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## Fryeburg to welcome Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus



Fryeburg Academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center presents the Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus on Monday, January 20 at 2 p.m.

Welcoming immigrant children from around the globe, the Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus helps restart young lives. War-torn villages, refugee camps, famine, and political turmoil were devastating realities for many of these young singers before being embraced by the warmth, companionship

and harmony that Pihcintu provides. Portland, Maine, an ever-expanding international resettlement community, was fertile ground to bring together children from diverse backgrounds to sing as one. Con Fullam, award-winning producer, musician, and songwriter, combined his passion for music with a deep concern for the effect of world issues on children - creating the Chorus with the help of countless supporting souls from all walks of life.

This unique chorus of young women from Cambodia, China, Congo, El Salvador, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, Viet Nam, British West Indies, and Zambia, along with children whose families have been here for generations, have formed a powerful and permanent bond. Through the healing power of music, these vulnerable, yet brave, young women have learned to trust, *See Chorus, page 13*

## Corthell Hall in Gorham hosts 21st annual studio recital

Celebrate another year's worth of music making with Lauren Rioux's amazing studio. Students perform Bach to Bluegrass, with inspiring professionals Brittany Haas, Joe K. Walsh, and Eve Vernon Sawyer. This year marks 21 years of Lauren's commitment to music education. Concert held Sunday, January 19, 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Corthell Hall, 37 College Avenue, Gorham. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/451640609052130/>.



## WinterKids and Portland Parks and Recreation winter festival

On Saturday, January 18, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., the Welcome to Winter Festival, hosted by WinterKids and Portland Parks, Recreation and Facilities, will give hundreds of Maine kids the thrill of sledding, tubing, snowshoeing, ice skating, and so much more! The 14th annual family-friendly event, presented by Anthem and supported by Diversified Communications and

AAA of Northern New England is free and open to the general public. WinterKids will introduce a variety of outdoor winter activities complete with hot cocoa and coffee from Coffee By Design and snacks from the St. Brigid School and Better Business Bureau. Don't miss Scout Troop One from Portland demonstrating winter camping skills as they keep our "warm up

station" toasty throughout the festivities. The Festival goers will enjoy music, and local mascots including Oakie (Oakhurst), and L.L.Bear with the L.L.Bean Bootmobile and the Portland Mariners' own Beacon. WMTW Channel 8 Meteorologist Sarah Long will emcee the event.

"Our mission is to help children develop healthy *See Festival, page 13*



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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## New administrative assistant at Androscoggin Historical Society

President Curtis Jack is pleased to announce that Renee Giusti has been hired as the administrative assistant of the Androscoggin Historical Society. She has experience in sales and customer support at companies in New York and as office manager of Four Star Lighting and Electric in Lowell, Massachusetts. Locally, she has been a pre-registration specialist at St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Medical Center in Lewiston and farm stand manager at Springworks Farm in Lisbon.

Giusti received her bachelor's degree in English and Art History from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. She is especially interested in the history of art, literature, fashion, and design, and how these relate to politics, the women's movement, and society as a whole.

She remarked, "I am thrilled to be here and hope my enthusiasm and passion for history will spread to the youth of Androscoggin County."

"Renee provides us with a variety of office skills and experience in community outreach," said President



Renee Giusti

Jack. "She has the personality to help the Society meet its several new responsibilities."

Androscoggin Historical Society maintains the Clarence March Library and Davis-Wagg Museum in the Androscoggin County Building in Auburn. It also provides programming

for the Knight House and the West Auburn Schoolhouse. The Society exists to promote the study of the history of the county and its citizens and to preserve the records and artifacts of that history. For more information, call 784-0586 or email info@androhist.org.

## Maine students selected for United States Senate Youth Program

The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) announces that high school students Ms. Elena Ray Clothier and Mr. Michael Paul Delorge will join Senator Susan M. Collins and Senator Angus S. King in representing Maine in the nation's capital during the 58th annual USSYP Washington Week, to be held March 7 through 14. Elena Clothier of Lewiston and Michael Delorge of Biddeford were selected from among the state's top student leaders to be part of the 104 national student delegation who will also each receive a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate study.

The USSYP was created by Senate Resolution 324 in 1962 and has been sponsored by the Senate and fully funded by The Hearst Foundations since inception. Originally proposed by Senators Kuchel, Mansfield, Dirksen and Humphrey, the impetus for the program as stated in Senate testimony is "to increase young Americans' understanding of the interrelationships of the three branches of government, learn the caliber and responsibilities of federally elected and appointed officials, and emphasize the vital importance of democratic decision making not only for America but for people around the world."

Each year this extremely competitive merit-based program brings the most outstanding high school students—two from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity—to Washington, D.C. for an intensive week-long study of the federal government and the people who lead it. The overall mission of the program is to help instill within each class of USSYP student delegates more profound knowledge of the American political process and a lifelong commitment to public



Michael Paul Delorge

service. In addition to the program week, The Hearst Foundations provide each student with a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in government, history and public affairs. Transportation and all expenses for Washington Week are also provided by The Hearst Foundations; as stipulated in S.Res.324, no government funds are utilized.

Elena Clothier, a junior at Lewiston High School, serves on the Principal's Advisory Group at her school. She is a member of the state champion Lewiston Mock Trial team while also being a member of the school lacrosse team and the Blue Notes vocal group. She has been selected to participate in programming from the Androscoggin Valley Education Collaborative. Outside of school, Elena volunteers with SEARCH (Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage and Hope) and visits with members of her community. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a degree in political science and journalism.

Michael Delorge, a senior at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, serves as a member of his school's Student Senate. He also chairs the Senate's Academic Committee, is the president of his school's robotics club, and an active member of his astronomy club. He is an award-winning jazz saxophonist and avid cross country runner. A Biddeford native, Michael is an Eagle Scout and a participant in the state YMCA Youth in Government program. Michael holds a great interest in public health policy and upon graduation, he plans to major in biomedical engineering with a minor in political science.

Chosen as alternates to the 2020 program were Mr. Lance Dinino, a resident of Kennebunk, who attends Kennebunk High School

and Ms. Kristen Caldwell, a resident of Scarborough, who attends Scarborough High School.

Delegates and alternates are selected by the state departments of education nationwide and the District of Columbia and Department of Defense Education Activity, after nomination by teachers and principals. The chief state school officer for each jurisdiction confirms the final selection. This year's Maine delegates and alternates were designated by Pender Makin, Commissioner of Education.

While in Washington the student delegates attend meetings and briefings with senators, members of the House of Representatives, Congressional staff, the president, a justice of the Supreme Court, leaders of cabinet agencies, an ambassador to the United States and senior members of the national media.

In addition to outstanding leadership abilities and a strong commitment to volunteer work, the student delegates rank academically in the top one percent of their states among high school juniors and seniors. Now more than 5,700 strong, alumni of the program continue to excel and develop impressive qualities that are often directed toward public service. Among the many distinguished alumni are: Senator Susan Collins, the first alumnus to be elected U.S. senator; Senator Cory Gardner, the second alumnus to be elected U.S. senator and the first to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, the first alumnus to be elected governor; former Chief Judge Robert Henry, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; former Ambassador to West Germany Richard Burt, former presidential advisors Thomas "Mack" McLarty

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## Amy Dieterich becomes shareholder of Skelton Taintor & Abbott



Amy Dieterich

Effective January 1, attorney Amy Dieterich—whose practice areas include employment law, labor law, family law, commercial litigation, and municipal & government law—has become a shareholder (partner) in the firm. Dieterich joined Skelton Taintor & Abbott in 2014.

“We have been very lucky to have Amy on our team since her return to Maine, and during this time she has developed a diverse practice through hard work and brilliant legal thinking. Her commitment to the local community makes her an asset to this area, as well. We are thrilled to have her take this next step with us as a shareholder,” said Sarah Mitchell, President of Skelton Taintor & Abbott.

“I am beyond honored to join the shareholders of Skelton Taintor & Abbott, who have served our clients and community for generations,” Amy Dieterich said.

Dieterich represents

individual clients and businesses in commercial disputes, family matters, employment and labor law issues, as well as litigation, arbitration, and regulatory proceedings. She was selected for inclusion in 2017, 2018, and 2019 New England Rising Stars© in the category of Business Litigation.

Dieterich was associated with two prominent New York law firms where she gained valuable litigation experience in a wide variety of matters including securities, white collar crime, False Claims Act, ERISA, fraud, contract, and complex commercial disputes. She also previously worked as an Intern for the United States Attorney’s Office, Criminal Division in the Appeals and Major Crimes Divisions. Dieterich’s participation in the community includes her service as a member to the Auburn Board of Assessment Review, on the board of trustees for Acadia

Academy, and as an assistant coach of the Lewiston High School mock trial team.

Amy received her B.A. in Economics, cum laude, from Bryn Mawr College and her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law. While in law school, she received honors as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar for Academic Excellence and was a Managing Editor of the school’s Human Rights Law Review.

In her spare time, Amy enjoys hiking and canoeing with her family in Maine’s parks and on its rivers.

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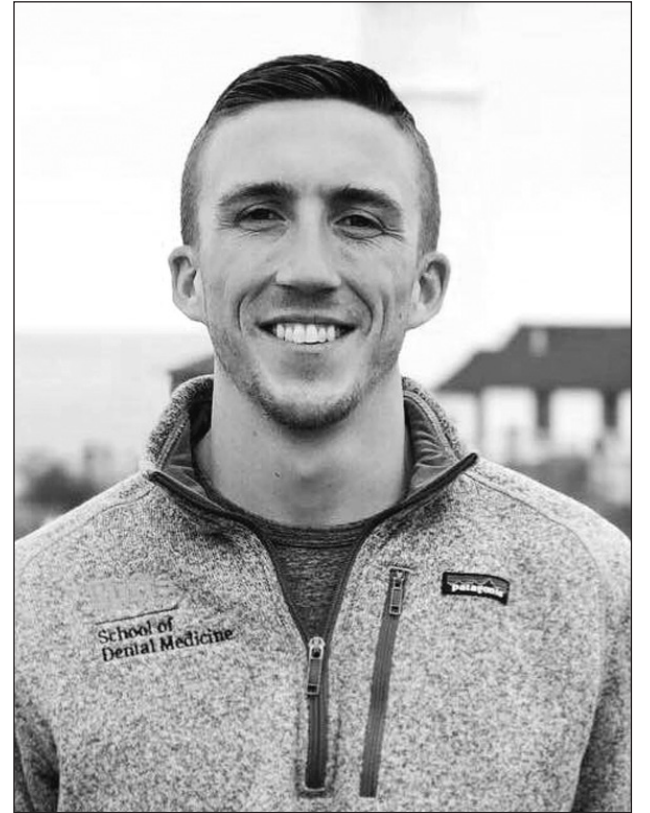
## Lewiston high school graduate receives Maine Dental Association Scholarship

Christian Labonte, a graduate of Lewiston High School who attends the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, was one of 14 students selected to receive the 2019 Alva S. Appleby Scholarship from the Maine Dental Association Charitable Foundation.

Each of the students was awarded \$3,500. To be considered for the annual Appleby Scholarship, a student must be from the state of Maine, have completed their first year of dental school, and be currently enrolled in a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association.

Labonte is a member of the class of 2021 at the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine who received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Maine. He is the son of Mark and Lisa Labonte of Lewiston.

Incorporated in 1867, the Maine Dental Association is a professional



Christian Labonte

membership organization. The MDA works to support members in achieving excellence in dentistry and to

be leaders in oral health in Maine. For more information about the MDA, go to [www.medental.org](http://www.medental.org).

## Sen. Libby welcomes local “Doctor of the Day” to the Maine Senate

Sen. Nate Libby, D-Lewiston, welcomed Dr. Isabella Taylor, D.O., also of Lewiston, to the Maine Senate as the Doctor of the Day on January 8. Dr. Taylor practices family medicine at Central Maine Medical Center.

Launched in 1997, the Doctor of the Day is a volunteer program that provides medical assistance at the State House in the event of a medical emergency. The



Sen. Libby and Dr. Taylor

program is operated with the cooperation and support of a number of organizations in-

cluding the Maine Medical Association and the Maine Osteopathic Association.

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# What's Going On

## Educate Maine releases "Education Indicators for Maine" 2019 Report

Educate Maine released its seventh annual Education Indicators for Maine report Monday. The report is an in-depth examination of Maine's education system beginning in early childhood and continuing through postsecondary education. The ten indicators measure access, participation, and performance across the system, providing a snapshot of what is working well and where investments in Maine's education system are needed.

New this year, the report includes disaggregated data based on race/ethnicity and gender. This information is essential to understanding how to better support all Maine students, including Maine's increasingly diverse student population.

"The main takeaways from this year's Education Indicators for Maine are consistent with previous reports, with additional valuable data regarding diverse students," said Educate Maine Executive Director Jason Judd, Ed.D. "In summary, to well prepare Maine students for postsecondary education and the workforce requires continued investment in expanding access to early learning programs beginning at birth, especially for economically disadvantaged and diverse students. Maine also must remain committed to efforts to close the achievement gap for disadvantaged and diverse youth, improve proficiency at every grade level for all students, and increase the number of Mainers with postsecondary degrees or credentials."

Education Indicators for Maine finds progress has been made in several key areas. Notably, the number of Maine people achieving a post-secondary credential of value, (a skilled trade certificate or a college degree that connects a person to a good job and career in Maine), has increased from 37% in 2013 to 45%, surpassing the original 2019 goal of 44%. Educate Maine and its partners in the MaineSpark coalition are working toward 60% by 2025, the state-based attainment goal that will ensure Maine's workforce is productive and competitive.

Additional positive findings in Education Indicators for Maine include that the proportion of school districts offering full-day kindergarten has increased to 98% from 87% in 2013, with Maine doing slightly better than New England on this measure (96%). College completion rates also have increased: 62% of students who enter college complete within 150% of normal program time, compared to 50% in 2013.

Data indicates the on-going achievement gap for Maine's economically disadvantaged students (those eligible for the National School Lunch Program) continues to be a challenge. Lower income students start school well behind their peers, continuously perform below their peers by wide margins, and attend college well below the rate of their non-economically disadvantaged peers (50% vs. 75%). 45% of students who are economically disadvantaged complete degrees vs. 70%

of those who are not.

Achievement gaps are also significant by race/ethnicity. Reading and math proficiency are lower among American Indian, Alaska Native, Black, and Hispanic students. Four-year high school graduation rates for these students, as well as students of two or more races, is lower than Maine's total high school graduation rate, which was 87% in 2018. Supporting diverse students is the focus of a recent Educate Maine and Maine State Chamber of Commerce policy brief, *Helping Diverse Students Thrive*.

"It is encouraging that Maine education, business and policy leaders are already building on the successes the report identifies and working to address challenge areas head on," added Judd. "It is our collective responsibility to prepare today's students for postsecondary education and the workforce. Success in school will result in bright futures and promising career paths for Maine youth, and a strong workforce to help grow Maine's economy."

For the full report, please go to <http://www.educatemaine.org/research-reports>.

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## Lewiston Adult Promise collaborative bolsters higher education support for adults



Lewiston Adult Promise Collaborative representatives at a recent gathering at USM's Lewiston Auburn Campus.

In a creative display of collaboration and coordination, a host of educational institutions and community partners in Androscoggin County have joined forces to support adult learners beginning or completing their degrees, obtaining certifications, and seeking trainings. Led by the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) and the University of Southern Maine (USM), this joint effort received a \$10,000 pilot grant from MaineSpark's Adult Promise which was used to assemble the Lewiston Adult Promise (LeAP) collaborative. LeAP participants include the following schools: UMA, USM, Central Maine Community College, and Maine College of Healthcare Professions. Other involved community groups include Community Concepts, Lewiston-Auburn Adult Ed, Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services, YWCA, Lewiston Public Library, and LA Metro Chamber of Commerce.

LeAP seeks adult learners looking to earn post-secondary credentials, change careers, or learn a new trade or skill needing

support in achieving their goals. Often financial aid is provided to aspiring adults who are having difficulty completing their schooling due to external or unexpected factors.

For the last year and a half, representatives have been meeting with local community partners to discuss current resources, struggles that students face, and how to work together to broadcast the message that support for credential attainment is available. Since last summer, LeAP awarded nearly \$75,000 in scholarships and emergency funds to 58 local adult learners, funded by a special grant from the Maine Community Foundation. These funds were used for expenses such as tuition, car repairs, childcare, books, housing costs, and more.

"Without this collaborative support, the higher education aspirations of adults in this region may not have been realized," stated Jonathan Henry, LeAP Co-Chair and UMA Vice President of Enrollment Management and Marketing. "Small, unexpected disruptions or bar-

riers can derail an adult from pursuing or completing a credential of value, with the goal of obtaining well-paying employment," Henry continued. "The LeAP collaborative seeks to fill the gap in Maine's workforce, and provide wrap around support to get adult students to the finish line—a college degree or post-secondary credential."

MaineSpark is a 10-year commitment from Maine's most influential education and business leaders to work together to ensure that Maine's workforce is productive and competitive. The Lewiston Adult Promise, LeAP's pilot grant, is composed of a network of agencies and institutions working on providing information, support, and resources for those looking to start or finish a degree or certificate, switch industries, or move up in their field. The goal is to have over 60% of adults in the region with a credential of value that will advance workforce needs and personal career goals by the year 2025. For more information, please visit: <https://mainespark.me/>.

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## Maine Harvest for Hunger reaches 3 million pounds of produce donated for those in need

Since 2000, Maine Harvest for Hunger, a program coordinated by University of Maine Cooperative Extension, has distributed more than 3 million pounds of food to citizens grappling with hunger.

This year, the program donated more than 193,000 pounds of fresh produce from over 120 farms in the state. The donations went to 207 hunger-alleviation distribution sites.

Maine Harvest for Hunger had 365 volunteers this year, including UMaine Extension Master Gardeners, and eight corporate partners from 12 counties who logged over 6,000 hours. The value of the produce they harvested is estimated at over \$327,000.

According to the USDA Economic Research Service, Maine has the highest rate of food insecurity in New England. The USDA estimates over 13.6% of Maine households—over 182,000 individuals—are food insecure. According to Feeding America, 18.5% of Maine children experienced food insecurity in 2017.

Since 2000, UMaine Extension's Maine Harvest for Hunger has mobilized Master Gardener Volunteers, home gardeners, farmers, businesses, schools, and civic groups to grow, glean, and donate quality produce to distribution sites (pantries, shelters, community meals) and directly to neighbors in need. The goal is to mitigate hunger, improve nutrition and health, and help recipients develop lifelong positive nutritional habits.

In addition, educa-

tional programs, such as Hancock County's Eat Well Volunteers, have focused on engaging food pantry recipients in learning appropriate methods of cooking and using fresh produce. Statewide Extension programs help teach Mainers to grow more of their own fresh garden produce.

Now in its 20th season, Maine Harvest for Hunger has continued to improve the efficiency of supplying fresh produce to food pantries across Maine through building partnerships. For example, through Maine Harvest for Hunger volunteer planning and communications, several food pantries are now sending trucks and vans directly to the farm where gleaning is taking place.

Maine has approximately 130 community gardens and many of them are supported by Extension staff and Master Gardener Volunteers. As a result, more than 30 of them now have added a Maine Harvest for Hunger area to their community garden and contributed almost 20,000 pounds in 2019.

To connect with the Maine Harvest for Hunger program, contact a local program coordinator. More information about how to support the program is online.

As a trusted resource for over 100 years, University of Maine Cooperative Extension has supported UMaine's land and sea grant public education role by conducting community-driven, research-based programs in every Maine county. UMaine Extension helps support, sustain and

grow the food-based economy. It is the only entity in our state that touches every aspect of the Maine Food System, where policy, research, production, processing, commerce, nutrition, and food security and safety are integral and interrelated. UMaine Extension also conducts the most successful out-of-school youth educational program in Maine through 4-H.

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's land grant, sea grant and space grant university. As Maine's flagship public university, UMaine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community service. UMaine is the state's only public research university and among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast. It attracts students from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. UMaine currently enrolls 11,561 undergraduate and graduate students who have opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research with world-class scholars. UMaine offers more than 100 degree programs through which students can earn master's, doctoral or professional science master's degrees, as well as graduate certificates. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campuswide to conserve energy, recycle and adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit [umaine.edu](http://umaine.edu).

# What's Going On

## Lewiston's Adult Learning Center moves upstairs to new home



Lewiston Adult Education Director Bill Grant stands in front of a banner showing the entrance to the new location of the Adult Learning Center at Longley School.

Lewiston Adult Education's Adult Learning Center has headed upstairs in Longley Elementary School.

Adult education teachers moved desks and chairs from the basement to spaces once occupied by the elementary school. The rooms and the library became vacant last fall after the closure of Longley and Martel schools and the opening of Connors Elementary School.

The new Adult Learning Center opened in their new location on Monday, January 13.

Lewiston Adult Education Director Bill Grant

put up a large banner at the entrance on the left-hand side of Longley School to help students find the new location of the learning center. Orange traffic cones with arrow signs point from the main entrance of Longley School to the side door beyond the front playground.

Lewiston High School's alternative education program has classrooms at the front of the building. Alternative education and adult education are in separate areas of Longley School, with the former cafeteria between them.

The Adult Learning Center offers high school

equivalency tests, English language lessons and citizenship classes. The school library now has computers used for High School Equivalency Test, the HiSET, which has replaced the GED in Maine.

Adult Education teacher Don Roux said when he began teaching the late 1980s, room one in the basement was being used for pottery classes and had a kiln. The room could be very hot from the pottery being fired but it was the only classroom with a window.

"30 years and I've finally moved up to the first floor," he said.

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The public is invited to participate in a French sing-along at 1:30 p.m. Friday, January 17, in Room 170 at the University of Southern Maine Lewiston-Auburn College.

Les Troubadours will lead in a selection of local Franco favorites. The sing-alongs are held from September through May. Admission is free. Call the USM Stormline at (207) 780-4800 to check for cancellations. For more information, call (207) 576-3212.

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### LA Metro Chamber announces 2020 annual award winners

The Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is celebrating the work of community leaders and change makers through their annual awards. On January 23, community members will gather at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center by Wyndham Lewiston for the 2020 LA Metro Chamber Annual Award Dinner presented by Androscoggin Bank.

Every year, the LA Metro Chamber celebrates the work of four individuals and one business who has shown great pride, leadership, and made advancements in their work. These awardees are being recognized for their incredible contribution to our community and region.

This year, the LA Metro Chamber recognizes the following individuals and business in celebration of their work in our community:

**Ray Geiger Chamber Champion Award:** The Ray Geiger Award is the highest honor given to a member by the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. It is our most prestigious award. It is given to an individual who has proven to be a champion

of and for the LA Metro Chamber. The award is presented to an individual who has invested a great deal of time, energy, and resources into furthering the LA Metro Chamber's mission and working toward bettering our communities.

**The 2020 Ray Gegier Chamber Champion Award** is awarded to Robin Robbins of Androscoggin Bank.

**Theresa Samson Women's Business Leadership Award:** The Theresa Samson Women's Business Leadership Award honors a successful woman business owner or primary manager for her business success, career achievements and contributions to the community. Businesses led by women are and will continue to have a noticeable impact on the economy. This annual award helps inspire the continued growth of women leading businesses in our community.

**The 2020 Theresa Samson Women's Business Leadership Award** is awarded to Sandy Buchanan of Western Maine Transportation Services.

**Ken Additon Small Business Advocacy Award:** The Ken Additon Small Business Advocacy Award

goes to an individual who has demonstrated commitment to small-business advocacy above and beyond policies that specifically impact their own business or industry and a proven history of volunteer efforts to advance and improve the overall small-business community, as well as success in advocating for pro-small business policies and success and growth as a small-business owner.

**The 2020 Ken Additon Small Business Advocacy Award** is awarded to Mark Samson of Dirigo Federal Credit Union.

**Community Service Award:** The Community Service Award honors outstanding individuals or organizations that give their time and expertise to the community, above and beyond their own field of endeavor, and demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in all they do. The recipient is an inspiration to the community, both in their profession and in their efforts to make the LA region a better place to live, work and play.

**The 2020 Community Service Award** is awarded to Maureen Andrew of Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice.

**Business Leadership Award:** A business, agency, organization, community or non-profit corporation, which has helped invigorate the economic health of the area while also contributing to the social, cultural, intellectual or physical well-being of the LA region.

**The 2020 Business Leadership Award** is awarded to Emerson Chevy Buick, accepted by John Emerson.

"These are individuals and businesses who have worked tirelessly to support our region" said Shanna Cox, President and CEO of the LA Metro Chamber. "The folks who are nominated for these awards are the type of people

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### Sixth St. Church Public Supper

There will be a public supper at Sixth St. Congregational Church at 109 Sixth St. in Auburn on Saturday, January 25 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00

p.m. The menu consists of two kinds of beans, brown bread, cole slaw, red and brown hot dogs, American chop suey, macaroni and cheese, chili, as-

sorted desserts and beverage. The cost of the meal is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 5 to 12, under age 5 is free. All are welcome. Take out is available.

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Have you ever forgotten why you fell in love with the person you're married to? Then we recommended a date night to The Public Theatre for the hilarious and touching comedy *Sexy Laundry*, playing January 24 through February 2.

The routines of marriage, kids and life have taken their toll on Alice and Henry. Alice wants to spice up their marriage and reconnect with Henry, an engineer who has little sense of adventure and would prefer to just watch an hour of his favorite news show without being interrupted. She wants that spark they once had long ago, and the body she once had long ago, and the laugh she once had long ago that she can't seem to find anymore. Armed with a library copy of *Sex for Dummies*, they check in to a luxury hotel to rekindle their romance.

*Sexy Laundry* looks at the common issue of how

the stress of career, family and age can affect a couple. Director Janet Mitchko says, "*Sexy Laundry* is perhaps the most perfect date night show The Public Theatre has ever produced. It is also a show that men and women will equally enjoy and relate to and it's going to hit home with everyone who has ever been part of a 'couple' in a powerful and wonderful way".

Funny, lovable and filled with knowing chuckles, Henry and Alice's touching rediscovery of themselves and each other will put a smile on your face, a lump in your throat and possibly a new spring in your step. You won't see a funnier, more entertaining or true to life show this theatre season.

Performing in this play is a delightful pair of professional actors; Maura O'Brien (Alice) and Russell Berrigan (Henry).

Audiences will recognize Maura O'Brien as Marilyn in *Ripcord* two seasons ago. She has also appeared at TPT in *Last Mass at Saint Casimir's*, *Secrets of a Soccer Mom* and *Lost in Yonkers*. Russell Berrigan was last seen in our production of *A Christmas Carol* as Bob Cratchit and *Marley's Ghost*. You may remember his performances in *Marjorie Prime* and *Sideman*.

Once again, The Public Theatre will continue its FREE pre-show events on opening night with a beer sampling compliments of Baxter Brewing on January 24th, and a wine-tasting in the lobby provided by Rooper's before the Thursday, January 30th performance. A free post-show discussion featuring the cast and director will also directly follow the Sunday, January 26th matinee.

*Sexy Laundry* will be performed at The Public Theatre, Lewiston/Auburn's Professional Theatre, January 24 thru February 2. Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. with a Saturday matinee on February 1 at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$22 groups. For tickets visit [thepublictheatre.org](http://thepublictheatre.org) or call 782-3200. The Theatre is located at 31 Maple St. Lewiston.

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## MLK Day at Bates College: Psychologist's talk on power of hidden prejudice



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Devoting a day and a half to programming derived from King's racial justice legacy, Bates presents Stanford psychologist Jennifer Lynn Eberhardt with the keynote address: "Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think and Do." Also featuring an interfaith service, an ample offering of workshops, a debate between Bates and Morehouse students, and an evening performance. The events take place Sunday and Monday, January 19 and 20. Free, however tickets are required for certain events. Full schedule can be found at [bates.edu/MLK](http://bates.edu/MLK). For more information 207-786-6400.

## Marine Corps League meeting

Marine Corps League Central Maine Det. 810 will host its monthly meeting on January 30. The meeting will take place at the Lew-

iston Armory, 65 Central Ave, Lewiston, at 6 p.m. All Marines, FMF Corpsman and Navy Chaplains are invited to attend. Any-

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## Marathon runner reaches goal of running in all 50 states



Mike Brooks (r), Multi-marathon Runner and a 33 year veteran firefighter of the Auburn Fire Department, and Nancy Reynold (l), review the table set up for his presentation of his other career, starting when he turned 50, running marathons (Photo by Rachel Morin)

Speaking at USM's Lewiston Auburn Senior College's Food for Thought Luncheon Series on January 10, Mike Brooks outlined his goal of running a marathon in each of the 50 states, which he completed in 2003. He set his next challenge to conquer The

Badwater Ultramarathon which describes itself as "the world's toughest foot race." It is a 135-mile course starting at 282 feet below sea level in the Badwater Basin, in California's Death Valley, and ending at an elevation of 8,360 feet at Mount Whitney, the highest

mountain in the continental U.S.

His book, "BAD-WATER AND BEYOND A THOUSAND RACES, PLACES AND FACES" will tell the reader with humor, the many stories associated with his mammoth marathons.

## Maine Event Comedy presents Janet McNamara at Craft Brew Underground

Maine Event Comedy presents Boston Comedy Festival finalist Janet McNamara at Craft Brew Underground, Friday, January 17, at 8 p.m. The show will also feature Mike Gray and Ben Chadwick.

McNamara has regaled audiences all over New England with her authentic conversational style and awkwardly charming energy. She won the 2014 BeanTown Comedy Riots and has been featured Women in Comedy Festival, Asheville Comedy Festival, and Burbank Comedy Festival. She was the 'Golden Idol' winner of American Idol season 10, an appearance that introduced a national



Janet McNamara

audience to her joie de vivre and infectious energy. Janet does not speak French.

"The Pride of Bidd-eford," Gray is living proof that a horrible childhood can turn into an equally horrible

adulthood. He performs throughout New England and was a finalist in the 2017 Best Bar Comic Competition.

Chadwick performs throughout Maine and recently opened for nationally touring comedians Eddie Pepitone and JT Habersaat.

The show is for ages 21-and-older; admission is pay-what-you-can. Craft Brew Underground is located at 34 Court Street in Auburn. It was voted the No. 1 Craft Beer Bar in Maine and offers more than 200 choices of craft beer, cider, and wine. For more information call/text (207) 513-0742 or email maineventcomedy@gmail.com.

## Maine Event Comedy presents The Tightest Five finals

Maine Event Comedy's Tightest Five contest returns to Bear Bones Beer with the final round on Thursday, January 16 at 7 p.m.

Any stand-up comedian will tell you they have a tight five minutes, but who has the Tightest Five? Mark Turcotte will host five finalists as they perform their best five minutes of original material in hopes of winning bragging rights and over \$200 in cash and prizes.

Finalists include Anita Alef, Chris Fritz, Nick Gordon, Ian MacDonald, and Tyler Morrow.

Tuck Tucker and Joe

Flynn will be the evening's featured comedians. Tucker is a founding member of Portland's Running with Scissors improv group and was a finalist on HBO's Lucky 21 Comedy Showcase. He's performed at the Hartford Funny Bone, the Rhode Island Comedy Connection and the Comedy Nest in Montreal.

Flynn performed at last year's Bricks and Bridges Comedy Fest and is a frequent opener for Vinny Favorito. He is available for kids' parties, but only if you're a terrible parent.

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## 'Man Vs. Bear' on the Discovery Channel features Auburn resident



For thousands of years, Grizzly Bears have stood at the top of the evolutionary food chain with unchallenged dominance. Now for the first time ever, humans will be entering the bears' territory and take them on in a competition like never attempted. "Man Vs. Bear", an all-new competition series pitting humans against powerful Grizzlies, premiered Wednesday, December 4 on Discovery.

Each week, three Grizzlies—Bart, Honey Bump and Tank—will take on three new human competitors, one of which is Auburn resident Jesse Erickson, at their Utah sanctuary to test the limits of strength, speed and stamina. All challenges will be based on the bears' natural instincts as well as predatory skills and actions—whether it's engaging in a monumental game of "tug of war" or using brute force to roll giant logs.

Bart is the largest, most powerful grizzly on the mountain with no other bears matching his strength and versatility. Topping the pack as the fastest is Honey Bump, who is the only female on Bear Mountain. She brings a level of ferocity and predatory instinct that her male counterparts cannot beat. Bart and Honey Bump were orphaned as cubs and discovered by an Alaska State Trooper. After a nationwide search for a loving home for the rescued cubs, they were adopted by caretakers Doug and Lynne Seus. Along with Tank—known for his voracious appetite—the Seuses have raised and cared for all three bears for two decades on a sprawling section of protected land.

Each episode will include five distinct challenges inspired by what bears do naturally in the wild, pushing these brave men and women to their absolute limits. In the final round, the top two competitors will come face-to-face with Bart, who stands 8 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 1,400 pounds. The human

competitor who earns the most points of the day will be named champion.

But the competition isn't over yet. At the end of the season, the top three competitors with the most points will return one more time for the super-human showdown against the bears.

"Competing against bears is both scary and exciting," said Ira, an MMA fighter and competitor from Dallas, Texas. "It's competing against the unknown. This is a completely new challenge for me."

The series will also include blow-by-blow commentary from on-the-ground experts Brandon Tierney and Casey Anderson.

Brandon is an Emmy Award-winning sports commentator and host of CBS Sports Radio's nationally syndicated show Tiki and Tierney. He's no stranger to live sporting events—hosting game coverage for the New York Knicks and serving as a commentator for college basketball for the last 20 years.

Casey is a wildlife expert with 25 years of experience and has lived with bears nearly his entire life. After graduating college, he became a wildlife filmmaker and expert on animal biology and behavior. He's also the founder of the Montana Grizzly Encounter and has rescued seven bears from inhumane captivity situations.

Grizzlies are extremely clever and lightning fast animals. Do these humans stand a chance? And will the humans be able to prove that they're the ultimate predators...or simply prey?

In addition to watching the series on Discovery, viewers can stream new episodes each week on the Discovery GO app. Viewers can also get to know the bears and discover more about their lives on Bear Mountain. And while learning more about these fiercely talented grizzlies, viewers are encouraged to find out which bear matches their own personality with an interactive quiz. Viewers

can join the conversation on social media by using the hashtag #ManVsBear and follow Discovery on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for the latest updates.

Man Vs. Bear is produced for Discovery Channel by Kinetic Content, a Red Arrow Studios company, with Chris Coelen, Eric Detwiler, Vincent Cariati, Steve Kaufman, Paul Lima and Karrie Wolfe as executive producers. For Discovery Channel, Joseph Boyle and Bill Howard are executive producers and Jessica Mollo is associate producer.

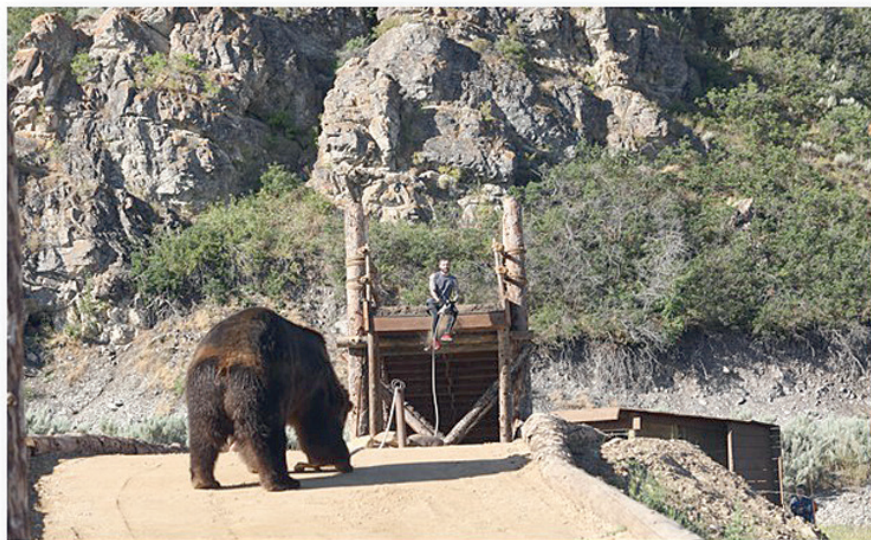
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## Southworth Planetarium in Portland presents Larry Cat in Space

Larry Cat in Space is a playful, imaginative cartoon presentation about an inquisitive cat who takes a trip to the Moon. Through Larry's eyes, we observe his human family, a group of enthusiastic sky-watchers. Larry notes how human time differs from cat time. Diana takes a job on the Moon, and sadly leaves Larry behind. Larry figures out a way to hide in her clothes trunk.

The trunk and Larry are loaded onto the Space Plane, which takes him to space station Freedom. From there, he is transferred to the Lunar Shuttle. During weightlessness, the trunk opens. Larry floats out into the cabin and looks out the window. When Diana discovers Larry, he leaps to greet her, but sails over her head, since he only weighs two pounds in lunar gravity.

He meets the rest of Imbrium Village's inhabitants, including the evil Commander Stone, who orders Diana to return Larry to Earth. The Moon base crew petitions to keep Larry, and the Commander relents. He even makes Larry a cat space suit. When Larry ventures outside, he spots the Earth, looking a lot like the Moon did from the porch at home.

Showings are Saturday, January 18 and Sunday,



January 19 3 to 4 p.m. and Monday, January 20 at 1 to 2 p.m. at Southworth Planetarium, 70 Falmouth St,

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## Girl Scouts of Maine to host new member sign-up events

Girl Scouts of Maine (GSME) announces that it will host New Member Sign-Up events for potential members and volunteers at locations throughout the state every month. Below is a list of events in your area.

These events will bring together girls from kindergarten through third grade and their caregivers and allow them to discover why Girl Scouting is important to the development of girls, how it relates to the success of young women today, and the important role that adults play.

“Girl Scouts helps girls develop their full potential,” says Joanne Crepeau, CEO of Girl Scouts of Maine. “When a girl becomes a Girl Scout, she grows into a young woman who is self-confident, strong and

compassionate. She learns how to build and maintain healthy relationships. She becomes more aware of the world around her and uses her skills and talents to make her world a better place.”

These New Member Sign-Up events are just some of the many events that GSME will be holding this year. Here is a list of events in your area:

January 21, Clinton Elementary School, 6 p.m., 75 Morrison Avenue, Clinton; January 21, Washburn Elementary School, 6 p.m., 35 Lake Auburn Avenue, Auburn; January 21, Poland Community School, 6 p.m., 1250 Maine Street, Poland; January 22, Wiscasset Elementary School, 6 p.m., 83 Federal Street, Wiscasset; January 22, Windsor El-

ementary School, 6 p.m., 366 Ridge Road, Windsor; January 22, Turner Primary School, 6 p.m., 59 Cobb Road, Turner; January 23, Spruce Mountain Elementary School, 6 p.m., 12 Tiger Drive, Jay; January 23, Paris Elementary School, 6 p.m., 4 Hathaway Road, South Paris; For more information about Girl Scouts or to see a full list of New Member Sign-Up events, visit [girlscoutsofmaine.org](http://girlscoutsofmaine.org) or call 888-922-4763.

Girl Scouts of Maine builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. GSME provides services and support to nearly 13,000 girl and adult members statewide and operates service centers and shops in South Portland and Bangor.

## Church bean supper

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uary 25, 5 p.m. First Congregational Church of Gray, Route 115, Gray. Adults \$8.00, under 12, \$4.00.

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who aren't seeking recognition for their work – which is why they deserve to be celebrated,” Cox continued.

The Annual Awards will

be presented to the awardees during the 2020 Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner Presented by Androscoggin Bank—an elegant affair complete with

a cocktail hour, live music, live auction, and three course dinner. Join the LA Metro Chamber on January 23 at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center by Wyndham Lewiston from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

## MDIFW biologists and helicopter crews plan to capture and collar 130 moose next week

Next week, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife biologists will be capturing and collaring 130 moose as Maine's moose survival study enters its sixth year and focuses on a new study area.

Maine's moose population fluctuates in response to many factors, including calf birth and adult survival rates. MDIFW, in cooperation and collaboration with the University of New Hampshire, New Hampshire Fish and Game, Vermont Fish and Game, and the University of Maine-Animal Health Lab has been conducting a study that monitors calf and adult survival rates and closely examines causes of death for moose.

The study, which began in the winter of 2014, started in western Maine (WMD 8), and, in 2016, a second study area in northern Maine (WMD 2) was added. In those five years, 475 moose were captured by helicopter-launched nets and fitted with a GPS collar. These collars enable staff to remotely track moose locations and movements over time, and to be notified via text/email message if a moose dies. Adult cows are monitored each spring and summer to determine birth rates and survival rates of calves. For each collared moose, biologists collect detailed health information, including a blood sample, parasite loads, body condition, and winter tick loads. This

information is providing our researchers with an unprecedented, in-depth look at moose health, including the impact of parasites on survival and reproduction.

In the coming weeks, Maine's moose biologist Lee Kantar, several other MDIFW staff members and Native Range Wildlife Capture Services will first be collaring 35 calves in northern Aroostook county (WMD 2), and collaring 35 calves in western Maine (WMD 8) and another 60 calves will be collared in WMD 4, which is located north of Moosehead Lake (northern Somerset and Piscataquis counties).

Expanding the study to WMD 4 will provide vital information documenting the impact of winter tick on Maine's moose. Winter tick significantly impacts the survival of calves and may be impacting pregnant cows during the end of their pregnancy, causing extra stress on body condition due to blood loss. This increase in winter tick is partially a consequence of the changing climate, resulting in milder winters and creating a greater opportunity for tick survival. With parasites and disease, a larger moose population leads to greater chance of transfer, ultimately causing higher mortality rates. It is a high priority for MDIFW to find ways to diminish the impacts of parasites and disease. For this reason, the agency is considering methods of selectively

lowering the moose population in certain parts of the state to decrease the chance for parasite and disease transfer, eventually leading to a healthier population.

MDIFW also conducts aerial surveys to estimate moose abundance and the composition (bull, cow, and calf) across Maine's core range of moose. This aerial survey data, combined with reproductive data from female moose (ovaries) and age data from moose teeth (removed at registration stations), is providing biologists with a more complete picture of Maine's moose population size and composition than ever before.

Maine's moose hunters also contribute to Maine's moose study. Successful hunters with a cow permit must provide the ovaries from their harvested cow moose so biologists can continue to evaluate ovulation and reproductive rates; two critical pieces of information to monitor population growth and decline.

MDIFW contracts with Native Range Capture Services out of Elko, Nevada to capture and collar the moose. The crew specializes in capturing and collaring large animals by helicopter and using net guns to capture and collar female moose and calves. Funding for the study comes from a federal Pittman-Robertson grant (funded by the sale of hunting equipment) and the state's dedicated moose fund (funded through sale of non-resident moose applications and permits).

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## St. Mary's Regional Medical Center completes expansion and renovation



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The expansion and renovation of St. Mary's Poland Family Practice included the addition of 2,200 square feet of new space, four new exam rooms, enhanced space for clinical staff, improvements to restrooms and a redesign of the entryway to better welcome patients.

Several members of St. Mary's team celebrated the completion of the Poland Family Practice's expansion and renovation project.



## MaineCF grants available for Androscoggin County nonprofits

Nonprofit and public organizations seeking funding for projects that strengthen communities are encouraged to apply to the Maine Community Foundation's Community Building Grant Program.

A volunteer committee of Androscoggin County residents and community leaders reviews proposals and makes recommendations for funding. The deadline for applying is February 15, 2020. Application, guidelines, and a list of 2019 grants are available at [www.maineCF.org](http://www.maineCF.org).

In 2019, the committee awarded \$35,779 in grants

to six nonprofits. They included:

Center for Wisdom's Women, to build organizational, technical, and financial capacity during a period of growth and transition; Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn, to support increased staff time of the coordinator to further outreach, education, and community involvement; ProsperityME, to more effectively reach and engage the immigrants in Lewiston/Auburn with financial literacy classes and counseling.

The Androscoggin County Fund is built through donations from the commu-

nity. If you would like more information about the fund, please contact Director of Grantmaking Laura Lee at 1-877-700-6800 or [llee@mainecf.org](mailto:llee@mainecf.org).

Headquartered in Ellsworth, with additional personnel in Portland, Dover-Foxcroft, and Mars Hill, the Maine Community Foundation works with donors and other partners to provide strong investments, personalized service, local expertise, and strategic giving to improve the quality of life for all Maine people. To learn more about the foundation, visit [www.maineCF.org](http://www.maineCF.org).

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## MCCS President Daigler offers workforce solutions at Eggs & Issues



Maine's community colleges are steadily increasing job training opportunities across the state, but additional funding is needed to train more people, Maine Community College System President David Daigler said last Wednesday.

"Maine's community colleges are working to give people the 21st-century skills they need," he told the audience at Eggs & Issues, a Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce event.

Daigler said that in the last two years, funds from the legislature, bonds, grants, gifts and strategic reserves have been used to purchase new equipment and expand programs, such as new offerings in additive manufacturing, plumbing and heating, healthcare, hospitality and tourism management, sustainable construction and residential and commercial electricity.

New equipment includes nursing simulation centers, life-size virtual

anatomy tables, an esports gaming arena and vehicles for the commercial driving license programs.

The system's short-term training programs are also expanding, but Daigler said additional funding is needed to meet the high demand from both businesses seeking skilled workers and trainees looking to gain or improve their job skills. The training is funded by the MCCS Maine Quality Centers (MQC) program, which partners with Maine employers to provide customized training that is free to trainees.

"Two years ago, we trained just under 1,000 employees" through MQC programs, Daigler said. "This year, in the first six months, we've committed to train 2,000. We are well on track to train 4,000 by the end of this fiscal year, but for one small problem: We don't have funding to support that level of training," Daigler said.

The state's new 10-year strategic economic develop-

ment plan calls for adding 75,000 people to Maine's workforce over the next 10 years.

"The truth is, Maine needs new investment across its entire educational portfolio, but right now our most critical need is in the short-term training programs," Daigler said. "I hope you'll support me as I seek additional funding to keep this momentum."

In the last month, the Portland Press Herald and the Bangor Daily Newshave both had editorials noting the community college system's key role in providing job training.

A video of Daigler's remarks at Eggs & Issues will be available on the Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce website.

President Daigler also appeared this week on Maine Public's "Maine Calling" program, as part of a panel discussing the state's new 10-year strategic economic development plan. A recording of the show is available here.

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Topics to be covered during “Boots-2-Bushels” include soil health and crop planning; seedling, vegetable and small fruit production; harvest and storage; marketing and bookkeeping; integrated pest management, tools and equipment. The course also includes field work utilizing existing raised garden beds at the Togus campus. Instructors include UMaine Extension and MOFGA subject matter experts.

Sponsors include University of Maine Cooperative Extension, UMaine Extension Maine AgrAbility, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association and VA Maine Recreation Therapy Service.

For more information contact Anne Devin, 207.991.2651, anne.devin@maine.edu. More information is also available online.

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## Vintage Accents Auctions online auction gallery launch with sale

Following the purchase of a new Warren, Maine location, Thomaston Place Auction Galleries is pleased to kick off the new year by announcing the official launch of its new brand, Vintage Accents Auctions.

Vintage Accents Auctions is a new, exclusively online division that builds on Thomaston Place’s decades of success providing comprehensive, world-class auction services specializing in fine arts, antiques and more. Vintage Accents Auctions represents exciting growth for Thomaston Place, and introduces a new brand and service designed for an expanded audience. Hosting online only auctions of fine quality collections and items at approachable price points, the new division promises

the same superior standard of customer service as Thomaston Place.

“Just like its parent company, Vintage Accents Auctions is dedicated to quality, curated items. This new division will provide an opportunity to grow our market and continue to educate and entice auction clients,” said Kaja Veilleux, owner and President. “This tech-based division offers bidders a real time bidding experience from their computers and portable devices worldwide,” noted John Bottero, VP.

Vintage Accents Auctions will feature a full online catalog to browse in advance of the sale. A free Vintage Accents Auctions app can be downloaded from Apple for IOS devices



and from Google Play for Android devices. Registration can be accessed through the Vintage Accents website (www.vintageaccentsauctions.com) and is quick and easy. Bidders can place absentee bids and the services includes optional reminder notifications to alert buyers when their item comes up for bid.

The inaugural Vintage Accents Auctions sale is slated for January 22 and 23.

Thomaston Place Auction Galleries will continue to offer their highly anticipated live quarterly feature sales as they have for



Folk Art Tin Man Sculpture



“Portland Light” oil on canvas, Frank Louville Bowie (ME, 1857-1936)



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more than 30 years. The first feature sale of 2020, Thomaston Place’s Winter Auction Weekend, will commence February 28, 29 and March 1.

For more information about Thomaston Place Auction Galleries, Vintage Accents Auctions, or to preview an upcoming sale please visit vintageaccentsauctions.com and be sure to follow Thomaston Place Auction Galleries and Vintage Accents Auctions on Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest.

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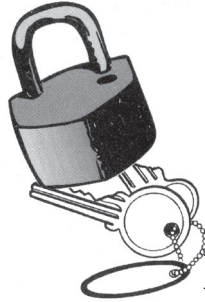
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## The Color of Wild: How the North woods sparked a lifetime love of color

LA Arts presents The Color of Wild, an exhibition of landscape paintings of inland Maine by artist, Marsha Donahue. The exhibition will be on view at the LA Arts Gallery from January 18 through March 1. Donahue will give a gallery talk on Friday, February 7, followed by a reception, from 5 to 7 p.m. The LA Arts Gallery is located at 221 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Gallery hours are 12 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 11 to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Exhibitions and artist receptions are free, and the community is invited to attend.

Marsha Donahue was born in Waterville, Maine and grew up in interior Maine. She holds degrees from both American University in Washington, DC and the Maine College of Art in Portland, Maine. Marsha has been an exhibiting artist and has also worked in art galler-

ies in Washington, DC, and Portland, Maine.

For over fifteen years Donahue has owned North Light Gallery in Millinocket, Maine, representing artists of the northern Maine interior and teaching watercolor and oil painting. With an initial career as an oil painter, she turned to watercolor full-time following a studio fire in the 1990s. Entirely self-taught as a watercolorist, she nonetheless has had four solo shows at Greenhut Galleries in Portland, Maine. Within the last few years, she has returned to oil painting and is now attempting to integrate both mediums into the painting process.

Besides her own gallery, Marsha's work is also on view at the Littlefield Gallery in Winter Harbor. Marsha lives with her husband, Wayne, a master plumber, and their dachshund, Dudley, in Millinocket.

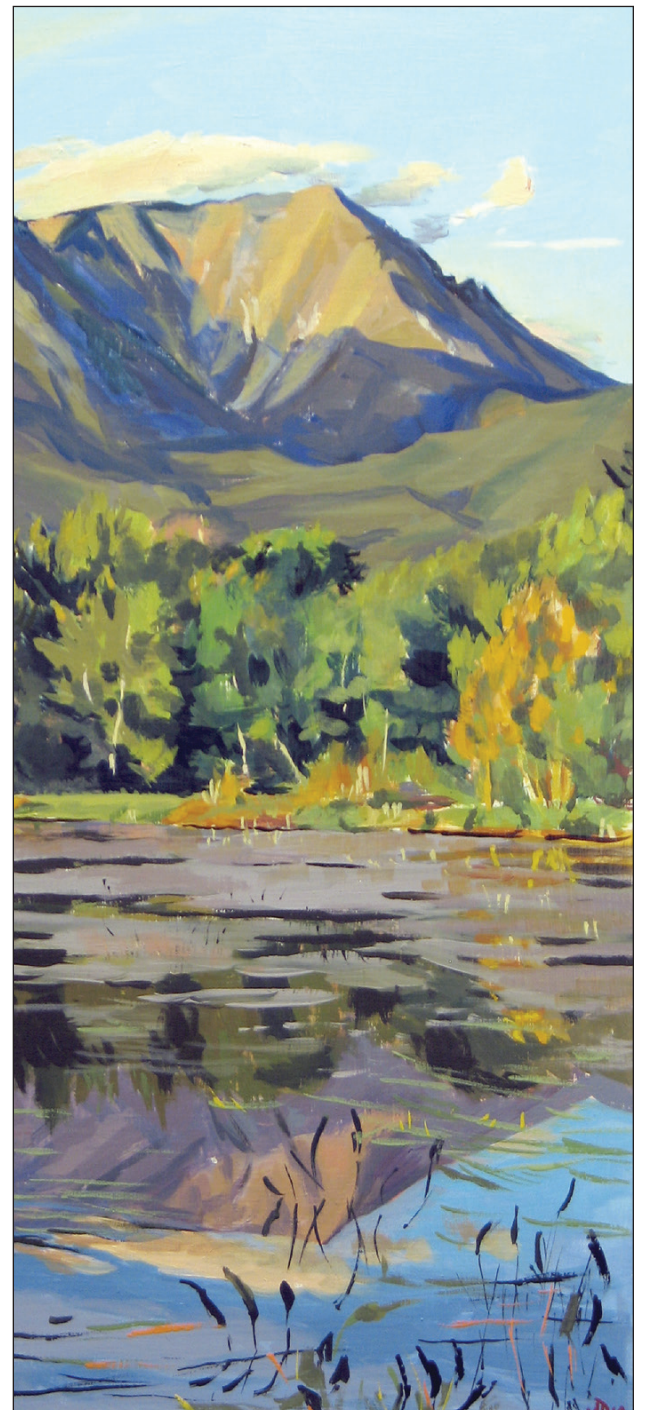


*Snapping Turtle Pond, oil on canvas, 48" x 65", 2018*

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