. ed.), Lauren Ferguson (high school English), Shelly Wheeler (high school science) and Rebecca Ducharme (pre-K). Not pictured are Mark Cyr (fifth grade) and Dan Moreno (CAD).

CCS Pediatrics welcomes Sweet



Leigh Sweet, MD, MPH

CCS Pediatrics has announced that Leigh Sweet, MD, MPH, has joined their team of Pediatric providers. Dr. Sweet is fellowship trained in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Chil-

dren's Hospital in Houston, Texas. She performed her chief residency and Pediatric Residency at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, Connecticut. She earned her medical degree at Boston University School of Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts and a Master of Public Health from Boston University School of Public Health. She has special interest and expertise in immigrant and refugee health, infectious diseases and tropical and travel medicine.

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Mubashir joins St. Mary's Rheumatology



Asia Mubashir, MD

St. Mary's Rheumatology has added Asia Mubashir, MD to its medical staff. Prior to joining St. Mary's, Dr. Mubashir started the first-of-its-kind Center for Arthritis & Rheumatism in North India, which catered to about five thousand patients within its first two years of operation. She has also served as an Assistant Professor of Rheumatology at the Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

She earned her Rheumatology fellowship from the University of Connecticut and completed her Internal Medicine residency at Winthrop University Hospital, New York. She was also a researcher at Columbia University, New York Presbyterian Hospital. She went to medical school at UTESA in the Dominican Republic. She is a Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology and the American College of Physicians. She is a member of

the Arthritis Foundation and Indian Rheumatology Association.

St. Mary's Rheumatology treats people with disorders of the joints, muscles, tendons, and other connective tissue. Rheumatic diseases include rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, fibromyalgia, tendinitis, lupus, scleroderma and almost 200 other types of conditions. For more information about St. Mary's Rheumatology or Dr. Mubashir, call 777-4459 or see www.stmarysmaine.com.

Tardif named Communications Dir. at Univ. College



Mark Tardif

Lewiston native Mark Tardif has been named Director of Communication,

Marketing and Production Services at University College, an Administrative Unit of the University of Maine at Augusta.

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Giving

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Literacy Volunteers-Androscoggin: \$443 was awarded to this Auburn-based non-profit to fund the purchase of a laptop to aid the group in providing free tutoring and educational services to adults and families in Androscoggin County.

Museum L-A: \$2,200 was awarded to this Lewiston-based organization to fund a "Kids as Curators" program, affiliated with local schools in Lewiston and Auburn, to introduce children to the arts through exhibiting, curating, designing and marketing museum exhibits.

The philosophy of the Greater Giving program is that "community impact through partnership" is not only an exercise in volunteer hours and money donated, but an emphasis on community development and choosing to focus giving efforts in strategic areas where the bank can make the biggest difference.

"We are excited to share the strategy behind Greater Giving, because we believe that targeted and focused efforts offer the biggest return for our community partners," said Melissa Rock, VP of Marketing and Client Relations at Androscoggin Bank. "An important part of our Androscoggin Bank culture is our passion for partnering with clients and helping them succeed, which is part of building relationships. We do this through our expert advice, our attention to detail, a willingness to help and take notice, and through in-kind donations. We want everything we do to create a ripple of impact across the community. Greater Giving is our formal process for making that impact."

In addition to the bank's continual commitment to expanding its relationships in ways that benefit the community, it accepts

grant applications to the Greater Giving program twice each year, due June 30 and December 31. To learn more about Androscoggin Bank's Greater Giving program, or to access grant criteria or an application, see www.androscogginbank.com.

Sweet

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Dr. Sweet is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, Infectious Diseases Society of America, International Society for Infectious Diseases, and the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. CCS Pediatrics is affiliated with St. Mary's Health System and is located at 100 Campus Avenue in Lewiston. For more information about Dr. Sweet or CCS Pediatrics, call 755-3160 or see www.stmarysmaine.com.

Tardif

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ITV instruction is delivered live and asynchronously by faculty from University of Maine system campuses to University College Centers and sites across Maine. Many courses use streaming video, allowing students to view lectures online.

Tardif has held teaching, journalism, administrative and communications positions in Maine, Massachusetts and London, U.K. For over a decade, he served Unity College as Associate Director of College Communications and, most recently, as Associate Director of Media Relations. Formerly, he has served as Public Relations Officer at Thomas College and has taught English at Central Maine Community College and Southern Maine Community College.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in English from Northeastern University; a Master of Science in Teaching, English Education, from Boston University; and a Master of Science in Computer Technology Education from Thomas College, where he delivered the 2001 commencement address, representing graduate students.

Students of the Month



Each month, Saint Dominic Academy holds a school-wide assembly to honor one student in each grade level for their hard work and dedication. The first Students of the Month for the 2015-16 school year are (l. to r.) Andrea Dolci, Emma Skelton, Courtney Desmarais, Matthew Maguire, Jacob Brussiere and Taylor Banks.

Dollar General awards grants to local schools

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded \$6,000 in grants to three local schools to enhance and support youth literacy and educational programs. The local recipients, each receiving an award of \$2,000, were Edward Little High School, Fairview Elementary School and Park Avenue Elementary School, all of Auburn.

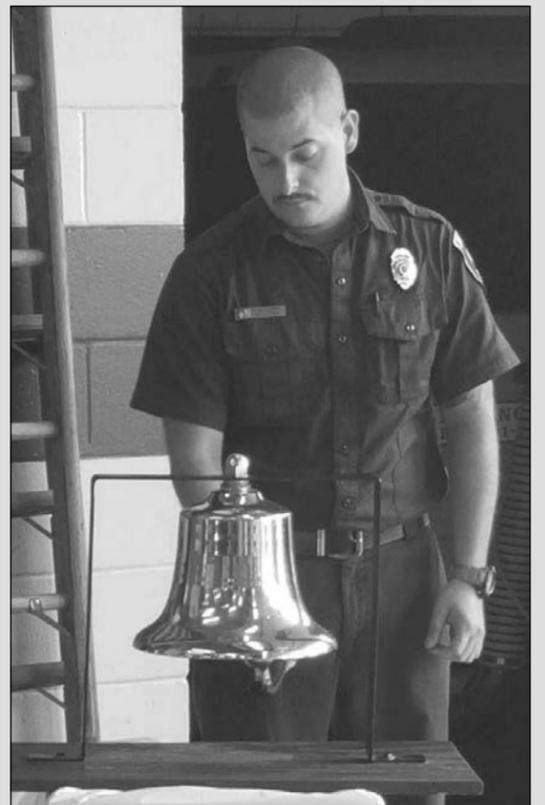
These grants are part of more than \$4 million awarded this month to approximately 870 schools, nonprofits and organizations throughout the 43 states that Dollar General serves. The company awards its youth literacy grants in September in an effort to give teachers, schools and organizations a great start with the funding and resources they need for the upcoming school year.

"At Dollar General, our mission is serving others," said company CEO Todd Vasos. "We are committed to making a difference in people's lives through the support of literacy initiatives and educational programs in the

communities we call home."

Grant applications for the next round of funding for adult, family, summer and youth literacy grants will be available in January of 2016. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, see www.dgliteracy.org.

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Pvt. Robert Gayton ringing the bell at the 9-11 remembrance ceremony in Lewiston. TCT photo by Laurie A. Steele



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Only Steps Forward

What a vibrant, growing Auburn looks like

By **Jonathan P. LaBonté**
MAYOR OF AUBURN

A volunteer committee, which I appointed, met during the second half of 2014 to create a new five-year revitalization plan for three of Auburn's neighborhoods. While all neighborhoods are important to see grow in quality of life and investment, the area around the PAL Center, Downtown Auburn and New Auburn qualify for a targeted federal grant program.

This week a workshop was scheduled with the full committee, known as the Citizens' Advisory Committee or CAC, to talk about the recommendations they made and were adopted by the city council. While I'm very proud of the work the committee did and what they outlined for recommendations, there were some challenges to the process that were out of their control.

For nearly two de-

acades, the city has paid for multiple "plans" and "studies" for growing the Auburn economy, improving quality of life and breaking the cycle of poverty that has long had a grip on some of our neighborhoods.

Some were "visioning" efforts, where local folks dreamed what they'd love to see. Some were traffic studies or transit studies or trail studies, considering how streets should be laid out, where buses might go



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

or where walking and biking paths might be built. And still others, like the latest

five-year plan, is focused almost solely on actions the city could take with federal grant money.

With shelves full of studies, who ultimately gets to decide which recommendations are implemented and where limited property tax money and federal grant funds will go? The process we are embarking on now will hopefully put those decisions before the city council with significant public involvement.

Knowing you can't have hundreds of priorities—because that in and of itself means you have no priority—the community needs to engage and talk about what a vibrant, growing Auburn looks like and how you measure it.

For example, one recommendation of the latest five-year plan is to prevent the further deterioration of the housing stock in our in-town neighborhoods. While I certainly take issue with having a goal of "things just not getting worse" (what kind of vision is that?!), the measurement for that goal is to rehab a fixed number of apartment units for those below certain income levels.

Why was that the measure of seeing our neighborhoods growing again? What other options are available and perhaps used by peer cities? If we then know how we can measure success, the discussion of city programs or services or investments to move the needle and have accountability can take place.

It can seem like an impossible task to weave

together so many different types of issues (transportation, rental housing, parks and trails and gardens, small business growth) and set a short list of priorities and metrics for success. The great news is that it is more than possible.

The Monday night workshop with the all-volunteer committee for our three target neighborhoods was a good first step. The follow-up that will occur from that is where the rubber meets the road. Can we broaden the discussion to include more people so that a short list of priorities to grow these areas of Auburn has strong community support? Can we rally not just elected officials and staff, but also volunteers, business owners and community groups to work together on implementing that short list of priorities? Please keep an eye out for more discussions on this—and not just at Auburn Hall.

Knowing that many household budgets are already stretched thin, our ability to invest those federal grant funds to generate the best return to Auburn residents is essential. And that return must be measured by growth in real estate values and attracting more private investment because controlling our tax burden and freeing up resources to invest in our classrooms depends on it.

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Enough is Enough

There's more than one side to local landlords

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

What is a corporate slumlord? To hear the Maine People's Alliance describe them, they are easily spotted.

They are the ones with horns, a pitchfork and red cape. They should only be approached in cold weather in order to prevent getting burned from the heat radiating from their bodies.

Public criticism is a price you must bear if you're a public official. It is part of the job. Those who come before the Lewiston City Council are allowed to vent without fear of being attacked by either the mayor or members of the council. Your opinions, good or bad, are welcome.

But a public attack directed at a non-government person not present

to respond to any and all allegations is nothing short of cowardice. At a council meeting two weeks ago, a local landlord, Joe Dunn, was attacked by Melissa Dunn (no relation) of the Maine People's Alliance and called a corporate slumlord. Fortunately, mayoral candidate Charles Soule was present to respond to Melissa Dunn's charges.

Soule is a longtime tenant of Mr. Dunn. He spoke of Mr. Dunn as a local landlord that takes interest in his tenants. If a tenant is in a fiscal crisis, Mr. Dunn has been known to waive their rent or allow them to pay the rent whenever they have it. He has bought food for tenants and given them money so they might fill their prescriptions.

He is also well thought of by city officials. When



Mayor Bob Macdonald

we have to relocate families due to a disaster, Mr. Dunn always finds an apartment to house them. He will take tenants that other landlords won't take. Lastly, he will accept payments from the city that are less than the current rate he is asking for one of his apartments.

This helps city taxpayers. He maintains a work

crew that daily checks his apartments, cleaning up and trying to stay ahead of problems.

Rather than a corporate slumlord, he would be better characterized as a big-hearted landlord with poor business practices. The reason most of these landlords are incorporated is to prevent many of their predatory tenants from suing them personally.

I would like to thank Scott Thistle for his great article in Lewiston's daily paper enlightening the public to the plight of the many veterans who seek help at Lewiston's Veterans Center. Over the last two months, local veterans have been working with our federal delegation (Senators Collins and King and Representative Poliquin) to ensure that staffing is

available for those in crisis.

Five out of the eight positions, one being the center's administrator, remain unfilled. This is not just unacceptable, it's criminal.

Thistle's column also brought to light the major problem found in all departments of the federal government: poor administration. The arrogance shown by the center's regional administrator, whose office is in California, caused a lot of anger among those who are currently clients at the Lewiston Veterans Center.

Last Thursday, the staffs of our local Congressional representatives participated in a conference call with the regional director. He will be coming to Maine in October and will be speeding up the staffing at the Lewiston Center.

Last Friday, September 11, a rededication ceremony was held at the Thomas J. McMahon School. Governor Paul R. LePage, one of McMahon's classmates, and his wife Ann showed up. McMahon's commander in Vietnam came up from Virginia. The McMahon family and local Vietnam veterans were there. City and school officials were also there. But no one from the Maine media showed up.

Specialist Fourth Class Thomas J. McMahon was a son of Lewiston. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for giving his life to save the lives of his comrades during the Vietnam War. It appears that Sp4c. McMahon, along with all those who served in Vietnam, have been relegated by the press to history's dustbin.

Youth lead Nutrition Center's Community Dinner



Community Gardener Carolyn Messer was the lucky winner of the veggie basket door prize at St. Mary's Nutrition Center's recent Community Dinner.

Over 100 people attended St. Mary's Nutrition Center's annual Community Dinner recently to celebrate the hard work and community service that was accomplished this season through the Center's Lots to Gardens program. Those attending included the program's Youth Gardeners and their families; some of the 120 families who garden in the Center's community garden plots in downtown Lewiston; and others who participated in or supported the St. Mary's Nutrition Center, Lots to Gardens or the St. Mary's Food Pantry over the year.

The evening was orchestrated by the Youth Interns and Summer Youth Gardeners (SYGs). The food served, much of which was prepared from scratch by the SYGs using locally grown ingredients, reflected the diverse culinary heritage

and tastes of the participants. On the menu were sambusa, Indonesian fried rice, Thai beef salad, cucumber salad, Asian slaw, Moroccan carrot salad, sesame green beans, baba ganoush, African greens, and beet brownies.

Youth Interns, Mohamed Abdullahi, Julian Marley, and Hafsa Ahmed guided the SYGs in a short presentation, included some original poetry and drumming, about their summer experiences in the program.

True to the Nutrition Center's mission, the door prize, won by Community Gardener Carolyn Messer, was a basket of fresh vegetables from the Center's Community Gardens.

The Nutrition Center's Lots to Gardens youth programs are open to Lewiston-Auburn-area youth ages 14 to 18. Summer Youth Gardeners gain job training and experience; learn about gardening, nutrition, and cooking; and participate in workshops on leadership development and food justice. Youth programs are supported by generous donations from area individuals and businesses. Sponsoring one youth position for \$1,200 engages a local young person in developing lifelong healthy eating habits and becoming an agent of change in their community.

The St. Mary's Nutrition Center promotes community health through organizing, advocacy and education. It sponsors St. Mary's Food Pantry, Lots to Gardens, the Lewiston Farmers' Market, and garden, cooking, and nutrition education programs for adults, teens, and kids. For more information about the center, including donation and sponsorship opportunities, call 513-3848 or see www.stmarysnutritioncenter.org.

Saint Joseph's announces fall lecture series

The Cultural Affairs Committee at Saint Joseph's College in Standish has scheduled the following programs for its Fall 2015 Lecture Series. All events are free, open to the public and take place in the Viola George Auditorium at the college. For more information, contact Mike Connolly at 893-7939.

September 23 at 7 p.m.: "Righteous Principles, Virtuous Actions: Prosecuting Nazi Perpetrators," with Dr. Steven Rogers; October 5 at 6 p.m.: "Quality Measures: Can They Avoid Rewarding Unethical Behaviors?" with Dr. Frank Chessa; October 7 at 6:30 p.m.: "Laudato Si: Pope Francis and the Environment," with Doug Fox and Dr. Dan Sheridan; October 22 at 7 p.m.: "Thomas Merton on Simplicity of Life and Its Lessons for Sustainability," with Dr. Marilyn Sunderman, RSM; November 4 at 3 p.m.: "The Left Side of History," with Dr. Kristen Ghodsee; November 16 at 3 p.m.: "To

Sleep, Perchance to Dream," with Dr. Marion Young.

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What's Going On

AHCH presents volunteer training sessions

Volunteers play an integral part in providing services at Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice. The agency will present its next training sessions for Hospice House Volunteers and General Volunteers this fall.

Hospice House Volunteers receive 20 hours of training on how to provide companionship and support to terminally ill patients and their families. Topics covered include family dynamics, disease process, spirituality and more.

General Volunteers receive six hours of training on how to visit patients and provide greeter and kitchen support at Hospice House. All trainings are provided at no cost.

For more information or to register, call Volunteer Services at 795-9580 or 1-800-482-7412 ext. 1280.

Hospice House training in Lewiston will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at the agency's Lewiston office at 15 Strawberry Avenue.

Dates and times are

September 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; September 25 and 30, October 2 and 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and October 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hospice House training in Manchester will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the agency's Manchester office at 15 Range Way, Suite 2. Dates and times are October 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; October 15, 20, 22 and 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and October 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

General Volunteer Training will take place at the following dates and times: September 28 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Lewiston office); October 1 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Manchester office); October 14 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Bridgton Hospital); October 16 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Wilton office); October 23 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Lewiston office); and October 26 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Norway office).

MSAD 52 Adult Ed offers College Transitions

Are you an adult thinking about going to college? Need a little support? If so, the College Transitions Program offered by MSAD 52 Adult Education of Turner, Greene and Leeds may be exactly what you are looking for!

For many adults, earning that "piece of paper" can make a significant difference in their professional and personal lives, but the idea of returning to school after a long absence can be daunting. Adults returning to school after years away from a classroom are often apprehensive about not fitting in with younger classmates, taking good notes, studying, and doing well on tests. Applying for admission and financial aid can seem like a confusing

and frustrating process.

The College Transitions Program offers an opportunity to learn or relearn academic skills needed to succeed in college in a supportive environment that is very similar to college in terms of class format, expectations and workload. Instructors work closely with students to provide comprehensive academic counseling and career planning tailored to their needs. The program provides guidance with every aspect of getting ready for college, including applying for financial aid, finding scholarships and completing college applications.

To take the first step, schedule an intake appointment by calling MSAD 52 Adult Education at 225-1010.

Able Network has staff help for eligible agencies

If you are a registered 501-C3 or public agency, the Senior Community Service Program (SCSEP) of the National Able Network may have the extra help you need. The National Able

Network has program participants waiting to work on your special projects or help you with your daily work in the areas of food preparation, administrative support, teaching assistance, maintenance and more.

The program provides eligible agencies between 18 and 25 hours of work per week by skilled participants, who are paid and provided with workers compensation insurance by the National Able Network. In return, host agencies are expected to train their assigned participants in specific job tasks. Consider the possibilities that the SCSEP program offers your organization!

National Able Network Maine State Director Dan Muth will explain the ins and outs of hosting a program participant at your agency at a free informational meeting on Thursday, September 24,

YWCA presents Community Action Day

The YWCA of Central Maine and the Maine Women's Policy Center will team up to present the first Community Action Day L-A on Sunday, September 20. Through a shared commitment to the empowerment and advancement of women in Maine, the two agencies have collaborated to bring the MWPC's voter education resources to Lewiston-Auburn for a day of community education and conversation. The event will include a panel of elected officials, grassroots organizers, and staff from the MWPC, who will discuss and answer questions about their work, political issues important to Lewiston-Auburn, and issues on the November ballot.

There will also be workshops on grassroots organizing, media and communications, and the workings of political processes. Participants will be able to register to vote and will receive information about their electoral districts. This will be an opportunity for

members of the greater Lewiston-Auburn community to come together to learn about making positive change in their neighborhoods, cities, and state.

Free of cost with lunch is provided, the event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the YWCA of Central Maine, located at 130 East Avenue in Lewiston. While not required, advance registration is encouraged. For more information, call 795-4050 or email Natalie Bornstein at nbornstein@ywcamaine.org. To register, see <http://bit.ly/CADLA2015>.

For over 125 years, the YWCA has offered relevant, accessible programs and services to improve the lives of women, teens, children, and families of all faiths and backgrounds. The YWCA of Central Maine is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. For more information on the YWCA of Central Maine, see www.YWCAmaine.org.

Noted appraiser to speak at Historical Society

How does an antiques buyer choose the best buys? What is a fair price? And what is the best way to sell your items? These are not easy questions, says Daniel Buck Soules. "Especially in this ever-changing market, the answers depend on what part of the country you're in and what you're buying."

Soules will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Androscoggin Historical Society on Tuesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. He will discuss likely places to find good antiques and paintings and what to look for in today's antiques and collectibles

from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Room B at the Lewiston Career Center, located at 5 Mollison Way in Lewiston. Please RSVP to Nadine Lewis at 385-2511 or email nlewis@nationalable.org.

market. He will also answer questions. The program is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted.

Soules has been an antiques appraiser and auctioneer for more than 40 years. He began his career in the antiques at the age of 12 and began auctioneering four years later. He graduated from the International Auction School in Deerfield, Mass., at the top of his class.

During his long career, he has been employed by the Hancock Shaker Village in Massachusetts, where he served as a cabinetmaker and interpreter and co-authored the book "Simple Gifts." For eleven years, he appeared on the PBS television show "Antiques Roadshow" as an independent appraiser of decorative art, silver and collectibles. He has also served on the boards and committees of many New England museums, organizations and historical commissions. Specializing in Americana of the 18th and 19th centuries, Shaker items, and 19th- and 20th-century paintings, he travels frequently to consult with and conduct research to help clients with insurance and estate appraisals.

Soules has lived and worked in Maine for the past several years. A Lisbon Falls resident, he lives in an early 19th-century farmhouse with his wife and step-son. His new office is located at 501 Lisbon Road (Route 196) in Lisbon. Androscoggin Historical Society is located on the third floor of the County Building at 2 Turner Street in Auburn. An elevator is available. For more information, call 784-0586.



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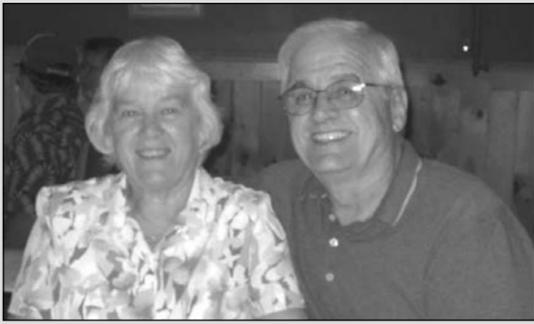
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Out & About with Rachel Morin

With Senior College to Ogunquit Summer Playhouse



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Phil and Pat Vampatella

Story by Rachel Morin;
photos by Cindy Boyd

Thirty-three members of USM-LA Senior College enjoyed the annual trip to

Ogunquit Summer Playhouse recently to see "The Million Dollar Quartet," with a luncheon stop at Mike's Clam Shack in Wells.



Don Favreau and Deborah Hillman



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Workshop spotlights intellectual property issues

The Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce will host the second in its series of Legal Advisory Workshops on Tuesday, September 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Attorneys Adria LaRose and Alfred C. Frawley, III of Eaton Peabody will present "What's Mine is Mine, What's Yours is Yours: Intellectual Property in the 21st Century." Among the questions they will address are: What is the difference between a patent and trademark? How do you secure a copyright to your original work? What should you do when someone is infringing on your intellectual property rights? and How can you protect your confidential business information using the law of trade secrets? Adria LaRose has diverse business litigation experience in the areas of intellectual property (including trademark and anti-coun-

terfeiting), legal malpractice, and First Amendment, telecommunications and environmental matters. Fred Frawley has over 30 years of experience in a wide range of legal fields. His concentration is on privacy, intellectual property and technology law. The Chamber's Legal Advisory Workshop Series runs through June 2016. Upcoming sessions include "Evictions and Landlord Tenant Issues" on October 13 and a panel discussion on "Religious Accommodation in the

New time, place for cholesterol program

Central Maine Medical Center's Accenting Your Health program "Cholesterol: What you Need to Know" will take place on Thursday, September 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Young Wing Conference Room at 60 High

Street in Lewiston, rather than at 1 p.m. at 12 High Street as was reported last week.

The information originally submitted was incorrect. For more information about the event, call 795-8448.

Workplace" on October 29.

All workshops will take place at the Chamber at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The cost is \$25 per session for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information or

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Governor and First Lady Ann LePage share a laugh with the McMahon family after the ceremony.



Governor LePage views the new presentation case for Thomas J. McMahon's Medal of Honor in the school named for him.



Governor LePage signs autographs for students at Thomas J. McMahon Elementary School.



Governor LePage addresses the students at McMahon Elementary School about the importance of Thomas J. McMahon's sacrifice and dedication to his country.

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Governor Paul R. LePage and First Lady Ann LePage attended a ceremony on Friday to rededicate a display case at Thomas J. McMahon Elementary School in Lewiston, which is named for a Medal of Honor recipient.

McMahon, an Army medic, was killed in Vietnam in 1969 when he ran through intense enemy fire

to rescue a wounded soldier. He then returned through the hail of fire to rescue a second fallen soldier. Although seriously wounded himself, McMahon then ran back through the heavy enemy fire to rescue a third wounded soldier. He fell mortally wounded before he could rescue him.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, McMahon was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. His Medal of Honor, along with his other medals and photos, is now displayed in a new case in the elementary school named for him. McMahon was a

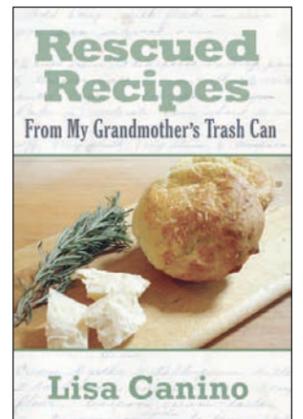
Lewiston High School classmate of Governor LePage, who recalled him as absolutely fearless. Speakers at the ceremony included

the Principal Thomas Hood, Superintendent Bill Webster, McMahon family members and Lewiston Mayor Bob Macdonald.

Author to discuss "Rescued Recipes"

Author Lisa Canino will serve up fond and funny memories from her recently released book, "Rescued Recipes from My Grandmother's Trashcan," on Thursday, September 24 at 2 p.m. at Auburn Public Library.

The product of a three-year culinary and literary journey that all began when one woman tossed



a pile of old, handwritten recipes into a trash can, Rescued Recipes records and preserves - along with recipes for such vintage and modern-day delights as Strawberry Pudding, Gingerbread (with Lard) and Rosemary Asiago Gems - stories and reminiscences of the stoic, funny, frugal woman who taught the author that well-prepared meals always taste better with generous portions of storytelling and laughter.

Passionate about food and cooking, Lisa Canino grew up watching classic chefs on television. She lives in Maine. Books will be available for purchase at the program.

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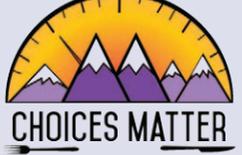
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Shaker Village craft workshops, nature walks



Learn to take great compositions in "Exploring Digital Photography"

Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village will offer a variety of traditional craft workshops and educational nature walks on Saturday, September 19. Advance registration is required for the workshops. For more information or to register, call 926-4597 or see www.maineshakers.com.

In "Exploring Digital Photography" with New Gloucester photographer Vicki Lund, participants will learn how to take great compositions while gaining confidence using their digital cameras and basic Photoshop (\$30).

In "Shaker-Style Wooden Carrier," internationally-known woodworker Chris Becksvort will share his experiences and techniques as a master cabinetmaker and scholar of Shaker furniture. Participants will build a white pine Shaker carrier with center handle and dove-tailed corners, based upon the original piece made by the Mount Lebanon Shakers around 1840 (\$100).

In "Wool Applique and Embroidery," local fiber artist Mary DeLano will teach participants how to applique and embroider a piece specifically designed for Shaker Village featuring a likeness of the historic 1794 Meeting House (\$65).

In "Natural Dyes for Wool," participants will learn how to dye with plants from Marty Elkin's dye garden at Wrinkle in Thyme Farm and from plants that participants will gather at Shaker Village (\$80).

Resident naturalist Carolyn Fensore will lead "Nature's Outdoor Classroom," a 2.5 hour hike through the Shakers' 1,800 acres of diversified habitats, at 10:30 a.m. and again at 2



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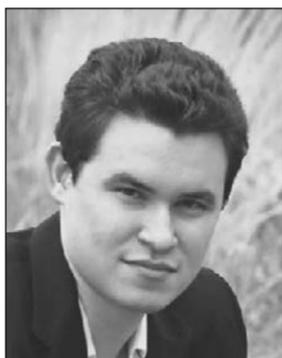
Piano Series opens with two concert artists



Igor Lovchinsky

Concert pianists Igor Lovchinsky and Matthew Graybil will share the bill for the opening concert of the Franco Center's tenth annual Piano Series on Friday, September 18 at 7 p.m. Their program will begin with solo piano works by Bach, Liszt, Saint-Saëns, Brahms and Stravinsky, followed by the New England premiere of Walter Piston's "Concerto for Two Pianos Solis." The program will close with Leonard Bernstein's transcription for two pianos of Aaron Copland's "El Salón Mexico."

Lovchinsky and Graybil were chosen to perform the New York City premiere of the Piston work in January of 2014. Originally having written the score for two pianos and orchestra, Walter Piston was commissioned in 1967 by the piano duo Melvin Stecher and Norman Horowitz to arrange the piece for two pianos. Piston - a native of Maine who was a composer and Harvard teacher and who counted among his students Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein - later



Matthew Graybil

commented that he didn't wish to simply arrange the work for two pianos, but to rethink the entire score "in terms of the two solo instruments, so that the two versions stand as separate and individual works." Following the New York City premiere, one critic noted that the composer had constructed "an abstract musical landscape with mesmerizing rhythmic and high-speed climaxes... an ample showpiece for the performers' superior pianistic abilities."

Lovchinsky and Graybil met as undergraduate classmates at the Juilliard School, where they were students of Jerome Lowenthal. As close friends, they were particularly excited to premiere the work of a major American composer almost 50 years after it had been written, commenting afterwards that they had found the experience "almost unreal."

Lovchinsky showed extraordinary promise at an early age; by the age of four, he was giving recitals for family and friends in his native city of Kazan, Rus-

sia. His family settled in Columbus, Ohio when he was ten. At age 18, he won first prize in the 2002 Eastman International Piano Competition; the following year, before attending the Juilliard School, he won the National Chopin Piano Competition of the Kosciuszko Foundation. He later obtained his Master's Degree at the New England Conservatory, studying under teachers Patricia Zander and Wha-Kyung Byun. His career has taken him to perform with orchestras in Europe and the United States, and to give recitals in Eastern Europe, Asia, and North and South America. His debut CD, released in 2008, was voted one of the top five classical recordings of the year by Time Out International. In addition to pursuing a career as a concert artist, Lovchinsky is a graduate student in physics at Harvard University. He and his wife, violinist and neuroscientist Alice Wang, have a 4-month-old daughter.

Matthew Graybil is another "rising star" among young American pianists. He began his piano studies at age 6 and gave his first recital within a year. For his orchestral debut at age 14, he performed the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1. A prizewinner in national and international competitions, he has given solo recitals and performed with orchestras and in chamber groups in the United States, Canada, France and the Netherlands. His debut

Celebration Barn unveils "Traveling Light"

From September 18 through 20, Celebration Barn Theater will present its newest touring production, "Traveling Light." Combining elements of theater, circus and spectacle, the show, directed by Fritz Grobe, unveils a mysterious world where passing travelers meet ghostly, larger-than-life puppets and jugglers spin beams of light in the dark.

Cast members include award-winning Cirque du Soleil performer Thom Wall, New York physical comedian Becca Bernard, Maine actress Marjolaine Whittlesey, comedic actor Collin Miclon and Cirque Mechanics juggler Shane Miclon.

Director Fritz Grobe is an award-winning juggler, choreographer and video creator. Winner of five gold medals at the International Jugglers Festival, he was a lead actor and featured solo clown in the Cirque du Soleil spin-off "Birdhouse Factory." Over the past nine years, he has been known for his work with EepyBird (a.k.a. the Coke and Mentos guys), whose Internet videos have

album, released in 2012, featured works by Brahms and Schubert. Fanfare Magazine has called him "one of the most sensitive, poetic young pianists to debut on record in recent memory," while the Southampton Press has praised his playing as "hypnotic and compelling."

Beginning its tenth season, the Franco Center's



Juggler Shane Miclon in "Traveling Light" (photo by Aaron DeWitt)

been seen over 150 million times. They have received two Emmy nominations, four Webby Awards, and have appeared on "The Late Show with David Letterman," "The Today Show" and "Mythbusters."

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The creation of "Traveling Light" was funded in part by a grant from the Maine Arts Commission, an independent state agency supported by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets for "Traveling Light" on Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, September 20 at 2 p.m. are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors (60+) and \$8 for kids (17-). All tickets are general admission and advance purchase is recommended. To buy tickets, call 743-8452 or see www.CelebrationBarn.com.
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Thread Theatre tonight at Franco Center

The next Thread Theatre event at the Franco Center will take place on Thursday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for food and drinks in the Center's Heritage Café. The entrance fee is \$5 for everyone, including playwrights, actors and spectators. As adult themes may be presented, Thread Theatre may not be appropriate for minors, who should be accompanied by a responsible adult or have parental permission if they attend. For more information on how the program is presented, call 783-1585 or see www.francocenter.org.

French Sing-Along resumes September 18



Troubadour member Alette Couturier with piano accompanist Jeannette Gregoire.

The first French sing-along of the season will take place on Friday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College. Members of singing group Les Troubadours will lead the group in singing a selection of traditional Franco favorites. Providing musical accompaniment will be pianist Jeannette Gregoire.

Anyone who likes music is welcome to join in for this fun event. Song books are provided so that those who are not familiar with the songs or are less than fluent in French can easily follow along. Admission is free. USM LAC is located at 51 Westminster St. in Lewiston. For more information, call Jacynthe Jacques at 576-4109.

Poet to read at Bates



Author of four poetry collections, including 2013's "The Cineaste," a collection of responses to influential films, A. Van Jordan will read from his work on Thursday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Bates College. Free and open to the public, this Language Arts Live event will take place in the Muskie Archives at 70 Campus Avenue. For more information, call 753-6963.

APL program, workshop explore Ethiopian art



After an illustrated lecture on Friday evening, master artist and iconographer Marina Forbes leads a workshop called "Paint Your Own Traditional African Icon" on Saturday, Sep. 26.

Auburn Public Library will present two programs on the art of East African country Ethiopia featuring award-winning artist and master iconographer Marina Forbes on Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26.

Traditional Ethiopian art is characterized by its brilliant colors and child-like directness. The 15th century saw a magnificent flowering of painting in the highlands of central and northern Ethiopia. The results can be seen in paintings on wooden panels and in See APL, page 12

Twin City Nights

Public Theatre screens Manhattan Film Fest



"Bear Story" (Chile) is one of the ten short films from around the world audiences may see and vote for at The Public Theatre on Sep. 25 and 26.

For one weekend only, filmgoers in the Twin Cities will unite with au-

diences in over 250 cities on six continents to view and judge the work of up-and-coming filmmakers from around the world when the Manhattan Short Film Festival screens at The Public Theatre on Friday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at 782-3200 or www.thepublictheatre.org.

Of the 678 entries received from 52 countries, the festival selected 10 short films as finalists. Each film is 17 minutes or under in

length. Filmgoers will be handed a voting card upon entry and asked to vote for the one film they feel should win. Votes are tallied at each participating cinema and submitted to festival headquarters in New York City, where the winner will be announced on Monday, October 5 at 10 a.m.

The finalists for 2015 are "Listen" (Finland/Denmark), "Dad's in Mum" (France), "Bear Story" (Chile), "Forever Over" (Germany), "Shok" (Kosovo/UK), "Grounded" (France), "Sundown" (Turkey), "Patch" (Switzerland), "El Camino Solo" (USA), and "Bis Gleich" (Germany). With past finalists achieving the ultimate in recognition by being nominated - and even winning - the Oscar in the short film category, the festival has become known as a showcase for the next big filmmakers.

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Comedy Fix supports Good Shepherd



The recent Comedy Fix XXIII at the Auburn Fireside Inn brought in \$510 to benefit Good Shepherd Food Bank. The show featured stand-up comedians from all over New England. Pictured here (l. to r., from front) are Mark Turcotte, Dee Turcotte, Josh Ramirez, Randy Williams, Louie Martinez, Tom McDonald, Trent Wells and Elena Jawitz. The next Comedy Fix show will take place on Friday, October 9. For more information, see <http://comedyfixlive.com>.

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manuscripts. Many of these works were destroyed during the Muslim invasions of the 1530s. However, in the 17th century, a renewed flowering of Ethiopian traditional art took place, drawing much from the earlier painting.

On Friday, September

25 at 6 p.m., Forbes will present a unique, beautifully illustrated presentation on the rich folk tradition of Ethiopian icon painting. This program is free and open to the public.

On Saturday, September 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Forbes will lead a workshop called "Paint Your Own Traditional African

Icon." Inspired by traditional music and spectacular images of Ethiopian art, program participants will learn about Ethiopian crafts and culture and use their creativity and imagination to produce their own example of authentic folk art. Paints and brushes will be provided. Students will need a pre-designed painting



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Church screens 'S tory of an Indian Nun'



The film, which chronicles the founding of an interfaith, caste-free refuge for battered women and children, will be shown Saturday, September 19.

The North Yarmouth Congregational Church will present the new documentary film "Sister Heart: The Story of an Indian Nun" on Saturday, September 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. The film tells the story of Maher ("Mother's Home"), a unique interfaith, caste-free

refuge for battered women and children in India. Sister Lucy Kurien, who founded Maher in 1997, will be present to answer questions.

Maher's four-fold mission is: to develop and deliver services to address the root causes of violence and despair and their ef-

fects, so women, children, and families are healthy, happy, and self-reliant; when possible, to support family reunification, providing services as needed to support healthy and stable homes; when family reunification is not possible, to provide safe and loving residential educational and developmental services for children and women; and to enable sustainable communities by addressing economic, educational, health, and environmental issues focusing on villages and slums. \$11,000 per year sustains one Maher home for 25 children and three staff members.

The event is free and open to the public. All donations collected will benefit Maher in India. Maher-made crafts will also be available for purchase. Dessert and beverages will be served. North Yarmouth Congregational Church is located at 3 Gray Road in North Yarmouth. For more information, contact Darcy Cunningham at 829-2700 or turninglight.org/maher-india.

Rick Charette at Wildlife Park



After packing them in on prior appearances, children's entertainer Rick Charette returns to the Maine Wildlife Park on Saturday, September 19 at 11 a.m. Bring your own lawn chairs. For more information about park hours and admission fees, see www.mainewildlifepark.com.

L-A libraries provide self-publishing platform

Indie authors in the Lewiston-Auburn area now have a new way to gain an audience. The Auburn and Lewiston Public Libraries now subscribe to SELF-e, a self-publishing and discovery platform designed to expose ebooks by local authors to more readers via the public library.

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"Libraries have always tried to include works by local authors in their collections," said APL head of collection development

Suzanne Sullivan. "SELF-e will help us connect local authors and local readers in an exciting new way. This is a great opportunity for writers to build an audience and for readers to discover authors who may be just starting out."

The two libraries plan to host joint programs later in the fall to promote local writers. For more information, call Marcela Peres of LPL at 513-3135, Marty Gagnon of APL at 333-6640, or see LibraryLA.org.

Oxford Networks, BayRing finalize merger

Oxford Networks and BayRing Communications have received state and federal approval to merge, creating the largest competitive telecommunications provider headquartered in Northern New England. The new organization operates approximately 2,000 route miles of high-capacity fiber optic network provid-

ing access to nearly 50,000 commercial buildings, four robust SOC 2 (Service Organization Control) data centers, and direct access to all other major hub data centers throughout Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

For the time being, both entities will keep their *See Oxford, page 15*

Thursday, September 17
Great Falls Forum. Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Community Health Options CEO Kevin Lewis discusses "Moving Beyond Coverage Towards Reducing the Total Cost of Care." A Q&A session follows. Bring a brown bag lunch. 513-3135.

Health Program. 1:30 p.m. Conference Room, Young Wing, first floor, 60 High St., Lewiston. This CMMC Accenting Your Health program presents "Cholesterol: What you Need to Know." Free. Register at 795-8448; www.cmmc.org.

Open Dancing. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Martel Elementary School, Lewiston. The local Twin City Spinners square dance club offers this evening of dancing open to potential new members. Again 9/24. wincityspinners.squaredanceme.us.

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

Friday, September 18
French Sing-Along. 1:30 p.m. Lewiston-Auburn College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. Members of singing group Les Troubadours lead in singing a selection of traditional Franco favorites. All are welcome; songbooks provided. Free. 576-4109.

Author Visit. 6:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Portland food writer Kate McCarty discusses her new book "Distilled in Maine: A History of Libations, Temperance, and Craft Spirits." 333-6640 ext. 4.

Piano Concert. 7 p.m. Franco Center, Lewiston. To launch the center's 10th piano season, Igor Lovchinsky and Matthew Graybil share the stage to play Walter Piston's "Concerto for Two Pianos Solis." \$15/10 (students free). 689-2000; www.francocenter.org.

"Traveling Light." 8 p.m. Celebration Barn Theater, 190 Stock Farm Road (just off Rte. 117), So. Paris. This new production unveils a mysterious world where travelers meet ghostly puppets and jugglers spin beams in the dark. Again 9/19, 20 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$14/12/8. 743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Saturday, September 19
Film Screening. 10 a.m. Andro. Comm. Rm., Auburn Public Library. The library screens "On the Edge," a film chronicling the challenges facing Maine's contemporary island communities. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Community Safety Fair. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Calendar

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United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. This event includes the fire department, police and bike safety groups, and Mr. Philip Trundy and his miniature horses. 782-3972.

Concert: Rick Charette. 11 a.m. Maine Wildlife Park, Rte. 26, Gray. The popular children's entertainer performs. Bring your own lawn chairs. Park admission \$7.50, 5.50 (free ages 3-). www.mainewildlifepark.com.

Bean Supper. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Church, corner of Minot and Western Ave., Auburn. Pres. by Andy Valley Knights of Columbus, Council 8742. \$7 adults, \$3.50 kids 12-.

Film Screening. 7 to 9 p.m. No. Yarmouth Cong. Church, 3 Gray Rd., No. Yarmouth. The church screens "Story of an Indian Nun," about the founding of an interfaith refuge for battered women and children. Free. Donations gratefully accepted. 829-2700.

Sunday, September 20
Strutt Your Mutt Dog Walk-Dash for Dogs 5K Run. 9 a.m. Greater Andro. Humane Society, 55 Strawberry Ave., Lewiston. Come walk or run the new Riverside Trail to support the GAHS. \$25 in advance; \$30 onsite. 783-2311; www.SavingPetsInMaine.org.

Lewiston Farmers' Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Municipal parking lot, corner of Lincoln and Main Sts. Fresh, seasonal products from over 20 local growers and crafters; music, activities, raffles. Cash, credit, SNAP and WIC accepted. Every Sun. thru mid-October.

Community Action Day L-A. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. The YWCA and Maine Women's Policy Center host a day of conversation about issues im-

portant to L-A. Learn how to make positive change in your community. Free; lunch provided. 795-4050. Register at <http://bit.ly/CADLA2015>.

Tuesday, September 22
Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Reps. from Eaton Peabody discuss "What's Mine Is Mine, What's Yours Is Yours: Intellectual Property in the 21st Century." \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Andro. Historical Soc. Meeting. 7 p.m. Third floor, County Building, 2 Turner St., Auburn. Noted antiques appraiser Daniel Buck Soules discusses what to look for in today's market. Free; donations accepted. Elevator avail. 784-0586.

Wednesday, September 23
Rotary Breakfast Club. 7:15 a.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Kevin Mannix and his wife, Linda Rota, discuss their book, "Weathering Shame." Autographed copies available for purchase (\$21, cash or check). 754-3369.

Thursday, September 24
Author Visit. 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Author Lisa Canino discusses her new book, "Rescued Recipes from My Grandmother's Trashcan." Copies avail. for purchase. 333-6640 ext. 4.

Informational Meeting. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Room B, Lewiston Career Center, 5 Mollison Way, Lewiston. Come learn how your 501-C3 or public agency can gain 18-25 hrs. of staff time ea. week by hosting a national Able Network volunteer. RSVP at 385-2511.

Fall Networking Social. 5 to 7 p.m. Baxter Brewing Co., Lewiston. The Maine Real Estate & Development Association hosts this networking event for real estate professionals; brewery tour at 4:45. \$35 (members \$25) until 9/17. 874-0801; www.mereda.org.

Open Dancing. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Martel Elementary School, Lewiston. The local Twin City Spinners square dance club offers this evening of dancing open to potential new members. wincityspinners.squaredanceme.us.

Author Visit. 6:30 p.m. Muskie Archives, 70 Campus Ave., Bates College, Lewiston. A. Van Jordan reads from his four poetry collections, including 2013's "The Cineaste," a collection of responses to influential films. Free. 753-6963.

Friday, September 25
"Art of Ethiopia." 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Master artist and iconographer Marina Forbes presents an illustrated lecture on the rich folk tradition of Ethiopian icon painting. Free. 333-6640 ext. 4.

Manhattan Short Film Festival. 7:30 p.m. Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. Audiences view 10 short film finalists from around the world and vote on the winner. \$8. Concl. 9/26. 782-3200; www.thepublictheatre.org.

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Minions (PG)	12:00	2:10	4:25	
Spy (R)				7:15 9:45

Saturday, September 26
"Paint Your Own Traditional African Icon." 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Auburn Public Library. A master artist leads this hands-on workshop for adults, teens, and families with kids ages 6+. Materials provided. Space limited; register at 333-6640 ext. 4.

Sunday, September 27
Lewiston Farmers' Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Municipal parking lot, corner of Lincoln and Main Sts. Fresh, seasonal products from over 20 local growers and crafters; music, activities, raffles. Cash, credit, SNAP and WIC accepted. Every Sun. thru mid-October.

Thursday, October 1
Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. LPL & APL continue their "Muslim Journeys" film and book series with a showing of the film "Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World." A discussion will follow. Free.

Friday, October 9
Concert at the Basilica. 7:30 p.m. Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 122 Ash St. Lewiston. The

Basilica's summer concert series continues with this performance by organist Brink Bush. Free. Donations gratefully accepted. www.princeofpeace.me.

Tuesday, October 13
Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:15 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. 12 to 1:15 p.m. Reps. from Tarbell & Brodich, PA, discuss "Evictions and Landlord Tenant Issues." \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Film Screening. 2 p.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. The library presents the classic screwball comedy "His Girl Friday," starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell. Free. 333-6640 ext. 4.

Thursday, October 29
Legal Advisory Workshop. 8 to 9:30 a.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. A panel of business, HR and legal experts discusses "Religious Accommodation in the Workplace." \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

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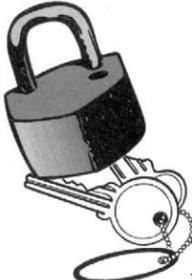
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Lewiston Adult Ed to provide job training for Argo Marketing Group

The Maine Department of Education has awarded a grant to Lewiston Adult Education to provide training for hundreds of new jobs at growing local business Argo Marketing Group. Within the next year, the company plans to add 300 positions with benefits at its Lewiston location as a result of its partnership with iYogi, a computer support services business based in India.

"Partnering with Argo Marketing creates a more streamlined path from training to employment," said Lewiston Adult Education Director Eva Giles. "This job-driven plan will provide a defined course of entry and advancement within Argo so people find not only a job, but a career."

The \$63,800 grant will allow Lewiston Adult Education to hold specific classes for people interested

in working in the call center industry. The resulting program will offer integrated training that includes keyboarding, technology, critical reading and customer service training.

"The small businesses that fill our main streets and downtowns are truly the backbone of our economy," said Argo Marketing CEO Jason Levesque. "We need to make sure we are giving these businesses the opportunity to hire quality individuals who can make an immediate impact to their industry. Training programs such as the Integrated Education and Training pilot through Lewiston Adult Education will allow Argo Marketing Group the chance, not only to employ these individuals, but potentially to become a model for other business and services to follow. We

are honored to be associated with this program and look forward to the positive impact to our industry and the other small businesses in the community."

The partnership also includes the Lewiston CareerCenter, the Central Western Maine Workforce Investment Board and Central Maine Community College. Giles credited the Lewiston CareerCenter for being instrumental in helping Lewiston Adult Education identify both the need within the community and potential partners.

"As we move into the labor shortage, with a very low unemployment rate and older workers leaving the workplace in droves, employers are looking at new ways to recruit and train new hires and incumbent workers," said Lewiston CareerCenter Manager Mary LaFontaine.

WHA Gallery showcases Angelides, Peaco



"Birdies," by Debbie Angelides

The Central Maine Medical Center Woman's Hospital Association is now featuring the work of two photographers, Debbie Angelides and Cally Peaco, at its Rotating Art Gallery at CMMC. The display runs through October 1.

Debbie Angelides began her photographic work while managing her own gift shop in Jay for more than a decade. "The beauty out there is amazing," she says. "Watching turtles sunning in spring... I also enjoy feeding birds and watching them feed their young. Some of my best pictures are of birds and wildlife."

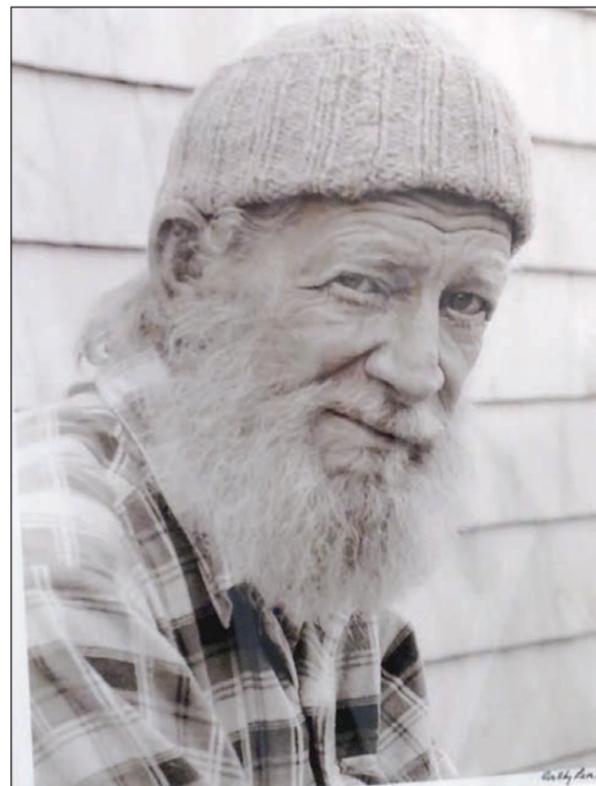
Cally Peaco says she prefers black-and-white over color images, though "some beautiful color surprises are apparent now and then." Her images have been shown at Auburn Public Library, the Boothbay Harbor Region Art Foundation, River Arts Gallery in Damariscotta, The Gallery at 11 Pleasant in Brunswick, Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village Store in New Gloucester and Andrew Wyeth's gallery in Port Clyde. Among her photos on display at CMMC are a series of images of Walt Anderson of Port Clyde, a friend of artist Andrew Wyeth.

The artwork may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop, located adjacent to the Main Lobby at CMMC. A percentage of sale proceeds benefit CMMC.

"Some are already exploring hiring from talent pools they may not have previously considered. The LAE Integrated Education and Training pilot is a perfect example of using a collaborative approach between businesses, the CareerCenter and Adult Education to help meet labor needs in the community."

The Department of Education awarded the pilot grants to five adult education programs in August. The other recipients were RSU 24 Adult Education, Madawaska Adult and Community Education, Eastern Aroostook RSU #39 Adult and Community Education and RSU 25 Adult Education.

For more information about the training program and how to sign up, contact the Lewiston CareerCenter at 753-9001.



A photo of Port Clyde's Walt Anderson, by Cally Peaco

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