

L/A CA\$H offers free tax returns



Left to right: KC Geiger, LA CA\$H Tax Site Coordinator; Tess Armstrong, IRS SPEC Representative; Dottie Perham-Whittier, Lewiston Community Relations Coordinator/LA CA\$H Co-Chair; and Jill Lorom, Coastal Enterprises IDA Program/LA CA\$H Asset Organizer

“Ready, Set, Save” was the focus of the kick-off press conference for the LA CA\$H Coalition on January 12 with

Jill Lorom, the new asset organizer of Coastal Enterprises. The Coalition has provided over 2,700 Lewiston-Auburn residents

with free tax preparation assistance in 2015. They are now providing free tax preparations for the 2016 See *Cash*, page 3

City invites residents to “Neighborhood Conversations”

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To prepare for the upcoming budget season, the City of Auburn and the Auburn School Department would like to invite citizens to a series of “Neighborhood Conversations.” These meetings are meant to engage the diverse viewpoints of citizens, allow them to

learn about educational initiatives and neighborhood activities specific to each area of the community, and share questions, ideas and concerns with city and school staff, educators and elected officials.

Beginning in the third week of January and ending

in the second week of February, this series of four meetings will take place at four different locations around the City, at least one of which will be in each ward and connected to the activities of each neighborhood elementary school. All See *Residents*, page 3

Cello quartet to perform at Bates College



Four cellists affiliated with the Decoda Ensemble (shown), a progressive musical organization from New York, will perform on January 16.

Four cellists affiliated with New York City’s progressive Decoda Ensemble will present a program heavy on contemporary composers on Saturday, January 16 at 5 p.m. in Bates College’s

Olin Arts Center Concert Hall at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston. Composers on the program will include jazz bassist Ron Carter, as well as J.S. Bach and Maurice Ravel.

The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required from bit.ly/oacbates.

For more information, call 786-6135 or email olinarts@bates.edu.

Mechanics Savings Bank to award \$17,000 in scholarships

Mechanics Savings Bank has announced that it will continue its longstanding tradition of offering Banking on the Future scholarships to local high school graduates pursuing their higher education goals. In 2016, a total of \$17,000

will be awarded to graduates of participating high schools, including Edward Little, Lewiston, Gray-New Gloucester, Poland Regional, Brunswick, Mt. Ararat, Saint Dominic Academy, Leavitt, Lisbon, Oak Hill, and Windham.

Students are selected by their high school guidance department based upon their accomplishments in and out of the classroom. Candidates must demonstrate academic success, service to school, community and/or family, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

The application process begins in January and typically ends in early April. Deadlines vary by high school. To learn more about your school’s application process and deadline, visit your high school guidance department. Scholarship application forms can be picked up in the guidance office of participating high schools or at local branches of Mechanics Savings Bank. The can also be downloaded at www.mechanicssavings.com.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

BIW apprentices gain CNC milling skills at CMCC



Seven apprentices from Bath Iron Works recently completed 54 hours of customized computer numerical control (CNC) precision machine milling training developed by Central Maine Community College's precision machining technology program. The program's curriculum covered all aspects of CNC operations, set-up, and programming and provided the apprentices with a robust hands-on training experience to advance and drive their CNC precision machining knowledge and skills. CMCC is proud to help support the BIW machining team in building the most advanced surface combatant ships in the United States.

Community Concepts expands Development and Marketing team



Candace Sanborn



Will Fessenden

Community Concepts, a non-profit community action agency serving Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties, has expanded its Development and Marketing team by filling two new positions. Candace Sanborn will lead the agency's efforts in these areas in the position of Vice President of Resource Development and Marketing, while Will Fessenden will oversee online and print communications in the position of Communication and Events Manager.

"We are excited to have Candace and Will join us during this exciting time for Community Concepts," says Shawn Yardley, Community Concepts CEO. "Our board of directors and leadership team are focused on building

our fundraising, development and branding efforts. Their experience in these areas will enable Community Concepts to better serve both our partners and those in the community who need our services."

Sanborn will focus on business development strategies for Community Concepts and Community Concepts Finance Corporation, leading all facets of the annual and community-wide campaigns and providing the overall direction for the agency's branding and marketing efforts.

She has nearly 30 years of marketing experience, including owning her own marketing firm for 15 years. She serves on the boards of Central Maine Medical Center and the Maine

Community Foundation and is active in a variety of community groups. She resides in Auburn.

Fessenden will lead the organizations' on-line and outreach strategies, managing all print and electronic communications and overseeing all community events. He lives in Sabattus, after spending a decade in television and radio in Portland and Augusta.

Community Concepts, a private, non-profit, 501 (c) (3) organization whose mission is to provide leadership, education and support to build thriving individuals, families and communities, just celebrated its 50th anniversary. For more information, call 795-4065 or 1-800-866-5588 or see www.community-concepts.org.

Cornerstone Wealth Planning moves downtown

After seven years at its first location on Center Street, Cornerstone Wealth Planning has moved to a new location in Auburn: the historic Mechanic Savings Building at 79 Main Street. The move provides the independent financial consulting firm with room to accommodate a growing client list and two new staff positions.

Even after recent refurbishments, the company's new space retains the original character and beauty of the 140-year-old

downtown building, says Wes Davis, a financial advisor at Cornerstone who grew up in Auburn. The third-story space, which features sweeping views of the Androscoggin River, Great Falls and downtown Lewiston, provides administrative areas, private offices where "everyone will now have their own space," and a larger conference room to accommodate educational workshops.

"Although we serve clients all over the state and region, we have always

considered this to be a local company," said Cornerstone founder and Certified Financial Planner Mindy Davis. "Our services, vendors and spirit remain integrally tied to Lewiston-Auburn. We feel that, with our move to Main Street, we're renewing our connection to the Twin Cities."

Davis, who currently lives in Poland, resided for many years in Auburn and has been an active member of the community. She is particularly proud of the "Lewiston-Auburn room," a large, sunny conference room facing Main Street, where the staff plans to display work by local artists, along with photos and other artwork reflective of the Lewiston-Auburn area. "The move fit in nicely with the mission and vision of Cornerstone," she Davis. "We're very excited to be part of the ongoing revitalization of this area."

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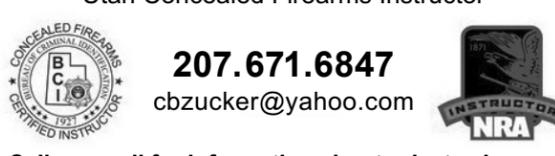


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If we are to have efficient and effective government, we must have accountability and transparency. It's the only way to earn the trust of our hard-working taxpayers.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

I intend to let Mainers know what is going on in Augusta. They deserve to know how their elected officials are voting on important issues. Unfortunately, once these politicians get to Augusta, they are all too eager to hide their business from the Maine people.

They soon forget why they were elected and what they promised to do for their constituents. I was elected by

hundreds of thousands of people from all corners of Maine. As your Governor, I don't make decisions based on one person, one lobbyist, one community or one county, but rather what's in the best interest of all 1.3 million Mainers.

I am all for accountability and transparency in government, and I have made that clear throughout my tenure as Governor. But the Legislature is not transparent.

For instance, in the past five years the Legislature has tried to strengthen the Freedom of Access Act for other branches of government—but it exempts itself from the FOAA law.

When these politicians exclude themselves



Governor Paul R. LePage

from FOAA, they are hiding their business from the media and the Maine people.

They also make it very difficult, if not impossible, for the public to see their voting records. Most Mainers would have a very hard time trying to determine

how their legislator voted on an issue.

Another example involves the disclosure of salary and compensation for public officials and state employees. The Executive and Judicial Branches, as well as the rest of state government, lists salaries and compensation for every employee for the public to see.

But the Legislature hides its salary and compensation information from the Maine people. They don't want you to know how much of your money they are using to pay themselves.

Sadly, the Legislature has had the opportunity to be completely transparent with the Maine people, but they have refused.

I put up a bill last year to allow Maine Public Broadcast Network to televise legislative sessions of both the House and the Senate. MPBN would also broadcast meetings of the powerful Appropriations Committee, which decides how all the money in the budget will be spent. The Appropriations Committee killed the bill. They don't want Maine taxpayers to know what they are doing with your hard-earned money. They prefer to craft the budget in secretive, backroom deals—just like they did last year.

Allowing MPBN to broadcast Legislative sessions would improve transparency in Augusta

and shine a light on what politicians are doing with your money. They would not be able to hide their votes. They would not be able to say one thing to Mainers and another thing in the privacy of the State House.

It's an election year, and in just a few short months you're sure to hear from your legislators all about the good they have done in Augusta. Don't take their word for it. Let's make the Legislature transparent so you can get a chance to see for yourselves what your elected officials are really doing in Augusta.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

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tax season, plugging the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which has been touted as the best anti-poverty tax credit opportunity for low-to-moderate income families.

Materials are being made possible through a partnership with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and a grant from the John T. Gorman Foundation. During the tax season, printed opportunity guides will be available for residents to refer to regarding financial topics, this includes saving for college, getting out of debt, starting a business, etc., and volunteers will be at the tax site to chat with people about how to save for what they need.

The statewide new CA\$H website www.cash-maine.org was announced. The contents will become public on January 26th. It will be a very interactive site to assist with budgeting, savings, and addressing debt.

The number to call for a free tax prep appointment in the Lewiston-Auburn area during the 2016 tax season is 513-3160. If looking for a free tax site beyond

the LA area, residents may call 2-1-1. The L/A phone line opens January 18th, and tax prep begins on January 25th by IRS-certified volunteer preparers, with KC Geiger serving as Site Coordinator.

At the press event, Lewiston City Administrator Ed Barrett spoke of the importance of the Coalition's work, noting that refunds that come to residents also boost the local economy. Elizabeth Pope, Communications & Research Associate for the John T. Gorman Foundation, also praised the Coalition's effective efforts to assist workers and families. Other speakers included Tess Armstrong of the IRS, Lorom, and Dottie Perham-Whittier, Lewiston's Community Relations Coordinator and LA CA\$H Co-Chair.

The multi-partner LA CA\$H Coalition is entering its 13th tax season, having facilitated Federal/State refund claims of nearly \$27 million for Lewiston-Auburn area residents since 2004. More info can be found at: <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/lacash>. The Coalition is currently funded through a statewide VITA grant,

Key Bank, and the Gorman grant.

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Residents

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of the meetings will begin at 6 p.m. Residents are invited to attend one or more of the meetings. The series schedule follows.

January 21 (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4). For parents of children from Park Avenue Elementary School, Edward Little High School, Washburn Elementary School and all surrounding neigh-

borhoods. Location: Band Room, Edward Little High School.

January 28 (Ward 1). For parents of children from East Auburn Community School, Washburn Elementary School and all surrounding neighborhoods. Location: Multipurpose Room, East Auburn Community School.

February 4 (Wards 4 and 5). For parents of children from Walton Elementary School, Sherwood Heights Elementary School, and all surrounding neighborhoods. Location: Gymnasium, Walton Elementary School.

February 9 (Wards 2, 3 and 4). For parents of children from Fairview Elementary School, Auburn Middle School and all surrounding neighborhoods. Location: Band Room, Auburn Middle School.

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Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Lisa Simmons

Friends and neighbors will host a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Lisa Simmons, who was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer, on Thursday, January 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Baxter Lounge, located upstairs at the Androscoggin Bank Colisee. The cost of the meal, which will include

spaghetti with sauce and meatballs, salad and dessert, will be \$7. There will be a silent auction and raffle drawings, with tickets available for purchase at the event.

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Only Steps Forward

Marketing for L-A without losing Auburn's identity

By Jonathan P. LaBonté
MAYOR OF AUBURN

Over the next couple of months, you are going to hear a lot about marketing and branding for the cities of Auburn and Lewiston.

You may not have heard much about it before now, but the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce and the Lewiston and Auburn Economic Growth Council have been active behind the scenes working with marketing companies to create a new

look to sell their organizations and their work in our region.

How many of you can still sing the Cities of the Androscoggin jingle? Or remember seeing an "LA: It's Happening Here" logo slapped on every letter and press release coming out of the two cities for years?

For the Chamber, with a membership and funding base made up predominantly of for-profit companies, the effort to promote the organization

is a key part of recruiting additional member businesses and to retain existing members.

Since they are a private organization, the Chamber hasn't shared their intent or their total cost for the project. But the fact they hired a local company to assist in their work, as well as the fact they will be rolling out their new identity at their largest membership event, points to that intent.

On the other hand is the Growth Council, the



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

city-funded organization hired to support business development and attraction in both Auburn and

Lewiston, which has hired a different firm to create a new identity for itself and has suggested it would be a new brand for a combined Auburn and Lewiston.

While the Chamber's effort is privately funded, the publicly funded Growth Council's effort should get greater scrutiny from the public, taxpayers and elected officials.

There is very little evidence that city marketing efforts actually attract businesses or get businesses in a city to grow. The same goes for attracting people to move to a city. Catchy buzz phrases or hashtag campaigns on social media are likely to draw those who are already "on the team," but will do little to change the opinions and perceptions of those holding a different view.

With challenges selling industrial park lots, limited resources to help small businesses, struggling in-town property values and the need for a new high school, it would seem spending time improving the parts of our community that will attract people would be the top priority.

Auburn and Lewiston are home to businesses that draw from the same labor market and, with some city services, it has been deemed in the past we might save

taxpayer money by trying to provide it together. However, our real estate markets have very different segments, and some of our physical assets are distinct as well.

And given that each city must rely on growing property tax revenue by attracting people to invest in homes and properties, it would be a stretch to find a marketing strategy that could effectively promote the distinct differences. Perhaps that's the rub.

There are some who would prefer that Auburn and Lewiston be one city; hence the rise of the LA-Maine and #LAMaine use on social media—and the likely use of LAMaine in any new marketing effort by the Growth Council.

If we want to talk about luring visitors and promoting our regional festivals to tourists, I'm confident the Chamber and its businesses can effectively market our assets like the Androscoggin River, Lost Valley, the Balloon Festival and the Dempsey Challenge.

But if it's about promoting the cities, Auburn has a distinct identity with its neighborhoods and landscape, which warrants not being reduced to one letter. And I will do what I can to ensure it stays that way.

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Enough is Enough

Where is the outrage for children born into poverty?

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

When I was growing up, it was drilled into me to always tell the truth. Telling the truth was a characteristic of an honest person.

In my role as a detective, I found that when an individual owned up to their felonious perpetrations, they received a lesser sentence when they got to court. Apparently, this societal rule does not apply to Governor Paul R. LePage.

During a town hall meeting in Bridgton on January 6, which was attended by 100 people and covered by several media outlets, the Governor said that out-of-

state drug dealers often impregnate young white girls before they leave the state or go to jail, which creates a problem for the child down the road.

The Maine media chose not to report on the remarks until an anti-LePage blogger posted them on his website. The blogger and his followers are in denial. They have failed to recognize their brand of politics has gone the way of the dinosaur. In short, they haven't a clue when it comes to the will of the people.

After the blogger publicized his post, it went viral online and hit the headlines in newspapers throughout Maine on January 8, two



Mayor Bob Macdonald

days after the Governor's statement took place. But the question remains: was there any truth to this statement and, if so, what's the beef?

It is also curious that

this issue flared up after the Legislature's oversight committee found the Governor had done nothing wrong in threatening to withhold funding for the Good-Will Hinckley charter school if they hired House Speaker Mark Eves, who appeared unqualified for the position.

I have yet to see any news articles that dispute what the Governor said. No, instead the media hones in on one word and feigns mythomaniac indignation. By God, from their reaction, you would think Governor LePage said the words "Merry Christmas!"

Where is their outrage for the children who

will be born into this world with two-and-a-half strikes against them? Their lives will be potentially filled with hunger, abuse, poverty, homelessness and a severe lack of education. Does the usage of the word "white" deserve more indignation than the lives these children may be condemned to?

In the last gubernatorial election, Governor LePage won more votes than anyone had received in the history of Maine politics. Many of his policies on drugs, welfare and education come from his personal life experiences. He understands that tough love, not oozing compassion, is needed to address some of

society's problems.

Criticism over his remarks by the New York Times, the Boston Globe, the Washington Post and MSNBC clearly demonstrate why these once respected news organizations are on life support. Their stories are more opinion than fact, designed to either damn or elevate the subject of the piece.

The greater majority of the people of Maine are tired of being denigrated because we don't share the views put forward by progressives and their allies in the media. Those who voted for the Governor on Election Day gave him our proxy to speak on behalf of us.

Woodlands opens Memory Care of Lewiston, Phase II

Maine-based Woodlands Senior Living is preparing to open Phase II of Woodlands Memory Care of Lewiston, the family-owned company's 11th Senior Living Facility in Maine and its sixth purpose-built memory care community in the state. Phase I opened in October of 2015, when half of the 64-bed community became available for residents. With Phase I already at capacity, the 32 additional beds of Phase II will be a welcome opportunity for potential residents in need of memory care.

"We are excited to be opening the next phase of our new Woodlands Memory Care of Lewiston community," said Matthew Walters, chief operating officer of Woodlands Senior Living. "This second, separate 32-resident 'neighborhood' is identical in all respects to the one we opened just three short months ago. The success and rate of occupancy of the first phase of this community illustrates the real need for high-quality, purpose-built residential care for seniors living with Alzheimer's Disease and related memory impairments in the Lewiston-Auburn area. We are honored to

be able to provide this unique and specialized service and to work each day to ensure that every individual we serve is achieving the best quality of life possible."

Woodlands Senior Living opened the specialized community for people with Alzheimer's Disease and related memory impairments at 45 Mollison Way in Lewiston. The second phase of the \$6.5 million, 64-bed community is already more than half reserved, with the remainder of the rooms expected to fill quickly.

An Open House for members of the public to tour phase II of the community and ask questions will take place on Thursday and Friday, January 14 and 15, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday

and Sunday, January 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome and no appointments are necessary.

The building concept and program of services is the product of Woodlands' more than 15 years of experience developing and operating memory care communities in Maine. Among its features are high-efficiency climate controls, video monitoring safety systems and multiple high-end amenities, including open-air central atriums, home-like activity rooms and a large, outside courtyard with walking paths, gardens and a gazebo.

Also available at Woodlands Memory Care of Lewiston is specialized lighting to mitigate what's known as "sundown syndrome." LED lighting in common areas brightens and dims throughout the course of the day to minimize the confusion and

agitation that can afflict individuals with dementia and Alzheimer's Disease.

"We have received an overwhelmingly positive response to our facility and program of services from the Lewiston-Auburn community," Walters added. "We have found that Lewiston is a great place to operate, with strong support from other businesses and the community-at-large."

Woodlands Memory Care of Lewiston is a 39,000

square foot community, divided into two identical 32-bed "neighborhoods," with 28 private rooms and 18 double rooms, including 36 beds reserved for individuals subsidized by MaineCare.

Maine-based Woodlands Senior Living is a family-owned company headquartered in Waterville. Recognized as operators of Maine's premier Senior Living communities since 1996, Woodlands Senior Living has facilities in Cape Eliz-

abeth, Hallowell, Waterville, Rockland and Brewer. Each campus offers residents warm, compassionate and personalized care in separate and distinct residential care facilities, specialized Alzheimer's care residences, and, in Waterville, independent living apartments. Woodlands Senior Living employs nearly 300 Mainers to provide excellent service and care to 470 residents. More information can be found online at www.woodlandslewiston.com.

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What's Going On

Next CMHRA meeting: annual law update

The January meeting of the Central Maine Human Resources Association will feature the Association's annual employment law update. Taking place on Tuesday, January 19, from 7:45 to 10 a.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston, the program will be a bit longer than usual to allow for more content. Topics to be covered will include what's new for Maine employers, ACA deadlines, fixing I-9 mistakes, additional leave after FMLA leave ends, and a compliance checklist on harassment training, background checks, and website accessibility.

The presenters will include Peter Lowe, Michael Malloy and Kenleigh Nicolette from Brann & Isaacson. The cost of the program is included with CMHRA membership and is \$25 for non-members, which includes a full breakfast.

Membership to CMHRA is open to all for-profit, non-profit, public and private organizations. Meetings are regularly attended by human resources managers, benefits administrators, health, wellness and safety managers, training and development professionals, supervisors, small business owners, and other individuals interested in human resource

issues. Registration online is preferred and available at <http://cmhra.shrm.org/> events.

Questions about the program should be directed to Rebecca Webber of

Skelton, Taintor & Abbott at rwebber@STA-law.com; questions about membership should be directed to Cindy Letourneau or Lori McRae at membership-chair@cmhra.org.

Sasseville Chiropractic supports New Beginnings



Dr. Chandra Sasseville of Sasseville Chiropractic Wellness Center in Lewiston presents Christopher Ferguson, Board President of New Beginnings, with contributions totaling \$5,250 raised from the 2015 Kids Day event held at Lewiston High School. Kids Day is a free and fun family event dedicated to children's health, safety and environmental awareness. New Beginnings will use the donation to further its mission of serving runaway and homeless youth with shelter, outreach and transitional living programs. For more information about volunteering, sponsoring or participating in the next Kids Day event, email Robyn at sasseom@yahoo.com.

DuBois Realty supports community groups



Brian DuBois and Marnie DuBois of DuBois Realty Group present a \$5,000 donation check to Mitch Thomas (L.) of Community Little Theatre.

DuBois Realty Group of Keller Williams Realty recently contributed \$5,000 to support the programs and performances of Community Little Theater and announced as its goal for 2016 the increase of its contributions to community organizations by \$10,000.

"As local real estate professionals, we feel it's important to support our community," said DuBois Realty Group, Inc. President and Broker Associate Marnie DuBois. "CLT impacts multiple age groups, from elementary students to seniors, both in terms of its performers and those enjoying the performances. Since we're directly

involved as participants, parents and volunteers, we have the opportunity to witness first-hand the impact of this organization on our community and have come to truly appreciate all that it has to offer."

Located at 195 Center Street in Auburn, the DuBois Realty Group of Keller Williams Realty is very active in community support. They sponsor and/or volunteer at Auburn Suburban Baseball-Softball, YMCA Bidy and Travel Basketball, Community Little Theater, and Edward Little High School athletics and are members of the Auburn-Lewiston Breakfast Rotary, Business Network International, the Auburn Business Association, St. Philip's Church, the Fairview School PTO, the YMCA, Taylor Pond Yacht Club and the Greater Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce.

At a recent client appreciation event, DuBois Realty Group announced its goal of increasing its community contributions by \$10,000 in 2016. With each transaction processed in 2016, DRG will provide its client with an opportunity to select the non-profit organization from a predetermined list which best matches their interests and values. DRG will then make a contribution to the organization. See CLT, page 7

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to 14 M.R.S.A. § 6203-A Et Seq.

171 Beechwoods Road, Oxford, Maine
Friday, January 22, 2016, at 11:00 A.M.

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Mortgage given by 171 Beechwoods Road, LLC, a Maine limited liability company to Northeast Bank (the "Bank"), dated September 20, 2010, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 4637, Page 246 (the "Mortgage"), of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 11:00 A.M. on the 22nd day of January, 2016, at 171 Beechwoods Road, Oxford, Maine, all and singular the premises described in the mortgage as follows: all of the Bank's right, title and interest, if any, in and to the following property (the "Property"):

To wit: A certain lot or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the easterly side of Thompson Lake in the Town of Oxford, County of Oxford and State of Maine, and being Lot numbered fifty-five (55) according to a plan of "The Beechwoods", owned by L. & B. Realty, Inc., made by Alberti, Larochelle & Hodson Eng. Corp., Inc., dated June 8, 1957 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans Volume F, Page 35 now known as Plan #669; together with the parcel of land between the westerly end of said lot and the shore of said Lake extending the side lines of the said lot in their same course to the shore of the lake.

Also a right to use the road or right of way, as now located, from the town road called Megquier Hill Road to the Lake, which is an extension of the road as delineated on the above said plan and the right to use the road delineated on said plan and also a right to use as a right of way or roadway the area between the road on said plan and the easterly sidelines of the lot.

This lot is expressly subject to the following agreements, covenants and restrictions which agreements, covenants and restrictions run with the land and relate to the entire lotted subdivision and provide a uniform plan for the improvement of said entire lotted subdivision known as "The Beechwoods".

- (a) That no lot or subdivision thereof shall be used in any way as a place to carry on a trade, occupation, manufacturing operation, business or storage of waste or junk.
- (b) That no animals or birds shall be kept on the premises except usual household pets.
- (c) That no buildings shall be placed or erected on the granted premises except a single family cottage or dwelling, apartment garage and boathouse which buildings shall be constructed on the exterior of masonry (brick, stone or stucco), clapboards, flush boarding, peeled logs, wooden shakes, wooden shingles or asbestos shingle siding to be painted or stained or otherwise covered with its usual and permanent outside finish; except that house trailers shall be permissible on lots twenty-six (26) through fifty-nine (59) exclusive and except that L. & B. Realty, Inc., reserves the right to dedicate and sell any lot or part of a lot as a private or public right of way to the shore and to sell any remaining part of a lot as a lot which is subject to the within restrictions.
- (d) That no structure shall be erected or maintained nearer than ten (10) feet to the high water mark on the shore of said Lake except a boathouse shall be permissible within said limits and no structure shall be erected or maintained nearer than five (5) feet from the side line of a lot owned by a person other than the owner of the within premises.
- (e) The said lots or lot hereinabove described shall not at any time be subdivided, nor sold except as a whole, but this restriction shall not prevent the grantee from conveying any part of the said real estate hereby conveyed to the owner or owners of lots adjoining the land herein conveyed.
- (f) L. & B. Realty, Inc., its successors and assigns, reserve the right to place poles, pipes or wire upon any part of the rear of any lot and in said rights of way for public utility purposes and shall always have the right for itself, its successors and assigns, as and when may be most convenient to it or them to enter upon the premises for the purposes of erecting, fixing, building, maintaining, examining, or repairing such pipes, conduits, electric lights, telephone posts and wire and other public service and to cut and trim such trees and limbs as in its or their opinion may be desirable or necessary.
- (g) All disposal of sewerage and drains shall be built into a septic tank or reservoir according to the laws of the State of Maine and the specifications of the Department of Health and Welfare.

Being the same premises as described in a Warranty Joint Tenancy Deed from L. & B. Realty, Inc. to George E. Arsenault and Lillian P. Arsenault dated June 12, 1959, recorded May 1, 1964 in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 631, Page 209. George E. Arsenault died May 7, 2002 and Lillian P. Arsenault died June 14, 2010.

Reference is made to a Deed of Sale by Daniel A. Arsenault, Personal Representative of the Estate of Lillian P. Arsenault, to 171 Beechwoods Road, LLC, which said deed is to be recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds.

Further information regarding the Property can be obtained by contacting James R. St. Jean Auctioneers at 603-734-4348.

TERMS OF SALE: All bids will be accepted beginning at 11:00 A.M. on January 22, 2016. All bidders will be required to deposit \$10,000 in cash or certified U.S. funds made payable to the Auctioneer in order to register to bid (the "Deposit"). The Property will be sold to the highest bidder who shall leave the Deposit as a nonrefundable down payment. The highest bidder will also be required to sign a purchase and sale agreement calling for a closing within 28 days of the public sale at which time the balance of the bid price will be due in immediately available U.S. funds, and the Bank, as foreclosing mortgagee, will deliver a duly executed Quitclaim Deed Without Covenant conveying whatever right, title and interest the Bank has in the Property. Additional terms of sale are available from the Auctioneer and you may obtain a copy of the purchase and sale agreement from the Auctioneer prior to the auction. The Bank, as foreclosing mortgagee, and its nominees and assigns, reserve the right to bid without making the required Deposit and, if the Bank, or its nominee or assign, is the high bidder, to pay for the Property with a credit against the debt owed.

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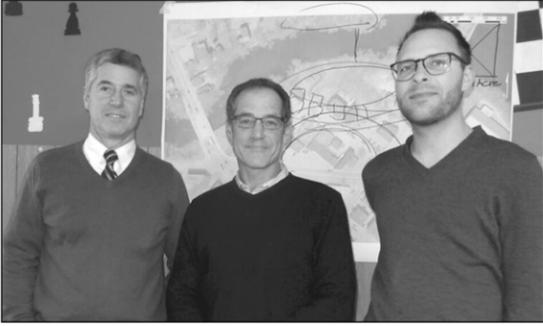
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New Auburn plans new riverfront, village center



Gregory Bakos, VHB Project manager; Samuel Coplton, Landscape Architect and Chris Cannon, Landscape Architect. (TCT Photo by Millie Kidd)



Jonathan LaBonte, Mayor of Auburn and Leroy Walker, Ward 5 Auburn City Council. (TCT Photo by Millie Kidd)

A kick-off meeting for the new riverfront project was held at the Boys and Girls Club in New Auburn on January 7th. The New Auburn village center and transportation plan recommends constructing a greenway park and trail area along the Little Androscoggin. It also involves redesigning Second Street to become a pedestrian friendly street. It will have shops, restaurants and new housing. The goal is to increase property values, bring in investment, attract new residents and create an urban, walkable village center.

"The purpose of the public meeting is re-acquaint folks with what's been planned, what's proposed and most importantly, to get people's ideas on what they'd like to see New Auburn become. We're excited to start the collaboration between a neighborhood, the

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nization in honor of that client. This effort kicks off the DuBois Realty Group's "Give Where You Live" fundraising effort for local organizations.

"This community is where we raise our children, enjoy a quality of life enhanced by the arts, and earn our living," said DRG Treasurer and Broker Associate Brian DuBois. "We feel it is our responsibility to give something back in the way of time, talent and treasure. We feel extremely grateful to be in a position to provide all three through volunteering, taking on leadership roles, and contributing such needed financial support."

To learn more about the DuBois Realty Group at Keller Williams Realty, contact them at 344-3230 or visit their website at DuBoisRealtyGroup.net.

City Staff and VHB Consultants", said Doug Greene, City Planner and project manager. Based on the plans in place and public input, VHB will create construction plans, secure permits and deliver cost estimates for the new Greenway and redesigned Second Street to be called the "Riverway".

Mayor Jonathan LaBonte, is encouraged to see the long-time dream of redeveloping New Auburn become a reality. "Auburn will attract investment and families by focusing on being a city of distinct neighborhoods built around assets like the riverfront, open spaces, and walkable business districts. New Auburn has patiently waded through the planning; now it's time to engineer, permit and seek other public and private partners to implement."

More information about the New Auburn redevelopment plans can be viewed at: www.auburn-maine.gov/pages/government/new-auburn-village-center-study-auburn-maine

Poliquin nominates 18 to military service academies

Maine's Second District Congressman, Bruce Poliquin, has nominated 18 students from Maine's Second District to attend one of the nation's prestigious military service academies next year. Poliquin will personally call each nominee to congratulate them and host a celebration in their honor in early 2016.

Poliquin's nominations were informed by the recommendations of his Service Academy Nomination Advisory Board, which personally interviewed student applicants last month in Bangor. That board included military, community and educational leaders and had nearly 200 years of combined service in the United States Army, Air Force and Navy.

To be considered for appointment to a service academy, applicants must be nominated by a member of Congress or other authorized nominating source. The following is the full list of Second District students who received Congressman Poliquin's nomination as candidates to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York; the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado;

and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

Joseph Baumann of Leeds, Leavitt Area High School, for U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Military Academy; Emma Bonner of Easton, Easton Jr.-Sr. High School for U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Military Academy; Blake Bourassa of Bangor, Bangor High School, for U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Military Academy; Rebekah Bryant of Monmouth, Monmouth Academy, for U.S. Air Force Academy; Anna Cutler of Winter Harbor, Phillips Exeter Academy, for U.S. Naval Academy; Seth Davis of Liberty, Mount View High School, for U.S. Military Academy; Candace Doughty of Brewer, Brewer High School, for U.S. Air Force Academy; Sarah Eaton of Cherryfield, Narragagus High School, for U.S. Naval Academy; Connor Grant of Houlton, Houlton High School, for U.S. Air Force Academy; Todd Gustaitis of Otisfield, Oxford Hills Comprehensive School, for U.S. Military Academy; Chase Harkins of Bethel, Gould Academy, for U.S. Military Academy; Emma Knapp of Fryeburg, Vicenza American High

School, for U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Military Academy; Anna Lasstra of Fryeburg, Fryeburg Academy, for U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Naval Academy; Steven Minns of Wilton, Mount Blue High School, for U.S. Military Academy; Cassidy Osgood of Cherryfield, Narragagus High School, for U.S. Air Force Academy; Meredith Picard of Troy, Mount View High School, for U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Air Force Academy; Scott Pierce of Auburn, Buckfield High School, for U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Air Force Academy; Felix Thibodeau of Hermon, Nokomis Regional High School, for U.S. Military Academy.

"It is a great honor to nominate these young, dedicated Mainers to be considered for admission at our Nation's fine military service academies," said Poliquin.

"These outstanding men and women impressed me with their incredible record of service already to their studies, communities and this great country. They truly are among the best and brightest and give me great hope for the future of our Armed Forces, our Nation and the cause of freedom. I thank them for their sacrifice and wish them the best of luck in their future service."

The application period for Second District students seeking nomination to a military service academy from Congressman Poliquin in 2016 will open in May.

In addition, Poliquin urges military service academy graduates and other Veterans in need of assistance to contact his offices in Lewiston (784-0768), Bangor (942-0583) or Presque Isle (764-1968) or at poliquin.house.gov.

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Notice of Public Sale Pursuant to 14 M.R.S.A. § 6203-A Et Seq. Lots 102 and 103, Beechwoods Subdivision, Oxford, Maine Friday, January 22, 2016 at 11:00 A.M.

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Mortgage given by Jeffrey Nowlan, Successor Trustee of Maine Realty Trust, a Maine trust, to Northeast Bank (the "Bank"), dated September 20, 2010, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 4637, Page 266 (the "Mortgage"), of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 11:00 A.M. on the 22nd day of January, 2016, at 171 Beechwoods Road, Oxford, Maine, all and singular the premises described in the mortgage as follows: all of the Bank's right, title and interest, if any, in and to the following property (the "Property"):

To wit: Also two other certain lots or parcels of land, situated near the easterly side of Thompson Lake in the Town of Oxford, County of Oxford and State of Maine, and being Lots numbered one hundred two (102) and one hundred three (103) according to a plan of "The Beechwoods", Plan #2 owned by L. & B. Realty, Inc., dated August 28, 1963 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book G, Page 34 now known as #840. All measurements on said plan are approximate and the precise corners are marked by pipes.

Also a right to use the road or right of way, as now located, from the town road called Megquier Hill Road to the Lake, which is an extension of the road as delineated on the above said plan and the right to use the road delineated on said plan and also a right to use as a right of way or roadway the area between the road on said plan and the easterly sidelines of the lot.

This lot is expressly subject to the following agreements, covenants and restrictions which agreements, covenants and restrictions run with the land and relate to the entire lotted subdivision and provide a uniform plan for the improvement of said entire lotted subdivision known as "The Beechwoods".

(a) That no lot or subdivision thereof shall be used in any way as a place to carry on a trade, occupation, manufacturing operation, business or storage of waste or junk.

(b) That no animals or birds shall be kept on the premises except usual household pets.

(c) That no buildings shall be placed or erected on the granted premises except a single family cottage or dwelling, appurtenant garage and boathouse which buildings shall be constructed on the exterior of masonry (brick, stone or stucco), clapboards, flush boarding, peeled logs, wooden shakes, wooden shingles or asbestos shingle siding to be painted or stained or otherwise covered with its usual and permanent outside finish; except that house trailers shall be permissible on lots twenty-six (26) through fifty-nine (59) exclusive and except that L. & B. Realty, Inc., reserves the right to dedicate and sell any lot or part of a lot as a private or public right of way to the shore and to sell any remaining part of a lot as a lot which is subject to the within restrictions.

(d) That no structure shall be erected or maintained nearer than ten (10) feet to the high water mark on the shore of said Lake except a boathouse shall be permissible within said limits and no structure shall be erected or maintained nearer than five (5) feet from the side line of a lot owned by a person other than the owner of the within premises.

(e) The said lots or lot hereinabove described shall not at any time be subdivided, nor sold except as a whole, but this restriction shall not prevent the grantee from conveying any part of the said real estate hereby conveyed to the owner or owners of lots adjoining the land herein conveyed.

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What's Going On

Msgr. Caron named Prof. of Theology at St. John's Seminary

Monsignor Marc B. Caron, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston, has been named a professor of theology and a member of the priestly formation faculty at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts, effective July 1. He will remain a diocesan priest for the Diocese of Portland and will return to the diocese after his five-year assignment at the seminary.

"The diocese is so grateful for Monsignor Caron's pastoral ministry and the many contributions he has made in the life of the diocese and parishes in which he has served," said Bishop Robert P. Deeley of the Diocese of Portland. "In sharing his knowledge and expertise, Monsignor Caron will enhance the human, pastoral, spiritual, and academic experience of the seminarians, helping to form a new generation of priests for this diocese and others. We will miss his dedication and devotion, but look forward to welcoming him back to serve in our diocese after his assignment to the seminary is complete."

"Monsignor Caron is an extraordinarily gifted priest," said Monsignor James P. Moroney, rector of

Saint John's Seminary. "His work has prepared him to form priests for the 21st century and we look forward to welcoming him to the faculty."

Born in Lewiston, Caron attended St. Dominic's Regional High School before majoring in French and philosophy at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, where he graduated summa cum laude. He completed his clerical studies at Theological College of Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., earning a bachelor's degree in sacred theology. On May 20, 1989, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Amédée W. Proulx at Holy Cross Church in Lewiston.

In August of 1989, he was named parochial vicar of St. Louis Parish in Fort Kent, where he also served as chaplain at the University of Maine-Fort Kent. In 1990, in addition to his duties at St. Louis, then-Fr. Caron was named temporary administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Wallagrass and Holy Family Parish in Daigle, where he remained until August of 1992, when he was appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish in



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Biddeford. While serving in Biddeford, he was also chaplain at the University of New England.

From July of 1995 to July of 1997, he completed an advanced degree in sacred theology at Catholic University of America, specializing in liturgical studies. Upon returning from Washington, D.C., he was appointed chancellor of the Diocese of Portland and served as director of the department of ministerial services. He was named a

Chaplain of His Holiness (Monsignor) by the Vatican in December 2000. During his time at the Chancery (1997-2008), he also served for a short period as the interim director of vocations.

In September of 2008, Monsignor Caron was named administrator of the five Catholic parishes in Lewiston, and on January 1, 2009, he was appointed the founding pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston, which included the former Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Holy Cross, and Holy Family Parishes. In addition to his parish duties, Monsignor Caron has served as a member of the Presbyteral Council, the College of Consultors, and the Priests' Personnel Board. He currently serves on the Liturgical Commission for the diocese.

"I am very grateful to Bishop Deeley and to Cardinal Seán for this opportunity to serve the Church in New England at Saint John's Seminary," said Monsignor Caron. "The work of the seminary is of the highest importance in forming priests for the new Evangelization after the heart of Christ. I look forward to making my own contribution to that effort."

YWCA Children's Karate starts January 16

The YWCA of Central Maine is now taking registrations for its popular Children's Karate program. The classes will begin on January 16 and will take place every Saturday morning from 9 to 10 a.m. The program, taught by black belt instructor Sosai Donna Harris of Phoenix Karate Academy, will include one additional class each week at the Phoenix Karate Dojo in Auburn.

Designed for kids ages 5 to 12, the six-week Children's Karate curriculum focuses on providing tools for class participants to grow into strong role models. Participants are taught that Karate starts and ends in self-defense and should never be used to harm others. They are also taught

the importance of leading by example, building their self-confidence and the self-confidence of others.

Phoenix Karate Academy are the founders of Pinan-Do Karate, which translates to "Peaceful Way." They believe that Karate should not be used as a way to cause harm to others, but rather, as a way to unlock one's hidden strengths and weaknesses and use these lessons to discover one's individual purpose.

The cost of the six-week Children's Karate program is \$90 for YWCA members and \$100 for non-members, plus an additional uniform fee. Space is limited. For more information, call the YWCA of Central Maine at 795-4050.

MWN meeting spotlights winter depression



Luanne Starr Rhoades, LCPC, LADC, CCS, will discuss how depression can impact women in business, especially during the winter.

The next meeting of the Androscoggin Chapter of the Maine Women's Network on Wednesday, January 20 at the Hilton Garden Inn of Auburn will feature guest speaker Luanne Rhoades, LCPC, LADC, CCS, who will discuss how depression can affect women business owners, especially in winter.

Many factors can contribute to symptoms of depression in women, which are different from those experienced by men. Rhoades will discuss the hormonal, emotional and social causes of depression in women, including Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) during the winter. Her presentation will include ways women can assist themselves or those they care about when experiencing depression and the "cement shoes" feelings it can cause.

Luanne Starr Rhoades is the Outpatient Therapy Director at Health Affiliates Maine. She has a BA in Communications from the University of Pittsburgh and

an MS in Counseling from the University of Southern Maine. As a counselor, she has worked at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center on the Intensive Outpatient Program and the Detox Unit. In 2003, she opened a private practice, called Generations Counseling, on Main Street in Lewiston. She has also worked as a Military and Family Life Consultant for active duty members of the military and National Guard.

The meeting will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the program, \$17 for members and \$21 for non-members, includes lunch. Nonmembers are always welcome to attend. For more information, email Rebecca Webber at rwebber@sta-law.com. Online pre-registration is required by January 18. To register, click on the "Event Registration" link at www.maine-womensnetwork.com.

A statewide organization with Portland, Androscoggin, and Midcoast chapters, MWN works to increase the professional growth and leadership skills of its members through networking and educational forums at its monthly chapter meetings, a statewide annual event and other programs. Membership, which includes hundreds of women in business across the state, is open to all, regardless of gender. For more information, see www.maine-womensnetwork.com.



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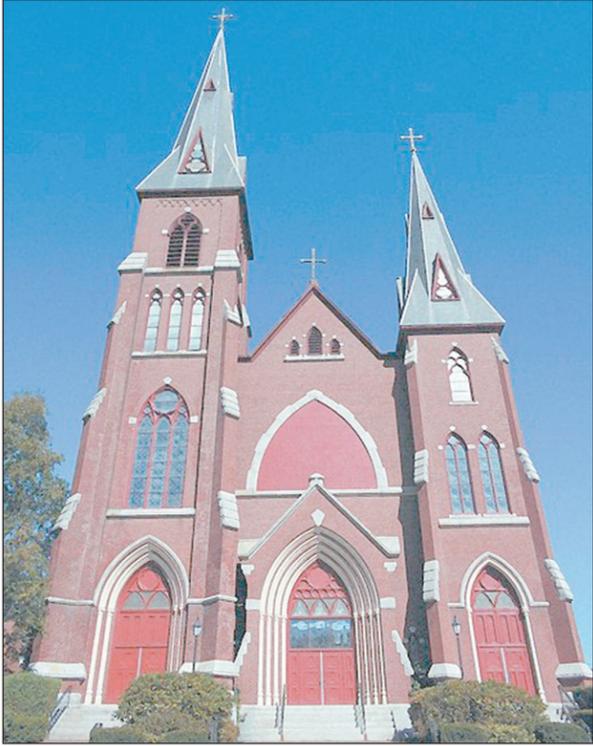
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Agora Grand Event Center to host Dempsey Challenge event



The Champions for Hope celebration, a special event to honor top Dempsey Challenge fundraisers, will take place at the new event center, scheduled to open in May in the former St. Patrick's Church of Lewiston.

The Dempsey Challenge has announced that its annual Champions for Hope celebration, a moving and special part of the annual Dempsey Challenge weekend, will take place for the first time this year in the all-new Agora Grand Event Center, scheduled to open in May in the former St. Patrick's Church on Bates Street in Lewiston.

"We are excited to bring the Champions for Hope celebration to the Agora Grand Event Center," said Aimee Labbe, Dempsey Center Manager of Special Events and Development. "It's a unique venue that exemplifies the revitalization and rebirth of the L-A community and we're eager to be a part of that."

At 220 feet to the tip of its tallest spire, the former church turned events center is Maine's tallest building. It has been completely renovated to include 6,000 square feet of gathering space, a state-of-the-art sound system and many other amenities. For more information, see agora-grand.com.

"We are thrilled to work with the Dempsey Challenge and to be selected for this important event," said Andrew Knight, Agora Grand Event Center owner. "The Champions for Hope celebration is an integral part of the Dempsey Challenge fundraiser and we're proud to be part of such a worthy cause."

The Champions for Hope celebration is an exclusive event to honor top fundraisers for the Dempsey Challenge and to celebrate the work of the Dempsey Center. Dempsey Challenge fundraisers who raise \$3,000 or more receive two tickets to this private event with Patrick Dempsey and other special guests.

The 2016 Dempsey Challenge will take place October 1 and 2. To register, see dempseychallenge.org.

What's Going On

YWCA offers Babysitter's Training Course

The YWCA of Central Maine will present an American Red Cross Babysitter's Training course for boys and girls ages 11 to 15 on Sunday, January 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, January 18, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This class is geared toward pre-teens and teens who are responsible for caring for younger siblings or looking for babysitting employment.

Designed by the American Red Cross, this training course prepares participants with the training every parent wants in a babysitter: home and outdoor safety, basic child care, safe play, first aid, critical emergency skills,

and professional leadership and care-giving skills. Each participant will receive an ARC child and infant CPR certification upon comple-

tion of the course.

The cost of the program is \$75 for members and \$90 for non-members. Space is limited. For more information or to register, call the YWCA of Central Maine at 795-4050.

Little Sparks Toddler Karate

The YWCA of Central Maine will offer a six-week session of Little Sparks Toddler Karate beginning Saturday, January 16. Created exclusively for children ages 2 to 4, Little Sparks helps develop listening skill and teaches participants to follow directions and take turns. Students also work on balance, tumbling and basic Karate blocks, as well as stranger danger self-de-

fense. The program provides parents and children with a class that teaches important life skills in a fun way.

Classes take place Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 9 a.m. The cost of the six-week program is \$50 for YWCA members and \$60 for non-members, plus an addition uniform fee. For more information or to register, call the YWCA of Central Maine at 795-4050.

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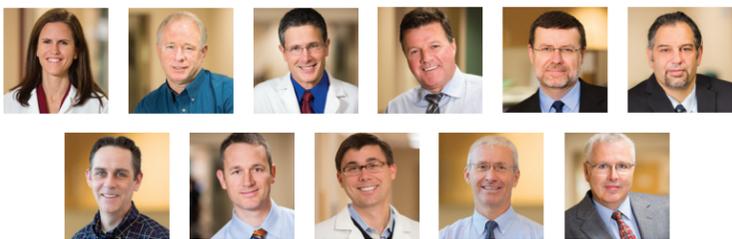
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Ivey directs Public Theatre's "Ladies Foursome"



Ivey has won Tony and Drama Desk Awards for her Broadway performances in "Steaming" and "Hurlyburly."

The Public Theatre will have audiences forgetting those winter blues when it presents the New England premiere of the smart and sassy comedy "The Ladies Foursome" January 22 through 31. Written by Canada's most produced playwright, Norm Foster, this fast-paced comedy juxtaposes belly laughs and touching moments to appeal to anyone who appreciates the joys and sorrows

of friendship.

The play centers on three friends who gather together to play a final round of golf in honor of their recently deceased fourth partner and close friend. Joined by an unknown friend of the deceased, these four women banter, tease and tee off about love, sex, motherhood and careers, learning about themselves and each other as they celebrate the bonds of friendship that

link women together.

The production will be directed by noted actress Judith Ivey, who has won Tony and Drama Desk Awards for her Broadway performances in "Steaming" and "Hurlyburly." Ivey is known for her numerous roles on stage, in film and on television, including recurring roles on "Will and Grace" and "Designing Women." Her directing credits include numerous regional and Off-Broadway theatres.

The cast includes Brigitte Viellieu-Davis as Connie, a promiscuous television news anchor; Tarah Flanagan as Tate, a stay-at-home mom married to a surgeon; Janet Mitchko as Margot, a divorced workaholic who runs a construction company; and Caralyn Kozlowski as Dory, the "new" fourth. The set portraying the indoor golf course where the play takes place is designed by Kit Mayer, with lighting design by Bart Garvey and costume design by Jonna Klaiber.

With this production, the Public Theatre continues its ongoing PLAY PAL program designed to bring together solo theatre-goers. On January 28, the theatre will combine its PLAY PAL program with a newly added 7:30 p.m. Wine-Down Thursday performance, which will include a free, pre-show wine-tasting hosted by Rails Restaurant starting at 6:30. Open to the entire audience, this meet and mingle will

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Dance Fest announces 2016 lineup



Among the artists in residence at the Bates Dance Festival this year will be the acclaimed New York company Dorrance Dance. (Photo by Christopher Duggan)

The Bates Dance Festival, northern New England's leading training and presenting program in contemporary dance, will present its 33rd season from June 24 through August 7 on the Bates College campus in Lewiston.

The festival includes the renowned Professional Training Program for dancers ages 18 years and older, offering 31 classes a day in a wide range of disciplines from July 16 through August 7; and the Young Dancers Workshop, a three-week intensive training program for pre-professional dancers ages 14 to 18 from June 24 through July 15.

Complementing these programs, the festival hosts creative residencies for accomplished companies and choreographers, as well as lectures, panels and show-

ings by more than 60 internationally recognized dance artists from around the globe.

Known throughout the dance world for its non-competitive environment and emphasis on experimentation, the Bates Dance Festival brings more than 320 students to the Bates College campus from across the United States and overseas each summer to study, create and perform.

Highlighting the festival's 2016 season will be workshops, residencies and performances by the acclaimed New York companies Dorrance Dance, Doug Varone and Dancers, and Kate Weare Company. Festival performances will also include the annual DanceNOW, Different Voices and Festival Finale events, all featuring Bates Dance Fest-

ival faculty. Dance writer Debra Cash will lead Inside Dance, a series of audience-enrichment presentations held in conjunction with the mainstage concert series.

Daily classes in the three-week Professional Training Program will include modern, jazz, ballet, Afro-Fusion, contact improvisation, repertory, choreo lab, creative process, yoga, Pilates, Teacher's Toolkit, Body & Earth, Moving & Writing, DanceFilm & Media, the business of dance and more.

Among the festival's extensive roster of artists are both new and frequently requested veteran teachers, including Marianela Boán, Andrea Olsen, Paul Matesson, Shonach Mirk-Robles, Chris Aiken and Angie

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Next French Sing-Along January 15



Troubadours Alette Couturier and Jeannine Doucette, accompanied by pianist Jeannette Gregoire

Community members are invited to join Les Troubadours for the first French sing-along session of the year on Friday, January 15 at 1:30 p.m. at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College, 51 Westminster Street in

Lewiston. Admission is free and all are welcome to join in the fun. Song books will be provided so that those who are not familiar with the songs or are less than fluent in French can follow along. This month's session will take place in its usual setting, Room 170 at the college. For more information, call Jacynthe Jacques at 576-4109.

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be a great way to make new friends or to socialize with those you came with.

Performances will take place on January 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31, Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m., with an added 3 p.m. matinee on January 30. Tickets are \$20 for adults, with a special rate of \$17 for those attending in groups of ten or more. The Public Theatre is located at 31 Maple Street in downtown Lewiston. For tickets, call the box office at 782-3200 or see www.thepublictheatre.org.

Country Sunday

Country Fest Maine will present Country Sunday on January 17 from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club. The event features an afternoon of great country music, dancing and food. Live entertainment will be provided by Gary Leet & the Country Drifters, Brad Kaherl, Gary Knowles, John Whitman, Jack Duggins and others.

Doors will open at 11 a.m. Admission is \$5 and children under 12 will be admitted for free. There will be door prizes, a 50/50 drawing and concessions.

Located at 2261 Hallowell Road in Litchfield, the club is wheelchair accessible and has plenty of free parking. For more information, call 536-9647 or 377-8035.

Public Supper & Music Jam

The Litchfield Sportsmen's Club will present its monthly Public Supper & Music Jam on Saturday, January 16. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m., dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 and the music jam will take place from 6:30 to 8:30. On the menu will

be baked beans, hot dogs, casseroles, all the fixin's and desserts.

The cost will be \$7 per person. Located at 2261 Hallowell Road in Litchfield, the club is wheelchair accessible and has plenty of free parking. For more information, call 268-9271 or 331-4719.

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Twin City Nights

Monmouth Community Players schedule auditions for "39 Steps"

The Monmouth Community Players have announced audition dates for their upcoming production of "The 39 Steps." Adapted by Patrick Barlow and based on the novel by John Buchan, this Tony Award-winning play is a fast-paced whodunit that incorporates elements of Hitchcock, classic spy novels and Monty Python. Populated by over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of only four), it features an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance.

The production will run from April 15 through 24 in historic Cumston Hall. The director is Artistic Director Adam P. Blais and the producer is Jeanne Fletcher. Auditions will take place on Sunday, January 24 and Monday, January 25, both days at 6:30 p.m. in the Opera Hall of Cumston Hall, 796 Main Street in Monmouth.

Those planning to audition should prepare a comic monologue of their choice in the part they hope to play, a ballad or up-tempo song from "Into the Woods," and be ready to take part in cold readings from the script. Please bring a list of rehearsal conflicts. The available roles are listed below.

Richard Hannay (30-40). The daring leading man of the show, he is charming, innocent and charismatic. The actor must possess great endurance and superb comic timing. Standard British dialect.

Annabelle Schmidt/Pamela/Margaret (25-35). A paranoid German spy; a lower-class Scottish farmer's wife; and the upper class, British romantic lead of the show. This actress must have excellent comic timing and great versatility. Multiple dialects.

Man #1 (30-40). Plays multiple characters, sometimes simultaneously. This role calls for exceptional physical and verbal comic ability. The actor must be able to provide multiple dialects and be highly athletic, with great endurance and focus.

Man #2 (30-40). Plays multiple characters, sometimes simultaneously. This role calls for exceptional physical and verbal comic ability.

The actor must be able to provide multiple dialects and be highly athletic with great endurance and focus.

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Twin City Nights

V-Day aUbUrn schedules auditions for "Vagina Monologues"

Auditions for V-Day aUbUrn's 2016 production of "The Vagina Monologues" will take place on Saturday and Sunday, January 16 and 17, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Pat Gardiner will direct this year's show, which will be staged February 27 and 28.

Audition materials will be provided. Monologues will be read and need not be memorized. Due to adult content, participants must be ages 16 or over. Only women, or those who identify as females, may audition, but anyone may help out with the production.

For more information, or to request an alternate

audition day or time, call 783-0461 or email office@auburnu.org.

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Franco Center offers French classes for adults

L/A's Gendron Franco Center will host weeknight classes for adults starting January 19 and 20. Two different classes will run during a ten-week session from January to March. The Beginners Class will take place Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., while "French Reacq" for more advanced learners will take place Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Beginners Class is for those who are new learners or have limited knowledge of French.

"French Reacq" is for those who already have some proficiency with the



Instructor Vanessa Stasse

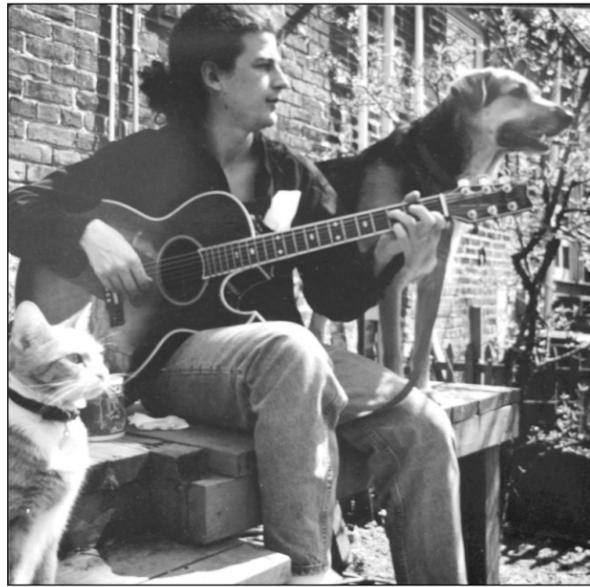
language that they would like to improve. Varied topics will be used as a guide to help with speaking. Classes are taught in French at a relaxed pace with English explanations as needed. Stu-

dents should bring a binder or folder and writing implement with them to class.

Teaching the course will be Vanessa Stasse. Born in Sherbrooke, Quebec of Belgian parents, Stasse has a Master's degree in anthropology from Laval University in Quebec City and has lived in Maine for over 10 years, teaching French and yoga and interpreting in French, English and Portuguese.

Classes will take place in Heritage Hall at the Center. The total cost for the 10 classes is \$100. To register, call 783-1585, email

Kill the Chill concert features guitarist Steve Watt



Hailing from Glasgow, Scotland, Watt combines old Celtic songs with American blues.

The Kill the Chill winter concert series, hosted in the annex of the Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath, will continue on Saturday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. with a performance by Steve Watt.

Watt is a guitarist and singer-songwriter from

Glasgow, Scotland, who combines old Celtic songs, American blues and contemporary songwriting to create a new sound. His shows typically start with a set of acoustic guitar music featuring songs by Robert Burns and other traditional Scottish bards alongside his

own compositions. Things turn electric later in the evening when he's joined by his band to close out the night.

The Kill the Chill winter concert series showcases local talent in an intimate, limited-seating venue to create a connection between the performer and audience in the environment of a house party. Each show begins at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10. The Curtis Room is located in the Annex of the Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington Street in Bath. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 442-8455 or visit the Chocolate Church website.

The series will continue with The Colwell Brothers (blues) on February 6; Tim Rice with Chris LeVancher (jazz-folk fusion) on February 19; Hilton Park (American folk) on March 5; Ted DeMille (bluegrass) on March 12; and songstress Lauren Crosby & Golden Oak (folk) on March 19.

CLT announces cast for "Shakespeare in Hollywood"

Director Mitchell Clyde Thomas has announced the cast and crew for Community Little Theatre's upcoming production of "Shakespeare in Hollywood." A full-length comedy farce in two acts, the play won Ken Ludwig ("Lend Me a Tenor", "Moon Over Buffalo") the Helen Hayes Award for Best New Play in 2004. The production will open on Friday, February 12 and run through Sunday, February 21.

As the play opens, it's 1934, and Shake-

spere's most famous fairies, Oberon and Puck, have magically materialized on the Warner Bros. Hollywood set of Max Reinhardt's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Instantly smitten by the glitz and glamour of show biz, the two are ushered onto the silver screen to play themselves in the movie. With a little help from a feisty flower, blonde bombshells and movie moguls, they are tossed into loopy love triangles, with raucous results.

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Dance

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Hauser, and Mary Carbonara.

The Young Dancers Workshop, a structured, noncompetitive program designed for pre-profes-

sional dance students, features intensive study with a gifted faculty that includes modern teachers Garfield Lemonius and Tristan Koepke; veteran ballet instructors Mirk-Robles and Martha Tornay; jazz teacher Courtney B. Jones; hip hop phenomenon Shakia Johnson; improvisation teacher Heidi Henderson; and repertory with choreographer and teacher Danté Brown.

Known for its emphasis on the integral relationship between dance

and music, the festival features a roster of acclaimed musicians who accompany classes and present an annual concert. In residence this summer will be accompanists Adam Crawley, Glen Fittin, Peter Jones, Carl Landa, Jesse Manno and Shamou.

For more information about the Bates Dance Festival, call 786-6381, email admission director Meredith Lyons at dancefest@bates.edu, or see www.bates-dancefestival.org.

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Thursday, January 14

Constituent Outreach Hours. Staff reps. of Sen. Angus King are on hand today at the city halls of Lewiston (10 a.m. to noon) and Auburn (2 to 4 p.m.) to meet with area residents about specific problems, legislative issues or concerns about federal govt. agencies. No appt. needed. FMI call 1-800-432-1599.

Open House. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Woodlands Senior Living, 45 Mollison Way, Lewiston. Come see Woodlands' second 32-bed "neighborhood" for potential residents in need of memory care. Again 01/15-17 (Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Drop-ins welcome; no appt. required.

"HeartMath... Mitigating the Effects of Stress." 1:30 p.m. Chairmen's Rooms, lower level, 12 High Street, CMMC campus, Lewiston. Certified clinical exercise physiologist Monica Dawe discusses the effects of stress on heart health. Again at 6 p.m. Free. 795-8448.

Friday, January 15

French Sing-Along 1:30 p.m. Rm. 170, Lewiston-Auburn College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. All are welcome; songbooks provided so those less than fluent in French can follow along. Free. 576-4109.

Saturday, January 16

Public Supper & Music Jam. 4:30 p.m. Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, 2261 Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. Dinner served from 5 to 6:30, music from 6:30 to 8:30. Baked beans, hot dogs, casseroles, all the fixin's and desserts. \$7. 268-9271; 331-4719.

Cello Concert. 5 p.m. Olin Arts Center, Bates College, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. Four cellists affiliated with New York City's progressive Decoda Ensemble perform works by J.S. Bach, Maurice Ravel and jazz bassist Ron Carter. Free, but tix required from olinarts@bates.edu.

Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston. MSO

Calendar

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performs music by Mozart and Spain's Ravel, de Falla and Chabrier. \$20; college students and those 18- free. Cash or check only at door. For adv. tix, call 846-5378 or see www.midcoastsymphony.org.

Concert: Steve Watt. 7:30 p.m. Curtis Room, Chocolate Church Annex, 804 Washington St., Bath. This singer-songwriter-guitarist from Glasgow, Scotland, who combines old Celtic songs, American blues and contemporary songwriting. \$10. 442-8455.

Sunday, January 17

Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Mary's Nutrition Center, 208 Bates St., Lewiston. Stock up on local supplies on this last day of the market's winter season; Market Café. Credit cards, SNAP accepted. 513-3848.

Country Sunday. Noon to 5 p.m. Sportsmen's Club, 2782 Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. Country Fest Maine presents an afternoon of live music and dancing; raffles, door prizes, 50/50, concessions. \$5; kids 11-free. 536-9647; 377-8035.

Tuesday, January 19

CMHRA Meeting. 7:45 to 10 a.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. The Central Maine Human Resources Assoc. presents its annual employment law update. \$25 (members free); incl. full breakfast. Register online at <http://cmhra.shrm.org/events>.

Wednesday, January 20

Maine Women's Network Meeting. 11:30 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. Luanne Starr Rhoades, LCPC, LADC, CCS, of Health Affiliates Maine discusses how depression can affect women in business. \$21 (\$17 members); incl. lunch. Register by 01/18 at www.mainewomensnetwork.com.

Friday, January 22

Theater: "The Ladies

Foursome." 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. Tony Award-winning actress Judith Ivey directs this comedy about women, golf, and the joys and sorrows of friendship. \$20. Again 01/23-24, 28-31 (Sats. at 8 p.m., Suns. At 2 p.m.) 782-3200; www.thepublictheatre.org.

Saturday, January 23

"But Wait, I'm Not a Therapist." 9 to 11:00 a.m. Central Maine Community College, Turner St., Auburn. Mary Anne Peabody, Ed.D., L.C.S.W., discusses therapeutic techniques for supporting the social and emotional health of young children. \$29. 755-5280; www.cmcc.edu/ccs.

Benefit Spaghetti Supper & Raffle. 4:30 to 6 p.m. VFW Post 1603, 588 Minot Ave., Auburn. Spaghetti & meatballs, mac & cheese, casseroles, salad, sides, dessert and beverages; cash bar, take-out. Proceeds benefit Shayna Newton, who is battling a rare disorder of the central nervous system. \$7/4. 345-3124; 784-5284.

Sunday, January 24

"Selecting Native Woody Plants for your Home." 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. Justin Nichols, formerly of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, discusses native woody landscape plants. Suggested donation \$5. 798-5899; www.btl.org/gardeing-workshops.

Tuesday, January 26

Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Reps. from Brann & Isaacson discuss "The I-9 Process." \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Public Meeting. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers, City Hall, 27 Pine St.,

Lewiston. Residents and business owners interested in the Bartlett Street and Sidewalk Improvements Project are invited to attend. 513-3003, ext. 3421; jearly@lewistonmaine.gov.

Thursday, January 28

Theater: "The Ladies Foursome." 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. Tony Award-winning actress Judith Ivey directs Norm Foster's comedy about women, golf, and the joys and sorrows of friendship. \$20. Again 01/29-31 (Sats. at 8 p.m., Suns. At 2 p.m.) 782-3200; www.thepublictheatre.org.

Sunday, January 31

"Growing Small Fruits." 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. David Handley of UMaine Cooperative Extension discusses home methods for growing blueberries, strawberries and raspberries. Suggested donation \$5. 798-5899; www.btl.org/gardeing-workshops.

Sunday, February 7

Table Tour. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Viles Arboretum, 153 Hospital St., Augusta. Prepare for the big game by getting some outdoor activity on the groomed trails while sampling a variety of foods from area eateries. \$25 (\$10 ages 10-); toddlers free. 626-7989; www.vilesarboretum.org.

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Alvin And The Chipmunks: The Road Chip (PG)	1:10			
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The Big Short (R)	3:20	6:45		

The Big Short will not play @ 3:20 and 6:45 on Saturday January 16th

Wednesday, February 10

"Intro. to Self-Employment." Noon to 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Learn about the pros and cons of owning your own business, steps to get started, parts of a business plan, and resources to help you succeed. Pres. by New Ventures Maine. Free. Register at 557-1885.

Thursday, February 11

Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Reps. from Linnell, Choate & Webber discuss "The Small Claims Court Process for Account Collection and Other Business Disputes." \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Sunday, February 21

"Gardening Without Aches and Pains." 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. Ellen Gibson of U Maine Cooperative Extension discusses how to avoid joint, muscle and back pain while gardening. Suggested donation \$5. 798-5899; www.btl.org/gardeing-workshops.

Tuesday, February 23

Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:15 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Reps. from Isaacson & Raymond discuss "Like Kind Exchanges (sometimes called 1031 exchanges) for Real Estate." \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.




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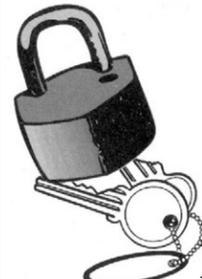
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CLT

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The mischievous magic of Hollywood sparkles in this hilarious comic romp that is appropriate for all audiences.

"King Oberon" will be played by Stephen Brakey of New Gloucester, making his CLT debut. Also appearing in her first show at CLT will be Lilly Gardiner of Brunswick, playing the role of mischievous fairy "Puck." CLT favorite Roger Philippon plays "Jack Warner" and Chip Morrison, one of the company's long-standing actors, plays the oldest movie-making Warner Brother, "Harry." Playing the other two brothers are former Auburn city counselors Bruce Bickford ("Albert") and Adam Lee ("Sam"), who

doubles in the role of movie star "Joe E. Brown."

After an 11-year break, Melissa Stevens of Lewiston will return to the CLT stage in the role of "Lydia Lansing." Also returning are Andrea Quaid of Lewiston as the infamous radio personality "Louella Parsons," Paul Menenez of Lewiston as Warner's yes-man "Daryl," David Marshall of Monmouth as director "Max Reinhardt" and Dan Kane of Auburn as "Jimmy Cagney."

A husband and wife pair of newcomers from Windham, Charlie and Rebecca Cole, will play Hollywood censor "Will Hays" and the other leading lady role of "Olivia Darnell." Movie actor "Dick Powell" will be played by Henry Quintal of Augusta, in his first appearance at CLT.

The remaining members of the ensemble are Dwight J. Wilcoxson, Bre Allard, Jane Mitchell, Lynn O'Donnell, Linda Sherwood, Zachary Morin and Yoel Sherwood.

Among the volunteers assisting with the production are stage manager and set designer Britny Anderson, producer Heidi McCurdy, assistant producer Hayden Thomas, assistant director Stefanie Lynn, costume director Nancy Kenneally, technical director Tom Anderson, artistic and vocal coach Patricia Phillips, lighting director Richard Martin, light operator Maureen Brann, and costume team members Katie Luu and Dominique Cyr.

Viles Arboretum offers annual Table Tour

Viles Arboretum in Augusta will present its popular annual Table Tour on Sunday, February 7. Last year, over three hundred participants gathered to snowshoe, ski or hike on the groomed trails while sampling culinary delights supplied by a variety of restaurants and food providers from the Capital City area.

After enjoying delicious fare from hearty chowder to fresh baked breads, no one leaves the event with an appetite, especially after ending with a dessert and a cup of freshly brewed coffee or other warm beverage. It's a great way to get some fun outdoor activity before



The Arboretum's groomed trails are great for snowshoeing, skiing and hiking.



Food tables along the course allow participants to sample culinary delights from a variety of Capital City eateries.

settling down to watch the big game. Trails will open at 11 a.m., trail foods will be served until 1 p.m., and desserts, coffee and hot beverages will be served at the main building, located at the end of the course, until 2 p.m.

"This is the only event of its kind that I know of, and it's a great opportunity to get outdoors, meet some new people, enjoy some terrific food, and support the programs and initiatives of the Arboretum," said Executive Director Mark DesMeules. "This year, the course will feature dozens of beautiful stone sculptures that are part of the Arboretum's Sculpture and Nature Project at various points along the trail."

Tickets are \$25 (\$22.50 for members) or \$10 for kids ages ten and under. There is no charge for toddlers. Groups may purchase a block of five tickets or more for an employee, family or social outing at a special rate of \$15 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the Arboretum at 626-7989 or from 10 to 11 a.m. on the day of the event.

Viles Arboretum maintains 20 botanical collections across its 224 acres of fields, forests, and wetlands, all centrally located at 153 Hospital Street in Augusta. It offers an ever-changing selection of natural history programs, with a focus on interactive, creative and hands-on

learning, for the general public and schools. For more information about the Arboretum and its programs, call 626-7989 or see www.vilesarboretum.org.

New Ventures offers small business workshops

Would you like to start a small business but are not really sure how to get started? If so, New Ventures Maine will present two tuition-free, small business planning classes in January and February that might have the answers you need.

"Introduction to Self-Employment" is a two-hour workshop that will help you decide if self-employment is the right choice for you. The class covers the pros and cons of owning your own business, the steps needed to get started, the major elements of a business plan, and the many resources available to help you succeed. It will take place on Wednesday, February 10, from noon to 2 p.m. at Auburn Public Library, 49 Spring Street in Auburn.

"Business Basics" is a nine-hour, three-session class that covers the basics of a business plan, marketing and cash planning. It is suitable for those thinking about or in the early stages of launching a new business. The class will help you assess the feasibility, desirability and viability of your idea and start writing your business plan. It will take place on Wednesdays, January 20, 27 and February 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at USM's Lewiston-Auburn campus, 51 Westminster Street in Lewiston. For more information or to register for either class, contact Karleen at 557-1885 or karleen.andrews@maine.edu.

New Ventures Maine is administered by the University of Maine at Augusta and operates out of ten offices statewide.

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Northeast Bank employees Deb Smith, Sue Chandonnet, and Donna Obie recently volunteered at the Meals on Wheels kitchen of SeniorsPlus.

Northeast Bank employees recently volunteered in the Meals on Wheels kitchen, while the bank became a Silver Sponsor at the \$1500 level for the

Fill the Plate Breakfast scheduled for March 18 at the Hilton Garden Riverwatch in Auburn. The annual breakfast benefits the Meals on Wheels program at SeniorsPlus, Western Maine's designated agency on aging.

"Northeast Bank has been a strong supporter of our Meals on Wheels program on many levels," said Betsy Sawyer-Manter, Executive Director of SeniorsPlus. "We very much appreciate their help, both in and out of the kitchen."

The Fill the Plate Breakfast celebrates older adults in the community and the people who serve them. The breakfast is presented in conjunction with March for Meals, a national campaign of the Meals on Wheels Association of America.

Senator invites students to serve as pages

With the Legislature reconvening last week, Democratic Sen. Nate Libby of Lewiston would like to remind local schools and students about the Senate Honorary Page program at the State House in Augusta. The day-long program gives students a unique opportunity, not only to observe the state's legislative process, but to be a part of it. All students from third grade through high school are encouraged to participate.

"It is always an honor to host Lewiston students during their visit to the State House," said Sen. Libby. "This is a great experience to learn how the legislature works and to view the law-making process firsthand."

Honorary pages help deliver messages, distribute documents within the Senate Chamber, interact with the senators and, most importantly, take part in a real-world, interactive legislative learning experience.

The Legislature's second session began on January 6 and is expected to run through April. Honorary pages are needed throughout the session, so scheduling is flexible. For more information or to schedule a visit, contact Sen. Libby's office at 287-1515 or email him at nathan.libby@gmail.com.

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