

Shaker Christmas Fair



The annual Shaker Christmas Fair at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village will take place on Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Experience this nostalgic holiday tradition at America's only active Shaker Community, located at 707 Shaker Road in New Gloucester.

There will be a wide selection of Shaker specialty baked goods, including wheat bread, beer batter bread, cinnamon-raisin bread, Sister Frances' famous fruitcakes, fresh-baked herbal biscuits, cookies, and more. Also available will be a wide selection of unique gifts and holiday items, such as Shaker cook-

ing herbs and herbal teas, pickles, jellies, old-fashioned candies, maple syrup, pickles, cheese, woodenware, furniture, antiques, baskets, knit goods, toys, ornaments, and decorated balsam wreaths. Concessions will include hot cider, homemade donuts, and lunch plates, while they last. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds from the popular White Elephant Room will benefit local food pantries.

Shaker Village is listed as a National Historic Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places. For more information, call 926-4597 or see www.mainsmakers.com.

Christmas "ExTRAINaganza" at Great Falls Model Railroad Club

The Great Falls Model Railroad Club of Auburn will present its tenth annual Christmas "ExTRAINaganza," a four-day family event featuring special activities for children, on the weekends before and after Thanksgiving.

The group's wheelchair-accessible clubhouse, located across from Barker Mill at 144 Mill Street in Auburn, will open for the event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18, and Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24.

The clubhouse will be decorated for Christmas with trains of various sizes operating on four permanent layouts throughout the two-story building. Upon entering the building, visitors will see long trains running on the multiple tracks and through the tunnels of the large G-gauge layout, presented as an attractive winter scene with an interactive ski slope.

Entering the main room, guests will see brightly decorated Christmas trees with trains beneath them. Around the corner, young children can enjoy Thomas the Tank Engine on a separate layout in the G-gauge room, with other engines from the Thomas series run-



Club members continue to add new details and features to the permanent layouts on display at the event, which takes place Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18, and Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24.

ning on the upper trestle. As they walk around the room, visitors will discover additional features of the layout, including an impressive trestle. In the next room, interesting details have been added to the club's permanent layout for the smaller N-scale.

The club's extensive HO layout downstairs will include opportunities for older children to operate one of the trains as Guest Engineers. Members continue to develop a variety of new scenery details and have recently upgraded the track, creating a second line. Long-time area residents will recognize many local

landmarks from the 1950s, including Bates Mill #5 in the lower section of the layout.

Train-related items available for purchase at the club's store will include locomotives and rolling stock in a variety of scales, railroad hats, whistles, T-shirts, locomotive earrings, and books. "Train Time" videos produced by the club and seen on many local cable channels will be shown continuously each day and will be available for sale.

Children will enjoy decorating and eating gingerbread boys and girls, creating Christmas ornaments to take home, and

playing the special railroad games designed by the club. Younger children always have fun with the Brio set and age-appropriate trains in the children's play area. While watching these activities, parents can enjoy light refreshments from conveniently located tables and chairs in the craft area.

Tickets for decorating cookies, making ornaments, and playing games with prizes are \$1 each or 7 for \$5. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children ages 12 and under. For more information or to see photos from previous years, see www.greatfallsmodellrrclub.org.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Community Concepts receives TD Bank grant to support planning for Tree Streets neighborhood project



Project organizers have begun reaching out to residents of all ages, languages and backgrounds for suggestions about what improvements they would like to see in their neighborhood.

The TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, has awarded Community Concepts a \$20,000 grant to expand its ongoing efforts to reach out to all Lewiston residents to find out what they would like to see in an ideal future “Tree Streets” neighborhood.

The Tree Streets area is a 12 by 12 block of downtown streets where nearly half the residents live below the poverty level. The City

of Lewiston and Community Concepts have received a \$1.3 million federal planning grant to create a new vision for the neighborhood, including the construction of new affordable housing units.

Community Concepts is hoping to engage people who otherwise would not get involved in such a planning process, including people from many socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. The planning

involves creating a shared vision of a beautiful, safe, and vibrant neighborhood which supports people of lower income and the city as a whole to thrive socially and economically.

“This grant will allow Community Concepts and our partners to greatly expand our outreach to the community as we plan a bright future for the Tree Streets,” said Shawn Yardley, CEO of Community Concepts. “The more feedback and ideas we can generate, the more robust and effective our final plans will be.”

Community Concepts is working closely with the City of Lewiston and the Healthy Neighborhoods community network to create the transformation plan. The group will then submit an application for up to \$30 million in federal funds to implement the plan, designed to improve the Tree Streets neighborhood and the people who reside there now and into the future.

The grant supports TD’s longstanding commitment to community enrichment through its newly launched Ready Commitment, a multi-year platform that actively promotes inclusivity, economic vitality, environmental wellbeing and health, enabling people of all backgrounds to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

Community Concepts is a nonprofit organization supporting residents in Androscoggin, Oxford, and Franklin counties with a dynamic range of programs, including children and family services, transportation, heating and utility assistance, affordable housing, and financing for housing and businesses. For more information, see www.Community-Concepts.org.

Bishop names temporary administrator for local parishes



Fr. Matthew J. Gregory

Bishop Robert P. Deeley has named Fr. Matthew J. Gregory as temporary administrator of Prince of Peace Parish (including the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Holy Cross Church, and Holy Family Church, all in Lewiston), Holy Trinity

Parish in Lisbon Falls, and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Sabattus (including St. Francis Church in Greene), effective immediately. Fr. Gregory has served as parochial vicar of the three parishes since June of this year. Fr. Timothy J. Na-

deau, current pastor of the three parishes, is on medical leave.

A South Portland native, Fr. Gregory attended Cheverus High School in Portland and began formation at St. Mary’s Seminary & University in Baltimore, Maryland, in 2010. A year later, he transferred to Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, where he completed his clerical studies. Fr. Gregory was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Robert P. Deeley on May 28, 2016, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. His first assignment was as parochial vicar for Corpus Christi Parish in Waterville, where he served until receiving his new assignment in June.

Andro. Bank’s MainStreet Foundation supports at-risk youth through local nonprofits

Several area nonprofits were among those receiving impact grants from Androscoggin Bank’s MainStreet Foundation for the third quarter of 2018. Issued four times per year, the grants vary based on need and are awarded in amounts up to \$5,000 to support area organizations actively working to help kids be safe, healthy, active, happy, educated, and nourished. The local recipients were:

Community Clinical Services Pediatrics (Lewiston). \$1,500 was awarded to support its Project Move! by providing materials that will help monitor physical activity and heart rate of participants. The program is designed to help reduce childhood obesity, one child at a time. Participants will have access to a pediatrician, dietician, physical therapist, behavioral counselor, and the YWCA to

help them stay on a path of healthier eating, movement, and thinking.

Good Shepard Food Bank (Auburn). \$2,700 was awarded to help fund a Backpack Program at Washburn Elementary School. The packs, including easily prepared nutritious items for three meals a day plus snacks, are given to food insecure children each week to sustain them through the weekend, as well as during school vacations.

Ohills Reads - Healthy Oxford Hills (Norway). \$1,000 was awarded to this community-led group, which aspires to build a stronger, healthier, and more empathetic community by uniting schools, businesses, local organizations, and families through a community-wide reading and discussion of a common book. The project aims to engage in education about and pre-

vention of opiate use and to reduce stigma through increased awareness and empathy.

Promise Early Education Center (Lewiston). \$2,500 was awarded to support the Head Start Program, serving low-income families in Androscoggin County. Funding will help build home libraries for families by providing one book each month of the school year, promoting family literacy and encouraging children to read at home and begin to view reading as a relaxing, enjoyable part of everyday life.

Rural Community Action Ministry (Leeds). \$2,000 was awarded to this organization that works with families or individuals who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, hungry, or isolated to provide basic needs for health and safety. Funding helps provide the resources needed for children at the family shelter to get back to school, supports the partnership with school personnel to educate students about poverty and the need to care for each other, and funds Backpack Projects that provide food for school-aged children with food insecurity.

“We are consistently impressed by the extensive programming designed to support youth in communities around Maine,” said Steve Closson, Chairman of Androscoggin Bank’s MainStreet Foundation. “We are happy to support the goals these organizations are working so hard to achieve.” For more information, visit www.mainstreet-foundation.org.





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Governor's Address: We Must Always Appreciate Our Veterans

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World War I was a new kind of warfare, a global conflict fought with new technologies, like airpower and chemical weapons. The war that was fought to make the world "safe for democracy" forever changed the way we fight. But the essential element of that fight to defend our free-

dom is our people. Veterans Day is the day we pause to remember those who have fought in every American war, both before World War I and since.

During the past eight years, the First Lady and I have made supporting our military, their families, and our veterans a priority. We've met thousands of Maine veterans, and each of them has touched our hearts.

Our men and women in uniform are dedicated to protecting the freedoms we share today. They put their lives on the line and make many sacrifices to keep our nation free. Many members of our Armed Forces have



Governor Paul R. LePage

made the ultimate sacrifice, and for them we are truly grateful.

We also thank the families of our veterans and of our active-duty service members, as well as our Gold Star families.

We can never repay our veterans, but we can honor them and treat them with the dignity and respect they deserve. My administration has made veterans a priority. Jobs, education, state park passes, and taxes are just some of the areas where Maine demonstrates our appreciation for our veterans.

Our veterans returning from World Wars I and II and Korea were welcomed home with much appreciation. But our Vietnam Veterans were not extended the same warm welcome, despite having served their nation with honor.

The dignity, service and endurance of these

heroes reminded us that we must do all we can to show our appreciation for those who served our nation. As a result, the members of our Armed Forces have been treated more respectfully and with greater gratitude and understanding. It was a difficult lesson to learn, but we have taken it to heart.

Maine has the second-highest number of veterans by population of all states, and their active presence in our communities reminds us of the need to give back as they have given and continue to give us.

For those veterans and their families who want to take advantage of any service we provide for vet-

erans, please contact the Bureau of Veterans Services. The Bureau is there to help, and their website provides information to assist you and your loved ones.

On this Veterans Day, Ann and I call to mind all our heroes who bravely fought in World War I and the joy they must have experienced to know that the terrible war was over at last. And we thank all our veterans for their selfless devotion to our nation. We will always be in your debt.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Lamey Wellehan named NSRA Retailer of the Year

The National Shoe Retailers Association recently presented Lamey Wellehan with its 2018 Retailer of the Year award during its annual Leadership Conference in National Harbor, MD.

Lamey Wellehan is a second-generation, family-owned footwear retailer. The company was founded by Dan Wellehan and Charlie Lamey in 1914. Current Lamey Wellehan owner Jim Wellehan, son of Dan and nephew of Charlie, entered shoe retailing as a teenager, working part-time while in high school and college. After a teaching stint in Africa, he worked full-time in his father's store before fulfilling a service obligation in the U.S. Army; later, he earned a master's in business administration before returning to the company. Wellehan ran the business until his retirement in January 2018, when he was succeeded by Don Stowell, who continues to tap Wellehan's knowledge as a consultant.

In addition to building the Lamey Wellehan chain, Wellehan earned widespread appreciation for the company's many contributions to the communities it serves. "Delight in the outdoors is an easy thing to acquire in Maine," Wellehan says, and that delight spurred him to become a strong conservationist. He first undertook a recycling program which today recycles 95% of the solid waste that comes into Lamey Wellehan properties; later, he created a carbon

reduction program, committing to a 50% reduction in carbon emissions by 2020; as of 2017, the company was nearly 75% of the way toward the overall goal. The company also reduced its energy costs from 1.7% of sales to 0.7% over the past 15 years.

Lamey Wellehan eliminated point of sale bags altogether, so that company waste couldn't clog Maine's waterways. To help customers understand and accept the move, the company uses the \$8,000 per year it saves on packaging to increase their scholarship fund, which annually supports three Maine students to attend a Maine college with the goal of improving the state's economy and/or environment. Lamey Wellehan rewards all scholarship applicants with a \$100 "thank you" gift certificate. Finally, the company began collecting gently-used shoes for redistribution to people in need; currently, it gives away more than 10,000 pairs per year. Recently, the company launched their "Boots for Families" campaign, focusing on Maine's children. Lamey Wellehan is currently collecting donated boots and, along with many Maine organizations, distributing them to children all over the state.

"Jim is passionate about his causes, which keep him involved in his community," said past NSRA chairman Alan Miklofsky in presenting the award.

"Instead of simply running a business, he provides a shining example of leadership for his employees, his customers, his state, the Northeast, and the nation. He is an inspiration of unquestioned integrity."

"Our culture is that people should be treated kindly and respectfully," said Wellehan in accepting the award. "When everyone around has high expectations, that culture spreads easily. Much of the success Lamey Wellehan has achieved [is due to] the long-time, knowledgeable, committed work of its associates, from the first day in 1914. Although the retail game changes over 50 years, our business is strong and our crews are happy."

Wellehan is now working with president and men's buyer Don Stowell and senior managers Chris Stanley, Erica Dube, Ben Fletcher, Lucie Hill, and Scott Heidrich to create an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. "We believe an ESOP will help keep this company strong in the future," said Wellehan. "I love this business, and I am humbled and honored to receive this award."

"Jim Wellehan is a special businessman, one we should all be proud to emulate," said NSRA president Chuck Schuyler. "His company helps keep Maine communities economically strong and vital; his charitable work benefits both individuals and the State

of Maine; and his personal integrity reflects a man who, with his wife, Kathy, believes in leading by example. It's a genuine pleasure to know him."

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Saint Dominic Academy seeks new president

Saint Dominic Academy has announced that it will reorganize its leadership to enhance student recruitment and retention, fundraising, and services to the school community. The academy is seeking a new president to oversee development, marketing, and enrollment efforts at both the Auburn (Grade 7 through 12) and Lewiston (PK through Grade 6) campuses.

"The president will ensure that the school's mission and Catholic identity are promoted and preserved," said Jim King, superintendent of Maine Catholic Schools. "We are looking for someone who is committed to preparing well-rounded, value-centered individuals and to pursuing exciting new avenues to grow the academy."

Donald Fournier will serve as the president and principal of the academy until a new president is hired. Fournier will become the full-time principal of the Auburn campus upon the appointment of a new president.

"I'm looking forward to overseeing the day-to-day academic initiatives at the Auburn campus and having the opportunity to more closely support schoolwide goals," said Fournier, who served as principal at the academy for eight years prior to assuming the president's role in 2014. "I'm very passionate about working with our families and teachers directly and being hands on in bringing our strategic plan to fruition."

Marianne Pelletier will continue as the principal of the Lewiston campus, a position she has held since June of 2016. Pelletier will collaborate with Fournier and the new president in helping to guide the school, which is now in its 77th year of existence.

"These changes will assure that the true Catholic identity of the school is preserved, while all possibilities for innovative progress are fully explored," said Bishop Robert P. Deeley. "Throughout the proud history of Saint Dominic Academy, many operational changes have come to pass, but its focus on faith, integrity, service, and academic excellence has never wavered."

Candidates interested in applying for the position of president can send a cover letter, resume, and three letters of recommendation to: Elizabeth Allen, Director of Human Resources, Diocese of Portland, 510 Ocean Avenue, Portland, ME 04103-4936. Interested parties can also email their materials to hr@portlanddiocese.org.

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Community Credit Union recently presented Maine Community Integration with a donation check for \$250. MCI works to promote cultural understanding and equal opportunity for asylum seekers in the Lewiston-Auburn Community. The donation will help MCI provide its clients with nutritious food and other basic needs. CCU raised the funds through its participation in the Maine Credit Union League's annual Campaign for Ending Hunger. Pictured here (l. to r.) are Fowsia Musse of MCI and Betsy Sibley and Ashley Ward of CCU.

Jackson, Libby, and Vitelli named Senate Democratic leaders

The Maine Senate Democratic Caucus has unanimously voted to elect Sen. Troy Jackson of Allagash, Sen. Nate Libby of Lewiston, and Sen. Eloise Vitelli of Arrowsic to the Senate Democratic Leadership Team for the 129th Legislature.

While Jackson received unanimous support for the Senate Presidency from the Senate Democratic Caucus, an official vote will be taken by the entire Senate on swearing-in day, December 5.

Troy Jackson is a fifth-generation logger from Allagash who began his official foray into politics 20 years ago with the 1998 logging blockade along the Canadian border. Since then, he has emerged as a champion for working families, lower health care costs, and

supporting Maine's natural resource-based economy. In the Legislature, he has served on a number of Legislative Committees, including Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; Labor, Commerce, Research, and Economic Development; State and Local Government; Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry; and Energy, Utilities, and Technology.

Nate Libby has represented Maine's second-largest city in the House of Representatives and the Senate. He has served on the Legislature's Taxation Committee and State and Local Government Committee. Last session, he also served as the Ranking Member of the Legislature's Government Oversight Committee. In the Legislature, he has focused his efforts on improving public education,

community redevelopment, and student debt relief.

Eloise Vitelli previously served on the Legislature's Marine Resources Committee and the Special Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce. She is also a 1995 inductee of the Maine Women's Hall of Fame. Earlier this year, she retired after 35 years with New Ventures Maine (formerly known as Women, Work and Community), a statewide organization that helps Maine people create their own path to a career by finding jobs, continuing with education, or starting a small business.

The leadership team was selected by the 21 members of the incoming Maine Senate Democratic Caucus. Lawmakers will be sworn in for the 129th Maine Legislature on December 5.

Dow and Timberlake named Senate Republican leaders



Assistant Leader Senator-elect Jeff Timberlake (R-Androscoggin) and Senate Republican Leader Dana Dow (R-Lincoln)

Maine Senate Republicans have chosen Senator Dana Dow (R-Lincoln) as their leader for the 129th Legislature. Dow is the current state senator

for District 13. He owns a furniture company and is a former Maine teacher. They also elected Senator-elect Jeff Timberlake (R-Androscoggin)

as assistant leader. Timberlake currently represents Maine House District 75 and is the owner of a family apple orchard.

Auburn names director of new Recreation & Sports Facilities Department

Auburn City Manager Peter Crichton has announced that Marc Gosselin will be the director of Auburn's new Recreation & Sports Facilities Department. Gosselin, who served as General Manager of Norway Savings Bank Arena between 2015 and 2017, will return in this expanded leadership role beginning on November 26.

Gosselin will leave his current position with the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets to oversee Auburn's Recreation Department and various recreation facilities, including Norway Savings Bank Arena and Ingersoll Turf Facility.

A Lewiston native, Gosselin has a bachelor's degree from the University of Maine at Farmington and a master's degree in business from Southern New Hampshire University. He has worked for the Lewiston Maineiacs, Portland Pirates, Central Maine Community College, and Maine Red Claws. During his time

managing Norway Savings Bank Arena, he also served as Executive Director of Sports Tourism.

"I am excited to be back in Maine, not only for personal reasons, but also to be working for and with the great people who support sports and recreation in the City of Auburn," said Gosselin. "I am thrilled to accept this opportunity to play a role in this new team approach to recreation."

Auburn's new Recreation & Sports Facilities Department will encompass all things recreation within the city, from Hasty Community Center, to parks, to Ingersoll Turf Facility and NSB Arena.

Sabrina Best will assume the role of Deputy Director of the new department, continuing her service to the City of Auburn as an integral part of the RSFD team. Best, who has served as Recreation Director since January of 2016, looks forward to helping make the new department a success.

"This new department will be an enhanced version of our current Recreation Department," said Best. "This realignment brings all of our exceptional recreational facilities under one umbrella and makes us one team."

Other members of the new department will include Jeremy Gatcomb, current General Manager of Ingersoll Turf Facility, who will serve as Superintendent of Recreation; and Rory Mushlin of Bloomington, IL, who will come on board on November 26 as Operations Manager at Norway Savings Bank Arena.

"The overall goal is not only to continue to provide quality services, programming, and facilities to this great community, but also to explore ways to enhance our programs, create long lasting community partnerships, and showcase what we have to our residents and those who visit the City of Auburn," said Gosselin.

Dewitt receives Maine Wing's Legislative Officer of the Year Award



Lt. Col. Jerry Dewitt receives the award from NER Commander Col. Jack Ozer.

Lt. Col. Jerry Dewitt, Recruiting Officer and Government Relations Advisor for Maine Wing, was recently awarded the George Texido Legislative Officer of the Year Award at the group's Northeast Regional Conference. Dewitt assists Maine Wing with its cadet programs, recruiting opportunities, and contact with the Maine Legislature. He has recruited 20 members of Maine's State Legislature and nine representatives of Maine's

Congressional Delegation. Additionally, he is involved at the Squadron Level as an Assistant Aerospace Education Officer and Assistant PAO.

The Maine Wing Civil Air Patrol is Maine's civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Founded in 1941, CAP originally assisted the War Department by defending the coastline of the United States during World War II. Two of those Coastal Patrol bases were located in Maine, Base 19

in Portland and Base 20 in Trenton. The Civil Air Patrol was federally chartered as a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in 1946.

Today the group's mission is to serve America by developing the nation's youth; accomplishing local, state, and national missions in Air Search and Rescue, Disaster Relief, and Homeland Security; and educating citizenry to ensure the nation's air and space supremacy.

What's Going On

Safer Walking Forum tonight at City Hall



A Lewiston Safer Walking Forum will take place on Thursday, November 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Lewiston City Hall. This event continues the Head's Up Pedestrian Safety

Planning process initiated by the MaineDOT and facilitated by the Bicycle Coalition of Maine. Picking up where the previous forum, which focused on infrastructure, left off, this

forum will ask community members to think about, suggest, and discuss specific types of interventions that could be used to improve the safety of people walking in Lewiston.

Norway Savings Banks wins national marketing award



Norways Savings Bank SVP of Marketing Karen Hakala (center l.) and VP of Marketing and Communications Officer Melissa Rock (center r.) receive the award from Shelley Loftin and Peter Cook of the ABA.

Norway Savings Bank won the top prize in its category at the third annual American Bankers Association Bank Marketing Video Awards, presented recently at the ABA Bank Marketing Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. More than 400 entries were reviewed from banks of all sizes nationwide.

"Video marketing has proven to be a powerful way to boost conversations and build relationships

with consumers," said Jim Edrington, ABA's chief member engagement officer. "Bank marketers excel in this discipline, and this year's winners continued the trend of raising the bar even higher."

Norway's video "Where I Stand" won the category for banks in the \$1 to \$5 Billion Assets size. "Where I Stand" distinguished itself from others in its category because it was highly conceptual, focusing

on the bank's unique "Live Your Life in Color" brand statement.

A panel of bank marketing experts evaluated the production value, creativity, and messaging of all entries. The top six videos for each asset category

were then posted online for public voting, where tens of thousands of viewers helped determine the winners. To view the video "Where I Stand," visit <http://bit.ly/NSBwhereistand>.

Lewiston Winter Farmers' Market now open at YWCA



The Lewiston Winter Farmers' Market is now open every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the 2018-19 season. The market plans to be open at its new location, the YWCA at 130 East

Avenue, through February. The YWCA location offers plenty of parking, a wheelchair accessible entrance, a large, sunny event space, and opportunities to engage with additional programs.

Much like the summer market, the Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market offers a festive, family-friendly venue where a range of vendors offer seasonal fruits and vegetables, meats, dairy products, fresh bread, baked goods, prepared meals, fiber arts, hand-crafted soaps, crafts and more. The winter market plans to continue the summer market's tradition of providing engaging, child-friendly activities and musical performances in the indoor space.

In partnership with the YWCA, the market will host a Holiday Fair Rum-

mage Sale and Farmers' Market in early December. The YWCA will also host the Lewiston Farmers' Market's annual Spaghetti Squash dinner on Sunday, April 7. More details on both events will be announced.

The Lewiston Winter Farmers' Market accepts cash, checks, credit cards, debit cards, and SNAP (food stamps). The market will continue the statewide Maine Harvest Bucks program, which provides SNAP beneficiaries with bonus vouchers to purchase more fresh fruits and vegetables.

Additional programs include the Market Rewards program, which rewards regular customers for their loyalty, and the Seniors and Veterans Day program, which provides seniors over 62 and veterans with market gift certificates on the first Sunday market of every month.

The Lewiston Farmers' Market is sponsored by St. Mary's Nutrition Center as a part of their ongoing community-wide food access work. For more information about the market, call 513-3848 or see www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.



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Museum L-A launches #GivingTuesday campaign to fund school field trips

Observed on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, #GivingTuesday is a global movement that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities, and organizations to encourage philanthropy and celebrate generosity.

This year, Museum L-A hopes to harness that power to fund a School Field Trip Scholarship Program that would allow more students from local schools to visit the museum in 2019.

"Trips stand out in a child's memory while offering a fun way to learn outside the classroom," says Kate Webber, Director of Education & Outreach at Museum L-A. "If museums are only available to school districts with larger budgets and students whose parents bring them in their free time, the very students who stand to benefit the most from a cultural experience will miss out."

National studies show that field trips provide valuable reinforcement to classroom learning, getting students out to explore and encounter things in an au-

thentic setting where they can have a more immersive learning experience.

Located in a historic textile mill in Lewiston, Museum L-A's mission is to connect generations and cultures, foster a spirit of discovery and human ingenuity, and help people experience the rich history and heritage of work, the arts and community.

Field trips to Museum L-A are interactive and can accommodate any age range and a wide variety of subjects to supplement the school curriculum. Working closely with teachers, the museum's staff focuses on topics that may include child labor, immigration, simple machines, invention and innovation, weaving and textiles, environmental history, and learning with historic objects.

Donations to the campaign will be directly used to fund visits to Museum L-A for students from local schools. To receive the scholarship, interested schools will complete a short application process. Applications will be re-

viewed on a rolling basis, and scholarship funds will be distributed until they are gone.

The museum's standard field trip rate is \$4 per student. Its goal for the #GivingTuesday campaign is to raise \$2,000, which would pay for up to 500 students to visit Museum L-A throughout 2019.

Museum L-A invites community members to support the School Field Trip Scholarship Program. To make a donation, contact Kathy Becvar at 333-3881 or kbecvar@museumla.org, or look for the #GivingTuesday link at www.museumla.org.

Museum L-A is located in the Bates Mill Complex at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston. Its hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special tour requests and large group tours outside of these hours are available by appointment. For more information, call 333-3881 or email info@museumla.org.

AVSWCD offers forum on new FDA safety rule for produce

Although the United States has one of the safest food supplies in the world, roughly one in six consumers get sick from preventable food borne illness. The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) is transforming the nation's food safety system by shifting the focus from responding to foodborne illness to preventing it. The Food and Drug Administration has finalized seven major rules to implement FSMA.

The Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District will present an Agricultural Food

Safety Question & Answer Session where area growers can learn more about the last of these seven rules, which covers produce. The event will take place on Thursday, November 29, from 9 a.m. to noon at 254 Goddard Road in Lewiston. Registration is required at www.androscogginwcd.org.

The FSMA rule regarding produce covers standards for growing, harvesting, packing, and holding produce for human consumption. The session will cover such topics as eligibility, crops, water quality

testing, health and hygiene, compliance dates, manure and soil amendments, and farm food safety plans.

This session is not a replacement for the Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training Course required by FSMA, but rather an attempt to help local producers understand changes coming with the implementation of FSMA.

The snow date for this event is November 30. For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact Jocelyn at 241-5374 or districtmanager@androscogginwcd.org.

Wreath Making Workshop

If you have ever wanted to make your own wreath, join Lisbon Parks and Recreation for a night out making a Christmas wreath for your home. Wreath Making

Workshops will take place on Monday and Thursday, December 3 and 6, at 6 p.m. in the lodge at Beaver Park, located at 37 Cotton Road in Lisbon. The cost is \$15

with all materials included. Payment is by cash or check, made out to Lisbon Parks & Recreation. Space is limited; to register, call 353-2289 or email lisrec@lisbonme.org.

What's Going On

Volunteer discusses Peace Corps experience at APL

Current Peace Corps volunteer Selena Wallace will present a program called "My Life in the Peace Corps" on Tuesday, November 20 at 3 p.m. at Auburn Public Library. The program is free and designed for all ages. Since departing in June of 2017, Wallace has been living in Tinambac, a municipality in Camarines Sur province in the Philippines, where she has been working with local partner organizations to advance sustainable, community-based development projects that improve the lives of local people.

As one of the 52 Maine residents currently serving in the Peace Corps, Williams is returning home briefly to share her experiences so far, including information about the Peace Corps, how she got involved, what it's like to live and work in another culture, and the work she's done as a member of the Coastal Resource Management sector. More than 1,905 Maine residents have served in the Peace Corps



Since June of 2017, Selena Wallace has been living in the municipality of Tinambac in the Philippines, where she works on community-based development projects.

since 1961. For more information about the program, call the library's Reference Desk at 333-6640, ext. 4. or see www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

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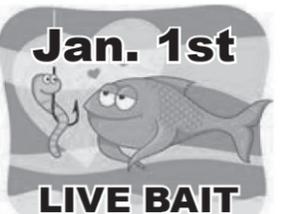
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What's Going On

Salvation Army provides Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Salvation Army will provide a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal for individuals and families on Saturday, November 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. at their facility at 67 Park Street in Lewiston. The meal will include turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, and dessert. The dinner is open to the public, but space is limited; to make your reservation, call Jim Thompson

at 783-0801.

"We are grateful that we are able to provide a meal and comfort to our neighbors faced with challenging times," said Captain DeAnna Street, Corps Commanding Officer.

Established in London in 1865, the Salvation Army has been supporting those in need without discrimination for more than 135 years. Nearly 25 million Americans receive assistance from

the Salvation Army each year through a range of social services, including food for the hungry, relief for disaster survivors, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless, and opportunities for underprivileged children. For every dollar donated to the Salvation Army, 82 cents directly supports those services in 5,000 communities nationwide.

Next French Sing-Along Nov. 16



Pianist Jeannette Gregoire and singing group Les Troubadours will lead attendees in singing a selection of favorite French and Franco-American songs at the next French Sing-Along on Friday, November 16 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 170 at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College. The monthly sessions are free and open to all. Gregoire is pictured here with her daughter, Gail (Gregoire) Lawrence.

Bates College Conservation Area walk to show how nature records climate change



The tour will relate human experience to geologic time scales by examining soil core samples and discussing local sea levels of 12,500 years ago.

A Bates College geologist and an artist participating in a Bates College Museum of Art exhibition about man's impact on the natural world will relate geologic time and climate change to human history on a special walking tour at the Bates-Morse Mountain Conservation Area in Phippsburg. Free and open to the public, this "Chronicle of Mud" walk will depart on Saturday, November 17 at 11:45 a.m. from the conservation area's parking lot on Route 216.

Artist Julie Poitras

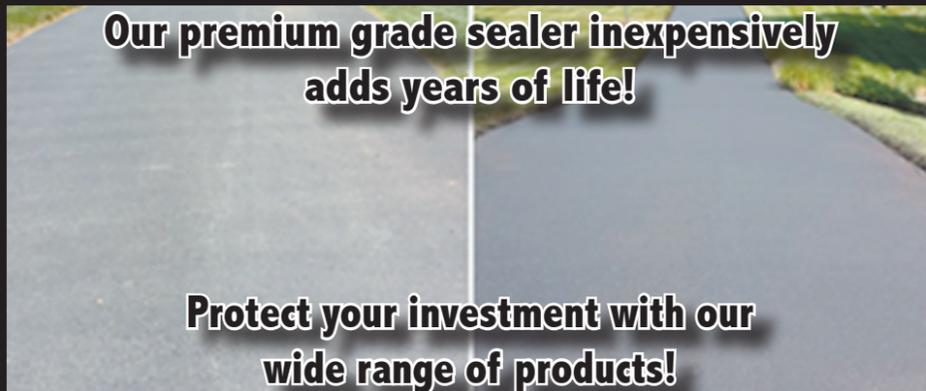
Santos of Portland and Bates Professor of Geology Beverly Johnson will lead the walk to the Sprague River intertidal zone and salt marshes on the Phippsburg peninsula. Through marsh core samples and soil stratigraphy, the experience will relate human experience to geologic time scales to reveal how the marsh records history and reflects climate changes. Discussion will touch on our own bodies' relationship to time and record keeping.

Time and weather permitting, the tour will continue to the top of Morse

Mountain for a discussion of sea levels 12,500 years ago. Participants can look forward to slowing down, learning about local geology, reading poems, and sharing stories with a small community of walkers.

The walk is presented in conjunction with the Bates Museum of Art exhibition "Anthropocenic: Art About the Natural World in the Human Era" and connects to Poitras Santos' work in the exhibition, "Chronicle of Mud." For information about the exhibition, see bates.edu/museum.

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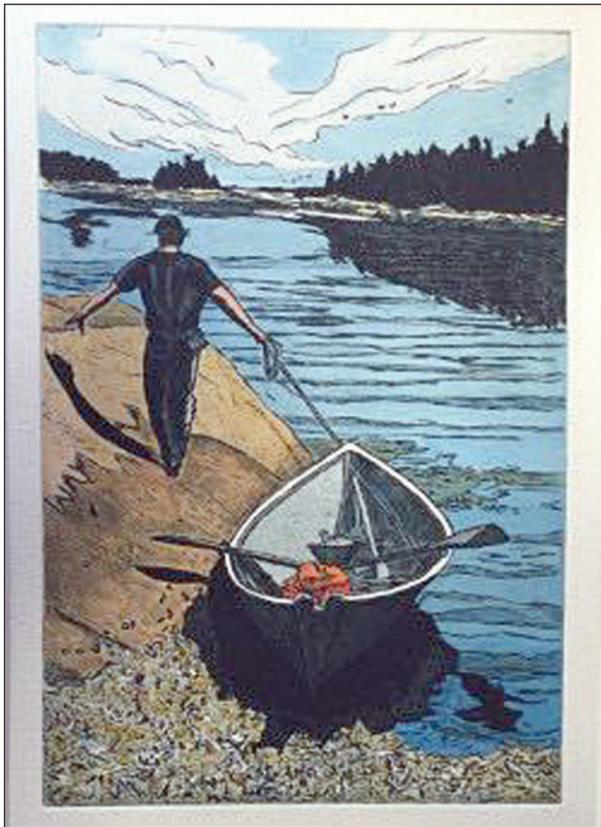


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Harlow showcases print processes in "Proof Positive"



"Escape," by Michele O'Keefe

On display at the Harlow in Hallowell through November 24 is "Proof Positive," an exhibition of art incorporating processes used in making prints, including screen prints, block prints, linocuts, woodcuts, intaglio, etchings, and others.

Participating artists include Rachael Wilson of Augusta, Renate Klein and

Linda Stearns of Bangor, Judith Long of Brunswick, James Chute of Freeport, Allison McKeen of Gardiner, Sarah Lucas and Marguerite Ogden of Hallowell, Lauren Olson of Kents Hill, Thor Smith of Lewiston, Susan Sidwell of Lovell, Pamela Hetherly of Mount Vernon, Sara Grover McDougall of Oakland, Liz McGhee and Larinda Meade

of Portland, Scott Minzy of Pittston, Phyllis French of Readfield, Kay Miller of South Bristol, Simon and Sophia Torraca-Woodbury and Jeff Woodbury of South Portland, Gretchen Mahoney of Thomaston, Michele O'Keefe of Vinalhaven, Jaime Wing of Westbrook, and Barbara Coriell of Winthrop.

The Harlow is a mem-

bership-based 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to connecting and celebrating art, artists, and community in historic downtown Hallowell. Exhibitions are always free and open to the public. Open hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call 622-3813 or see harlowgallery.org.



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TWIN CITY NIGHTS

Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Slambovian Circus of Dreams plays Chocolate Church



This classic rock-steeped band has built a national following by incorporating the spirits of rock's colorful past into their own unique style. (Photo by Tom Moore)

New York's Slambovian Circus of Dreams will bring their warm, raucous, and decidedly unsleepy brand of "Punk Classical Hillbilly Pink Floyd" music to the Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath on Saturday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m.

This classic rock-steeped band from New York's Hudson Valley has built a national following by incorporating the spirits of rock's colorful past into their own organic style to create something that feels fresh and infectious. One can hear strains of Tom Petty, Fleetwood Mac, Neil Young, and Pink Floyd in their unique synthesis of psych rock and Americana-folk, painted in broad strokes and accented

with flashes of accordion, cello, harmonica, and mandolin.

Their latest release, "A Box of Everything," pulls fan favorites from various titles in their catalog. Original tunes feature waltzing violins, searing guitars, and soaring Theremin, shades of George Harrison and 1970s "Laurel Canyon rock" blending with the group's own singular musical vision and lyrical poetry.

Songs like "Very Happy Now" and "The Trans-Slambovian Bipolar Express" exude a joyous energy, while "Talkin' to the Buddha" and "Light a Way" turn inward for mystical, purpose-driven introspection. Nearly every song

sounds like a radio hit that should have been.

Recording has been underway for a new album, with guest musicians Gary Lucas, a veteran player with Captain Beefheart and Jeff Buckley, and New York's Willie Nile, who has performed with Bruce Springsteen and The Who.

Maverick Magazine calls the Slambovian Circus "mightily impressive and hugely original," while Chocolate Church executive director Jennifer DeChant says "Dancing in the aisles is not unheard of when the Circus comes to town." The historic arts venue is located at 804 Washington Street. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$24 at the door.

Vendor Craft Noel Gala

The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality of Holy Family, Prince of Peace Parish will host their annual Vendor Craft Noel Gala on Saturday, December 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish hall at 607 Sabattus Street in Lewiston. The event will also include a bake sale, gift raffles,

a 50/50 raffle, and a cash raffle to be drawn on December 5. Coffee and doughnuts, as well as a light lunch of Italian sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, and beverages, will be available. Parking and entrance are at the rear of the church. For more information, call Jackie at 782-8125.



Event chair Jackie Sawyer

Tightest Five semifinals tonight at Bear Bones Beer



Maine Event Comedy's Tightest Five comedy contest returns with a semifinal round on Thursday, November 15 at 7 p.m. at Bear Bones Beer in Lewiston. Mark Turcotte will host as ten of New England's rising comedy stars perform their best five minutes of original material, with five of the night's contestants advancing to the finals.

Along with bragging rights, the winner's prize package includes paid work, professional headshots, and craft beer. The finals will take place December 20.

A comedy open-mic will follow each round.

Performing in the semifinal will be Andrew Della Volpe (Concord, MA), Leonard Kimble (Auburn), Chris Kinback (South Boston), Scott MacNeil (N. Billerica, MA), Jim Martin (Portland), Will Martin (Boston), Daniel McRobbie (Cambridge, MA), Julie Poulin (Monmouth), Ellen Sugarman (Brookline, MA), and Brendan Williams (South Portland).

Johnny Ater will be the evening's featured comedian. Whether he's taking light-hearted swipes at him-

self and his fellow Mainers or contorting his face into hilarious characters, Ater leaves audiences laughing. Since 2003, he's performed throughout New England and beyond, including at the Punchline in San Francisco, the Maine Comedy Festival, and in voice-over work for a recent Agren Appliance television campaign.

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 maineventcomedy@gmail.com.

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“Happy Together” concert to benefit Friends of Pettingill Park



The concert will feature six duos of various musical styles, including guitarist Denny Breau and his wife Ann, a flautist with jazz and classical training.

Six popular duos from Maine will perform at Denny Breau’s “Happy Together” concert to support ongoing improvements at Lewiston’s Pettingill School Park. Taking place Sunday, November 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston, this will be Breau’s fifth fundraising concert to benefit the park project spearheaded by the Friends of Pettingill group. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at the Franco Center’s web site.

Denny will perform with his wife, Ann Breau, a flautist with jazz and classical training who often shares the stage with her husband. Also performing will be singer Kathy Haley and pianist Phil House, country-folk duo Donnie Katlin and Jewel Clark, 2016 Maine Country Music Hall of Fame inductees Frank Coffin and Malinda Liberty,

country and honky-tonk duo Mike Preston and Kim Curry, and bluegrass musicians Ken and Jane Brooks.

The “Happy Together” theme is a fitting description of the six duos and the music they will play. The annual Friends of Pettingill fundraising concert produced by Denny Breau has become one of the most anticipated shows in Central Maine and frequently sells out.

Located on College Street in Lewiston at the site of the former Pettingill Elementary School, Pettingill School Park is the Twin Cities’ newest playground and greenspace. Many of the park’s improvements have been purchased through financial campaigns organized by the Friends of Pettingill group. Vice-Chair Bill Maroldo, who helps produce the annual concert, says the event is the group’s biggest fundraiser.

“We would not have been able to accomplish so much at the park without the support of Denny and his many musician friends,” said Maroldo.

One of the park’s signature structures, the Lenny Breau Pergola, stands as a tribute to Denny’s late brother, renowned jazz guitarist Lenny Breau. Built by students from the Lewiston Regional Technical Center, the pergola is fast becoming a popular site for birthdays, concerts, reunions and weddings. The park has also co-hosted the police department’s “Movie Night in the Park,” the annual “Bike to School Day,” “Maine Arbor Week” projects, and many other community events.

For more information, contact Bill Maroldo of Friends of Pettingill at 740-4640 or visit their Facebook page.

Twin City Nights

Holiday Craft Fair

The Minot Community Club will present its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Minot Consolidated School, located at 23 Shaw Hill Road in Minot.

Over two dozen crafters will delight visitors with handmade items, including painted signs, apparel, kitchen goods, and more. Visit the Kids’ Entrepreneur Area, where Minot Consolidated students will have their own creations on display, or

stop by the Fancy Clothing Boutique, where kids can choose a dress up item for the holidays. All clothing is donated, so “purchases” are free. Those attending will have a chance to enter a raffle to win a Christmas tree. Vendor raffles and food provided by Poland Regional High School’s Project Graduation team will also be available.

Artists and crafters are invited to support the Minot Community Club by show-

casing their work. Spaces of 2 x 8 feet with two chairs cost \$30. Tables and electrical access are available for an additional fee. For more information, call 266-5033 or email Russella3@gmail.com.

The Minot Community Club is a dedicated group of parents and teachers working to support the academic and extracurricular growth of students at Minot Consolidated School. Go, Mustangs!

Gipper’s Basketball Tip-Off Classic

The Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame will present the 11th annual Gipper’s Basketball Tip-Off Classic on Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24, at the Lewiston High School Gymnasium. Area high school teams will compete in games scheduled in the afternoon and evening of both days. Daily admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3

for students and senior citizens. The complete schedule of teams and games will be announced.

The Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame has been part of the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce since 1983. Over the past 35 years, there have been 150 inductees. The annual awards banquet takes place

in late spring and features the Chamber President’s Award for outstanding current achievement and the “Flashback to Fame” Award recognizing championship teams of the past. The Hall of Fame inductee plaques can be viewed at Gipper’s Sports Grill in Auburn. For more information, see <https://lametrochamber.com/initiatives/hof>.

Church Fair

The United Methodist Church of Auburn will present its annual Church Fair on Saturday, November 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fair will feature hundreds of gift items,

including home-made baked goods, fudge and candy, children’s toys and prizes, books, jewelry, and craft items. There will be a silent auction, refreshments, and many other surpris-

es. This year, credit cards are welcomed. The church is located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. For more information, call the church office at 782-3972.

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Twin City Nights

Theater at Monmouth presents "Santaland Diaries"

Theater at Monmouth will present the cult holiday favorite "The Santaland Diaries," running November 22 through December 2. Adapted by Joe Mantello from David Sedaris' best-selling book "Holidays on Ice," this modern holiday classic, made famous on National Public Radio, recounts the tale of Sedaris' stint as a Macy's Department Store elf named "Crumpet." Sedaris' off-kilter, witty, and often sentimental holiday memoir (not suitable for children) will have audiences laughing into the New Year.

The Santaland Diaries features TAM favorite Mike Anthony as Crumpet, the quintessential elf-gone-bad, as he relates a series of merry misadventures in this antidote for holiday havoc. Spend time with one of Santa's little helpers during Macy's Christmas shopping rush as he handles the hordes of insufferable shoppers and their kiddos with whacked out wisdom and wicked humor.

"You know that old

saying about when something goes terribly wrong, 'Someday we'll laugh about this'? Well, that's exactly what David Sedaris has done," says Producing Artistic Director Dawn McAndrews. "He's taken the memory of an awful job during a rough year in his life and turned it into a delightfully funny and deliciously decadent lesson for us all."

David Sedaris made his NPR debut in 1992, when he read his essay "The Santaland Diaries" on the show "Morning Edition." Since then, Sedaris has gone on to publish multiple bestselling books, including "Me Talk Pretty One Day" and "Let's Talk Diabetes with Owls." He also has been a frequent contributor on NPR's popular radio show "This American Life," all of which has contributed to his reputation as one of America's top humorists. Sedaris' story was adapted for the stage by Joe Mantello and premiered on November 7, 1996 at the Atlantic

Theatre Company in New York City.

"Performing the role of Crumpet the Elf is a dream come true," says Mike Anthony, who spread holiday cheer from 2012-14 in "This Wonderful Life," based on Frank Capra's classic film, and is back for his second year of curmudgeonly fun as Crumpet.

Please note: The Santaland Diaries is for Mature Elves Only. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. preview performance on Thanksgiving Day are just \$10 with the donation of a non-perishable food item for the Monmouth Food Pantry. Non-perishable food donations will be accepted at all performances. Tickets for all other performances are \$28.

The play will be performed on November 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, and December 1 at 7:30 p.m.; and on November 24 and 25 and December 1 and 2 at 1 p.m. For tickets, contact the Box Office at 933-9999 or see www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Connie Francis tribute show returns to Franco Center



In addition to Krista Johnson reprising her role as the top-charting singer, the "Connie Combo" includes Louis Philippe as Music Director and pianist, original 1994 cast member Tom O'Donnell on guitar, Jimmy McGirr on bass, and Joe Napoleone on drums.

Louis Philippe's Reindeer Productions will present its popular musical tribute to top-charting female vocalist Connie Francis, "Among My Souvenirs," on Sunday, November 18 at 2 p.m. at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston.

In September of 1994, Reindeer Theatre Company presented its debut performance of "Among My Souvenirs" in the upstairs auditorium of Warren Memorial Library in Westbrook. The show was a remarkable grassroots success for a small local production, says director Louis Philippe, but it wasn't until 2015 when "The Connie Francis Show," as many affectionately call it, was resurrected.

The Franco Center booked the show in November of 2015 for the Sunday

after Thanksgiving. When ticket sales were higher than expected, the show was moved to the main performance hall upstairs. That event sold out, so the Center brought the show back in November of 2016, 2017... and now 2018.

"It's almost like one of those cult musicals, like 'Rocky Horror' or 'Mama Mia,' where everybody goes and sings along, reminisces, reconnects, and has a predictably very fun time," says Philippe.

Among the songs one can expect to hear in the show are "Among My Souvenirs," "Where the Boys Are," "V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N," "Frankie," "Lipstick on Your Collar," "Guess My Heart Has a Mind Of Its Own," "Who's Sorry Now,"

"I'll Follow the Boys," and "Stupid Cupid." Plus, for this performance only, the audience will be treated to a special "Connie Christmas Sing-Along."

In addition to Krista Johnson reprising her role as Connie Francis, the "Connie Combo" includes Music Director Louise Philippe on piano, original 1994 cast member Tom O'Donnell on guitar, Jimmy McGirr on bass, and Joe Napoleone on drums.

Reserved seats are \$18; students will be admitted free of charge. There will also be concession and bar sales during intermission. The doors and bar will open one hour before the show. For more information or to buy tickets, visit or call the Box Office at 783-1585 or see francocenter.org.

Franco Center offers holiday pies

Franco Center Chef John Pulsifer and his staff will bake homemade pies for people to pick up on the days before Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Orders can be made by calling the center for a form or stopping in any day between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Fruit pie options include apple, blueberry, blackberry, cherry, straw-

berry, and more. Soft filling pies include lemon meringue, Boston cream, various custards, pumpkin, and others. Several kinds of cream pies are available, as well as Tourtiere (ground pork) and fresh red salmon.

The pies range in price from \$13 to \$19, sales tax included. Gluten-free crusts and "no sugar added" fillings are also available for

an additional \$5 per pie. All pies will be made to order and must be paid for when the order is placed. The deadline for ordering Thanksgiving pies is Friday, November 16; the deadline for ordering Christmas pies is Tuesday, December 18. For a complete list of pies, call 783-1585, visit the Franco Center weekdays, or see FrancoCenter.org.

MSAD 52 Adult Ed offers holiday craft workshops

MSAD 52 Adult & Community Education of Turner, Greene, and Leeds is offering the following craft workshops to help you get ready for the holidays. For more information, call 225-1010. Please register online at www.msad52.maineadulted.org.

Holiday Wreath Mak-

ing (Wednesday, November 28). Keep those traditions going by learning how to make your own holiday wreath, great for giving or for your own front door. This workshop is led by Laurie-Anne Ouellette of Sweet Pea Designs in Lewiston, which offers first-rate and one-of-a-kind floral

designs.

Pottery Paint Night - Holiday Tree (Tuesday, December 4). Create a beautiful Doodle Dots Paint Platter perfect for your holiday gatherings or as a personalized gift for family or friends. \$35, plus a \$15 materials fee paid to the instructor at the class.

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Thursday, Nov. 15

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Amy Schram, Community Relations Manager for the Better Business Bureau. Free; no reservations required. 333-4588; www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

Safer Walking Forum. 6 to 8 p.m. City Hall, 27 Pine St., Lewiston. Community members will think about, suggest, and discuss specific types of interventions that could be used to improve the safety of walking in Lewiston. Free.

Tightest Five Comedy Contest. 7 p.m. Bear Bones Beer, 43 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Ten contestants perform their five best minutes of material in this semifinal round; Johnny Ater performs; open mic follows. Ages 21-plus. Free. 513 0742.

Friday, Nov. 16

French Sing-Along. 1:30 p.m. Rm. 170, L-A College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. Les Troubadours lead participants in singing favorite French and Franco-American songs. Songbooks provided; all welcome Free. 576-4109.

Saturday, Nov. 17

UU Gingerbread Fair. 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St., Auburn. Themed gift baskets, homemade pies, craft items, wreaths, baked goods, jewelry, books, CDs; silent auction; luncheon 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 783-0461; www.auburnuu.org.

Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. High St. Congregational Church, 106 Pleasant St., Auburn. Handmade candies, jewelry, gift items, RADA Cutlery, cheddar cheese, white elephants; breakfast, lunch items avail. 784-1306.

Church Fair. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Hundreds of gift items incl. home-made baked goods, fudge, candy, toys, books, jewelry, and craft items; silent auction; refreshments. Credit cards accepted.

Christmas Craft Fair. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holy Trinity Church, 67 Frost Hill Ave., Lisbon Falls. Bake sale, craft and gift items; numerous raffles (\$400 recliner, \$500 home heating fuel, Bailey Island overnight travel package, etc.); lunch and snack items.

Holly Fair and Chowder Luncheon. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Paris house, First Congregational Church, Brown St., (behind McDonald's), Gray. Cookie trail, gifts for pets, jewelry, crafts, white elephants, children's activities, donuts, free coffee. 657-4279.

ExTRAINganza. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill St., Auburn. This fam-

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ily event features model trains operating on the club's five permanent layouts, plus train-related games and activities. Again 11/18, 23-24. Game tix \$1 ea.; admission \$5 adults, free for kids 12-.

"Chronicle of Mud" Walk. 11:45 a.m. Morse Mountain Conservation Area, Rte. 216, Phippsburg. A Bates College geologist and visiting artist show how soil core samples reveal climate change history and where local sea levels were 12,500 years ago. Free.

Community Thanksgivng Dinner. 3 to 5 p.m. Salvation Army, 67 Park St., Lewiston. Free. Open to the public, but space limited; reserve by calling Jim Thompson at 783-0801.

Harvest Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Vestry, W. Auburn Congregational Church, 811 West Auburn Rd. Turkey, mashed potatoes, squash, turnips, carrots, homemade cranberry sauce, rolls, and pies. Take-out avail. \$8/4 (kids 5- free).

Bean Supper & Turkey Spinning Wheel Event. 5 p.m. Amvets Post #6, Rte. 100 (Lewiston Rd.), New Gloucester. Two kinds of beans, chop suey, coleslaw, pickles, biscuits, Brown Bread, assorted pies; turkey raffle. Spinning wheel event follows supper. \$8/3.

Concert: Slambovian Circus of Dreams. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This classic rock-stepped band incorporates rock's colorful past into their own organic style. \$24 (\$20 in adv.) 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Sunday, Nov. 18

"Among My Souvenirs." 2 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Singer Krista Johnson reprises her role as singer Connie Francis in this live musical tribute. \$18 (students free). 783-1585; francocenter.org.

Bowling Night Fund-raiser. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Spare-time Recreation, 215 Whitten Rd., Hallowell. Support Monmouth Community Players at this "Clue"-themed bowling event for friends and families. \$10 pp (or \$50 per lane for six people). www.monmouthcommunityplayers.org.

Tuesday, Nov. 20

"My Life in the Peace Corps." 3 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Current Peace Corps volunteer Selena Wallace discusses her life in the Philippines, where she works on community-based development projects. All ages welcome. Free.

Thursday, Nov. 22

Theater: "The San-

taland Diaries." 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth. Re-counts best-selling humorist David Sedaris' stint as a Macy's Department Store elf named "Crumpet." Mature audiences. Again 11/23-25, 11/29-12/2 (Sat. at 2 & 7, Sun. at 7 p.m.). \$28. www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Friday, Nov. 23

ExTRAINganza. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill St., Auburn. This family event features model trains operating on the club's five permanent layouts, plus train-related games and activities. Again 11/24. Game tix \$1 ea.; admission \$5 adults, free for kids 12-.

Saturday, Nov. 24

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 Ave. Pickers at 4:30. \$8/4 (kids ages 5- free). 782-3972.

Sunday, Nov. 25

"Happy Together" Concert. 1 to 4 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Six duos of various musical styles, including Denny and Ann Breau, Kathy Haley and Phil House, and Frank Coffin and Malinda Liberty, perform to benefit Friends of Pettingill Park. \$20. www.francocenter.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

"Police Insider: True Blue." 7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Lewiston City Hall. The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council hosts a panel discussion with Lewiston Police Department personnel to discuss the scope and nature of their work. Free.

Thursday, Nov. 29

Theater: "The Santaland Diaries." 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth. Re-counts best-selling humorist David Sedaris' stint as a Macy's Department Store elf named "Crumpet." Mature audiences. Again 11/30-12/2 (Sat. 2 & 7, Sun. 7 p.m.). \$28. www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Saturday, Dec. 1

Vendor Craft Noel Gala. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parish

hall, Holy Family Church, 607 Sabattus St., Lewiston. Bake sale, raffles, snacks; light lunch avail. 782-8125.

Shaker Christmas Fair. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shaker Village, 707 Shaker Rd., New Gloucester. Shaker baked specialties, unique gift and holiday items, White Elephant Room, 50/50 raffle, hot cider, homemade donuts, lunch plates while they last. 926-4597; www.maineshak-ers.com.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Holiday Craft fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Minot Consolidated School, 23 Shaw Hill Rd., Minot. Over two dozen crafters, Kids' Entrepreneur Area, free Fancy Clothing Boutique, raffles, concessions. Pres. by the Minot Community Club. 266-5033.

Monday, Jan. 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.

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Monday, Feb. 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, Mar. 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.

A Maine fishing tournament with a lasting impact



Celebrating the largest donation in the event's history, members of the Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament Organizing Committee pose with Audrey Thomson, President of the Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges.

Since its founding in 1998, the Philip H. Grondin, Sr. Memorial Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament has attracted highly skilled anglers from across the Northeast. Every summer for 21 years, their boats have set off from Spring Point in South Portland to compete for prized tuna while raising scholarship funds for students enrolled in Maine's community colleges.

They have been enormously successful on both counts. This year, in the final year of the event, the winner of the tournament landed an 801-pound tuna and the tournament raised \$287,000. Made possible by the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers, the tournament has, since its inception 21 years ago, raised more than \$877,000 in scholarship funds to support students

attending the state's seven community colleges.

To honor the passing in September 2017 of tournament founder and president Phil Grondin, Sr., organizers encouraged sponsors, donors, auction partners and friends to "go the extra mile one last time." And they did. This year's gift of \$287,000 to the Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges marks the tournament's largest single donation to the community colleges' scholarship funds.

When combined with contributions from previous years of the tournament, this investment will ensure that each of Maine's community colleges has an endowed scholarship of \$100,000 that will grow over time and provide annual scholarship support to students across the state.

"The entire committee worked tirelessly this year to hit and exceed my dad's goal of having a \$100,000 scholarship endowment at all seven community colleges," noted Larry Grondin, tournament vice president and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System.

"We are grateful to the dedicated volunteers who made the tournament possible for over two decades and to the Grondin Family for its longstanding support of our hard working students," said Audrey Thomson, President of the Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges. "These scholarships will support students, year in and year out, as they gain the skills and education they need to contribute in important ways to the Maine economy."

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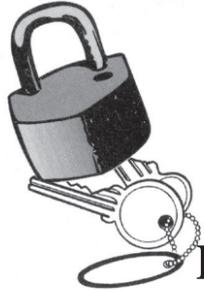
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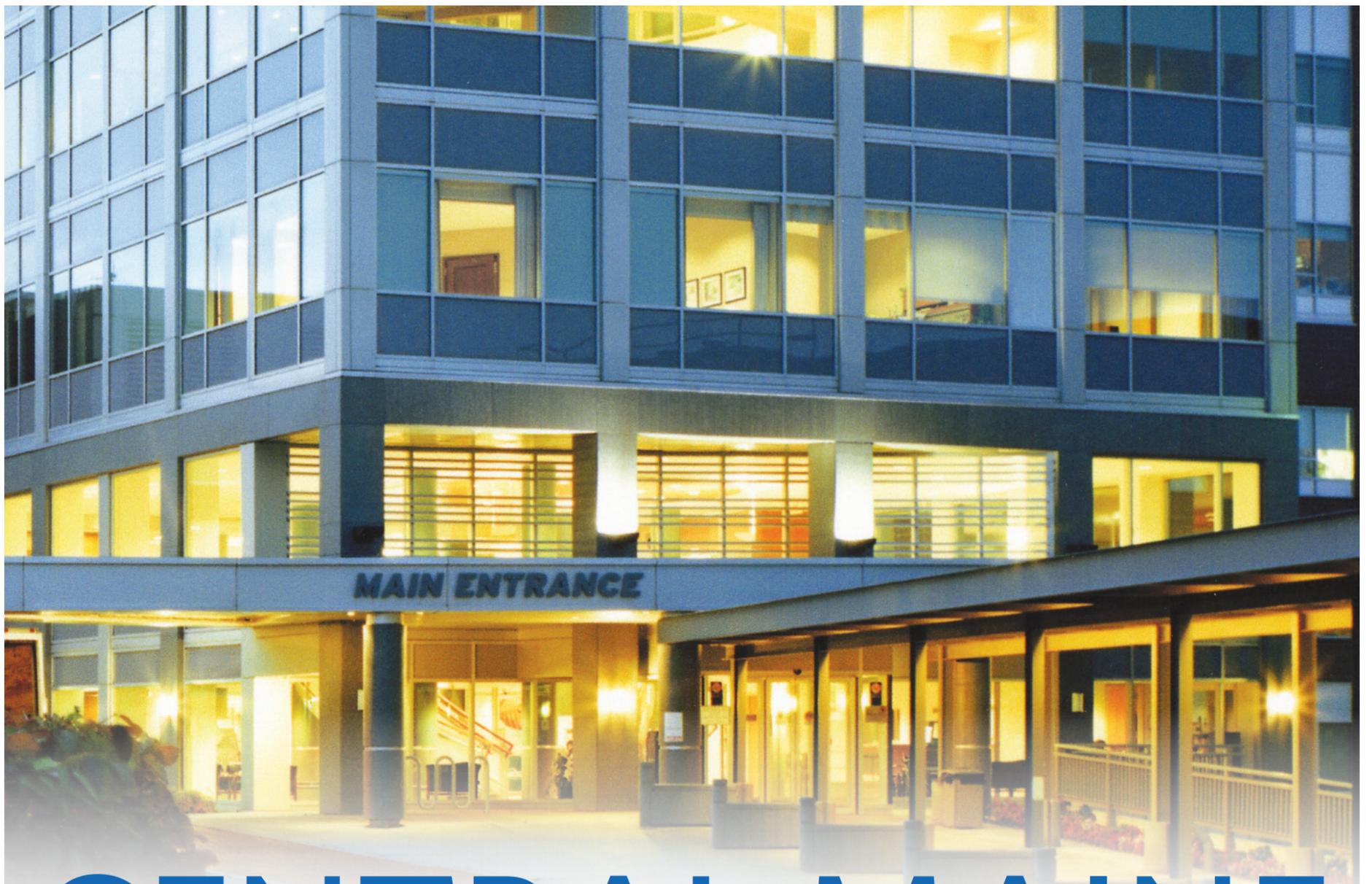
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