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"Generation Y"

Many people feel that big things always occur in big places because of big people, however that's not the case in Lewiston and Auburn. Big things happen in the unexpected places at unexpected hours by unexpected people. Lewiston and Auburn has something happening that's been brewing for many years. It's called, "Generation Y". This generation is young and still learning, but soon they will be the ones who are in charge and the ones who will choose the future.

In this present hour, "Generation Y" is taking the first steps into Lewiston and Auburn jobs, doing more community service hours than ever before and have more academic advantages than previous years. We have been referred to as the internet generation, 'iGen' for short. Our computer knowledge and technology insight has taught us high performance and we know the sky is the limit on what we can do.

Soon we will be taking the roles as Mayor and City Counsel, Managing restaurants, doing your taxes. Today there is a stir of excitement in our twin cities. Students are currently looking for summer employment to save for college. They are receiving college acceptance letters coming in the mail and many are serving internships at our local city offices.

Happening right here in our twin cities students have taken on the responsibility to be involved in our communities. One example of the youth taking responsibility is the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council. They have worked on many projects such as the You Booze You Loose campaign and working on getting city message boards posted on one the busiest streets downtown. An Auburn Youth Advisory Council will also be starting up soon in hopes to get the "Generation Y" youth of Auburn involved in there community as well.

Along with community service, "Generation Y" young people have been involved in youth activities together. In February of this year Lewiston and Auburn students traveled together as a family to a district music festival. Together they also partnered with Oxford Hills on March 11th, 2008 to perform a concert for the twin cities in the Franco-American Heritage Center.

As stated in the beginning big things are happening in the unexpected. It's the youth that are "happening" in L/A. As the saying goes, "The youth of today are the future of tomorrow."