

## Spots filling fast for Maine Innovation Expo



Scot Story of Alternative Manufacturing, Inc. demonstrates creative innovation at the 2017 event by wiring bananas to play music.

What do a blacksmith, a computer coder, and a juggler have in common? They'll all be exhibitors at Museum L-A's annual Maine Innovation Expo on

Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bates Mill complex in Lewiston. This fun-filled celebration of all things innovative will feature over 50 exhibitors

from across the state who will provide hands-on exploration, learning, and play for all ages. This family-friendly event is free and

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## Learn "How to Travel the World for Free" at Sawyer Memorial



German TV personality Michael Wigge's film documents his six-month journey from Europe to Antarctica - with no money!

The Sawyer Foundation of Greene will kick off its 2018 season with writer, humorist, motivational speaker, and award-winning German TV person-

ality Michael Wigge, who will present his film "How to Travel the World for

Free" on Friday, April 27 at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Araxine

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## Registration open for Hospice House 5K and Remembrance Walks

It's never too early to make plans to participate in Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice's annual Hospice House 5K and Remembrance Walks. The first event takes place in

Farmington on Sunday, May 6; the Auburn event is scheduled for Sunday, May 20. Both events will begin with registration at 7:30, followed by the race at 9 a.m. In Farmington,

the racers and walkers will gather at the Maine District Court Parking lot, while in Auburn, the certified race will start and end at Central Maine Community College. In Auburn, there will also be

a kids' fun run and a memory garden to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the event.

"One of the fun and unique elements of the 5Ks

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## CMCC offers Grant Writing Academy

The Center for Workforce & Professional Development at Central Maine Community College will offer a Grant Writing Academy running on three Fridays (April 27, May 4, and May 18) from 9 a.m. to noon. The deadline to register is April 20.

This seminar is designed for both beginners who seek a thorough overview of the grant-seeking process and more experienced practitioners who want to build a stronger resource base.

Participants will learn

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## CMMC marks National Blue & Green Day



Central Maine Medical Center staff came together recently to wear blue and green to mark Donate Life Blue & Green Day, which celebrates the successes of organ, eye, and tissue donation while raising awareness for the need for donors. Every 10 minutes someone is added to the transplant waiting list. Be a hero for someone you don't even know; sign up to be a donor at [www.donatelife.net/register](http://www.donatelife.net/register).

## Surgical oncologist joins Central Maine Healthcare

Central Maine Healthcare has announced that surgeon Lisa A. Rutstein, MD has joined its medical staff to lead the system's surgical oncology program.

A fellowship-trained oncology surgeon with more than 15 years of experience, Dr. Rutstein's chief area of interest is in the treatment of stomach, intestinal, gallbladder, pancreas, and liver cancer, as well as breast and skin malignancy.

"I'm thrilled to join the surgery and oncology teams at Central Maine Healthcare," said Rutstein. "I have seen first-hand how CMH is investing in a truly multidisciplinary approach to cancer care, and our affiliation with Massachusetts General Hospital enables us to give patients access to all

the latest treatment options and a full array of clinical research trials."

Dr. Rutstein is recognized for her regional treatment programs and palliative care for patients with advanced stages of cancer. She is certified by the Society of Surgical Oncology and the American Board of Surgery, is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and served as Maine's physician liaison to the Commission on Cancer for eight years. She has served in teaching positions through various academic appointments, including work as an assistant professor of surgery at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston.

"Dr. Rutstein brings a level of expertise that will

be felt by our patients, our staff, and the entire cancer program," said Jeff Brickman, CEO of Central Maine Healthcare. "We look forward to expanding that care into the communities throughout our region, starting with our new care center in Topsham, where we have partnered with New England Cancer Specialists to bring a new model of care to the State of Maine."

A cum laude graduate of McGill University in Montreal, Rutstein earned her medical degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, Mass. She completed a Society of Surgical Oncology-approved fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and served

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## United Way celebrates National Volunteer Week



Volunteers from Mechanics Savings Bank participate in the United Way's 2017 Day of Caring.

National Volunteer Week from April 15-21 is meaningful to the United Way of Androscoggin County because one of the hallmarks of the United Way is supporting and encouraging volunteerism.

Volunteering not only provides vital assistance to individuals and non-profit organizations, but it's also a great way to gain a deeper understanding of one's local community. And studies show that volunteering regularly can lead to greater happiness and better health for the volunteer.

"Volunteering is very satisfying to me because I get to meet new people and do all kinds of errands for the different departments within the hospital," said Pete Duchette of his volunteer experience at Central Maine Medical Center. "You get a good feeling inside knowing that you are helping others. It is very rewarding!"

Androscoggin County is rich with volunteer opportunities. From participating in the United Way's annual Day of Caring, delivering nutritious meals to seniors, reading to day care children, serving as a greeter at the hospital, answering domestic violence helpline calls, to

sorting food donations, there is a volunteer opportunity for everyone. To find a local volunteer experience that meets your interests, visit [volunteer.unitedwayandro.org](http://volunteer.unitedwayandro.org).

United Way of Androscoggin County is a proud member of the Androscoggin Volunteer Administrator group. AVA

is a group of volunteer managers that meet regularly to share volunteer opportunities and best practices. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at the United Way office. For more information on AVA, contact Heather Chandel of SeniorsPlus at 513-3710.

## Roopers supports Lifesprings



Jesse Dodge and Steve Rooper of Roopers on Route 26 in Oxford present Tina Donahue of Lifesprings with a \$100 donation check. A nonprofit organization, Lifesprings provides free meals for local seniors every Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Poland Community Church, located at 1212 Maine Street in Poland. Roopers customers wishing to support Lifesprings may have their returnables credited to the organization's account.



### May Brunch & Learn

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# Governor's Address: Democrats Delay the Tough Decisions until after the November Election

As the legislative session enters its last weeks, Democrats are sitting on their hands, hoping voters won't notice they have avoided making the tough decisions that affect your families, businesses and wallets.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, Tax conformity and funding Medicaid should be two separate, simple issues. However, the Democrats have linked them in their search for Medicaid expansion funding. The end result? They are doing nothing on either.

"Tax conformity" is when the state adopts the same tax code as the federal government to avoid having two sets of laws—one for federal taxes, and

another for state taxes.

Maine should conform, but we must ensure it doesn't increase taxes—you should keep the money you have earned. Here's what you need to know.

If we don't conform, Maine will collect about \$15 million more in revenue. However, businesses will have to keep two sets of books to comply with different state and federal tax rules.

This is a giant headache for our local businesses. In addition, the state will have to create a new bureaucracy to manage the two tax codes, essentially eating up that increase in revenue.

If we do conform without ensuring we remain revenue-neutral, taxes



Governor Paul R. LePage

on hard-working Mainers will increase by a massive \$233 million. Because we had already implemented several of the reforms in the federal legislation, simply conforming won't decrease what you pay in taxes, and individuals end up paying more.

My conformity bill makes key changes, avoiding this tax increase on small businesses, corporations and, most importantly, families. But Democrats see the \$233 million as a windfall they can use as a down payment on Medicaid expansion.

We told the legislature that DHHS needs money to hire more staff and pay the medical bills for the 80,000 new people who will jump on Medicaid. So Democrats have a new plan.

They'll pass a bill allowing DHHS to hire the staff. But they refuse to allocate more money to pay the state's share of the medical bills. Instead, they say, "Oh, just use the money you already have allocated for the next fiscal year; it won't run

out until next May."

Folks, when funds are allocated by the Legislature to pay for an existing program's budgeted expenses, it is irresponsible and illegal to use those funds for a program's expansion—for which zero funds have been allocated—when there's not enough money to pay the bills for the full year.

This mentality created the last financial disaster when Maine expanded Medicaid in 2002.

We ended up owing hospitals \$750 million, and the state lurched from budget crisis to budget crisis every year.

Democrats know that if they enact tax conformity without my changes, it will result in more tax revenue. And they know they can-

not fully fund Medicaid expansion without raising your taxes.

They are just waiting until after the November election to grab the windfall.

They'll make campaign promises about lowering taxes and giving free healthcare to everyone. Then, under the guise of helping the mom-and-pop businesses, they'll pass watered-down tax conformity without my provisions that avoid a tax increase, and use the \$233 million to pay for Medicaid for able-bodied adults.

Don't let them get away with this bait and switch.

Thank you.  
Paul LePage  
Governor

## Sheltered by Jesus L-A opens doors



Sheltered by Jesus L-A staff members (l. to r.) Pete Mazza, Willy Adamchak, Director Eric Guite, and John Castle share a moment on the front porch.

Sheltered by Jesus L-A opened its doors in mid-March. The 22-bed facility currently houses 15 homeless men in its newly renovated building at 100 Pine Street in Lewiston.

Following a model developed by Pastor Richard Berry in Skowhegan, the live-in staff meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the men God brings to the shelter. Some come from hospitals or jails, while others are placed by a case manager or come in off the street. Staff help these men to find jobs

and housing. In exchange, residents agree to take part in chores, daily prayer, and bible study or AA meetings.

The project was led by Unity Bible Church of Lewiston, which purchased the property last fall and completed most of the renovations in six months with help from volunteers. Several local businesses donated appliances and finish materials. The shelter has yet to purchase food as local churches, caterers, and grocers have been making generous donations.

"We want to thank

all those who have been praying for this ministry, and those who have volunteered their time to make this a reality for homeless men in Lewiston," says Unity Bible Church liaison Michael Hansen, who raises funds for the shelter by bringing residents to area churches to give testimony.

Sheltered by Jesus has an online program where members of the public can sponsor a homeless person for \$9 per month. For more information, call 241-7047 or see <https://sheltersbyjesus.com>.

## City of Lewiston seeks applicants for 2018-19 Youth Advisory Council

The City of Lewiston is seeking applicants to serve on the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council during its 2018-19 year of service, which begins in July. Starting this year, applications may now be submitted online. The deadline to apply is May 16. Hard copies of the application form are available in the Lewiston City Administrator's Office at City Hall. To apply online, see [www.lewistonmaine.gov/youthapply](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/youthapply).

To be considered, applicants must be students at Lewiston High School or St. Dominic Academy, or reside in Lewiston at the time of application. Lewiston homeschooling students in grades nine through twelve are also invited to apply. Current members may reapply.

The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council was established by the City Council in October of 2001 and has since received local, state, and national recognition. The LYAC enables members to work toward goals to empower youth

community-wide and to undertake service projects that enhance the community. The LYAC also serves as a liaison between the youth of the community and the city. The current group is surveying Lewiston students in grades four, eight, and twelve for their perspectives on Lewiston and the city's role in their future.

A Selection Committee will review all submitted applications, conduct interviews, and appoint up to fifteen members. The committee will make its selection by the last Friday in June. Those selected will be notified and then officially appointed during a July 2018 Lewiston City

Council meeting. For more information on the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council, see [www.lewistonmaine.gov/lyac](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/lyac).

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## Girl Scouts to host Green ME Up! at L.L. Bean in Freeport

Girl Scouts of Maine will host Green ME Up! on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the campus of the L.L. Bean Flagship Store in Freeport. Free and open to the public, this kid-friendly, environmentally-focused event will celebrate Earth Day while encouraging participants to learn more about sustainability and how to be stewards of the earth.

Green ME Up! will offer hands-on introductions to several activities that immerse people in the outdoors, including geo-caching, out-

door cooking, and learning how to use a compass with the L.L. Bean Outdoor Discovery School. Music will be provided by Earth Jams and Planet Pan and there will be stage performances by the Ecology School. Food trucks Yum Bus, Falafel Mafia, and Fahrenheit 225 will be on hand.

The event will also feature fun learning opportunities about water cycles, how soda bottles find new life as jackets and teddy bears, and the latest in bio-fuel technology with the L.L. Bean Boot Mobile. There will be

live outdoor skill demonstrations, including "Leave No Trace" with the Junior Maine Guide Girl Scouts.

GSME wants plastic bags! The first 250 people who bring one to the Girl Scouts of Maine Information Booth will receive a free reusable shopping bag in return. Girl Scouts who attend wearing their uniforms will receive a special Green ME Up! patch and a 10% discount for Ben and Jerry's ice cream.

"When you are a Girl Scout, it's easy to go green," says Joanne Crepeau, CEO,

and shops in South Portland and Bangor. For more information or to join Girl Scouts in Maine, find Girl Scouts of Maine on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, call 888-922-4763, or see [www.girlscoutsofmaine.org](http://www.girlscoutsofmaine.org).

Girl Scouts of Maine. "Our mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts sees the importance of ensuring the health of our planet, and we hope to inspire everyone to take action in their own lives to make Maine - and the world - a greener place."

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## Expo

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open to all. The Maine Innovation Expo will show that anyone can be an innovator by providing the inspiration and resources for attendees of all ages to try something new or take the next step in their education or career. Exhibitors will include businesses, schools, artists, youth groups, entrepreneurs, and organizations, all doing remarkable work in Maine.

"When you work every day alongside these different cutting edge technologies, you can sometimes forget how cool all this stuff is," says Ethan Kane of WGME.

"Every day we drive past buildings and have no idea what goes on inside the walls," says Kate Webber, Director of Education & Outreach at Museum L-A. "We want to bring people together to display local products and services that have an impact at the national and global level."

One local person with a global reach is Kenneth Hodgkins, Director of the Office of Space and Advanced Technology at the U.S. State Department. Born and raised in Auburn, Hodgkins is now the U.S. representative to the United Nations Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. He will be at the Expo to meet and greet visitors and talk about his experiences.

The Expo schedule will also include two high-tech comedy shows by Audio-Body, shadow puppetry by Inventing Trees, and optical juggling by Michael Menes. The Maine Drone Society will lead indoor and outdoor drone races for spectators throughout the day. Rumor has it there will also be some robot battles led by talented local builders. Students from the Green Ladle's Culinary Arts Program at Lewiston High School will sell lunch at the event.

Admission is free - just reserve your ticket at [www.museumla.org](http://www.museumla.org). To participate as a sponsor, exhibitor, or volunteer, contact Kate Webber at 333-3881 or [kwebber@museumla.org](mailto:kwebber@museumla.org).

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## Travel

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Wilkins Sawyer Memorial. Admission to the program is free and open to all.

The film documents Wigge's extraordinary attempt to travel 25,000 miles from Europe to Antarctica without any money. Over the course of his life-changing journey, he immersed himself in fascinating subcultures, slept on the street with homeless people, and nourished himself with flowers.

Wigge left Berlin in June, traveling for 150 days through 11 countries before arriving in Antarctica in November. Before starting out, he prepared for the journey for a year, collecting information on contacts who might provide accommodations or odd jobs. But he also relied upon the kindness of strangers. With the help of over 100 people, Wigge managed to acquire free food, free accommodations, and free transportation for his 150-day journey across four continents. This unusual travel film recounts adventures, humorous situations, and insightful interviews about people's relationship with money.

Wigge has shared stories of his incredible challenge experiences on The Tonight Show and the Today Show. His TV programs and books have been broadcast and published internationally in several countries. He is the founder of CMW Life Coaching and performs as a motivational speaker on stages throughout the corporate world, on college campuses, and for private clients.

Sawyer Memorial is located at 371 Sawyer Road in Greene. For more information, call 946-5311 or visit [sawyer-foundation.com](http://sawyer-foundation.com).

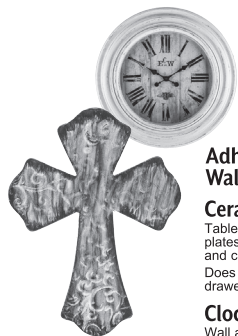
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## Bishop assigns priests to area parishes

Bishop Robert P. Deeley has announced the assignment of priests to several area parishes, as well as one retirement. All assignments are effective on June 29.

Fr. Matthew Gregory has been appointed parochial vicar of Prince of Peace Parish (Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Lewiston); Holy Cross Church, Lewiston; Holy Family Church, Lewiston); Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls; and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Sabattus, which includes St. Francis Church in Greene.

A South Portland native, Fr. Gregory attended Cheverus High School in Portland and began formation at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore, Maryland, in 2010. A year later, he transferred to Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, where he completed his clerical studies.

Fr. Gregory was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Robert P. Deeley on May 28, 2016 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. He comes to the Lewiston area from his current assignment at Corpus Christi Parish in Waterville, which was his first assignment as a priest.

Fr. John R. Skehan has been appointed pastor of St. Michael Parish (St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Augusta; St. Augustine Church, Gardiner; Sacred Heart Church, Hallowell; St. Denis Church, Whitefield; St. Francis Xavier Church, Winthrop).

A native of Hampden, Fr. Skehan attended Hampden Academy and received his bachelor's degree in biology from Bowdoin College in Brunswick. Prior to entering seminary, he was the educational coordinator for "Up with People" from 1978 to 1980 and a junior high science teacher in Oakland, Maine from 1980 to 1982.

Fr. Skehan completed his clerical studies at the Theological College in Washington, D.C. and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Edward C. O'Leary on May 24, 1986 at St. Matthew Church in Hampden.

He has served as chaplain of Maine Medical Center in Portland, as Director of the Office of Parish Planning for the Diocese of Portland, and as pastor of several Maine parishes. He comes to St. Michael Parish from his current position as pastor of parishes in the upper mid-coast area.

Fr. Michael J. Seavey has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Michael Parish. He graduated from Portland High School in 1972 and received his bachelor's degree in political science at what is now the University of Southern Maine. He also earned a master's degree in public

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paver at the Hospice House to memorialize a loved one.

The funds raised assist Hospice House patients who do not have adequate health insurance. This allows families to focus on what matters most during these difficult times, removing a heavy burden as a loved one nears end of life. AHCH provided more than \$1.3 million in free care in 2017 and has never turned away a patient due to an inability to pay.

The registration fee for adults is \$25 prior to race day and \$30 on race day. Registration for kids is free. For more information about the Hospice House 5Ks and Remembrance Walks or to register, see [www.ahch.org](http://www.ahch.org).

## AHCH

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is the formation of teams who raise funds in memory of someone they've lost," said AHCH President and CEO Ken Albert. "Many of the teams design their own T-shirts and run or walk together, and it's great to see so many families who choose to remember a loved one and support the Hospice House."

In 2018, there are more incentives tied to the amount of money raised, including water bottles, fleece blankets, L.L. Bean totes, and softshell jackets. Individuals or teams raising more than \$1,000 will receive a brick

## CMCC

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the fundamentals of project design and prepare effective written proposals. They will also gain an understanding of the steps involved in identifying prospective funding sources and will develop a plan of approach to seek support.

The cost to attend is \$149, which includes all instructional materials. For more information or to register, contact the Center for Workforce & Professional Development at 755-5280, [workforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu](mailto:workforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu), or visit [www.cmcc.edu/training](http://www.cmcc.edu/training).

## Normand "Blackie" Labbe remembered in Maine Senate



Members of the Labbe Family, with Sen. Eric Brakey and Rep. Kathleen Dillingham

The Labbe Family visited the Maine Senate recently to remember Normand "Blackie"

Labbe, Sr. of Minot. Senator Eric Brakey (R-Androscoggin) recognized the family during the

day's session, presenting them with legislative memoriam remembering Blackie's contributions

to the community as the owner of Blackie's Farm Fresh Produce in Auburn. The business was established in 1985, when Blackie opened a small, seasonal fruit stand on Minot Avenue, where he sold produce from his 120-acre farm in Minot.

"Blackie was a pillar of the community in Androscoggin County and an example of a life well-lived," said Brakey. "Through his hard work and big heart, he touched the lives of many, and his impact will be felt for generations to come."

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### Student supports McMahon School food pantry



Tori Cox, a fourth grader at McMahon Elementary School in Lewiston, celebrated her 10th birthday recently by asking friends and family members to bring canned food and other items to be donated to the McMahon School food pantry to her birthday party in place of gifts. She is pictured here with McMahon School principal Amber Eliason.

### Lisbon Community School students visit State House



Ms. DesJardin's and Ms. Bickford's fourth-grade classes at Lisbon Community School recently visited the Maine State Museum, the State House, and met with Senate Majority Leader Garrett Mason (R-Androscoggin) of Lisbon.

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### Healthcare

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her surgical residency at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Dr. Rutstein is scheduling patients to be seen at the Hematology-Oncology Associates office, located at Suite 205 in the 12 High Street medical office building adjacent to Central Maine Medical Center. The office can be reached at 795-2935.

### Down East magazine launches event and ticket service website

Down East magazine has launched a new online event promotion and ticket-selling platform called 207TIX.com. The online events portal is a place to discover and buy tickets to local events.

“207TIX.com is the perfect way for our audience to engage with Maine events,” said Lawrence Hollins, Director of Advertising. “They can browse events by category and date and then buy tickets to those events all on one site.”

207TIX.com can promote any type of event,

from galas to festivals to full theatre productions. Organizations that use 207TIX for their event management also get access to Down East magazine's entire audience. All events are advertised on 207TIX.com and also through Down East magazine's online and social channels. The website has all the same features as the leading ticketing software, but with local, in-person assistance and attention by a trusted Maine company.

“We're excited to partner with organizations See Down East, page 16

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## Norlands seeks applicants for summer fellowship



*This professional development opportunity honors Norlands founder Ethel "Billie" Gammon, who had endless enthusiasm for sharing American History using living history methods.*

The Washburn-Norlands Foundation is seeking applicants for its Ethel "Billie" Gammon History Education Summer Fellowship Award. High School seniors planning to attend college in the fall and students who have completed one year or less of college are invited to apply. The selected candidate will become a member of the Norlands Living History Center's summer staff and will receive a \$1,000 stipend that can be used towards their education.

This professional development opportunity honors Norlands founder Ethel "Billie" Gammon, who had endless enthusiasm for sharing American History using living history methods. The Summer Fellow gains valuable experience in living history education, museum operations, historic agriculture, and other topics that may relate to his or her interests.

Applicants must complete an application form and submit an essay of 750-1000 words describing what inspires them about Norlands and how their experiences as a Billie Gammon Fellow will help them with

their college or career pursuits. One letter of recommendation is also required. Final candidates will be invited for interviews in mid- or late May and the winner will be announced in early June.

Applications are due by May 1.

To receive the full award, the fellow is expected to work for 90 hours (approximately 10 hours over two days per week) during late June through August. Under the mentorship of Norlands' staff members, the fellow will give tours of the Washburn family mansion and other historic buildings, work in the gift shop, conduct research, assist with special events, and help with farm work and general administrative tasks. The fellow will round out his or her experience by completing a capstone project summarizing their work by writing an article, making a public presentation, or completing a research project or some other mutually-determined project of interest.

For more information, call 897-4366 or email [norlands@norlands.org](mailto:norlands@norlands.org). To download an application form, visit [www.norlands.org](http://www.norlands.org).

## Bishop

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policy from the University of Minnesota.

He completed his clerical studies at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Amedee W. Proulx on May 31, 1986 at Sacred Heart Church in Portland.

He has served as pastor of several Maine parishes, including St. Joseph Parish in Lewiston from 2003 to 2009. He comes to St. Michael Parish from his current position as parochial vicar of St. Anne Parish in the Gorham area.

Fr. Patrick Efé-eghwe Agbodi, SMA, has

been appointed parochial vicar at All Saints Parish (St. Charles Borromeo Church, Brunswick; St. John the Baptist Church, Brunswick; St. Mary Church, Bath; Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Boothbay Harbor; St. Katharine Drexel Church, Harpswell; St. Ambrose Church, Richmond; and St. Patrick Church, Newcastle).

Born in Nigeria in 1968, Fr. Agbodi was accepted as a seminarian for the Society of African Missions in 1990. He completed his philosophical studies at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Major Seminary in Ibadan, Nigeria, in 1995. After completing a spiritual formation year in the Republic of Benin and a pastoral year in Ivory Coast, he completed

his theological studies at the Catholic Institute of West Africa, also in Ivory Coast, in 2000. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 1, 2000 at St. Patrick Church in Asaba, Nigeria.

Fr. Agbodi has served as an assistant parish priest in Liberia, Nigeria, and Tanzania. While in Tanzania, he also served as director of vocations for the SMA's Tanzanian Region and as a vice regional superior. From 2010 to 2012, Fr. Agbodi was a formator and burser for the SMA House of Formation in Ibadan, Nigeria. He then served as a parish priest at several churches in Lagos. He comes to All Saints Parish from his current position as parochial vicar of St. Michael Parish in the Augusta area.

Fr. Francis P. Morin will retire from active ministry. Currently the pastor of St. Michael Parish in Augusta, he plans to continue exercising his priestly ministry by providing coverage in parishes as needed and through offering Masses and the sacraments in Spanish for the Hispanic community.

Send all items for **Names & Faces** to [Editor@TwinCityTimes.com](mailto:Editor@TwinCityTimes.com).  
Deadline is **Friday by five.**

## Lewiston's 2018 Clean-Up Assistance Week



### When/Where Will Clean-Up Assistance Take Place?

- **During the last full week in April (Monday, April 23, thru Friday, April 27)**, Lewiston's Public Works Department will collect brush from residential properties (butt ends to face the street). Quantities are limited to **no more than one (1) standard pick-up truck load per residence**.
- **All brush to be collected by City staff must be curbside no later than Sunday, April 22.** City staff will be collecting the curbside brush throughout the week.
- **Once City staff has collected brush from a given street, they will not return to collect brush from that street.**
- Lewiston Public Works Department staff **WILL NOT BE COLLECTING** tree stumps; wood greater than 12" diameter; or any demolition wood such as fencing, old decking, or wood from construction/demolition projects.

### Will Solid Waste Facility Waive Tip Fees/Use of ePass During This Week?

No. Historically, the City provided one week in April in which residents could dispose of solid waste items generated at their homes at the City's Solid Waste Facility, 424 River Road, Lewiston, and were not charged a disposal fee. **That program has been modified.**

**THE CURRENT PROGRAM** allows residential property owners to set up an ePass account for this service. There is no charge to establish the ePass account, and this can be done at the City Treasurer's Office (second floor, Lewiston City Hall, 27 Pine Street) or the Scale House at the City's Solid Waste Facility. Once the account has been set up, the resident can dispose of up to 1,000 pounds of household waste (construction & demolition waste, waste refrigerated appliances, old furniture, yard debris, waste tires, electronic waste items, etc.) at no cost. Once the 1,000-pound limit has been exceeded, residents will be charged the nominal disposal fee (\$93/ton, \$95/ton for construction and demo waste) for any overage.

Residents can dispose of their household waste at the Solid Waste Facility during normal business hours:

- 7:15 AM – 2:45 PM (Weekdays)
- 8:00 AM – 11:50 AM (Saturday)

**The gates are closed at the listed closing time. Please arrive 15 minutes before closing to assure that you have adequate time to dispose of your waste items.**

The ePass account is good for one year from the date of issue. Residents who are tenants of rental property may also obtain an ePass account but will be required to pay \$20 for this service.

### If Individuals Have Questions About Lewiston's Clean-Up Assistance Week, Where Can They Call?

Individuals may contact the Solid Waste Facility at 513-3006; TTY/TDD: 513-3007.



## Skelton Taintor & Abbott shareholder to speak on employment law for small businesses

Skelton Taintor & Abbott shareholder Rebecca S. Webber will be the speaker at a breakfast workshop co-sponsored by the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Central Maine Human Resources Association on Wednesday, April 25. Open to the public, the event will take place from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Oxford Casino Hotel. The cost to attend, \$15 for Chamber and CMHRA members and \$25 for non-members, includes a buffet breakfast.

Webber will address employee issues often faced by small businesses. While most small businesses and non-profit organizations do not have a human resources professional on staff, they must still be in compliance with legal requirements. Webber will identify issues that can arise for employers and discuss how to reduce the risk of claims, Commission actions, and court cases. The discussion will include advice on policies and procedures, as well as pitfalls to avoid.



Rebecca S. Webber

Webber's practice areas include employment litigation, civil rights litigation, employment law, counseling and compliance, and See Skelton, page 16

## Help spruce up Pettingill School Park for Earth Day



Friends of Pettingill Steering Committee members Bill Maroldo, Carolyn Court, and Ted Walworth (Photo by Gini Haines of Haines Photography)

If you don't have any specific plans to celebrate Earth Day, you're invited to join the Friends of Pettingill Park as they mark the day with a park cleanup event on Sunday, April 22, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The park is located on College Street in Lewiston.

Volunteers will be weeding the pathways and

gardens, distributing mulch, and hauling away any trash that accumulated over the winter. This is a great opportunity to meet friends and neighbors while participating in a rewarding experience that benefits all. Feel free to bring a rake, weed digger, or similar tools, but there will also be some on hand to use.

Pettingill School Park is the only park in Lewiston-Auburn that is maintained largely by volunteers through private donations. For more information, call organizer Carolyn Court at 376-6997 or Friends of Pettingill Vice-Chair Bill Maroldo at 740-4640. You can also visit their Facebook page.

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## "Discipline and Performance Management" at next HR Thursdays workshop

The topic of the next HR Thursdays program presented by the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, Central Maine Human Resource Association, and Lewiston CareerCenter will be "Discipline and Performance Management - Keeping and Growing the Best." The workshop will take place on Thursday, April 26, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

Discipline is all about helping employees understand where the guardrails are when it comes to their performance and behavior in the work environment. Leaders, managers, and supervisors who are consistent, provide immediate

and constructive feedback, and follow a solid discipline process can more quickly steer poor performance back on course and encourage productive work habits that support business needs.

The program will be presented by Kristen Kellner of KMA Consulting. Kellner is a seasoned Human Resources professional with expertise in addressing adult learning needs. Passionate about collaborative, vibrant, and successful work environments, she is Chief Learning Officer at KMA Human Resources Consulting, LLC, where she is responsible for overseeing the learning strategy and needs for a wide variety of client populations. She has worked in a variety of set-

tings in the retail industry, including 20-plus years at L.L. Bean.

Kellner earned a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Maine at Orono and a Master's in Education from the University of Southern Maine. Her diverse background is a tapestry of training and development functions that includes team building, customer service, developing core values and vision statements, creating a positive work culture, and leadership development. She is certified in several specialty areas, including Performance Technologist (by the Center for Effective Performance), Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (by Consulting Psychol-

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## Upcoming art workshops at Harlow Gallery



"Two Types of Paper" with Cynthia Ahlstrin takes place Sunday, May 6.

Registration is now open for the following art workshops at the Harlow Gallery's new, larger location at 100 Water Street in Hallowell. Space is limited and pre-registration is required for all workshops. For more information, call 622-3813 or email kvaa@harlow-gallery.org. To register, see www.harlowgallery.org.

On Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., local jewelry artist Tonya Gorman will lead a beginner beading workshop. Gorman

will talk a little about her background and creative process and then delve into a choice of one of two projects. Learn about color, bead placement, and finishing work. Participants will walk away with a beautiful, ready-to-wear creation. The workshop is open to kids ages 8 and up when accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members, and \$20 for kids ages 8 through 17.

On Sunday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cynthia Ahlstrin will lead "Two Types of Paper," a workshop on hand-de-

signed paste paper and layered papermaking. The workshop will explore the exciting method of using pigment, paste, and other media to create original, hand-designed decorative paper often used in book arts, collage, and other arts. Participants will learn the techniques of mixing paint, making underlying marks, and using the right tools to create professional quality paper with colorful designs. The class will then learn the process of hand layering to create beautiful sheets of translucent, layered paper. Ages 12 and up are

welcome; no previous experience is necessary. Paper, pigments, and paste will be provided. Participants should bring a hair dryer (to speed drying time) and any scraps of lightweight paper, thread, or cloth for additional inclusions. The cost is \$90 for members, \$95 for non-members, and \$75 for



"Beading for Beginners," with local jewelry artist Tonya Gorman, takes place Saturday, April 21.

kids ages 12 through 17.

On Saturday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., expert watercolor artist Kay Morris will lead an entry-level watercolor course taught in a relaxed environment. This will be a small class, limited to six participants, with lots of opportunity for one-on-one instruction

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# TWIN CITY NIGHTS

## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### Chocolate Church Arts Center plans weekend of live music



Jonathan Edwards

The Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath has a full slate of live music scheduled this weekend. On Friday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m., acclaimed singer-songwriter-musician Jonathan Edwards will perform songs from his vast repertoire; on Saturday, April 21 at 2 p.m., Earth, Air & Seas will celebrate Earth Day with an all-ages show that is part musical, part consciousness raising, and 100% fun; and at 7:30 p.m. on the same day, Sultans of String take to the stage for a high-energy set.

Acclaimed songwriter Jonathan Edwards' compositions include such memorable songs as "Honky Tonk Stardust Cowboy," "Sometimes," "One Day Closer,"

"Don't Cry Blue," "Emma," "Everybody Knows Her," "Athens County," and everyone's favorite ode to putting a good time on, "Shanty." And then, of course, there's the anthemic "Sunshine (Go Away Today)," a proclamation of protest and independence that resonated with thousands of frustrated and angry young men and women when it was first released in 1971. Almost 40 years later, the song continues to be embraced by faithful followers and new fans alike. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$34 at the door.

With Earth, Air, & Seas, Chocolate Church continues its tradition of offering family entertainment for children of all ages



Sultans of String

during the spring school break. Conceived by Canadian musician Chris McKhool, this award-winning show is fully interactive and takes the audience beyond ecology's three R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) to a higher awareness of our connection to the planet's forests, air, water, and animals. Everyone leaves feeling they can make a real difference. Tickets are \$15, or \$10 for children under 12.

The Sultans of String combine acoustic strings with electronic wizardry to create layers and depth of sound. Chris McKhool leads the trio with his fiery five-string violin, melding seamlessly with the rumba rhythms of founding guitarist Kevin Laliberté over the unstoppable groove of bass master Drew Birston. Winners of a SiriusXM Award

and three-time nominees for the JUNO (Canada's Grammy), their sound is a musical passport stamped with Celtic reels, Flamenco, Gypsy-jazz, Arabic, and Cuban rhythms. Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$22 at the door.

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

### Maine Event Comedy tonight at Bear Bones Beer



Jake Jacobson

Maine Event Comedy will present Brownfield's Jake Jacobson at Bear Bones Beer on Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m. He'll be joined by fellow comics Zach Griffith, Jamie Roux, and Dee Turcotte. An open-mic will follow the show.

Jacobson has seen the world and he's not impressed. Born in Massachusetts, raised in Rhode Island, and enlightened in Africa,

he now resides in Western Maine and writes intellectual-social-observational irreverence to be delivered wherever some good ol' common sense is required.

Portland's Roux performs stand-up comedy all over New England. He's a co-creator and host of MEmthinks, a Portland cable access interview and panel discussion show about *See Comedy, page 12*

### L/A Nordiques tickets now on sale for 2018-19

The inaugural 2017-18 season of the L/A Nordiques' Hockey Club was a resounding success; the team finished the season with an impressive 32-11-3-1 record, good for second place in the Coastal Division, and had the fifth highest per game attendance average in a league of over 40 teams.

The coaching and front office staff are already hard at work preparing for the club's upcoming second season. Tickets for the 2018-19 season are now on sale at 2017-18 prices and Season Ticket holders can still enjoy a discounted rate of \$5 per game.

New for Season Ticket

holders this year is an "Early Bird" VIP Parking Pass, sold at a huge discount of \$2 per game or \$44 for the season. (The regular VIP price is \$5 day of game or \$88 for the season.) For more information about season tickets, call the box office at 783-2009, ext. 208 or see [www.lanordiques.com](http://www.lanordiques.com).



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## Mainely Improv at Baxter Brewing Company



Much in the style of television's "Whose Line Is It, Anyway?" the troupe makes up comedy "on the spot," based entirely on audience suggestions.

Mainely Improv - On the Spot Comedy, one of Maine's most popular improvisational troupes, will bring its madcap antics to the Baxter Brewing Company in Lewiston on Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m. Admission is free with no cover charge.

Much in the style of television's "Whose Line Is It, Anyway?", the troupe makes up comedy "on the spot," based entirely upon audience suggestions.

"The one thing that is predictable about improv comedy is that it is totally unpredictable," said Dan Marois, who, with his wife, Denise, produces Mainely Improv. "We have no idea what we are going to do when the show begins, and

we rely on the wit and genius of the audience to give us outrageous situations to perform throughout the evening."

The Mainely Improv cast often includes audience favorites such as Brian Files of Gardiner, Bob LeBlanc of Newburyport, Massachusetts, Katie Nadeau of Waltham, Massachusetts, Marie Stewart Harmon of South Portland, Steve Corning of Lewiston, Amanda Kinsey of Monmouth, Greg Simpson of Minot, Julie Poulin of Monmouth, and Dan Marois of Poland Spring.

"This team of performers has worked together for many years," said Marois. "Knowing each other so

well, they play off each other's comic timing to make a truly memorable evening of comedy."

"We are pleased to host improv comedy at the brewery," said Andrew Bielecki, Tap Room Manager at Baxter Brewing. "We have been a popular spot for stand-up comedy, and we look forward to adding a night of improv to our event line up."

Mainely Improv is an off-shoot of Mystery for Hire, Maine's longest running year-round mystery dinner theatre troupe. They are celebrating their 23rd anniversary this year, having performed to audiences totaling more than 60,000.

## State Grange presents annual Variety Show in Topsham

The Maine State Grange will present its third annual Variety Show at the Grange at 47 Pleasant Street in Topsham on Sunday, April 29 at 3 p.m. The show will feature an array of acts, from musical to comedy to dance. Admission will be \$6.

"We had such a great time the past two years, and I think this one is going to be even bigger and better," said

Maine State Grange Fundraising Chairman Norma Meserve.

During intermission, pie slices and beverages will be for sale and an assortment of items will be raffled. A portion of proceeds from the event, including two dollars from each ticket sold, will benefit the Maine State Grange's three scholarship funds.

Would you like to be

a part of the show? Organizers are still looking for performers who would like to showcase their talents. Participants need not be Grange members and each will have approximately five minutes to perform. All acts should be family-friendly.

For more information, visit the Maine State Grange on Facebook, contact Steven Haycock at 998-2586, or email Granger04071@aol.com.

## A-L Sports Hall of Fame Induction set for May 6

The Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame will hold its 35th annual Induction & Awards Banquet on Sunday, May 6 at the Ramada Conference Center in Lewiston. The event will begin at 12 p.m. with a social period, followed by dinner and awards. Admission is by reservation only. Tickets are \$35.

Presented at the event will be this year's awards for lifetime achievement, as well as the Pioneer Award, the Earl Austin Award, the "Flashback to Fame" Award, and the President's Award, given to coaches and student-athletes for recent outstanding accomplishments.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees for lifetime achievement are William "James" Hood, Raymond Deblois, Carolyn Court, and

Peter Couture. The Pioneer Award will be presented to Mary B. Kendall, the Earl Austin Award to Michael Giroux, and the Flashback to Fame Award to the 1968 Lewiston High School State Hockey Champions.

This year's Chamber President's Awards will go to coaches Jamie Belleau, Mike McGraw, Mike Adams, Chris Cifelli, Brian Kay, and Jennifer Brown; and to students Taylor Chamberlain, Ryan Bossie, Stephanie Rodrigue, Maddie LeBlond, Grant Hartley, Alex Thompson, Piper Norcross, Tyler Morin, Grace McBride, Caroline Gastonguay, Hannah Trottier-Braun, Markella Gammaitoni, Marley Byrne, Lauren Lessard, and Mary Caron.

The Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame

is a community activity of the Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the chamber at 783-2249 or visit [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

# Twin City Nights

## Art exhibit highlights Distracted Driving Awareness Month

In conjunction with National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, a new traveling art exhibit is now on display at the Auburn Mall. The exhibit features 50 of the best pieces of artwork by Maine high school seniors who, over the past 13 years, have been winners in the Arrive Alive Creative Contest sponsored by the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein.

Open to graduating high school seniors, the contest asks participants to submit a creative message about the dangers of drinking and driving and/or distracted driving. The exhibit features the best drawings and paintings that have been submitted depict-

ing the dangers teenagers face when behind the wheel. Other former winners of the contest have entered poems, essays, videos, songs, board games, t-shirt designs, and more.

First-place winners in the Arrive Alive Creative Contest receive a new laptop computer, second- and third-place winners receive a new iPad, and everyone who enters wins fun prizes for their efforts. The deadline for this year's contest is Friday, May 11. A complete set of rules can be found at [www.arrivealivecreativecontest.com](http://www.arrivealivecreativecontest.com).

Now in its 14th year, the Arrive Alive Creative Contest has cumulative-

ly received entries from over 750 seniors attending more than 115 Maine high schools. With a goal of educating Mainers of all ages, the traveling art exhibit will be on display at the Auburn Mall through May.

Since 1974, the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein has represented more than 25,000 Mainers in personal injury and Social Security Disability claims. With a statewide practice and seven offices located in Lewiston, Windham, Augusta, Sanford, Biddeford, Portland, and Bangor, the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein has collected over \$300 million in settlements and benefits for injured and disabled Mainers.

## Auburn Art Club plans Annual Banquet

The Auburn Art Club will host its Annual Banquet on Tuesday, May 1 at 11:30 a.m. at Rolondeau's Restaurant on Washington Street in Auburn. A brief business meeting will be followed at noon by lunch.

After lunch, there will be a presentation by storyteller and historian Jude Lamb. Born and raised in Western Maine, Lamb now lives near Acadia National Park. Reading was her favorite



pastime while growing up, and in her thirties, she wrote her first children's book about a Maine bear. In 1996, she entered College of the Atlantic to study art, writing, and many other subjects, graduating in 2000. Today, her six grandchildren are the inspiration for the children's books she writes and illustrates.

Hostesses for this meeting are Kathy Cutter, Jan Sullivan, Renee

Bonin, Louise Reynolds, Jeanne Laliberte, and Elizabeth Bell. To make your reservation, contact Louise Reynolds at 783-6243.

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# Twin City Nights

## Curious Minds presents "Travels Along the Lincoln Highway"

Did you know that America's first national memorial to President Abraham Lincoln was the Lincoln Highway? Learn more about the highway and its history when historian Alan Elze presents "Travels Along the Lincoln Highway," the next program in the Curious Minds lecture series on Tuesday, April 24 at 2 p.m. in the Androscoggin Community Room at Auburn Public Library.

On July 1, 1913, a group of automobile enthusiasts and industry offi-

cialists established the Lincoln Highway Association "to procure the establishment of a continuous improved highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific, open to lawful traffic of all description without toll charges." In its time, the Lincoln Highway would become the nation's premier roadway, as well known as U.S. 66 would be in its day and as I-80 and I-95 are today.

Most significantly, the Lincoln Highway inspired the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, also known as

the National Interstate and Defense Highways Act. The legislation was championed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was influenced by his experiences as a young soldier crossing the country on the Lincoln Highway during the 1919 Army Convoy.

In the past 13 years, Alan Elze has taught a wide variety of courses at L-A Senior College. Over the past decade, he and his wife have made several road trips on the nation's historic back roads.

The Curious Minds Lecture series is a partnership between Auburn Public Library and Lewiston-Auburn Senior College that brings to the library speakers on a wide variety of topics. The programs are free and open to the public. More information about L-A Senior College is available at the lectures and at <https://usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege>.

## Chamber seminar addresses "Hiring People with Disabilities"

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will present a Working the Workforce seminar called "Hiring People with Disabilities: It Isn't Just the Right Thing to Do, It's Good for Business." The workshop will take place on Wednesday, April 25, from 12 to 1 p.m. in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

The presenter will be Lillian Doughty, LSW, ACRE, of Pine Tree Soci-

ety. Doughty's leadership and oversight of Pine Tree Society's work has helped increase Maine's workforce through the employment and retention of people with disabilities. A Licensed Social Worker certified in Supportive Employment with over 30 years working with people with disabilities, Doughty is passionate about helping individuals unlock their potential and connecting them with the

right jobs.

Maine people with disabilities have been identified as a population that can help fill Maine's growing workforce gap. Participants will learn about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities and how it can positively impact a business's bottom line. Also provided will be resources and next steps your business can take. For more information about the event, call 783-2249

## Historical Society program examines influences on men's clothing

Androscoggin Historical Society will host an educational program with local collector, educator, and businessman Lew Alessio called "What Men Wore... And They Called It Macaroni." The program will take place on Tuesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at the Society's museum on the third floor of the County Building in Auburn.

Food, shelter, and clothing have always been considered the basic three requirements for life. The evening's presentation will explore how factors such as

sports, war, politics, women, social stigma, and industry, far more than so-called "fashion," affected men's choices in clothing well beyond the basics.

For example: How did the U.S. Postal Service influence grandpa's pants? Why do baseball players wear knickers? How do events during the U.S. Civil War still influence almost every article of men's clothing bought even today? Would politicians wear red ties if they knew what that once meant? What influences have social

standards of gender had on what men wore? And what were the life-threatening, world-changing reasons they called it "macaroni" on both sides of the Atlantic?

Alessio, born and raised in New York City, has lived for about 45 years in the 1791 Bachelier Stetson homestead in Greene, which he shares with his husband, Jim Shaffer, four cats, and the spirits of generations of the quite remarkable Stetson Family. They own both an antiques business and "in your own words, LLC," which creates greeting cards using vintage images that are sold in shops across the U.S.

Admission for this program is free; donations will be gratefully accepted. Please enter the County Building at the side door on Court Street and proceed to the third floor. An elevator is available. For more information about the Society, call 784-0586.

## Comedy

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Maine news and politics. Griffith, a newcomer to comedy and former member of the U.S. armed forces, is a familiar face on the Maine scene. He recently delivered a feature performance at Empire in Portland. Following a short break from stand-up, Turcotte is making her triumphant return to the stage, primed and ready to share insights and anecdotes about life and love.

The show is free and open to those ages 21 and older. Bear Bones Beer is located at 43 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 513-0742 or e-mail [maineeventcomedy@gmail.com](mailto:maineeventcomedy@gmail.com).

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**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.

Chamber of Commerce "Breakfast for Dinner." 5 p.m. Martindale Country Club, 527 Beech Hill Rd., Auburn. No fooling, the chamber switches things up this month by having its monthly Breakfast Meeting in its normal "Business After Hours" slot. The speaker will be Alan Hahnel, President of Hahnel Bros. Co. \$20/30. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Maine Event Comedy. 7 p.m. Baxter Brewing, 130 Mill St., Lewiston. Tonight's performers are Jake Jacobson, Zach Griffith, Jamie Roux, and Dee Turcotte. Ages 21-plus. Free. 513-0742;

maineventcomedy@gmail.com.

**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.

Mainly Improv. 7 p.m. Baxter Brewing Co., 130 Mill St., Lewiston. Much in the style of television's "Whose Line Is It, Anyway?" the troupe makes up comedy "on the spot" based entirely upon audience suggestions. Free.

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.

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 4/21-22 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$14/12. www.schoolhousearts.org.

Concert: Jonathan Edwards. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. The acclaimed singer-songwriter has penned such memorable songs "Shanty" and "Sun-

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shine (Go Away Today)." \$34/30. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

**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.).

Green ME Up! 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. L.L. Bean Flagship Store Campus, Freeport. Pres. by Girl Scouts of Maine, this kid-friendly event celebrating Earth Day incl. fun learning activities about sustainability and how to be stewards of the earth. Free.

Arts Workshop. 10 a.m. to noon. Harlow Gallery, 100 Water St., Hallowell. Local jewelry artist Tonya Gorman leads "Beading for Beginners." \$30/35 (\$20 kids 8-17). Space limited; register at 622-3813.

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.

Earth, Air, & Seas. 2 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Equal parts musical performance and environmental consciousness raising, this show is %100 fun for all ages. \$15 (\$10 kids 11-). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

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.

Concert: Sultans of String. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This award-winning trio blends acoustic strings with electronic wizardry to create layers and depth of sound. \$22/18. 442-8455; www.

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Light refreshments served. For more information: Albert L'Etoile (207) 440-6040 WoodlandsMaine.com, Aletoile@woodlands-maine.com

**Sunday, April 22**

Park Clean-Up. 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Pettingill School Park, College St., Lewiston. Celebrate earth day by helping the Friends of the Park spruce it up after the winter; tools will be provided. 376-6997.

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 Hathorn Hall and proceeds to the river and back. All welcome. 319-6630.

Curious Minds Lecture. 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Alan Elze of L-A Senior College presents "Travels Along the Lincoln Highway." Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Andro. Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. County Building, Court St., Auburn. Local collector, educator, and businessman Lew Alessio discusses influences on men's clothing in "What Men Wore... And They Called It Macaroni." Free; donations welcome. 784-0586.

**Wednesday, April 25**

Central ME Human Resources Assoc. Workshop. 7:30 to 9 a.m., Oxford Casino Hotel, Oxford. Atty. Rebecca S. Webber discusses the basics of employment law for small organizations. Pres. w. Oxford Chamber.

\$25 (members \$15), incl. breakfast.

Working the Workforce Seminar. Noon to 1 p.m. LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Lillian Doughty of Pine Tree Society discusses "Hiring People with Disabilities." 783-2249.

Oasis of Music. 12:30 to 1 p.m. Trinity Church, 247 Bates St., Lewiston. Greg Anderson performs traditional and original instrumental folk music on his hammer dulcimer. Free. 344-3106.

**Thursday, April 26**

HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Kristen Kellner of KMA Consulting discusses "Discipline and Performance Management - Keeping and Growing the Best." \$50 (Chamber members \$25, CMHRA members free). 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Marine Corps League Meeting. 6 p.m. Armory, 65 Central Ave., Lewiston. Central ME Detachment 810 holds its monthly meeting. They need members: all Marines, FMF corpsman, Navy chaplains, and those interested in Marines Helping Veterans are invited to attend.

**Friday, April 27**

"How to Travel the World for Free." 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. German TV personality Michael Wigge's film documents his six-month journey from Europe to Antarctica - with no money. Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Roast Pork Supper. 4 to 6:30 p.m. Turner Center Universalist Church, Route 117 (across from Gazebo). Presented by the church's Ladies Circle; donations appreciated.

L.L. Bean Lecture Series. 7 p.m. Camping Dept. Atrium, L.L. Bean Flagship Store, Freeport. L.L. Bean's Bill Yeo presents a screening of his documentary "Bike Packing the Arizona 750," about his experiences biking the country's longest single-track trail. Free.

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 4/28-29 (Sun. at 2 p.m.) \$14/12. 370-9566; www.monmouthcommunityplayers.org.

**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.

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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; rcam.net.

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

Bean Supper. 5 p.m. First Congregational Church, Rte. 115, Gray. Baked beans, casseroles, salads, homemade breads and desserts, beverages. \$8 adults, \$4 kids under 12. Wheelchair accessible. 657-4279; 657-3279 (day of supper).

**Sunday, April 29**

Scrabble Fest. 12:30 to 4 p.m. Carriage House Plus, 1119 Lisbon St., Lewiston. In this popular fundraiser for Literacy Volunteers, four-person teams compete in thirty-minute rounds. Prizes, refreshments. Register by 4/23 at 753-6658 or scrabble@literacyvolunteersandro.org.

Annual Variety Show. 3 p.m. Topsham Grange, 47 Pleasant St., Topsham. The Maine State Grange raises money for scholarships by presenting a wide variety of local talents; concessions, raffles. \$6. 998-2586.

**Tuesday, May 1**

Auburn Art Club Annual Banquet. 11:30 a.m. Rolandeau's Restaurant, Washington St., Auburn. Following a brief business meeting and lunch, Jude Lamb discusses her career writing children's books. Reserve at 783-6243.

Girl Scouts Info Session. 6 p.m. Sherwood Heights Elementary School, 32 Sherwood Dr., Auburn. Come learn about Girl Scouts' Sprouting

Daisies program for girls entering kindergarten or first grade. Free. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

**Wednesday, May 2**

Girl Scouts Info Session. 6 p.m. Elm Street School, 129 Elm St., Mechanic Falls. Come learn about Girl Scouts' Sprouting Daisies program for girls entering kindergarten or first grade. Free. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

**Thursday, May 3**

Girl Scouts Info Session. 6 p.m. Henry L. Cottrell School, 169 Academy Rd., Monmouth. Come learn about Girl Scouts' Sprouting Daisies program for girls entering kindergarten or first grade. Free. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

**Saturday, May 5**

Maine Catholic Women's Conference. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland. National speakers, live music, and a special mass highlight this event. \$60 (incl. meals). Register at 321-7898 or www.portlanddiocese.org.

Baked Bean & Casserole Supper. 4:45 to 6 p.m. Parish hall, Holy Trinity Church, 67 Frost Hill Ave., Lisbon Falls. Includes dessert and beverage. Pres. by Knights of Columbus. \$8 adults, \$4 children 11-, \$18 family with children.

**Sunday, May 6**

Arts Workshop. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 100 Water St., Hallowell. Cynthia Ahlstrin leads "Two Types of Paper," on hand-designed paste paper and layered papermaking. \$90/95 (\$75 kids 12-17). Space limited; register at 622-3813.

Induction & Awards Banquet. Noon. Ramada Conference Center, Lewiston. After a social hour and dinner, the Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame presents its annual awards. Reservations required. \$35. 783-2249; www.LAMetroChamber.com.

**Saturday, May 12**

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The world has changed since the first conference took place ten years ago, and the conference has evolved with it. Just since last year's event, there have been an unprecedented number of threats and disasters across the nation, both natural and man-made.

Wildfires and landslides destroyed lives and homes on the West Coast; an active hurricane season devastated communities in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico; Hawaiians braced for a nuclear missile attack when a warning was erroneously released as a live alert; and a destructive, fast-moving wind storm in October reminded us here in Maine that we must be prepared for anything, always.

Additionally, Mainers and others across the country grieved with the family and friends of those killed or injured in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida. This incited numerous school-related threats of violence across the country, including here in Maine. Although plans were already in place in our schools for such an incident, the Maine Emergency Management Agency began working more closely with the Department of Education to see how these plans could be improved.

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### Down East

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