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## Out & About with Rachel Morin Reception at USM Lewiston Auburn art exhibit opening

The Franco-American Collection at the University of Southern Maine Lewiston-Auburn College will host an opening reception for the new art exhibit "Notre Pain Quotidien (Our Daily Bread): Franco-American Entrepreneurs Sustaining Community," at the Atrium on Thursday, March 19, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Michael Michaud, the former Honorable US Congressman, will be a special guest speaker at the event. Michaud served as the U.S. Representative for Maine's 2nd congressional district from 2003-2015. He is a past president of the Maine Senate and lives in his hometown of Millinocket.

"I'm delighted and honored to meet some of the Franco-American families who helped to build the economy in Androscoggin County," said Michaud. "These entrepreneurs sustained the daily needs of the workforce who were es-



The Dupont Bakery, 49 Second St., New Auburn, part of the art exhibit, was founded by Franco-American immigrant Philippe Dupont in 1893 and known for its "Sonny Boy" Bread. In 1933, the New Auburn Fire destroyed the original bakery pictured here, which was replaced by a modern plant.

sential to the success of the manufacturing industries along the Androscoggin River."

The exhibit tells the story of Franco-American entrepreneurial families in Lewiston/Auburn who played significant roles in the development of the community. In the 1800s, nearly one million French Canadians left their homeland to work in the United States. Many became industrial laborers in cities like Lewiston and

Auburn, where textile mills and shoe shops offered steady wages. For some, industrial work was alienating, and as a result, a number of former millworkers chose a different path and became some of the area's first entrepreneurs.

As the first in a series on Franco-American families, merchants and professionals, the current exhibit focuses on the enterprises and philanthropy of the Bonneau, See Exhibit, page 16

## Central Maine Healthcare new Chief of Emergency Medicine

Dr. Sheldon Stevenson, DO, is the new System Chief of Emergency Medicine for Central Maine Healthcare. Previously medical director for the emergency room at Bridgton Hospital, Stevenson started his new role on March 1.

"Dr. Stevenson has built a reputation for steady and thoughtful leadership," said Jason Krupp, President of the Central Maine Medical Group. "Our organization is lucky to have him in this critically important role."

Stevenson is a graduate of the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and of Colby College in Waterville. He started his career in emergency medicine as a



Dr. Sheldon Stevenson, DO.

paramedic.

Dr. Michael Blake, who has served as interim System Chief of

Emergency Medicine for 18 months, returns to a clinical role in emergency medicine for CMH.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## OTELCO welcomes new Technical Support Technicians



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OTELCO is pleased to welcome Travis Dowd and Royce Sweet as Technical Support Technicians in its Bangor, Maine office.

Travis Dowd graduated from Porter & Chester Institute with a tech degree in Computer Network Technology. Dowd is a resident of Orono.

Royce Sweet has an associate degree in Business Administration and has eight years of customer service experience. Sweet lives in Milford.

In this role, Dowd and Sweet will be responsible for provid-

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## Fundraising and grant writing course at CMCC

The Center for Workforce & Professional Development at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) will offer a Fundraising and Grant Writing course starting on Friday, April 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Nonprofit Organizations exist for the purpose of meeting a clearly defined human or societal need. The readiness to serve gives the organization a reason for being, as well as the right to design and implement strategies to gain support. The cause provides justification and establishes the

right to ask for funding from public and private sources.

This 8-hour workshop, spread over three sessions, is designed to give leaders in the non-profit arena a comprehensive look at sources of funds and giving motives so that the organization can take right action to define its markets and its publics. It will open with identifying fundamental steps to lay the groundwork for making a compelling case for support, based on marketing principles. It will continue through the

planning process by defining ways to implement the fundraising program, stressing the critical role of stewardship of the governing board and focusing on strategies built for success. The cost of the class is \$199 and includes materials.

For more information or to register, please contact CMCC's Center for Workforce & Professional Development at 207-755-5280, email [workforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu](mailto:workforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu) or visit [www.cmcc.edu/professional-development](http://www.cmcc.edu/professional-development). Registration deadline is April 3.

## SERVPRO donation supports Red Cross disaster relief efforts



Representatives of the American Red Cross and SERVPRO in Maine celebrate a \$16,700 gift to support local disaster relief efforts. The 10 SERVPRO franchises in Maine raised the funds through their 12th Annual SERVPRO Appreciation Day Golf Outing. Pictured from left to right: Dave Abel, first vice chair of the Maine Region Red Cross board of directors; Meaghan Braun, marketing manager of SERVPRO of Lewiston/Auburn; Barb Rapoza, marketing and community relations manager for SERVPRO of Bath/Brunswick and immediate past chair of the board of directors of the Central and Mid Coast Maine Chapter of the Red Cross; Holly Merrill, marketing manager of SERVPRO of Portland/South Portland; Scott Carter, chair of the Maine Region Red Cross board of directors; Neela Lockel, interim CEO of Maine Region Red Cross and Tatia Gagnon, second vice chair of the Maine Region Red Cross board of directors.

The American Red Cross of Maine gratefully recognizes SERVPRO locations in Maine for supporting the organization's humanitarian mission through a generous financial gift.

SERVPRO donated \$16,700 from their 12th Annual SERVPRO Appreciation Day Golf Outing held in September. The sum was a record-breaking amount for the event, sponsored by the 10 SERVPRO franchises in Maine for their colleagues in the insurance and property management industries. Local businesses located near each franchise sponsored or donated prizes and items to support the fundraising effort.

"We are incredibly thankful to SERVPRO for their steadfast support of the Red Cross mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of

emergencies. It's the generosity of community partners like SERVPRO that allows us to be at the ready when disaster strikes—24 hours a day, every day of the year," said Maria Devlin, CEO of the Maine Region of the American Red Cross. "This gift enables us to deliver help and hope to people when they need it most."

Each year, the Red Cross in Maine responds to about 300 local disasters, mostly home fires; installs about 4,000 free smoke alarms in homes; teaches preparedness and lifesaving skills like CPR/AED, first aid and swim safety to more than 18,000 people; provides more than 2,400 services to military personnel, veterans and their families; and collects nearly 50,000 units of blood.

"The American Red Cross is an incredible organization that many

people rely on in a time of need whether it is for emergency assistance, blood donations or education purposes. Each SERVPRO location is committed to supporting its local community and this is our way of being able to give back," said Barb Rapoza, marketing and community relations manager for SERVPRO of Bath/Brunswick and immediate past chair of the board of directors of the Central and Mid Coast Maine Chapter of the Red Cross.

"We're honored to have created a wonderful partnership for the past twelve years with the American Red Cross and are proud to continue to raise awareness of what they do as an organization for many Mainers," said Holly Merrill, the marketing manager of SERVPRO of Portland/South Portland.

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## WHA Rotating Art Gallery at CMMC

The Woman's Hospital Association (WHA) Rotating Art Gallery at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston is now displaying the work of three analog photographers.

Cindy Rehagen Langewisch, resides in E. Livermore, Maine, on a bluff overlooking the beautiful and improving Androscoggin River. Cindy creates her analogue images in natural, available light in the out of doors and utilizes black and white negative films. She completed several black and white photography courses at UMA and then, in April 2009, Cindy traveled to Carmel Valley, CA. where she studied with



Image of Stairs. Photo by Joe Souther.

international master photographer, John Sexton, and his wife, Anne Larsen. She has had numerous exhibits in the mid-

coast and central Maine regions.

Michael Burd takes delight in the surprise of See Art, page 11

## It's time to put patients first in our health care system

As a retired family doc, I know the importance of getting quality care and having a good relationship between a provider and patient. For 40 years, I cared for folks throughout the greater Auburn community, doing the best I could to give everyone I treated the ability to live a satisfying, healthy life. That required working with people and businesses within the health care system, especially key health care companies. Unfortunately, many of those companies have let us down.

The cost of health care continues to climb in Maine and the country, in part because these companies have strayed from what we thought was the original reason they got in the field to begin with: to care for people and improve lives. The pursuit of huge profits is getting in the way of providing quality, affordable care. As a result, hardworking, everyday Mainers are suffering.

I ran for office because there was work I could do to help my neighbors, family members and friends in their struggle to afford health care, including their prescribed medication. It's the number one issue I've heard about from many folks in our community. That's why last year I got right to work, teaming up with my colleagues in the Legislature to find ways we could address the ever-growing costs of care and medication.

We introduced a

package of four bills to lower the cost of prescription medication; they are now law. We created a board to make drug pricing more transparent; required drug manufacturers to report price increases; started the process to import safe, more affordable medication from Canada; and regulated pharmacy benefits managers (PBMs), who act as middlemen in the pharmaceutical industry. These new laws are a great start, but we knew there was more work to do.

This session, we're continuing our efforts by taking on the greed of corporate interests within the health care system itself, working to ensure patient care is the priority in our health care system.

My colleagues and I have introduced four new bills to continue this work. There's a bill to make sure people who use emergency medical services aren't hit with surprise bills and another to cap the out-of-pocket cost of insulin for certain Mainers. Another bill would establish the Maine Commission on Affordable Health Care, which would monitor costs and set standards of care. Finally, there's the bill that I sponsored, which aims to change some of the most unfair and harmful billing practices in health care.

My legislation, "An Act to Establish Patient Protections in Billing for Health Care," would help make the health care billing process easier to

understand. It will allow patients to see the actual costs of care they are paying for. Patients will be told about the average price of common procedures in the state, and they will know when they are being referred to an out-of-network provider. They will also be more clearly told that they are entering the hospital on "observation status," and won't be charged an unnecessary fee for the transfer of records from one office to another. I'm proud to report that this bill received a bipartisan, unanimous vote in the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, and is now headed to the full Legislature for votes.

Just like we did last year, we know our work won't end if these bills become law. But with consistent hard work, we can and will continue to take on the greed that has taken over our health care system. I'll keep fighting until no one has to decide between putting food in the fridge or paying a medical bill; rationing medicine or following their doctor's prescription; or forfeiting their life savings just to get the care they need.

As a doctor, I took an oath to put patients first. It's time our health care system did the same.

*Sen. Ned Claxton (D-Androscoggin) represents Maine Senate District 20, which includes Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, and Poland.*

## Pine Tree Camp hosts informational sessions for parents

Taking the leap and sending a child to overnight camp is a big decision for any parent. Pine Tree Camp is hosting four informational sessions, including two digital sessions, to provide access for parents and caregivers statewide.

Pine Tree Camp's 285-acre campus is fully accessible; providing a barrier-free environment with skilled counselors who ensure all campers, regardless of their ability level, can participate in outdoor activities like swimming, hiking, boating and fishing. Pine Tree Camp also provides opportunities to make lifelong friends with peers who understand the daily challenges of living with a disability.

Informational session attendees will have the chance to meet camp director, Dawn Willard-Robinson, ask questions and talk with other parents and caregivers who have experienced Pine Tree Camp first-

hand.

Session 1, Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Pine Tree Society, 71 US Route 1, Suite B, Scarborough; Session 2, Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Pine Tree Camp, 114 Pine Tree Camp Road, Rome; Session 3, Digital Access, Tuesday, April 21, 10 a.m., video call via Zoom; Session 4, Digital Access, Tuesday, May 26, 6 p.m., video call via Zoom.

Please visit [www.pinetreesociety.org](http://www.pinetreesociety.org) to register for a session. For more information, please contact Lori Chesley at [lchesley@pinetreesociety.org](mailto:lchesley@pinetreesociety.org) or 207-386-5993.

More about Pine Tree Camp: Every summer, more than 650 Maine children and adults with disabilities arrive at Pine Tree Camp in Rome and their lives are transformed. Driving down the camp road, campers enter a world that is barrier-free, leaving behind the confines

of their disability thanks to the camp's 285-acre, fully accessible campus. Campers actively participate in all the activities for which Maine is famous – kayaking, boating, fishing and hiking – experiencing freedom and independence. In addition, Pine Tree Camp provides their families with much needed respite. Since 1945, Pine Tree Camp has welcomed all who could benefit, regardless of their ability to pay. Pine Tree Camp receives no state or federal funding and ninety-nine percent of campers require tuition assistance. In 2020, Pine Tree Camp celebrates 75 years.

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# What's Going On

## NAMI Maine receives donation



NAMI Maine has been awarded a major unrestricted operational support gift from the Glickman Family Foundation towards the non-profit's efforts to provide support, education, and advocacy to the 1 in 4 Mainers who are affected by mental illness.

"NAMI Maine is able to provide a rich array of programming funded by government and foundation grants," says NAMI Maine's

Chief Executive Officer, Jenna Mehnert. "However, these funding sources do not cover the infrastructure needed to deliver high quality programming. The Glickman Family Foundation gift provides the resources to elevate our work and ensure that staff have the operational support necessary to meet the needs of Maine's communities. The NAMI Maine community is beyond grateful for this gift."

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 NAMI Maine's annual report from fiscal year 2019, please visit [www.namimaine.org/about](http://www.namimaine.org/about). For more information, please contact NAMI Maine's public relations manager Alicia Hynes at (207) 622 - 5767, ext. 2308.

## Sabattus Rec running group readying for Spring

As the daylight lengthens and the temperatures warm, the Sabattus Rec Running Group is gearing up for more runs and races. Runners (and walkers) of all ages/abilities are welcome to join in on any Wednesday night Group Run. Other runs are often added to the weekends, and notices are usually posted on the group's Facebook page.

The Group Run Nights have been held

weekly, year-round, for the past 8 years. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome. We meet at 6 p.m. in the Mixer's parking lot on Sabattus Rd, and usually have three or four different distances and paces to choose from. Most runs last 30-45 minutes.

If new to the sport or returning after an absence, these are a great way to get into it. Whether you are just trying to get healthy, stay

healthy or lose weight, or are training for your first race or your first big race, all are encouraged to come on out and meet some like-minded people.

For more information, check out our Sabattus Rec Club Running Program Facebook page, or find us on the web at [www.sabattusrec.com](http://www.sabattusrec.com), and click on the running tab under "teams." Or email us at [running@sabattusrec.com](mailto:running@sabattusrec.com).

## Boiled ham and corned beef supper benefit

Five Kezar Road Church in North Waterford (near Melby's store), will be hosting a benefit for the North Waterford World's Fair on Saturday, March 7 from

5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. They will be serving boiled ham and corned beef with all the fixings and homemade pie for dessert. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for

youth ages six to sixteen and kids age five and under are free.

For more information contact Louise Lester at 207-894-8185 or [louise1@maine.rr.com](mailto:louise1@maine.rr.com).

## Mt. Ararat High School Senior Project raises over \$6,600



Some of the over 120 bowls made by students, teachers, and businesses supporting the Empty Bowls Project Dinner to benefit MCHPP.

Thursday, February 27 was a special evening at First Parish Church in Brunswick. Following the long tradition of the Empty Bowls Project, Bailey Cloutier's Mt. Ararat High School Senior Capstone Project brought together potters, students, teachers, friends, family members, and restaurants to raise \$6,650 for Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program. The history of the Empty Bowls Project is to provide artists an opportunity to give back, connect community members, and celebrate local artistry and

food, while educating the public on hunger and poverty.

Bailey, along with her friends and teachers, made 114 bowls for the event. Local pottery studios, Georgetown Pottery and Ash Cove Pottery donated some of their handcrafted bowls as well. Pat's Pizza, Wildflours Bakery, and Union Street Bakery contributed soup, salad, and bread for guests. It was a night that brought community members, families, businesses, and artists together to support MCHPP and a local stu-

dent's Senior Capstone Project.

Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program is a nonprofit organization based in Brunswick and dedicated to the mission of providing hungry people with access to healthy food, working to improve the quality of their lives by partnering with others, and serving them in a manner that recognizes their dignity. For more information about MCHPP's services, hours, and volunteer opportunities, or to make a donation, please visit [mchpp.org](http://mchpp.org).

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# Girl Scout cookie booths are open for business



Girl Scouts of Maine (GSME) continues the 2020 Girl Scout Cookie™ season with booth sales throughout the state open now through March 31. More than 6,000 Girl Scouts across Maine are tapping into their inner entrepreneur as they earn money to power their own leadership opportunities and adventures. This season, Girl Scouts has a sweet new way to celebrate young female leaders: refreshed packaging reflecting the amazing experiences cookie earnings make possible for girls.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program® teaches girls about entrepreneurship as they have fun learning essential skills like money management, public speaking, and decision making which sets them up for a lifetime of success. Nine in ten Girl Scouts say the cookie program has built their entrepreneurship

skills and their interest in pursuing entrepreneurship as a career path—so every cookie purchase is an investment in the world-changing business leaders of tomorrow. What’s more, each and every purchase stays local to power amazing experiences and leadership opportunities for girls in communities across Maine.

Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls empower themselves as they earn their own money to put toward a range of experiences, some of which are illustrated on this year’s refreshed cookie packaging—from adventure-packed camping and canoeing, to exploring space science and designing robots, to taking meaningful action to improve girls’ communities. Every purchase of Girl Scout Cookies makes experiences like these possible for girls in your local communi-

ty, giving them hands-on opportunities to hone valuable skills like decision making and business ethics.

“The Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program is so much more than just selling cookies,” said Joanne Crepeau, CEO of Girl Scouts of Maine. “Girls are learning significant life skills, and just as important, the sale from every box of cookies impacts local communities across Maine. Girls decide how they want to invest their funds from their earnings. This could mean anything from supporting other local non-profits like the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital, to traveling across the country or abroad, to creating STEM afterschool education programs for girls.”

Girl Scout Cookies can only be purchased from a registered Girl Scout. Cookie booths can be found set-up at lo-



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cal businesses around the state and 7-days a week at the Maine Mall in South Portland through the end of March. To find Girl Scouts selling cookies near you, visit [www.girlscoutcookies.org](http://www.girlscoutcookies.org) or use the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder app, free on iOS and Android devices.

Girl Scouts of Maine (GSME) builds girls of

courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place by offering the best leadership development experience for girls—one that is designed with, by, and for girls. GSME provides services and support to more than 11,000 girl and adult members statewide and operates service centers and shops in South Portland

and Bangor. For more information visit [www.girlscoutsofmaine.org](http://www.girlscoutsofmaine.org) or find Girl Scouts of Maine on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @girlscoutsofmaine or call 888-922-4763.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## I and You opens Friday at The Public Theatre



Emma Wisniewski as Caroline and London Carlisle as Anthony in *I and You*

When was the last time you saw a play about a pair of compelling teenage characters that in its final moments left you breathless? *I And You* is that play—a youthful, humorous, powerful and profoundly moving story now playing at The Public Theatre.

High school seniors Caroline and Anthony have more in common than they know. Mysteriously forced together to complete an English

project, this unlikely duo discovers a shocking secret that will unite them forever.

Even people who might not normally choose to spend an hour and a half with teenagers are advised to put *I And You* at the top of their “must-see” list. Audiences have been so stunned by the show’s unexpected final moment, that many of them return for a second time for the pure joy of re-experiencing

this stunner of a play.

*I and You* will be performed at The Public Theatre, Lewiston/Auburn’s Professional Theatre, March 13 through 22, Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., with a Saturday matinee on March 21 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for groups. For tickets visit [thepublictheatre.org](http://thepublictheatre.org) or call 782-3200. The Theatre is located at 31 Maple Street, Lewiston.

## WLU prom gown giveaway

Looking for a free dress for prom? You can get one at the 7th Annual Fairy Godmother Gown Giveaway on Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Foss Mansion located at 19 Elm Street, Auburn.

Sponsored by the Woman’s Literary Union, donating gowns is a good cause. It benefits you cleaning out your closet and donors become a fairy godmother by helping girls find the perfect gown for the perfect evening. For more information or to donate your extra gowns call 795-6134.

The Woman’s Literary Union was organized in 1892 with a mission of intellectual, cultural, and educational advancement of the community and to preserve the Foss Mansion which is on



the National Registry of Historic Places. The WLU of Androscoggin County is a 501(c)

(3) charitable nonprofit organization. For more information check [womansliteraryunion.org](http://womansliteraryunion.org)

## Bean Supper

The Auburn United Methodist Church, 439 Park Avenue, will hold its monthly bean supper Saturday, March 28th, at 5 p.m. The menu consists of baked beans, cas-

seroles, hot dogs, coleslaw, bread, beverages and pies. Entertainment will be provided by the Park Avenue Pickers, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Admission is \$8 for

adults, children, age 6 to 12, are \$4, and there is no charge for children under 5. For additional information, please call the church office at 207-782-3972.

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# Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony "Ode to Joy"



The Maine Music Society (MMS) and Bates College invite you to come celebrate Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday at the Basilica! Four years ago, over 1200 people filled the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul for a thrilling performance of Beethoven's Missa Solemnis.

On March 29 at 4 p.m., you will have an opportunity to hear another Beethoven masterpiece when the Maine Music Society and Bates College present a community-wide music-making collaboration of Beethoven's 9th Symphony "Ode to Joy" performed in the magnificent sacred space of the Basilica in Lewiston, Maine in honor of the 250th anniversary of the composer's birth.

The Maine Music Society Chorale, the Bates College Choir, the Basilica's Schola Cantorum and the Chamber Choirs of Edward Little and Lewiston High Schools accompanied by the MMS and Bates College Orchestras will present this monumental 1824 work that introduced choral singing as part of a symphony in its triumphant final

movement, the "Ode to Joy". Imagine over 100 voices reverberating throughout the vaulted space of the Basilica as they sing this spirited final movement. The choruses will be joined by soloists Lurette Saul, soprano, Joelle Morris, mezzo soprano, Martin Lescault, tenor, and Leon Griesbach, bass/baritone, all under the direction of MMS Artistic Director John Corrie. The focus of the text, that all people on this planet are brothers and sisters, emphasizes how much we have in common and demonstrates the egalitarian ideal of unity among people of all walks of life, of all faiths and creeds. This sentiment still rings true today.

Four years ago, tickets sold out quickly. Be sure to purchase yours early to ensure you have a seat for this performance of Beethoven's 9th Symphony, which will undoubtedly be the highlight of the musical season.

For a preview of what's in store, listen to John Corrie and Susan Trask on Maine's Big Z 105.5's Breakfast Club on Tuesday, March 24

at 8 a.m. You can also hear John in a "Cultural Conversation" with Robin Rilette on Thursday, March 26, during Maine Public's arts preview program, "Prelude" sometime between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit our website at [www.mainemusicociety.org](http://www.mainemusicociety.org), like us on Facebook or call SmART Management, at 207-333-3386.

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# The 23rd Maine Jewish Film Festival

Amid increasing concern about hate crimes, a divisive political environment, the threat of climate change, and other societal challenges, the films and programs at the 2020 Maine Jewish Film Festival (MJFF) frame important issues in a global context.

From March 28 through April 5, MJFF will screen 40 dramatic features, documentaries and short films. Now in its 23rd year, the Festival's vision is that great films unite us in increasing communication and understanding. MJFF films offer fresh perspectives on familiar icons and illuminate the lives of hidden heroes. They explore common challenges that people from around the world, regardless of religion, culture or geography

share. The films explore such universal themes as overcoming adversity, concern for the physical world we live in, and understanding conflicting values—in both familiar and unfamiliar contexts. The films and programs have the potential to stimulate meaningful discussions and widen understanding around timely and relevant issues.

"We live in turbulent times. The 2020 Maine Jewish Film Festival seeks to engage and entertain audiences across Maine with films and programs that will widen perspectives about important issues. This year's film slate is particularly expansive—enlightening documentaries, uplifting dramas, and animation—there is something for everybody." -Barbara

Merson, Executive Director.

Documentaries will illuminate women's empowerment (# Female Pleasure), the effect of disability on families, (Once Upon A Boy), climate change (Picture of His Life) and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (Advocate). Others will explore cultural icons like the Volkswagen Beetle (Ganz: How I Lost My Beetle) and at the phenomenon of "Fiddler on the Roof" (Fiddler: Miracle of Miracles).

Uplifting comedies and riveting dramas also feature in the 2020 slate. This year's fictional films include a coming of age story set in Vienna during WWII, starring the legendary Bruno Ganz as psychiatrist Sigmund Freud (The See Film, page 10

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## Seniors Not Acting Their Age A sure cure for cabin fever



A skier at the top of Lucky Logger at the Harris Farm X-Country Ski Center

A friend once said, "If you live in Maine, you need to embrace winter." She was right. After too many years of misspent youthful winters, I found the antidote for cabin fever. Identify the things you love to do and discipline yourself to get out and do them. Eventually, you'll be a winter devotee addicted to short days and long

cold winter nights. Alright, that's goofy talk. However, you may find yourself looking forward to your favorite winter activities in the fall, enjoying an abundant winter agenda, and feeling a sense of loss when spring arrives.

There are lots of excuses to stay huddled on the couch addictively binge watching whitewa-

ter videos and reruns of old Patriot's Super Bowl victories. Limited daylight, frigid weather, ice storms, lousy traveling, the flu, snow removal; the list seems endless. If you think things are tough now, they were worse when I was a kid. I know, you've heard that before. But really, back then there were no Patriot's Super Bowl

victories to watch over and over and whitewater videos didn't exist. I can remember when my grandparents had the only television in the neighborhood and viewing hours on the three stations were from four to ten. Life was tough.

Some winter activities require a substantial commitment of time, money, and travel such as snowmobiling, downhill skiing, or one of my favorites, winter mountaineering. Not so with cross country skiing. A pair of skis and poles, boots that fit, the usual winter garments, and you're ready to ski the winter blues away. And, the sport is old people friendly.

One of my favorite cabin fever treatment clinics is Harris Farm X-Country Ski Center in Dayton. There is much to like at Harris Farm. A fourth-generation family business, it reminds me of several farms that flourished in Randolph when I was growing up. Howdy Doody and the Mouseketeers were hit TV shows then. When I arrive at the farm, it's like stepping back in time... without Howdy.

If you don't have ski equipment or lack skills, you're in luck at Harris Farm. They rent skis, boots, and poles. Lessons are available by appointment. Snowshoeing, sliding, and fat tire biking are also options. A family friendly place, it's common to see parents guiding their

miniature progeny on the easy trails or pulling babies in sleds. Cabin fever is a virtual impossibility when playing at the farm.

A confessional is in order. Something I don't like about many commercial Nordic ski areas is short trails crisscrossing one another, often going in circles. I feel like a rat in a maze experiment. If you like that sort of thing, it's an option at Harris Farm. However, a big attraction for me is that I can ski the perimeter trails on both sides of the road for about two and a half hours without once repeating a section of trail. It's easy, even for us doddering geriatrics, just keep making right turns. The satisfying result is the impression of a wilderness skiing expedition.

Recently, frequent outdoor companion, Eggman DeCoster and I met at the farm for an afternoon ski. Both old people, the Eggster is still fully engaged in employment as a carpenter, but not opposed to stealing a mental health day for cabin fever rehab.

A beautiful, breezy winter day, the trails were expertly groomed and in superb condition. Fortuitously, Eggie was game for my favorite perimeter ski.

Beginning across the road from the lodge, we turned right, of course, dropped into a dense forested area, and

Thursday, March 12, 2020

glided the rolling hills of the intermediate Cold Water Brook Trails. Following about a mile of exhilarating skiing we emerged onto a wide field connecting with the easy Joe Buzzell Trail network. Persisting to the more difficult Farm Forest Trails, the sector ended with a challenging descent on Express Way.

After climbing steeply on Deer Run Trail, we crossed Buzzell Road and joined the Out-to-Pasture Trails. Cruising down Maternity Loop in an open field and negotiating demanding Lucky Logger, the Bobcat Loop was next. Traveling to the far eastern terminus of the trail network, consequential Buck Bramble was successfully navigated before returning to the lodge on Sokokis Woods and Pole Barn Run Trails.

In frequent need of cabin fever therapy, this was one of my many regular visits to the Harris Farm clinic. I'll keep returning until the snow is gone and the streams open for whitewater paddling. I'll miss winter skiing when that happens.

Author of "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals - New England," Ron Chase resides in Topsham. Visit his website at [www.ronchaseoutdoors.com](http://www.ronchaseoutdoors.com) or he can be contacted at [ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net](mailto:ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net).



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# 2020 Disabled Veterans Moose Hunt Lottery announced



On March 1, the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services (MBVS) will begin accepting applications for the 2020 Disabled Veterans Controlled Moose Hunt held in Aroostook County.

MBVS Director, David Richmond shared the following in regard to the importance of the hunt. "At the Bureau, we've had the privilege of working with thousands of veterans from across Maine and the country. We assist veterans during each stage of their transition from military service to civilian life, and one of the most popular services we help connect veterans to is the Disabled Veterans Controlled Moose Hunt. It's a unique form of recreational therapy for many of the veterans involved and the long-term ben-

efits from this outdoor activity are immeasurable."

Since the program's inception in 2010, MBVS has partnered with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (IF&W) and Smoldering Lake Outfitters to issue hunting permits and essential equipment to participating veterans. The hunt, which is entirely free for selected veterans, costs roughly \$50,000 to administer. Costs associated with the hunt include guiding services, essential adaptive equipment, meat processing and travel and lodging.

For those who served in the military, no matter the branch, you understand the importance of community. That need for communal support doesn't go away

when you leave service – and we take pride in knowing that Mainers have stepped up to provide collaborative advocacy for our service members. The Disabled Veterans Controlled Moose Hunt offers our veterans an opportunity to gain comradery, confidence, and support from fellow veterans who have gone through similar struggles. In fact, veterans who have participated repeatedly share with us the value of the program as well as the significant impact it has had on their lives.

Scott Brown, United States Air Force veteran and selected hunter told us the experience he had while hunting in Aroostook County was a once in a lifetime opportunity. "During that one week in The Coun-

ty I quickly realized this event is not about filling a freezer but community, team building and being able to share our experiences with those who understand our unique spin on the world. It was truly a bucket list event and I am so very thankful for the opportunity."

Unlike the regular IF&W moose lottery, the Disabled Veterans Controlled Moose Lottery is limited to only those veterans with a disability rating of at least 50%. Each hunter is required to team up with a registered Maine Guide who has specific training for the hunt, and if a veteran has ever tagged a moose through the program, that veteran is ineligible to hunt again.

Applications will be accepted starting March 1st and must be submitted to the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 1. Applications can be downloaded from the Bureau's website: <http://maine.gov/veterans/benefits/recreational-licenses/veterans-moose-lottery.html>. Results of the lottery will be posted no earlier than Friday, May 29.

For more information about the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services and the Disabled Veterans Controlled Moose Hunt, please visit: <http://maine.gov/veterans/> or call 207-430-6035.

The Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services was established in 1947 by the State of Maine and is part of the Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. Our mission is to help Mainers who served, and their

loved ones, understand and navigate the benefits, services, and programs available to them. The Bureau does this by being a responsive, experienced, and dedicated advocate. The Bureau is headquartered at Camp Keyes and has six field service offices located throughout the state and a claims office located at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Togus, Maine. The Bureau also operates the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery System which includes four veterans' cemeteries. For more information about the Bureau or to request assistance, please visit our website at [www.maine.gov/veterans](http://www.maine.gov/veterans).

liance; Brunswick at the Eveningstar Cinema and Bowdoin College; Lewiston at the Bates College Olin Arts Center; Rockland at the Strand Theatre; Waterville at the Railroad Square Cinema; Bangor at the Bangor Mall Cinema.

The Maine Jewish Film Festival is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide a forum for the presentation of films to enrich, educate and entertain a diverse community about the global Jewish experience. Since 1998, the Maine Jewish Film Festival has screened over 400 films and brought more than 150 guest artists from across the U.S. and around the world to Maine. Tickets are on sale now at [www.mjff.org](http://www.mjff.org) or by phone at 800-838-3006. A complete festival schedule including film descriptions, featured guest speakers, panelists, and special forums can be found online at: [www.mjff.org](http://www.mjff.org).

## Film

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Tobaccoist), the stirring true story of Nazi soldier turned British soccer star Bert Trautmann (The Keeper) and an intense thriller from acclaimed director Avi Nesher set in modern Israel (The Other Story).

Featured guests will include award-winning investigative journalist Mark Potok who appears in the film, *Alt Right: Age of Rage*; filmmaker Aviva Kempner will discuss her latest film, *The Spy Behind Home Plate*, about baseball great turned spy Moe Berg; and comedian H. Alan Scott, the subject of the documentary *Latter Day Jew*, who was raised as a Mormon, later came out as gay, survived cancer and ultimately converted to Judaism, will also appear.

Screenings for the festival will be held in locations statewide: Portland at the Nickelodeon Cinemas, Portland Museum of Art, and Jewish Community Al-

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# Art

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every discovery, and in the weaving of the tale to be visually re-told. Everyday objects, the subtle grandeur of nature, the quirkiness of a visual irony, the elegance of decay and bearing witness to the humanity and humility of people living their lives, are only a few of the subjects that capture his imagination. As a professional bassist he adds to his diverse life by contributing to performances and projects with artists such as David Mallett and Noel Paul Stookey. He is also Franklin County Adult



"People Get Ready". Photo by Michael Burd.

Education's Technology Plinksters Ukulele Ensemble from one home-ly shepherds the Merry town stage to the next.



"Tulip Secrets". Photo by Cindy Rehagen Langewisch.

Living in Berwick, Joe Souther enjoys photography as a way to keep open to new discoveries as he wanders with his camera creating images of things he encounters. His selection of work exhibited are images he's photographed in this manner and then printed using a process known as lith printing. Because of the unique properties of this printing process, images printed this way

cannot be exactly duplicated. Each print exhibited is unique. The works on display may be purchased through the WHA Gift

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# What's Going On

## Family resource fair for St. John's in Brunswick

All are welcome to attend the free and expanded Family Resource Fair to be held at the St. John's Community Center, located on 43 Pleasant Street in Brunswick, on Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"This fair gives people the chance to make connections, whether between a family and a youth group, a volunteer and an organization, or an individual and an agency," said Amy Ford, a faith formation director at All Saints Parish in Brunswick. "It's a way for the parish to offer community members guidance on how to become involved, supported, or collaborative."

Family fun will be offered like the Sparks' Ark Live Animal Show (10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.), an Earth Jams concert with Matt Loosigian (12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.), and an open house at St. John's Catholic School (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.). In addition, free haircuts will be provided by Kings and Queens Hair Studio, Rossignol's Hair Shoppe, and Sondra De-

Lorenzo from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free refreshments will also be available, and free raffles will be held.

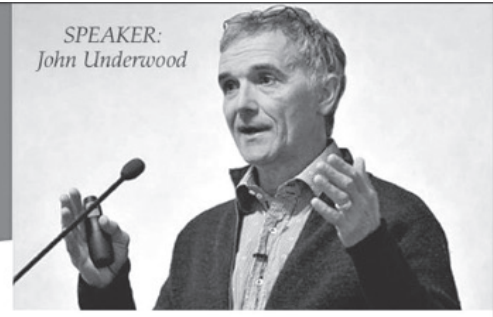
Representatives from over 30 area groups will have a presence at the fair, like summer camps, youth development programs, and support services. The organizations include Bath Area Family YMCA, Bath Youth Meeting House and Skatepark, Brunswick Area Respite Care, Brunswick Parks and Recreation Department, CareNet of Mid-Coast Maine, Cathance River Education Alliance, Catholic Charities Maine, Center for Grieving Children, Chewonki, China Lake Summer Camp, Chop Point Summer Camp, Cub Scouts, Family Focus, Finance Authority of Maine, Growing to Give at Scatter Good Farm, Habitat for Humanity, Harpswell Heritage Land Trust Nature Day Camp, Housing Resources for Youth, Independence Association, Maine Moms Demand Action, Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program,

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"The fair is a perfect event to showcase what the parish had in mind with the new community center," said Fr. Thomas Murphy, pastor of All Saints. "The center will be a marvelous aid to bring the community together at moments like this for years to come. Our churches have always been welcoming and open to others, this facility will be as well. I think we're going to see great things happening here, signs of the Lord's presence."

For more information about the fair, call All Saints Parish at (207) 725-2624.

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## Lifesprings has moved location

Lifesprings has moved to Tyrian Masonic Lodge, Route 11, Mechanic Falls. Lifesprings is a non-profit organization that provides Senior Citizens with a chance to socialize and enjoy a nutritious meal once a week on Tuesdays. All Seniors welcome to join us for lunch starting in March at noon time, cost per meal is \$5.00. For more information call Pat at 998-4779.

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Auburn Public Library Life Skills Series: Job Applications in the Library's Computer Lab (2nd floor) from 3 to 4 p.m. For more details on other teen programs, continue to check the Auburn Public Library calendar at [www.auburn-publiclibrary.org](http://www.auburn-publiclibrary.org), call the APL at 333-6640 (ext. 4), or email the Teen Librarian at [dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org](mailto:dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org).

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, March 13**

Food for Thought with speaker Dan Devereaux in room 170 at USM/LA campus, 11:30 a.m. Bring a bag lunch!

**Saturday, March 14**

CFAC presents Chris Robley & Friends at First Universalist Church of Auburn, 169 Pleasant Street, Auburn at 7 p.m. Parking; accessible. For more information, call 783-0461 or [www.auburnuu.org](http://www.auburnuu.org).

Bean and Casserole Supper (and more) at Minot United Methodist Church, corner of Rte 121 and Empire Road, Minot, from 5 to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 7 to 12 years old, under 7 are free.

The Maine State Museum in Augusta opens its Maine bicentennial exhibition, "Regional Struggle-National Story: Maine's Path to Statehood". Museum is open and free of charge from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, check the Maine State Museum's website [www.mainestatemuseum.org](http://www.mainestatemuseum.org).

The Midcoast Symphony Orchestra "Two Great 5ths" at the Franco Center, Lewiston at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$22 (advance) \$25 (cash or check) at the door. Call 207-846-5378, or <http://www.midcoastsymphony.org> for details and

# Calendar

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Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club monthly dance at Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 for dancers, free for non-dancers. For more information, call the presidents Joan and Dick Deans, 207-966-2327 or 890-2972. Also check their website [swinginbears.squaredance.us](http://swinginbears.squaredance.us)

**Sunday, March 15**

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I and You at The Public Theatre at 31 Maple Street, Lewiston, 2 p.m. with a free

post-show discussion featuring the cast and director following the performance. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for groups. For tickets visit [thepublictheatre.org](http://thepublictheatre.org) or call 782-3200.

Community Concert hosted by the North Gorham United Church of Christ, 4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham, performed by The Pond Lilies at 2 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

**Wed., March 18**

Franco-American singer Josee Vachon, performs at the Gendron Franco Center at 7 p.m. Reserved tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Box Office, calling 689-2000 or online at [francocenter.org](http://francocenter.org). All ticket-buyers are welcome to a reception prior to the concert at 5 p.m. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

**Thursday, March 19**

I and You at The Public Theatre at 31 Maple Street, Lewiston,

7:30 p.m. with a free wine-tasting in the lobby provided by The Vault before the show. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for groups. For tickets visit [thepublictheatre.org](http://thepublictheatre.org) or call 782-3200.

**Friday, March 20**

I and You at The Public Theatre at 31 Maple Street, Lewiston, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for groups. For tickets visit [thepublictheatre.org](http://thepublictheatre.org) or call 782-3200.

**Saturday, March 21**

7th Annual Fairy Godmother Gown Give-away at the Foss Mansion located at 19 Elm Street, Auburn, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or to donate your extra gowns call 795-6134.

I and You at The Public Theatre at 31 Maple Street, Lewiston, 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for groups. For tickets visit [thepublictheatre.org](http://thepublictheatre.org) or call 782-3200.

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## Exhibit

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Leblanc and Lepage Families.

The Franco-American Collection is located at the University of Southern Maine Lewiston-Auburn College, 51 Westminster Street, Lewiston. It is one of the largest repositories in the Northeast for the culture of French Canadian immigrants to the United



Michael Michaud, Honorable US Congressman (U.S. Representative for Maine's 2nd congressional district from 2003-2015) is guest speaker at "Notre Pain Quotidien" (Our Daily Bread) Art Exhibit Reception at USM Lewiston Auburn College on March 19 at 7 p.m.

States. The Collection preserves the past and promotes the study of Franco-American culture and history.

FAC workers included in this project are Doris Bonneau, Juliana L'Heureux and Anna Farchy, Archivist.

## Auburn Public Library Life Skills Series: Getting a Job

As part of Auburn Public Library's annual Teen Life Skills Series, the teen programs in March will focus on getting a job! Auburn Public Library will present the following programs:

Completing the Job Application: Teens and New Adults, ages 14 to 25, are invited to join Lisa Hartnett from the Maine Career Center to learn how to accurately complete an online job application. A well done application is an employer's first impression of you. Knowing what to include (or not) may mean progressing to the

interview that you are hoping for. Demonstrate your ability to follow directions and secure that job!

This program will take place on Thursday, March 12, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Library's Computer Lab (2nd floor).

The Job Interview: Congratulations! You've made it to the interview. Come join us as we explore the best answers to those difficult questions and how to make an impression that makes you the best candidate for the job. Selling yourself and your skills will make that

great first impression! This program is for Teens and New Adults (ages 14 to 25) and is presented by Lisa Hartnett from the Maine Career Center.

This program will take place on Thursday, March 26, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Library's Conference Room (ground floor)

For more details on other teen programs, continue to check the Auburn Public Library calendar at [www.auburnpubliclibrary.org](http://www.auburnpubliclibrary.org), call the APL at 333-6640 (ext. 4), or email the Teen Librarian at [dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org](mailto:dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org).

## Franco-American singer performs at the center

Franco-American singer, Josee Vachon, performs at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston on Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. Born in Québec and raised in Maine, Josée Vachon has been sharing her Franco-American upbringing for over 25 years through traditional and contemporary folksongs from Québec and Acadia and through her own compositions.

Though she often entertained at family gatherings, she began singing publicly with the support of the Franco-American Center at the University of Maine, where she discovered others who shared her rich heritage. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts in Romance Languages in 1984, she continued to perform, quickly gaining recognition as a new Franco-American voice through early performances at state festivals in Maine and at schools and parish soirées.

Josee has won special awards including a bronze medal from La Société Académique ARTS - SCIENCES-LETTRES of Paris, France, 2019 in recognition of her musical career and receiving the Franco-American of the Year 2018 award from the Franco-American Center of New Hampshire. She has served as the Franco-American



Ambassadrice, presenting at Constitution Hall, Washington D.C.; Women's Singing Traditions of New England Tour; and L'Institut Francais in Berlin, Germany. Her International television appearances included "Bonjour!" from March 1987 to April 1998, hosting over 500 tapings of the most widely seen French-language television show in the US and airing on cable and public television stations in Louisiana, the North-

eastern US and Canada. Ms. Vachon has 12 solo recordings to her credit and continues to perform and record the music that best represents her love of Franco-American culture.

Reserved tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Box Office, calling 689-2000 or online at [francocenter.org](http://francocenter.org). All ticket-buyers are welcome to a reception prior to the concert at 5 p.m. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

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