

Out & About with Rachel Morin Remembering Hope Weston



Hope on her 103rd birthday, with shades of blue in her outfit accenting her pretty blue eyes

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

"It is with sadness that we inform our members of the passing of our long-time friend, Hope Weston. Hope, who had been an active Senior College member for many years, as recently as this past semester, passed away yesterday, January 9, at the age of 103."

We received this sad message about our dear Hope's passing from the Board of Directors at USM's Lewiston Auburn Senior College. Our Senior College Logo was centered above, giving it a personal touch.



An avid gardener, Hope was a member of the Kennebec Valley Garden Club since 1935 and was the oldest living member of the Garden Federation of America. Here she proudly shows off her indoor garden in her apartment.

Many of us knew, as word spread quickly through Schooner Retirement Community, where she lived the past dozen or more years. At age 103 and six months, Hope would have been 104 this July 6, 2019. She was the oldest member of Senior College.

Hope led an interesting life. She was born in Manila, Philippine Islands on July 6, 1915 to American-born parents Eugene E. Wing of Augusta and Nellie McBeth Wing of

Fairfield. Her father held a high position in the banking industry and they lived a comfortable life. The household had a cook, houseboy, maid, gardener, chauffeur, and a nanny. I was fascinated when she told me that.

Hope said her mother made short work of the nanny and chose to be the sole caretaker of her only child. Mother and daughter went everywhere together and enjoyed a warm, close bond.

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Solstice celebration at Boxberry School



Posing with the school's Solstice Tree are (l. to r.) Alison Graves, teacher Cassandra Harmon, Quinlan Friel, Sophia Berry, Basil Lee, Mae Fahey, teacher Deanna Fahey, Cadence Lee, Levi Cannon, Aemelia Graves, and Maesa Rossignol Kane.

The Boxberry School in Harrison celebrated the 2018 solstice recently by creating edible decorations for their "solstice tree" that inhabits a space just outside the school.

Students smeared peanut butter on pine cones and rolled them in bird seed, made cranberry garland and pomanders, and hung dried orange slices for the local wildlife to enjoy.

Students learned about the idea of a solstice tree from Eve Bunting's picture book, "Night Tree."

The Boxberry School incorporates seasonal holidays into its curriculum to enrich perspective of the world around us while



Student Cadence Lee displays her pomander.

implementing the tenets of Educating for Sustainability: place-based education, systems thinking, project-based learning, and service learning.

Craft & Vendor Fair to Benefit Kayden Kitchen Food Pantry at Mixers Nightclub & Lounge, 16 Sabattus Road, Sabattus, Maine. Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 9am to 2 pm. Will be having a raffle and 50/50. For more information contact Emma Dudley at emmadudley40@gmail.com

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Area student named a Dana Scholar at Bates College

Nick White of Brunswick was one of 20 members of the Bates College Class of 2021 to be named a Dana Scholar. White, the son of Mr. Christopher H. White and Ms. Diane W. Rognerud of Brunswick, is a 2017 graduate of Brunswick High School.

Established in 1965 through the support of the Charles A. Dana Foundation, the Dana Scholars Program recognizes exemplary academic excellence and

promise, leadership potential, and community service. The program grants awards to twenty students from each first-year class.

The Class of 2021 student honorees have demonstrated exceptional academic progress and made a wide variety of extracurricular contributions to Bates. The students were nominated at the end of their first year by Bates faculty members, administrative staff, leaders of campus organizations,

and current Dana Scholars.

“Being named a Dana Scholar is the highest honor that a Bates first-year student can achieve,” said Malcolm Hill, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. “We recognize in these students a commitment to academic excellence, informed civic action, and leadership. The Dana Scholarship celebrates promise, and is remarkably predictive of future success.”

Leadership transition at Maine Community College System

The Maine Community College System Board of Trustees has announced that Derek P. Langhauser, who has served Maine’s community colleges for the past 24 years, the last four as President, will conclude his service with the System on January 21. He is leaving to serve as Chief Legal Counsel to Governor Janet Mills.

The System’s Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, David J. Daigler, who has been with MCCS for over 19 years, will succeed Langhauser and serve as President for an initial two-year term.

During Langhauser’s tenure as President, MCCS has undertaken ambitious efforts to increase student success, strengthen and expand academic programs, and develop new and innovative workforce training initiatives.

The System revised over 100 of its 300 program options; MCCS became one of the first in the nation to participate as a System in the national Achieving the Dream network of colleges dedicated to raising student success rates; and it launched statewide initiatives in short-term training, regional delivery, micro-credentials, math pathways, and public awareness.

During his tenure, MCCS received important increases in state appropriations and a bond from a referendum that won all 16 counties with 65% of the popular vote. In addition, the Foundation for Maine’s Community Colleges raised \$15 million in private funds to support the innovative work underway across the System.

Before being named President in 2015, Langhauser served for 20 years as MCCS General Counsel, work that included disability accommodations, free

speech, due process, contract review, safety procedures, regulatory compliance, and non-discrimination. For his efforts, he received the nation’s highest honors for a college attorney, serving as both president and fellow of the National Association of College and University Attorneys and being elected to the Council of the American Law Institute.

“Derek has been a true joy to work with these past four years, and the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees and I are very sad to see him go,” said Jean Ginn Marvin, Chair of the MCCS Board of Trustees. “However, the law is his passion, and he has an amazing opportunity that will serve him and the people of the State of Maine very well.”

“Fortunately, from day one of his tenure, Derek built a strong and cohesive team with a specific succession plan,” continued Ginn Marvin. “I am delighted to continue my work with our new President, David Daigler. David is very capable and experienced. He is committed to continuing the progress we are enjoying in areas of student success and workforce development. The community colleges will continue to grow and prosper under his leadership.”

In his role as Chief Financial Officer, Daigler has overseen finances and operations for the seven-college system for the past 15 years. As Vice President since 2015, he has been instrumental in helping to transition the delivery of community college education to make it more available and accessible to Maine’s working-age adults. A graduate of John Carroll University, he holds a Master of Science in finance from Boston College. Daigler is 60 and a



Derek P. Langhauser



David J. Daigler

resident of Portland.

In announcing that he would be leaving MCCS, Langhauser said: “It has been a real privilege to work on behalf of so many Maine people who work so hard to benefit from a community college education, and it has been a real pleasure to work for so long with so many talented faculty, staff, and administrators. The excellent reputation of the community colleges is very well deserved. Value, efficiency, relevance, and responsiveness - we are the best investment of its kind in Maine. I am extremely proud to have long been a part of this important institution and its important work.”

Optimist Club guest speakers



Guest speakers Debra York and Joshua Stoechner of “An Angels Wing” receive a copy of the Optimist Creed from club president Mamie Ney (l.) With overdose being the leading cause of death for those under 50, An Angels Wing provides continuing support to individuals and their families suffering from substance use disorder by facilitating access to education, detoxification and rehabilitation options. For more information about their programs, call 838-6439.

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Governor's Address: Health Care Is A Human Right

More than a year ago, Maine voters, including many of you reading this right now, voted overwhelmingly at the ballot box to expand Medicaid. Maine people have waited long enough. My Administration is implementing the will of the people.

Medicaid expansion is the law of the land in Maine, and that is why, on my first day in office, I issued Executive Order Number One, which directs the Department of Health and Human Services to implement

Medicaid expansion as swiftly and aggressively as possible.

That was just over a week ago. Since then, we've already enrolled 529 Mainers in health care coverage under the Medicaid expansion program. For many of these people, this has the power to change their lives for the better and even save their lives. Now they can see a doctor, receive preventive care, afford critical prescription medications, and much more. Now they can stay healthy, work, and care for their families.

And we're just getting



Governor Janet Mills

started. My Administration will review the applications that were previously denied to ensure that every eligible Mainer is able to access the health care coverage they need. We will team up with health

care providers, advocates, patients, the business community, and others to help enroll more eligible Mainers. And we will work with the Legislature to craft a biennial budget that ensures that Maine people can receive appropriate health care coverage.

I hope that if you or your family are struggling with medical bills in our complicated health care system, you might explore whether you qualify for expanded Medicaid (MaineCare) so that you can receive the coverage you need and are entitled to. You can apply

to enroll in MaineCare today by visiting www.maine.gov/mymaineconnection.

When my husband Stan had his medical challenges five years ago and passed away four years ago, I learned a lot about the health care system in Maine. We were lucky - we had insurance. But boy, dealing with copays and deductibles and the high cost of prescription drugs is a challenge for all of us, even more so of course if you're not fortunate enough to have health insurance.

Health care coverage should not be a luxury or

a privilege reserved for well-to-do people. It is a human right.

So my top priority as governor is to ensure affordable, accessible health care for every Mainer, every small business, every entrepreneur and family across the state. Medicaid Expansion is the first, necessary step in reaching that goal, and I will not rest until it has been implemented according to the will of the people of Maine.

Thank You,
Janet Mills
Governor

SeniorsPlus names new board member

Cheryl-Ann Jerry of Jay has been elected to the Board of Directors of SeniorsPlus, where she also serves on the Advisory Board. Jerry is the owner of Reflexology by CJ in Jay. She also president of the Jay-Livermore Falls Lions Club and teaches line dancing at Fitness Stylz Gym in Livermore Falls. She previously

worked as a social worker with people with mental illness, was a home-based Head Start teacher, and a crisis worker.

Established in 1972 and headquartered in Lewiston, SeniorsPlus is the Western Maine designated Agency on Aging covering Franklin, Oxford, and Androscoggin counties. Its mission is to

enrich the lives of older people and adults with disabilities and its overall program goal is to assist these individuals to remain safely at home for as long as possible. SeniorsPlus serves 17,000 people annually, with its Meals on Wheels program alone serving more than 100,000 meals to almost 800 people each year.

Area students named to St. Anselm Dean's List

The following area students have been named to the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the first semester of the 2018-19 school year at Saint Anselm College. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.2 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. A total of 688 students rep-

resenting 25 states received this honor.

Lewiston: Matthew B o u l e t , 2 0 2 1 , Communication; Joshua Fortin, 2022, Business; Gabriel Jacques, 2020, Marketing; Lucas Rushton, 2019, Psychology.

Wales: Matthew Maguire, 2021, International Relations.

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a

four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st-century education in the Catholic Benedictine tradition. Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service, and a commitment to the arts.

Pross elevated to shareholder at Skelton Taintor & Abbott

Effective January 1, 2019, attorney Jim Pross, who joined Skelton Taintor & Abbott in 2018, has become a shareholder (partner) in the firm.

Pross's practice areas include workers' compensation law, commercial real estate, municipal and government law, and social security disability. He represents both employers and employees in workers' compensation matters. Pross also has experience in appellate work before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, where he prevailed in a significant workers' compensation discrimination case.

Active in the legal and local communities, Pross has served as president of the Androscoggin Land Trust and recently completed a two-year term as an Auburn City Councilor and a joint two-year term as a member of the Auburn School Committee. He is also a sought-after speaker for human resources groups, attorneys, and business organizations.

"I am honored to be



Jim Pross

elevated to partner at Skelton Taintor & Abbott," says Pross. "Over the last year, the firm has become 'home' to me and I can't imagine working with a finer group of attorneys. The firm's long-standing reputation for excellence is well deserved. I look forward to being a steward of that reputation and the firm's future. I truly love working on Main Street in the heart of Auburn's downtown with my Skelton

Taintor & Abbott family."

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Chamber offers three-part series on exit strategies for business owners

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce is offering a three-part series of Power Lunch Seminars on the topic “Options and Strategies for Business Owners to Exit Their Businesses and Retire.”

The seminars are free of charge and will take place in the Chamber’s conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

Please bring your lunch. Snacks, sweets, coffee and other beverages will be provided. For more information, call 783-2249. Participants are asked to register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Too many business owners don’t have a realistic plan for how to exit their business, earn a decent retirement income, and preserve the legacy they’ve built and the jobs they’ve created. They don’t understand their options and don’t have time to figure it out on their own.

Because of this, they wait until they are ready to retire before they think about how to exit their business, and liquidation and closure becomes the default option. Unfortunately, this option shortchanges the owner and results in lost jobs and economic assets for our communities.

Don’t let this happen to you! No matter how big or small your business, these workshops will help you understand what you need to know, what your options are, and which one makes most sense for you.

The three workshops in the series are:

Tuesday, January 22, 12 to 1:30 p.m. “Know What You Want: Defining Your Goals in Exit Planning.” Presented by Austin Albert, Financial Advisor, LPL Financial, Twin City Financial.

Tuesday, February 12, 12 to 1:30 p.m. “Know Your Options: Open Market

Sale, Family Transitions, and Selling to Employees.” Presented by David V. Jean, CPA, CCIFP, CExP, Principal of Altus Exit Strategies, a subsidiary of Albin, Randall & Bennett, CPAs.

Tuesday, February 26, 12 to 1:30 p.m. “Achieve Your Goals: Understanding the Financial, Tax and Legal Issues in Exit Planning.” Presented by Rob Brown, Director, Business Ownership Solutions (BOS) Cooperative Development Institute.

This series is sponsored by the Chamber, the City of Lewiston’s Department of Economic Development, and the Cooperative Development Institute. Funded by a grant from the Surdna Foundation, the sponsors are partnering to preserve legacy businesses and the jobs they provide by raising awareness of exit planning options among business owners in the region.

Next HR Thursdays program looks at recruitment

The next HR Thursdays program presented by the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, Central Maine Human Resource Association, and Lewiston Career Center will take place on Thursday, January 24, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. The topic will be “Recruitment Strategy: Organizational Culture and a Strong Leadership Team.” The workshop will be presented by Bill Maxwell of Bill Maxwell and Associates and Mary La-

Fontaine, Regional Director of the Maine Department of Labor.

Today’s employers understand the challenges of holding onto right-match employees and finding new ones. This session will explore why leadership is central to that goal, how clear processes can vitalize, and what can be created for ongoing achievement. The only requirements from participants are an open mind

and a willingness to share ideas. You will take away strategic next steps for your organization.

The workshop will take place in the Chamber’s conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The cost is \$25 for Chamber members and \$50 for non-members; CMHRA members will attend free of charge. For more information, call 783-2249. To register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

City Clerk reminds dog owners about licensing late fee

The Lewiston City Clerk’s Department would like to remind all Lewiston dog owners that the one-month grace period for licensing their pets will expire on January 31.

Per state law, a dog’s license expires December 31 of each year, and a \$25 late fine will be added to each license for all dogs licensed after Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Dog license fees are \$11 for a male or female dog and \$6 for a spayed or neutered animal, which means the late fine is more than the cost of the license

itself. Per state requirements, the late fine is assessed per dog and not per household.

According to the City Clerk’s Office, only about seventy percent of the dogs that were licensed in 2018 have been re-licensed for the new year.

“We do not want our residents to have to pay the \$25 late fine, but it is a state requirement,” said City Clerk Kathy Montejo. “In December, we sent letters to all owners of dogs licensed in 2018 to remind them that the licenses expire December 31 and the late fine is effective February 1. We have almost 650 dogs that still need to be re-licensed, so either we will be doing a lot of dog licensing during the next few weeks, or many of our residents will have to pay the state-mandated late fee.”

As a convenience, dog owners may mail in their license renewal information, and the tag for the new year will be mailed back to the owner. The dog owner should mail a copy of the rabies certificate, along with the dog’s name, the owner’s name, address and phone number, and a

check payable to the City of Lewiston for the correct amount. Residents may also register their dog’s license online at the City’s website.

Some dog owners may not have re-licensed their pet because they may have misplaced the animal’s rabies certificate, which is required to be shown at the time of licensing. Pet owners should contact their veterinarian’s office to request a duplicate copy of the rabies certificate if they cannot locate their copy.

Rabies is a serious problem in the state. Residents are urged to take the time to protect their pet against this deadly virus. If an animal is suspected of having rabies, they are quarantined.

If, during this time, signs of rabies appear, the only way to test an animal for rabies is to euthanize the animal. Dog licensing ensures rabies vaccination, which protects the health of our pets.

The City Clerk’s Department is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Questions can be directed to the City Clerk’s Department at 513-3124.

UMCA seeks winter clothing donations

The United Methodist Church of Auburn is collecting warm winter clothing for needy families in the community. Jackets, coats, boots, sturdy shoes, hats, mittens, and gloves for all ages, as well as warm blankets, are needed. All donations must be clean and in good condition.

The High Street Food Pantry also has ongoing needs for the following

staple items: peanut butter, dry cereal, baking ingredients (mixes, sugar, flour), crackers, canned goods (including vegetables, fruits, soups, pastas and meats), toilet paper, and children’s books.

Donations may be dropped off at the United Methodist Church at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. For more information, call the church office at 782-3972.

Windham High Class of ’69 plans 50th Reunion

The Windham High School Class of 1969 will celebrate its 50th Class Reunion on September 28, 2019.

Event organizers are trying to contact all classmates; there are still many

that they have not been able to locate.

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Republicans' Address

The last time I gave the Republican Radio Address response was on December 18, 2010. Governor John Baldacci was days away from leaving office and a new Governor, Paul LePage, was about to be sworn in. Maine voters had also elected Republican majorities to both the House and Senate for the first time in nearly 50 years.

Today, Maine has a new Governor, Janet Mills, and she begins her term with large Democratic majorities in the House and Senate.

I said in 2010 that the people of Maine "...want action on jobs and the state's economy. For too long, we have watched as our young people leave here because they see greater career opportunities in other states. For too long, we have seen jobs disappear and more and more people slide into welfare dependency." We were facing unfunded liabilities, budget shortfalls, unpaid bills, and a depleted rainy day fund.

What a difference eight years can make. From that radio address to this one, under Republican leadership, Maine is currently experiencing record-setting economic growth. The \$800 million budget shortfall inherited from Democrats in 2011 is now a healthy budget surplus.

Then, Medicaid had a biennial budget deficit of more than \$200 million and our state owed the hospitals \$750 million. Today, Medicaid is on sustainable finan-

cial footing - it has not run a shortfall in years - and the hospitals have been repaid in full, nearly a \$1 billion turnaround.

Our Rainy Day fund has a record-level balance of \$272.9 million, equal to 8% of General Fund expenditures, a ratio better than the average among AAA credit-rated states.

The fiscal policies pursued by Governor LePage and Republicans in the Legislature created a record-high for private sector jobs, record-low unemployment, a record number of employers, and record-high revenues. Wages are rising faster than any other state in New England over the last four years.

We have even seen our population grow. Maine ranked 16th for net in-migration among states in 2017, with 12 of 16 Maine counties growing that year.

Our state work force is more efficient and they have received cost-of-living increases and no longer have to take days off without pay.

Welfare reforms doubled the people going to work, with a 1,000% increase in their wages, while those on TANF with previous work records saw wage increases of 237%.

In short, the state Governor Mills is inheriting is 180 degrees from the one her colleagues left for Republicans eight years ago.

Governor Mills is talking about a new direction. We are again discussing expanding Medicaid

without a plan to pay for it. The governor has told the federal government that she will use general funds to expand and then told the media that she will use tobacco settlement money. She wants to either use the surplus general fund dollars or raid the settlement money in the Fund for a Healthy Maine. She has talked about sustainability, yet plans to expand first and find a way to pay for it later.

If this is the new direction, it seems as though she simply has turned around and headed back to where we were eight years ago.

We welcome Governor Mills and look forward to working with her as she governs. We will work together for our common vision of a strong Maine, one with continued economic growth, rising wages, and a government living within its means, so that Mainers can keep the money they work hard to earn. Together we will fight the opioid crisis that is robbing our people of opportunity and life itself.

We will keep the promise of Maine's future for our children and those wanting to come here. But we have no interest in going back to where we were eight years ago. We want to welcome people home, but we will fight for them to have a home worth coming too.

Thank you.
This address was presented by Rich Cebra, State Representative from Naples.

Timberlake to serve on Government Oversight Committee

Maine State Senator Jeff Timberlake (R-Androscoggin), Assistant Republican Leader, has been appointed to serve on the Government Oversight Committee during the 129th Legislature.

Senator Timberlake is currently serving his first term in the Maine Senate after serving four consecutive terms representing District 75 in the Maine House of

Representatives. During his time in the House, Timberlake served on the Appropriations Committee and the Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Committee.

"The Government Oversight Committee plays a crucial role in ensuring government accountability," Timberlake said. "Over the last few years, the bipartisan committee has taken on a number of high-profile,

important cases exposing fraud and corruption within state government. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the committee to help make sure that all public funds are spent accordingly."

Senator Timberlake represents District 22 which includes the towns of Litchfield, Wayne, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lisbon, Sabattus, Turner and Wales.

Rotary Breakfast Club meeting



Hannah DeAngelis

The next meeting of the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club on Wednesday, January 23 at

7 a.m. will feature guest speaker Hannah DeAngelis, Director of Refugee and Immigration Services for

Catholic Charities of Maine.

DeAngelis' background is in non-profit management, conflict resolution, cultural competency education, and classroom teaching. A graduate of Colby College, she is originally from Readfield, Maine.

As Maine's only refugee resettlement program, Catholic Charities of Maine's Refugee and Immigration Services is dedicated to helping those seeking a new life in America become independent and productive members of our community.

The club meets every Wednesday at the United Methodist Church, located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. The cost for breakfast is \$15. All are welcome to attend.

L-A CASH Coalition takes appointments for free tax prep service

The Lewiston-Auburn CASH Coalition will start accepting appointment requests for free preparation of tax returns on Tuesday, January 22. As part of their appointment, each participant will receive a free, 15-minute financial check-up, providing an opportunity to learn about savings opportunities and local resources on financial topics such as home ownership and budgeting. "Jump Credit" will also be offered this year, providing a printed overview of one's credit report and suggestions for improvement.

The phone number to call for an appointment is 513-3160. Messages left before January 22 will not be answered. The annual income criteria for the service

is \$55,000 or less.

From February 2 through April 13, free tax preparation by IRS-certified volunteers will be available through two options. Face-to-face tax preparation will be available on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a time-saving "Scan & Go" option will be available on Thursdays from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Those opting for Scan & Go will bring their tax documents for scanning and then return a week later for approval and e-filing. Both options will take place at the Lewiston Memorial Armory.

Now in its 16th year, the LA CASH Coalition is a multi-partner effort that strives to enhance individual and family self-sufficiency by promoting the Earned

Income Tax Credit (EITC), a Federal program designed to provide an anti-poverty boost for working households.

The Coalition is funded by a portion of a state-wide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance grant, the John T. Gorman Foundation, and Norway Savings Bank. Coalition sponsors include the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn, Purdue University Global, the Internal Revenue Service, United Way of Androscoggin County, Promise Early Education, Norway Savings Bank, New Ventures Maine, Goodwill, the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Lewiston Career Center, Coastal Enterprises, Inc., and the Lewiston Housing Authority.

CMMC presents "Fit to a T"

Central Maine Medical Center will present "Fit to a T," a free public program providing education on fracture prevention, bone health and osteoporosis, on Thursday, January 31, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Conference Center

at 12 High Street in Lewiston.

Participants will learn about the prevention, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of osteoporosis. The goal of this program is to educate both men and women on the necessary

steps to assess their risk for fracture and osteoporosis and how to prevent bone loss and a fragility fracture, particularly secondary fractures. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling or texting 520-8387.

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Welding teacher returns to Lewiston Adult Education



After retiring and taking a semester off, Mike Cyr (l.) returns for the Winter-Spring 2019 semester to teach Welding I. He is pictured here with LAE director Bill Grant.

Welding students at Lewiston Adult Education will have a couple options to choose from in 2019 thanks to a returning teacher.

Mike Cyr, who retired as a full-time welder in 2018, will teach Welding I again in the Winter-Spring 2019 semester at Lewiston Adult Education. He had taken the fall semester off when he began his retirement.

Cyr's return means adult education students will have both Welding I and Welding II as class options. John Clements will teach Welding II on a different night. Students may take both classes.

Welding is one of a number of workforce classes offered at Lewiston Adult Education. Other classes offered in the new semester will include

Certified Nursing Assistant, Notary Public, and Construction Training. All class information is listed in the new brochure that has gone out to Lewiston and Auburn residents.

For more information about welding and other workforce classes at Lewiston Adult Education, call 795-4141 or visit www.lewiston.maineadult-ed.org.

Area students named to UNE Dean's List

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2018 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

Auburn: Taylor Depot, Markella Gammaitoni, Ashleigh Jackson, Corryn Lachance, Kendal Millard, Brooke Richardson, Hyann Willey.

Lewiston: Emma Chabot, Timothy Dube, Allison Frechette, Emily

Gosselin, Heather Han-nigan, Nasro Mohamed, Kassandra Stacy.

Greene: Paige Maheux, Makaela Rice.

Richmond: Abigail Carney, Taylor Paulison, Julie Plummer.

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Wales: Leanna Parker Bair.

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ELHS students design "Nights at the PAL Hop" exhibit at Museum L-A



For the first Kids as Curators exhibition of 2019, students from Edward Little High School have curated, designed, and installed an exhibit in Museum L-A's gallery space called "Nights at the PAL Hop: How Music Can Change History."

Focused on the history of music in the local community, the exhibit opened with a public reception featuring a live musical performance of a student-led band on Wednesday, January 16.

The Kids as Curators program brings students from area schools to Museum L-A to create special

exhibitions.

For this exhibit, the co-teacher team of Alyssa McLean and Sarah Brooks of ELHS asked students from the school's music and social studies departments to work together to explore the history of music in the local area.

Over the past semester, the students conducted research to understand what music was popular and why over succeeding decades.

Much of their research centered around the famed PAL Hop of Lewiston, a local dance hall that many L-A residents may remember.

"I'm so proud of the creativity and professional effort my students put in to make this exhibit happen," said Alyssa McLean. "We asked them to do a very large task, but they rose to the challenge and worked really hard. They learned a lot along the way and had a lot of fun doing it."

"Nights at the PAL Hop" will be the first of four Kids as Curators exhibitions Museum L-A will host in 2019. The exhibit also kicks off programming coordinated by the museum as part of the City of Auburn's year-long 150th An-

niversary Celebration. As the year continues, the museum will work with students from several Auburn schools to create exhibits in locations around the community that showcase the history, people, and positivity of the city's younger generations during this special year. For more information on these upcoming exhibitions, see Museum L-A's website.

"It's always amazing to see what our children are capable of as they work and become the curators of our local history as seen through their eyes," says Executive Director Rachel Desgrosseilliers. "We are excited that more classes are taking advantage of this program and that we can get students involved in Auburn's year-long 150th Anniversary Celebration."

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 Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special and large group tours outside of these hours are available by appointment. For more information, call 333-3881 or email info@museumla.org.

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Bates College observes MLK Day with Sunday and Monday events



Bates junior Michael Hogue of Chicago performs in a January 15 "Sankofa" performance at the college. Directed and created by Hogue, this student performance has become a popular tradition on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. (Photo by Phyllis Graber Jensen, Bates College)

Barbara Ransby, an author, historian and social justice activist, will present the keynote address for Bates College's observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 21. The address will take place at 9 a.m. in the college's Peter J. Gomes Chapel at 275 College Street in Lewiston.

Ransby is a Distinguished Professor of African American studies, gender and women's studies, and history at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is the author of three books, including 2018's "Making All Black Lives Matter: Reimagining Freedom in the Twenty-First Century" (University of California Press).

Ransby's talk highlights a two-day schedule of MLK Day programming at Bates that, beginning on Sunday, January 20, will include an interfaith service, an annual debate between students from Bates and Morehouse Colleges, an evening performance by the popular student group Sankofa, and two daytime sessions of concurrent workshops.

All MLK Day events at Bates College are open to the public at no cost. For more information, call 786-6400. To see the complete schedule, visit bates.edu/mlk.

The concept of intersectionality - the ways in which social categories such as race, class, and gender overlap, and how those overlaps interact to affect individuals and groups - figures prominently in this year's MLK Day programming at Bates, which carries the theme "Lifting Every Voice: Intersectionality and Activism."

"Our theme is at once an allusion to what's been called the Black National Anthem - 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' - as well as a reminder that movements are made up of many people, not just one, and each person has many identities, not just one," explains Michael Sargent, associate professor of psychology and one of three MLK Day planning committee co-chairs.

Ransby's address is titled "Intersectional Feminist Praxis in the Black Freedom Movement, from Ella Baker to Black Lives Matter." She is "a world-renowned scholar whose work speaks to activism from a broad perspective," says Michael Rocque, an assistant professor of sociology and a planning committee co-chair.

In addition to her departmental positions at UIC, Ransby directs the campus-wide Social Justice Initiative, which helps

connect academics and community organizers doing social justice work. Her other books include the award-winning "Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement: A Radical Democratic Vision" (University of North Carolina Press) and "Eslanda: The Large and Unconventional Life of Mrs. Paul Robeson" (Yale University Press).

The scope, depth and commitment to social justice in its MLK Day events distinguishes Bates among its peer schools. "For more than two decades, Bates has canceled classes on MLK Day so that all members of our community - as well as friends from Maine and beyond - can come together to share in personal education and growth, centered on a theme related to the work of Martin Luther King Jr.," says planning committee co-chair Susan Stark, assistant professor of philosophy.

Workshops will be held concurrently in sessions starting at 10:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Pettengill and Hedge halls (both located on Bates' Alumni Walk), Ladd Library (accessible from Campus Avenue) and Commons (136 Central Avenue).

Here are more highlights among MLK Day events at Bates:

Yance Ford's 2017 documentary "Strong Is-

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land," portraying a family experiencing loss while the world around them engages in injustice and the complicity of silence, will be shown on Sunday, January 20 at 2 p.m. in Room G52 of Pettengill Hall, located at 4 Andrews Road (Alumni Walk).

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Service will feature Princeton University's Rev. Dr. Theresa S. Thames, who will lead the service with the message "I Will Not Keep Silent! I Will Not Rest!" The service, which will include music, dance, reflections, and scripture, will take place on Sunday, January 20 at 7 p.m. in the Gomes Chapel. For more information, call 786-8272.

"Sorry to Bother You," Boots Riley's 2018 sci-fi comedy depicting an African-American telemarketer who finds success - and a moral dilemma - when he develops a new sales pitch, will be shown on Monday, January 21 at 1:15 p.m. in Room 104 of Olin Arts Center, located at 75 Russell Street.

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays (Class of 1920)



Bates junior Abby Westberry and William Coggins of Morehouse College chat prior to the 2018 edition of the annual Rev. Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays (Class of 1920) Debate. (Photo by Theophil Syslo, Bates College)

Debate will take place on Monday, January 21 at 3:45 p.m. in Olin Concert Hall, located at 75 Russell Street. In this popular tradition, Morehouse College debaters take on Bates' Brooks Quimby Debate Council. This year's motion: "This House believes that social justice movements should prioritize socioeconomic class over race and gender." The event is free, but tickets are required at bit.ly/2019debate.

One of Bates' most

popular MLK Day happenings, the annual performance by the student group Sankofa, will take place Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Schaeffer Theatre, located at 329 College Street. Sankofa explores the stories of the African diaspora through dance, music, theater, spoken word, and more. The event is free, but tickets are required at bit.ly/sankofa19.


Ransby's keynote address and the debate will also be livestreamed at bates.edu/mlk/live.

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Hope

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I met Hope years ago with Readers Theater, when we visited Schooner to perform our skits and sketches. Hope was always in the audience. Later, through Senior College, we became close friends. Hope signed up for every excursion we had, chartered bus trips with 45 registrants to musicals, art museums, art galleries - Hope was interested in everything.

I started visiting her at Schooner and we enjoyed conversations on many common interests. I learned that she was legally blind but still did lots of craft work. She took classes at Sr. College and never missed a class that Charles Plummer taught at Schooner. She was up on current events in Lewiston-Auburn and in the world. She was just so interesting. Her goal was to do everything she could, for as long as she could.

I loved hearing her stories of growing up in Manila. From an early age, Hope learned the proper etiquette, social niceties, and obligations of what was expected by society for a young lady in Manila. She attended the important dinners, dances, and parties of the young social set and was privy to many business and social events her father's position required him to attend. She told me that, as

a young child, she was always treated as an adult. She learned the role of an adult early on.

Hope told me the American Schools in Manila were more advanced than the schools in the States. Many times classes had only five students. "That was good," she said, "as we received more individual attention."

Hope and her mother made several trips to the States by steamships as there was no opportunity for air flights in those days. The trips were lengthy, with many ports-of-call. Hope had an early education of the world and its different cultures, cuisine, customs, and languages. "My mother made sure I saw all the historic sites along the way," she would say, laughing.

Fast-forward to Hope's graduation from the University of Maine at Orono, where she met her husband, Lowell Nathan Weston of Augusta. They married after graduation and, as was the custom in those days, the bride returned to her homeland for a large, lavish wedding in Manila on December 25, 1937.

Leaving Manila, the newlyweds settled in Augusta. Hope was on her own; there was no household help. Undaunted, she took on the role of wife and homemaker with enthusiasm and dedication. She

learned quickly and became an excellent cook.

She was the hostess of many dinner parties, entertaining family and friends with elaborate meals served on elegant china with linen tablecloths, napkins, candelabra, stemware, and silverware brought from her homeland. Hope would tell me about Mrs. Hildreth, the wife of Maine Governor Horace Hildreth, inviting her as co-hostess whenever she hosted social gatherings for women at the Blaine House. Hope was in her element, welcoming the women and making them comfortable.

Our visits flew by as we talked about her life, her successful self-taught ventures into watercolor painting, quilting, rug hooking, decoupage, artwork, gardening, photography, writing, and sewing. She learned by doing, designing and sewing much of her wardrobe.

And I, along with many others, will attest to how impeccably she dressed every day. It was a delight to see what she wore and how she wore it. Everything was coordinated and accessorized perfectly in every detail - ear rings, bracelets, necklace or scarf, hair perfectly coiffed, and always stockings. I never saw her in pants.

Hope was a lady, refined in manner and speech, soft-spoken, smiling and

welcoming to everyone. She was a role model for aging gracefully and productively. She was loved and respected by everyone at Schooner, residents and staff alike.

A huge accomplishment in Hope's life was writing a memoir of her life for her sons, their wives, her grandchildren, and all who would follow. It took her three years to write this labor of love, entitled "Hope's Two Lives: Eighty Years from the Far East to the State of Maine" and published in 2007. She also created "Mumsy's Cookbook," a collection of her favorite recipes illustrated with her colorful artwork, for her family to enjoy.

She was a family woman and cherished her sons, Bob and his wife, Mickie, Jim and his wife Judy, and her six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren, and one great-great-great grandson.

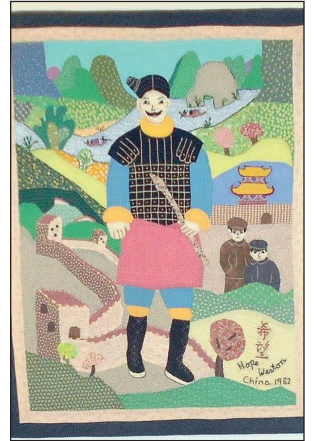
I looked through a lot of pictures and thought you might like to see Hope enjoying some of her activities and interests.



Hope, seated left, with classmates at a Civil War History Class with Professor Charles Plummer at Schooner



Hope displays her artwork on the all-occasion cards she made for the Schooner Open House in September 2017.



Hope's quilt, "Chinese Man"



Hope with Mark Prevost, Mgr. of Resident Services at Schooner Estates, as she joins the Centenarian Club upon her 100th birthday on July 6, 2015. (Schooner Photo)



Hope's wall quilt, "Peace in WWII, the Philippines"



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Hope, with her son Bob Weston and daughter-in-law Mickie, on her 101st birthday. (Schooner Photo)



Hope and Terry Gendron on the way to the Ogunquit Summer Playhouse in 2013.



Hope at Wallingford's Fruit and Vegetable Farm on a Schooner trip (Schooner Photo)



Hope, with son Jim and daughter-in-law Judy, on her 102nd birthday. (Schooner Photo)



Hope engages in one of her playful antics at a Schooner Halloween Party; Alice Warren is on the left. (Schooner Photo)



Hope and Senior College friends Sally and Paul Belisle wait to board the bus for the Ogunquit Summer Playhouse in 2014.



Jan Upham, Leslie Rudolph, Hope Weston, Bob Pacios, and Professor Charles Plummer in the Camden Living Room at Schooner during a class break



Hope, with Senior College friends June Spear and Maureen Tibbetts, on a trip to the Colby Museum of Art in 2014

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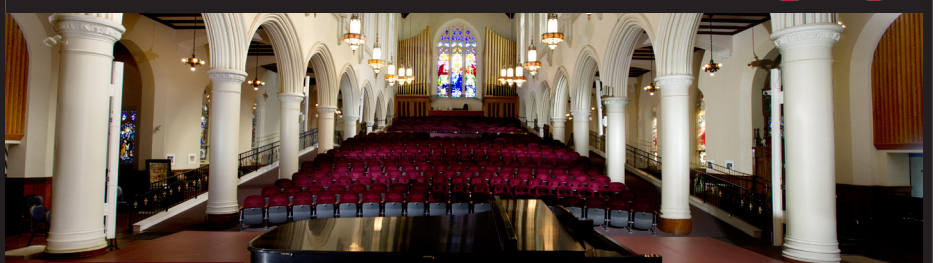
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Wood and Belcher bring Celtic sounds to Chocolate Church



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Richard Wood and Gordon Belcher will perform a program of Prince Edward Island-style Celtic music in the intimate annex of the Chocolate Church Art Center in Bath on Friday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. The audience can expect an exhilarating musical roller coaster ride of jigs and reels, strathspeys and hornpipes, and beautiful airs performed by this dynamic duo. Wood's blazing fiddle and infectious melodies compliment Belcher's charming, versatile voice.

An award-winning fiddler from Prince Edward Island, Richard Wood has been impressing audiences

across Canada, as well as in the U.S., Europe, Japan, and Australia, with his talent, energy, and enthusiasm for more than two decades.

He has made guest appearances with Shania Twain on "David Letterman" and "Good Morning America," at Carnegie Hall with Irish legends The Chieftains, as a featured performer on CBC's Canada Day on Parliament Hill, on "Rita MacNeil and Friends," and with Jean Butler of Riverdance on "Celtic Electric."

"Richard Wood has the fire of a rock god and all of the talent and skill of a master musician," writes

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The center is located at 804 Washington Street. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 and are available calling the box office at 442-8455 or at www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Final weekend for CLT's "Lend Me A Tenor"



Beleaguered opera company assistant Max, played by Benjamin Morang (r.), tries to comfort world-famous tenor Tito Merelli, played by Paul Menezes, in a scene from Community Little Theatre's production of the comedy "Lend Me A Tenor." Final performances will take place Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. To buy tickets, call 783-0958 or see LACLT.com.

Charity basketball tournament seeks teams

The C-U Swish-Out Childhood Cancer Challenge, presented by Town & Country Federal Credit Union of South Portland, is preparing to host its 25th annual event on Sunday, January 27 at USM in Gorham. Maine's longest continuously running three-on-three co-ed charity basketball tournament, the event features both adult and youth divisions.

Jon Paradise, Vice President of Public Relations and Communications at Town & Country FCU and the founder of the tournament, says registration is off to a solid start, but he's hoping to see an influx of registrations in the final week. The deadline for team registration is Monday, January 21.

"Over the next week or so, we're really focusing on getting more teams

registered in all of our divisions," said Paradise. "There are three adult divisions, Elite, Just For Fun (our most popular division), and Forever Young (for those 40 and over), and two junior divisions, Grades 5-6 and Middle School. It only takes three players to get a team together, as long as one of them is a member of the opposite sex."

The Swish-Out began in 1994 with seven teams, raising \$575 the first year. Last year, the tournament had a sold-out field of nearly 60 teams, raising more than \$55,000 for the Maine Children's Cancer Program. 100% of all money raised through registration, sponsorships, and contributions goes directly to the cause.

"This event has grown so much over the years because of the great support of

sponsors and participants," Paradise added. "To think that, after 25 years, this event would still be going is a testament to the generosity of the community. We have had teams come from all over Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. A team can be whatever people want it to be: co-workers, relatives, friends, classmates, etc. It's a great team-building event, so we always have a number of businesses get involved."

Since it started, the tournament has raised \$480,000 for children with cancer and their families, so this year's event will bring that total to more than half a million dollars.

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“Human Error” opens Jan. 25 at Public Theatre



Cast members (l. to r., from front) Dale Place, Laura Baranik, Heather Dilly, Terrell Wheeler, and Joe Gately rehearse a scene from the play.

In the timely and provocative new comedy “Human Error,” a blundering fertility doctor mistakenly implants the embryo of a latte-sipping liberal couple into the womb of an NRA-cardholding conservative family.

The play, which makes its East Coast premiere at the Public Theatre in Lewiston on Friday, January 25, takes two families who would never choose to be in the same room together and forces them to try to become friends in nine months “for the good of the child.”

In striking a delicate balance between elements of satire, social commentary, and goofball comedy, playwright Eric Pfeffinger’s script doesn’t weigh in on which world-view might be more right or wrong, but instead asks us to consider all the mundane but essential experiences - such as the fear of being a new parent - where we might find common ground.

“Comedy is a powerful tool for exploring difficult subject matter,” says Pfeffinger. “It lowers your defenses and smuggles big ideas into surprising packages.”

Pfeffinger takes characters who are fans of NPR and Fox News and forces

them to step outside their comfort zones to acknowledge that there are other people in the world who are not just like them.

“The play asks the politically timely question, ‘Will our similarities ever outweigh our differences?’” says Director Christopher Schario.

The production features a cast of exceptional comic actors from New York, several of whom have previously appeared at the Public Theatre.

Starring as the NPR-listening liberal couple are Laura Baranik and Terrell Wheeler. Baranik appeared in Bedlam Theater’s award-winning off-Broadway production of “Sense & Sensibility,” while Wheeler has performed in regional theaters throughout the country and on television’s “Blue Bloods,” “Madam Secretary,” “The Code,” and “Elementary.”

The right-wing side of the political aisle is represented by Joe Gately and Heather Dilly. Gately was last seen at the Public Theatre in “Good People,” while Dilly will be recognized by TPT audiences from her appearances in “Ripcord,” “Love/Sick,” “Indoor Outdoor,” “Gunshy” and “Soccer Moms.”

Rounding out the cast as the hilarious fertility doctor is Dale Place, who last appeared on Broadway with Mary Louise Parker in “Heisenberg,” as well as in plays at Lincoln Center and Shakespeare in the Park. He has a long history of playing comic roles at the Public Theatre.

Set design is by Kit Mayer, lighting by Heather Crocker, and sound by John Morrison.

Once again, the Public Theatre will continue its free pre-show beer tasting, compliments of Baxter Beer, on opening night and its free pre-show wine-tasting, sponsored by Roopers, on Thursday, January 31.

Performances of Eric Pfeffinger’s “Human Error” run January 25 through February 3, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., with an additional matinee on Saturday, February 2 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and only \$5 for those ages 18 and under; there is a special rate of \$17 per person for those attending in groups.

The Public Theatre is located at 31 Maple Street in Lewiston. For more information or to buy tickets, call 782-3200 or see thepublictheatre.org.

Twin City Nights

Maine’s Got Talent schedules open auditions

Maine’s Got Talent will hold three open auditions for Maine-based singers, bands, and musicians of all kinds who will vie for a chance to be selected as one of ten performers to compete for cash prizes during the 2019 event.

Auditions will take place on: Saturday, January 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. on the second floor at Empire Live Music and Events, located at 575 Congress Street in Portland; and Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Community Little Theater, located at 30 Academy Street in Auburn.

Auditions are open to all performing artists who live in Maine, including out-of-state students attending Maine schools. Those auditioning must be 16 years old or older. These live auditions will take place on a first-come, first-served basis. Bands, please bring light set-up; vocalists, please bring soundtrack. For more information, call 782-2150 or visit the Maine’s Got Talent Facebook page.

The auditions will aim to secure ten musical performers and two alternates who will compete for \$750, \$500, and \$250 during the eighth annual Maine’s Got Talent event on March 9 at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston. Past musicians have ranged from eight-person house bands to lone acoustic singer-songwriters, from large-scale collegiate a cappella groups to teen singers with ambition.

Maine’s Got Talent is the annual fundraising event for Lewiston-based non-profit Sandcastle Clinical & Educational Services, which provides a full range of clinical and educational services to individuals of all ages and abilities, and LA Hearing Center. Modeled after popular shows “American Idol” and “America’s Got Talent,” a panel of three local celebrity judges and audience feedback determine winners of first-, second- and third-place cash prizes in front of a live audience. This is the event’s eighth year. Find them on

Facebook at MainesGotTalent.

Located on Strawberry Avenue in Lewiston, Sandcastle Clinical & Educational Services provides a full range of clinical and educational services to people of all ages and abilities. Clinical services include mental health services, speech pathology, audiology (LA Hearing Center), and occupational therapy. Sandcastle’s on-site accredited preschool and pre-K program provides early education to all children in an inclusive setting where children are supported regardless of ability or disability. For more information, see sandcastle-maine.org.

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The next French sing-along session at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College will take place Friday, January 18, at 1:30 p.m. This month, *Les Troubadours* will lead

attendees in singing a selection of seasonal Franco favorites, such as "C'est Dans le Temps du Jour de L'An" and "Mon Dieu Bénissez la Nouvelle Année." Free and

open to all, this monthly event takes place from September through June, usually in Room 170 at the college. For more information, call 576-4109.

Maine Event Comedy at Bear Bones Beer



Chris Thomas

Maine Event Comedy will present Rhode Island's Chris Thomas on Thursday, January 17 at 7 p.m. at Bear Bones Beer in Lewiston. He'll be joined by David McLaughlin, Liam McGurk, and Nick Gordon. An open-

mic will follow the show.

Originally from Cleveland, Chris Thomas weaves his unique perspective on society and culture into hilarious stories. He's performed at Laugh Boston, ImprovBoston, Nick's Com-

edy Stop, and the Rhode Island Comedy Connection.

David McLaughlin hails from Billerica,

Mass. and is not shy about taking his familial issues to the stage. He's an assistant editor at Sugar Films and produces the Clean Comedy Showcase at ImprovBoston.

Despite his sleepy demeanor, Liam McGurk is one of Boston's fastest rising stars. He's a regular at the Comedy Studio, Laugh Boston, and Giggles Comedy Club.

New Gloucester's Nick Gordon lives in a barn and was recently in a hockey fight. He's been winning audiences over with his self-deprecating brand of humor.

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

Diocese's "Totus Tuus" program expands to 12 locations for 2019

After a successful debut summer which saw over 400 teens and children participate, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland's "Totus Tuus" program will expand to twelve locations throughout Maine in 2019.

"Totus Tuus," taken from the episcopal motto of Pope Saint John Paul II, means "Totally Yours." The mission of the week-long program is to inspire in young people from grades 1 through 12 a true longing for holiness. The program is organized by the Diocese of Portland's Office of Vocations.

At present, eight of the 12 host parishes have been announced for this summer: Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Windham, St. Rose of Lima Parish in Jay, Corpus Christi Parish in Waterville,

St. Thérèse of Lisieux Parish in Sanford, St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Scarborough, St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Bangor, and the Parish of the Precious Blood in Caribou. The remaining four sites will be announced soon.

Each session will be led by diocesan seminarians Matthew Valles and Erin Donlon, as well as six college students. The program is currently accepting applications from college students who would like to teach on this summer's team. The application deadline is Friday, February 1. To apply, click on the "Vocations" button at www.portlanddiocese.org.

"If I wanted my child who is in college to really and grow in the faith, I would have a hard time thinking of a better experience than this," said Fr.

Seamus Griesbach, director of the Office of Vocations. "Last year's team realized that in helping young people to deepen their relationship with God, their own faith lives grew as a result."

"Totus Tuus" features daily Mass, prayer of the rosary and the Angelus, classroom teaching, lunch, music, games, and more. The program, originally developed in the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, has proven to be successful in explaining the teachings of the Catholic Church to young people in both rural and urban settings. Participation in the program has exceeded 200,000 people in the U.S.

"It's great to see the young people get excited about their faith and ask good questions," said Liam Gallagher, a diocesan seminarian who led the "Totus Tuus" team in Maine last summer. "They show a real desire to want to grow closer to God and learn more about their faith... That's why we're doing it... It's the new evangelization at work."

Registration to participate will begin on February 15. For updates about "Totus Tuus" in Maine, find them on Facebook at "totustuus-maine".

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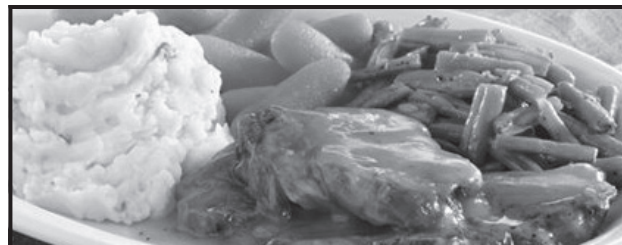
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Thursday, Jan. 17

Great Falls Forum. Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Best-selling Maine novelist Paul Doiron discusses "Telling Maine Stories." Free. Bring your bag lunch. 513-3135; LPLReference@Gmail.com.

Book Discussion. 2 p.m. Morse Memorial Library, 105 Main St., Greene. This month's selection is 2016 National Book Award finalist "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. Multiple copies avail. to borrow. 946-5544; www.morse.lib.me.us.

Maine Event Comedy. 7 p.m. Bear Bones Beer, 43 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Tonight's performers are Chris Thomas, David McLaughlin, Liam McGurk, and Nick Gordon; open-mic follows. Ages 21-plus. Free. 513-0742; maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

Theater: "Lend Me a Tenor." 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents this fast-paced comedy classic involving the greatest tenor of his time, an outrageous bellhop, and mistaken identities. Again Jan. 18-20 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$18/15/12. 783-0958; LACLT.com.

Friday, Jan. 18

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.

Concert: Richard Wood and Gordon Belcher. 7:30 p.m. Annex, Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This versatile duo performs PEI-style Celtic music and songs. \$20. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Saturday, Jan. 19

Bean Supper. 5 p.m. Lunn-Hunnewell Amvets Post 6, Rte. 100, New Gloucester. Two kinds of beans, chop suey, coleslaw, pickles, brown bread, biscuits, assorted pies and beverages. \$8/3.

Sunday, Jan. 20

Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Exit Planning for Business Owners. 12 to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Part 1 of this three-part series is "Know What You Want: Defining Your Goals in Exit Planning." Free. Bring your lunch. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Rotary Breakfast Club Meeting. 7 a.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. The guest speaker is Hannah DeAngelis, Director of Refugee and Immigration Services for Catholic Charities of Maine. All welcome; breakfast \$15.

Thursday, Jan. 24

"Resume and Interview Preparation." 9 to 11:30 a.m. Lewiston Career Center. Pres. by New Ventures Maine, this experiential workshop offers current tools, resources, and guidance for writing an effective resume and preparing for a successful interview. Free. Register at 753-6531.

HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. The topic is "Recruitment Strategy: Organizational Culture and a Strong Leadership Team." \$50 (Chamber members \$25; CMHRA members free). 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Annual Dinner & Awards. 5 to 9 p.m. Ramada Hotel & Conference Center, Lewiston. Following a social hour, the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce presents its annual awards. \$50. 783-2249; www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Friday, Jan. 25

Theater: "Human Error." 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre 31 Maple St., Lewiston. A blundering fertility doctor mistakenly implants the embryo of a latte-sipping liberal couple into the womb of an NRA-cardholding conservative family. Again 1/26-27, 1/31-2/3 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$20/5. 782-3200; thepublictheatre.org

Saturday, Jan. 26

Craft & Vendor Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mixers, 16 Sabattus Rd., Sabattus. There will also be a raffle and 50/50; proceeds benefit Kaydenz Kitchen Food Pantry in Lewiston. 330-5330; emmadudley40@gmail.com.

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, assorted desserts and beverages. \$6/3 (ages 4- free). Take-out available.

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

Bean Supper. 5 p.m.

United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Baked beans, casseroles, hot dogs, coleslaw, bread, beverages and pies; entertainment by the Park Avenue Pickers begins at 4:30 p.m. \$8/4 (kids ages 4- free). 782-3972.

Sunday, Jan. 27

Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

Comedian Bob Marley. 6 p.m. Orion Theatre, Topsham. The well-known comedian presents a teen-friendly comedy show to benefit Mt. Ararat High School's Project Graduation. \$25/20. 798-0404, sirois1988@comcast.net.

Monday, Jan. 28

Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The center screens the comedy "Super Lola," a 2013 made-for-TV movie from France; in French w. English subtitles. Free; donations accepted. www.francocenter.org.

Thursday, Jan. 31

"Fit to a T." 10 to 11 a.m. Central Maine Medical Center, Conference Center, 12 High St., Lewiston. This program for both men and women provides education on fracture prevention, bone health, and osteoporosis. Free. RSVP at 520-8387.

"Your Money Personality." 6 to 8 p.m. Lewiston Adult Education. Pres. by New Ventures Maine, this workshop uses a card-sort activity to help you understand how your habits and attitudes towards money affect your decisions and actions. Free. Register at 753-6531.

Marine Corps League Meeting. 6 p.m. Lewiston Armory, 65 Central Ave. Central ME Detachment 810 needs members: they will pay for your first-year membership. All Marines, FMF Corpsman, Navy Chaplains, and anyone interested in helping local veterans is invited.

Theater: "Human Error." 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre 31 Maple St., Lewiston. A blundering fertility doctor mistakenly implants the embryo of a latte-sipping liberal couple into the womb of an NRA-cardholding conservative family. Again 2/1-3 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$20/5. 782-3200; thepublictheatre.org.

Sunday, Feb. 3

Lewiston Winter

Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

Super Bowl Sunday Table Tour. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Viles Arboretum, 153 Hospital St., Augusta. Prepare for the big game by getting some outdoor activity on the groomed trails while sampling foods from area eateries. \$20 (\$5 ages 10-); toddlers free. 626-7989; www.vilesarboretum.org.

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.

Sunday, Feb. 10

Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Exit Planning for Business Owners. 12 to 1:30 p.m.

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Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Part 2 of this three-part series is "Know Your Options: Open Market Sale, Family Transitions, and Selling to Employees." Free. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Sunday, Feb. 17

Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

Sunday, Feb. 24

Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Mar-

ket Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Exit Planning for Business Owners. 12 to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Part 3 of this three-part series is "Achieve Your Goals: Understanding the Financial, Tax and Legal Issues." Free. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

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.

Design unveiled for new Maine Veteran Honorable Service Coin and Plaque



Coin (front)



Coin (back)



Plaque

The Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services has unveiled the final design for the new State of Maine Honorable Service Coin and Plaque, which will honor all Maine veterans, past and present, regardless of their branch or era of service.

The winning design was submitted by Georgette L. Kanach of Gray, whose design was chosen by popular vote of more than 1,200 Maine veterans.

U.S. military members have a longstanding tradition of carrying special "challenge coins" to symbolize branch and unit identity and foster esprit de corps. In 2002, the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services commissioned the first of four bronze plaques that now hang in the Hall of Flags at the Maine State Capitol, each representing veterans who served in

World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, as well as women veterans. Likenesses of each of the four plaques were made into coins that are regularly presented to Maine veterans based on their era of service.

As many other Maine veterans have served during peacetime and in conflicts other than World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, the Honorable Service Coin was commissioned to honor those veterans who would otherwise not be eligible to receive one of the four previously existing coins. A matching plaque will also be hung in the Hall of Flags at the State House in Augusta.

"The creativity, artistic talent, patriotism and compassion for our veterans was evident in all of the submitted designs, but ultimately, only one could be chosen," said David Richmond, Act-

ing Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services. "On behalf of the Artist Selection Committee and the State of Maine, I extend my congratulations to Ms. Georgette Kanach and thank all of the artists for lending their time and talent to honoring our veterans.

Georgette Kanach of Gray is a proud artist, painter, and mother of two veteran daughters; grandmother to two veteran grandchildren; sister to four veteran brothers; and aunt to many nieces and nephews who have served and who are serving in the military. Kanach says her greatest honor would be to one day present each of her daughters with an Honorable Service Coin.

A formal unveiling ceremony for the Honorable Service Coin and Plaque will be announced.

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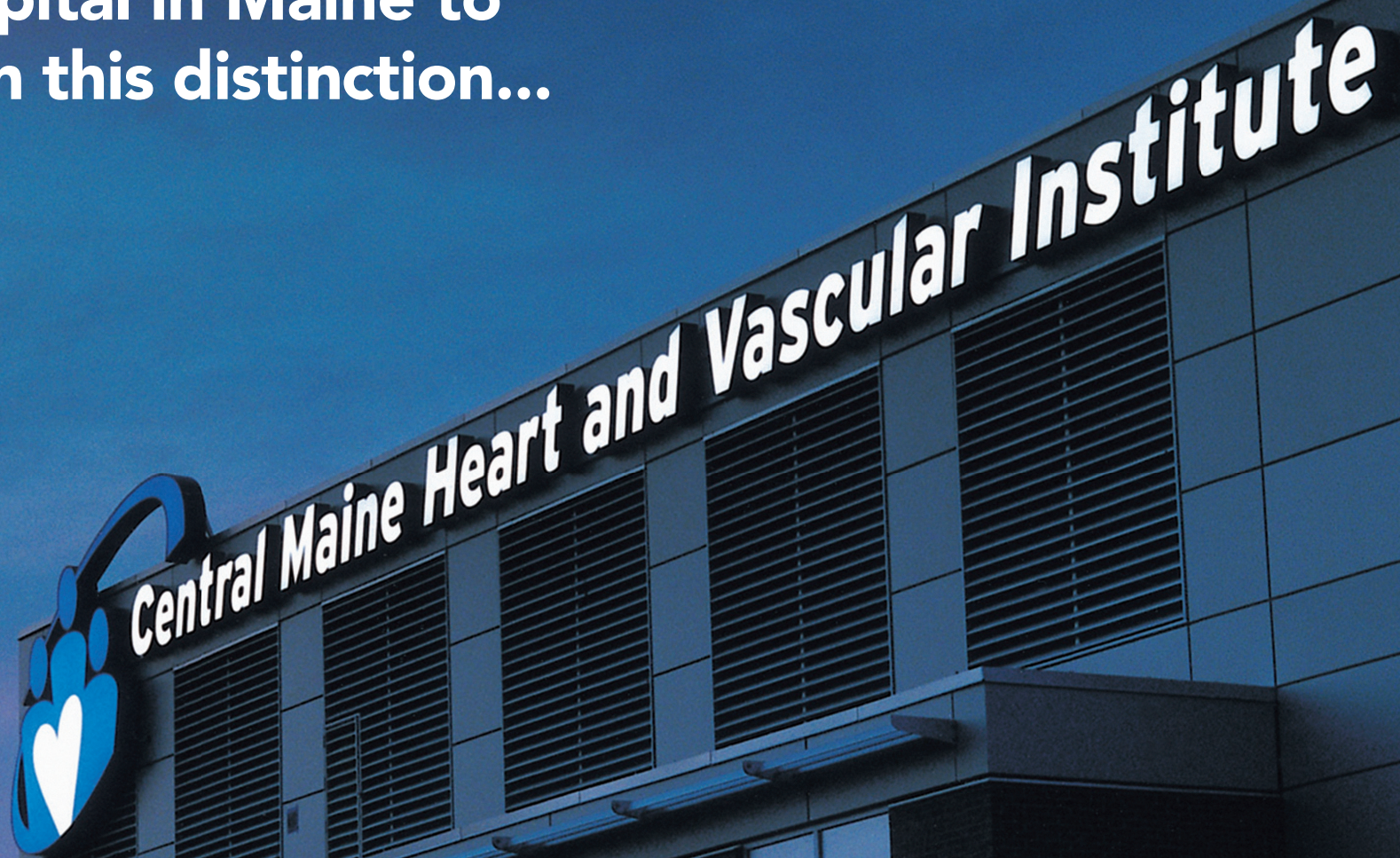
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The Central Maine Heart and Vascular Institute is a center of excellence at CMMC, offering advanced cardiac and vascular diagnostic and treatment services, including interventional cardiology, cardiac surgery and cardiac arrhythmia management, as well as many other advanced procedures. Our expert team provides specialty care to inpatients at CMHVI and CMMC in Lewiston, while outpatient care is delivered from CMHVI's Lewiston offices and at other locations throughout central and western Maine. This recognition distinguishes CMMC for the high-quality care provided to patients as well as its ongoing commitment to quality and safety.

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