

Hundreds recognize public safety community at Blue Mass in Lewiston



The large American flag, held in place atop ladder trucks provided by the Auburn and Lewiston Fire Departments, waved in a slight breeze as the Maine Public Safety Pipe and Drum Corps and the Maine State Police Pipe and Drum Unit offered a stirring performance of "Amazing Grace." Honor guards from around the area stood in front of the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul in Lewiston, standing reverently as the music made its way down Ash Street and beyond.

The scene greeted hundreds of law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency personnel, and parishioners as they entered the 2018 Blue Mass on Sunday, September 16, in Lewiston. The Mass annually bestows blessings upon all who contribute to public safety and health in Maine and honors first responders for their heroic service.



The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Robert P. Deeley, who noted that the Blue Mass tradition was revived in the Diocese of Portland after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and that gathering to honor our communities' heroes will always be important.

"I read last week that, now, some 17 years after 2001, we have a generation of youngsters who have little recall of this terrible tragedy," said the bishop during his homily. "Events such as today keep the memory alive of the generosity of those who serve us. We need to pause to give them thanks. Our purpose in being here this morning is not only to thank you, our first responders, but also to thank God for your service, and to ask God's blessing on each of you. May He protect you as you serve us."

The assembly was a mix of members of the public safety community,



many in uniform, joined by men, women, and children who attended to share their own gratitude. Senator Susan Collins, Congressman Bruce Poliquin, Public Safety Commissioner John Morris, gubernatorial candidate Shawn Moody, state senators and representatives, city councilors, and local mayors were among the many dignitaries at the Blue Mass.

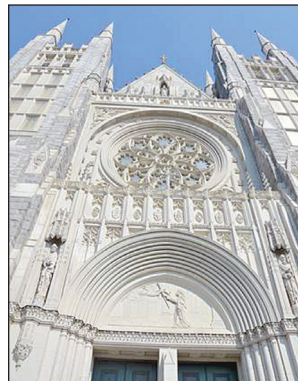
Many of the Mass' participants are also connected to the public safety community, including Deacon Jeffrey Lewis, who is currently the chaplain for the Gardiner Fire Department, was an EMS provider for over 38 years, and has served as a firefighter. Lieutenant Todd Bernard of the South Portland Police Department and Chief Robert Schwarz, executive director of the Maine Chiefs of Police, served as readers. Androscoggin County Sheriff Eric



Samson was one of the gift bearers, and representatives from the Lewiston Police Department, Auburn Fire Department, Maine State Police, and the Portland Police Department comprised a multijurisdictional honor guard that posted and retired the colors before and after the Mass.

The Maine Public Safety Pipe and Drum Corps and the Maine State Police Pipe and Drum unit performed outside before and after the Mass, and a reception for all gathered was hosted by the Knights of Columbus in the parish hall after the Mass.

The Blue Mass, which refers to the blue uniforms that firefighters, law enforcement and other first responders wear, is planned and organized by diocesan officials and representatives from local, county, and state public safety agencies.



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Walk to End Alzheimer’s raises over \$40,000 in Lewiston

More than 200 residents from the Lewiston-Auburn area joined the Lakes & Mountains Area Walk to End Alzheimer’s recently at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston. Participants raised over \$40,000 to fund Alzheimer’s care, support, and research programs.

Fundraising for the Walk to End Alzheimer’s continues through the end of the calendar year. To donate to a team or individual participant, see alz.org/walk.

The Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s is the world’s largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Since 1989, the

Alzheimer’s Association has mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer’s Association Memory Walk; now the Alzheimer’s Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer’s.

The Alzheimer’s Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer’s research, care and support. Their mission is to eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. For more information, see alz.org.

Auburn Public Library receives Great Stories Club grant from American Library Association

Auburn Public Library has been selected as one of 100 libraries nationwide to take part in the Great Stories Club, a reading and discussion program for underserved teens. This competitive grant is offered by the American Library Association with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For the next year, the library will participate in two series: “Empathy: The Cost of Switching Sides” and “What Makes a Hero? Self, Society, and Rising to the Occasion.”

Books on empathy to be read will include “Flight,” by Sherman Alexie; “Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation,” by Octavia Butler, Damian Duffy and John Jennings; “All American Boys,” by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely; and “March: Book Three,” by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell.

On the topic of heroes, teens will read “Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet, Book 1,” by Ta-Nehisi Coates and Brian Stelfreeze; “Maus II: A Survivor’s Tale: And Here My Troubles Began,” by Art Spiegelman; “Binti,” by Nnedi Okorafor; and “Buck: A Memoir,” by M.K. Asante.

The titles were selected in consultation with humanities scholars and librarians to inspire teens - especially those facing

difficult circumstances or challenges - to consider “big questions” about the world around them and their place in it, ultimately affecting how they view themselves as thinkers and creators.

Staff from Auburn Public Library will work with their partner organization, the Boys & Girls Club (Auburn/Lewiston Clubhouse), to identify teens for this program. During the series, they will meet to read and discuss stories that explore the concepts of empathy and what it means to be a hero.

As part of the grant, Auburn Public Library will receive 11 copies of each of the selected books, which will be gifted to the book club participants. APL will also receive resources and training, including travel and accommodations for an orientation workshop in Chicago. The workshops will include dialogue facilitation training led by consultants to Everyday Democracy and program modeling led by national project scholars Maria Sachiko Cecire (Bard College) and Anna Mae Duane (University of Connecticut).

Gatherings of the Great Stories Club at Auburn Public Library will begin in mid-October. For more information, contact Donna Wallace, Teen Librarian, at 333-6640, ext. 4 or via email at dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Nominations sought for \$5,000 teacher excellence award in MSAD 52

Full-time teachers with tenures of at least five years in MSAD 52, which includes Turner, Greene, and Leeds, are eligible to be nominated for the Patience W. Norman Prize for Teacher Excellence. The \$5,000 prize was established at the Maine Community Foundation to recognize outstanding full-time teachers in MSAD 52 who stimulate intellectual curiosity, raise aspirations, and demand critical thinking in their classrooms. Last year’s Norman Prize went to April Hartford, a second-grade teacher at Turner Primary School.

Patience Norman was

a history teacher who believed her students were capable of academic excellence. She challenged them to surpass her - and their own - expectations. Nominations must be postmarked and mailed by October 21. Complete guidelines and the nomination form are available at www.mainecef.org.

“Educating for Sustainability” at Boxberry School



Quinlan Friel, Grade 3 of Albany Township, gathers loose parts from nature for his tinker tray.

new staffers Deanna Fahey and Cassandra Harmon to design curriculum around these pedagogies.

The first Learning Expedition of the year is titled “Magnificent Mapmakers - Exploring Our World.” Through this unit, students will learn the basics of mapmaking and then apply them to their school campus before venturing into local towns later in the year. Educating for Sustainability has place-based education at its heart, embodying the idea that you can care for a place until you love it. The staff at Boxberry is excited to bring this understanding to light in their students and community.



Mae Fahey, Grade 3 of Harrison, explores the campus

The Boxberry School in Harrison is utilizing a new curriculum framework this year as they work toward Educating for Sustainability (EfS). Seal Rossignol,

Administrative Coordinator for the school, attended a week-long summer institute at Shelburne Farms in Shelburne, Vermont in July, where she received training in understanding the tenets of EfS, which include place-based education, project-based learning, service learning, and systems thinking. She is bringing this information back to Boxberry and working with

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Governor's Address: Businesses beware: higher unemployment taxes are on the horizon

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

In this tight labor market, we must use every tool at our disposal to encourage laid-off workers to search for work and to take the jobs they are offered.

Unemployment is insurance, not an entitlement. It is a safety net - not a means of subsidizing one employer's payroll on the backs of all other employers. Yet, the Legislature doesn't understand the basic principles of the unemployment system.

They voted for a bill that attempts to turn this insurance program into an entitlement: LD 700, "An Act to Give Flexibility to Employees and

Employers for Temporary Layoffs." This new law grants a six-week waiver from the work search, provided an employer gives a recall date.

It effectively takes these workers out of the labor market while they collect benefits, despite our acute workforce shortage.

I vetoed this bill with good reason, but the Legislature overrode it. The goal of unemployment insurance isn't just to provide temporary wages. It keeps workers connected to the labor market so they are more easily and quickly re-employed.

The work-search requirement is critical to that goal, and it is a discretionary tool to manage an employer's workforce



Governor Paul R. LePage

during fluctuations in unemployment cycles. LD 700 eliminates that discretion. Folks, that is just plain old bad business.

Those who look for work and take temporary jobs while collecting unemployment are better off financially, and they pro-

vide tremendous help to our employers who are trying to find workers in this era of record-low unemployment.

Waiving the work-search requirement is equivalent to a free pass, and it does nothing to further these positive outcomes. Without the requirement to search for work, many - if not most - seasonally laid-off workers will not bother to look for work. Some will decide not to work at temporary jobs.

Know this. Employers who have the highest use of unemployment in their slow season are already socializing their costs across the system. This law does nothing to change that process; in fact, it incentivizes it.

Now, hundreds of able-bodied Mainers will

temporarily disappear from the labor market - some will probably take subsidized vacations to Florida using benefits other employers have paid. These workers will have zero responsibility for the benefits they are drawing from the unemployment system. This is unacceptable.

I believe we will all begin feeling the effects of this ill-informed bill as oil dealers struggle even more to find drivers to deliver your fuel this winter. The Legislature's misguided notion is that this bill helps laid-off workers. But that, ladies and gentlemen, is a sham. When laid-off employees look for work, they are exposed to new opportunities that will benefit their career and their family's

finances.

And when businesses have to compete to retain and attract those workers, wages rise. Maine businesses deserve the opportunity to compete for these workers, especially when their unemployment is being subsidized by your taxes.

LD 700 is an assault on the basic principles of unemployment. Coupled with record low unemployment and Maine's rapidly rising minimum wage, it will be a recipe for disaster for Maine businesses.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Brookfield Renewable donates \$24,500 to Hope Haven Gospel Mission



The donation will help fund Hope Haven's window replacement campaign, update the shelter's laundry facility, and provide clothing for local families in need.

Brookfield Renewable will make a generous donation of \$24,500 to Hope Haven Gospel Mission of Lewiston to help fund Hope Haven's window replacement campaign, update the shelter's laundry facility, and provide clothing for local families in need.

Hope Haven serves more than 36,500 meals a year, providing breakfast and dinner to those in the Lewiston-Auburn community. Through the food pantry and emergency food boxes, Hope Haven provides necessary nutrients for more than 200 individuals and families dealing with food insecurity each week.

"We are thrilled to be able to wrap up our window project," said Hope Haven's Donor Relations Coordinator Rebecca Winslow. "The new windows will keep the dormitories insulated and provide better temperature control, especially on the

top floor, where women and children stay. This donation will also help us repair and replace our laundry area. We provide 11,680 overnight beds annually, and that requires us to provide clean, sanitized linens to all of our overnight residents. We will be able to continue to uphold our hygienic standards while keeping everyone safe and healthy."

The organization also provides access to a "give-away" room where kids can gather back-to-school supplies and clothing while parents can find professional clothes for upcoming interviews. Each year, more than 1,000 people capitalize on this service.

"The folks at Hope Haven work tirelessly to provide food, clothing, and shelter to those in our community," said Brookfield Renewable's Vice President of Operations Thomas Uncher. "To know there is

a place where families can go to receive a helping hand is crucial, and we know it's important to do our part. All of us at Brookfield Renewable are honored to help support such a selfless organization."

Brookfield Renewable is an experienced developer, owner, and operator of renewable power facilities. In Maine, Brookfield Renewable owns and operates 38 hydropower facilities on the Androscoggin, Kennebec, Penobscot, Saco, and Union River, along with four windfarms. Combined, these facilities generate 870 Megawatts of clean, reliable energy, which is enough to power over 565,000 homes. In addition, the company provide access to 236 recreational areas for Mainers to enjoy fishing, paddling, and whitewater rafting. For more information, see www.brookfieldrenewable.com.

Hope Haven Gospel Mission, a 32-bed emergency shelter located in Lewiston, has provided shelter, food, and clothing to the needy and underserved in the community for over 30 years. The mission of Hope Haven is to provide shelter, basic needs, and a reprieve for its residents as they rebuild their lives. For more information, visit www.hopehavengospelmission.org.

State Museum joins Smithsonian Magazine's annual Museum Day

The Maine State Museum in Augusta will open its doors free of charge to all Museum Day ticketholders on Saturday, September 22 as part of Smithsonian Magazine's 14th annual Museum Day, a national celebration of culture and learning. To be admitted for free on September 22, participants need only visit the Smithsonian website, download a free ticket for two people, and present it at the Maine State Museum. On that day, the museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The website address is www.Smithsonian.com.

"Our visitors often think of the Maine State Museum as a kind of mini-Smithsonian," commented Museum Director Bernard Fishman. "This is a compliment to both institutions and makes our participation in Museum Day a good fit for the Maine State Museum. Both museums use objects from nature and culture to enhance understanding and knowledge and convey the incredible richness and diversity of the many kinds of worlds that surround us."

Smithsonian recognizes the extraordinary power of museums and other cultural institutions to provide visitors with insight and inspiration. Museum Day

represents a nationwide commitment to boundless curiosity and the pursuit of knowledge. Over 250,000 people downloaded tickets for last year's event; this year's event is expected to attract more museum-goers than ever before.

Visitors who present the Museum Day ticket will gain free entrance for two at participating venues for one day only. One ticket is permitted per household, per e-mail address. For more information about Museum Day and a list of

participating museums and cultural institutions, please visit www.Smithsonian.com/museumday.

For more information about the Maine State Museum's exhibits and programs, see www.maineastatemuseum.org.

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HR Thursdays program covers “Return to Work and Accommodations”

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, Central Maine Human Resources Association, and Lewiston CareerCenter will present an HR Thursdays workshop called “Return to Work and Accommodations” on Thursday, September 27 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Presented by attorney Rebecca Webber of Skelton Taintor & Abbott, the workshop will take place in the chamber’s conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

You have an employee who has been out on FMLA

leave and wants to return to work. The employee says he is fully recovered. You are not so sure. Now what? Or maybe the employee has been out on company sick leave or disability leave due to cancer treatments and they now want to return to a part-time schedule - now what?

How much does an employer have to do to accommodate an employee’s return? What resources are there to help, whether you’re a large business with an HR department or a small one whose bookkeeper han-

dles employee issues? This area of the law is particularly challenging because so many laws on the topic intersect, but there are some basic non-legal guidelines that can help navigate the challenge while reducing the risk of legal claims.

Rebecca Webber is a partner at the law firm of Skelton Taintor & Abbott. She focuses her practice on employment law and provides regular alerts on employment law topics to corporate and municipal clients. She has chaired the Maine State Bar Associa-

tion’s annual seminar on labor and employment law for a number of years and is listed in the Best Lawyers in America and in New England Super Lawyers in the area of employment law. She holds an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating in the Martindale-Hubbell legal directory.

The cost of the workshop is \$25 for chamber members, \$50 for non-members, and free for CMHRA Members. For more information, call 783-2249. To register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Twin City Thunder kick off inaugural season at Norway Savings Bank Arena



The Twin City Thunder recently kicked off their inaugural season in the US-PHL Premier North Division by playing their season opener against the Boston Junior Bruins in their home rink of Norway Savings Bank Arena in Auburn.

The Thunder will compete under the direction of Head Coach Doug Friedman. Maine Hockey Management Group owners Ben Gray and Dan Hodge, two former professional hockey players with local ties, are thrilled to bring a new level of hockey to the community. Season tickets are available for \$199. Single game tickets are \$10 each for reserved seating or standing room. Group rate tickets are also available at \$8 per ticket.

Tickets may be purchased at www.twincitythunder.com.

Norway Savings Bank Arena provides a thrilling hockey experience and ample free parking. Upper Level Pizza and Grill provides concessions, as well as beer and wine, and the Blue Line Pro Shop sells team apparel.

“To say this is a team effort would be an understatement,” said Auburn City Manager Peter Crichton. “Everyone, including the staff at NSBA, team ownership and coaches, local hockey groups and residents, has pitched in to help make this a great experience for all involved.” For more information on the Twin City Thunder, visit their website or email sales@twincitythunder.com.

City reiterates support for CMP’s Clean Energy Connect

In June of this year, the Lewiston City Council unanimously adopted a Resolve supporting Central Maine Power’s New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) project. With two public hearings on the project scheduled last week by the Maine Public Utilities Commission, the City issued a statement reiterating its support for the project.

According to the statement, the project will convey the following benefits to the City and its residents:

- a \$200 million investment in Lewiston, including a major installation to convert direct current to alternating current; \$6 million in annual new property taxes that will allow Lewiston to meet its public service needs while reducing property taxes; 9.5 terawatt hour increase in electric power to New England that will offset anticipated generating retirements and increase electricity supply, with a positive impact on the City’s and residents’ electricity bills; increased employment opportunities during the project’s five-year planning and construction period that is estimated to create over 4,000 jobs in the region; and a reduction in Maine’s and New England’s generation-related greenhouse gas emissions of 3 million

metric tons per year.

“This project will bring significant benefits to Lewiston,” said Lewiston City Administrator Ed Barrett. “As a service center community, we face many economic challenges, including median incomes 25% below the state average, a 22% poverty rate that is more than 75% higher than Maine’s, and a large percentage of school students who are from economically challenged backgrounds.

“At the same time, our per resident assessed value is the lowest among Maine’s ten largest communities. Even though our operating budget’s per resident spending is also the lowest, our property tax rate is still 57% higher than the statewide rate and places a significant burden on our residents.

“CMP’s decision to locate a converter station in Lewiston, when it could easily have been located in an adjacent community with a lower tax rate, brings with it an element of social justice given its investment in a community with a large, economically challenged population whose needs the City struggles to meet. The City of Lewiston urges the PUC to approve CMP’s proposal.”

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MSAD 52 Adult Education teacher receives Certificate of Special Recognition



Named Teacher of the Year by the Maine Adult Education Association, Melanie North has received a Certificate of Special Recognition from U.S. Senator Angus King.

MSAD 52 Adult Education teacher Melanie North was honored by U.S. Senator S. Angus King, Jr. recently with a Certificate of Special Recognition for being selected as the 2018 Maine Teacher of the Year by the Maine Adult Education Association.

Presented to North by Senator King's Congressional Delegation Area Representative, Ben Tucker, III, the sentiment in part states: "You have dedicated your career to improving education in Maine and your leadership and commitment to your students has created a better learning culture in MSAD 52. Your passion for educating students and developing positive views on learning inspires fellow educators

and this prestigious honor is a testament to your tremendous efforts."

The MAEA Teacher of the Year Award recognizes educators who exemplify communication, collaboration, and instruction based upon learner needs.

"As our program's ELA and ABE Coordinator, Melanie has infused the teaching of Language Arts with technology, relevance, and enthusiasm," said MSAD 52 Adult Education Director Razell Ward. "For example, she recently created a HiSET University course consisting of blended web-based and direct instruction to build skills for student success. In addition to being a great teacher, Melanie is also a great teammate. She excels

in the role of developing and sharing resources, researching best practices for colleagues, and is always there to offer advice, classroom help, and observational support."

MSAD 52 Adult Education offers a variety of educational pathways and workplace certifications for students with both day and evening flexible scheduling as well as technology-based instruction. Offering high school diploma courses, HiSET preparation and testing, College Transitions, CNA and WorkReady certifications, and literacy classes for English Language Learners, MSAD 52 is ready to help students take their next steps. For more information, call 225-1010.

Lewiston, Auburn Adult Ed. CNA training begins Oct. 1



Members of the most recent Certified Nursing Assistant training program take a break from their lab this summer.

Those interested in starting a career as a Certified Nurse can take classes next month with Lewiston Adult Education and Auburn Adult and Community Education. Offered in partnership with the Marshwood Center of Lewiston, the classes will be held at Edward Little High School in Auburn on Mon-

days and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting October 1. The cost is \$275 per student.

Students in the program will complete 180 hours of classroom instruction and labs in addition to 70 hours of clinical work. After completing the training, students will need to pass the state exam to be eli-

gible for Maine certification.

To enter the program, students must take a Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) exam and complete an interview. To begin the application process, call Lewiston Adult Education at 795-4141 or Auburn Adult & Community Education at 333-6661.

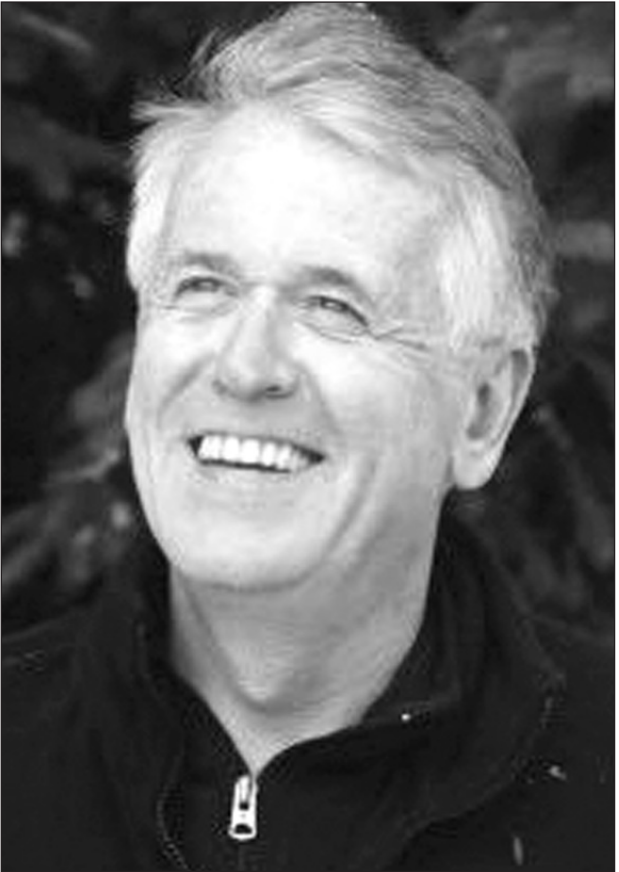
Andro. Historical Society program examines historical societies as potential crime sites

Androscoggin Historical Society will host an educational program with mystery novelist William D. Andrews called "Stealing History." The talk will take place on Tuesday, September 25, at 7 p.m. at the Society's museum on the third floor of the County Building.

Andrews has published three mysteries: "Stealing History" (2006), "Breaking Ground" (2011), and "Mapping Murder" (2017). He will talk about historical societies as the sites of potential crimes, that is, thefts of valuable artifacts. Also, he will discuss how writing or reading mysteries parallels doing history.

William D. Andrews moved to Maine in 1989 to become president of Westbrook College. The college's merger with the University of New England freed him to pursue his long held ambition to write.

He earned a B.A. in English from the University of Pittsburgh, a Ph.D. in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania, and an MBA from Penn's Wharton School. He is past president of the board of trustees of the Bethel Historical Society and a former director of the Mahoosuc



William D. Andrews is the author of the mysteries "Stealing History" (2006), "Breaking Ground" (2011), and "Mapping Murder" (2017).

Land Trust. He and his wife split their time between their home in Newry and a condo in Portland. When he isn't writing, he skis, snowshoes, bikes, boats, cooks, and spends as much time as possible with his two-year-old granddaughter.

Admission for the

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

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What's Going On

Pair of weeknight classes mark start of fall semester at Lewiston Adult Ed



“Small Engine & Power Equipment Repair” teacher Richard Hussey (l.) talks machine parts with students in a 2016 class.

The Fall Semester kicks off at Lewiston Adult Education on Tuesday, September 25 at Lewiston High School with the classes “Small Engine & Power Equipment Repair” and “Bargello Quilts.” The first class will teach participants how to fix chainsaws and snow blowers, while the second will give students an artistic outlet. Both classes had been listed with earlier start dates in the Fall 2018 brochure.

This semester’s Super Saturday is set for October 13 at Lewiston High School. Classes with openings include “Quilling for Beginners,” “Russian for Beginners,” “Spiritual Metaphysics: Heart-Based Living,” “Tea Tasting,” “PowerPoint,” and “Jasmine Cafe Food Truck.” Supanne Saengwong of Jasmine Cafe will talk about the food truck business and Asian cuisine before letting students try

food from the truck. People interested in the Tea Tasting with Hawo Abdille will need to bring their own mugs to sample the many different varieties that will be offered. Victor Caron will explain ways to make the most of a presentation by using the computer program PowerPoint. For more information about the classes, call Lewiston Adult Education at 795-4141 or see www.lewiston.maineadulted.org.

Do you have stories about Auburn? In honor of Auburn’s 150th Anniversary in 2019, Museum L-A invites community members to gather and share ideas about what parts of Auburn’s history - from before the town was founded right up through today - should be



highlighted. From important moments to landmarks, no topic is too big or too small. Museum L-A will host three free community events where those interested can meet for an informal discussion to share ideas. Museum staff members will lead the discussion and take notes for use in planning historic events in 2019. Anyone with a connection to Auburn is welcome - you

don’t have to be a current resident. The events will take place on Tuesday, September 25 at 6 p.m. at Rolly’s Diner with the United New Auburn Association; on Wednesday, September 26 at 11 a.m. at Barker Mill Arms; and on Monday, October 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Auburn Public Library. For more information, contact Museum L-A’s

Director of Education & Outreach Kate Webber at 333-3881 or kwebber@museumla.org.

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

Breakfast Club meeting spotlights Maine Cancer Foundation

Ray Ruby of the Maine Cancer Foundation will speak at the next meeting of the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club on Wednesday, September 26 at 7 a.m. The club meets every Wednesday at the United Methodist Church, located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. The cost for breakfast is \$10. All are welcome. To reduce the impact of cancer on individuals and communities in Maine through collaboration and systems improvement, the Maine Cancer Foundation

leads a statewide endeavor to foster and grow the most promising and effective cancer-fighting efforts available to the people of Maine through a combination of grant-based financial support and coalition building. Ray Ruby is the Community Outreach Manager for Maine Cancer Foundation. He is a 2005 graduate of Saint Joseph’s College. In that same year, he was hired as a police officer for the City of Portland. After serving the city for over seven years in many differ-

ent roles at the department, he decided to make the leap into non-profit work in 2012. Ray and his wife, Danielle, own a home in Portland with their young daughter, Eloise, and her two bulldogs.

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Maine State Museum’s newest exhibition looks at Jewish life in Maine



Jewish immigrants to Maine in the late 1800s often worked as peddlers or opened clothing and dry goods stores. This ca. 1910 sign advertised Joseph Solovitch’s store on Front Street in Bath. (Maine State Museum photo)

The Maine State Museum’s newest exhibition, “Maine + Jewish: Two Centuries,” opens to the public on Friday, September 21. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with free admission all day. Some three years in

the making, the exhibition presents the experiences of one of Maine’s most enduring communities, from 19th-century immigrants to more recent residents and summer visitors. It has been organized by guest curator Amy E. Waterman of Brunswick, supported by museum staff, an advisory committee of scholars and community members, and a partnership with Colby College’s Center for Small Town Jewish Life.

The exhibit gives voice to generations of people from every corner of the state, illustrating how Jewish life has become an essential part of Maine’s rhythms and character. It looks at such subjects as where and why Jews settled in Maine; religious traditions; obstacles to full integration in Maine and barriers overcome; working lives; Jewish summer camps and tourism; agencies that served Jewish citizens; and organizations that have made community service an essential part of Jewish life.

“In its breadth, depth, and sharp focus on one ethnic group, Maine + Jewish: Two Centuries is something of a departure from past Maine State Museum exhibits,” said museum director Bernard Fishman. “Although we have touched on matters of ethnic identity before, this one explores the whole range of a large Maine community’s history, connections, and cultural expressions. We anticipate that future exhibits will provide opportunities for museum visitors to learn about other groups that are as distinctive and surprisingly varied as Maine’s Jewish community.”

“This exhibition is tru-

ly a community effort,” explained curator Waterman, whose career in museums has had a concentration in Jewish history projects. “It draws heavily from Jewish citizens and organizations throughout the state and, with items from the Maine State Museum’s own collection, includes more than 200 images and 170 objects from 62 lenders. In many ways, both non-Jewish and Jewish visitors will find the exhibit reflective and spirited, illuminating and fun.”

One of the exhibit’s most dramatic and unique artifacts is a majestic, Art Deco-style Torah ark, dating from the 1930s. The museum acquired the ark from the former Beth Abraham Synagogue in Auburn. Museum staff and contractors meticulously dismantled it, then moved, stored, and finally reassembled it in the museum exhibit gallery.

In addition to the ark, the exhibit incorporates interactive audio and video presentations, thematically related works of contemporary art, and educational activities to appeal to a wide range of audiences. An exhibition handbook will be produced in conjunction with the show.

Maine + Jewish: Two Centuries will remain on view through October 25, 2019. The lead sponsor for the exhibit is the Sam L. Cohen Foundation, supplemented by significant support from the Maine Humanities Council, the Jewish Community Endowment Associates (Bangor), the Unobskey Foundation, and the Margaret E. Burnham Charitable Trust, among dozens of supportive private and institutional friends.



Maine State Museum objects conservator Teresa Myers makes final adjustments to the trim of the 1930s Torah ark that inhabited the former Beth Abraham Synagogue in Auburn. (Maine State Museum photo)

What’s Going On

New Ventures offers “Work for Yourself@50+”

New Ventures Maine will present the AARP Foundation program “Work for Yourself@50+” on Thursday, September 27 from 10 a.m. to noon at Auburn Public Library. Free of charge, the program is designed to help low- to moderate-income adults ages 50-plus gain the knowledge, support, and resources they need to make informed decisions and take the right first steps toward successful self-employment. The two-hour workshop will walk participants through the Work for Yourself@50+ materials and connect them with local resources to help them reach their goals.

The decision to start a business can be both exciting and daunting. Work for Yourself@50+ breaks

the choices down for older adults in an approachable way through five steps: a careful consideration of the potential and perils of working for yourself; exercises to help develop the self-employment idea; a realistic overview of what it takes to pursue a self-employment opportunity; guidance to help avoid pitfalls and scams; and ways to find trustworthy support and services. For more information about the program, see aarpfoundation.org/workforyourself.

Auburn Public Library is located at 49 Spring Street in Auburn. To register online for the program, see <http://bit.ly/WFY50AUBURN>.

The facilitator of the workshop will be Karleen Andrews, Microenterprise

Specialist for the Western Region of New Ventures Maine. For more information about New Ventures, contact her at 557-1885 or karleen.andrews@maine.edu or see newventures-maine.org.

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Project No. 3562-025

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE LICENSE APPLICATION, FILING OF PRE-APPLICATION DOCUMENT, AND APPROVING USE OF THE TRADITIONAL LICENSING PROCESS

(September 10, 2018)

a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. Project No.: 3562-025

c. Date Filed: July 26, 2018

d. Submitted By: KEI (Maine) Power Management (III) LLC

e. Name of Project: Barker Mill Upper Project

f. Location: On the Little Androscoggin River, in Androscoggin County, Maine. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 C.F.R. § 5.3 of the Commission’s regulations

h. Potential Applicant Contact: Lewis C. Loon, KEI (USA) Power Management Inc., 423 Brunswick Avenue, Gardiner, Maine 04345; (207) 203-3025; e-mail – LewisC.Loon@kruger.com.

i. FERC Contact: Karen Sughrue at (202) 502-8556; or e-mail at karlen.sughrue@ferc.gov.

j. KEI (Maine) Power Management (III) LLC (KEI Power) filed its request

to use the Traditional Licensing Process on July 26, 2018. KEI Power provided public notice of its request on July 25, 2018. In a letter dated September 10, 2018, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved KEI Power’s request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 C.F.R., Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 C.F.R. § 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Maine State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 C.F.R. § 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating KEI Power as the Commission’s non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. KEI Power filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a

proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 5.6 of the Commission’s regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a subsequent license for Project No. 3562. Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. §§ 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by July 31, 2021.

p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/subscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

Out & About with Rachel Morin

St. Philip Church celebrates milestone this weekend

Story by Rachel Morin, photos by Stephanie Thibodeau

St. Philip Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its founding at a special Anniversary Mass on Saturday, September 22 at 4 p.m. Rev. Fr. Robert Lariviere, pastor, will be the main celebrant, with Rev. Fr. Roger Chabot, who was pastor in the 1990s, as concelebrant. A reception in the parish hall will follow the Mass.

Ministers of Hospitality Louise Bolduc and Rick Paul will welcome parishioners and visitors. Lectors Roger St. Pierre with conduct the first reading and Marnie DuBois will conduct the second reading. The choir, directed by Bruce

Geoffroy, will sing the musical hymns as selected by Leon Griesbach, Music Director. A time line from the beginning of the church until the present, divided into categories, has been prepared by Rachel Desgrossielliers, with assistance by Richard Lee.

The African mahogany carvings depicting Jesus (on right) and St. Philip looking towards each other were created by artists William and Stehl Shevis of Rockport. The carvings are in the Sanctuary, high on the wall behind the altar and facing the congregation. The artists were commissioned from a field of eight Maine artists.

The memorial carvings were dedicated in memory of Msgr. Edmond J. Hache,

founding pastor, who died on July 10, 1973. Rev. Louis Berube, successive pastor, led the parishioners in a blessing and dedication of the memorial.

The Tabernacle and altar in the Sanctuary at St. Philip Church were gifts of the parishioners of St. Louis Church in New Auburn when their church closed in April of 2013. St. Louis, Sacred Heart and St. Philip are now joined together as the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Rev. Fr. Lariviere serves as pastor for all three churches in Auburn.

A large attendance is expected for the Anniversary Celebration and the Knights of Columbus from Sacred Heart have volunteered to assist with traffic and parking.



St. Philip Catholic Church with sign

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Created by artists William and Stehl Shevis of Rockport, the church's African mahogany carvings depict Jesus (on right) and St. Philip.

Chamber presents “Planning for Retirement” workshop

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will present “Planning for Retirement: Making Sure Your Family’s Legal Affairs Are in Order” on Friday, September 28, from noon to 1 p.m. in their Community Conference Room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Presented by attorneys Kenleigh Nicoletta and Meg Greene of Brann & Isaacson and Public Affairs Specialist Libby Newport of the Social Security Administration, the workshop is designed for anyone planning to retire

within 10-plus years and professional advisors of such individuals. Those attending will learn how to get one’s legal affairs in order for retirement and factors to consider before drawing Social Security. This program is part of the LA Metro Chamber’s Professional Development Series, for which the Chamber charges a registration fee of \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information or to register, call 783-2249 or see www.lametrochamber.com.

Bates College Professor Emeritus to address Rotary Club



Douglas Hodgkin

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, September 27 from noon to 1 p.m. will be Bates College Professor Emeritus Douglas Hodgkin. The event will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn. Hodgkin will discuss “The Unknown Edward Little,” based upon his recent book “Dear Parent: A Biography and Letters of Edward Little.”

Edward Little is best recognized as the name of Auburn’s high school. “However, most people would find it difficult to tell why he is so honored, beyond the fact that he founded the school,” said Hodgkin. “This man and his family were extremely important in the development of mills and other infrastructure that contributed

to the industrialization of Lewiston and Auburn.”

In addition, Little came to this area at age fifty-three. Before that, he had an extensive career as a lawyer, businessman, investor, and politician in Newburyport, Massachusetts and in Portland, Maine. Through research in archives, deeds, and newspapers, Hodgkin has been able to discover details of this earlier period.

Hodgkin is the author of several books on the histories of Lewiston and Auburn. These include “Fractured Family: Fighting in the Maine Courts”; “The Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company”; “The Baptists of Court Street, Auburn”; “When Presidents and Hopefuls Came to Town”; and “Lewiston Politics in the Gilded Age, 1863-1900.”

A native of Lewiston,

Hodgkin is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Bates College. He was educated at Lewiston High School, Yale University (B.A.), and Duke University (M.A., Ph.D.). He has been a member of the Lewiston Historic Preservation Review Board, the Maine Historical Society, the Maine Genealogical Society, and a former president of the Androscoggin Historical Society.

Guests are welcome and no reservations are required. Lunch will be available at the restaurant. For more information, contact Club President Thomas MacDonald at 333-4588, follow them on Facebook, or see www.lewistonauburn-rotary.org.

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What’s Going On

AVSWCD seeks candidates for District Supervisor seat

Conservation Districts are local units of government established under state law to carry out natural resource management programs at the local level. Founded in 1947, the Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (AVSWCD) is an agency of the state that cooperates with landowners and operators to help them manage and protect land and water resources on private and public lands in Androscoggin and Sagadahoc Counties.

AVSWCD is seeking candidates for the office of District Supervisor who have a commitment to the conservation of natural resources in Androscoggin and Sagadahoc Counties. One District Supervisor seat opens for a three-year term this fall.

District Supervisors are volunteers who possess an understanding of natural resource concerns in the local communities of the district and a vocational background preparing them to assist with district operations. Those wishing to run for the office of District Supervisor must also be registered voters residing within the boundaries of AVSWCD.

Those wishing to run for the seat should contact the District Manager to obtain nomination papers. Nomination papers must be received at the District Office, complete and with the signatures of 25 registered voters residing in Androscoggin or Sagadahoc County, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 26.

Those wishing to vote in the election of the District Supervisor must contact the district to receive a ballot. All registered voters residing within the boundaries of AVSWCD are eligible to vote. Ballots will be made available on October 29 at 8:30 a.m. The election for District Supervisor will take place from 8:30 a.m. on November 5 through 4:30 p.m. on November 16. Completed ballots must be received by mail or dropped off in person at the district office.

For more information, contact District Manager Jocelyn Lahey at 241-5374 or districtmanager@androscogginswcd.org or see www.androscogginswcd.org.

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TWIN CITY NIGHTS

Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Columnist reads from new book at Bailey Public Library



Douglas Rooks

Veteran Maine journalist and columnist Douglas Rooks will read from his newest book, "Rise, Decline and Renewal," on Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m.

at Bailey Public Library in downtown Winthrop. The event is part of the ongoing Winthrop Lakes Region Forum presented by Bailey Library and sponsored by

the Winthrop Public Library Foundation.

Released earlier this year, the book tells the story of the Maine Democratic Party - how it rose from irrelevance in 1954 with the election of Governor Ed Muskie, challenged the Republican Party over the next two decades, and initiated wide-ranging reforms.

As a journalist, Douglas Rooks has served as editorial page editor for the Kennebec Journal in Augusta and editor and publisher of Maine Times. He has written about state government and politics for over 30 years, earning numerous national and regional awards. His book, "Statesman: George Mitchell and the Art of the Possible," was published in 2016 by Down East Books.

A graduate of Colby College, he is former Board president of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Augusta. He lives with his wife in a 210-year-old farmhouse in West Gardiner. He is currently a local columnist for the Kennebec Journal and Morning Sentinel and is at work on a biography of Franco-American jurist and politician Albert Beliveau.

The event is free and open to the public and will take place in the lower level King Event Room of the library at 39 Bowdoin Street in Winthrop. For more information, call the library at 377-8673.

Uptown Cruizahs plan end-of-season Cruise-In



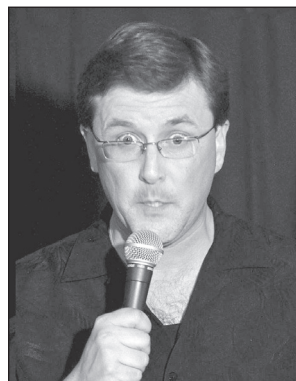
Club members and others will display their antique, classic, or customized vehicles. (Photo courtesy of Eileen Laliberte)

The Uptown Cruizahs Car Club will host their end-of-season Cruise-In on Saturday, September 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tractor Supply Co. on Route 26 in Oxford. Club members and

others will display their antique, classic, or customized vehicles and concessions will be available at reasonable prices. There will be a 50/50 raffle and other prizes. As with the regular

Monday Cruise Nights, this event will take place weather permitting. Proceeds will benefit local charities. For more information, call Dan Tripp at 890-8778 or Garry Allen at 595-2691.

Tightest Five contest returns to Bear Bones Beer



Brian Brinegar

Maine Event Comedy's Tightest Five contest returns to Bear Bones Beer on Thursday, September 20 at 7 p.m. Los Angeles trans-

plant Brian Brinegar will be the evening's featured comedian.

Any stand-up comedian will tell you they have a tight five minutes, but who has the Tightest Five? Twenty of New England's rising comedy stars will give it their best shot.

In the first preliminary round, Mark Turcotte will host 10 hopefuls as they perform their best five minutes of original material; five will advance to the semifinal. Along with bragging rights, the winner's prize package includes paid work,

professional headshots, and craft beer.

Performing in this week's prelim will be Steve Cloutier (Arundel), Andrew Della Volpe (Concord, MA), Nic Dufault (Lewiston), Nick Gordon (New Gloucester), Danny Jordan (Westbrook), Leonard Kimble (Auburn), Jim Martin (Portland), Daniel McRobbie (Cambridge, MA), Mark Moccia (Newmarket, NH), and Brendan Williams (S. Portland).

Brinegar, now residing in Gorham, was thrice named Maine's Best Comedian by the Portland Phoenix. He's worked with Last See Contest, page 13

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USMC Birthday Supper

Central Maine Detachment 810 will hold its annual U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Supper on Saturday, November 10 at 6 p.m. at Marco's in Lewiston. As an annual renewal of each Marine's commitment to the Corps, the USMC birthday ceremony is important to all Marines. Marines, FMF chaplains, corpsman, and anyone with a love for the Marine Corps is invited to attend. For more information, contact Commandant Charlie Paul by October 15 at 798-9548.

Literary reading series opens at Bates College



Chinelo Okparanta

The Bates College Literary Arts Live series will present a reading by novelist Chinelo Okparanta on Thursday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Muskie Archives, located at 70 Campus Avenue in Lewiston. Born and raised in Nigeria, Okparanta is the author of “Happiness,” “Like Water,” and “Under the Udala Trees.” An assistant professor of English and creative writing at Bucknell University, she was named one of Granta’s “Best of Young American Novelists” in 2017. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 753-6963.

Harlow invites submissions for “A Nation of Immigrants”



Submissions for the exhibit are welcome from Mainers who arrived recently or generations ago.

The Harlow, in partnership with the Capital Area New Mainers Project, invites artists to submit work to be considered for “A Nation of Immigrants: Home Lost, Home Found,” an art exhibition on the theme of immigration planned for November 2 through 24. The deadline for email submissions is October 1 at 11:59 p.m.

This is a fraught time as we struggle to respond to the fact that 65 million people have been displaced from their homes. What is the experience of those newly arrived and those who may have come long ago? What has been gained, and what has been lost? What does it mean to be a “Nation of Immigrants”?

Submission in all media are welcome from Mainers of all ages and experience levels who arrived recently or generations ago. For those interested in a space, materials, and guidance to produce work leading up to the show, a series of workshops is planned at the gallery. Artists may submit up to four pieces via email according to the instructions below. New Mainers who need assistance can contact CANMP volunteer Brad Kraft at 558-5120 or bradford.kraft@maine.edu.

Entries will be reviewed and selected by a curatorial committee comprised of volunteers from CANMP and Harlow staff. For complete information (including an Arabic translation) and to submit your work, see <http://harlowgallery.org/a-nation-of-immigrants/>

Twin City Nights

Make your own “Robo Pot” at Auburn Public Library

Auburn Public Library will host Christina Dorman of the Maine State Library for an introductory project in electronic circuitry with coding concepts on Saturday, September 29 at 10 a.m. The Maine State Library is partnering with Gizmo Gardens to bring high quality STEM programming to Maine’s public libraries. During this three-hour program, students will craft a paper clay pot, plant a houseplant, and build a working electrical circuit that waters their plant every 24 hours. Students will leave the program with an introductory knowledge of electrical circuits, as well as their own personalized “Robo Pot” with circuit board. This program for kids in Grades 5 through 10 is accessible to all with no prior circuitry experience needed. Space is limited. For more information or to register, call the library at 333-6640, ext. 3.

Auditions for “The Santa Diaries”

Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath will hold auditions for a holiday theater production of “The Santa Diaries” on Sunday, September 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. and Monday, October 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. The play includes many roles for children; actors of various ages and experience levels are encouraged to audition. For speaking roles, come prepared with a 90-second contemporary monologue and be prepared to read from the script.

Written by Laura Ambler and Mala Burt, The Santa Diaries will be directed by Matthew Ambrosino and staged during the weekend of December 13 through 16. Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath. For more information, call 442-8455 or email info@chocolatechurch.com.

Rotating Art Gallery

The Woman’s Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery at Central Maine Medical Center will feature works by artists Daniel Marquis through the month of September. The gallery is located at 60 High Street in Lewiston, at the main entrance to CMMC. The artists’ work may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop, adjacent to the main lobby. A percentage of sale proceeds benefits CMMC.

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Friday, September 28 at 7 p.m.

Fall Comedy Showcase

Friday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m.



Join Lewiston comedian Dawn Hartill as she hosts the Center’s Fall Comedy Showcase with a night of stand-up comedy featuring Brian Brinegar, Ian Clark, Julie Poulin, and Leonard Kimble. Brian Brinegar won Maine’s Best Comedian by the Portland Phoenix 3 Times! He was featured on the Comedy Time Network and has performed at the world famous Comedy Store in Los Angeles, the Ice House in Pasadena, and played the bartender in Toby Keith’s “I Love This Bar” music video.

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Twin City Nights

UUCC concert features “Klezmer Music” with Sruli and Lisa



Sruli Dresdner and Lisa Mayer

The Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta will host a one-hour concert of “Klezmer Music” on Saturday, September 22 at 4 p.m. The event will feature Sruli Dresdner on accordion and clarinet and Lisa Mayer on violin and

vocals. International Klezmer personalities Sruli and Lisa have performed on PBS-TV and National Public Radio, as well as at festivals, concerts, and synagogues across the globe. The multi-instrumental-

ists and vocalists play the clarinet, violin, accordion, base recorder, cello, and drum. They have been featured at the Cracow Festival of Jewish Culture in Poland, the Jerusalem Cultures Center, and in Weimar, Germany. The Los Angeles Times has called them “superb musicians.”

The two are scholars of Klezmer and Chassidic music and dance and teach workshops at synagogues, universities, and schools. They serve on the faculty of KlezKanada in Montreal and have performed at the prestigious Ashkenaz Festival in Toronto. Sruli is the spiritual leader of Temple Shalom Synagogue Center in Auburn.

Admission is by a suggested donation of \$10 per person. The church is located at 69 Winthrop Street in Augusta. For more information, call 622-3232.

Great Falls Forum kicks off 2018-19 season today



Joseph Jackson is coordinator of the Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition and a program coordinator with Maine Inside Out.

The 2018-19 season of the Great Falls Forum kicks off on Thursday, September 20 when Joseph Jackson, coordinator of the Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition and a program coordinator with Maine Inside Out, presents an address called “Prison Reform in Maine and the Need for Those with Lived Experience to Lead the Discussion.” Free and open to the public, the program will take place from 12 to 1 p.m. in Callahan Hall at Lewiston Public Library.

Joseph Jackson is a re-

turning citizen, having spent two decades as a prisoner within the Maine Department of Corrections. As a prisoner, he completed Literacy Volunteer Training, Peer Education, and Work-Ready Alternatives to Violence One, Two, and Three. He is a founder of the Maine State Prison chapter of the NAACP and served on its executive committee in several capacities from 2003-2012. While incarcerated, he earned his Associate’s and Bachelor’s degrees with summa cum laude honors from the University of Southern Maine in Augusta. In 2012, he was selected as a member of Who’s Who among students in colleges and universities. The first person in Maine to be selected to a graduate program while still a prisoner, he recently earned his Master’s Degree from the University of Southern Maine and was one of four commencement speakers for his class.


Jackson’s work Mr. Jackson was published in the online news journal Village Soup in 2003 and 2004. His poetry has been featured in the NAACP Martin Lu-

ther King Breakfast catalogs for Portland and Bangor from 2005-2012. His poem “Brighter Days” was published in The UMA Scholar in 2012 and his poetry was featured in the Bangor Daily News in 2014. He released his master’s thesis, “Black In Maine,” in 2016.

In his Great Falls Forum presentation, Jackson will discuss the current state of Maine’s system of punishment as state-sanctioned trauma for adults and youth. He proposes that the Department of Corrections has failed in its mission to protect the public by failing to prepare prisoners for responsible reentry.



The Great Falls Forum is a monthly brown-bag speaker series featuring statewide and regional leaders in public policy, business, academia, and the arts. The programs are free and open to all with no reservations required. Coffee, tea, and bottled water are provided for a donation at the event. For more information, contact LPL Adult & Teen Services at 513-3135 or LPLReference@Gmail.com.

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City completes 2018 Street Tree Inventory

The City of Auburn was awarded a Project Canopy grant through the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service. This grant helped fund the completion of the city’s Street Tree Inventory, which includes 5,583 trees located on city streets within the Right-of-Way (ROW).

The Street Tree Inventory is now a layer on the city’s GIS system, where each tree is identified by species, condition, size, location, etc. The Street Tree Inventory will be a valuable tool for the City Arborist to quickly identify hazard trees and locations for future

planting.

With the Emerald Ash Borer now in the State of Maine, the city now has the ability to map all of its ash trees within the ROW with a click of a button.

The city wishes to extend a special thanks to Dave Griswold, licensed forester, who provided the city’s local grant match through in-kind services. In addition to the Street Tree Inventory, the grant also funded the planting of 26 trees, which the City Arborist’s crew is currently planting on Gamage Avenue. The Street Tree Inventory will continue to be updated as trees are planted and removed.

Sabattus Running Club continues group runs

As summer winds down and some running groups follow suit, the Sabattus Rec Club Running Program will continue its weekly group runs through the fall and winter.

The weekly run-walks take place Wednesday evenings, when the group meets at Mixer’s parking lot on Sabattus Road and heads out at 6 p.m. Runners of all ages and abilities are welcome to join in any time. There are no set workouts or time goals to achieve. There are several routes to choose from;

those attending can choose what distance and pace they would like to do and can usually find others to join them. These are fun, supportive, social, no-pressure run-walks to encourage people to get some exercise. There is no fee to participate.

As the sun sets earlier, the group encourages participants to wear bright, reflective colors, moving to lighted vests, straps, and hats as darkness falls. For more information, find them on Facebook or email running@sabattusrec.com.

Thursday, September 20

Great Falls Forum. Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Joseph Jackson, Coordinator of the Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition, discusses “Prison Reform in Maine and the Need for Those with Lived Experience to Lead the Discussion.” Free. Bring bag lunch. 513-3135.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The speaker is Jill McLaughlin, an employee-owner and Marketing & Outreach Specialist with Revision Energy. Free; no reservations required. 333-4588; www.lewistonauburn-rotary.org.

Tightest Five Comedy Contest. 7 p.m. Bear Bones Beer, 43 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Ten contestants compete in this preliminary round, Brian Brinegar performs, and an open mic follows. Ages 21-plus. Free. 513 0742;

maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

Saturday, September 22

Art Workshop. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 100 Water St., Hallowell. This week’s workshop is “Alcohol Ink” with visiting artist Jean Nitzel. Ages 18-plus; all materials provided. \$40/45. Register at 622-3813; www.harlowgallery.org.

End-of-Season Cruise-In. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tractor Supply Co., Rte. 26, Oxford. The Uptown Cruizahs wrap up their season with this event featuring vintage vehicles, concessions, and prizes. Free. 890-8778.

RCAM Day at Boothby Orchards and Farm, Rte. 108, Livermore. Family events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; dinner with wine pairings (\$25 pp) from 5:30 to 7:30. 10% of proceeds goes to Rural Community Action Ministry. <http://rcam.net/special-events>.

Concert: Sruli Dresdner and Lisa Mayer. 4 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Community Church, 69 Winthrop St., Augusta. International Klezmer personalities “Sruli and Lisa” present a concert of “Klezmer Music.” Suggested donation \$10. 622-3232.

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, desserts and beverages. Take-out avail.; all welcome. \$6 adults, \$3 kids 5 to 12, kids ages 5-free.

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

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See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Pickers. \$8 adults, \$4 kids 6-12, kids 5 and under free. 782-3972.

Ping Pong Circus. 7:30 p.m. Celebration Barn, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. Well-suited for audiences of all ages, the show will feature a variety of circus acts by local performers. \$14/12/8. 743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Tuesday, September 25

Auburn History Discussion. 6 p.m. Rolly’s Diner, 87 Mill St. Auburn. Museum L-A staff lead a discussion about what parts of Auburn history should be highlighted for the City’s 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2019. Free. 333-3881, kwebber@museumla.org.

Girl Scouts Info Session. 6 p.m. Montello School, 407 East Ave., Lewiston. This Discover Girl Scouts event is for girls in Kindergarten through Grade 3 and their caregivers. Free. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsof-maine.org.

Author Visit. 6:30 p.m. King Event Room, Bailey Public Library, 39 Bowdoin St., Winthrop. Veteran Maine journalist and columnist Douglas Rooks reads from his newest book “Rise, Decline and Renewal.” Free. 377-8673.

Andro. Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. County Building, Court St., Auburn. In a program called “Stealing History,” mystery novelist William D. Andrews examines historical societies as potential crime sites. Free; donations welcome. 784-0586.

Wednesday, September 26

Rotary Breakfast Club Meeting. 7 a.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. The speaker is Ray Ruby, Community Outreach Manager for Maine Cancer Foundation. All welcome; breakfast is \$10.

Auburn History Discussion. 11 a.m. Barker Mill Arms, 141 Mill St., Auburn. Museum L-A staff lead a discussion about what parts of Auburn history should be highlighted for the City’s 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2019. Free. 333-3881, kwebber@museumla.org.

Thursday, September 27

Work for Yourself@50+. 10 a.m. to noon. Auburn Public Library, 49 Spring St., Auburn. New Ventures Maine presents this AARP Foundation workshop. Free. 557-1885. Register at <http://bit.ly/WFY50AUBURN>.

HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Attorney Rebecca Webber presents “Return to Work and Accommodations.” \$50 (Chamber members \$25; CMHRA members free). 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Author Visit. 7:30 p.m. Muskie Archives, Bates College, 70 Campus Ave., Lewiston. Novelist Chinelo Okparanta reads from and discusses her work. Free. 753-6963.

Friday, September 28

“Planning for Retirement” Workshop. Noon 1 p.m. LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Learn how make sure your family’s legal affairs are in order. \$50 (members \$25). 783-2249; lametrochamber.com.

Manhattan Short Film Festival. 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. Audiences at venues across the globe view the same nine short films in one week and vote for the winner. Again 9/29. \$8. 782-3200; www.thepublictheatre.org.

Saturday, September 29

Make a “Robo Pot.” 10 a.m. Auburn Public Library. This three-hour program leads kids in Grades 5-10 in making a “Robo Pot” with an electric circuit that waters your plant every 24 hours. Space limited; register at 333-6640, ext. 3.

Art Workshop. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 100 Water St., Hallowell. This week’s workshop is “Intro to Watercolor,” with watercolorist Diane Dubreuil. Ages 16-plus; all materials provided. \$40/45. Register at 622-3813; www.harlowgallery.org.

Pig & Chicken BBQ. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Amvets Post #6, Rte. 100 (across from Hodgman’s Frozen Custard), New Gloucester. BBQ pork or chicken, choice of two sides, rolls, dessert. \$12 (\$10 military/veterans), \$5 kids 10 and under.

Concert: The Last Waltz. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Local performers in character recreate The Band’s legendary final performance in this 100-minute live show. \$17 (\$15 in adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Monday, October 1

Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss “The Orphanmaster,” by Jean Zim-

merman. Open to all; copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Thursday, October 4

Southern Maine Senior Expo. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 5 Park St., Freeport. Exhibitors and speakers provide information on a wide range of services for Maine seniors. Free admission, parking. www.MaineSeniorGuide.com.

Saturday, October 6

Baked Ham Supper. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Universalist Church, across from Gazebo, Rte. 117, Turner Center. Ham, vegetables, rolls, pies, coffee and punch; music provided by “Relative Pitch.” Donations benefit Andro. Home Healthcare and Hospice, the church, and the Ladies Circle.

Monday, October 15

Auburn History Discussion. 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Museum L-A staff lead a discussion about what parts of Auburn history should be highlighted for the City’s 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2019. Free. 333-3881, kwebber@museumla.org.

Wednesday, October 17

Fall Mixer & Community Partner Awards. 5 p.m. Bates Mill Atrium, Lewiston. Safe Voices presents awards to local and state leaders for supporting victims and survivors of domestic violence; silent auction, catering, cash bar. \$25. Register at 795-6744, vstanton@safevoices.org.

Monday, November 5

Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss “Euphoria,” by Lily King. Open to all;

Auburn and Lewiston mayors celebrate Twin Cities’ admission to Franco cities network

The Cities of Lewiston and Auburn, Maine, USA, were officially accepted as members of the Réseau des Villes Francophone et Francophiles d’Amérique (the Francophone and Francophile Cities Network of America) at a ceremony held at the Dolard and Priscilla Gendron Franco Center earlier in 2018.

Last week, Auburn Mayor Jason Levesque and Lewiston Mayor Shane Bouchard held a joint press conference with Marie-Claude Francoeur, Head of the Québec Delegation in Boston, who officially welcomed the cities to the RVFFA.

A local committee, which included Executive Director Mitch Thomas and volunteers from the Gendron Franco Center, the mayors and administrators of both cities, and representatives of Museum L/A, the Franco-American Collection at USM L/A,

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Christopher Robin (PG)	12:50	3:50	6:50	9:10

copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Saturday, November 10

USMC Birthday Supper. 6 p.m. Marco’s Restaurant, Lewiston. Hosted by Central ME Detachment 810; all Marines, FMF chaplains, corpsman, and anyone with a love for the Marine Corps is invited to attend. For more info, call Charlie Paul by Oct. 15 at 798-9548.

Monday, January 7

Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss “A Fine Balance,” by Rohinton Mistry. Open to all; copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Monday, February 4

Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss “Future Home of the Living God,” by Louise Erdrich. Open to all; copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Monday, March 4

Book Discussion.

12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss “Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City,” by Matthew Desmond. Open to all; copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Contest

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Comic Standing winner Iliza Shlesinger and was featured on the Comedy Time Network. He’s also performed at the world famous Comedy Store in Los Angeles, the Ice House in Pasadena, and played the bartender in Toby Keith’s “I Love This Bar” music video.

The second preliminary round will take place on October 18, followed by the semifinals on November 15 and the finals on December 20. A comedy open-mic will follow each show.

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

and showcase francophone and francophile cultural communities, to develop economic and strategic alliances across the network, and to promote member cities’ tourist attractions on the international scene.

By creating this network, the mayors of Québec, Lafayette, Louisiana and Moncton, New Brunswick set out to spur and support the accomplishments of francophone communities and encourage their fellow mayors to follow suit.

One of the first initiatives of the Francophone and Francophile Cities Network will be to create tourist circuits that link member cities. These circuits will encourage tourists to plan trips to cities with ties to French heritage. One such initiative is the New England Franco Trail, which includes L/A and several other cities stretching from Woonsocket, Rhode Island to Skowhegan, Maine.

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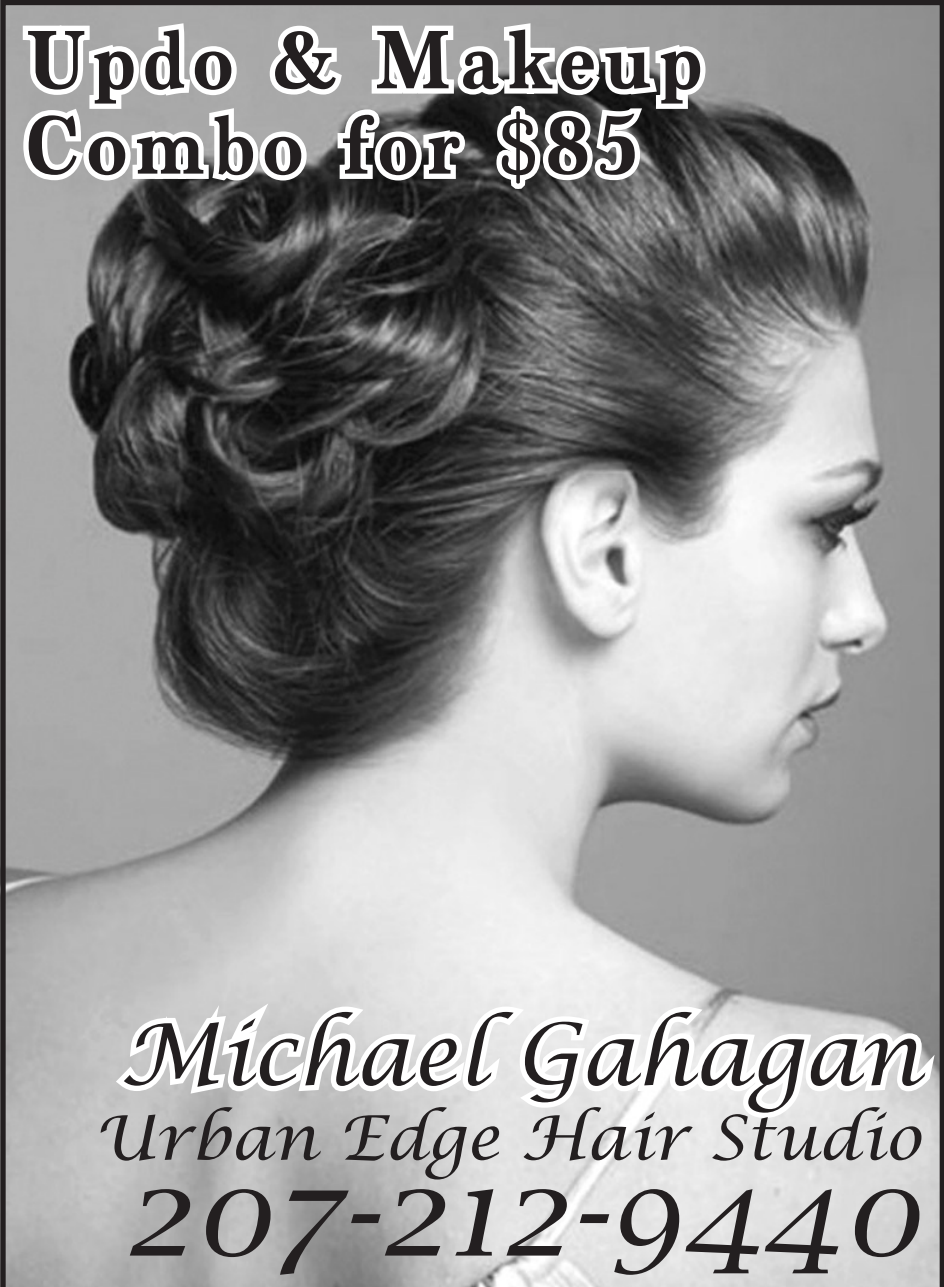
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Get ready to be a film critic when the Public Theatre screens the 21st annual Manhattan Short Film Festival on Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29, at 7:30 p.m. During a one-week period, this Oscar-qualified film festival presents nine short films from around the world to be simultaneously screened in over 300 cities spanning six continents. The festival's Best Film and Best Actor awards are determined by the total ballots cast by the audiences.

This year's films hail from eight countries, with one film each from Austria, Canada, Germany, Hungary,

Kosovo, New Zealand, and the USA, and two films from the United Kingdom. A testimony to the enduring vibrancy and creativity of short films, they represent the best entries from among the 1,565 submissions received from 73 countries. This year's final nine embrace an extraordinary range of film genres, including intimate drama, fast-paced animation, spine-tingling tales, a World War II epic, a film shot entirely underwater, and comedy.

The nine films to be screened are: "Lacrimosa" (Austria), "Fauve" (Canada), "Someone" (Germany), "Chuchotage" (Hungary),

“Her” (Kosovo), “Fire in Cardboard City” (New Zealand), “Baghead” (UK), “Two Strangers Who Meet Five Times” (UK), and “Home Shopper” (USA).

Twenty-one years ago, the Manhattan Short Film Festival began on a mounted screen on the side of a truck in Little Italy in New York City for a crowd of just over 200 people. This year, over 100,000 film lovers will gather across six continents for the event.

The Public Theatre is located at 31 Maple Street in downtown Lewiston. Tickets are \$8. To purchase, call 782-3200 or visit Thepublictheatre.org.

Celebration Barn Theater will present Ping Pong Circus, hosted by Michael Trautman as King Pong, on Saturday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. He'll be joined on stage by performers from Circus Smirkus and Circus Maine's Youth Troupe.

King Pong returns to Celebration Barn fresh off appearances on ABC's "The Gong Show," at Moisture Festival, and the annual convention of the International Jugglers Association. Trautman has been delighting audiences for years as King Pong, "The Human Pop Gun!" with magic, juggling, audience participation, and the only target-shooting, ping pong-spitting act in the world.

Ping Pong Circus will feature a variety of circus acts from local performers Theo LeBlanc, Grace McNally, Tess McNally, Caroline Odlin-Brewer, and Annika Schmidt. The show is well-suited for audiences of all ages.

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

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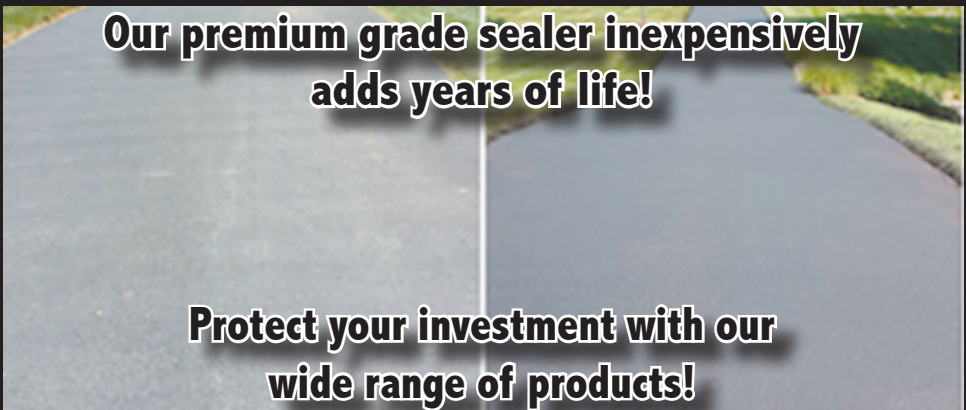
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