

## Lewiston Adult Ed. comedy students perform April 16



Students in this year's Standup Comedy Workshop pose with instructor Dawn Hartill (l.). From left are Jacob Israel, Julie Poulin, Dan Marois, Greg Simpson, Leonard Kimble, Kevin Briggs, Adrian Boudreau, and Nic Dufault.

Lewiston Adult Education students will perform material they wrote as part of their six-week Standup Comedy Workshop on Monday, April 16 at 6 p.m. at Guthrie's

Restaurant & Café. The show will be hosted by Maine Event Comedy producer Mark Turcotte and is open to the public at no charge.

This is the third annu-

al performance by Lewiston Adult Education students at Guthrie's, located at 115 Middle Street in Lewiston. The show serves as the students' final exam

See **Adult Ed**, page 4

## Give blood during National Volunteer Month

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood during National Volunteer Month in April. Donating blood is a simple way for those who are short on time to make a life-changing difference.

Kay Whaley knows the

impact of blood donations. When she was nine, she was in an accident and received many transfusions. That experience inspired her to become a blood donor. "It takes about an hour of your time and could save the life of a friend, neighbor, or even

family member," she said. "It doesn't cost anything and is the greatest gift you could give."

Volunteer donors are the only source of blood products for those in need of transfusions. Donors of See **Blood Drive**, page 4

## SAPARS Celebrity Fundraiser Dinner



Pictured l. to r. Stephan Cornish of Magical DJ Productions, Marty McIntyre of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services, Jeff Peterson from WGME. TCT photo by Millie Kidd. More photos on page 6.

## Chamber rebrands B2B Trade Show as LA Metro Marketplace

The Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce has completed its acquisition of the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council, adding privately funded economic development to the chamber's existing menu of services.

Replacing the LAEGC's 22-year-old annual Maine B2B Trade Show in 2018 will be the chamber's LA Metro Marketplace, a

new event that will incorporate the best of the Trade Show's business-to-business networking focus while adding three new components: an opportunity for high school students to engage with the regional business community; a Job Fair; and the launch of an image campaign to promote the L-A region as a great place to work, live, and play.

The event will take place under one roof at the Bates Mill complex on Thursday, June 7. Registration for businesses and organizations to participate is now available at [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

Businesses and organizations are encouraged to sponsor and participate for four reasons:

To promote the image of the LA community to local high school students. From 9:30 to 11 a.m., students will have exclusive entry to the Marketplace to interact with 150 businesses and organizations, showcasing the wealth of quality career choices available in the region. The Marketing Class at Lewiston High School's Regional Technical Center is working with the chamber to design this portion

of the day and to help each exhibitor create their student experience.

To promote the development of the local workforce. The chamber's annual Job Fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Businesses and organizations that are not currently hiring may take this time to enjoy lunch, entertainment, or one of several professional development seminars.

To conduct business-to-business networking and business-to-consumer sales. The Marketplace will be open to the public from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

And to celebrate a new direction in the LA Metro Area with Business After Hours from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. We can make it here if we all believe in the potential of our region to lead Maine's future.

"The LA Metro Marketplace will be the chamber's new premiere annual event," said LA Metro Chamber of Commerce president Beckie Conrad. "The Marketplace will activate the chamber membership's collective energy and aspirations to promote the L-A region as a place See **Chamber**, page 4

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Snow Angel Challenge raises \$3,610 for AHCH



The Fortin Group presents a donation check to Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice for its first Snow Angel Challenge. Pictured here (from left) are Fortin Group Funeral Director Roger Bouffard, Family Services Manager Matthew Richard, General Manager Kevin Simoneau, with AHCH's Director of Marketing & Development Sonya Purington and President and CEO Ken Albert.

It would be safe to say that Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice's Snow Angel Challenge took the area by storm. During the month of February, the agency challenged people to video or photograph themselves, friends, neighbors, or pets

making snow angels, and to post the results to Facebook with the hashtag #AHCHangel. For every post, the Fortin Group donated \$5 to support patient care at AHCH for those who otherwise cannot afford it. By months' end, 722 angels had been made, raising \$3,610.

The challenge created a buzz locally and on social media, attracting more than 20,000 video views within the first week. Snow Angels were made across New England and the United States. Craftsbury Academy, a small school in See **AHCH**, page 5

## Turner student named 2018 salutatorian at Umaine



Brianna DeGone of Turner has been named

salutarian of the University of Maine at Orono's 2018 graduating class. Along with valedictorian Graham Van Goffrier of Norwell, Massachusetts, she will be honored at the school's 216th commencement in Harold Alfond Sports Arena in May. Valedictorian and salutatorian are the highest honors that recognize students for outstanding academic achievements and for contributions to UMaine and beyond. Candidates

nominated from each UMaine college are evaluated on the strength, breadth and rigor of their academic achievements, evidence of intellectual promise, character, service, and other accomplishments. DeGone, who is also the Outstanding Graduating Student in the College of Engineering, is a first-generation college student who will receive a bachelor's degree in bioengineering with a minor in business See **UMaine**, page 5

## Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services honored at State House



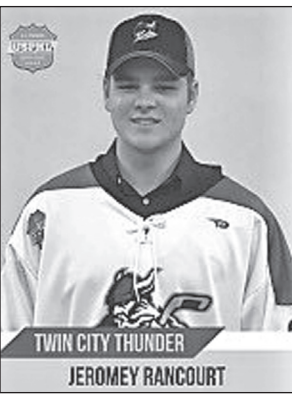
Pictured here (l. to r., from front) are Director of Programs Ayman Nijim, Sen. Nate Libby, Director of Family Services Jama Mohamed, Director of Development (and former State Senator) Bonnie Titcomb Lewis, Public Relations Director Lisa Day, Operations Manager Marian Abu, Executive Director Rilwan Osman, and Teddy Burrage.

Sen. Nate Libby (D-Lewiston) welcomed representatives from Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services to the State House recently to recognize the 10th anniversary of the organization with a Legislative Sentiment, a significant expression by the Legislature in recognition of civic and public achievement.

MEIRS was founded in Lewiston in 2008 by Rilwan Osman, Abdikadir Negeye, and other young Somalis who saw a desperate need to help refugee youth become educated and empowered members of their new community. It has since grown into an organization that not only educates, assists, and

empowers immigrant and refugee youth, but also helps their entire families toward a goal of mental, emotional and physical wellbeing. During their day at the State House, MEIRS hosted a well-attended, bipartisan lunch to introduce legislators from around the state to Somali cuisine.

## Twin City Thunder signs first player



Jeromey Rancourt was a standout player on a two-time Class A state championship-winning team at Lewiston High School. The Twin City Thunder hockey team has announced the signing

of its first player. Jeromey Rancourt has been a member of a two-time Class A state championship-winning team at Lewiston High School, a four-time MEAHA state championship- and two-time USA Hockey Tier 2 national championship-winning Maine Moose team, and most recently the T1EHL Fox Motors. In its inaugural 2018-19 season, the Twin City Thunder will compete in the USPHL Premier North Division, playing their home games at Norway Savings Bank Arena in Auburn.

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# Governor's Address: Let's Prohibit Towns from Making Our Elderly Homeless

As we wrap up this legislative session, I am making our elderly a top priority. Unfortunately, they are not a priority for Democrats.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, Senior citizens on fixed incomes struggle to pay rising property taxes. Municipalities are allowed under current law to foreclose and sell the property for the amount of taxes owed.

Consumers have many protections if a foreclosure involves a mortgage. When the bank forecloses, it sells the house and pays the homeowner any remaining equity after all debts are paid.

However, in a municipal foreclosure, when a senior citizen owns the home outright, those protections disappear. There's no requirement that the municipality sell the property at market value and no requirement that the balance of the equity be returned to the homeowner.

We're talking about people living on fixed incomes. Their home's value is their only savings.

Our amendment to my bill, LD 1629, "An Act to Protect the Elderly from Tax Lien Foreclosures," protects seniors facing foreclosure.

It requires that when a municipality forecloses on a homeowner age 65 or older, the property will be sold whole while providing the senior with the rest of the home's equity. The senior can avoid becoming homeless with some of their life's savings.

Democrats say these foreclosures don't happen enough to pass a law about it. But once is too often for this shameful practice to occur - and it's already happened multiple times.

Think about that: if it rarely happens, then the amendment will not burden towns - as the Maine Municipal Association has argued.

Democrats are siding with the Maine Municipal Association, which is funded with property tax dollars. MMA Executive Director Stephen W. Gove and MMA's lobbyist Kate Dufour vigorously oppose our efforts to help keep the elderly in their homes.

Make no mistake, the Maine Municipal Association does not care about elderly taxpayers. They only care about tax revenue, no matter where they get it.

Frankly, it's heinous when lobbyists and politicians - both paid by taxpayer dollars - argue that it's bad to burden a town, but it's okay to throw seniors out of their homes.

And, on the other hand, if it's happening with any frequency, we must stop it. Maine has more than 400 towns. If this only happens in each town once every 10 years, that averages more than 40 seniors losing their homes and their equity each year.

Our amendment takes no revenue away from towns. But towns should not get one more penny from a senior or any taxpayer than what is owed, and seniors deserve the equity from their own home.

If Democrats and local officials think foreclosing on our elderly is a good way to increase revenue, folks, we're even worse off than I thought. Contact your legislators and tell them to help our elderly stay in their homes.

Thank you.  
Paul LePage  
Governor



Governor Paul R. LePage

## Rotary Club hosts Whiting Farm director



Kim Finnerty, with Winnie

The next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Lunch Club on Thursday, April 19, from noon to 1 p.m. will feature guest speaker Kim Finnerty of Auburn's Whiting Farm. The event will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Finnerty has been the Director of Whiting Farm since 2015. She became interested in agriculture as a teacher at Edward Little High School, where she created the "Chemistry through Agriculture" program as a way of engaging her students in their learning. Under her leadership, Whiting Farm has become a working four-season farm dedicated to offering education, nutrition, and enrichment to local populations of diverse needs. During her tenure, she has created partnerships with many area nonprofits to make the farm a community asset. The farm is open year-round, selling Poinsettia's, annuals, and fresh produce and offering community engagement programs and education space.

Finnerty serves on the board of the Lewiston-Auburn Food Council and is a member of the Auburn Agriculture and Natural Resources Rezoning Committee. She holds a B.A. in Chemistry from West Virginia University.

Guests are welcome and no reservations are required. For more information, call 713-7045 or see [www.lewistonauburnrotary.org](http://www.lewistonauburnrotary.org).

## City promotes Hediger to Director of Planning and Code Enforcement

The City of Lewiston will promote David Hediger to serve as its next Director of Planning and Code Enforcement. Hediger, who now serves as deputy director of the department, will assume the leadership role on June 1 with the retirement of current director Gil Arsenault.

"David has been a valued city employee for just shy of 20 years and has been the department's deputy director since 2002," said City Administrator Barret. "He knows the city and its organization and is respected by staff and members of the community for his dedication, hard work, and for treating all those with whom he comes into professional contact fairly. His promotion will ensure a seamless transition in the department's leadership."

"Dave is a great choice and was unanimously recommended by the hiring panel," said City Councilor Jim Lysen, who served on the panel with Deputy Administrator Denis D'Auteuil and resident Craig Saddle-mire. "In recent years, he has been responsible for coordinating the development of our award-winning Riverfront Island Master Plan and our recently adopted Legacy Lewiston comprehensive plan. I am pleased that he will now lead our efforts to implement these plans. I look forward to discussing with the Council the resources necessary to continue and expand the department's important work."

"I am very pleased to have been chosen for this position," said Hediger. "Planning and Code Enforcement plays a large role in the desirability, health,

safety, and welfare of a community. Credit should be given to director Gil Arsenault, who has been very effective in guiding this department. The city is fortunate to have a department with staff who are experienced and care about the community. I'm proud to be able to continue serving the citizens of Lewiston and look forward to maintaining and improving upon the high level of service our residents expect from the city."

Prior to his promotion to deputy director, Hediger served as the city's Land Use Inspection Officer. He holds a master's degree in Public Policy and Management from the University of Southern Maine and a B.A. in Geography and Environmental Planning and Policy from the University of Maine in Farmington. He is a certified Maine code enforcement officer and is certified in erosion control practices by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.



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## National Work Zone Awareness Week

National Work Zone Awareness Week 2018 takes place April 9 through 13 as a way to raise public awareness of work zone hazards. Motorists are encouraged to slow to posted speed limits, eliminate distractions while driving, and be watchful for roadway workers and their equipment. This year's NWZAW theme is "Work Zone Safety: Everybody's Responsibility."

According to the Federal Highway Administration, there were an estimated

96,626 crashes in work zones in 2015, an increase of 7.8% from 2014. On average, in 2015: a work zone crash occurred once every 5.4 minutes; every day, 70 work zone crashes occurred that resulted in at least one injury; every week, 12 work zone crashes occurred that resulted in at least one fatality; and in Maine, we average over 500 crashes and two fatalities per year in work zones.

NWZAW was formed by the American Traffic

## City unveils new website

The City of Lewiston's redesigned new web site is now up and running. Led by host Civic Plus, the redesign work started in May of 2017 in an effort to make the site

Safety Services Association, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and the Federal Highway Administration.

The Maine Turnpike Authority would like to remind motorists that, when behind the wheel, safety

more-user friendly, aesthetically appealing, informative for users, up-to-date on ADA compliance. The new site can be viewed at [www.lewistonmaine.gov](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov).

is in your hands. For more information on work zone awareness, visit [www.maineturnpike.com/nwzaw](http://www.maineturnpike.com/nwzaw).

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## Chamber

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to work, live, and play by engaging local high school students, attracting young entrepreneurs, and promoting our new focus on cultural and sports tourism."

Participating businesses and organizations will be clustered in one of seven pavilions: the Marketplace of Ideas (education); the Marketplace of Prosperity (financial and lifestyle services); Discover L-A Maine (arts, culture, sports, recreation and hospitality); the Marketplace of Makers (manufacturing and artisans); the Marketplace of Well-Being (health and wellness); the Marketplace of Possibility (nonprofits and creative problem solvers); and the Marketplace (municipalities and retail sales).

"This curated event will create a visual experience of the L-A community that will leave attendees saying, 'I want to live, work, or play in the LA Metro area,'" said Conrad.

For more information or to reserve a kiosk in the marketplace, call 783-2249 or see [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

## Adult Ed

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for the workshop.

Professional comedian Dawn Hartill taught the class. "It was my pleasure to share my experience and help guide the work of these aspiring comedians," said Hartill. "They have worked very hard, and I am so proud of every one of them."

The students, who have careers in fields such as writing, banking, information technology, and actuarial support, worked with Hartill on premises, punchlines, and stage presence to develop solid stand-up comedy routines.

## Blood Drive

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all blood types are needed to help meet patient needs this spring. To make an appointment to donate blood, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

All who donate through May 13 will be entered to win one of three \$1,000 gift cards to a national home improvement retailer, courtesy of Suburban Propane. (Restrictions apply: for details, see [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).) Upcoming local blood donation opportunities include:

Auburn: April 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saint Philips Parish, 2365 Turner Road; April 23, 1 to 6 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 14 Great Falls Plaza.

Lewiston: April 16-18, 23-25, 30, 12:45 to 6:15 p.m., Central Maine Medical Center, 60 High Street; April 19 and 26, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Central Maine Medical Center, 60 High Street; April 22 and 29, 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Central Maine Medical Center, 60 High Street; April 19, 1 to 6 p.m., USM's Lewiston-Auburn College, 51-55 Westminster Street; April 24, 2 to 7 p.m., Farwell Elementary School, 84 Farwell Street.

Standish: April 21, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Standish Town Hall, 175 Northeast Road.

Windham: April 18, 12 to 5 p.m., North Windham Veterans Center, 35 Veterans Memorial Drive.

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## Ensuring Maine’s Transportation Needs are Met by Investing in Rural Infrastructure

By Senator Susan M. Collins

In my travels throughout Maine, I’ve seen firsthand the positive effects of investing in our seaports, railroads, roads, and bridges to improve safety, boost our economy, and create and save much-needed jobs. As Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee in the Senate, one of my highest priorities has been to improve our nation’s infrastructure and to ensure that Maine’s needs are addressed.

A key to meeting this goal is the TIGER grant program. Since the program’s inception in 2009, I have worked to secure more than \$133 million for critical transportation investments throughout Maine, including bridges, seaports, and rail projects. Maine TIGER applications have been successful in every funding round.

This winning streak continued earlier this month with the announcement that the Maine Department of Transportation will receive more than \$10.8 million in TIGER funding to replace three bridges in Piscataquis and Penobscot Counties that are structurally deficient and in serious need of repair. Local residents rely on these bridges, which connect them with adjacent communities and provide essential transportation links for loggers and visitors as well. This project will improve public safety and help to create and support jobs in rural Maine.

The three bridges that will be replaced under MDOT’s “Penquis Region Rural Bridges Project” are

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administration.

DeGone is also a member of the UMaine women’s track and field team. Her personal-best throw of 36.99 meters in the javelin ranks eighth-best in program history. She has been recognized as a scholar-athlete for three consecutive years.

DeGone was one of 127 sophomores nationwide to be selected as a 2016 Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholar. As a Hollings Scholar, DeGone spent last summer doing water quality research on the Kennebunk River Watershed for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Based at Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve in southern Maine, she also participated in studies focusing on York River fisheries, green crabs, and lobsters.

In fall 2016, DeGone interned with IDEXX Laboratories in Westbrook, working in research and development on veterinary diagnostic devices. This

the Mattawamkeag Bridge on State Route 2, the Pleasant River Bridge in Milo, and the West Branch Bridge on State Route 11 over the West Branch of the Penobscot River. It is imperative that these bridges be replaced before they fall into complete disrepair, which would have negative effects on the region’s infrastructure and economy. In fact, MDOT calculates that, without these crucial bridges, detours would add from 12 to nearly 100 miles to one-way trips. This would have damaging consequences for area residents and for the forestry industry that drives the local economy.

I have worked each year to ensure that TIGER has been funded and have strongly advocated for the projects submitted by MDOT. Among the Maine projects that have received TIGER funding are the replacement of bridges in Kittery, Dresden-Richmond, and Rumford, as well as the breakwater in Eastport, and improvements in all three of Maine’s major ports in Portland, Searsport, and Eastport. A TIGER grant also helped save freight rail service in Northern Maine. The TIGER program has made a signifi-

year, DeGone has been a member of a capstone research team developing a wearable bio-sensing device to aid first responders assisting missing persons.

In addition to being a student-athlete, DeGone is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Order of the Engineer, Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She tutors student-athletes and has been a Maine Learning Assistant and Head Instructional Assistant in the Chemistry Department. She has participated in several community outreach activities, local and global fundraisers, and two international mission trips to Andros, Bahamas and San Jose, Costa Rica.

DeGone has been accepted into UMaine’s MBA program and may return in the fall to complete her graduate degree and throw for the track team another year. She is also pursuing entry-level positions with biomedical companies.

cant difference in our state, providing funding for vital projects across Maine that might otherwise never have been built.

The local projects produce benefits that are felt throughout our state. In addition to those in construction fields, many other workers are employed by companies that provide products and services to support these projects, including steel, concrete, trucking, fuel, meals, and lodging. Moreover, these transportation projects will make it easier for Mainers traveling to jobs and help goods from Maine businesses reach the market. Whether directly or indirectly, these infrastructure improvements will support families and communities.

Whether in a small town or a major hub of commerce, projects such as these enhance safety, grow the economy, and create opportunity. Improving transportation in Maine requires a strong partnership at the federal, state, and local levels. Working with our state, our communities, and the private sector, I will continue to advocate for responsible investments to improve Maine’s transportation infrastructure.

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the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, had 18 students in grades five and six participate, while “Sand” Angels” were made on the beaches of Florida and California.

Locally, the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, St. Mary’s Hospital, D’Youville Pavilion, Tri-County Mental Health, The Fortin Group, and Clover Healthcare were just a few of those who posted videos of employees taking the Challenge in unison. An impressive show of force was the effort of St. Dominic Academy, which hosted events that involved all students from Grades K-12.

“It was clear that those who participated in the Challenge enjoyed memorializing a loved one in this unique way,” said Sonya Purington, Director of Marketing and Development at AHCH. “We appreciate the generosity of the Fortin Group, as well as the outstanding support across the many communities that we serve.”

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## American Legion names Libby “Legislator of the Year”



Sen. Nate Libby (c.), with Matt Jabaut (l.) and Jerry DeWitt

Sen. Nate Libby (D-Lewiston) has been named “Legislator of the Year” by the American Legion Department of Maine. The award was presented to Libby at a recent ceremony by Lewiston native Matt Jabaut, Second Vice Commander, American Legion Department of Maine, and Jerry DeWitt, commander of

Legion Post 22 of Lewiston. Libby was recognized for his work helping veterans access benefits owed to them.

In 2017, Libby sponsored LD 465, “An Act to Assist Veterans in their Applications for Service-Related Benefits,” which would have required the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services

to take all benefit claims cases that veterans bring to them, rather than allowing them to cherry-pick cases under the current system. While the bill failed to pass, it raised awareness of the problem. Other non-governmental partners, including the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, have become engaged in the issue and are working to fill gaps in services.

“Ensuring that all veterans are treated fairly, regardless of the difficulty or complexity of their benefit claims, is just a small way that we can ensure we’re repaying our debt to America’s veterans,” said Libby. “I’m honored to be recognized by the American Legion in this way, and I will strive every day to live up to this honor in the State Senate.”

## Perloff Family Fund offers grants for public schools

The Perloff Family Fund of the Maine Community Foundation is now accepting applications for four grant programs that benefit public schools in Maine.

One-year Fast Track Grants of up to \$3,000 are available for all areas of pre-K through 12th grade. Applications for the 2018-19 school year are now available and close June 30.

STEM4ME grants of up to \$5,000 focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and are funded on a rolling basis for up to two years. These grants enable students to create real-world solutions to problems in areas such as renewable energy, ecology, automation, space science, and sustainable food production. Integration with the arts and humanities is encouraged when possible.

Robotics grants support pre-K through 12th-

grade programs that are integrated into the curriculum. All students at a particular grade level are generally expected to participate, including those who fall into special needs categories. Sufficient numbers of laptops should be available for all students to engage in programming.

The Perloff Family Fund also provides special funding on a rolling basis to smaller, rural schools for programs such as the Children’s Stage Adventure.

More information

and applications are available by emailing donor services associate Helen McCain at [hmccain@mainecf.org](mailto:hmccain@mainecf.org) or from the Perloff Family Foundation’s website at [www.perloffgrants.org](http://www.perloffgrants.org).

Headquartered in Ellsworth, with additional offices in Portland, Dover-Foxcroft, and Mars Hill, the Maine Community Foundation works with donors and other partners to improve the quality of life for all Maine people. To learn more about the foundation, visit [www.mainecf.org](http://www.mainecf.org).

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# Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services Celebrity Dinner Fundraisor



Attendees scope out the silent auction items. TCT photo by Millie Kidd



Celebrity waiters serving their tables. TCT photo by Millie Kidd



Celebrity Waiters and Waitresses decorate their aprons in preperation for a fun night! TCT photo by Millie Kidd



Tables fill quickly as festivities begin! TCT photo by Millie Kidd

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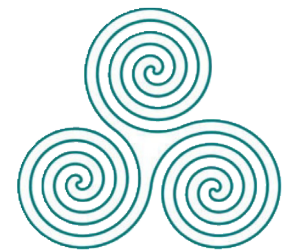
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This year’s Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services Celebrity Fundraising Dinner was another wonderful success! The servers had fun performing their “talents” and auctioning off funny items and awesome giveaways. The dinner raised over \$21,000!

Twin City Time’s Millie Kidd was present at the dinner as a celebrity waitress for the first

time and had an incredible time. With her history in karate, the “talent” she decided to share was a bit about self-defense and staying safe—rather fitting for Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

There will be more information from the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services in Twin City Times throughout the month of April, so be sure to keep a look out!

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## April program highlights at SeniorsPlus

Highlights from the April program schedule at SeniorsPlus are listed below. Unless otherwise noted, classes are free and take place at SeniorsPlus' Education Center at 8 Falcon Road in Lewiston. For more information or to register, call 800-427-1241. To view their complete program calendar, including ongoing groups and fitness classes, see [www.seniorsplus.org](http://www.seniorsplus.org).

**Bates Photo Project Information Session.** Friday, April 13, from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. with instructor Mark Pechenik of the Alzheimer's Association. Do you love photography? And are you or your loved one living with early stage dementia or memory challenges? If so, join us for this information session about the free Bates Photo Project, where you and your care partner will be matched with a Bates College student this spring to learn how to take expert nature photographs using your smartphones.

**Hearing Health.** Tuesday, April 17, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. with instructor Nancy Whittier of Shapiro Hearing Aid Centers. How is your hearing? Do you often ask people to repeat? Do you misunderstand what people are saying? It's not surprising that we have a hard time to admit that we are struggling with our hearing. It often takes a person seven years to actually pursue help. What is surprising is that there is a strong correlation between hearing loss and dementia. Along with the presentation, Nancy Whittier, BC-HIS, will offer a free hearing screening (by appointment) at her 410 Main Street location to anyone in attendance.

**Five Wishes.** Tuesday, April 17, from 1 to 2 p.m. with instructor Angela Moore of Beacon Hospice. National Healthcare Decisions Week occurs the week of April 16. Do you have your own advance directive? Have you talked to your loved ones about theirs? Join us for a candid conversation about advance directives and how to approach such a delicate topic. We will review Five Wishes, which is the most popular advance directive in the United States and meets the legal requirements for Maine. The document is easy to understand. All you need to do is check the box, circle the direction, or write a few sentences to make your needs known. By taking the time to make your decisions known, you will be free of the three most common fears associated with end of life: pain, being alone, and being a burden to your loved ones.

**Crafting with Corinne: Flip Albums.** Monday, April 23, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. with instructor Corinne Saindon (costs \$5 for supplies). Flip albums are crazy right now in the crafting world. Grab a few envelopes, scrapbook paper, and adhesives and you can create a really nice album.

**Know the 10 Signs.** Tuesday, April 24, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with instructor Mark Pechenik of the Alzheimer's Association. This workshop for the general public provides a greater understanding of the difference between age-related memory loss and dementia. At the workshop, you will learn how to tell the difference between Alzheimer's and typical aging; steps to take if you recognize a warning sign in yourself or someone you know; the process to receiving an Alzheimer's diagnosis; and why early detection is crucial.

**New to Medicare.** Wednesday, April 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. with instructor Kerry Faria of SeniorsPlus. Location: 129 Elm Street, Mechanic Falls. Learn the basics and timelines of this complex system, including when you need to sign up for what, and ways to save money. Register with Mechanic Falls Adult Ed at 345-3217.

## Chewonki brings "Owls of Maine" to APL



Chewonki Educator Matt Weeks and Sparky the Great Horned Owl (Photo courtesy of Chewonki Foundation)

The Chewonki Foundation's Traveling Natural History program will present "Owls of Maine" on Thursday, April 19 at 2 p.m. in the Androscoggin Community Room at Auburn Public Library. Come learn all about the Barred Owl, Screech Owl, and Great Horned Owl, all native to Maine and New England. This program will have live owls for children to see. The program is free and best for children in kindergarten or older and their families. For more information, call 333-6640, ext. 3.

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## Down East magazine launches inaugural Maine Homes Design Awards

Down East magazine has launched its first annual Maine Homes Design Awards competition, a showcase of the professional and amateur talent that creates world-class homes across the state.

Winners in both the pro and amateur segments will be chosen through a blind judging process by a panel comprised of Portland rug designer Angela Adams; Biddeford architectural photographer Trent Bell; interior designer and Castine homeowner Loi Thai; architect Carter Williams of LDa Architecture and Interiors in Cambridge, Massachusetts; and design authority and self-professed "Maine lover" Martha Stewart, who owns a home in Seal Harbor.

"I am consistently amazed by the beautiful design I see happening here in Maine - design by talented architects, builders, interior decorators, and landscapers, yes, but also by talented homeowners whose places we frequently feature in our magazine," said Down East home editor Sarah Stebbins. "Over the winter, I got to wondering whether there was something more we could do to honor the stellar work being done here, and the result is our first Design Awards."

Industry professionals (trade business owners) and amateurs can submit entries in one or multiple categories, including living or dining space, kitchen, bathroom, curb appeal (house exterior), and landscaping. Pros will be charged \$50 per entry and amateurs \$10 per entry, with fifteen percent of net proceeds going to Maine chapters of Habitat for Humanity.

The winning projects in both the pro and amateur categories will be featured in Down East and on its affiliate website, [MaineHomes.com](http://MaineHomes.com). Between now and June 8, readers can also vote for their favorite projects on [MaineHomes.com](http://MaineHomes.com). Their top picks will be highlighted online.

The Maine Homes Design Awards contest is Down East's latest effort to shine a brighter light on the local shelter scene. Last January, the magazine launched [MaineHomes.com](http://MaineHomes.com), a resource for Maine homeowners and those dreaming of owning a home here that focuses on Maine dwellings and design, architecture, real estate, gardening, sustainability, lodging, and policy.

Last April, Down East published a special home and garden issue guest-edited by Martha Stewart, and, this year it launched a new Maine Homes section in the magazine.

Questions about the contest can be directed to 594-9544 or [events@downeast.com](mailto:events@downeast.com). For more information about the Maine Homes Design Awards, to enter the contest, or to vote, visit [MaineHomes.com/designawards](http://MaineHomes.com/designawards).

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Weekend of music and comedy at Chocolate Church



The Adam Ezra Group

Music and comedy take center stage at the Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath this weekend with performances by the Adam Ezra Group on Friday, April 13 and Ladies of Laughter on Saturday, April 14. Both shows will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Adam Ezra Group is constantly proving that they are more than just a band, musically, personally, and socially. While it's difficult to impart the roots-steeped, road-tripping essence of AEG in a single word, front man Adam Ezra nonetheless keeps one in mind as something of a mantra: community. To

the musicians of AEG, community is epitomized by a belief they share, one that has long doubled as a mission statement for the group: that making music together is in itself a form of grassroots organizing, capable of nothing less than changing the world.

The group consists of lead singer, songwriter, and guitarist Adam Ezra, Alex Martin on drums, Turtle on percussion, Corinna Smith on fiddle, Francis Hickey on bass, and Josh Gold on keyboards. Together they are creating a powerful community around the band's shows that is acquiring the flavor of a social movement as much as a traditional fan

base. This philosophy has allowed the group to explode out of their Boston-area origins to emerge as one of the most unique and entertaining live-music experi-

RCAM plans annual Auction for Action

Rural Community Action Ministry will host its seventh annual Auction for Action on Saturday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Boofy Quimby Memorial Center on Route 219 in Turner. This event supports RCAM's hunger and homeless prevention services in 14 towns in the greater Lewiston-Auburn area. Admission is free; doors will open for music, a barbecue concession, and



Kelly MacFarland

ences in the country. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Each year, hundreds of funny women apply to compete in the Ladies of Laughter contest. Saturday night's performance will feature 2016 winner Kelly MacFarland and runner-up Carolyn Plummer. While MacFarland shares her life



Carolyn Plummer

experiences in the unique way that only she can, Plummer pulls material from the hum-drum, day-to-day monotony of the life of everyman. Both comedians offer a refreshing yet playful point-of-view with candor and charm. Tickets

are \$21 in advance or \$24 at the door.

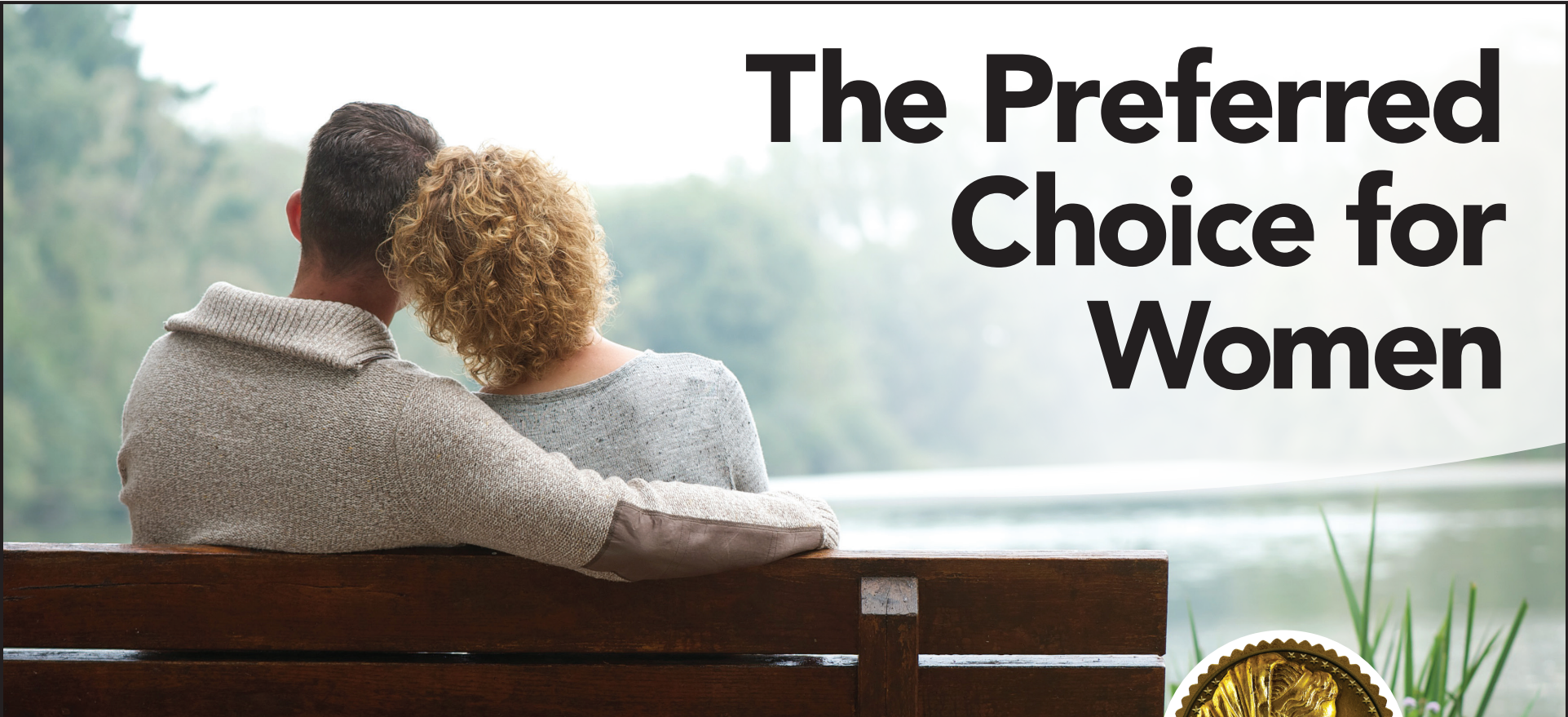
Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath. Tickets for both shows may be purchased by calling 442-8455 or at [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).

Local organizations plan Community Recycle Day

Local organizations will join forces to offer the community a convenient and free way to recycle various household items at a Community Recycle Day on Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 40 Stanley Street (just off Center Street, behind Stratham Tire) in Auburn.

Community Credit Union, eWaste Recycling Solutions, Shredding on

Site, and Stratham Tire will collect tires, televisions, printers, cell phones, eye glasses, and personal or business documents for shredding. Some restrictions may apply. The SHAREcenter will also be present to collect usable craft materials and art supplies. For a complete list of items accepted, including the SHAREcenter's wish list, see [www.communitycreditunion.com](http://www.communitycreditunion.com).



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Community Credit Union celebrates completion of Lewiston branch renovations



Among those helping to cut the ribbon were (from l.) Jessica Blackwell, Nicole Fournier, Tiffany Mathon, Marcel Gagne, Rebecca Conrad, Matthew Shaw, Lorraine Foster, Betsy Sibley, Christina Carter, JoAnn Jackson, Jen Hogan (with scissors), Laurie Pelletier, Alfreda Fournier, Kayleigh Ogden, Michelle Green, Kate Adams, Russell Giasson, Maynard Chapman, and Elizabeth Keene.

A large crowd attended the recent ribbon cutting ceremony and open house to celebrate the official completion of renovations to Community Credit Union’s branch at 144 Pine Street in Lewiston. The event was jointly presented by the L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce’s monthly Business After Hours and its UpLift L-A young professionals group.

At the event, Jen Hogan, President and CEO of Community Credit Union, was straightforward about the decision to renovate at the downtown location. “Some

people have asked - Why? It’s a one-way street, there’s crime and rundown apartment buildings... All of these things are true, and all of them are challenges. But every community, every neighborhood, has its challenges, and we are no different.

“Instead of focusing on the challenges, we choose to focus on the opportunities: the opportunity to do good, the opportunity to be a part of the solutions, the opportunity to do what credit unions exist to do - serve our members and serve our community. We’re putting

our stake in the ground today. We’re investing in our community, the downtown, our neighborhood.”

Hogan went on to challenge local businesses in attendance to do the same by looking around for opportunities to improve the community and embrace them.

The event was catered by local business Marco’s Ristorante. Good Shepherd Food Bank was on hand with two of its Backpack-Pantry Project Program participants, Longley and Washburn Elementary Schools, to share informa-

tion and collect non-perishables and canned goods. A donation will be made to the program as a result of Community Credit Union’s March loan special, where \$10 was contributed for every loan closed in the month



Here from left are Community Credit Union President and CEO Jen Hogan, VP of Member Services Russell Giasson, and Congressman Bruce Poliquin.

of March, totaling over \$800. Washburn Elementary is Community Credit Union’s Adopt-A-School and Longley is a neighborhood partner.

Congressman Bruce Poliquin visited later in the month for a tour of the renovated branch, where he greeted members and staff in the lobby and spoke about the importance of being a

neighborhood anchor.

Serving its members since 1945, Community Credit Union is a member-owned, full-service financial institution with branch locations at 144 Pine Street in Lewiston, 40 Stanley Street in Auburn, and 1025 Auburn Road in Turner. For more information, see [www.community-creditunion.com](http://www.community-creditunion.com).

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## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### Pianist Roberto Plano to perform at Franco Center



Plano's extensive discography of over 20 albums includes CD's for Amadeus, Arktois, and Tau Records.

Virtuoso Italian pianist Roberto Plano will make his Maine debut at Lewiston's Gendron Franco Center on Saturday, April 21 at 7 p.m. His recital will feature works by Liszt, Piazzolla, Villa-Lobos, Ginastera, and Gershwin.

Only 22 when he won first prize at the 2001 Cleveland International Piano Competition, Plano went on to garner major prizes in other important competitions, including the Honens (Calgary), Geza Anda (Zürich), and Valencia. He was also a finalist at the 2005 Van Cliburn Competition.

The Cleveland victory launched a performance

career that has taken him to concert venues in Europe, North America, Asia, and South Africa. In addition to giving solo recitals and concerto performances with major orchestras, he regularly collaborates with chamber groups. He was named "Best Ensemble Performer" at the 2003 Honens Competition and has performed with ensembles including the Takacs, Cremona, Fine Arts, and Saint Petersburg String Quartets. He also performs piano duos with his wife, Paola Del Negro.

Roberto Plano began to play music when he was

See **Pianist**, page 16

### High St. Congregational hosts Fabric & Craft Supply Fair



Bonnie Miville (l.) and Anne Hodgman check out a sampling of items that will be available on Saturday, April 8.

The Parish Guild at High Street Congregational Church will host their annual Fabric & Craft Supply Fair on Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at 106 Pleasant Street in Auburn.

This year's fair promises to be one of the biggest and best yet. Organizers have been collecting donations of fabrics, sewing notions, cross-stitch supplies, quilting, yarn, patterns, and crafting books. In addition, over 20 vendors will sell materials for paper crafting, scrapbooking, painting, knitting, crochet, jewelry making, beading, craft storage and organization, and more. Also available will be coffee, breakfast sandwiches, and a bake sale.

This is an opportunity to purchase quality fabric, sewing, and crafting supplies at a fraction of their original cost while bene-

fitting Parish Guild projects supporting the church and the greater community. For more information, call the church office Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 784-1306 or email office@highstreet-ucc.org.

### "Letters for Literacy" Scrabble Fest coming April 29

Avid Scrabble fans are invited to help raise money for Literacy Volunteers by playing their favorite board game at this year's "Letters for Literacy" Scrabble Fest on Sunday, April 29, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. The event will take place at Carriage House Plus at 1119 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

The annual Scrabble Fest features Scrabble with an unusual twist as teams of four collaborate over the same letter tray to try and outscore other four-person teams. Participants can either register as four-person teams or as individuals to be matched with teams that need players. Those who are serious about their Scrabble skills are encouraged to register in the Pro Division, while more relaxed players should choose the Social category. Players collect



LRTC junior Marshal Devoe displays his winning design for Literacy Volunteers' 20th annual fundraiser.

pledges to benefit adult literacy services in Androscoggin County, with top fundraisers selecting from a wide array of prizes. Refreshments will be served.

Registration is required by April 23. For more information, call 753-6658, email scrabble@literacyvolunteersandro.org, or see www.literacyvolunteersandro.org.

### Swingin' Bears host April dance

The Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club of South Paris will host its next dance on Saturday, April 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Oxford Hills Middle School Cafeteria at 100 Pine Street in South Paris. All square dancers

who dance Mainstream Level and above will enjoy this fun-filled evening of square and round dances called and cued by Al Hipkins.

Admission is \$7 per dancer. Non-dancers may come to watch at no charge.

There will be a refreshments buffet, door prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. For more information about the club, call Bob and Eleanor Herrick at 782-4050 or see swinginbearsquaredance.com.

### National speakers, live music to highlight Maine Catholic Women's Conference

Dynamic speakers and music, a special mass, and other community-building activities will support hundreds of women in strengthening their faith at the Maine Catholic Women's Conference set for Saturday, May 5, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland.

In 2017, over 330

women, ranging in age from teens to seniors, attended the conference that drew participants from all over New England.

The conference's keynote speaker will be Sister Miriam James Heidland, who has traveled the world inviting others to deepen their relationship with God. A native of Washing-

ton, she graduated from the University of Nevada-Reno, where she played volleyball on scholarship. Spending most of her time living a typical college life of parties, sports, and freedom, she seemed to have it all. In reality, her life was "empty and broken."

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## Spaghetti Dinner at Sacred Heart Church



Organizing the event are (l. to r., from front) Diane Denis, Aleta Rioux, Bonnie Stone, GG Galarneau, PGK Roland Bergeron, PGK Tom Cremona, Ron Peyser, and Ray Biron.

The Andy Valley Knights of Columbus Council 8742 and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Organ Fund Committee will co-host a Spaghetti Dinner following the 11 a.m. mass on Sunday, April 15 at Sacred Heart Church in Auburn. The proceeds will be split, with half going towards the Pipe Organ Fund at Sacred Heart and half going to the Knights' charities. The price is \$8, or \$6 for children ages 6 through 11. Children ages 5 and under will eat free of charge.

Tom Cremona, PGK, will serve his famous sauce. Being a true Italian, Cremona makes his sauce from an old family recipe that he has been perfecting for over 30 years. Meat-

## Local organizations plan Community Recycle Day

Local organizations will join forces to offer the community a convenient and free way to recycle various household items at a Community Recycle Day on Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 40 Stanley Street (just off Center Street, behind Stratham Tire) in Auburn.

Community Credit Union, eWaste Recycling Solutions, Shredding on Site, and Stratham Tire will collect tires, televisions, printers, cell phones, eye glasses, and personal or business documents for shredding. Some restrictions may apply. The SHAREcenter will also be present to collect usable craft materials and art supplies. For a complete list of items accepted, including the SHAREcenter's wish list, see [www.communitycreditunion.com](http://www.communitycreditunion.com).

## Lewiston Pre-K registration set for May 9

The Lewiston School Department will conduct Pre-K registrations for the 2018-19 school year on Wednesday, May 9. The informational meeting and registrations will take place at all schools from 5:30 to 7 p.m., except at Montello School, where it will run from 6 to 7 p.m., and Longley School, where it run from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Please note that the meeting for Martel School will take place at McMahon School.

Your child must have been born between October 16, 2013 and October 15, 2014 to be eligible. It is not necessary to bring your child to Pre-K registration. Please bring a certified birth certificate. If your child was not born in the USA, you will need to bring an I-94 or green card. You will also need to bring immunization records and proof of residency within your school district, such as a driver's license, lease, rent, or mortgage agreement, or utility bills.

Parents who are not available on May 9 may make arrangements by contacting their home school or the superintendent's office at 795-4103.

If a lottery is needed, it will be based on all students enrolled on June 1 and will take place on June 6 at 8 a.m. at the Lewiston School Department's Central Office at 36 Oak Street.

Send all items for **Names & Faces** to **Editor@TwinCityTimes.com**.  
Deadline is **Friday by five**.

# Twin City Nights

## HHRC marks Holocaust Day of Remembrance

The Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine will present its annual Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Day of Remembrance program on Sunday, April 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Michael Klahr Center on the campus of the University of Maine at Augusta.

The program will feature a viewing of "No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story." This 80-minute film recounts the efforts of Anne's father, Otto Frank, to gain visas for his family in the years leading up to the Nazi occupation of Holland. Otto Frank exhausted every opportunity to escape with his family to America but was turned away repeatedly. No Asylum is a call to action for tolerance and respect.

Following the film, the HHRC will welcome two guests from Catholic Charities of Maine's Refugee and Immigration Services: Director Hannah DeAngelis and On-Site Supervisor Hamet Ly. They will discuss current challenges and opportunities for asylum seekers in Maine.

In addition, the program will feature remarks by weaver Barbara Burns of Cundy's Harbor, whose tapestry "Homage to Anne Frank" is hanging at the Klahr Center in honor of the Yom HaShoah event.

Yom HaShoah will begin with a brief ceremony of remembrance led by Rabbi Lisa Vininkoor of Beth Israel Congregation in Bath, Reverend Carie Johnsen of the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta, and Father Francis Morin of St. Michael's Catholic Parish in Augusta. They will be joined by Robert Gersh, lay leader from Beth Israel Congregation in Bath, who will serve as cantor for the ceremony.

The Klahr Center is also currently presenting an exhibit focusing on the plight of migrants in the Arizona desert. "Along the Migrant Trails" is a collection of items left in the desert by migrants that were collected by volunteers who scour the desert looking for sick and injured people while also leaving water and food. Since 2008, the remains of more than 3,000 individuals have also been found in the desert. The exhibit will be on display through the end of May.

Yom Hazikaron L'shoah V'l'giborah, or Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, takes place on the 27th of Nisan. It is often known simply as Yom HaShoah. On this day commemorating the six million Jews who died during the Holocaust, memorials and vigils are held around the world. The United States Congress has established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust.

The HHRC's Yom HaShoah program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. The event will take place at the Michael Klahr Center at 46 University Drive in Augusta. For more information, call 621-3531 or visit [www.hhrcmaine.org](http://www.hhrcmaine.org).

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## Yoga instructor to preview, sign new DVDs



Tisha Bremner is an E-RYT-500 Certified Yoga Therapist and founder of the Maine School of Yoga.

Tisha Bremner, E-RYT 500-Certified Yoga Therapist (C-IAYT) and founder of the Maine School of Yoga, will sign and preview her new series of self-produced yoga DVDs on Saturday, April 21 at 2 p.m. in the Androscoggin Room at Auburn Public Library.

Bremner is a dedicated teacher who offers alignment-based Vinyasa flow classes that range from

gentle to expanding levels of difficulty. Her teaching style links skillful action and movement to breath in fun, safe, and effective ways. She incorporates smart sequencing into each of her classes so participants feel balanced, vibrant, and well prepared to open in new ways.

Her motto is “movement is medicine and good alignment heals.” Her methods have proven successful time and again in group classes and working privately with individuals.

The DVDs are approximately \$20 each and will be available for purchase at the signing. The titles include “Yoga for Stress-Free Neck and Shoulders,” “Yoga for Deep Core Strength,” “Yoga for Low Back Health,” “Vinyasa Yoga for Radiant Health,” and “Gentle Chair Yoga for Health and Wellness.”

## Curious Minds series continues with “Pictorial Guide to Egypt”



L-A Senior College chair Lucy Bisson traveled to Egypt in the spring of 2016, where she visited many of its iconic monuments.

The Curious Minds lecture series will continue on Tuesday, April 17 at 2 p.m. when L-A Senior College chair Lucy Bisson presents “A Pictorial Guide

to Egypt.” Free and open to the public, the program will take place in the Androscoggin Community Room at Auburn Public Library.

In the spring of 2016, Bisson traveled to Egypt with her son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Marianne Mason, visiting many of its iconic monuments. Egypt emerged as one of the world’s first nation-states in the tenth millennium BC. Considered a cradle of civilization, Ancient Egypt saw some of the earliest developments of writing, agriculture, urbanization, organized religion, and central government.

Modern Egypt dates back to 1922, when it gained independence from the British Empire as a monarchy. With over 95 million inhabitants, Egypt is the most populous country in North Africa and the Arab world, the third-most pop- See **Egypt**, page 16

## Franco-American Genealogical Society plans Spring General Meeting

The Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society will present a program by Professor Mary Rice-Defosse, co-author of the book “The Franco-Americans of Lewiston-Auburn,” following its Spring General Meeting on Saturday, April 21 in the Androscoggin Community Room at Auburn Public Library. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and the program, which is free and open to the public, will begin around 11:00.

Rice-Defosse will discuss the research process for the book, describing sources used, including parish histories, newspapers, oral histories, and genealogical information, and how the validity of different sources was assessed.

Rice-Defosse is a Pro-



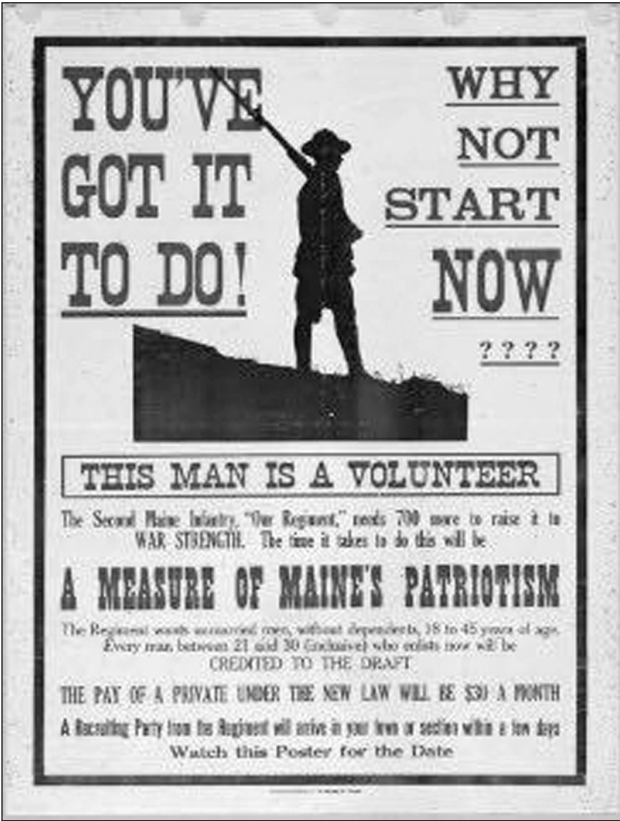
Following the meeting, Professor Mary Rice-Defosse will discuss her research process for the book “The Franco-Americans of Lewiston-Auburn.”

fessor of French and Francophone Studies at Bates College in Lewiston. She earned her doctorate at Yale University and studied at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris. She has worked to

integrate the history, literature, and culture of Maine’s Franco-Americans and other French-speakers into the curriculum at Bates.

Rice-Defosse served as lead scholar for a permanent exhibit at the Gendron Franco Center on the work of the Sisters of Charity of Saint-Hyacinthe in the local community. For that exhibit, she wrote and co-produced a documentary called “They Came, They Served” (“Elles sont venues, elles ont servi”). She serves on the boards of the Gendron Franco Center and the Franco-American Collection of USM’s Lewiston-Auburn College. Her research publications include essays on French literature of the nineteenth century. In 2014, she was inducted into the Franco-American Hall of Fame by the Maine State Legislature.

## State Historian to discuss new book tonight at State Library



This 1917 recruitment poster is currently on display at the Maine State Museum as part of its “Mainers and World War I” exhibit. (Photo courtesy of the Maine State Museum)

The Maine State Museum, Maine State Archives, and Maine State Library will conclude their World War I-themed “Collaborative Encounters” series by hosting

author Earle G. Shettleworth for an illustrated talk and book signing on Thursday, April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Maine State Library in Augusta. The event is free and open to the public.

Shettleworth’s new book, “Maine in World War I,” is part of Arcadia Publishing’s illustrated “Images of America” series. Copies will be available for purchase at the Maine State

Museum store.

Co-authored with Jason C. Libby, the book features some of the best Maine-related images of the World War I period and covers war preparations, parades and rallies, citizen support, war industries, coastal defenses, soldiers at the front, peace and remembrance, and distinguished Mainers who served. “The war may have been ‘over there,’ but its effects were found throughout the state,” said Shettleworth.

Earle Shettleworth served as director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for four decades and has been Maine’s State Historian since 2004. He is a widely published author or co-author of books and articles about Maine history, including nine other books of historical images.

The Maine State Museum’s exhibition “Over There and Down Home: Mainers and World War I” will be open free of charge prior to Shettleworth’s talk, from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

The Maine State Library and Maine State Museum are located in the Cultural Building, adjacent to the Maine State House, at 230 State Street in Augusta. For more information, call 287-2301 or see [www.mainestatemuseum.org](http://www.mainestatemuseum.org).

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**Thursday, April 12**  
Chamber of Commerce “Business Before Hours.” 7 to 9 a.m. House of Bacon, 34 Court St., Auburn. No fooling, the chamber switches things up this month by having “Business After Hours” in its normal Breakfast Meeting slot. No cost, no registration; just stop by for the food, networking, and fun.

La Rencontre. 11:25 a.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Following the meal of baked haddock, the Freeport High Chamber Choir performs a 45-minute concert of primarily a cappella songs. \$12. Reserve at 783-1585 or boxoffice@francocenter.org.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Jennifer Cartmell of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Free; no reservation required. 713-7045; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Cooking Matters. 4 to 5 p.m. Androscoggin Room, Auburn Public Library. Learn key nutrition skills, including how to stretch your food budget. Free. Pre-register at 333-6640, ext. 4 or www.auburn-publiclibrary.org.

Girl Scouts Info Session. 6 p.m. Montello School, 407 East Ave., Lewiston. Come learn about Girl Scouts’ Sprouting Daisies program for girls entering kindergarten or first grade. Free. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

World War I History Program. 6 p.m. Maine State Library, next to the Maine State House, 230 State St., Augusta. State Historian Earl G. Shettleworth signs and discusses his new book, “Maine in World War I.” Free. 287-2301; www.mainestatemuseum.org.

Theater: “Urinetown.” 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, Academy St., Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents this Tony-winning musical satire about what happens when public corruption and corporate greed clash with the right to go. Again 4/13-15 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$18/15/12. 783-0958; www.laclt.com.

**Friday, April 13**  
Senior College Luncheon. Noon. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. World travelers Mary and David MacMahon discuss the 30 weeks they have spent in New Zealand. Lunch is \$8; reserve by noon on April 11 by calling 753-6510.

Theater: “Harvey.” 7:30 p.m. Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Rd. (Rte. 114), Standish. Hilarity ensues when Elwood P. Dowd introduces his imaginary friend, a six-and-a-half-foot invisible rabbit, to guests at a party. Again 4/14-15, 20-22 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$14/12. www.schoolhousearts.org.

# Calendar

See more Calendar at [www.TwinCityTimes.com](http://www.TwinCityTimes.com)

Concert: Adam Ezra Group. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This charismatic Boston-area group presents a powerful and entertaining live show. \$25/20. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

**Saturday, April 14**  
Spring Breakfast. 6:30 to 10 a.m. Fire Station, Rte. 106, Leeds. Pancakes, French Toast, eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, home fries, homemade donuts, coffee, juice. Adults \$6, children \$4. Proceeds will help purchase Personnel Structure firefighting equipment.

Community Recycle Day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Community Credit Union, 40 Stanley St, Auburn. CCU and other local organizations partner to take your used items for recycling. Some restrictions may apply; for eligible items, see www.communitycreditunion.com.

Fabric & Craft Supply Fair. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. High St. Congregational Church, 106 Pleasant St., Auburn. Purchase quality fabric, sewing, and crafting supplies at a fraction of their original cost while supporting the Parish Guild’s projects. 784-1306.

Superhero Saturday. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Norway Savings Bank Arena, Auburn. Celebrate Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month with a scavenger hunt, ice skating, and a visit from the “real” Spider-Man; kids may dress as their favorite superhero. \$8. Benefits Advocates for Children.

DAR Meeting. 11 a.m. Auburn Public Library. The Mary Dillingham-Burnt Meadow Chapter hosts guest speaker Nancy LeCompte to discuss the life of Maine Native American woman Molly Ockett. Bring bag lunch. Free. 577-0706.

Square & Round Dancing. 7 to 10 p.m. Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine St., So. Paris. Al Hipkins calls and cues tonight’s dances; pres. by the Swingin’ Bears Square Dance Club. \$7 (free for non-dancers). 782-4050.

Ladies of Laughter. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Ladies of Laughter contest winners Kelly MacFarland and Carolyn Plummer perform. \$24/21. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

**Sunday, April 15**  
Spaghetti Dinner. Following the 11 a.m. mass. Sacred Heart Church, corner of Minot, Western Ave., Auburn. Spaghetti, Tom Cremona’s famous home-made sauce, salad with choice of dressing, garlic or Italian bread, choice of dessert

and beverage. \$8/6 (kids 5- free).

Holocaust Day of Remembrance Program. 1 to 4 p.m. Michael Klahr Center, UMA campus, 46 University Dr., Augusta. The event will feature a brief ceremony, speakers, and the film “No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank’s Story.” Free. 621-353; www.hhrcmaine.org.

**Monday, April 16**  
Comedy Program. 6 p.m. Guthrie’s Restaurant & Café, 115 Middle St., Lewiston. Students in Dawn Hartill’s Standup Comedy Workshop at Lewiston Adult Educ. present their final routines. Free.

**Tuesday, April 17**  
Curious Minds Lecture. 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. L-A Senior College chair Lucy Bisson presents “A Pictorial Guide to Egypt.” Co-sponsored by L/A Senior College. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Wednesday, April 18  
Oasis of Music. 12:30 to 1 p.m. Trinity Church, 247 Bates St., Lewiston. Today’s performer for this weekly music series is to be announced. Free. 344-3106.

Card Party. 6 p.m. Parish hall, Holy Family Church, 607 Sabattus St., Lewiston. Pres. by the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality. Door prizes, raffles, refreshments. Doors open at 5:30. \$3. 782-4516.

**Thursday, April 19**  
Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Kim Finnerty, Director of Whiting Farm in Auburn. Free; no reservation required. 713-7045; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Owls of Maine. 2 p.m. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Come meet and learn about some owls of Maine with the Chewonki Foundation; best for kids in grades K and above. Free. 333-6640, ext. 3.

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**Friday, April 20**  
French Sing-Along. 1:30 p.m. Rm. 170, L-A College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. Les Troubadours lead participants in singing favorite French and Franco-American songs. Everyone welcome; songbooks provided. Free. 576-4109.

Theatre: “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.” 7:30 p.m. Cumston Hall, Monmouth. Monmouth Community Players presents this funny, touching play about six middle schoolers vying for the coveted prize. Again 4/21-22, 27-29 (Suns. at 2 p.m.) \$14/12. 370-9566; www.monmouthcommunityplayers.org.

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**Saturday, April 21**  
Stanton Bird Club Field Trip. 8:30 to 11 a.m. Dan Marquis leads a bird walk along the Riverwalk in Downtown Lewiston. Meet at Staples parking lot in Lewiston for carpooling. All welcome. 513-8213.

Calico Quilters Show. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rowe School, 52 School St., Yarmouth. This event features displays of quilts and quilted items, raffles, vendors, bargain supplies, and demos. Again 4/22 (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Franco-American Genealogical Society Meeting. 11 a.m. Auburn Public Library. Following the business meeting at 10:00, Professor Mary Rice-Defosse discusses her research process for the book “The Franco-Americans of Lewiston-Auburn.” Free.

Yoga Program. 2 p.m. Androscoggin Room, Auburn Public Library. Certified yoga therapist Tisha Bremner previews and signs her new set of self-produced instructional DVDs, avail. for purchase at the event. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Concert: Pianist Roberto Plano. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St, Lewiston. The Italian virtuoso performs works by Liszt, Piazzolla, Villa-Lobos, Ginastera, and Gershwin. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$15/10 (students free). 783-1585; FrancoCenter.org.

**Sunday, April 22**  
Afternoon Tea. 4 p.m. Schooner Estates, 200 Stetson Rd., Auburn. This event to benefit the American Heart Association is open to the public. \$10. Reserve by calling 784-2900.

**Monday, April 23**  
Girl Scouts Info Session. 6 p.m. Hall-Dale Elementary School, 26 Garden Lane, Hallowell. Come learn about Girl Scouts’ Sprouting Daisies program for girls entering kindergarten or first grade. Free. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

**Tuesday, April 24**  
Stanton Bird Club Field Trip. 6 to 8:30 a.m. This first of five scheduled early morning bird walks from Bates College starts at

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**Saturday, April 28**  
Indoor “Concert in the Park. 1:30 p.m. Kora Shrine Temple, 11 Sabattus St., Lewiston. Features the Kora Band, Westbrook City Band, the Edward Little H.S. concert and jazz bands, and Kora Highlanders. \$5 at door. Light refreshments.

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

Auction for Action. 4:30 p.m. Boofy Quimby Memorial Center, 96 Howes Corner Road, Rte. 119, Turner. Music, barbecue, and silent auction; live auction begins at 6 p.m. Supports Rural Community Action Ministry. 524-5095;

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**Sunday, April 29**  
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Maine Innovation Expo. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Museum L-A, 35 Canal St., Bates Mill Complex, Lewiston. Features interactive exhibits of innovative products and processes created by area businesses and students. Free - reserve ticket at www.museumla.org.

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Auburn Concrete teams with MSAD 52 Adult Ed for employee training



MSAD 52 Adult Education instructor Kevin Ellingwood, with Maria Delcourt, Jamie Twitchell, Michelle Cummings, and Lori Gile

Kevin Ellingwood, an instructor with MSAD 52 Adult Education of Turner, Greene, and Leeds, has been working with employees at Auburn Concrete to increase their knowledge and efficiency in using Microsoft Excel. In January, Auburn Concrete’s Director of Human Resources, Mark Tanous, approached

MSAD 52 Adult Education about providing technology training within the company. “We wanted to find a local company to provide onsite training to our staff through a series of Lunch and Learns,” said Tanous. “We started the process by offering Microsoft Office training on Fridays. We have been very pleased with the results.” “Learning how to use Excel more efficiently provides value and opens up more opportunities for employment and career advancement,” said Ellingwood.

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Egypt

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ulous in Africa (after Nigeria and Ethiopia), and the fifteenth-most populous in the world.

The great majority of Egypt’s people live near the banks of the Nile River, an area of about 40,000 square kilometers (15,000 sq. mi), where the country’s only arable land is found. The large regions of the Sahara Desert which constitute most of Egypt’s territory are sparsely inhabited. About half of Egypt’s residents live in urban areas. A Lewiston native, Bisson was raised in a traditional Franco-American family. As an entrepreneur, she and her husband opened a small business, NLB Stamps & Engraving, which they ran together out of their home. As a nontraditional student, she attended college in her thirties, receiving a BA in accounting from UMA-LA in 1991. Offering free programs on a wide variety of topics, the Curious Minds lecture series is jointly presented by Auburn Public Library and Lewiston-Auburn Senior College. More information about L-A Senior College is available at the programs and at <https://usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege>.

Pianist

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three. Along with classical compositions, the rock and soul music of such performers as Phil Collins, Elton John, and the Blues Brothers figured among his favorites and he and his brother organized their own band, “Wings of Angels.” Early on, he gained a reputation as a sensitive interpreter of works of the Classical and Romantic periods. Plano’s extensive discography of over 20 albums includes CD’s for Amadeus, Arktos, and Tau Records. His 2016 debut recording with Decca Clas-

sics, a double CD album of Liszt’s “Harmonies Poétiques et Religieuses,” marked the first time Decca has issued that work in over fifty years and was awarded a 5-star rating by Amadeus Magazine, where critic Claudia Abbiati wrote: “Plano...does not disappoint expectations, mastering the score in all its aspects of lyricism and virtuosity.” In 2016, Plano moved with his wife and three daughters from their native Italy to Massachusetts, where he joined the faculty at Boston University’s College of Fine Arts. Admission is \$15, or \$10 for seniors, and free for students. A pre-concert social hour will begin when doors open at 6 p.m. Located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston, the center is wheelchair accessible. To buy tickets, call the box office at 783-1585 or see FranoCenter.org.

Catholic

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ship of a holy and caring priest, Sister Miriam’s life began to transform as she realized Jesus was real and that he was the great love that her heart desired. In 1998, she entered the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity and shared her story in her book “Loved as I Am: An Invitation to Conversion, Healing, and Freedom through Jesus,” published in 2014. Another presenter at the conference will be Colleen Stratton, a victim-survivor of human trafficking and a member of the outreach team for Eye Heart World, a nonprofit dedicated to combatting human trafficking and providing aftercare resources for trafficking victims, prevention for at-risk youth, and training for professionals and community members. After years of walking about in darkness, shackled in chains of addiction, shame and fear, she experienced a radical transformation because of God’s gift of grace. Attendees will also enjoy the music of “His Own,” a group formed by three women who have toured the country celebrating through music their love for Jesus and the joy of the feminine heart. The conference will also include a mass, adoration, a variety of vendors, a continental breakfast, and lunch. The cost to attend is \$60 and meals are included. A reduced hotel rate is available for those who wish to book a room at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. Call the hotel at 1-800-345-5050 and mention the Catholic Women’s Conference when booking. For more information about the conference or to register, call 321-7898 or visit [www.portlanddiocese.org](http://www.portlanddiocese.org).

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