

## Pirates, wenches, mishaps, and merrymaking on deck at Franco Center



Some of the Buccaneer Banquet Players are (from l.) Tony Morin, Jay Barrett, Dan Kane, Emily Flynn, Heather Marichal, and Sean Wallace. (Franco Center photo)

The Gendron Franco Center will once again produce one of Maine's most unique, delicious, and hilar-

ous experiences with its first ever Buccaneers Banquet on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, beginning at

6 p.m. The center is located at the corner of Cedar and Oxford Streets in Lewiston.

Guests are invited to imagine themselves on the dock beside a huge pirate ship, awaiting the glorious arrival of the Pirate King, See Franco, page 6

## St. Mary's Nutrition Center offers free Garden Workshops



A June 2017 Sunflower Planting Party at St. Mary's Nutrition Center in Lewiston. Planting sunflowers one year improves the soil for the following year's garden.

Have you ever wanted to start a garden, but just aren't sure how to begin? Want to see different options for creating a garden bed?

Are you an experienced gardener looking to learn new tips and tricks?

This spring, the garden team at St. Mary's Nutrition

Center will present a series of free workshops on different ways to build and grow garden plots in creative, fun, See St. Mary's, page 5

## Auburn Business Association to name Citizen of the Year

In a tradition dating back to 1974, the Auburn Business Association will name its Auburn Citizen of the Year at its Annual Banquet on Thursday, May 10, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Martindale Country Club in Auburn.

The purpose of the award is to recognize a person who lives or works in

Auburn who has enriched the community by making a local, state, or national impact. This may have been through a lifetime of service or by a single deed, the benefit of which will continue to be felt and recognized years later.

This night of celebration is open to the pub- See Auburn, page 3

## Public Theatre presents Maine premiere of "The Midvale High School 50th Reunion"

Revisiting the past changes the future when an old classmate unexpectedly turns into a new love in the charming and thought-provoking romantic comedy "The Midvale High School 50th Reunion,"

making its Maine premiere at Lewiston's Public Theatre May 4 through 13.

The world changes a lot in 50 years! How many people will you recognize? How many of us have become



the person we imagined we'd be when we "grew up"? The bittersweet fun of attending a reunion is seeing our own changes reflected in the eyes of everyone we meet, but after 50 years, will you even recognize yourself?

As Bettina, the class valedictorian, and Tom, an un-

popular loner, weave their way through the party, a new road for both of them appears when their paths cross and they begin to fill in the blanks in each other's lives. Through a series of flashbacks woven through the real time of their high school reunion, as an ambitious young See Theatre, page 6

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Senators Collins, King welcome Auburn Middle School students to Washington, D.C.



The group of eighth-grade students, parents, and teachers traveled to Washington, D.C., as part of the school's biennial class trip.

U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King recently met with a group of sixteen eighth-grade students, parents, and teachers from Auburn Middle School who traveled to Washington, D.C., as part of the school's biennial class trip.

"It is always a pleasure to welcome Maine students to our nation's capital," said Senators Collins and King in a joint statement. "We had a great discussion with these bright students from Auburn Middle School about the legislative process and the

daily responsibilities of a U.S. Senator. Most important, we encouraged these young people to remain civically engaged, look for opportunities to improve their communities, and never lose sight of their dreams."

During their visit, the

Auburn Middle School eighth grade students toured the U.S. Capitol building, explored numerous Smithsonian museums, and walked along the National Mall to visit the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, and the World War II Memorial.

## CMMC honors Harris with DAISY Award



This is the second time Tamika Harris, RN, receives the award for her outstanding service.

Tamika Harris, RN, DAISY Award recipient. This is the second time Harris has been recognized as Central Maine Medical Center's See DAISY, page 4

## CM Foundation honors achievements at Annual Dinner



Those receiving awards at the event were (l. to r., from front) Judi Moreno, Cathy Gray, Angela Cafarelli, Aurelie Bush, June Roberts-Sherman, Kristina Blais, Alex Biron, Scott McClelland, William Rolfe, Jessie Shiers, Ron Fowler, Dina Jackson and Greg Whitney (for Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments), Rebecca Webber (for Skelton, Taintor and Abbott), and Mark Swiedom.



Enjoying the dinner are (from l.) Anne St. Pierre, Caroline Kendall, Becky Eggers, and John Bowie.



CMCC Director of Communications Heather Seymour and her husband Andy, project manager at Wright-Ryan Construction.



CMCC Alumni Alex Nering, logistics coordinator at Bath Iron Works, and Kate Dargie, behavior specialist at Momentum Inc.



CMCC students serving as official greeters and ushers at the dinner were (l. to r., from front) Micayla Hill, Jordy Knoren, Mackenzie Houghton, Ellie Harrington, Kenny Huynh, Deion Jenkins, and Cam Duncan.

A crowd of over 270 people gathered at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston recently for the Central Maine Community College Annual Dinner. The event was hosted by the college's Education Foundation Board of Directors. The highlights of the evening were President See CMCC, page 4

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# Governor's Address: Democrats' Failure Now Means Big Hassles on Tax Day Next Year

Americans paid their 2017 federal and state income taxes this week. Filing taxes isn't a pleasant or easy task, but the lack of action by Democrats in the Legislature will make filing a nightmare next year.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, Maine's tax laws, as those of most states, piggyback on the federal IRS code. This is called "tax conformity." States conform to avoid having two sets of laws - one for federal taxes and another for state taxes.

Aligning the state to the federal tax code usually requires minor fixes.

But because the federal tax reform was comprehensive, we must make changes in a way that does not increase Mainers' taxes. This requires the Legislature to pass a conformity bill.

Unfortunately, the failure of leadership by Speaker of the House Sara Gideon has made it likely that tax conformity will not happen this year.

Not conforming will cause problems for every tax-paying person and business. Not conforming will break the links between the state and federal codes. For example, tax-related terms might mean something different in our law than in federal law. Not conforming will



Governor Paul R. LePage

force businesses to keep two sets of books this year - one for federal laws and one for state laws.

To enforce our unlinked tax laws, the State must create a new tax bureaucracy, writing new reg-

ulations in time for families and businesses to do their taxes next year. The state will then hire dozens of employees at Maine Revenue Service to audit state and business income taxes separately from IRS audits.

By doing nothing, the Democrats risk placing the state in chaos next January when individuals and businesses start preparing their returns - with no regulatory guidance as to how they should file two entirely different sets of taxes. Without enough lead time, the tax software companies cannot update their software, making it even harder to file.

Nothing better illustrates the Democrats' total incomprehension of eco-

nomics and finance than their lack of urgency on this issue. This uncertainty hurts our economy and makes it harder to recruit good people and businesses to Maine.

Democrats should not tinker around the edges, changing the tax code under the guise of conformity, but in reality making tax changes that have nothing to do with conforming - but everything to do with collecting more of your hard-earned money.

I have told the Democrats that they must pass a bill to conform the tax code, and three things must be included to avoid a veto: 1. We must ensure that there is no tax increase on Maine families; 2. We must ensure

that there is no tax increase on Maine businesses; and 3. We must conform to the federal estate tax to encourage high-earners to stay or locate here in Maine.

I'd prefer to eliminate the estate tax, but I'm willing to compromise as long as we conform to the new federal code.

No matter how you prepare your taxes or whether you're an individual or business, take note: filing your 2018 taxes will be an extraordinary challenge due to the lack of action by Democrats in the Legislature.

Thank you,  
Paul LePage  
Governor

## Safe Voices hosts Open House in South Paris



Pictured here (l. to r.) at the event are Kelley Glidden, Director of Community Education; Elise Johansen, Executive Director; Rebecca Austin, Director of Advocacy Services; Maggy Ackerman, Rural Grant Coordinator; Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce board member Peter Laverdiere; and Diane Gallagher and Grace Hooke, Community Educators and Youth Advocates.

Safe Voices and representatives from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce celebrated the opening of Safe Voices' new South Paris office with a reception and ribbon cutting

on April 19. The new office space is part of Safe Voices' expansion and enhancement of services to the southern Oxford County area, made possible through grant funding from the federal Office

on Violence Against Women, as well as support from the Maine Department of Health & Human Services, the United Way, private foundations, corporate partners, and individual donors.

Founded in 1977, Safe Voices is the domestic violence resource center serving Oxford, Androscoggin, and Franklin counties. Each year, Safe Voices provides advocacy and support to more than 300 individuals throughout Oxford County and provides prevention education programming to more than local 3,000 youth and adults. Services include criminal and civil court advocacy, emergency shelter and housing services, support groups, community education and prevention programs, volunteer opportunities, and a Batterer's Intervention Program for perpetrators of violence.

## Auburn

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lic. Tickets include the program and dinner. The menu options are Chicken Marsala (pan seared chicken breast with sautéed mushrooms and a Marsala wine sauce), New England

Baked Haddock with a buttery Ritz cracker crumb topping, and Portabella Pizziola (grilled portabella mushrooms with onions, peppers, marinara sauce, and mozzarella cheese). All entrees will be accompanied by a baked potato with sour cream and chives. The price of

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# CMCC

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Scott Knapp's annual "State of the College" address and the presentation of awards to students and others for their achievements or contributions to the college. Those honored at the event were William Rolfe, Student of the Year; Cathy Gray, "Yes I Can" Award; Angela Cafarelli and Mark Swiedom, All-Maine Academic Team; Kristina Blais and Alex Biron, Female and Male Student Athletes of the Year; Scott McClelland, "Against All Odds" Award; Jessie Shiers, Scholarship Recipi-

ent of the Year; Ron Fowler, Veteran of the Year; June Roberts-Sherman, Faculty Member of the Year; Aurelie Bush, Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year; Judi Moreno, Staff Member of the Year; Skelton, Taintor and Abbott, Corporate Partner of the Year; and Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, President's Award.

Proceeds from the dinner, which are expected to exceed \$24,000, will benefit the foundation's scholarship fund. The mission of the CM Education Foundation is to provide financial support to CMCC and its students, to

advocate on behalf of the college, and to nurture relationships with the community and constituencies. The foundation has raised more than one million dollars in scholarships for the college.

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# Rotary Club hosts Celeste Yakawonis



Yakawonis has been a self-employed real estate paralegal for over 30 years and has owned several small businesses.

The next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Lunch Club on Thursday, May 3, from noon to 1 p.m. will feature guest speaker Celeste Yakawonis. The event will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Yakawonis has been a self-employed real estate paralegal for over 30 years. A lifelong resident of Maine, she attended Lewiston High School and graduated from the University of Maine at Orono in 1974. In 2003, after joining the then Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce, she began to take a greater interest in the community around her. Deciding that one business was not enough, she launched Gift Baskets by Celeste, which under various names continued for 18 years. She then established a new business,

Party'n With Plants, which hosts garden terrarium design classes. She is a member of the Central Maine Community College Foundation board and treasurer of the Androscoggin-Sagadahoc Extension Agency board. She recently joined a group at Tri-County Mental Health Services to address the issue of the opioid crisis that is facing our community and the country. She was recently sponsored by Christine Wilson to re-activate her membership with the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Lunch Club. She lives in Turner with her husband Peter, dog Bruce, and six cats and loves spending time with her grown daughters Katherine and Margaret.

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

# DAISY

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ris receives the award for her outstanding service.

The DAISY Award is sponsored by the DAISY Foundation and recognizes nurses who serve as role models for the nursing profession by consistently demonstrating in their work the attributes of compassion, critical thinking, passion for life, patient- and family-focused care, patient advocacy, and support for all members of the healthcare team.

Harris was nominated by a patient's family member for the understanding, patience, and care she provided. "[She] is the shining star that, I truly believe, is part of the reason he finally agreed to have the procedure done this time. She explained things to him in a way that made sense to him, and her quick wit, straight-shooter attitude, and understanding of his often misunderstood nature was exactly what he need-

ed," read the nomination story. "The fact that my grandfather wanted someone recognized for the good work they do is a true testament to the impact she had on him."

The DAISY Award was established in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at 33 from complications of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura. DAISY is an acronym for "diseases attacking the immune system." Headquartered in Glen Ellen, Calif., the DAISY Foundation also funds research for the J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects.

The Barnes Family believes that nurses are truly "unsung heroes," and the award "honors the superhuman work nurses do at the bedside each and every day." Patients, visitors, physicians, and co-workers can nominate nurses they feel deserve to be recognized with the DAISY Award.

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## Local youths honored by Maine Boys and Girls Clubs



Here (from l.) are Sen. Nate Libby, D-Lewiston; Gloria Bila; Brink Beaulieu; Sen. Rebecca Millett, D-Cape Elizabeth; Samuel Boswell; Sen. Cathy Breen, D-Falmouth; Caitlin Grenier; Timmy Doyle; and Sen. Shenna Bellows, D-Manchester.

Brink Beaulieu of Lewiston and Timmy Doyle of West Gardiner were two of the Maine Boys and Girls Clubs' 2018 Youths of the Year recognized in Augusta by the Maine Legislature recently. The honorees, officials from the Boys and Girls Clubs, and their guests met with legislators and observed the day's legislative

sessions. Youth of the Year is the Boys and Girls Clubs' signature effort to foster a new generation of leaders, fully prepared to live and lead in a diverse, global, and integrated world economy. They are selected for their outstanding leadership qualities, including exceptional communications, consensus building, and goal

setting skills. Also receiving the honor this year were Samuel Boswell of South Portland, Gloria Bila of Westbrook, and Caitlin Grenier of Winslow. At a dinner that evening, the Youths of the Year were presented with Legislative Sentiments honoring their achievement, and Timmy Doyle was named the statewide Youth of the Year.

## St. Mary's

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and cost-effective ways. Come learn while contributing to the development of their new garden space, right behind their building at 208 Bates Street in

Lewiston. Please wear appropriate clothing for gardening activities and bring water. For more information about the events, contact them at 513-3848 or nutritioncenter@stmarysmaine.com.

**Building Raised Garden Beds out of Wood.** Tuesday, May 1, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Want to give a defined border to your garden beds or raise them up to make them easier to work in? Learn how to make a raised bed out of wood. We will discuss the benefits and drawbacks of different kinds of wood and show a simple way to build raised garden beds at whatever height suits your needs.

**Lasagna Gardening.** Tuesday, May 8, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. This method of gardening does not involve pasta, but a recipe for spreading different materials in layers to create thriving garden beds. Because Lasagna gardening builds from the ground up, it improves soil quality and can create an instant garden even in areas with very poor or compacted soils.

**Building a Cinder Block Raised Bed.** Tuesday, May 15, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Stacking concrete blocks might be one of the simplest and cheapest ways to make a sturdy, long-lasting garden bed.

**Mulching for Healthier Gardens with Less Maintenance.** Tuesday, May 22, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Want to spend less time watering and weeding in your garden? Come learn some of the options and benefits of mulching! We'll be planting a bed of many different, beautiful, and tasty varieties of kale and practicing how to mulch them in different ways.

**Succession Planting.** Tuesday, May 29, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Eat more from your garden with succession planting! Learn how to time your plantings so you can eat continually all season long and make full use of garden space by knowing what you can plant after one crop has finished.

**Tomato Growing in Many Forms.** Tuesday, June 5, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tomatoes are perhaps one of the most beloved of summer crops. Come learn a number of different techniques to ensure that yours grow tall, healthy, and delicious!

**French Intensive Gardening.** Tuesday, June 12, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The French Intensive method of gardening uses less space and less water to produce a wonderful abundance of home-grown veggies. Perfect for home and community gardeners working with limited space.

**Weekly Open Garden Block.** All are welcome to drop by every Wednesday through June 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Come help us out in our new garden while learning about the Nutrition Center and some cool gardening techniques. Tasks may include garden bed construction and filling, planting, weeding, mulching, and more.

St. Mary's Nutrition Center is home to community garden programs, cooking and nutrition education programs, youth and children's programming, an emergency food pantry, the Lewiston Farmers' Market, and the Good Food Bus. For more information, see [www.stmarysnutritioncenter.org](http://www.stmarysnutritioncenter.org).

## Maine Crafts Association to open retail gallery in Downtown Portland

The Maine Crafts Association will open Maine Craft Portland, a retail gallery and resource center in the historic Maine Charitable Mechanic Association building, known as Mechanic's Hall, in Downtown Portland this summer. The new MCA space will promote craft in Maine through exhibitions and public programming and will directly benefit Maine craft artists through sales of their work.

Mechanic's Hall, in the vibrant Portland Arts District - across the street from Maine College of Art, blocks from the Portland Museum of Art, and home to an art supply store - is only made more ideal by the fact that the Mechanic's mission dovetails with that of the Maine Crafts Association. MCMA programs

and events will strengthen MCA's efforts and income opportunities. Additionally, as a building tenant, MCA will have access to the Me-

chanic's Hall library, ballroom, and classroom spaces.

The MCMA building was completed in 1859 and See **Portland**, page 12

## Optimist Club guest speaker



Optimist Club president Sabrina Best presents guest speaker Rick Lanman, director of the Auburn-Lewiston Airport, with a copy of the Optimist Creed. Lanman updated the club on what's happening at the second-busiest airport in the State of Maine, including the upcoming departure of the Lufthansa Project and use of the remaining hanger. For more information, see [www.flytomaine.com](http://www.flytomaine.com).

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# What's Going On

## Franco

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Captain Broadside, Iron Bottom, Low-Tide Jones, One-Eyed Ruby, Captain Morgan, and many others. They will join this merry band on the deck of the ship, filled with magic, color, and entertainment, where its wenches in service will serve a robust feast prepared by Chef John Pulsifer and his galley crew.

The menu will include a tropical fruit tray, calamari, conch fritters, jerk chicken, rice and sea peas, Jamaican cabbage, and key lime pie for dessert. Beverages will be served and available at the King's Rum Cash Bar throughout the evening, where a special "Eye Patch IPA," prepared by Baxter Brewing Co., will be available to those of legal drinking age.

The Pirate Players have produced an original script and short film by Colby Michaud for the event. "The Buccaneers Banquet" is a comedic romp riddled with the misadven-

tures of characters from the peak of the pirate era. The cast includes pirates played by Richard Martin, Sean Wallace, Tony Morin, Dan Kane, Heather Marichal, Emily Flynn, Jay Barrett, Glen Atkins, and Ken Mansur. Mitch Thomas is the Pirate King and Jennifer McClure-Groover is Queen of the Wenches. Costume designers for the production are Patti Gray and Debbie Mansur.

While passengers feast on the multi-course meal, the evening will burst forth with pageantry, frivolity, and great merriment, with maybe a few harrowing moments. Once the banquet ends, passengers may remain for music and dancing, more social conversation, and drink. Those who arrive in pirate-era fashion (optional, but strongly encouraged) may participate in a contest to be judged by members of the pirate band themselves, and perhaps receive discounts of a few gold pieces on their ale. This event provides unique, discretionary family entertainment.

Seating is limited. The

ticket price is \$40 per person, which includes dinner, the world-premiere of the show and film, dancing, and dockside parking. To buy tickets, call 783-1585 or purchase them online at [www.francocenter.org](http://www.francocenter.org).

Travelers are encouraged to start arriving at the dock at 6 p.m. All will board the pirate ship at 6:30 for a night of whimsy and glorious merrymaking. The ship is wheelchair accessible and special parking is available.

## DOL offers free "Wage and Hour Compliance Assistance" course

The Maine Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Standards will present its free "Wage and Hour Compliance Assistance" course for employers throughout the spring. This seminar covers wage and hour laws, including minimum wage, overtime, youth employment, severance pay, equal pay, leave requirements (family medical leave, family sick leave, and domestic violence), and break requirements, and also addresses commonly asked labor-related questions.

The class is available from 9 a.m. to noon at the following area locations: Thursday, May 3 at the Lewiston CareerCenter at 5 Mollison Way in Lewiston; and Tuesday, May 29 at SafetyWorks Training Institute at 45 Commerce Drive in Augusta.

Wage and Hour Compliance Assistance is designed

Couples who love history and plan to marry in Spring 2019 have a unique opportunity to celebrate their marriage at the historic Washburn-Norlands Living History Center and the popular Boothby's Orchard and Farm, both located in Livermore. The wedding for the chosen couple will take place on Saturday, June 22, 2019, during the seventh biennial Civil War Living History Weekend at the Norlands.

According to Norlands Director Sheri Leahan, the wedding package includes an 1860s-themed wedding ceremony followed by a public

reception, informal dinner, barn dance, and lodging for 30 guests, all at an affordable price of \$5000. Also included in the package are a wedding cake, flowers, photography services, and a marriage ceremony officiant, all provided by area professionals who have offered to donate their services to benefit the non-profit living history museum.

As many as 75 additional guests may be invited to the ceremony, dinner, and dance at a charge of \$35 per person, excluding housing. Following the scheduled festivities, there is an option for a private reception at the Boothby's Orchard Barn. For more information, interested couples should contact Denise Boothby at [boothbysorchard@gmail.com](mailto:boothbysorchard@gmail.com).

The Washburn-Norlands

Living History Center is a multifaceted museum offering in-depth experiences of 19<sup>th</sup>-century rural life, preserving the heritage and traditions of Maine's past, celebrating the achievements of Livermore's Washburn Family, and using living history methods to make values, activities, and issues of the past relevant to present and future generations. For more information, see [www.norlands.org](http://www.norlands.org).

Nestled among rolling hills and fields and cared for by the Boothby Family for seven generations, Boothby Orchard offers visitors a chance to slow down and experience the charms of rural Maine life through pick-your-own apples, wine tastings, special events, and romantic getaways. For more information, see [www.boothbysorchard.com](http://www.boothbysorchard.com).

desirable older woman as a central character in the play definitely makes this a great show to bring your mom to for Mother's Day."

Voted "Best Theatre in Maine" five years in a row by the readers of Down East Magazine, the Public Theatre brings the best acting talent from Broadway and beyond to Lewiston. All four of the actors in this production are New York-based professionals.

The role of Bettina will be played by Joyce Cohen, who has appeared on television, Broadway, off-Broadway, and film, with her most recognizable role in the Disney movie "High School Musical." The role of her former classmate, Tom, will be played by Mel Shrawder, who recently completed a two-year tour of "West Side Story" throughout Europe and whose television and film work includes appearances on "Law and Order," "Miami Vice," and "Critical Condition" with Richard Pryor.

The role of Young Bettina and others will be played by Nisi Sturgis, who appeared for five seasons as June Thompson on HBO's "Boardwalk Empire." And the

role of Young Tom and others will be played by Torsten Hillhouse, who has extensive experience in New York and regional theaters and appeared last season in the Public Theatre's production of "Ripcord."

The Public Theatre's Annual Silent Auction will take place in the lobby during the run of the production. The Opening-Night Brew Ha Ha, featuring a free, pre-show beer sampling hosted by Baxter Brewing, will start at 6:30 p.m. in the theater's lobby on Friday, May 4. Wine-Down Thursday, featuring a free, pre-show wine sampling hosted by Rails Restaurant, will start at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10. A free, post-show discussion featuring the cast and director will immediately follow the performance on Sunday, May 6.

The Midvale High School 50th Reunion runs May 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, and 13 at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays, with an additional Saturday matinee performance on May 12 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and only \$5 those ages 18 and under. To buy tickets, call 782-3200 or see [www.thepublictheatre.org](http://www.thepublictheatre.org).



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## Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services year-in-review

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services works in Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties to prevent and eliminate sexual violence and promote healing and empowerment for people of all genders and ages who are affected by rape, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, stalking, and sexual harassment. Their 24-hour response line can be reached at 1-800-871-7741 (voice) and 1-888-458-5599 (TTY). Here below is a review of their accomplishments in 2017:

The agency received 168 reports of assaults occurring in 2017, 134 reports of assaults occurring before 2017 or at an unknown time, and provided services to 433 survivors and 178 significant others.

Three SAPARS staff were selected to participate in the Advocacy Learning Center course, which develops new ways to define and structure advocacy, from engaging and working with survivors to changing systems and community responses.

Oxford County held a Sexual Assault Awareness Month speak-out, where survivors shared their stories and empowered others to do the same. In Franklin County, Farmington held its 19th annual March for Violence-Free Communities, which had its largest number of people in attendance.

The agency co-facilitated a My Life, My Choice support group for teens at risk for sex trafficking. They offered their first Trauma-Informed Yoga Group for survivors and provided an art-based support group for LGBTQ youth survivors at Oxford Hills High School.

They developed and co-facilitated with Safe Voices a Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Advocate training session for the staff of the Immigrant Resource Center of Maine.

They saw a big increase in services provided to survivors incarcerated at the Androscoggin County Jail.

Franklin County educators collaborated with the Franklin County Children's Task Force and Safe Voices to deliver the Prevent Child

Abuse Vermont (PCAVT) pre-K through Grade 8 curriculum to all schools in Franklin County.

They presented the "Expect Respect" curriculum at John F. Murphy Homes, Franklin School, Lisbon High School, and Lewiston High School.

SAPARS staff participated in Green Dot Bystander Training presented at the YWCA. This initiative brings training to Lewiston-Auburn to teach community members how to safely intervene when they see potentially risky situations.

They presented the Making the Case: Justice for LGBTQ+ Survivors workshop about effective responses to disclosures of sexual assault and abuse from those who identify as LGBTQ+.

The Farmington office moved to 144 High Street, providing more space, including designated space for the Children's Advocacy Center.

SAPARS was awarded a 2017 Community Partner Award from Safe Voices.

## The Androscoggin Human Trafficking Collaborative

The issue of sex trafficking is getting greater attention as communities become more aware of this startling reality. In 2015, agency representatives in Androscoggin County came together to create the Androscoggin Human Trafficking Collaborative. This group meets monthly to discuss emerging issues, support effective responses, and create strategies to educate the community.

With the understanding that existing community resources were already working with sex trafficking victims, the collaborative

has worked to develop a rapid response system to strengthen the coordinated community response by the dedicated providers. This response system provides a mechanism for law enforcement and other agencies to have a single point of contact when they have identified a victim of sex trafficking by calling the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services 24-hour helpline. After meeting the initial needs of the person who has been trafficked, an advocate from SAPARS then contacts advocates from Safe Voices and New

Beginnings to determine what services can be provided and which agency will provide the service coordination for that person.

The collaborative has also created a team to provide training for community groups about sex trafficking. When more people are educated about sex trafficking, more cases will be identified, and more people will ultimately be helped. The group's other community initiatives include a My Life, My Choice group for young women at risk for being trafficked and in-school prevention education.

## Children's Advocacy Center of Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties

The Children's Advocacy Center of Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties is a community initiative through which agencies collaborate to utilize a multidisciplinary team approach to investigate child abuse cases and promote the recovery of child abuse victims and their families.

Opening in 2005 as the first Child Advocacy Center in Maine, CAC-AFO provides a child-friendly and neutral facility where abused children receive coordinated interviews by a specially trained, trauma-focused neutral forensic interviewer. Members of the investigative team observe the interview from an adjoining room equipped with a closed-circuit television; team members can feed questions to the interviewer during a break in the interview process. This allows all team members to have their questions answered through a single interview of the child, reducing duplicative interviews and minimizing trauma to the child. The interviews are digitally recorded.

In addition, the CAC-AFO has a Family Advocate who can meet with non-offending caregivers during the interview process to discuss the potential impacts of abuse, the legal process,

counseling opportunities, and additional resources for the child and family.

CAC-AFO works with all law enforcement agencies in Androscoggin, Oxford, and Franklin Counties, the District Attorney's offices, the Maine State Police, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Spurwink Clinic's Child Abuse Program, Tri-County Mental Health Services, Advocates for Children, and Community Concepts. Law enforcement, Child Protective Services, and the District Attorney's office make case referrals to the CAC-AFO.

In an effort to provide optimal services to children and families, representatives from each agency comprise the multidisciplinary team that tracks cases and conducts regular case reviews. Case review is a formal process through which the Multidisciplinary Team collaborates to proactively discuss, analyze, and problem-solve child abuse cases to make sure that the needs of the child and family are met.

The ACAC is nationally accredited by the National Children's Alliance and is a program of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services. Here below is a list program accomplishments

for 2017:

Forensic interviews were provided to 264 children who disclosed sexual or serious physical abuse (a 44% increase).

Family Advocacy Services were provided to 191 non-offending caregivers.

State Police Detective Mike Chavez was trained as a forensic interviewer, increasing the interview team to four and thereby allowing interviews to occur at more than one site at a time.

CAC-AFO contracted with Community Health and Counseling to provide mental health assessments to children and families and expand mental health services to include three visits when needed. Grants from the JT Gorman Foundation and Androscoggin Bank supported this effort.

Lindsey Sawyer-Brown, an MSW intern from the University of New England, was trained as a Family Advocate, thereby allowing interviews to occur at more than one site at a time.

Forensic interview recording equipment was upgraded in the Lewiston office, with plans to install in other locations in 2018.

A strong partnership was developed with the Kiwanis Clubs, resulting in donations of over \$2,000.



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# Wrapping up work for 2018, L-A CASH Coalition touted as “Ideal VITA Site”



In 2018, these L-A CASH Coalition volunteers helped local residents claim \$469,784 in federal tax refunds and \$141,608 in state tax refunds.

The new model of the L-A CASH Coalition is working well, according to IRS Senior Tax Consultant Tess Armstrong following her site visit at the Lewiston Armory.

“The results were excellent,” she said. “Your new mission of comprehensive tax prep and financial check-ups is exactly what IRS SPEC has envisioned as the ide-

al VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site, and I can’t thank you enough for your efforts to promote financial empowerment opportunities to the taxpayers who are served at your site.”

From January 24 to April 11, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers provided free tax preparation, and intake specialists provided financial check-ups, to residents who made appoint-

ments for the free service at the Lewiston Armory. Residents could choose either a face-to-face appointment or the Coalition’s new “Scan and Go” option, in which they bring in their documents for scanning and then return the following week for review, signing, and electronic filing.

New as Site Coordinator for the project this year was retired Purdue University Assistant Associate Dean Anthony “Tony” Tenneson, who has an exten-



sive professional background in tax preparation. Assisting him was Jillian Shepard, a Human Services student at Purdue who served as Resource Coordinator and Appointment Scheduler.

“We call them the dynamic duo,” said L-A CASH Coalition co-chair Dottie Perham-Whittier. “The quality of service and personalized attention they have provided to each resident have been exemplary. The financial check-ups, which included informational resources sup-

porting self-sufficiency and conversations about credit reports, reducing debt, home ownership, etc., have been a hit with residents. One gentleman began to cry during his financial check-up and stated, ‘Thank you for being so kind to me.’ Saving was also part of the conversations, and we’re excited to report that 59 people decided to save a portion of their tax refund this year.”

Tenneson and Shepard were particularly appreciative of a thank you

card from a resident who noted how the tax site experience helped change her life. She shared that her much-needed refund enabled her to become debt-free and that she is now saving for a car and, eventually, a home.

“L-A CASH Coalition members, staunch volunteers, and site leaders have demonstrated commitment beyond description,” added L-A CASH Coalition co-chair Christine Adler. “The

## Central Maine Healthcare is proud to welcome Lisa A. Rutstein, MD Surgical Oncologist

Renowned surgeon Lisa A. Rutstein, MD, FACS, has joined Central Maine Healthcare to lead its surgical oncology program. Dr. Rutstein is a fellowship-trained oncology surgeon with more than 15 years of experience, whose chief area of interest is in the treatment of stomach, intestinal gallbladder, pancreas and liver cancer, as well as breast and skin malignancy.

Dr. Rutstein believes in a multidisciplinary approach to cancer care and 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 (SSO) and the American Board of Surgery, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.



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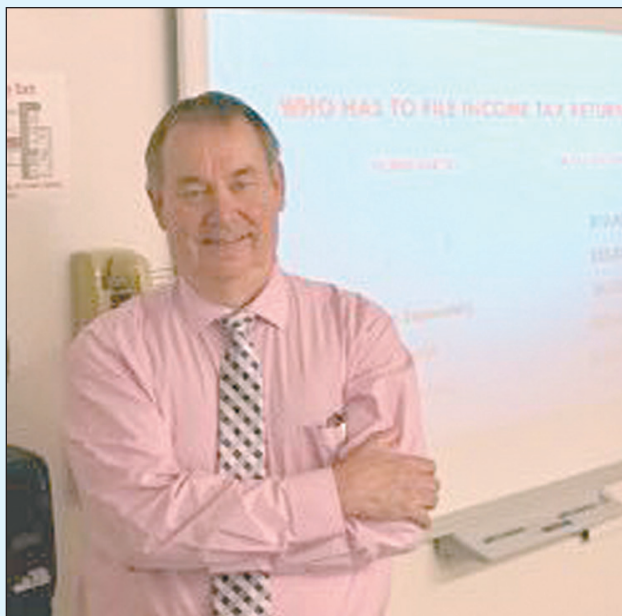
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level of professionalism, camaraderie, and the desire to help fellow community residents was selfless and inspiring. This new model has indeed established a foundation for an even brighter future for the L-A CASH Coalition and the people it serves.”

During this year’s tax season, the coalition prepared 311 federal returns and 347 state returns. The tax returns were prepared by IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers Christine Adler, Monica Lee, and Gary Dennis. Intake representatives who facilitated financial check-ups were Linette Dehetre, Rick Speer, Chris Davis, Lisa Laliberte, Jill Lorom, Jennifer Allen, and Dottie Perham-Whitler. During the season, Site Coordinator Tony Tenneson also did tax-related community presentations, including a Lewiston High School financial literacy class.



Claimed this year through the coalition’s free tax preparation service were \$469,784 in federal refunds and \$141,608 in state refunds. The federal claims included \$164,543 in Earned Income Tax Credits, the federal government’s largest anti-poverty benefit for workers.

In addition to the City of Lewiston, partners of the L-A CASH Coalition

include the Internal Revenue Service, the City of Auburn, Purdue Global University, Lewiston Housing Authority, Promise Early Education, the United Way of Androscoggin County, Coastal Enterprises, and New Ventures Maine. Funding for the work of the L-A CASH Coalition was provided by a portion of a statewide VITA grant and the John T. Gorman Foundation.



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# TWIN CITY NIGHTS

## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### Four hands, one piano for Bates College concert



James Parakilas is the James L. Moody, Jr. Family Professor Emeritus of Performing Arts at Bates College

Two pianists familiar to Lewiston audiences will provide a rare opportunity to experience a live performance of music composed for four hands at a single piano on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Bates College's Olin Arts Center at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston.

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College and Duncan Cumming, a Bates graduate, is a music professor at the University at Albany-SUNY. Together, they will perform works by Schubert, von Weber, Poulenc, Mozart, and Dvořák. The concert is free and open to the public, but tickets are required from EventBrite. For more information, call 786-6135 or email olinarts@bates.edu.

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### Chocolate Church to stage "Belle of Amherst" on Sunday



Actress Ginger Grace has performed William Luce's powerful, one-woman play across the country since 2002.

Actress Ginger Grace will bring Emily Dickinson vividly to life when the Chocolate Church Arts Center presents "The Belle of Amherst" on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. In William Luce's powerful one-woman play, language, imagination, and the ability of a talented actress transport audiences into the inner world of the eccentric poet, whose work defied the conventions of its time and only became widely known after her death.

While Emily Elizabeth Dickinson (December 10, 1830 - May 15, 1886)

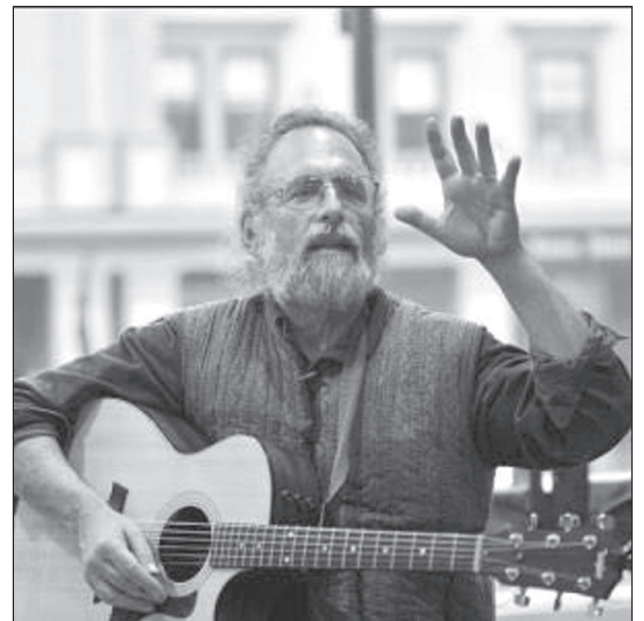
was a prolific writer, fewer than a dozen of her nearly 1,800 poems were published during her lifetime. Considered an eccentric by locals, she developed a noted penchant for white clothing and became known for her reluctance to greet guests or, later in life, even leave her bedroom. She never married, and most of her friendships depended entirely upon correspondence.

Filled with heart and humor, Luce's play celebrates the passionate spirit of a fiercely private woman. Met with surprises at every turn, she puts pen to paper and overcomes daunting challenges. At times, she is compelled to "stop the world" as creativity strikes, and her poems come to life in the unique, unconventional voice that would intrigue and inspire future generations.

Actress Ginger Grace has performed the play across the country since 2002. She has also worked

See Belle, page 16

### Morse Library adds musical note to Saturday Story Time



As a performer, Stan Davis is equally at home performing acoustic versions of his own songs and folk and Americana standards for both kids and their adults.

Local singer-songwriter Stan Davis will join regular story time volunteer Sandra Fowler to lend a musical note to Morse Library's upcoming Saturday Story Time session on April 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Since retiring as the long-time guidance counselor at Sydney Elementary School, Stan Davis has enjoyed spending more time with his young grandchildren and writing and

playing songs on his guitar. He's performed solo at such area venues as Sulley's in Winthrop and the Emporium in Readfield, and as part of the duo "Hurry Down Sunshine" in the "Music at the Gazebo" series in Turner and the "Winter Days" variety show at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Auburn.

As a performer, Davis is equally at home perform-

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### Paris Hill Music Festival seeks volunteers

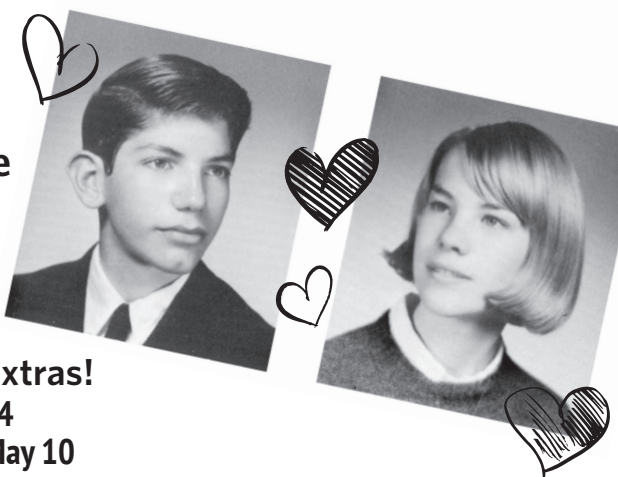
The Paris Hill Music Festival was a great success in 2017 due to the wonderful volunteers who helped coordinate the event. Now that the second annual festival is being planned for August

9 through 11, volunteers are needed to help in every area. For more information, contact Festival Director Mary Beth Caffey at 754-7970 or mbcaffey@gmail.com.

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## Schoolhouse Arts Center announces cast of "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep"



Among those taking on the 29 female and 24 male roles in the play will be Emily Eberhart, Diera Abbott, Benjamin Abbott, Emily Buddemeyer, Gerald Davis, Taylor Price, Michael McFarland, Josh Macri, Brittney Tibbetts, Hannah Macri, Ashley Mcbreairty, and Zoe Peters. Absent from the cast photo are Emily Thompson, Brett Davis, Valerie Sanborn, Camryn Graffius, Matthew Cote, Cristina Mcbreairty, and Ben Macri.

The Schoolhouse Arts Center of Standish has announced the cast for its spring 2018 production of "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep." The show will be directed by Jerry Walker and produced by Danny Gay. Written by Jerry Walker, the

play took first place in the Northern Maine One-Act Play Festival in 1997.

They are called the best four years of our lives... and they are, but that four-year trek is also dangerous and confusing. The play is about teens and

how each action or word spoken has a positive or negative effect, on someone else or even oneself, and how we come to learn that no word or deed is without consequence.

Adults and youth alike will see themselves in the halls of this school, in the lives of its students, in the hopes and dreams of high-schoolers not so different from the adults in their lives who walked this path before in a different era. The show takes place on a sparse set consisting of a school hallway, a swing set, a park bench and streetlamp, a door, and a hospital room.

Performances will take place June 1 through 3, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Schoolhouse Arts Center is located at 16 Richville Road in Standish. Tickets are \$14 for adults or \$12 for students and seniors. For more information, call 642-3743, email schoolhousearts@gmail.com, or see www.schoolhousearts.org.

## Chamber offers "The Art of WOW" for financial advisors

The L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce will present a workshop for financial advisors called "The Art of WOW" on Friday, May 4, from 12 to 1 p.m. in their Community Conference Room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Leading the workshop will be Janus Lab-trained presenter Steve Beaulieu and Financial Advisor Salvatore Bonetti of Baystate Financial.

How well do you rate the client experience that you create? Are you and your team continually de-

livering WOW experiences, especially to those clients that matter most? The problem is that, when it comes to affluent investors, "satisfied" isn't good enough. In fact, affluent clients who are merely satisfied with your services are less likely to give you additional assets and worse yet, can be wooed away by other advisors. According to a study conducted by Prince & Associates, four out of five affluent investors said they'd be willing to switch advisors if they knew of a more compelling option.

Here's the good news: there is something you can do about it. Advisors who systematically go beyond client expectations to provide WOW services have the opportunity to cement a loyal client base and capture assets in motion, all while building a more profitable, client-centric practice. WOW - the pursuit of simplicity and significance - is the habit you cannot afford to avoid.

Developed with internationally recognized client experience expert Dr. Joseph Michelli, this program helps advisors develop an ongoing engagement plan to deepen client relationships and attract valuable new business. Program takeaways will include the top reason satisfied clients switch financial advisors (and why it's not performance); a step-by-step process for turning high-value affluent clients into "raving fans"; how to spot key opportunities to deliver WOW experiences with a few key pieces of information; and how you can bring this program to your clients and prospects, including COI's, small businesses, etc.

This program is part of the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce's Professional Development Series, for which the chamber charges a registration fee of \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information, call 783-2249 or visit lametrochamber.com.

Send all Letters and Op/Ed pieces to Editor@Twin City Times.com. Deadline is Friday by five.

# Twin City Nights

## "American Pickers" looking for unique antique collections in Maine



The show follows "pickers" Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz as they hunt for America's historic hidden treasures.

The hit documentary series "American Pickers" is planning to film in Maine soon and is looking for people in the area who have unique antique collections with interesting stories behind them.

The show explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on History by following Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's historic hidden treasures.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a

mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. Their goal is to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them. If you or someone you know has a large, private collec-

tion or an accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send your name, phone number, location, and a description of the collection with photos to americanpickers@cineflix.com.

Please note that Mike and Frank only pick private collections, so they can't visit stores, malls, flea markets, museums, auctions, businesses, or anything open to the public, and they can't visit single items. For more information, call 1-855-OLD-RUST (653-7878).

## Make square dancing your new exercise routine with the Twin City Spinners

The Twin City Spinners will present a fun and convenient opportunity to try modern square dancing at a free Community Dance on Thursday, May 3, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Those interested may also attend their Open House on Thursday, May 10. Both events will take place at Martel Elementary School at 880 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The club, which is moving to an air-conditioned hall in June, presents a ten-week class that meets from 6:30 to



8 p.m. starting May 17. The cost is \$45 per person.

It's time to erase the old image of square dancing from school days and television. Modern square dancing is done to great music from the best of rock, disco, jazz, and hip-hop, as well as country and bluegrass. Dancing also engages your mind, relieves stress, and includes you in a larger community of dancers throughout Maine, New England, and internationally. In

one evening of dancing, you can get 5,000 to 8,000 steps without ever thinking about the exercise. Why treadmill when you can dance?

It's not just the exercise, it's also a social event. It takes eight dancers to make a square and you work together for success. Both singles and partners are welcome. For more information, call or text (207) 841-7959, email Dance@TCS.DanceForFun.ME, or visit www.TCS.DanceForFun.ME.

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# Twin City Nights

## Spiritualist Church of Eternal Life offers vibrational energy workshop

The Spiritualist Church of Eternal Life at 352 Crowley Road in Sabattus will present a workshop on "Vibrational Energy of Mediumship" with Rev. Stacy Kopchinski, CH, CM on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Light snacks will be provided.

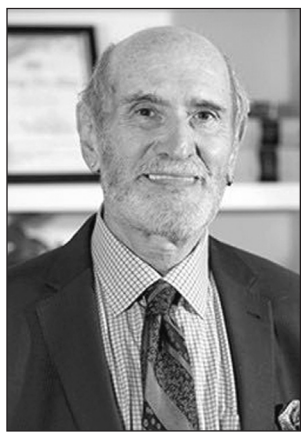
In the workshop, participants will discuss and work with different energy

vibrations through psychic work and tune them into the communication of Spirit called mediumship. Using what they already know, they will also work on developing their evidential message from Spirit. The class is appropriate for all levels of development.

Passionate about Spiritualism, Reverend Stacy Kopchinski is the Direc-

tor of the Missionary Department for the National Spiritualist Association of Churches and is accredited to teach by the NSAC. She is also scheduled to give the Talk and Spirit Greetings during church services on Sunday, April 29, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call Rev. Catherine Sabine at 376-5318.

## Curious Minds series examines "Social Movements and the Law"



Leonard "Lenny" Sharon is a defense attorney with a multi-state, federal, and criminal law practice centered in Androscoggin County.

The next program in the Curious Minds Lecture Series will feature attorney Leonard Sharon and activist Ray Luc Levasseur, who will discuss the intersection between the law and social movements on Tuesday, May 1 at 2 p.m. at Auburn Public Library.

In the 1960s and 1970s, when the civil rights and anti-war movements were in full force, the term "movement lawyer" was

coined to describe lawyers and legal workers who not only represented protesters in court but were also active participants. The tradition of "movement" law continues today with projects such as the Black Movement Law Project. Come hear Leonard Sharon and Ray Luc Levasseur talk about their experiences during the 1960s and 1970s and the importance of legal protections for those who protest.

Leonard "Lenny" Sharon is an attorney with a multi-state, federal, and criminal defense practice centered in Androscoggin County. Sharon has represented hundreds of people in courtrooms throughout New England as well as in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Kansas, and South Dakota. He is a past professor at the University of Maine School of Law, where he taught evidence and negotiations, and is a frequent speaker on the topic of criminal defense. He is a member of the Maine and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

Ray Luc Levasseur, a former political prisoner who spent over fifteen years in solitary confinement, was raised in Maine and born to a working-class family of Quebecois origin. He became politically radicalized about race and class at a young age, first after serving a term of duty in Vietnam and again after he spent two years in a Tennessee prison. After his release in 1971, Levasseur worked with Vietnam Veterans Against the War, as well as the prisoners' rights group Statewide Correctional Alliance for Reform (SCAR). In 1975, Levasseur and several others founded the United Freedom Front.

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

## St. Anne Sodality plans Spring Dinner

The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality of Holy Family-Prince of Peace Parish will host their annual Spring Dinner on Wednesday, May 9 at 6 p.m. at the Green Ladle

Restaurant at 156 East Avenue in Lewiston. A ham dinner will be served, and entertainment will be provided by baritone vocalist Larry Gowell. There will also be door prizes

and a 50/50 cash drawing. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and may be purchased until May 4 from any board member or by calling Anita at 782-4516.

## Totally Trades Conference allows girls to explore career fields traditionally populated by men



High schools serving Auburn, Lewiston, Lisbon, Sabattus, Wales, Turner; Greene, Leeds, Poland, and Buckfield plan to send ninth graders to the event.

New Ventures Maine, in collaboration with Lewiston Regional Technical School, Central Maine Community College, and other community partners, is offering a hands-on, half-day conference designed to encourage girls to consider careers in fields traditionally populated by men. The Totally Trades Conference will bring together over one hundred ninth-graders from Androscoggin County schools on Friday, May 25 at CMCC in Auburn.

The event will feature hands-on workshops on career fields including building construction, electrical, plumbing, heavy equipment,

law enforcement, automotive technology, EMT, radiology, and welding - all providing opportunities for young women to experience aspects of the profession through interaction.

The conference provides an opportunity for female students to explore careers they may have not considered for themselves. "We want attendees to broaden their thinking and remove the potential barrier of gender when considering careers," said Chris Davis, conference planner and Workforce Specialist with New Ventures Maine, a statewide organization committed to helping

Maine people succeed in their workplaces, businesses, and communities. Jim Horn, Aspirations Coordinator at Edward Little High School, initiated the effort to bring Totally Trades to this area for the first time last year.

Communities or high schools sending students to the conference include Auburn, Lewiston, Leavitt, Sabattus, Poland, Buckfield, and Lisbon. The event is generously supported by Central Maine Community College, which serves as the host site. For more information, call Chris Davis at 753-6531 or see [www.totallytradesmaine.org](http://www.totallytradesmaine.org).

## Portland

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is on the National Historic Register. It served as Portland City Hall after the infamous city-wide fire of 1866. It also housed and served meals to Union troops during the Civil War. An entire wall of historical, floor-to-ceiling hardwood and glass cabinets will be a beautiful feature of the MCA retail space. Built in the late 1800's for a jewelry retailer, they now offer an exciting design challenge to incorporate with contemporary craft displays.

The Mechanic's Hall

retail space became available in January 2018. The MCA began a fundraising campaign in February to fund the project and signed the lease in April. The next couple months will be spent renovating the space, hiring staff, ordering inventory and preparing for the grand opening this summer.

The project is guided by the MCA strategic plan implemented in January 2017. Desired location, income potential, and landlord have been carefully researched, considered, and nurtured by the MCA Executive Director and Board of Directors.

Since 2008, the MCA has operated the Center for Maine Craft, a retail gallery and resource space in West Gardiner, Maine. The Center grosses close to \$600,000 annually by exhibiting and selling the work of 315+ Maine craft artists and mak-

ers. The experience managing this successful and impactful center positions the MCA for success in its second location.

All work represented at the new space will be made by current MCA members living in Maine. The MCA expects approximately 70% of the vendors to be different from its vendors at the Center for Maine Craft. Inventory will be sold on both a consignment and wholesale basis. Inventory mix and orders will be coordinated by the new store manager beginning in April. There will not be a jury process for the first phase of ordering, but one will be implemented eventually to help attract and identify new vendors. For more information about having your work carried at Maine Craft Portland, call 205-0791 or visit <https://mainecrafts.org>.

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**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](http://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](http://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.

Concert: Pianists James Parakilas and Duncan Cumming. 7:30 p.m. Olin Arts Center, Bates College, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. The duo performs works composed for four hands at one piano by Schubert, von Weber, Poulenc, Mozart, and Dvořák. Free, but tix required from EventBrite. 786-6135.

Theater: "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.monmouth-communityplayers.org](http://www.monmouth-communityplayers.org).

**Saturday, April 28**

"Vibrational Energy of Mediumship." 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spiritualist Church of Eternal Life, 352 Crowley Rd., Sabattus. Appropriate for all development levels, this workshop is led by Rev. Stacy Kopchinski, CH, CM, NST. Light snacks. \$25. 376-5318.

Saturday Story Time (And Music, Too!). 10:30 a.m. Morse Library, 105 Main St. (.25 miles down from Greene Central School), Greene. Singer-songwriter Stan Davis

# Calendar

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adds live music to this special Story Time session; best for kids ages 2-6. Free. 946-5544.

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; [rcam.net](http://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](mailto:scrabble@literacyvolunteersandro.org).

Theater: "The Belle of Amherst." 2 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Actress Ginger Grace brings iconic American poet Emily Dickinson to life in William Luce's powerful one-woman play. \$20 (\$23 at door). 442-8455.

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.

Curious Minds Lecture. 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Attorney Leonard "Lenny" Sharon and activist Ray Luc Levasseur discuss "Social Movements and the Law." Co-sponsored by L-A Senior College. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Gardening Workshop. 5 to 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Nutrition Center garden, behind their building at 208 Bates St., Lewiston. Learn about and get to try "Building Raised Garden Beds out of Wood." Bring appropriate clothing, water. Free. 513-3848.

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](http://girlscoutsofmaine.org).

**Wednesday, May 2**

Soup & Song Lunch. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Calvary United Methodist Church, 59 Sabattus St., Lewiston. A soup-of-the-day lunch is followed by a short oldies sing-along. \$2. All welcome; bring a friend. 782-3221.

Oasis of Music. 12:30 to 1 p.m. Trinity Church, 247 Bates St., Lewiston. Kathleen Kienitz performs a program of classical music for piano. Free. 344-3106.

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](http://girlscoutsofmaine.org).

**Thursday, May 3**

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Celeste Yakawonis, who has been a self-employed real estate paralegal for over 30 years and has owned several small businesses. Free; no reservation required. 713-7045; [monica.millhime@maine.gov](mailto:monica.millhime@maine.gov).

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](http://girlscoutsofmaine.org).

Community Dance. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Martel Elementary School, 880 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Modern square dancing takes places to all kinds of music; beginners are invited to try it tonight with the Twin City Spinners. Free. (207) 841-

7959; [www.TCS.DanceForFun.ME](http://www.TCS.DanceForFun.ME).

**Friday, May 4**

Prof. Development Workshop. 12 to 1 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. This session for financial advisors explains why "The Art of WOW" is crucial for retaining affluent clients. \$50 (members \$25). 783-2249; [lametrochamber.com](http://lametrochamber.com).

Buccaneers Banquet. 6 p.m. Franco center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Passengers are invited to party like pirates at this buccaneer-themed event featuring a multi-course meal, show, and dancing; costumes encouraged, cash bar. Again 5/5. Seating limited. \$40. 783-1585; [www.francocenter.org](http://www.francocenter.org).

Theater: "The Midvale High School 50th Reunion." 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. In this charming romantic comedy, revisiting the past changes the future when an old classmate unexpectedly turns into a new love. Again 5/5-6, 10-13 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$20/5. 782-3200; [www.thepublictheatre.org](http://www.thepublictheatre.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](http://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**

Community Breakfast. 7:30 to 10 a.m. American Legion Post 135, 40 Island Rd., Sabattus. Eggs to order, French toast, chipped beef, pancakes, sausage, ham, baked beans, country fries, toast, muffins, orange juice, coffee, tea and milk. \$8 (\$3 kids ages 10-).

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](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

**Monday, May 7**

Stanton Bird Club Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Room 285, L-A College, 55 Westminster St., Lewiston. Laura Sewall, Director of Bates College's Morse Mountain Conservation Area, discusses "The Relationship Between Nature and Humans." Free. [## FLAGSHIP CINEMAS

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**Tuesday, May 8**

Gardening Workshop. 5 to 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Nutrition Center garden, behind their building at 208 Bates St., Lewiston. Learn about and get to try "Lasagna Gardening." Bring appropriate clothing, water. Free. 513-3848.

**Wednesday, May 9**

Oasis of Music. 12:30 to 1 p.m. Trinity Church, 247 Bates St., Lewiston. The Lewiston Middle School String Orchestra performs a varied program including Bach, early American music, Somali and English folk, and fiddle tunes. Free. 344-3106.

Spring Dinner. 6 p.m. The Green Ladle, 156 East Ave., Lewiston. The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality of Prince of Peace Parish present a ham dinner and entertainment by vocalist Larry Gowell; door prizes, 50/50 drawing. \$18. Tix avail. until 5/4 by calling 782-4516.

**Thursday, May 10**

ABA Annual Banquet. 5:30 to 9 p.m. Martindale Country Club, Auburn. The Auburn Business Association names its Citizen of the Year at this event; tickets incl. dinner and program. \$40. [www.Auburnba.com](http://www.Auburnba.com).

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**Saturday, May 12**

Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This "Old Favorites with a Twist" program features piano soloist Lise de la Salle. Students free; others \$20 - cash or check at door, or call 846-5378, see [www.midcoastsymphony.org](http://www.midcoastsymphony.org).

**Tuesday, May 15**

Gardening Workshop. 5 to 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Nutrition Center garden, behind their building at 208 Bates St., Lewiston. Learn about and get to try "Building a Cinder Block Raised Bed." Bring appropriate clothing, water. Free. 513-3848.

**Wednesday, May 16**

Oasis of Music. 12:30 to 1 p.m. Trinity Church, 247 Bates St., Lewiston. The string trio of Lorel Nazzaro, Mark Nordberg, and Barbara Oliver perform early Baroque music. Free. 344-3106.

**Saturday, May 19**

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](http://www.museumla.org).

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**Tuesday, May 22**

Gardening Workshop. 5 to 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Nutrition Center garden, behind their building at 208 Bates St., Lewiston. Learn about and get to try "Mulching for healthier gardens with less maintenance." Bring appropriate clothing, water. Free. 513-3848.

**Wednesday, May 23**

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Arts Workshop. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 100 Water St., Hallowell. Expert watercolor artist Kay Morris leads this entry-level watercolor course taught in a relaxed environment. \$40/45. Space limited; register at 622-3813.

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# Stanton Bird Club plans busy schedule for May



A member of the Warbler family usually seen high in deciduous trees, the Northern Parula returns to Maine in May. (Photo by Dan Marquis)

The Stanton Bird Club of Lewiston and Auburn will hold its next meeting on Monday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 285 at the USM's

Lewiston-Auburn College at 55 Westminster Street in Lewiston. The program "The Relationship Between Nature and Humans" will be

presented by Laura Sewall. Free and open to all, this will be the last meeting with a speaker until they begin again in the fall.

The speaker, Laura Sewall, is the Director of Bates College's Morse Mountain Conservation Area, a 600-acre coastal parcel where students and faculty engage with state agents and the community on such topics as coastal change and sea level rise. The site is abundant in wildlife, including the Glossy Ibis, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Arctic Tern and Common Egret.

Sewall holds a PhD in visual psychology and neuroscience and a master's degree in environmental law. She is interested in the benefits and healing that nature provides to the human soul.

The month of May abounds with opportunities

to participate in Stanton Bird Club field trips. The club will host nine field trips this month, all of which are free and open to all. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. The leaders will identify and comment on birds seen and heard, while everyone points out birds they notice.

The Lewiston-Bates Bird Walks are early morning walks in the Bates College area on Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 6 p.m. They depart from the front of Hathorn Hall on the Bates College campus and return by 8:30. The walk leaders include Judy Marden, Doug Boyd, and Steve Reed. For more information, call Steve at 319-6630.

Birding on the Basin will take place on Saturday, May 5. Bring your own canoe or kayak and life-jackets to look for birds in a way that cannot be done on

land. The group will meet at 7 a.m. in the Promenade Mall parking lot in Lewiston in front of Staples and across from Marquis Signs, with the return planned for 10 a.m. The trip leader is Rick Speer, who can answer questions at [raspeer@gmail.com](mailto:raspeer@gmail.com).

Participants in the annual Warren Warbler Walk will meet on Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the J.C. Penney parking lot at the Auburn Mall, where the group will return by 11 a.m. The group will carpool to multiple locations, with short walks through prime habitat in search of warblers during spring migration. Trip leader Doug Boyd can be reached at [dougboyd9@gmail.com](mailto:dougboyd9@gmail.com).

Wednesday Guided Bird Walks begin once again in the month of May. These take place every other Wednesday from spring through late fall in a variety of interesting and diverse local habitats. Each walk is about two miles long over

a fairly even, dry surface. Participants meet at the walk locations. The trip leaders are Stan and Joan DeOrsey, who can be reached at 406-4741.

The first Wednesday Walk is a trip to the Papermill & Ricker Farm Trail in Lisbon on May 2. Meet at the boat launch parking lot at Frost Hill Road on Route 196 in Lisbon at 8 a.m., where the group will return at about 11:00.

The next two Wednesday Walks will visit sites not open to the public. On May 16, the group will visit the Sylvester and Benjamin Farms in Auburn, meeting there at 7:30 a.m. And on May 30, the group will visit Chuck Peter's home in New Gloucester, meeting there at 8 a.m. Both walks will end at 11 a.m. For details, call the DeOrseys at 406-4741 or see the Stanton Bird Club website at [www.Stanton-BirdClub.org](http://www.Stanton-BirdClub.org).

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### Belle

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extensively in New York and in regional theater, playing leading roles in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "Doubt," "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf," "Elektra," "Dancing at Lughnassa," and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Her recent work includes "The First Ladies Coalition," which she wrote and performed. She is an active member of the League of Professional Theatre Women, Playwrights Gallery, Stage Struck, and Women Stage the World, organizations that advocate for the power of women's voices to be heard in the theater.

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### Morse

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ing acoustic versions of his own songs and a large repertoire of folk and Americana standards for both adults and children. Free and open to all, the program is best for kids ages 2 to 6 and their adult caregivers, but older and younger siblings are welcome, too.

The current round of Saturday Story Times continues at Morse Library through May 5. The library is located at 105 Main Street in Greene Village, just off Route 202 and a quarter mile down from Greene Central School. For more information, call 946-5544 or see [www.morse.lib.me.us](http://www.morse.lib.me.us).

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