

Teacher of the Year brings positive energy to Minot Consolidated School



Katie Toothaker has been named Androscoggin County Teacher of the Year for 2018.

By Christina Noonan

When you step inside Katie Toothaker's kindergarten classroom at Minot Consolidated School, you can feel the love. "I'm a hugger!" says Toothaker. Indeed, Toothaker welcomes the opportunity to provide a physical hug, but she also provides the kind that are less tangible, and even more powerful. She "hugs" people with her kind words, contagious smile, and engaging conversation. She acknowledges others in a way that invites the conversation to continue.

In that same classroom, you will find children who are engaged in learning that is fun and challenging. Learning targets are posted around the room in kid-friendly language, and students are reminded regularly of what they will be able to do on their own when the learning experi-

ence is finished. Stop in on "Fancy Friday," and you'll find students dressed their best, participating in activities like reading with finger flashlights, or reading to a special stuffed animal from home. "Katie is everything a parent could dream a teacher to be," says parent JoAnna Colbath. "Her students think of each other as family and have learned to appreciate and respect one another."

Toothaker's career at Minot Consolidated School began in 2013 as a sixth-grade teacher. Students in her class took part in reading and writing activities that were engaging and relevant. She provided voice and choice, as evidenced by the "choice" book found on every desk and personal writing topics that were as unique as the learners in the room.

"She used new styles of teaching as well as old to

adjust the curriculum to fit the needs of each student," says a former student. "She connected with me in many ways, especially through my interest in writing. She fit time with me into her busy schedule to analyze my writing and help me improve my abilities."

In 2016, Toothaker accepted a request to switch grade levels and made the move to Kindergarten. "The move was so smooth that, if one did not know she had previously been a sixth grade teacher, they would think that she had been teaching Kindergarten her entire time at Minot," said parent Julie Rioux. When asked about making such a change, Toothaker said, "I am a teacher. I'll go where I am needed and be there for the kids."

Toothaker's commitment to Minot Consolidated and its students doesn't stop at the classroom door. Even as a new teacher, she demonstrated leadership in developing grade-level expectations for curriculum and assessment. She is a member of various leadership teams, including the Every Day Math 4 Implementation Team and RSU 16's Math Task Force that

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Canoe & Kayak River Race to precede Great Falls Brewfest



This year's event will feature three different course options and an option to rent a canoe or kayak from Shaker Hill Outdoors.

The Androscoggin Land Trust (ALT) will hold its third annual Canoe & Kayak River Race on Saturday, June 23 at 9 a.m., before the kick-off of the annual Great Falls Brewfest that afternoon. The race will depart from the Festival Plaza boat launch on Main Street in Auburn. Participants this year have three course options to choose from:

The Long Distance Paddle, over mostly slow-moving water with a section of class I-III rapids, finishing at the Durham Boat Launch (distance 7 miles; average time 1.5 hours).

The Twin City Boomerang Paddle, from Auburn to Lewiston, then back upriver to Auburn, finishing at Festival Plaza (distance

3 miles; average time 45 minutes; no rapids).

The Twin City Paddle, a short, fun paddle from Auburn to Lewiston, finishing at the Lincoln Street Boat Launch (distance 1.5 miles; average time 20 minutes; no rapids).

A free shuttle service provided by Northeast Charter will be available to transport racers from finish locations back to Festival Plaza in Auburn.

"Last year, we had over 60 racers for the event," said race spokesperson Shelley Kruszewski. "We are hoping to have even more come out this year. Along with fellow recreational enthusiasts, racers will be able to experience unique sections of the Androscoggin River, paddling past

the iconic Lewiston canals, beyond the confluence of the Little Androscoggin River, and, in the case of the Long Distance Paddle option, through Dressers Rips."

New this year, there will be an option to rent a canoe or kayak from Shaker Hill Outdoors, which will be delivered to and from the race location on race day. Those interested should call Shaker Hill at 998-5390 to reserve a boat as far in advance as possible. Also new this year, preceding the awards ceremony in Festival Plaza there will be live music by Chris Robley and concessions available for purchase from Tripp's Farmhouse Cafe. As in past years, registrants for the race who are ages 21 and over will receive a code for a 15% discount to the Brewfest while tickets are still available.

Registration and check-in will be from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Participants should arrive in time to check in and unload boats in advance of the 9 a.m. start time. The cost is \$30 for a single canoe or kayak and \$40 for a double canoe or kayak; all proceeds will support the conservation, stewardship, outdoor education, and events of ALT.

The race will take place rain or shine. Prizes will be awarded at Festival Plaza to the top finishers in each category and an additional prize will be awarded to the boat or paddler with the best costume. To register, or for race rules, safety tips, and more information, call 782-2302, email info@androscogginlandtrust.org, or see androscogginlandtrust.org.

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Boxberry students celebrate learning



Student Sylvie Gill discusses her study of cryptozoology to potter Jesse Stevens and Boxberry parent Rachel LeBlanc.

Students of Boxberry School in Harrison and their families gathered recently to celebrate learning that students accomplished during the last trimester of the 2017-18 school year. Students engaged in independent learning projects in which they investigated

topics of their choice and then completed a variety of projects to show what they had learned. Topics investigated by students included Aztec culture, animal adaptations, cryptozoology, songwriting, pottery, and yoga. Boxberry is currently accepting applications for the upcoming school year. For more information, call 743-9700, email boxberryschool@gmail.com, or visit www.boxberryschool.org.

Historic Yarmouth Grand Trunk Railroad Depot to be rehabilitated by new owner

Maine Preservation announced recently that the iconic 1906 Grand Trunk Railroad Depot, located on Main Street in the heart of Yarmouth Village, is under contract to Ford Reiche for use as commercial office space.

Reiche, who has an enthusiasm for revitalizing historic properties, has already rehabilitated Halfway Rock Light Station off the coast of Harpswell and the Charles B. Clark House in Portland. Both projects were winners of the Maine Preservation Honor Award. He has also rehabilitated an historic train station on the Grand Trunk Line in Gilead that now serves as the Gilead Historical Society's headquarters.

This will be the fifth building listed on the National Register of Historic Places that Reiche has purchased and restored. All restoration work at the depot will be coordinated by George Reiche, Ford's son, who is a board member of Greater Portland Landmarks.

Reiche's passion for Maine and its history stems from his family's many generations in the state. In 1989, he co-founded Safe Handling, Inc., a rail-based shipping and logistics

company established to help paper mills and other Maine industries receive bulk shipments of raw materials through the state's rail network. In 2008, he received both the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine Small Businessperson of the Year Award and the MaineBiz Large Company Business Leader Award.

"We received fourteen impressive and competitive offers on this property and are delighted to be working with the Village Improvement Society and Ford Reiche to ensure a dynamic future for this Yarmouth landmark," said real estate manager Sarah Hansen.

The depot has been owned and maintained by the Yarmouth Village Improvement Society since 1968, when it acquired the property from the Canadian National Railway to save it from demolition. From the early 1970s until last year, the building had been leased as a florist shop. After 50 years of faithful caretaking, the VIS decided the time was right to sell the property to a new steward and began working with Maine Preservation to find a preservation-minded buyer.

"Since saving the depot in 1968, the VIS has

been able to maintain and preserve this focal point of Yarmouth's Main Street," said Village Improvement Society president Linda Grant. "Ultimately, we determined the depot needed to be sold, but only with preservation easements to ensure its future as a unique building. Maine Preservation has made this possible, and we are thrilled that Ford Reiche, who has previously saved historic buildings, will be able to rehab and bring this building back to life on Main Street."

Maine Preservation's Protect & Sell program was established in 2013 to match owners interested in rehabilitating historic buildings with unique properties across Maine. Preservation easements on the properties allow Maine Preservation to protect them and guide their rehabilitation. This innovative program is operating statewide and has successfully sold significant properties in Buckfield, Pembroke, Bath, and Norway.

Maine Preservation's mission is to promote and preserve historic places, buildings, downtowns, and neighborhoods, strengthening the cultural and economic vitality of Maine communities.

CMCC provides instructor training in Precision Machining Technology

Three secondary school precision-machining instructors from Connecticut and Massachusetts recently completed a summer training program at Central Maine Community College. Barry Jackson of Rindge School of Technical Arts in Cambridge, MA, Alex Peters of Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School in Lexington, MA, and Dustin Ricci of Windsor High School in Windsor, CT were enrolled in a three-day course titled "CNC Milling: NIMS Level 1."

Designed for teachers with basic CNC (computer numeric control) mill G-code programming, setup, and operations experience, this course included both theory and hands-on lab time and covered offhand grinding; drilling operations; CNC mill setup, programming and operation; machining parts and inspecting results with precision measuring tools; and an introduction to CAD/CAM.

Each of the instructors received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Gene Haas Foundation. Founded in 1999, the foundation has



Recently completing a summer training program at Central Maine Community College were secondary school precision-machining instructors (l. to r.) Barry Jackson, Alex Peters, and Dustin Ricci.

awarded more than \$45 million to more than 2,000 charitable organizations and schools since 1999. The foundation is committed to U.S. manufacturing and supporting manufacturing education in the form of scholarships and other support for CNC machinist training. The foundation has provided significant scholarship assistance for students in the PMT program and contributed one million dollars toward the construction of the new PMT Center at the college that now bears its name.

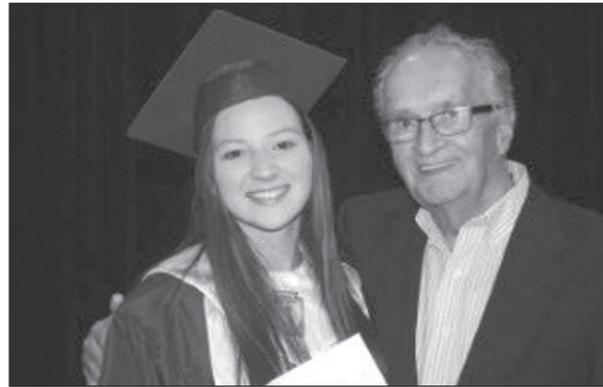
Other instructor train-

ing programs that the Gene Haas Precision Machining Center at CMCC will provide this summer include 4-Axis CNC Milling, 5-Axis CNC Milling, and CNC Turning: NIMS Level 1.

For more information about these or other professional development opportunities, please contact the Office of Workforce and Professional Development at 755-5370 or workforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu.

Information is also available online at www.cmcc.edu/training.

Evelyn Bilodeau named Don Gay Scholarship winner



Bilodeau, who will attend Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall, is pictured here with Don Gay Scholarship Fund Trustee Bob Gardner.

Evelyn Jeanne Bilodeau is the 2018 recipient of the Edward Little Class of 1951 Donald M. Gay Scholarship, awarded for outstanding contributions to the E.L. Arts programs during her high school career. Graduating fourth in her senior class of 194 students, Bilodeau will attend Rochester Institute

of Technology, where she plans to study International Business, with a double major in Spanish. This year's scholarship, in the amount of \$7,500, will be awarded at the beginning of Bilodeau's sophomore year at R.I.T.

"At RIT, although I will focus mainly on my educational career, I will

continue to pursue my interest in the arts through both Theater and Pep Band," said Bilodeau. "Theater especially is my creative outlet."

Bilodeau's activities at Edward Little High School included membership on the KVAC All-Academic Concert, Jazz, and Pep Bands, Drama Club, Spanish Club, and soccer and alpine skiing teams. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the recipient of the Rochester Institute of Technology Innovation and Creativity Award and the Brandeis Book Award. During her junior year, she spent five weeks in Europe exploring her interest in International Business by working with a coordinator and traveling with two different businesses.

The Donald M. Gay Scholarship honors the man who was Auburn's music director from 1944 to 1959, when Edward Little's bands and choruses were considered among the best in the East. Nineteen scholarship awards have been made to date, amounting to \$80,000. The awards will continue in perpetuity under the guidance of the E.L. Class of 1951 trustees and their successors.

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Governor's Address: The Legislature's Coming into Special Session To Take the Easy Way Out

A year ago, House Republicans shut down state government to make sure bad policies did not pass. Now they are giving in because it's an election year.

Augusta politicians are proving once again that they're unwilling to make the right choices. As the session neared its end, Democrats sat on their hands, hoping voters wouldn't notice that they avoided voting on important bills.

They didn't vote on tax conformity or Medicaid expansion, and they didn't vote to increase the reimbursement rates for direct-care workers who are usually paid based on the minimum wage.

Those who care for

people in nursing homes or in the client's homes are essential workers, and we don't have enough of them. But the market should set their pay rates - not the government.

This one-size-fits-all minimum wage law is hurting small businesses, and it will hurt our economy - but most of all, it will hurt the elderly living on fixed incomes.

To keep up with the law, the state needs to increase reimbursements to non-profit healthcare agencies. So the Legislature will come back to pass an increase in the reimbursement rates.

However, this won't resolve the ongoing pressure to raise wages. Every year, these non-profits will need



Governor Paul R. LePage

more money to keep pace with the pay raises required by law.

Our businesses and our state budget will face significant challenges when the minimum wage rises to 11 and 12 dollars an hour over the next two years be-

cause of the pressure it puts on everyone's wages.

I've asked the Legislature to slow down the rate of increase to the minimum wage to ensure that direct-care workers do not have their pay cut on July 1.

Three factors drive this request. First, our labor shortage. We don't have enough people. Employers need the flexibility to pay market rates to attract workers.

Second, to address the labor shortage, I sent a bill to the legislature that would eliminate the work-permit requirement for the summer school vacation. This would allow our 14- and 15-year-olds to enter the workforce more quickly.

But Democrats tabled the bill, effectively killing it.

If 30,000 teens could get to work right away, this would ease some of the pressure on wages and help our summer tourism industry.

Third, existing employees will want raises on par with increases in the minimum wage. When a new worker gets the higher minimum wage, the existing workers will expect their paychecks to go up too. Our small businesses cannot keep up this pace.

Many will have to cut back. An employer with 10 employees may now get by with six. Or the employer may close a couple hours earlier each day - or even close one day a week. As a result, workers lose jobs and pay. Progressives don't want to admit this, but studies have already shown it to be

true in Seattle.

And in Maine, employers already testified to the Legislature that they will cut hours and raise prices if the minimum wage continues to increase at this rapid pace.

A 3 percent inflation rate cannot absorb a 10 percent increase in labor costs. This is basic math.

But legislators are not interested in protecting people on fixed incomes, like the elderly, from being hurt by rapidly rising prices. They are only interested in getting re-elected.

So they will just take the easy way out - again.

Thank you.
Paul LePage
Governor

Maine Credit Union League presents annual awards



Christine Allen, VP of Financial Services at Central Maine FCU, received the Jeannette G. Morin Award for Outstanding CU Employee.

As part of its 80th Annual Meeting & Convention held recently in Portland, the Maine Credit Union League presented awards to five individuals who have nearly 125 years of combined experience with Maine's credit unions. Two of this year's winners have ties to Central Maine.

The winner of the Jeannette G. Morin Award for Outstanding CU Employee was Christine Allen, VP of Financial Services

at Central Maine Federal Credit Union of Lewiston and Auburn. President-CEO Vicki Stuart described Allen as "someone who is always willing to step up and do whatever it takes to help." Allen, who was completely surprised to receive the award, said, "I love what I do and just want to say thank you for this honor."

The winner of the Diane L. Oceretko "People Helping People" Award for outstanding volunteerism. She is pictured here with Todd Mason, President-CEO of the Maine Credit Union League.



Betsy Sibley, VP of Marketing and Business Development at Community CU, received the Diane L. Oceretko "People Helping People" Award for outstanding volunteerism. She is pictured here with Todd Mason, President-CEO of the Maine Credit Union League.

Award for outstanding volunteerism was Betsy Sibley, VP of Marketing and Business Development at Community Credit Union of Lewiston, Auburn, and Turner. President-CEO Jen Hogan described Sibley as "a tireless volunteer who is devoted to giving her time, not only on behalf of the credit union, but for so many other causes, too." Sibley said her work in her family's general store "instilled a sense of community in me. Helping people is part of who I am, and I appreciate the credit union's willingness to let me do that in so many ways."

Nearly 800 credit union representatives and guests attended this year's convention held in May in Portland. 93% of the state's credit unions were represented at the convention, the highest percentage in nearly two decades.

"This year's theme was 'Creating Connections,' and the recipients of our awards exemplify that, whether it's creating connections within their credit unions, in their communities, or on behalf of all CUs, strong connections are a crucial part of our success," said Todd Mason, President-CEO of the Maine Credit Union League.

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Each year for the past 10 years, Fontaine Family - The Real Estate Leader has raised funds for Make-A-Wish Maine, either by participating in the program's

annual "Walk-for-Wishes" or through their own "Bid for Wishes" Facebook Silent Auction. 100% of funds raised goes directly to Make-A-Wish Maine to grant the wishes of children with critical illnesses.

This year's "Bid for Wishes" Facebook Silent Auction is currently under way and will end on Monday, July 23 at 9 a.m. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please call 784-3800 or e-mail karen@fontaineteam.com (for the Auburn area), or email sally@fontaineteam.com (for the Scarborough area).

ADA-compliant picnic bench installed in Pettingill School Park



Margaret Craven tries out the new bench purchased in memory of her husband, Jim Craven.

The first picnic bench in Lewiston to be ADA-compliant, meaning it meets the standards established by the Americans with Disabilities Act, was installed at Pettingill School Park recently by workers from Lewiston Public Works. The bench, which will accommodate up to three people with

wheelchairs, was purchased with funds raised in memory of Jim Craven, who was retired from General Electric and later volunteered at Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice. His wife of 50 years, Margaret Craven, is a member of the Friends of Pettingill Steering Committee.

Power Lunch Seminar asks "When to Call a Consultant"

The L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce will host a Power Lunch Seminar called "Make Money, Save Money, Look Good: When to Call a Consultant" on Wednesday, June 27, from 12 to 1 p.m. The program will take place in their conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

Consulting is a cost-effective way to address expensive business problems. Businesses may benefit from a consultant for a variety of reasons: to tap a particular expertise, breathe new life into an organization, identify and clarify problems, be a catalyst for change, teach state-of-the-art skills, or bring objectivity to issues too close to the heart for staff to address.

Any business faced

with an issue that distracts from their core activities will benefit from this presentation. Participants will leave with a template for guiding their decision-making on when to hire a consultant that considers a variety of factors, from financial considerations to the long-term impact on their organization. Presented by Bill Stone of Promising Futures, the program will also include a panel discussion with other Association for Consulting Expertise (ACE) member consultants.

Power Lunches are sponsored by Community Health Options. The program is free, but those attending are asked to register. For more information, call 783-2249; to register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Mad Science of Maine visits Auburn Public Library

Auburn Public Library will host Mad Science of Maine on Monday, June 25 at 6 p.m. as they kick-off their 2018 summer reading program, "Sounds of Silence." Come join the Mad Science Maestro for this ear-pleasing show about the science of sounds. Kids will open their ears and eyes to the properties of sound as it travels through solids, liquids, and gases

by listening to the beautiful tones of Mad Science resonance tubes and helping to create an indoor thunder storm! Those attending may sign up for the summer reading program at the show. Best for kids ages 4 through 12, the program will take place in the library's Androscoggin Community Room. For more information, call the library at 333-6640, ext. 3.

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Mary Dempsey leads the 25 mile riders out to the course.

Former professional road cyclist and four-time USA Pro Road National Champion "Fast" Freddie

Rodriquez was in town recently to host a bicycling event for Dennis & Freddie's Excellent Adventure,

an organization that raises money to provide bicycles to kids who might not otherwise have one. In the event, 56 riders of all ages embarked from Ricker Hill Orchards in Turner on routes ranging from 25 to 200 miles. Participants, supporters, and volunteers easily surpassed the goal of \$10,000 for the event by raising \$25,274.



Freddie Rodriguez, Pro Cyclist, Founder of the Freddie Rodriguez Bikes for tots program and Lori Richardson, co-event organizer for the Dennis & Freddie's Excellent adventure (Dennis' wife).



Denise Basinet sag driver and volunteer



Mary Richardson (l.) made several items for this event with Sally Bryant and Shelia Richardson. Becky Baril (r.) was one of the 25mile riders.



The Wanderers band played at the event all afternoon.



Jeff Timberlake of Ricker Hill Orchards family owned business in Turner, Maine with Dennis Richardson, event organizer of the Dennis & Freddie's Excellent adventure.



Mary Dempsey, MC of the event with Mrs. Katie Toothaker, Androscoggin County Teacher of the Year; Mary's daughter Miss Chamberland and Mason (front).



Marie Ridley who flew in from California to ride in this event with Mrs. Maine, Kimberly Mastropasqua.

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What's Going On

Teacher

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plans professional development for staff.

In the role of Team Leader for Minot's Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports committee, her positive, solution-oriented attitude is a perfect fit. Throughout the 2017-18 school year, she led her team in establishing PBIS at Minot Consolidated School, including programming for students and professional development for staff.

She is also the school's Yearbook Coordinator, working with a group of students to design and produce the annual yearbook. As a member of the Wellness Committee, she attends monthly meetings to help encourage her peers and students to make healthy choices. Her alter egos include Zero Hero, who reminds students to have zero sugary drinks, and, on National Brush Your Teeth Day, the Tooth Fairy, handing out new toothbrushes and toothpaste to every student.

Toothaker was recently honored for her achievements at the Hall of Flags at the State House in Augusta, where she was named 2018 Androscoggin County Teacher of the Year. The ceremony followed a lengthy and comprehensive application process, during which roughly 350 nominees were narrowed down to 16 deserving winners, one from each county. In this role, Toothaker will share her special qualities and talents as an educator with a broader audience.

As the school year winds to a close, Toothaker is also preparing for her next adventure as she moves up to fifth grade for the 2018-19 school year. Regardless of their age, her students should certainly be ready for an engaging experience. And a hug whenever they need it.

Christina Noonan is a parent from Minot.

Trinity Jubilee Center to offer free kids meal through USDA Summer Food Service Program

The Trinity Jubilee Center, a community center in downtown Lewiston whose comprehensive services include a food pantry, day shelter, medical clinic, assistance with job applications, and community workshops, will provide free meals for kids this summer through the USDA's Summer Food Service Program.

Beginning on Friday, June 22, the center's soup kitchen will expand to serve a free children's breakfast from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Monday through Friday and a free children's lunch from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Monday through Saturday. The meals will be provided to any child under age 18 on a first-come, first-served basis. There will also be weekly giveaways

of toys or groceries. The program will continue through Tuesday, August 28.

The Summer Food Service Program will kick off with a week of nutrition workshops for adults and children led by Healthy Androscoggin. The classes, which will take place at the center June 25 through 29 from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m., will include cooking, games, and giveaways. To register, call 753-6631.

Trinity Jubilee Center is at 53 Spruce Street in Lewiston, between Kennedy Park and Androscoggin Head Start. For more information, email info@trinityjubileecenter.org or see www.trinityjubileecenter.org.

Summer Food Service Program provides free kids meals

With the assistance of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Maine public schools have long offered a nutritious breakfast and lunch meal program to thousands of children in Maine during the school year. With summer right around the corner, it's time to think about keeping children healthy while school is out. The Summer Food Service Program, a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, operates at hundreds of sites across Maine to ensure that children get the nutrition they need when school is out.

The Summer Food Service Program may be offered statewide in areas or at sites where more than 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced meal benefits under the National School Lunch Program or census track data supports the need. Eligible sponsoring organizations include schools, nonprofit

residential summer camps, government agencies, and tax-exempt organizations, including faith-based organizations.

In 2017, 120 sponsors participated in the program, serving meals at 438 sites throughout the state. In 2018, these numbers are expected to grow. The 2018 program began statewide on Monday, June 18. Sponsors operate sites in all 16 counties in Maine; anyone 18 and under may come to eat at no cost.

To find nearby Summer Meal sites, please text "Summer Meals" to 97779, call Maine 211, or visit the USDA's Summer Meal Site Finder at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/summer-foodrocks>.

For more information about the Maine DOE's Summer Food Service Program, call 624-6726, email adriane.ackroyd@maine.gov, or see <http://www.maine.gov/doe/nutrition>.

Incoming president to address Rotary Lunch Club



Tom MacDonald

The next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Lunch Club will feature an address by incoming club president Tom MacDonald on Thursday, June 28, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Village Inn of Auburn.

MacDonald has over 30 years of banking experience, primarily in the areas of commercial credit analysis, credit policy administration, and enterprise risk management. Throughout his career, he has been actively involved in staff development, including designing internal training programs. He joined Mechanics Savings Bank

in 2006 as its Chief Risk Officer. The bank has since grown from \$230 million in assets to over \$850 million in assets today, managed via Maine Community Bancorp (Holding Company).

MacDonald graduated from the University of Maine at Orono, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Finance, and Marketing, and from the University of Southern Maine, earning a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He joined the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club in 2006, became club treasurer in 2009, and will become club president

in July. He plans to continue the club's involvement in many local programs, including the Great Falls Balloon Festival, the high school scholarship program, the Maine Autism Movie event, and Christmas Caroling at Schooner Estates. MacDonald resides in Scarborough with his wife, Joelle, and two children, Caleb and Lydia.

Visiting Rotarians and community members are welcome to attend. Reservations are not required. For more information, call 713-7045 or see www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

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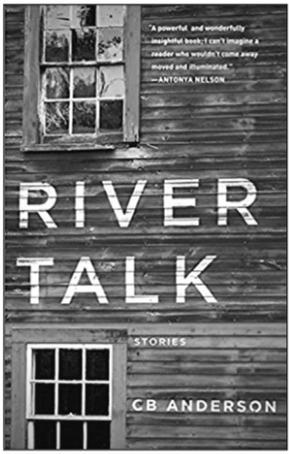
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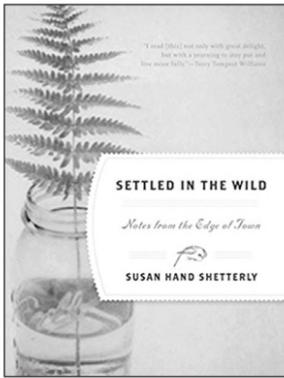


This summer, Auburn Public Library is partnering with the Maine State Library, Maine Humanities Council, and numerous other libraries in Maine to present Read ME 2018, a program encouraging adults across the state to read the same two books,

this year recommended by bestselling Maine author Paul Doiron.

Doiron selected “River Talk,” a collection of short stories by Maine author CB Anderson, and “Settled in the Wild: Notes from the Edge of Town,” a collection of short, lyrical essays by Maine author Susan Hand Shetterly. The library will host a separate program focusing on each book. Multiple copies of the books are available at the library to borrow. For more information, call 333-6640, ext. 4.

The library will host a discussion of “Settled in the Wild” on Tuesday, July 31 at 9:30 a.m. In the book, naturalist Susan Shetterly looks at how animals, humans, and plants share the land through close observations



of her own surroundings in rural Maine.

The library will host CB Anderson, author of “River Talk,” to discuss her own book on Tuesday, August 7 at 9:30 a.m. “River Talk” explores the diverse lives of an unforgettable array of characters, all contemporary denizens of the cities and towns of Maine’s Androscoggin River Valley.

Norlands plans Strawberry Festival and Craft Fair



Visitors can meet the “Bradford Family” and witness authentic cooking in the old kitchen as they prepare the “nooning.”

The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center of Livermore will present a Strawberry Festival and local history activities on Saturday, June 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This biennial event features artisans on the front lawn demonstrating handmade crafts and selling original artwork. Other ongoing activities will include horse-drawn hayrides, tours of the 1867 Washburn family mansion, blacksmithing demonstrations, lessons of the past in the one-room schoolhouse, children’s craft activities, living history in the farmer’s cottage, special presentations in the meeting house, a guided nature walk, and old-fashioned outdoor games such as hoops and graces.

Bring the family and stay the entire day. Strawberry shortcake made with homemade biscuits, local strawberries, and real whipped cream will be for sale for \$4 each. The Jay-Livermore Falls Lions

Club will sell hamburgers and hot dogs. Guests are also welcome to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the beautiful grounds.

Special presentations and events will include “A Letter to Father: General Cadwallader Colden Washburn” at noon and 3 p.m.; a Guided Nature Walk to the Pools of Simeon at 1 p.m.; “Musings from Gramps - Readings from the Washburn Journals” at 2 p.m.; and an opportunity to “Meet the Bradford Family” throughout the day in the Farmer’s Cottage.

Participating craft vendors will include Artistic Creations with Julie Breau; Blanchard Art with Florence and Chester Blanchard; Blue Goose Woods with Robert Bonin; Bonita K’s Photography with Bonita Kenny; canining by Pam Lanyon; creative basketry by Diane Wheeler; tapestry weaving by Sarah Karem; Malbons Mills Blacksmith with Richard Tessier; wire wrapped Jewelry, gems, and minerals by Miner Mike; Phoenix

Pottery with Sarah Delaney; Shaky Barn Farm Gardens; The Sportsman’s Wife with Becky Tyler; stamping by Corinne Saindon; Trash to Treasures Recycled Art with Keith Jamriska; and Violet’s Fine Crafts with Janice Violette.

General admission is \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids ages 12 and under, or \$25 for a family with two adults and up to three children under age 18. Children age 5 and under will be admitted free of charge. Norlands members will enjoy a 20% discount on admission (\$8 individual/\$20 family rate). Memberships start at \$15 for individuals and conveys discounts on admissions and purchases in the gift shop. For more information, see www.norlands.org/become-a-member.html.

Norlands is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore. For more information, including updates to the program schedule, call 897-4366 or visit www.norlands.org.

What’s Going On

Theater at Monmouth’s “Pride@Prejudice” revisits Austen’s classic novel

The Theater at Monmouth will open its 2018 Summer Repertory Season with a modern adaptation of Daniel Elihu Kramer of Jane Austen’s most popular novel. In “Pride@Prejudice,” Kramer’s homage to one of the world’s most popular love stories is delivered with humor, wit, and a little sass as the modern-day characters literally step off the page to blog, google, and tweet. The play opens Saturday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m. and runs through August 17, including matinee and evening performances on both weekdays and weekends.

TAM celebrates the 205th anniversary of Austen’s “Pride and Prejudice” with this whimsical and technologically savvy production. Hailed by the Daily Hampshire Gazette as “a bright, flavorful take on love, life and English manners that matches Austen’s to a T,” this faithful adaptation is skillfully embellished with 21st-century pop culture references to unearth new revelations about

Austen’s classic romance.

Adaptations of Pride and Prejudice number in the hundreds, from rigidly faithful depictions to fanciful reworkings replete with zombies. Austen herself enjoyed playing with form. Her interest in delving into the lives of women and their romantic endeavors developed an entirely new approach to the English novel. Just as Austen’s classic introduced modernity to the novel writing of her time, Kramer’s play offers a fresh perspective with its inclusion of complimentary characters and contemporary allusions.

Through Austen’s letters to her niece, the adaptation reveals parallels between her own life and Elizabeth Bennett’s. Bob Goepfert of The Record News notes, “Jane Austen enters the play so that we might better understand how art is sometimes the creation of life as we want it to be, rather than the way we live it.” Pride@Prejudice expertly explores

how artists create from their life experiences as much as their imaginations and reveals how these hidden inspirations add deep and striking layers to their original sources.

The production features Katie Croyle as Elizabeth Bennet; Marshall Taylor Thurman as Mr. Darcy; KP Powell as Mr. Bennet, Mr. Bingley, Sir William, the Footman, the Doctor, Mr. Wickham, Mr. Gardiner, and Colonel Fitzwilliam; Amber McNew as Jane Bennet, Caroline Bingley, Lydia, Mary, Lady Catherine, Georgiana, and Jane Austen; and Bibi Mama as Mrs. Bennet, Charlotte, Mrs. Gardiner, and Miss de Bourgh. The set design is by Stacey Koloski, costume design by Jonna Klaiber, lighting design by Jim Alexander, and sound design by Rew Tippin.

Additional performance dates are 7/11, 8/2, 8/15, and 8/17 at 7:30 p.m.; 7/22, 7/28, and 8/9 at 1:00 p.m.; and 7/7 at 7:30 p.m. with a post-show discussion.

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Central Maine Orthopedics recently launched OrthoAccess, a walk-in clinic providing immediate orthopaedic treatment at its location at 690 Minot Avenue in Auburn. Patients can walk in any time Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to receive immediate assessment by some of Maine's best-regarded orthopaedic specialists in a facility that has in-house x-ray and other diagnostic services. No appointment is needed.

"It used to be difficult to see a specialist same-day for orthopaedic injuries, but OrthoAccess provides a solution for our patients," said, Dr. Michael Regan, CMO Spine Surgeon. "Now you can walk in and receive same-day, specialized orthopaedic care."

Modeled after Maine's first orthopaedic walk-in

clinic, located within OA Centers for Orthopaedics in Portland, OrthoAccess serves as an emergency room alternative for sprains, strains, muscle pulls, minor fractures, dislocations, post-exercise pain, and more. Patients treated at OrthoAccess will receive specialized treatment from doctors trained to meet their specific needs, will experience a shorter wait, and will receive a smaller bill at the end.

OrthoAccess is not intended for serious injuries, such as head trauma, open fractures, or spine injuries. Patients who find themselves faced with such injuries should seek treatment at the ER; but for other urgent orthopaedic needs, OrthoAccess is a great option. For more information, call 783-1328 or visit ortho-access.com.

Artwork of Fr. Paul Plante now available through tribute website



"I am leaving a body of work, simple as it is. It represents very much who I am and, hopefully, even after death, people who connect with my work will connect with me, my spirit." - Fr. Paul Plante



The long-admired artwork of Fr. Paul Plante, who died in June of 2016, is now available for purchase on a new website that serves as both a canvas of his immense talent and a tribute to his indelible legacy.

The work of Fr. Plante has been featured in art galleries around the country. His most famous work focuses on the eyes of songbirds, hawks, ducks, and other birds in 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" oil pastel paintings. The paintings reflect his fascination with birds, their spirit, and their furtive nature. His portfolio also includes fish, plums, apples, and more. The work is searchable by collection and category on the new website at www.paulplante.com.

Visitors to the site will also have an opportunity to explore a few of the many other contributions made by Fr. Plante during his life. One section features his homilies, while another is dedicated to his professional experiences and even includes the words of the artist himself.

"I look at my artwork with the same awe that makes me wonder who I am as a person," reads part of Fr. Plante's writings. "In many ways, I'm discovering myself in my art. I also sometimes feel as though the depths of my being are exposed through my art. When the result in another person is joy or awe and wonder, it makes it all worthwhile."

A Sanford native, Fr.

Plante attended St. Ignatius Elementary and Junior High School, taught by the Ursuline Nuns and the Brothers of Christian Instruction. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 8, 1971 by Archbishop Peter L. Gerety at St. Ignatius Church in Sanford.

As a priest, he served as Chaplain of the Portland hospitals (1971) and exclusively in Maine parishes: as parochial vicar at St. Louis Church in Auburn (1971-1975), St. Joseph Church in Biddeford (1975-1976), and Holy Cross Church in Lewiston (1976-1985); as parochial vicar and rector at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland (1985-1993); and as pastor at St. John Church



in Winslow (1993-2004) and Our Lady of the Lakes Parish in Oquossoc (2004-2016). In 2009, he was assigned as Vicar for Priests by Bishop Richard J. Malone, a ministry he continued under Bishop Robert P. Deeley, while remaining pastor of Our Lady of the Lakes in Oquossoc.

The website is operated by Fr. Daniel Greenleaf, pastor of the Parish of the Holy Eucharist in Falmouth, who was a dear friend of Fr. Plante. Claire Levesque, a parishioner, cares for the inventory and will handle the purchase and delivery process for the artwork. At the request of Fr. Plante, all proceeds will go to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland to be used for diocesan needs.

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Out & About with Rachel Morin GreenWood Gallery Open House will showcase talented Maine artists

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

GreenWood Gallery's fifth annual Open House on Saturday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will showcase the work of well-known Maine artists Tony Brown, Susan Fitz-Patrick, Jenna Hackett, Martha Levesque, and Anita F. Poulin. Located at 998 Old Danville Road in Auburn, the gallery is owned by Ms. Poulin, who is an affiliate of AP Graph-

detailed work, organic lines and shapes, and beautifully developed images. His latest work, "Rose Colored," will be on exhibit for the first time at the event.

Susan Fitz-Patrick has a life-long passion for expressing herself through drawing, painting, and quilting. She has studied at the University of Maine and Benton Center in Oregon and with several artists in oil, pastel, watercolor, and acrylic painting. She now

art as a hobby, which soon developed into a blossoming career. She spends a lot of time painting, photographing, traveling, and diving or surfing the ocean. Perspective within nature and city give inspiration to experiments with colors and brush strokes. Her focus is a hyper-realistic approach to color and detail.

Born in Canada, Martha Levesque is a skilled master of Pergamano, an artform with origins in the 18th century that entails embellishing and decorating parchment paper using techniques such as embossing, perforating, stippling, outlining, and color enhancing. She is a certified instructor who has taught at The Villages in Florida and now teaches in Maine.

Anita F. Poulin comes from four generations of self-taught artists. She has been painting for 45 years and teaching art locally for 35 years. Her work beautifully captures Maine's four-season landscapes and seascapes in acrylic and pastel medium. Her wildflower paintings are delightful



Tony Brown

in simplicity yet intricate in detail. Her portraits of adults, children and pets are life-like and capture each individual personality.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, guitarist Victor Montez Jr. will entertain guests at the event with his serenades. Many may recognize him from his appearances in the Maine Blues Festival. He makes Maine his home and hosts great blues jams at local venues.

Come early to meet the artists and to hear them speak about their art, see painting demonstrations, enjoy some light treats, and have an opportunity to win



"Rose Colored" is a new work by Tony Brown that will be on exhibit for the first time.



Anita Poulin

ics & Fine Arts of Auburn. Tony Brown of Lewiston paints colorful "Idyllic Fantasies" in acrylics on medium and large canvasses. He loves bright colors,



Martha Levesque

devotes her talent to expressing her love of the ocean through acrylic paintings of lighthouses and seascapes.

Jenna Hackett began



Susan Fitz-Patrick

one of several door prizes, including a scholarship for the six-week course "Learning How to Paint



Jenna Hackett

with Acrylics." To exhibit your art or make an appointment to visit the gallery after the open house, call 782-5118.

New England Vintage Base Ball Festival

The Cornish Historical Society will present its third annual New England Vintage Base Ball Festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24, at the historic Fairgrounds in Cornish Maine. This is "base ball" played by 1860s rules, with nine teams on three fields playing 8 to 10 games per day. Games begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. on Sunday, when the

first game will feature Cornish residents led by Alan Wentworth.

The event is free and open to all. Food and ice cream concessions will be available and there will be a large shade tent. Bring your own blanket or chair. For more information, call Kate at 625-3095 or Diann at 625-3281 or see www.newenglandbaseballfestival.com.

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APL kicks off Teen Summer Reading program with outdoor concert



Chicks with Sticks is a popular 12-piece steel drum combo that plays island-style music at events throughout central and coastal Maine.

With the theme "Libraries Rock," this year's Teen Summer Reading program at Auburn Public Library's will focus on music - through reading books about music in the Pizza & Pages Book Club, watching and singing along to musicals, and enjoying programs involving singing and dancing.

The program kick-off will take place on Tuesday, June 26 at 3 p.m. with a performance by Chicks with Sticks. An off-shoot of the Tinpanic Steel Band, Chicks with Sticks is a popular 12-piece steel drum combo that plays island-style music, with sounds similar to Jimmy Buffet and Bob Marley, at parties, festivals, receptions, and other special events throughout central and coastal Maine. Open to all ages, the concert will

take place on the library lawn, weather permitting.

Other Teen Summer Reading programs and activities will include a DIY Music Workshop with musician Aaron Wardwell on Friday, July 20 and a tour of local radio station WEZR-FM (Maine's Big Z) on Tuesday, July 24. Returning this summer, the Pizza & Pages Book Club will read and discuss three books related to music: "Solo," by Kwame Alexander; "Eleanor & Park," by Rainbow Rowell; and "Beautiful Music for Ugly Children," by Kirstin Cronn-Mills.

Due to space limitations, registration is required for the music workshop, radio station tour, and each of the three book club sessions.

During the six-week summer reading program,

which runs from June 26 through August 9, teens will be entered into a weekly drawing for each book they read and each program they attend. This year's grand prize for the top reader is a guitar and lessons donated by Main Street Music Lessons. The award for program participation is a bundle of gift cards donated by Bull Moose Music, Game Zone, and Books a Million. The two awards will be presented at the finale party on August 9.

The Teen Summer Reading Program is for teens ages 12 through 18 who are entering Grades 7 through 12. For more information, or to register for programs that require it, call 333-6640, ext. 4 or visit the library events calendar at www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Bangor Symphony Orchestra leads Kingfield POPS

Under the direction of Grammy Award-winning conductor Lucas Richman, the Bangor Symphony Orchestra will headline the annual Kingfield POPS concert for the sixteenth consecutive year on Saturday, June 30. Starting at 4:45, ticket holders will enjoy a line-up of strong supporting acts leading up to the BSO's evening performance, which will feature world-premiere collaborations with popular artists, crowd-pleasing renditions of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever, and a fireworks finale.

To start the afternoon of music, Shawn Tooley will entertain arriving audience members with a solo acoustic set of songs written in his well-thought-out Americana style. Audience members will then hear local favorites GoldenOak, who, led by siblings Zak and Lena Kendall, have emerged from their Franklin County base to become a force in New England folk music.

The popular Adam Ezra Group will then perform as a quartet before returning later in the evening for an exclusive 25-minute collaboration with the BSO. The crowd will hear firsthand why AEG has earned four NE Music Awards, including Song of the Year (twice), Album of the Year, and Band of the Year.

Opening for the BSO will be Gypsy Tailwind, who have sold out Port City



The BSO will perform exciting renditions of pops classics and engage in exclusive on-stage collaborations with the Adam Ezra Group and Gypsy Tailwind.

Music Hall, sold 25,000 copies of their album "Halo Sessions," and twice earned spots on Billboard's Heat Seeker chart. After an illness idled the band for five years, this POPS performance will be the official Gypsy Tailwind Reunion featuring the NE Music Award's 2015 Female Performer of the Year, Anna Lombard.

Lombard will then stay on stage while BSO loads-in to sing the National Anthem, and the entire eight-piece band will perform three of their more popular songs with the orchestra.

As the sun fades behind picturesque Mt. Abram, the BSO will perform an exciting rendition of Glinka's Ruslan and Lyudmila Overture, Bernstein and Peress' Overture to West Side Story, and other traditional pops classics.

The event will take places at Kennedy Farm in



The Adam Ezra Group has earned four NE Music Awards.

Kingfield. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the gate. Those ages 17 and under will enter free of charge. For more information or to buy tickets, see kingfieldpops.com.

The Kingfield POPS began in 2003 as a project of the Mt. Abram Economic Development Association to bring visitors to the area, boost the local economy, and provide a fun family event. It has flourished into a non-profit organization that provides support to local children to embark in musical education, performance, and experiences.

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The production uses original vocal music, live actors in flowing silk costumes, and these four foot-tall, intricately carved puppets to bring the classic story to life.

Celebration Barn Theater will present Figures of Speech Theatre's "Nightingale," an exotic retelling of the classic Hans Christian Andersen tale featuring outlandish vocalists and exquisitely life-like puppets, on Saturday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Figures of Speech Theatre uses original vocal music, live actors in flowing silk costumes, and four foot-tall, intricately carved puppets to bring to life Hans Christian Andersen's classic story, which explores the importance of maintaining a connection with nature. When the Emperor of China learns of the existence of a plain gray bird whose song is the sweetest in the world, he summons her to court, where her voice moves him to tears. Later, he is given a jeweled mechanical bird which makes him lose interest in the Nightingale and

banishes her from his empire. But when he is alone and gravely ill, his tiny, compassionate friend returns to bargain with Death to save his life.

Figures of Speech Theatre presents programs that are enjoyed equally by young people and adults. The troupe has performed throughout North America, Europe, and Japan. The creation of Nightingale was funded in part by the Davis Family Foundation, the Jim Henson Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts. In 1996, the troupe presented the show in a successful Broadway run at the New Victory Theater, which won the coveted "UNIMA Citation of Excellence," the highest award in American puppet theater.

The story is framed by two narrators - adventurous medieval "traders in essences" played by Andrea

Goodman, formerly a principal vocalist with the Meredith Monk Ensemble, and Carol Farrell, co-founder of Figures of Speech. A quest to collect the essence of the sweetest song in the world leads them to China, where they meet the Emperor, the Emperor's daughter, the courtiers, and the nightingale.

The production features an original vocal score composed by Goodman. The layering of people, puppets, and music forms a magical mix as the inanimate becomes animated and the manipulators interact with the manipulated. The result is an exotic, sophisticated rendition of a classic tale which promises to be quite unlike any theatrical experience you've ever had.

Celebration Barn Theater is an immersive center for the physical theater arts that draws artists from around the world seeking to train and create their own works. The Barn's mission is to inspire creativity and community by harnessing the power of live performance.

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for those ages 60 and over, and \$8 for those ages 17 and under. All tickets are general admission and members receive priority seating. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended. The lobby and concessions will open at 6:30 p.m.

Celebration Barn Theater is located just off Route 117 at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the box office at 743-8452 or see www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Portland author kicks off national book tour tonight at Gray Public Library

Abdi Nor Iftin of Portland will kick off his national book tour with a program at Gray Public Library on Thursday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. His acclaimed new book, "Call Me American: A Memoir" (Knopf, 2018), tells his story of immigrating to America via luck and perseverance: as a Somali refugee, he won entrance to the U.S. in an annual lottery, then risked his life to reach his new home.

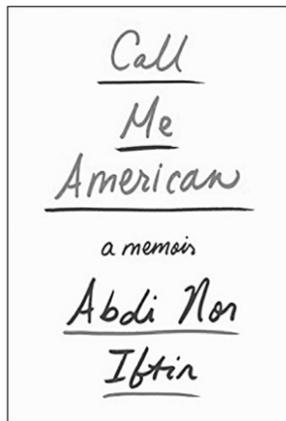
A natural storyteller, Iftin has shared dispatches from his journey from Somalia to Kenya to America on the BBC World Service and NPR's "This American Life." He recently appeared on NPR's "Weekend Edition Sunday" to discuss the memoir, which has received starred reviews from Kirkus, Publisher's Weekly, and Library Journal. In its review Kirkus called the book "A searing memoir... that im-

pressively remains upbeat, highly inspiring, and always educational."

Iftin currently lives in Portland, Maine, where he works as an interpreter for Somalis who have immigrated to the state. He has been accepted as a student by the University of Southern Maine, where he will study political science.

The program is free and open to the public. Gray Public Library is located on 5 Hancock Street, just off Yarmouth Road (Route 115)

in Gray. For more information, call 657-4110.



Twin City Nights

UUCB Concerts for a Cause plans Barbershop Extravaganza



The Royal River Chorus

UUCB Concerts for a Cause will present a Barbershop Extravaganza on Saturday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick. Royal River Chorus, Falmouth's award-winning women's barbershop chorus, will share the stage with their male counterparts, the Nor'easters Barbershop Chorus of Bath-Brunswick. Quartets from within each chorus will also perform a couple of fan favorites.

Barbershop harmony is one of the few uniquely American-born musical styles. It is sung a cappella in four-parts and includes popular music from yesterday and today. Ballads, uptunes, gospel, patriotic tunes, and novelty numbers are presented with showmanship that will entertain all ages.

If you've never heard barbershop music before, you will notice that it is not your typical soprano-alto-tenor-bass music. Generally, the lead sings the melody, the tenor harmonizes above the melody, the bass sings the lowest harmonizing notes, and the baritone completes the chord, usually below the lead.

If you listen closely, you can sometimes hear overtones, a physical phenomenon in which the listener can hear an extra high note that isn't being sung by any of the singers. Bar-



The Nor'easters Barbershop Chorus, decked out in cowboy garb

bershop arrangements stress chords and chord progressions that favor "ringing." When a chorus sings perfectly in tune using identical vowels, an overtone is created. Overtones and other common barbershop embellishments - swipes, key changes, bell chords, powerful dynamic changes, pregnant pauses, and unresolved chords - can often give both the singers and audience chills.

The Royal River Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide educational organization of 30,000 members. RRC competes annually and has won many awards. In 2000 and 2002, they earned the title of Sweet Adelines best mid-size chorus in the world. Directed by Master Director Chris Ferguson, Royal River is known for their beautiful harmonies, energy, and passion.

The Nor'easters Barbershop Chorus, a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, are celebrating their 51st anniversary with the organization. Formerly known as the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, SPEBSQSA was the first of several organizations to promote and preserve barbershop music as an art form. Director Kathy Robitaille is known for presenting a varied and fun repertoire.

The UUCB Concert for a Cause series raises money for church programming and local charities. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door for adults and \$8 for students and children. They may be purchased at the church office (729-8515), Gulf of Maine Books, or online at <http://uucbbarbershop.brownpapertickets.com>.

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Twin City Nights

Maine Event Comedy tonight at Bear Bones Beer



Lewiston's James Theberge recently spent a weekend opening for nationally touring comedian Rich Vos.

Maine Event Comedy will present James Theberge at Bear Bones Beer on Thursday, June 21 at 7 p.m. He'll be joined by fellow comics Tyler Morrow, Leonard Kimble, Quentin Johnson, and host Dee Turcotte. An open-mic will follow the show.

Lewiston's Theberge recently spent a weekend opening for nationally touring comedian Rich Vos. He took second-place in the Summer Comedy Competition at Empire in Portland and was featured in the Portland Maine

Comedy Festival. He's also performed at The Burren and The Hideout in Boston.

Morrow co-hosts the No Recipes web series, where comedians are presented all the ingredients to cook something, sans recipe. He's performed at New York City's Greenwich Village Comedy Club and is a regular at Dick Doherty's Comedy Den.

A recent graduate of the Stand-Up Comedy Workshop at Lewiston Adult Ed, Kimble is a newcomer to the Maine scene making his showcase debut

at Bear Bones. Johnson, a regular at the Annoyance Theater in his hometown of Chicago, joins the fun with his Maine comedy debut. Following a short break from stand-up, Turcotte returns to the stage, 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 maineevent-comedy@gmail.com.

LGBTQ+ Pride March and Festival set for June 30

Pride L/A will host its second annual LGBTQ+ Pride March and Festival, "Liberation For All," on Saturday, June 30. This year's theme comes from a call for the LGBTQ+ community to be in solidarity with all social justice movements, including racial, economic, and disability justice.

The day will begin with a rally at 10:30 a.m. in Festival Plaza in Auburn, followed at 11 a.m. by a march across Longley Bridge to Lincoln Street and

into Simard-Payne Park in Lewiston, where the festival will take place from 12 to 5 p.m.

The festival will include a full day of entertainment, including a main stage featuring performances by numerous local drag kings and queens, a talent show, a dance punk band, and a comedian. There will also be a children's area with a bounce house, a Drag Queen Story Hour, face painting, a tie-dye station, and many other games and activities. Awards will be presented

for best dressed youth and best dressed adult. Food trucks will be on hand selling concessions and local organizations and businesses will offer items for sale and information about area resources. Admission and garage parking will be free of charge.

The event's organizers still need volunteers. For more information, find them on Facebook at [PrideLMaine](https://www.facebook.com/PrideLMaine), email pride.la.maine@gmail.com, or visit <http://pride-l-a.weebly.com>.

UU Theater's "American Dreams" explores immigrant lives

UU Theater and Community Little Theatre will present "American Dreams: Immigration Stories," a collection of stories told from the perspective of immigrants currently living in the United States. The play, written and directed by Linda Britt, will be presented on the CLT stage at Great Falls Performing Arts Center on Friday and Saturday, June 29 and 30, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Britt wrote the play in response to public attitudes surrounding immigration, taking inspiration from current events, such as the travel ban and the expiration of DACA, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy. It represents people from multiple countries across generations.

"This play was sparked by the news we see every day, and the rhetoric that's coming out about there being 'bad' immigrants," Britt said.

UU Theater's Toby Haber-Giasson wanted to stage Britt's play locally since LA has become a hub

of diversity. "The show challenges us to welcome all our neighbors, without judgement."

The characters in Britt's stories present mixed viewpoints on living in America. Some do not want to be here, such as a 53-year-old homesick Bosnian woman whose daughter lived in the United States and a 22-year-old Iranian student who was trapped in the U.S. after her visa expired. Others work hard to make a living here and wish to pursue a better life, such as a gay man from Egypt escaping persecution and a young South American woman whose parents were deported after living in the U.S. legally for over 20 years.

Britt's aim was to get the audience to look at immigrants with empathy and to put themselves in the shoes of others. "I wanted people to think about that question, 'What would you do if you were me?'"

A recent reading of the play in Farmington drew a warm response. "This one

fellow, an elderly gentleman from Yugoslavia, just wanted to thank me for telling the stories," Britt said. "He wasn't the only one; it meant something to the whole community. I hope people can just see these immigrants as humans."

Linda Britt is an award-winning director and playwright. Her plays have been produced from Maine to California, and three, "Chosen," "Mirrors and Memories," and "Mrs. Smith Goes to Washington," have recently been published. Three plays she directed with Out of the Box Theater Company, "Medea," "Death of a Salesman," and "Hamlet," were honored by the New England Theatre Conference, two with Moss Hart Awards for outstanding performance by a community theatre and the third with an Honorable Mention in the same category.

Great Falls Performing Arts Center is at 30 Academy Street in Auburn. To buy tickets, see <http://www.lact.com>.

AFD reminds residents of fireworks ordinance

With July 4th approaching, the Auburn Fire Department would like to remind residents that no fireworks are allowed in the City of Auburn. Any consumer fireworks use or sales within city limits is a violation of city ordinance.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported that fireworks were involved in an estimated 8,800 injuries treated in emergency departments this year.

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Memorial bench to honor member of LHS Class of 1968

On Tuesday, September 21 at 1 p.m., a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in Lewiston will honor James J. McMorrow, who died on November 10, 1969, in service to his country in the Marine Corps while on active duty in Vietnam. The dedication of a memorial bench, purchased with donations from his classmates

from the Lewiston High School Class of 1968, will mark the 50th anniversary of the event. Those who wish to make a contribution to the bench may send a donation check, payable to the LHS '68 Veterans Memorial Fund, to: Memorial Fund, 490 Maple Hill Road, Auburn ME 04210.

Thursday, June 21

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. Outgoing club president Monica Millhime presents her year-end address. Free; no reservations required. 713-7045; monica.milhime@maine.gov.

Author Visit. 6:30 p.m. Gray Public Library, 5 Hancock St., just off Yarmouth Rd. (Route 115) in Gray. Portland's Abdi Nor Iftin discusses his acclaimed new book "Call Me American: A Memoir" (Knopf, 2018), which describes his perilous journey from Somalia to the U.S. Free. 657-4110.

Maine Event Comedy. 7 p.m. Bear Bones Beer, 43 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Tonight's performers are James Theberge, Tyler Morrow, Leonard Kimble, Quentin Johnson, and host Dee Turcotte; open-mic follows. 21-plus. Free. 513 0742; maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

Friday, June 22

"Fête Nationale" Celebration. 11:30 a.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. To mark the Feast Day of St. Jean the Baptist, the center hosts a traditional meal and entertainment; social hour begins at 10:30. \$12. Reserve at 783-1585 or francocenter.org.

Concert: Violinist Ashley Liberty and Pianist Daniel Strange. 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. The duo presents an exciting program of foot-stomping music called "Hot Fiddle!" Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Mainly Improv. 7 p.m. Baxter Brewing Company, 130 Mill St., Lewiston. This veteran improv troupe makes up comedy "on the spot" based entirely on audience suggestions. Free.

Saturday, June 23

ALT Canoe & Kayak River Race. 9 a.m. Paddlers depart from Festival Plaza Boat launch and have three course options; awards ceremony with live music, concessions follows. \$30/40. Register at 782-2302 or <https://androscogginlandtrust.org>.

New England Vintage Base Ball Festival. 9:30 a.m. Fairgrounds, Cornish. This annual event features two days of "base ball" played by 1860s rules; concessions, shade tent, bring blanket or chairs. Cont. Sun. (8 a.m.). Free. www.newenglandbaseballfestival.com.

Strawberry Festival & Craft Fair. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore. Craft fair, living history activities, and strawberry shortcake (\$4). Admission \$10/6 (family rate \$25).

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

www.norlands.org.

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 5-12, free kids 5-. Take-out available.

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

"The Nightingale." 7:30 p.m. Celebration Barn, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. Figures of Speech Theatre presents its lauded production of Hans Christian Andersen's classic story. \$14/12/8. 743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Concert: Barbershop Extravaganza. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Middle St., Brunswick. Concerts for a Cause presents the Royal River Chorus and Nor'easters Barbershop Chorus. \$18 (\$15 in adv.); students \$8. 729-8515; www.brownpapertickets.com.

Sunday, June 24

"Fête Nationale" Concert. 11:30 a.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Soprano Marie-Line Morin performs songs of love and testifies to her faith journey as a French-Canadian immigrant. Free; suggested donation amount \$15. 783-1585; francocenter.org.

Monday, June 25

Mad Science Program. 6 p.m. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. The library kicks off its Kids' Summer Reading Program with this fun science program about the properties of sound. Best for kids ages 4-12. Free. 333-6640, ext. 3.

Tuesday, June 26

Concert: Chicks with Sticks. 3 p.m. Auburn Public Library lawn. The library kicks off its Teen Summer Reading Program with island-style music by this 12-piece steel drum combo. All ages welcome. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

"Music for Mavis" Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location: library across the green). This week's performer is the Black Cat Road Band (Rock). Free, but a \$5 suggested donation helps support the series. 754-0954.

Wednesday, June 27

Power Lunch Seminar. Noon to 1 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Bill Stone of Promising Futures presents "Make Money, Save Money, Look Good: When to Call a Consultant." Free, but registration requested. www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Summer Fun & Films Program. Simard Payne Park, Lewiston. Tonight's movie, "The Lion King," starts at dusk; pre-movie activities begin at 6 p.m. Concessions available. Pres. by Lewiston Police Department, Gendron Franco Center. Free.

Thursday, June 28

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The speaker is incoming club president Tom MacDonald. Free; no reservations required. 713-7045; www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

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

Saturday, June 29

Theater: "American Dreams: Immigration Stories." 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy St., Auburn. Written and directed by Linda Britt, this play tells a collection of stories from the perspective of recent immigrants to the United States. Again 6/30. \$10. <http://www.laclt.com>.

Saturday, June 30

Indoor Yard and Craft Sale. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Paris Fire Department, Western Ave., So. Paris. Tables avail. for rent at \$10 each; concessions. Pres. by Fire Prevention Committee. 890-6107.

LGBTQ+ Pride March and Festival. 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Simard-Payne Park, Lincoln St., Lewiston. March departs from Auburn's Festival Plaza at 11 a.m.; the family-friendly festival at noon features music, performances, kids activities, and concessions. Free. <http://pride-l-a.weebly.com>.

Kingfield POPS Concert. 4:45 p.m. Kennedy Farm in Kingfield. The Bangor Symphony Orchestra is joined by the Adam Ezra Group and Gypsy Tailwind; fireworks finale. \$25/30 (free kids ages 17-). kingfieldpops.com.

Tuesday, July 3

"Music for Mavis" Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location: library across the green). This week's performer is Hank Washborn (Folk, Rock). Free, but a suggested \$5 donation helps support the series. 754-0954.

Wednesday, July 4

Indoor Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Turner Center Universalist Church, Turner Center Rd., Turner. Coffee and donuts available before the parade.

"Music for Mavis" Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location: library across the green). This week's performer is Marty Lang (Swing, Rock, Jazz). Free, but a suggested \$5 donation helps support the series. 754-0954.

Saturday, July 7

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Matt Newberg performs contemporary folk music. Weather-dependent. Free. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center.

Tuesday, July 10

"Music for Mavis" Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location: library across the green). This week's performer is Old Coats (Rock). Free, but a suggested \$5 donation helps support the series. 754-0954.

Wednesday, July 11

Summer Fun & Films Program. Pathway New Vineyard Church, Lewiston. Tonight's movie, "A Wrinkle in Time," starts at dusk; pre-movie activities begin at 6 p.m. Concessions avail. Pres. by the Lewiston Police Department, Gendron Franco Center. Free.

Saturday, July 14

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Cold Chocolate performs Americana, roots, and bluegrass music. Weather-dependent. Free. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center.

Tuesday, July 17

"Music for Mavis" Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location: library across the green). This week's performer is Brad Hooper (Country Rock). Free, but a suggested "pass the hat" donation of \$5 helps support the series. 754-0954.

Saturday, July 21

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. OC & the Off-Beats perform rock, soul, and pop music.

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Tuesday, July 24

"Music for Mavis" Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location: library across the green). This week's performer is John Hoose of Country Choir (Country Rock). Free, but a suggested \$5 donation helps support the series. 754-0954.

Wednesday, July 25

Summer Fun & Films Program. Drouin Field (next to the Colisee), Lewiston. Tonight's movie, "Coco," starts at dusk; pre-movie activities begin at 6 p.m. Concessions available. Pres. by the Lewiston Police Department and the Gendron Franco Center. Free.

Saturday, July 28

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center, The Big Chips Trio perform jazz, blues and soul music. Weather-dependent. Free.

Tuesday, July 31

Book Discussion. 9:30 a.m. Auburn Public Library. As part of statewide summer reading program Read ME 2018, the library hosts a discussion of Susan Hand Shetterly's "Settled in the Wild." Copies avail. to borrow. 333-6640, ext. 4.

"Music for Mavis" Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location is the library across the green). This week's performer is Brad Hooper (Country Rock). Free, but a suggested "pass the hat" donation of \$5 helps support the series. 754-0954.

Saturday, August 4

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center, the Duquette Trio perform alternative folk music. Weather-dependent. Free.

Tuesday, August 7

Author Visit. 9:30 a.m. Auburn Public Li-

brary. As part of statewide summer reading program Read ME 2018, the library hosts author CB Anderson to discuss her book "River Talk." Copies avail. to borrow. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Summer Fun & Films Program. Lewiston Middle School Field, Lewiston. This week's event takes place on Tuesday for National Night Out; tonight's movie, "Jumanji" (2017), starts at dusk; pre-movie activities begin at 6 p.m. Pres. by the Lewiston Police Department and the Gendron Franco Center. Free.

"Music for Mavis" Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location is the library across the green). This week's performer is Milltown Road Show (Country, Bluegrass, Rock). Free, but a suggested "pass the hat" donation of \$5 helps support the series. 754-0954.

Saturday, August 11

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center, Pretty Girls Sing Soprano perform folk and acoustic music. Weather-dependent. Free.

Tuesday, August 14

"Music for Mavis" Outdoor Concert. 6:30 p.m. Turner Gazebo, Village Green, Turner Center (rain location is the library across the green). This week's performer is guitarist Denny Breaux, with Ann, Deb, and Frank. Free, but a suggested "pass the hat" donation of \$5 helps support the series. 754-0954.

Saturday, August 18

Summer Saturday Concert Series. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Waterfront Park, Commercial St., Bath. Pres. by Chocolate Church Arts Center, duo Red Beans & Rice perform blues music. Weather-dependent. Free.



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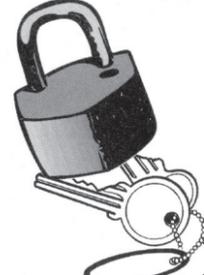
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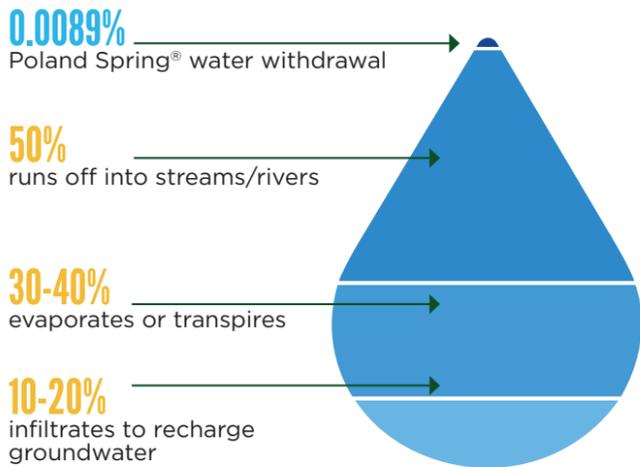
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