

## Out and About with Rachel Morin Pierrette's C'est Si Bon Café



Francis Gagnon and John Pulsifer, co-owners of Pierrette's C'est Si Bon Café, have a special Valentine Day Lunch and Dinner planned with entertainment in a cabaret setting featuring vocalist Mike Willette on Friday, February 14.

A friend called me a few weeks ago on a rainy Saturday night to see if I would be interested in going to a great musical performance at Pierrette's C'est Si Bon Café at the Auburn Mall. Well, not really, I thought, as I was hunkered down with a good book for the rainy evening. She persisted with how great the band was, and I really should see them.

Well fortunately, Joanne's persistence

paid off and she picked me up some 20 minutes later. The C'est Si Bon Café was packed and jiving with the patrons applauding La Famille Don LeBlanc Band from Livermore Falls who were playing with great enthusiasm and enjoyment.

Two guitarists, Jeremy LeBlanc and Christopher Floyd, Vocalists Jackie LeBlanc Floyd and Linda LeBlanc and Fiddler Don LeBlanc played one tune after another, without a pause

in between. Sitting at a small table, you couldn't help but tap your feet. They were really good, and I was glad I came.

During a break, Don, the father, told us they do many gigs and sometimes have more family members playing with them. Don takes his fiddle and strolls around the crowd, playing at the individual tables to the customers' delight.

Don's daughter, Jackie, plays the tambourine and spoons and sings, along with her mother, Linda. These women sing with such joy, everyone just had to join in with gusto. Linda takes charge and talks to the audience between numbers. She is dynamic, has stories to tell and we all end up laughing.

Pierrette's C'est Si Bon Cafe, co-owned by Francis Gagnon and John Pulsifer, opened in October last year and has been a thriving business. See Cafe, page 8

## Honor Society at CMCC Earns Highest Rating



Heading up the Alpha Phi Xi Chapter of PTK this fall are left to right Judi Moreno, advisor; Kathe McPherson, president; Steve Ouellette, treasurer; Jeremy Pellegrini, public relations chair; Brandon Mastrorillo, reporter; and Kyle Matthews, vice president.

The Alpha Phi Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Central Maine Community College has achieved five-star status, the highest level of engagement offered by the international honor society for two-year colleges. The Chapter previously earned five-star status in 2010. It is now one of only two five-star chapters in Maine.

Phi Theta Kappa chapters have five levels of engagement that progress from local, campus involvement to regional involvement to international involvement. The Five Star Chapter plan is the roadmap guiding the chapter through the levels. Chapters use the plan as a guide for building a strong, active chapter.

To achieve five-star status, colleges must

meet a rigorous set of requirements, including the submission of an "Honors in Action" project. A five-star chapter is the pinnacle of engagement in Phi Theta Kappa programming.

The Alpha Phi Xi Honors in Action project was focused on food insecurity among some CMCC students. The chapter conducted See CMCC, page 13

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## Governor's Address: Supplemental budget balances

A year ago, I presented my Administration's first biennial budget. That budget was based on HOPE – health, opportunity, prosperity, and education.

The Legislature then debated that proposal, negotiated some compromises and then they enacted – respectfully and in timely fashion – a balanced budget, with two-thirds bipartisan support, without raising any taxes.

Since that time, we've been very fortunate. Our economy has remained strong, with continued growth and record low unemployment. The economic forecast and the revenue projections are positive, with more than half of projected

revenue being one-time funds, but a forecast that permits us now to identify specific needs to present to the Legislature in the form of a supplemental budget.

The supplemental budget I proposed this week reflects three bipartisan priorities: Setting aside money in the State's Rainy Day Fund to protect us against an economic downturn; Strengthening those services that protect the health, safety and well-being of Maine families; Addressing our critical workforce needs and responding to the immediate needs of the educational and business communities.

In this budget I propose that we build on our state's record-high Rainy Day Fund by setting aside another \$20



Governor Janet Mills

million dollars of that projected surplus in savings. If that's approved, the Budget Stabilization Fund will have grown by \$50 million since I took office. That's important savings for a Rainy Day.

Government is also about keeping people safe and protecting children and families so the supplemental requests 20 additional positions so we can respond to reports of child abuse or neglect, and it eliminates the current Section 29 waitlist for people with develop-

mental disabilities while we work to improve services for all people with disabilities.

The budget also funds 14 new patrol officers and sergeants at the Maine State Police. The fact is, the number of state police patrol officers has not changed since the 1970's, while traffic, technology and population have all grown. There are simply too few troopers to respond to car crashes, lost children and crime scenes.

The budget also invests in expanding Maine's workforce to respond to the demands of the present and the needs of the future. So, it:

funds short-term training programs through Maine's community colleges; the Maine Apprenticeship Program;

and Adult Education; invests in critical capital equipment like computers and forklifts for the career and technical education centers so that they can succeed in training our students in jobs that pay good wages. You know those CTEs haven't had substantial funding for equipment since 1998. It's time to get with the program;

and the budget raises the state's share of public education to nearly 52 percent for pre-K through 12 – that's a two percent increase since I took office. And it makes whole our higher education institutions in the second year of the biennium.

I am also presenting a bond package to the Legislature, and asking them to let you, the voters, decide on \$100 mil-

lion in borrowing for transportation to fix the potholes and \$15 million to bring high-speed internet to your towns.

This supplemental budget is balanced. It does not create new programs. It takes care that one-time monies are used for one time needs and that we fulfill our obligation within existing programs to take care of our schools, child welfare and public safety needs.

As the Legislature puts their own fingerprints on this document, I hope that they do so with caution, balancing the health and safety of Maine families and our workforce needs with the long-term health of the state.

## Maine Sports Hall of Fame announces nine inductees for 2020

The Maine Sports Hall of Fame will induct five men and four women in its 45th induction ceremony Sept. 20 at Merrill Auditorium in Portland.

By percentage, it is the largest class of women inducted by the organization that was established in 1972. Five women were among the 12 inductees in 2016. "I'm thinking this is one of the most diverse groups we've had in terms of a variety of sports," said new President Brian Corcoran, CEO and founder of Shamrock Sports & Entertainment. "I'm really pleased with the number of women."

The inductees, in alphabetical order:

Amy (Corbett) Bernatchez was a three-sport star at Messalonskee High School in Oakland, playing on teams that won state championships in field hockey and basketball. Bernatchez played two seasons of field hockey at Springfield College before transferring to the University of Maine, where she was a Regional All-American. The Hall of Fame Black Bear who made the 1990 U.S. National Team went on to coach at Messalonskee and Cony, winning three state championships. She also coached seven seasons at Colby Col-

lege. With husband Brian, Bernatchez founded the Maine Majestix Field Hockey Club, its teams competed in numerous regional and national competitions. She has coached more than 100 college players, including more than 30 Division I student-athletes.

Cathy (Narsiff) Caron competed in cross-country, track and field, and ice hockey at Biddeford High School, and was the starting goalie on the boys' ice hockey team. She also was the state champion in the discus. At Berwick Academy, she started in goal and was MVP on the men's hockey team, as well as captain and

MVP of the soccer team, and goalie and MVP of the lacrosse team. Caron was a four-year starting goalie on the University of New Hampshire women's ice hockey squad, setting records for shut-outs and fewest goals against. She was CMM Player of the Year, given to the nation's best female player. She also was a three-time All-America goalie in lacrosse. Caron was a member of the USA Women's Lacrosse Team which competed at the 1989 World Cup. She is in the UNH Hall of Fame.

Karate champion Tony Fournier is Maine's foremost name

See Sports, page 10

## SeniorsPlus announces new board member



Mark Prevost of Auburn has joined the Board of Directors of SeniorsPlus.

SeniorsPlus, the designated Western Maine Area Agency on Aging, announced that Mark Prevost of Auburn has joined the board of directors. He is the Di-

rector of Resident Services at Schooner Estates Senior Living Community in Auburn, where he has worked for the past twenty-two years. His other volunteer involvements include the Elks Lodge, Rotary Club, and Hockey Officials of Maine.

SeniorsPlus was established in 1972. The overall program goal of SeniorsPlus, which is headquartered in Lewiston, is to assist older adults and adults with disabilities in Franklin, Oxford and Androscoggin counties to remain safely at home for as long as possible. The mission of SeniorsPlus is to enrich the lives of seniors and adults with disabilities. SeniorsPlus believes in supporting the independence, dignity and quality of life of those we serve.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## CMMC Bariatric Program Receives National Accreditation



Dr. Crystal Alvarez, DO

Mainers seeking surgical treatment for obesity and its related conditions have a high-quality choice for receiving care at a nationally accredited program that meets the highest standards for patient safety and quality.

Central Maine Medical Center has announced that its bariatric surgery program has named an accredited center by a joint quality program of the American College of Surgeons and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

The designation by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP), means CMMC meets high standards of care, improving patient outcomes and long-term success. Programs that have been accredited offer both pre-and post-operative care designed specifically for patients with obesity.

“This is a recognition of Central Maine’s successful, high-quality program in a very important area of surgery,” said John Hamilton, Director of Oncology and Surgery for Central Maine Healthcare.

Central Maine’s commitment to quality care begins with expertly trained staff and the leadership of experienced surgeons. The program is tasked with continuous review of surgical data and meets essential criteria for staffing, training, and infrastructure. The accreditation required a site visit to the Lewiston center included an extensive survey of facilities, patient care and outcomes.

“It’s excellent to be honored for the care we provide every day to our patients who choose bariatric surgery,” said Dr. Crystal Alvarez, DO. “This surgery can be life changing for our patients and we strive to provide the very best care possi-

ble.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates about 93 million adults in the United States are affected by obesity and that number continues to increase. The disease of obesity increases the risks of morbidity and mortality because of the diseases and conditions that are commonly associated with it, such as type II diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and cancer, among other health risks. Metabolic and bariatric surgery has proven to be effective in the reduction of conditions related to obesity.

Central Maine Medical Center located in Lewiston, is a Level II Trauma Center serving Androscoggin County and the surrounding region. CMMC’s “Centers of Excellence” include the Central Maine Heart and Vascular Institute, the Central Maine Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit, and a Trauma Services Program. CMMC is also the southern Maine base for LifeFlight of Maine, the state’s only medical helicopter service. Supported by the latest technologies, CMMC’s skilled professionals provide outstanding care delivery. See CMMC, page 11

## Past President/Speaker receives award from L/A Optimist Club



Past president Sabrina Best (l) and current president Angie Snow (r).

Past Optimist Club President, Sabrina Best received her Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding leadership as Club President, from current Optimist

Club President Angie Snow. As Guest speaker, Sabrina updated the Club on plans for the upcoming Maine State Parade, to be held in L-A on May 16 of this

year. For more information on the parade visit [www.maine200.org](http://www.maine200.org). For more information on the Optimist Club please visit their facebook page or [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org).



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# What's Going On

## NAMI Maine welcomes new board of directors members



Dr. Joe Fitzpatrick

NAMI Maine is thrilled to welcome Dr. Joe Fitzpatrick, Karen-Ann Hagar, Colonel Michael Pooler (retired), Lisa Shaw, and Lt. Bryan Slaney to the Board of Directors.

"NAMI Maine continues to grow into a more dynamic and responsive entity. The addition of these five diverse and talented individuals, each of whom has great passion for mental health, will only catapult the entity further," says NAMI

Maine's Chief Executive Officer, Jenna Mehnert, MSW, on the new board members. "These are exciting times of change for NAMI Maine."

Dr. Joe Fitzpatrick is a clinical psychologist with thirty years of direct experience in the field. He trained at Boston Children's Hospital and Dana Farber Cancer Institute, where he later joined the clinical staff. Dr. Fitzpatrick moved to Maine in 1990 and spent twenty-five years working in the Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) serving as the chief clinical resource for the department. During his last five years with the MDOC, Dr. Fitzpatrick served as the Commissioner and made significant progressive changes to expand and support mental health services within the department. He currently



Karen-Ann Hagar

has a private practice focusing on school consultation and services, as well as support of medical populations. Dr. Fitzpatrick lives in Fayette with his wife Patti and they have four children, Shannon, Molly, Joseph, and Emma.

Karen-Ann Hagar was born in Damariscotta and is a graduate of Lincoln Academy. Hagar has been with the YMCA organization since 2000 and is the Director of After School Program-

ming for school age children from four different school systems while also serving as the Community Outreach Program Coordinator. Hagar is a suicide loss survivor of four family suicides and is passionate about sharing her family's story to educate and inform others about mental health and suicide prevention.



Colonel Michael Pooler

Colonel Michael Pooler (retired) grew up in Brewer and commissioned an Infantry 2nd Lieutenant from the University of Maine at Orono in 1986. He taught social studies at Houlton High School until 1992m then in 1993 began his full-time employment with the Maine Army National Guard. Pooler held various command and staff assignments at the Maine National Guard state headquarters and the 1st Battalion, 152nd Field Artillery, to include battalion commander. After command, Mike volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan, where he led a fifteen man team which trained an Afghan infantry battalion of 500 Soldiers during combat operations. He returned in December of 2008 to become the Maine Army National Guard's

Deputy Director of Personnel, then Director of Personnel, and retired as the Director of Human Resources of the Maine National Guard. He was also instrumental in integrating and expanding the Maine National Guard behavioral health program. Mike earned an MBA from Thomas College and a Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. His awards include the Bronze Star and Combat Action Badge. Mike is married to Suzanne Pooler and resides in Oakland.



Lisa Shaw

Lisa Shaw is the Rural & Small Libraries and Workforce Development Specialist with the Maine State Library. Lisa is also currently serving as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter; serves with the City of Bangor Planning Board; and as Chair of the Advocacy Committee for the Association for Rural & Small Libraries. Lisa enjoys writing, painting, and proofreads impossible crime and locked room mysteries for Locked Room International. She lives in Bangor with her husband, daughter, and two cats, and has a son in Missouri.

Lt. Bryan Slaney is currently the Assistant Jail Administrator at the

Kennebec County Correctional Facility. Slaney started his career in cor-



Lt. Bryan Slaney

rections at age nineteen as a Corrections Officer after co-captaining the Lawrence Bulldogs to a Class A Maine State Football Championship. Slaney has held many roles within the Correctional Facility including Corporal, Sergeant and Administrative Sergeant. He was awarded Corrections Officer of the Year in 2008, Supervisor of the Year in 2011, the Eagle Award in 2015, the CIT FBI LEEDA Trilogy award in 2018, and CIT Corrections Officer of the Year in 2019.

Through support, education, and advocacy NAMI Maine is dedicated to building better lives for the one in four Mainers who are affected by mental illness. To view the full list of NAMI Maine's board of directors, please visit: [www.namimaine.org/about](http://www.namimaine.org/about)

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## Award program highlights young environmental leaders

A new state-wide awards program launched today will elevate the voices and work of the rising generation of environmental leaders in Maine. The Brookie Awards will recognize a diverse group of six youth changemakers every two years for their demonstrated leadership and effectiveness on behalf of Maine's natural resources.

Nominations for the inaugural "school" of Brookie Award winners are now being accepted through March 15, 2020. Mainers are encouraged to nominate eligible young leaders who live in Maine and are between the ages

of 15 and 30 at [www.brookieawards.org/nominate](http://www.brookieawards.org/nominate).

The Brookie Awards are organized by NRCM Rising, the young member arm of Maine's leading environmental group, the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM).

"The Brookie Awards are just what Maine's environmental movement needs because it serves to inspire and reinvigorate Maine people by sharing the stories and positive impact our generation of leaders is already having on the state," said NRCM Rising Leadership Team Member Sarah Cotton.

Brookie Award winners will receive a \$1,000 cash prize and the opportunity to attend a nature-based retreat with their fellow young environmental changemakers where they will participate in skill-building sessions and engage with other environmental and political leaders in Maine. The retreat aims to foster knowledge sharing across generations and environmental movement-building by more deeply connecting these outstanding individuals to the nature of Maine and encouraging their ongoing commitment to environmentalism.

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## Proposal would recognize unpaid family caregivers

Not everyone who works hard gets a paycheck. That includes the more than 180,000 dedicated Maine caregivers who provide more than 150 million hours of unpaid support services every year to family members who need help with daily activities such as dressing, eating, cleaning, and taking their medicine.

At the State House last week, family caregivers joined health care professionals, policy experts, and advocates to support bipartisan legislation that would provide modest compensation to recognize and reward the valuable work of unpaid family caregivers.

The bill—LD 1919, sponsored by Rep. Kristen Cloutier of Lewiston—would create the Rep. Ann E. Peoples Family Caregiver Credit, a new refundable income tax credit worth up to \$2,000 annually for eligible family caregivers.

“Having served as the primary caregiver to my mother after she was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, I know firsthand how hard many Mainers work to provide care for their loved ones,” said Cloutier. “These caregivers make incredible personal and financial sacrifices. They deserve a tax credit that provides some relief and places value on their work. I am so honored to propose the Rep. Ann E. Peoples Family Caregiver Credit, named after the late legislator who not only served Maine proudly, but who

brought her husband to the State House every day so that she could continue to give him the care he needed.”

Peoples died in November 2019 during her fifth term representing Westbrook in the Maine Legislature. While serving in the House of Representatives, she also provided daily support to her husband, Patrick, who used a wheelchair and needed assistance with physical tasks after suffering a stroke in 2012.

Maine’s patchwork system of professional caregivers is inadequate to meet the needs of every resident who needs long-term care. Mainers with adult family members who are elderly or have disabilities often step up to meet the unmet need. The responsibility for caregiving often falls to women, and those duties often make it harder for them to make ends meet.

Kim Lakin-Tommello lives in Arundel, where she cares for her husband and father. She said caregiving involves supporting her loved ones in all aspects of their lives.

“We cut back our hours or leave our jobs completely to provide necessary care for loved ones,” Lakin-Tommello said. “We don’t want our fathers, mothers, husbands, wives or other family members to be forced to go into a home, so we sacrifice and provide care. A refundable tax credit such as the one

in LD 1919 would help so many families like mine and so many women like me.”

Research shows family caregivers are more likely to reduce hours, quit a job, retire early, and delay a job search because of caregiving responsibilities. Research by the Maine Center for Economic Policy indicates that 14 percent of private-sector workers in Maine had quit their jobs or reduced their hours for more than two weeks in order to take on family caregiving responsibilities.

Dr. Barbara Covey, a semi-retired emergency room physician, said family caregivers play a “critical role” in Maine. Family caregiving reduces the need for expensive, long-term residential care and can help avoid costly emergency room visits. But those savings for the care recipient come at a cost for the family caregiver, Covey said.

“These individuals are helping to fill the large unmet need in Maine for care of the elderly and disabled,” Covey said in written testimony to the Legislature’s Taxation Committee, which will consider the bill. “Please recognize their sacrifice and contributions by support of this bill.”

For more information on the Rep. Ann E. Peoples Family Caregiver Credit, see this fact sheet published by the Maine Center for Economic Policy.ther,” says NAMI

## Maine Extension wild blueberry conference

University of Maine Cooperative Extension is hosting a wild blueberry conference February 22 (snow date February 29), 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., at the Hollywood Casino Hotel, 500 Main Street, Bangor.

The conference includes the latest research on management of diseases and pests, updates from the Maine Wild Blueberry Commission, a grower panel discussion, and separate afternoon sessions with a choice between value-added products or crop production focus.

The conference fee is by donation and includes lunch; registration is required. Register online by February 16. Pesticide credits will be available. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Mary Michaud at 207.581.3175 or mary.j.michaud@maine.edu. More information also is available on the conference website or by contacting UMaine

Extension blueberry specialist Lily Calderwood at 207.581.3193 or lily.calderwood@maine.edu

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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.

## American Cancer Society event volunteers needed

The American Cancer Society is seeking local volunteers to be a part of several upcoming events throughout the state of Maine. We need you!

Community volunteers are the backbone of the Society, and by lending just a little bit of your time you can make a direct impact to its life-saving mission. Donations raised at events like event help the American Cancer Society provide free information and support for people facing the disease today and fund cancer research that will help protect future generations.

A wide variety of roles and time commit-

ments are available including planning committee members for Couleur, A Masquerade Ball in Portland, Relay For Life of Greater Portland, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Brunswick, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Greater Portland, and this year’s inaugural Red, White & Blue Party in Portland this July.

To lend your time as a local event volunteer, please contact Reven Oliver at 207-373-3719 or Reven.Oliver@cancer.org. Or, to learn more about events in your community, visit <http://Cancer.org/Maine> or call 800-227-2345.

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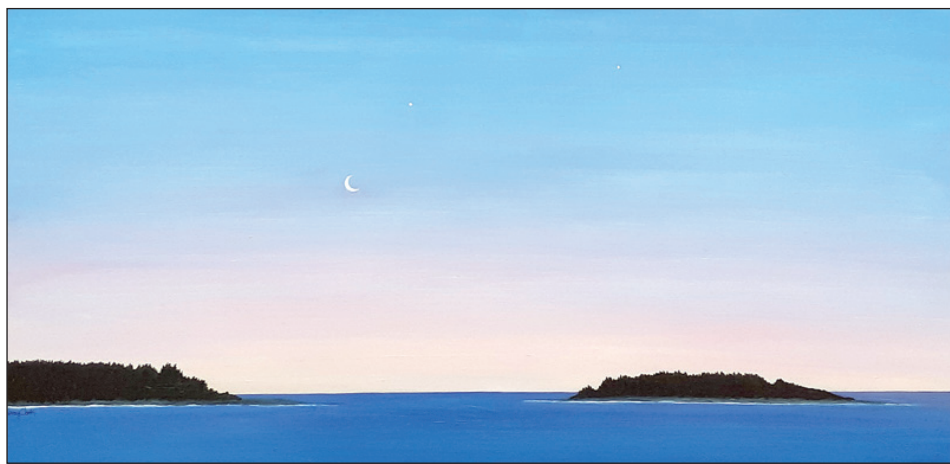
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# Arts & Entertainment

## WHA Rotating art Gallery



"The Coming of a New Day" - acrylic painting by Nancy Clark

The Woman's Hospital Association (WHA) Rotating Art Gallery at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston is now displaying the naturalist watercolor series of Jennifer Gammon and the acrylic landscape paintings of Nancy Clark.

Working in many mediums including oil, acrylic, conte, and watercolor Gammon received her BFA in studio art at USM. In this series of watercolors, she wanted to give the subject of natural objects a clean and straightforward look similar to that of old botanical works. She found inspiration for some of her flower images from visits to Kew Gardens in England and the Montreal Botanical Garden. She chooses to frame these pieces in antique or vintage frames as "the idea

of recycling these frames and giving them new life instead of buying new frames appeals to my environmental side."

Clark's greatest artistic influence comes from Maine's varied seascapes and their ever-changing and beautiful atmospheres. This current sea and sky series which focuses on the horizon line and the effects of changing light, sets the stage for contemplating distant spaces and its mysteries and callings. These images are inspired by reality but are created by allowing the painting to lead the way to its own conclusion. "My hope is that the viewer will enjoy the spaciousness and peace that I endeavor to offer through my work."

The works on display may be purchased through the WHA Gift

Shop located adjacent to the main lobby at Central Maine Medical Center. A percentage of sale proceeds benefits patients of CMMC.



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Deadline is **Friday by five.**

## Maine Bicentennial "Let's Talk About It" book group

The Auburn Public Library has been selected by the Maine Humanities Council to offer "Let's Talk About It", a free reading and discussion group with copies of books available through the library. This program is provided by the Maine Humanities Council's Maine Center for the Book in cooperation with the Maine State Library.

The series *Yankees and Strangers: The New England Town from 1636 - 1992*, begins February 24 at 6 p.m. at the Auburn Library and continues for 4 more sessions with a meeting each month through June 29.

Books to be read and discussed in this series include *Yankees and*

*Strangers Anthology* by various authors, *A New England Childhood* by Lucy Larcom, *Amoskeag - Life and Work in a New Factory City* by LTamara Hareven, *Making Refuge* by Catherine Besteman, and *3 Nations Anthology*. Thanks to the Maine Humanities Council, the discussions will be led by Bates College Associate Professor of History Joseph Hall.

"Exploring ideas and issues through literature has a unique and fun way of creating community," said Nicole Rancourt, director of Let's Talk About It. "We find that there is great interest among adults in getting together to discuss what they've read with others. Having a discus-

sion leader [like facilitator] who is both excited about the readings and skilled in facilitating can help to deepen this experience."

Books for the program are available for loan at the library. Please call the library at 333-6640 Ext. 4 to register and come in to pick up the first book of the series.

This program is offered to Maine libraries through the Maine Humanities Council in partnership with the Maine State Library. For more information about "Let's Talk About It" and the work of the Maine Humanities Council, see [www.mainehumanities.org](http://www.mainehumanities.org) or call the office in Portland at 207-773-5051.

## Passport office open to the public at CMCC

Central Maine Community College (CMCC) is an approved U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility open to the general public. Citizens may apply in person for their passport at CMCC's Central Services Office located in Room J115 on the ground floor of Jalbert Hall. There is a

dedicated parking spot for passport applicants to the left of the outside entrance to the College Store.

Hours of operation are as follows: Monday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to

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CMCC's full-service Passport Acceptance Facility includes application and photo services. Appointments are not required. For more information, please contact Kellie Morris, passport program manager at CMCC, at (207) See *Passport*, page 16



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## Husson fundraising create more scholarships and growth

Husson University proudly announced today that it has concluded its first comprehensive campaign and raised \$37,988,400 in cash and pledges.

The campaign, called "Shaping our Future," had an initial goal of \$21 million. The University's alumni and friends contributed \$16 million during its initial silent phase. This early success combined with a need for a signature and state-of-the-art facility for Husson's College of Business, prompted the trustees to increase the goal to \$30 million when the campaign was publicly announced on October 3, 2015.

"We accepted the challenge to do more because we believe in a better future," said Robert A. Clark, Ph.D., president of Husson University. "This successful campaign has made it possible for us to better support the success of our students and serve as a catalyst responsible for the economic future of our state. There is no greater calling for any institution than the transformation of students' lives and the education of our future leaders."

A major donation, in the form of a matching gift challenge, was received from the Harold Alfond Foundation. Husson supporters rose to the challenge committing \$8 million toward a new College of Business building, unlocking an additional \$4 million matching gift from the Foundation. This represents the largest single gift in the University's history.

The campaign made a variety of benefits possible for students and the University. With the creation of 51 new endowed scholar-

ships, Husson University students now have more opportunities for financial aid. The campaign also strengthened the institution's endowment. A larger endowment will help to ensure the financial strength and security of Husson University for years of come. The crowning jewel of this fundraising effort will be the construction of a new College of Business building made possible through donations. Husson University's College of Business is the largest business school in Maine.

Once completed, the new, modern building will feature approximately 42,500 square feet of experiential classrooms and offices, supported by an advanced technology infrastructure. It will fuse business education with science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) opportunities. These STEAM-oriented learning spaces will become the incubators of future jobs in our state.

One of these STEAM-oriented learning spaces will be the new IEX Center in the College of Business building. This Center will create and distribute immersive and interactive experiences for a variety of Husson courses as part of the University's commitment to experiential learning. Virtual reality and augmented reality will be part of the experiences offered by the Center.

The Center will aid in the University's mission to enhance regional economic development by helping to train students for jobs of the future and by developing new practices.

Projects that fall within the scope of the IEX Center have the potential to affect a wide

range of disciplines. Marketing, Business and Communications Technology are just some of the career fields that can benefit from immersive and interactive experiences.

The Business Center will serve as a community resource for businesses that need assistance in developing and integrating immersive technology. In addition, IEX Center will engage in community outreach efforts that encourage the use of immersive technology as it facilitates the placement of Husson students in internship and employment opportunities with employers. A diverse group of Husson faculty and staff are participating in this initiative along with outside stakeholders.

Husson envisions a cross pollination of sciences and entrepreneurship in modern, unique learning space dedicated to innovation. The new College of Business building will also feature interactive learning spaces designed to foster innovative interdisciplinary learning.

The new building is anticipated to cost approximately \$17.2 million. The University expects to break ground on the new building in April 2020.

"It took a team effort to reach and exceed our fundraising goals," said Sarah Robinson, vice president for advancement at Husson University. The strong support shown by alumni, businesses, foundations, the community, students, faculty and staff for this project show that Husson University has a wide base of support. Our Husson community feels like a family and everyone who contributed to this

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## Arts & Entertainment

### Local Children's auditions held at Maine State Music Theatre

Maine State Music Theatre will hold local children's auditions for both *Frozen, Jr.*, and *The Sound of Music*. Both auditions will be held at 22 Elm Street in Brunswick.

Auditions for *Frozen, Jr.*, will be held on Sunday, February 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with call backs if selected at 3 p.m. This audition is for children 8 through 18 years old (cannot turn 19 during the period of April 6 through July 20). Rehearsals are held April 6 through July 6 (approximate dates, week of April 20 off, with performances on July 20).

All roles are available, and this show will be cast only with local

children. This is an open call audition. Come early to sign up and you will be seen in order of sign-up sheet.

Child actors should prepare a 16-bar cut (less than 1 minute) that best shows ability and range. Must bring headshot and resume, and sheet music printed and clearly marked. Pianist will be present.

Auditions for *The Sound of Music* will be held on Sunday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with call backs if selected at 2 p.m. This audition is for children 8 through 17 years old. Rehearsals run June 27 through July 15, with performances July 15 through August 1.

This is an open call audition. Come early to sign up and you will be seen in order of sign-up sheet.

Child actors should prepare a 16-bar cut (less than 1 minute) that best shows ability and range. Must bring headshot and resume, and sheet music printed and clearly marked. Pianist will be present.

Maine State Music Theatre is a professional summer theatre celebrating its 62nd season of Broadway quality musicals at the Pickard Theater on the Bowdoin Campus in Brunswick, Maine. More information and details at [www.msmt.org](http://www.msmt.org) or email [auditions@msmt.org](mailto:auditions@msmt.org).

### MCPKids! Announces cast of Disney's High School Musical Jr.

Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical is coming to life on the Monmouth Community Players stage in Disney's High School Musical Jr. Troy, Gabriella and the students of East High must deal with issues of love, friends and family while balancing their classes and extracurricular activities. The show's infectious, danceable songs are sure to engage performers and audiences alike.

It's the first day after winter break at East High. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians and Skater Dudes all find their cliques. Basketball team captain and resident jock, Troy Bolton (Taylor Suth-

erburg), discovers that the brainy Gabriella Montez (Makenzie Finnegan), a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. The couple cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical, ruffling the delicate feathers of Sharpee and Ryan Evans (Sam Melquist and Shawn Jimenez), East High's reigning divas. Although many students resent the threat posed to the "status quo," Troy and Gabriella's alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well.

The cast is made

up of many area talented youth, including: Trekk Skeate, Josie Charland, Emily Carlton, Josh Alford, Ben Fleury, Miller Pelkey, Brock Rancourt (Chad u/s), Caroline Corgan, Audrey Tucker, Penelope Russell, Emma Sutherburg, Cohen Pelkey, Addison Boisvert, Lauren Burnham, Hannah McAdam (Sharpee u/s), Mila Barnes-Bukher, Nick Harper (Ryan u/s), Riley Fyfe, Mia Nagy, Ava Degen, Amelia Betts, Juliann Fylstra, Haven Desrosiers and Londen Gustafson. The Cast is rounded out by three

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# Cafe

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ness ever since. Gagnon says the Café is named to honor his mother, Pierrette Gagnon.

Gagnon’s customers respond to the musical entertainment and he says he is looking to expand this feature. He has a special Valentine Day lunch planned for 1 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Mike Willette, vocalist, will be featured in a cabaret setting for February 14 at both lunch and dinner.

Looking ahead, Gagnon says a possibility that the well-remembered C’est Si Bon Band of many years ago, may be returning after a long hiatus, to play at the Café and with the same members! We’ll be watching for that!

Both co-owners were kept busy the night we were there, as was

their wait staff. The Café features Franco-American, Quebecois and New England cuisine. It celebrates Franco-American tradition and culture through delicious home-style food. A large menu selection covers breakfast, lunch and dinner from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. In addition to their regular menu, they have Specialty Pizzas and Custom Pizzas. A Bakery with pastries and breads are baked daily. They are closed Sundays.

Takeout orders are by phone and online and are delivered by Door Dash.

Reservations are not required, but judging from the packed attendance, it would not hurt to call the Café and check how busy they are on a night you want to pop in. Call (207) 241-0413 and for more information, check their website at [www.CestsibonCafe.com](http://www.CestsibonCafe.com).



Samantha Segler, Jackie St. Cyr and Edward St. Cyr, all of Westbrook.



Elizabeth Homan, Kamron Bisson and Ariel Conant paused briefly for a photo.



Louise Bolduc, Bob Boilard, Joanne Sabourin, Georgie Rouillard



Rita Gosselin and Alette Couturier were part of Les Troubadours who performed in the afternoon along with La Famille Don LeBlanc Band.



Don LeBlanc, fiddler and band leader, strolled the room, playing to the customers’ delight.



La Famille Don LeBlanc Band of Livermore Falls. L to R, Jeremy LeBlanc, Christopher Floyd, Jackie LeBlanc Floyd and Linda LeBlanc.



Rosalie and Richard Beaulieu of Lewiston.



## Central Maine Medical Center & Central Maine Healthcare GO RED IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN’S HEART HEALTH

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**FACT:** Sixty-four percent of women who die suddenly of coronary heart disease had no previous symptoms. Symptoms vary greatly between men and women and are often misunderstood. Many of us believe that the telltale sign of a heart attack is severe chest pain. Yet, women are more likely to experience shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain. Additional symptoms women should be aware of are dizziness, feeling lightheaded or fainting, pain in the lower chest or upper abdomen and extreme fatigue.

# 'Love is in the Air' 4th annual Sacred Heart Cabaret Night

The stage is set for Saturday, February 15 at the Sacred Heart Church in Auburn for Cabaret Night, a popular musical variety show for all ages being held in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m.

Guest entertainer Louis Philippe returns to host the 4th annual event which will feature an array of talented singers and musicians that are connected to the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish: Roland Bergeron, Julie Fournier Chasse, The Daigneault Family (John, Karen, Ben and Emma), Alana Gagnon, Rita Gagnon, Ray Marchesseault, The Noddin Boys (Lee and Bruce), Mark Vaillancourt and Pam Vaillancourt (who in addition to performing will once again serve as stage/sound manager).

Cabaret Night is just one of many events the parish has undertaken as part of the overall fundraising drive launched in 2015 to help purchase, refurbish and install a 1954 Casavant Opus 2277 Pipe Organ, which, through a donation to the parish, was acquired from the Sisters of Notre

Dame in Toledo, Ohio.

The secondary goal of the Sister Elizabeth Platt Pipe Organ Fund for Sacred Heart Church is to provide education and training programs to parish organists, choirs and cantors, as well as subsidized organ lessons for deserving and talented young people.

Sister Elizabeth Platt, C.O.C., who recently passed away, had dedicated more than 30 years of service to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in religious education and the RCIA program. A period of her life she often spoke about with great fondness was her years of ministry teaching children to sing the parts of the Mass. She also worked with the Boys' Choir in Boston before coming to Maine.

With each fundraising event since 2015, the parish has seen significant progress with its musical goals—from having the massive instrument and all its parts shipped, making all necessary construction and repairs, and having the building services configured. The exciting news is that the organ is currently being installed in hopes to fill the church with glorious sounds by Easter.

Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall is in the basement of the church, located at the corner of Minot and Western avenues in Auburn. Tickets are \$15 and are available by calling the parish office at (207) 782-8096. Refreshments including beer and wine will be available for purchase. Cabaret Night has been a consistent sell-out event, so it is recommended that folks get their tickets early.

What do you think? We strongly encourage Letters to the Editor, Op/Eds, columns or any other submissions from our readers. Agree with us or another columnist? Disagree? Write to us and let us know! Email all submissions, including name, address and phone number, to Editor@TwinCityTimes.com.

# The Vagina Monologues

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V-Day aUbUrn 2020 will present the 13th edition of "The Vagina Monologues" on Saturday, February 22, at 7 p.m.

Dawn Sullivan directs this year's show and provides beautiful backdrops for the stage. Her fabulous cast includes: Flor Amaya-Soto, Courtney Arruda, Lacey Barcelou, Heather Berube, Marie Galonski, Rob-

in Gray, Sara Karam, Missy Kettell, Noreen Lacey, Bridget LaRoche, Heather Mackenzie, Rita Moran, Danielle Owens, K Mae Schares, Klara Tammany, Miriam U., and Dani Woodbury.

V-Day celebrates the right of women and girls to live free from fear and violence. Proceeds will benefit the Center for Wisdom's Women, Safe Voices, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

Services (SAPARS), Immigrant Resource Center, the YWCA of Central Maine, and Auburn UU.

Tickets are \$7 to \$10 (pay what you wish) at the door. The home of V-Day aUbUrn is the First Universalist Church of Auburn, located at 169 Pleasant Street (enter on Spring St., across from Dairy Joy). Parking is accessible. For more information 783-0461 or auburn.org.

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Ninety-one-year-old Merle Hallett is a champion sailor who has raced and won all over the world, including the Ensign Nationals. He won his class at a number of prestigious events, including the Bermuda Races, Block Island Race Week and our own Monhegan Race, which he has competed in more than 30 times. Hallett also founded the Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing Association and co-founded the MS Regatta, which has raised more than \$3

Rumford's Marty Milligan won both the Fitzpatrick Trophy as the state's top high school football player and the Vinal Trophy as the MVP of the Western Maine High School Basketball Tournament. The two-way starter at Rumford played quarterback and linebacker and was top 10 in his class. He turned down 30 full scholarships at schools such as Syracuse and Wake Forest and was a

Don Richards amassed an amazing dual-meet record of 903-88-5 in his 41 seasons as a head swim coach. In 30 years at Cape Elizabeth High School, his teams went 727-86-3 in dual meets and captured 20 Southwestern Championships and 11 state titles. The Capers also were state runners-up 15 times. Richards coached Tampa Preparatory School to a 176-12-2 record and won three regional championships in Florida. Along the way, he guided 68 Academic All-Americans and 15 Swimming/Diving All-Americans. In 1990, Richards was featured in Sports Illustrated and in 1991 the Cape Elizabeth swimming pool was named the Donald L. Richards Community Pool in his honor.

Lindsay Whipple Kallas is one of the greatest tennis players Maine has ever produced. She lost a match in a state semifinal her first year at Falmouth High School and won her other 80 matches. She captured three straight state singles championships and led Falmouth to its first team title in 1983. Kallas was MVP three times, All-State and All America. At Bowdoin College, she was an All-American, playing No. 1 and earning the state singles and doubles championships as a first-year. She led the Polar Bears to a state title as well. Kallas became the first Bowdoin student-athlete to compete in the NCAA National Tournament. She transferred to the College of William & Mary, where she again was No. 1 and led the squad to No. 1 in the East and into the top 25 nationally. Kallas won two conference titles and was twice an All-Colonial Athletic Association selection. After college, she played professionally. She's currently rated at a high level, 5.0 in Women's Singles.

Love is in the air... even though, baby it's cold outside! Two quartets from Maine-ly Harmony's Barbershop Chorus are ready to brave the weather to seek out your loved one with a love song and a long-stemmed red rose, courtesy of Augusta Florist, on Friday, February 14.

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# APL indoor homestead goods and farmer's market

The Auburn Public Library invites all ages to one of their biggest family events of the year. Join us on February 28 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for our annual Homestead Goods and Farmer's Market. All the action takes place on the first floor of the Library.

This festive event features live music by Rob Duquette, lots of great vendors and live animals. The vendors will tempt visitors with a culinary delight of home-grown and homemade foods and treats, plus homestead crafts such as pottery and homemade soap.



The Auburn Public Library's Farmer's Market is free to the public and is one way the library

thanks all our community members and community businesses for their wonderful support.

## Lewiston City Administrator to retire

Lewiston City Administrator, Ed Barrett, has announced that he will be retiring at some point during the current calendar year. His employment agreement terminates as of June 30, 2020, but the City Council is considering extending this agreement until a new Administrator is selected and takes office or December 31, 2020, whichever date is earliest. Mr. Barrett has held the position since January 2010.

In announcing his retirement, Mr. Barrett said: "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of Lewiston and to work with many dedicated elected officials and city staff. I am proud of this City team's accomplishments over the last ten years—from revitalization on Lisbon Street to

adopting the Riverfront Island Master Plan, the Legacy Lewiston Comprehensive Plan, and the Choice Neighborhood Plan, blueprints that will guide the City into the future. I'm convinced that Lewiston is poised for great things."

Mayor Mark Cayer, who worked closely with Mr. Barrett as a former Councilor and Council President prior to his recent election as Mayor indicated: "Ed has been a true professional who has brought both stability and foresight to his position. He guided us through the fallout of the Great Recession, has worked closely with our Finance Director to bring down our outstanding debt, and has helped us develop a vision for our future. He will be missed."

Ed Barrett came

to Lewiston after over twenty years as the City Manager in Bangor. Prior to that, he served as Assistant City Manager and Director of Administration for the City of Wichita Falls, Texas. Ed began his career in the budget office of the City of Tucson. He will retire with forty-five years of service in municipal government.

The Mayor and Council will be working over the coming months to put a transition plan in place and to develop and implement a recruitment process for a new Administrator. We will keep the public informed as this process moves forward.

For further information, contact Ed Barrett, 207-513-3011 (office); 207-212-5604 (cell). Mark Cayer, 207-754-6566.

Central Maine Heart and Vascular Institute, a regional trauma program, LifeFlight of Maine's southern Maine base, the Central Maine Comprehensive Cancer Center, and other high quality clinical services.

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical education and practice and to improve the quality of care for surgical patients. Its achievements have placed it at the forefront of American surgery and have made the College an important advocate for all surgical patients. The

College has more than 82,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) is the largest organization for metabolic and bariatric surgeons in the world, with more than 4,200 members. It is a not-for-profit organization that works to advance the science of metabolic and bariatric surgery. The ASMBS is committed to educating medical professionals and the lay public about metabolic and bariatric surgery, including the associated risks and benefits, as a treatment option for obesity.

# Children's book by local author

Suzanne Caron, resident of Greene, has just released the first in a series of children's books entitled Winkle in the Lunchroom. In this story, Winkle, a young owl, is sad about being ignored by its classmates. Eventually, Winkle finds its superhero power, its voice. This leads to a courageous act, empowering the little owl. The illustrations are simple and portray Winkle's feelings throughout the book.

Suzanne was recently invited to Gei-

ger School to do a read aloud to the young story lovers. She brings along her book buddy, a stuffed Winkle, giving it to a child to hold during the reading, establishing a stronger connection.

You can purchase this book on Amazon or on the Barnes and Noble website. If anyone is interested in booking a read aloud, has any questions or wants to purchase a book through Suzanne, please contact her at 754-8417 or through email [suecaron56@gmail.com](mailto:suecaron56@gmail.com).



Suzanne Caron

## 'Supervising Skills' course offered at CMCC

The Center for Workforce & Professional Development at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) will offer the Supervising People: Essential Skills for Leaders course on Fridays, starting March 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and ending on April 3.

No manager looks forward to approaching employees about job-performance problems, yet few tasks are more important. This course, spread out into five different modules, will help you to identify and manage communication barriers, performance issues and diffi-

cult employees. Learn the skills you need to address the difficult issues and improve team productivity. The cost of the class is \$299 and includes all instructional materials.

For more information or to register, please contact CMCC's Center for Workforce & Professional Development at 207-755-5280, [emailworkforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu](mailto:emailworkforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu) or visit [www.cmcc.edu/professionaldevelopment](http://www.cmcc.edu/professionaldevelopment). Registration deadline is February 27.

The Center for Workforce & Professional Development at Central Maine Com-

munity College provides customized training programs to business, government, nonprofit and other organizations throughout Androscoggin, Oxford, Franklin and Lincoln counties. In addition, they offer both non-credit classes and certification programs on a wide range of subject matter. Their mission is to support community and promote economic development by offering the highest quality training and professional development courses to business and industry coupled with access to training grants for new and expanding businesses.

## CMMC

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ered with compassion, kindness, and understanding. Learn more at: [www.cmmc.org](http://www.cmmc.org).

Central Maine Healthcare (CMH) is an integrated healthcare delivery system serving 400,000 people living in central, western, and mid-coast Maine. CMH's hospital facilities include Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, Bridgton Hospital, and Rumford Hospital. CMH also supports Central Maine Medical Group, a primary and specialty care practice organization. Other system services include the

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## Award

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NRCM Rising will celebrate and honor the Brookie Award winners at a major gala event in Spring 2020 that will feature short, inspirational speeches from each awardee. Online videos will also be produced to feature the unique perspective and voice of each winner.

“I am most looking forward to finding out everything we can learn from the diverse perspectives, creativity, and fresh approaches the Brookie winners bring to their environmental work,” said NRCM Rising Leadership Team Member Erin Walter. “I hope every young environmental leader in Maine applies today!”

A group of external experts will be convened by NRCM Rising to evaluate Brookie Award nominees based on the following four criteria: Outstanding leadership in creating, organizing, and implementing a project or campaign to protect or improve Maine’s environment; Turning individual passion into collective action related to the protection or improvement of Maine’s environment; Creativity, collaboration, and persistence in bringing new ideas to existing challenges, introducing new approaches to organizing others, or determination to prevail in the face of obstacles.

The Brookie Awards is made possible by the early partnership of the Quimby Family Foundation. To learn more about the Brookie Awards visit <https://www.brookieawards.org/>.

NRCM Rising is a community of individuals in their 20s, 30s, and into their 40s who are committed to the protection of the nature of Maine. The group is affiliated with Maine’s leading environmental advocacy organization, the Natural Resources Council of Maine. Connect with NRCM Rising on Facebook or learn more on the NRCM Rising website.

## Husson

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campaign is responsible for helping to shape the future of this institution and our students.”

For more than 120 years, Husson University has prepared future leaders to handle the challenges of tomorrow through innovative undergraduate and graduate degrees. With a commitment to delivering affordable classroom, online and experiential learning opportunities, Husson University has come to represent superior value in higher education. Our Bangor campus and off-campus satellite education centers in Southern Maine and Northern Maine provide advanced knowledge in business; health and education; pharmacy studies; sci-

ence and humanities; as well as communication. In addition, Husson University has a robust adult learning program. According to a recent analysis of tuition and fees by *U.S. News & World Report*, Husson University is one of the most affordable private colleges in New England. For more information about educational opportunities that can lead to personal and professional success, visit [Husson.edu](http://Husson.edu).

## Musical

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adult members: Amy Hamlin as Ms. Darbus, Patrick Hamlin as Coach Bolton and Bre Allard as Ms. Tenny. Leading this strong cast is director Danny Gay and assistant director Zach Hodge. Also on the team are: choreographer Ashley Hodgkin, stage manager and dance captain Ashleigh Dunham, music director Josie French, producer Bre Allard, and Ann Fairchild and Nancy Kenneally as the costume team.

The show will run Friday, February 21 at 7 p.m., Saturday, February 22 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday February 23 at 2 p.m. The understudies will be performing for the afternoon performance on Saturday. Tickets cost \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and are available through the theaters website at [www.mouthcommunityplayers.org](http://www.mouthcommunityplayers.org)

## The Harlow presents “Maine Flora: Three Views”



Julia Einstein, “Rhododendron”, oil on canvas



Kathryn SB Davis, “Winter Opening”, color photograph



Laura Dunn, “Flower Power”, monoprint

The Harlow presents “Maine Flora: Three Views”, a three-person exhibition featuring Kathryn SB Davis, Patrick Hamlin as Coach Bolton and Bre Allard as Ms. Tenny. The exhibition is on view February 28 through March 28 at 100 Water Street in Hallowell. Join us and meet the artists at the opening reception and artist talk on Friday, February 28, 5 to 7 p.m. The trio have a shared interest in the regional art scene, as well as in each other’s work.

“Our goal is to invite viewers into an artful investigation into the flora of Maine. We will share how we documented our explorations, inspirations, process, and surprises as this will be a critical part of exhibition experience.”

Each artist works in three different media, painting, printmaking and photography, and will each create a body of work inspired by the flora of Maine. This subject will be handled differently: from a

Zen practice, a study in exploration, to “flower portraits.” The exhibition will be the result of a collaboration in studio practices. The process of making will also be on display.

In her contemplation on impermanence, Kathryn SB Davis has spent hundreds if not thousands of hours exploring those places and moments where beauty comes into being and passes away. In each image, the artist aims to capture some small still point and intentionally allows the rest of detail to soften, suggesting motion of change however large or small in the subject.

Laura Dunn creates multiples of modern botanicals. Her process is of investigation into and experimentation with a shape drawn from life and repeated, repositioned, and changed by chance. She uses the medium of printing, as well as ceramics, to explore the simple within the

complex. It is both an intuitive and fantastic way to understand nature.

Julia Einstein makes paintings as if walking into a garden room with an artist’s eye onto nature in vivid compositions, elegant arrangements, and painterly surfaces. The artist refers to these paintings as “flower portraits” as the flowers sit as if on a stage for a quick capture of a flower’s gesture & bouquets with a bit of wildness, arranged for dramatic effect.

In conjunction with the exhibit the Harlow is also hosting a workshop on Saturday, March 14, from 10am-1pm: “Behind the Scenes with Maine Flora: Three Views”. Join us for an immersive, inspirational, and educational session with Kathryn SB Davis, Laura Dunn, and Julia Einstein, the artists behind Maine Flora: Three Views. During the

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Sewing Club at Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Learn to sew! A variety of textile techniques and projects will be explored. Children under 8 years old must have a parent or other caregiver, over age 14, in attendance to help with the program as needed. Come when you can, leave when you must!

Friday, Feb. 14

Food for Thought speaker Gloria Varney presenting “The Perception and Reality of our Food” in room 170 of USM/LA college, at 11:30 a.m. If you have questions, please call (207) 753-6610.

Saturday, Feb. 15

‘Love is in the Air’ 4th annual Sacred Heart Cabaret Night at Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall, located at the corner of Minot and Western avenues in Auburn, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15, purchase by calling the parish office at (207) 782-8096. Refreshments including beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Stanton Bird club learn to identify tracks of animals. Meet at Staples, Lewiston at 8 a.m. Walk last till 11 a.m. Call Steve Reed, trip leader, at 207-319-6630 for more information.

Johnny Ater and Friends at Chocolate Church Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 advance or \$17 at the door and can be purchased online at [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org) or by calling 207-442-8455.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Unicorn Party at Baxter Memorial Library, from 10 to 11 a.m. For all ages! Join us for a Unicorn Party! We will read the book Unicorn Party, craft our unicorn horns, and frost our unicorn cupcakes! YAY!!!!

Baxter Memorial Library is pleased to have our friend Baxter available again! Baxter is a Standard Poodle Therapy Dog who loves to be read to! He will be visiting the library the first and third Tuesday of the month. Call (222-1190) or visit the library to sign

# Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

up for your 15 minute slot to read to Baxter.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Chewonki Presents Fur, Feathers, and Feet-Free at Baxter Memorial Library from 10 to 11 a.m. Tickets required, open to all ages. Tickets available to pick up at library, first come, first serve.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Book club at Baxter Memorial Library at 10 a.m. Join us for a discussion of The Night Olivia Fell by Christina McDonald.

Ball Point Pen Art with Kevin Hawkes at Baxter Memorial Library from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration required, ages 11 to 18 welcome. Learn how to render almost anything using a ball point pen! Please call 222-1190 or stop by the library to sign up.

ATRC Policy Committee meeting at 10 a.m. AVCOG.

Author Talk by Annette Dorey about “Maine Mothers Who Murdered, Doing Time in ME State Prison, 1875

- 1925.” At Durham Historical Society, Eureka Community Ctr, 6:30 p.m. All welcome.

Great Falls forum with Frances Eanes at the Lewiston Public Library in Callahan Hall from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Admission is free. Bring your own bag lunch. Coffee, tea and bottled water available. For more information contact the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3135 or LPLReference@gmail.com.

Shana Youngdahl book signing at Portland Public Library at noon. Shana Youngdahl, University of Maine at Farmington assistant professor of English is author of “As Many Nows As I Can Get”.

## Harlow

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workshop the artists will share inspiration with the group, giving demonstrations and delving into the creative process behind the body of work on display.

This Springtime workshop coincides with

the season of growth, both in the physical and inner worlds; it serves as an opportunity to connect and engage on a more in-depth level art and the process behind it. The group will go behind-the-scenes of the artists’ creative process and come away with fresh perspectives and inspiration for future projects. It will be a small group, limited to 12 participants with lots of opportunity for creative conversation and questions. Participants are encouraged to bring a sketchbook or notebook and to take photos.

Learn more and register for the workshop here: <http://harlowgallery.org/workshop-behind-the-scenes-with-maine-flora-three-views/>

The Harlow is a membership based 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to connecting and celebrating art, artists and community in downtown historic Hallowell since 1963. Exhibitions are always free and open to the public. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday noon to 6 p.m. For more information please visit [harlowgallery.org](http://harlowgallery.org) or call 207-622-3813.

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## CMCC

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a survey that revealed that food insecurity was an issue and that some students were missing important meals. In collaboration with CMCC administration, chapter members have increased awareness of this issue on campus and have begun gathering non-perishable foods for distribution. Going forward, Alpha Phi Xi plans to ensure that free snacks and sandwiches are more readily available to CMCC students in need.

# Word Search

**After finishing a great weekend ice fishing up on Moosehead Lake this seems to be the perfect time for this topic**

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United Way will use the funds to support programs for runaway and homeless youth at New Beginnings, Inc., a long-time United Way community partner based in Lewiston. New Beginnings operates the only youth shelter in Maine licensed for 24-hour care, along with housing, counseling, and outreach services for young people who are at risk for or experiencing homelessness. Helping approximately 700 children, teens, and young adults each year, they focus on the safety, connection, and growth that all individuals need to thrive.

Joleen Bedard, Executive Director for United Way of Androscoggin County, stated, “We are grateful for the continued support from Avangrid Foundation. United Way of Androscoggin County’s mission is to increase the organizational capacity to care for one another. We do this by funding sev-

eral initiatives including early childhood education, serving seniors, and helping homeless youth—which this grant directly impacts.”

United Way of Androscoggin County supports over 30,000 individuals and families in the Androscoggin and Oxford counties through their partner agencies. As a health and human service organization, United Way of Androscoggin County’s impact areas include financial stability, health, and education. To learn more, please visit their website at [www.united-wayandro.org](http://www.united-wayandro.org). United Way also supports 211 Maine, which is a free, confidential information and referral service that connects people of all ages across Maine to local services. 211 Maine is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can reach 211 by dialing 2-1-1, by texting your zip code to 898-211, or by visiting [www.211maine.org](http://www.211maine.org).

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For more information, please contact Joleen Bedard, Executive Director for the United Way of Androscoggin County at 207-795-4000.

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