

Rails becomes artists' studio for the evening



Sydney Dick (11), granddaughter of Rails' co-owner Claire Dick, starts her painting at the art event presented at Rails on a recent winter evening. (Photo by Nathan Tsukroff, Bell Studios)

Rails is a new restaurant with a bar in the old Grand Trunk Station on Lincoln Street in Lewiston. On a recent Wednesday evening, it also became a bustling artists' studio as Melanie Therrien of Wicked Illustrations led a group of budding artists through the process of creating dramatic interpretations of "A Dark and Stormy Night."

The eighteen artists sat in close quarters in a corner of the dining room, laughing and chatting their way from blank canvases to finished masterpieces.

Although mostly women, the group also included a couple of husbands and two teenagers.

Among the participants was Claire Dick, who owns Rails with her husband, Steve. She said this was her first time putting a brush to canvas. She brought along her granddaughter, Sydney Dick, who came along because she "loves doing art."

Also among the painters was Sharon White, the General Manager of Rails. White, who had also never

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The Ark becomes Olive Branch Café

Tucked away at 791 Lisbon Street on the south side of Lewiston is a hidden oasis of health, healing and sustenance. In 2013, a small vegan café called The Ark opened in the former Pizza Hut building there with a mission to provide delicious, wholesome and affordable meals to a population craving a healthier dining experience. In the next two years, word spread and people from across New England came to visit the restaurant on its three open days each week to sample its healthy and delicious offerings.

Now under a new management team, the restaurant will celebrate its new name and expanded weekly schedule with a Grand Opening on Sunday, March 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. While the building and menu have received a facelift, the restaurant's mission has remained the same: "We are a faith-based, grass roots movement dedicated to enriching the lives of others through building communities that are healthy and whole - physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually," said new Director, Tony Cuffori.

The Olive Branch Café is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Sundays, both breakfast and lunch are served, with breakfast pizzas, burritos, waffles, and oatmeal cited as customer favorites. Each

dish on the menu, whether the cheezcake, quesadilla, soup, or Chickless, is free from GMO's and served with love. The restaurant's lunchtime hours leave the building free in the evenings to host health lectures, cooking classes, Bible studies and herbal remedy workshops.

"The restaurant is a non-profit, and the money it makes, along with donations from generous supporters, allows us to provide most of our classes free of charge," added Cuffori. "Educating the community to make more informed choices is a big part of why we are here. We want to feed the whole person."

The entire staff is committed to serving wholesome food in a positive environment that nourishes the whole body. They believe that lifestyle changes, such as eating a whole-food, plant-based diet, can help remedy a host of health problems ranging from Diabetes to heart disease. Each member of the staff has undergone a personal health journey and is eager to help others embark on their own. "You're more than a customer to me," said Kitchen Manager Gina Knowles. "You're a new friend."

Restaurant customer Pamela Jewett's 16-year-old grandson, Connor, loves the Haystack - organic corn chips piled high with chili, cashew cheez,

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Mechanics Savings donates \$1,500 to AHCH



AHCH Development Coordinator Teri Blaschke receives a \$1,500 check from MSB employees (l. to r.) Kristina Cote, Terri Cook, and Jeff Gosselin. Cote and Cook participate in the Hospice House 5K each year, while Gosselin serves on the AHCH Board of Directors as a Member at Large Officer and Foundation Committee member.

Mechanics Savings Bank has donated \$1,500 to Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice to support the agency's home care services and Hospice House. This year, the bank will once again sponsor the agency's Hospice House 5K & Remembrance Walk, to be held on May 15, as well as its annual Holiday Remembrance Ornament fundraiser.

"As we celebrate our 50th anniversary this year, we're proud to continue our partnership with Mechanics Savings Bank in support of the work we do in caring for the health, independence, and quality of life of Maine residents and their families," said AHCH Development

Coordinator Teri Blaschke. "It's only due to generous support from community members and businesses like Mechanics Savings Bank that we are able to provide home care and hospice services to all who need it."

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Pelletier promoted to Vice President of Lending



Laurie Pelletier

Laurie Pelletier has been promoted by Community Credit Union from the position of Vice President of Branch Operations to the position of Vice President of Lending. Pelletier has 21 years of experience in financial institutions, including five years with Community Credit Union.

In her new position, she will direct and coordinate the day-to-day operations and quality of work performed by the Loan Department, which includes Loan Officers, Loan Servicing, Card Services, and Collections.

Pelletier has attended trainings with the Maine Credit Union League, taken supervisor courses at Central Maine Community College and is a graduate of the Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute. She is also a CUNA Certified Financial Counselor, trained to help members make budgets, review their credit reports, set financial goals, and analyze their overall financial situation to meet their financial goals.

Pelletier is a member of the Auburn-Lewis-

ton Rotary Club, is active with the Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, and volunteers for United Way. She lives with her husband, Chad, and daughter, Abbie. She enjoys riding her motorcycle and playing softball for the Community Credit Union team in the summer, skiing in the winter, and spending time with family and friends.

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MainStreet Foundation adds new board members



Lacey Gammon and Dennis Lajoie

Androscoggin Bank's MainStreet Foundation has added Lacey Gammon and Dennis Lajoie to its Board of Directors.

Gammon is a Loan Operations Representative at Androscoggin Bank, having previously served as a Marketing Assistant and Administrator for the Foundation. She is actively involved within the bank, currently serving as Greater Giving Administrator and as a member of numerous committees, including the Innovation Team, BIG (Business Intelligence Group) and the Wellness Committee. Prior to joining Androscoggin Bank, she was a Business Development Coordinator at Sunday River Rentals. She holds a B.S. in Business

Administration from the University of Maine and is a resident of Andover.

Lajoie is the Vice President of Economic Development and Housing at Community Concepts, Inc., a regional organization that provides a variety of housing, economic development and social services for the communities of Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties. He is also the CEO of Community Concepts Finance Corporation, a Certified Community Development Financial Institution. Lajoie has held numerous positions within Community Concepts since joining the company in 1990. He holds a Master's degree in Community and Economic Development from Southern

New Hampshire University and is a resident of Hebron.

The MainStreet Foundation is Androscoggin Bank's \$1,000,000 Foundation with a mission that is simple, focused and essential: to help keep at-risk kids in Maine safe, healthy, active, happy, educated, and nourished. Four times a year, MainStreet Foundation makes grants up to \$5,000 to excellent non-profit agencies actively working in our communities to help kids thrive. These grants vary based on the need and typically exceed a total of \$50,000 per year.

In 2011, Androscoggin Bank pledged to donate \$100k to the MainStreet Foundation in honor of outgoing Bank President Steven A. Closson. With this gift, MainStreet is able to offer four \$25k individual grants - one in each year starting in November of 2013. The winner of the \$25K for Kids Award for 2015 was Longley Elementary School in Lewiston.

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Please join us in welcoming Joe Tibbetts and Dan Brown as the newest team members of our service department.



Joe Tibbetts and Dan Brown

Joe Tibbetts will take on the duties of service manager at our Auburn location. He grew up on a small, family-owned dairy farm in Whitefield, Maine and went on to graduate from the University of Maine with a degree in Business Administration. In March of 2014 he went

to work for the parts department at our Fairfield location and recently joined our service team in Auburn.

Dan Brown will join Joe in Auburn and assume the duties of service writer. He is originally from northern Maine and grew up involved in potato farming with his family. As a young adult, he was an important part of a family run lawn and garden tractor dealership in Durham and has always been around tractors and equipment.

Both Joe and Dan have a strong customer service background and are willing to go the extra mile to ensure that our customers receive the best customer service that they can. Next time you visit our Auburn store please stop by the service office to meet our newest team members.



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Governor's Address: Democrats Must Stop the Spending Spree and Learn how to be Fiscally Responsible

Living within a budget takes discipline and good fiscal management.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, Mainers understand how to live within their means. Unfortunately, socialist democrats do not understand the meaning of fiscal management. We all remember last year's Christmas in July scandal when they spent \$300 million more than was needed in the two-year budget. We aren't even a full year into that budget and they are already coming back to the trough to spend more forecasted money that hasn't even come in yet.

Fiscal discipline is important in government to improve and sustain economic vitality.

Since I have been in office, state agencies have worked hard to live within the budget the Legislature creates. Previous administrations made it a habit to ask for additional money in between budget years; however, our administration has stopped that practice.

Moody's Investors Service, a leading provider of global credit benchmarks, has affirmed their credit rating on the State of Maine's general obligation debt to a 'Aa2' rating while improving their outlook on Maine's debt from negative to stable.

According to Moody's, "The stable outlook reflects their expectation of revenue stability going forward and the state's adequate flexibility to manage spending pressures."



Governor Paul R. LePage

If there is one lesson to take away from the Moody's rating, it is that Republican reforms are working for Maine. It was Republican efforts to repay our hospitals, reform the public pension system, and maintain the balance of the budget stabilization fund, also

known as the Rainy Day Fund that led Moody's to improve their outlook for our state.

Good public policy strengthens the economy and it's reflected in the latest revenue projections. Experts say millions will be available in the coming months. That money should go right into the Rainy Day Fund, where it can protect the State from a future economic downturn. The State's current balance would only fund state operations for 8.5 days in the event of a catastrophic event. The Boston Federal Reserve has recommended that we need 30 to 40 days to improve our state's financial strength.

But, Democrats are trying to steal that money. They want to use those taxpayer dollars to create

what they call a "supplemental budget," which is nothing more than saying their \$300 million spending spree wasn't enough. They want to spend more money on things we don't need.

Not only do they want to spend every dollar that's projected to come in, they also want to raid over 20% of the Budget Stabilization Fund to send more money to ballooning school budgets, money that they are using as ransom for providing tax relief to small businesses in Maine. This \$23 million would be a windfall for runaway state education spending, which has already increased by \$80 million over the last budget.

And finally, stealing money out of the rainy day fund would again jeopardize

the state's credit rating, which we have worked hard to improve. The amount they propose to spend would fund nearly 2 full days of state government operations, bringing us 2 days closer to financial collapse.

Bad fiscal management leads to out of control spending, persistent deficits, rising debt levels and ultimately a bad credit rating for the state. Socialist democrats must stop the spending spree.

We need the political fortitude to be fiscally responsible. It's not only the right thing to do; it's the will of the Maine people.

*Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor*

Ward promoted at Community Credit Union



Ashley Ward

Community Credit Union has promoted Ashley Ward from the

position of Member Representative to the position of Asset Quality Representative. In her new position, she will protect the Credit Union's assets by controlling negative accounts, delinquent accounts and collecting delinquent loan payments.

Ward is enrolled at Central Maine Community College and volunteers at Montello Manor Nursing Home. She lives in Sabattus

with her mother, stepfather, boyfriend, two dogs and two cats. She enjoys outdoor activities, baking, attending local fairs and mud runs in her truck.

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Café

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lettuce, tomato, guacamole and salsa. Besides visiting the restaurant to feed her grandson, Jewett is also a frequent attendee of the cooking and herb classes. She feels that she has found a new family in the Café's staff and volunteers. "My daughter died from diabetes," she said, "and I'm determined that my grandson isn't going to

suffer the same fate."

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Only Steps Forward

City council, school committee need input on budget from citizens

By Jonathan P. LaBonté
MAYOR OF AUBURN

With a couple of months under their belts, the elected city council and school committee members are now heading into the most important time of the year: budget season. Given the short terms of office, the budget under development now is the only budget these elected officials will be able to manage to completion.

That's a lot of pressure for volunteers who may have never served in such a role. While I'm confident members

of both boards are committed to the process and doing what's best for the city, it does raise the continual issue of length of terms and the impact of not having staggered terms of office in Auburn. Maybe it's time for Auburn to revisit its charter, since it has been more than 10 years since the last review, but we will save that for another report.

So what can we expect as part of the budget process this year? Well, it's safe to say there won't be enough money for every project or "priority"

to be funded. As they say, if everything is a priority you don't have priorities.

Over the last month as we hosted neighborhood conversations, we've learned a lot about the challenges in our neighborhoods, but also about the success stories in being creative with limited resources. I was very impressed by the work of our local principals and their parent volunteers in finding partners and dollars outside of city government to meet needs. This is not to downplay our need to invest



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

properly in education, but their efforts should be recognized.

Challenges in the classroom, including a large number of students changing

schools during the year, as well as facing the struggle of poverty, plays out on the city side of the ledger in that our in-town neighborhoods continue to lose real estate value. As has been reported during workshops on the Neighborhood Revitalization Unit proposed by the Auburn Police Department, the last 10 years have seen a loss of close to 5% of property value.

As the city council has ramped up its questions on the new police department unit, it's become clear that ramping up the police presence in our neighborhoods isn't the pathway to reinvestment and growth. And the lack of focus on engaging with property owners proactively and the slow business development efforts has consequences. For a city that depends mostly on revenues generated by property value growth to fund services, declining values drives up taxes for business owners and those in other neighborhoods.

So with property tax revenues likely to be flat, and a known reduction in state education subsidies due to rising special education costs, the budget process will be a difficult test for all. And it will require residents

getting involved early to share where they see the priorities for city and school spending.

With a city ordinance that caps property tax increases to no more than the rate of inflation, unless overridden by a super majority of city councilors, there will be decisions on whether to look at non-property tax revenues to make up the difference or to cut spending in other areas.

With input from citizens, our city council and school committee should be able to identify the areas most important for investment to grow Auburn and to keep and attract families here. From those priorities, re-allocating resources will be the hard work.

Your input is needed more so now than in May and June, when most of the research and new ideas have been vetted and voted up or down. Please consider taking the time to reach out to your school committee member and city councilor to share your priorities.

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Enough is Enough

Political polls, Supreme Court appointment and funding our schools

By Robert E. Macdonald

MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Is there anything newsworthy happening in our community, state, country or the world besides political polls? Every day the numbers change.

Twenty different polls have twenty different results. Does anybody, besides political junkies and insiders care? Thank God for the comedy channel.

The death of distinguished Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is a great loss to the republic. His death is being symbolically marked with flags at half-staff, black bunting around the Capitol and instead of solemn remembrance of his life, both

political parties are treating his death like a Hanna Barbera cartoon.

They are squabbling about a replacement instead of reflecting on Scalia's distinguished life. It does, however, show voters why our Nation faces the problems it does.

But as juvenile as our elected officials act, don't be lulled into thinking Scalia's death is a minor issue—it's not! To make it easy for the average person to understand, let's use the headlines in the Lewiston Sun Journal on February 16, "Kids Say 'No to Naps.'" If you believe the kids should be dictating to the adults, then your position is the same position as President Obama and the



Mayor Bob Macdonald

Democrats.

If you think the adults should be in charge, then you side with most Republicans and want the next Supreme Court appointment made by the next President.

Two weeks ago at our bi-weekly meeting of the Mayors' Coalition in Augusta, a representative from the Maine Educational Association (Maine teachers' union) came to the meeting to pitch and seek our support for an upcoming ballot initiative to be voted on in November. "An Act To Establish The Fund To Advance Public Kindergartens To Grade Twelve Education" would place a 3% surcharge on all personal income in excess of \$200,000.

For example, if a person made \$201,000, they would pay a surcharge tax of 3% on the additional dollars above \$200,000, which would result in a \$30

tax increase.

This money would be placed into a special fund that would be used to assure that the obligation, already set by law, requiring the State to fund schools at 55% is met. This year the State is funding schools at 47.54%, thus making the Legislature in violation of their own law.

The 70-member Legislative Policy Committee of the Maine Municipal Association reviewed this initiative and were skeptical "that the legislation would implement the school financing elements of the initiative in a manner fully faithful with its terms." They then came down with a strong vote against the initiative. The primary reason: "The

taxation component of this initiative cannot be characterized as comprehensive, balanced or three-dimensional reform."

I would advise readers to Google and carefully read this initiative. It has the potential of being implemented in ways contrary to how it is being touted and could open the door to some creative accounting.

Lastly, if the initiative should pass, perhaps our Progressive political leaders could persuade the Clintons and Secretary of State John Kerry to become citizens of Maine. The 3% levied on anything over \$200,000 on their paychecks could allow us to fund the schools at 100%.

Rails

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Painted before, said the restaurant asked Wicked Illustrations to bring a class to their building because they want to support local companies. She is looking forward to future painting events at Rails on the third Wednesday of each month. She says those attending shouldn't expect to do a canvas at every session; for instance, next month's artists will get to try painting on wineglasses with special alcohol ink that sticks to non-porous surfaces like glass and tile.

The artists pay for the classes and can purchase food and drinks from the restaurant to be served at their work areas. Rails offers a menu of dishes created from foods sourced from small local farms.

Therrien said she brought the art class to Rails because she likes to network with other businesses, something she's been doing since she opened Wicked Illustrations, a studio and gallery on Canal Street in Lewiston, in 2007. She doesn't feel the need to limit a class to a certain level of ability. "I can lead them through the process of creating the painting," she said. "They're all going to turn out gorgeous."

Students were presented with canvases wrapped on wooded frames and standing on easels. They put on paint-



Melissa Therrien of Wicked Illustrations demonstrates the brushing technique. (Photo by Nathan Tsukroff, Bell Studios)

ers' aprons as Therrien went from artist to artist, passing out a selection of brushes, containers of water and cloth towels. Students then passed around bottles of black, blue, red and white acrylic paint that they squirted onto paper plate palettes.

Acrylic paint dries quickly compared to oil-



Paintbrushes are ready for the student artists. (Photo by Nathan Tsukroff, Bell Studios)

based paints and cleans up easily with water. Therrien told students to apply the



Sharon White, General Manager of Rails, applies paint to canvas. (Photo by Nathan Tsukroff, Bell Studios)

paint in thin coats, since it could take up to 30 minutes for a thick application to dry. "I spend my life waiting for paint to dry," she joked. While she usually mixes paint directly on the canvas, she told students they could mix it on their palettes.

Therrien then displayed a finished example of the "Stormy Night" painting for students to use as a reference. She started the class by having the artists use a broad brush to paint in a dark blue sky, with some black mixed in. Then she showed them how to use a toothbrush to create stars in the sky. They dipped their toothbrushes in the water, shook them off, and dipped them in white. Holding their brushes upright, each then used a finger to flick paint from the bristles to the canvas.

"You might get some shooting stars, so be careful of your neighbor!" she warned. Sure enough, a gale of laughter erupted as one student wiped streaks of paint

from her face.

The artists worked in steps, starting with the sky, adding the stars, then painting in a moon, some clouds, and eventually the ground and trees. They had to wait about 10 minutes between each step to allow the paint to dry. They learned that pulling up paint with their brush when they began painting the next layer meant that the previous layer still needed time to dry.

Therrien told students they could fix any mistakes by making a cloud or a tree. Demonstrating how to make clouds, she had students take a mop brush, tap it lightly in the white, then "tap, tap, tap" to create the clouds. "It's a great way to take out your frustrations," she said, noting that painting is very therapeutic.

Anyone "who's looking for something different, who likes art," should come to Rails for these classes, she said. "It's a good place to try it out without buying all the supplies." If they like it, then



The theme for the evening was "A Dark and Stormy Night." Photo by Nathan Tsukroff, Bell Studios)

they can come to her studio and gallery for supplies, she said.

The artists each had a different take on the night's theme. While most of them copied the general look and feel of Therrien's example,

one student chose dark reds and blacks instead of blue for the sky. Another decided to use far more black than blue for the sky, creating a much more dramatic feel to the painting.

Rails occupies the former railway station known to locals as both "The Depot" and the "Ellis Island of Maine." The station became a bustling hub as thousands of immigrants arrived to work in the booming industrial towns, driven by the textile mills and the shoe fabrication factories in the area. For more information about Rails, call 333-3070 or see <http://railsmaine.com>.

For more information about Wicked Illustrations, call 576-3743 or see www.wickedillustrations.com.

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Androscoggin Tax & Accounting opens in Auburn



Spaulding says he located his new office in downtown Auburn for the convenience of his customers and to support what the area has to offer.

Michael G. Spaulding, CPA has opened Androscoggin Tax & Accounting, LLC at 84 Main Street, Suite 207, in Auburn. After practicing accountancy in the Lewiston-Auburn area for the last 27 years, including being a

shareholder in another local firm, Spaulding decided to branch out on his own by opening his own firm.

"I am in love with the idea of this new venture, especially when it comes to being able to assist my clients with all their accounting and planning needs," says Spaulding. "I picked this historic location in downtown Auburn for the convenience of my clientele and also to make sure we keep our downtown areas alive with businesses and people enjoying what these areas have to offer."

Spaulding, who received his B.S. in accounting from the University of Southern Maine, specializes in income tax preparation, consulting and planning for small businesses, individuals,

trusts, and estates. His particular expertise is working with construction companies, retail businesses and wholesale establishments.

Spaulding, who lives in Lewiston, has four grown children and is very active in the community. He has served on committees and the boards of many organizations. Currently he serves as a board member for R.A.F.T.S in Lewiston, teaches martial arts to area youth and, as an Army veteran, serves as Financial Officer for the Alden M. Gayton American Legion Post 31 of Auburn.

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Beauty Bar adds Wilson



Amanda Wilson

The Beauty Bar Salon & Spa has added Amanda Wilson to its team of beauty professionals. A cosmetologist with over 14 years of experience, Wilson is color-certified and has extensive experience with hair cutting techniques, razor cuts, and men's and children's cuts. She also enjoys giving manicures and pedicures. She is a graduate of Mr. Bernard's School of Hair Fashion.

Wilson resides in Buckfield with her hus-

band, Jamie, and their three sons. She invites her existing and new clients to visit the Beauty Bar, a full-service salon and spa located at 20 Union Street in Auburn, to experience the services it has to offer. "With her positive and enthusiastic attitude, coupled with her passion for the industry, I knew Amanda would be a great addition to our amazing team," said owner Christine Laliberte.

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Senior College announces spring 2016 courses

The Senior College program at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College will offer 23 courses in the spring semester, March to May 2016.

Now in its 18th year, the program's upcoming semester will feature both new and continuation courses, ranging from French and Spanish language studies, genealogy, art appreciation, investments and economics, drama participation, religious history and spirituality, women's history, as well as others described below.

Open to everyone age 50 and older, the courses will be presented by peers, with no entrance requirements, grades or tests. An annual Senior College membership fee of \$25, valid from September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016, is required. Members who attend a course will have access to the campus library and computer lab. A perk to membership is free Senior College one day winter courses.

The course fees, which include the cost of most books and materials, are \$25 each for the first two courses and then \$10 for each additional course. All classes are held during the day at L-A College, 51 Westminster St., except as noted below. The 2016 spring semester course offerings are as follows:

"Food and Culture": 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 6 Mondays, March 28 to May 2. This course by Mark Silber, Ph.D., examines how food reflects significant issues facing us today, connecting us to many aspects of human existence, including health, culture, and social justice.

"Drama, Its History Through Participation": 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for 6 Mondays, March 28 to May 2. In this course the history of Drama will be demonstrated by student class activities. Instructor Hugh Keene was the drama coach at Edward Little H.S., producing over 65 plays and musicals.

"Modern Vietnamese Fiction and Film": 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for 6 Mondays, March 28 to May 2, at SeniorsPlus in Lewiston. This course will sample the Vietnamese government's 1985 loosening of restrictions as it began the reprivatization of land and business while keeping political power. Instructor Bill Hiss teaches Asian Studies at Bates College and has visited post-war Vietnam.

"New England Folk Dance: The French Connection": 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. for 6 Mondays, March 28 to May 9, at Callahan Hall, Lew. Public Library. This course will introduce students to the evolution and basics of traditional New

England contra dancing as well as a variety of French Canadian social dances. Instructor Cindy Larock has taught folk and ballroom dance at Bates College and holds a M.A. in Theatre Education.

"Special Destinations": 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for 6 Tuesdays, March 29 to May 3. This popular group travel course visits historical sites, places of business, and museums. Instructor Dorothy Rupert is a retired teacher and has guided numerous trips for Senior College.

"Intermediate French": 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 8 Tuesdays, March 29 to May 17. This continuing course is for those who already have some skills in French and interested in acquiring additional fluency. Instructor Ann Ancil earned a M.A. in French and is bilingual in both Canadian and standard French.

"An Introduction to the Study of Religion": 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 8 Tuesdays, March 29 to May 17, at Schooner Estates in Auburn. This course will examine the academic disciplines of religious studies, and the ways manifestations of religion have been studied by scholars and scientists. Instructor Charles W. Plummer, Ph.D., has taught many courses for Senior College.

"History of Futures and Commodities Trading": 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 6 Tuesdays, April 12 to May 17. The latest course of instructor Andrew Saucier's series on understanding investments will relate the history of Chicago's commodities exchanges, ranging from grain and cattle to currencies and carbon.

"Badly Behaved Women": 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for 6 Tuesdays, March 22 to April 26. This repeat course from Fall 2015 examines the history of a group of European women, some well-known, others not so

well-known, but all notable for their outstanding lives. Instructor Christine Holden, Ph.D., originated courses in European and U.S. Women's History at USM.

"Jubilados: Platicando y Practicando": 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for 8 Tuesdays, March 22 to May 17. This advanced Spanish course will increase vocabulary and refine grammatical skills using previous texts. Instructor Barbara Oliver has studied in Madrid and has taught Foreign Language Methodology.

"Creating Paper Art!": 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 6 Wednesdays, March 30 to May 4. This course will explore paper sculpture. Hand cut and layer paper using patterns and templates provided. No experience needed, just follow your imagination. Instructor Karen Brooks is a member of the Paper Artist Collective.

"Exploring Spirituality": 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 6 Wednesdays, March 30 to May 4. The importance of spirituality in the well-being of seniors will be addressed in this course. Instructor Marguerite Stapleton has created and led retreats, workshops and conferences in helping men and women uncover the depth of their spirituality.

"Humanity: A Search for Meaning and Identity": 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 6 Wednesdays, March 30 to May 4. The attempts at creating a new/better civilization is the basis for this course which will discuss and analyze the novel, "Lord of the Flies", by William Golding. Instructor George Blouin has over 30 years of teaching English, speech and drama.

"Great Decisions Discussions 2016": 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for 6 Wednesdays, March 30 to May 4. Based on the Foreign Policy Association program, this course encourages debate and discussion of important global issues to reach informed opinions. Discussion leaders

are Patricia Vampatella, past Chair of the Senior College Board, and Marty Gagnon, Adult Services Manager at the Auburn Public Library.

"Capitol Hill": 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for 6 Wednesdays, March 30 to May 4. The Legislative branch of our Federal Government will be studied, from its constitutional inception to the present. Instructor Crystal Ward taught American Government at Lewiston High School.

"Advanced Conversational French": 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 8 Thursdays,

March 31 to May 19. This course is for students already well versed in French who want to further improve their speaking skills. Instructor Ann Ancil earned a M.A. in French and is bilingual in Canadian French and standard French

"Greek and Roman Mythology": 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 8 Thursdays, March 31 to May 19. This course will provide answers to old and new questions about early European mythology with a tongue in cheek presentation. Veteran instructor Alan Elze has taught over 24

courses covering a wide range of subjects for Senior College.

"Maine Artists You May Not Know": 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 6 Thursdays, March 31 to May 5. This course will introduce and review many outstanding artists from Maine who have not received the attention they deserve. Instructor Kirsten Larsson-Turley has extensive experience as a senior docent at several Maine museums.

"Spanish, Step 2": 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 6 Fridays, April 8 to May 20. This continuation course will provide *See Courses, page 11*

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GOP Presidential caucuses are

The Maine GOP has announced caucus sites and schedules on Saturday, March 5 for 14 of Maine's 16 counties, including Androscoggin County. Sites and schedules for all counties, with a listing of all municipalities participating at each site, is available at mainegop.com/caucus.

There will be one Caucus Site in Androscoggin County on Saturday, March 5: Lewiston Middle School, 75 Central Avenue, Lewiston. The caucus includes Republicans from all municipalities in Androscoggin County: Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Liver-

more Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner and Wales.

Doors open at noon, when registration begins for new voters and those who wish to change their enrollment.

Municipal organizational caucuses begin and Presidential Vote opens at 1 p.m. Presidential Speakers begin at 2 p.m.

Other speakers will begin at 3 p.m., and caucuses will complete any unfinished business. The Presidential vote closes at 4 p.m., when the ballot count begins.

Voters must present a photo ID to vote in the Presidential Nominating Caucus. All attendees will have their names checked to the current voter rolls.

The caucus site will have a one-hour voter registration/enrollment period for voters who are currently registered as "unenrolled." Those who are not registered to vote will have an opportunity to join the Republican party and vote.

Registered independents (known as "unenrolled" voters), who believe in economic growth, individual freedom, peace through strength, welfare reform and common-sense values, are encouraged to become a Republican and participate.

The Maine Republican Party strongly encourages all participants to listen to speeches given for Presidential candidates before casting a Presidential ballot. If voters cannot attend for the speech portion of the caucus, but must cast a ballot and leave, they will be allowed to do so.

Municipal organizing caucuses will also take place. These caucuses will allow all Republicans to organize at the municipal level and help develop a robust Republican presence for the 2016 Elections.

Active duty, dependents, National Guard members and disabled veterans are allowed to cast an absentee ballot for the caucus: <http://www.mainegop.com/vetsvote/>.

For full details on the caucus, please visit the website www.mainegop.com/caucus.

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The Lewiston-Auburn CASH Coalition's annual Super Refund Saturday brought a room full of IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers to the Lewiston Armory on February 13, when the group collectively prepared and e-filed Federal and State tax returns, free of charge, for 219 local residents.

A financial resource fair with a focus on "savings" also took place at the site, where many attend-



The Financial Resource Fair



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ing shared their savings aspirations and received assistance accessing and reviewing their credit report. Several residents also won \$25 gift cards. Participating in the fair were representatives of College for ME Androscoggin, Finance Authority of Maine,

What's Going On



All smiles for tax prep assistance

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Free tax preparation and filing will continue through April 1; those with household incomes

of \$54,000 or less may call for an appointment at 513-3160. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Since 2004, the LA CASH Coalition has facilitated over \$26 million in income tax refund claims for local residents. The work of the coalition is funded by a statewide VITA Grant, the JT Gorman Foundation, and Key Bank.



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Franco Center presents "Bandstand to Billboard"

The widely-acclaimed show "From Bandstand to Billboard," a fun and sometimes romantic collection of 1950s, 60s and 70s hits from Billboard Magazine and American Bandstand, will make a local appearance at the Gendron Franco Center on Saturday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Presented by the cast of last summer's popular musical revue at Poland Spring Inn and last year's "Welcome to the Sixties" show at the Franco Center, Bandstand to Billboard will feature local singers and actors Renee Mahon Davis, Eileen M. Messina, Kay Warren, Gerry Therrien and Michael James Litchfield. The singers will be accompanied by a big band orchestra under the direction of pianist Paul G. Caron and featuring Michael French on guitar and vocals, Patrick Buzzza on bass, Jeremy Turner on drums, Michael Plossay and Michael Truchon on trumpet, Bruce Theriault on trombone, and acclaimed musician Blaise Spath on reeds. The ensemble in-

cludes some of Community Little Theatre's most talented performers who collectively have appeared in scores of productions.

The theme of the show is "Doo-Wop to Disco." "As the country went through major changes in this time period, we looked towards music and entertainment to see us through," said Mitchell Clyde Thomas, the Center's executive director and announcer for the show. "Big Bands and vocalists gave way to Rock 'n Roll and the Golden Age of Country, Folk, Psychedelic Rock, and the rise and fall of Disco. We are so happy to welcome back this talented ensemble for a night of great entertainment."

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors 60+. Students will be admitted free of charge. The Dolard and Priscilla Gendron Franco Center is wheelchair accessible. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 689-2000, visit the Box Office Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., or see www.francocenter.org.

MDC offers healthy communities forum



Mitchell Rator, RLA, CLARB

The Maine Downtown Center will present a Maine Downtown Institute focusing on healthy communities on Wednesday, March 2 at the MTM Center in Lisbon. The event will feature a presentation from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. by landscape architect Mitchell Rator, RLA, CLARB, called "The Ecology of Streets: Designing and Planning Communities for Social, Environmental and Eco-

nomie Health."

Mitchell is the Principal of MRLD Landscape Architecture + Urbanism, based in Yarmouth. He has over 20 years of experience designing places, with a particular focus on integrating economics, land use policy, mobility options and the built environment. His current and recent projects include the Auburn Village Center Downtown Study, Portland's Bayside Transportation Master Plan, Rockland's Winter Street Shared Space Redesign, and the Biddeford Square Shared Street Space Design. MRLD won the Maine Association of Planners' 2014 Plan of the Year award for its North Windham 21st Century Downtown Plan.

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V-Day aUbUrn presents "Vagina Monologues"



V-Day aUbUrn presents "The Vagina Monologues" on Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28.

Directed by Pat Gardiner, V-Day aUbUrn's 2016 production of "The Vagina Monologues" will be staged on Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28. The Saturday performance will be at 7 p.m. and the Sunday, performance will be at 1 p.m. This year's cast includes Sara Camolli-Brand, Roxie Devoe, Dianna DeCosta, Tara Humphries, Sara Karam, Karen Lane, Rebecca Lynch, Justine Meader, Danielle Miller, Rita Moran, Dawn Sullivan, Rachel Swanson, Klara Tammany, Ashley Thibodeau and Danielle 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, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services (SAPARS), Safe Voices, the United Somali Women of Maine, and Auburn UU.

The home of V-Day aUbUrn is the First Universalist Church of Auburn, located at 169 Pleasant Street (across from Dairy Joy). The building is wheelchair accessible. Admission is a \$7-10 donation. For more information, call 783-0461.

Library hosts Indoor Farmer's Market

Auburn Public Library will present one of its biggest family events of the year on Friday, February 26 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. when it hosts its annual Indoor Farmer's Market. Local vendors will sell a variety of homegrown and homemade food and craft items, including jams and jellies, root crops and sweet treats. The event will also

feature live acoustic music by the Library's own Aaron Wardwell. Members of the Southern Maine Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will demonstrate and exhibit their needlework. Fuzzy farm animals to delight all ages will be back and romping in the library. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 333-6640, ext. 4.

United Methodist Baked Bean Supper

United Methodist Church of Auburn will present a Baked Bean Supper on Saturday, February 27 at 5 p.m. The meal will include baked beans, casseroles, potato salad, hot dogs, coleslaw, breads,

beverages and pies. Entertainment will be provided by the Park Street Pickers. The cost will be \$8. The church is located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. For more information, call 782-3972.

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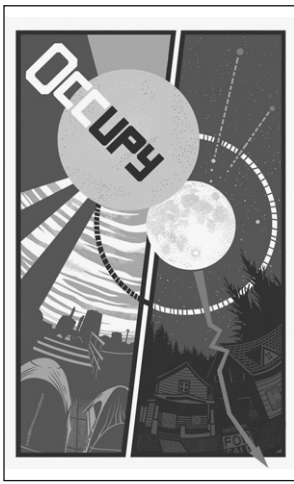
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Museum offers family printmaking workshop

The Bates College Museum of Art will present a family printmaking workshop on Monday, March 7, from 3 to 5 p.m. Working together under the guidance of museum staff, parents and children will sample various approaches to relief printmaking and will make artworks to take home. Participants may also view the museum's current exhibitions, including the print-oriented "The Art of Occupy: The Occuprint Portfolio."

The workshop will begin in the museum at 75 Russell Street and move to the nearby Benjamin Mays Center at 95 Russell Street. Ample parking is available. The cost will be \$5 per person. Space is limited and registration is required. To make reservations, contact



"Day and Night," a 2011 poster by the Little Hamilton Collective Press, Nashville, is among the many prints now on display as part of the museum's "Art of Occupy" exhibit.

Anne Odom at 786-8212 or aodom@bates.edu.

"We want to show families that they can explore printmaking techniques with

materials they have at home," said Anthony Shostak, education curator at the museum. "They'll not only have the satisfaction of learning to work in an art form, but will gain a greater appreciation for art that they'll encounter throughout their lives."

Bates senior Hannah Gottlieb, education intern at the museum, is the workshop organizer. "While students will learn about different printmaking techniques, I'm enriching my education studies minor by learning how to plan and run exciting events that allow the museum to work directly with the community."

This program supports "The Art of Occupy," exhibit, now on display at the museum through March 26. The exhibit showcases more than 30 commissioned posters promoting the Occupy movement.

Courses

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students with further knowledge about speaking skills as used by travelers and tourists for shopping, sightseeing, and at restaurants. Instructor Jean Roy taught foreign languages for 29 years at Lewiston High School.

"Maine Trees, Top to Bottom": 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for 6 Fridays, April 1 to May 6. Maine's landscape is 85% covered by trees. This course will identify the various trees by their features and discuss their relationships with other plants and animals, their role in the natural community, and their value to humans. Instructor Pam Davis Green is a Maine Master Naturalist and has a degree in Environmental Science.

"Genealogy Online (and Off)": 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for 8 Fridays, April 1 to May 20. This repeat course presents the strategies, standards and resources for online genealogical research—getting started, record types, locations, organizing findings. Students should be comfortable using a computer. Instructor Ethelind Wright has a M.A. in American and

New England Studies with more than three decades of genealogy study.

Course registration is by mail only, with registration closing Friday, March 11. Registration forms may be downloaded from the website at usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege. Some courses have limited enrollment and early registration is advised. For more information call 753-6610 or refer to the website.



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Bean Supper at Sixth St. Congregational

The Sixth Street Congregational Church of Auburn will present a Bean Supper on Saturday, February 27 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The menu will consist of two kinds of beans, red and brown hot dogs, cole slaw, American chop suey,

brown bread, assorted desserts and beverages. The cost will be \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5 through 12, and free for kids ages 4 and under. The church is located at 109 Sixth Street. For more information, call 782-7517.

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Twin City Nights

March events at Stanton Bird Club



At the next meeting of the Stanton Bird Club, Dan Marquis will discuss his trip last summer to view Northern Gannets at their breeding colony on Bonaventure Island in Quebec. (Photo by Dan Marquis)

The Stanton Bird Club of Lewiston and Auburn will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 285 at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College, 55 Westminster Street in Lewiston. The program will be "Gannets of the Gaspé Peninsula," presented by Dan Marquis. A birding field trip is also planned to Plum Island, Massachusetts, for Saturday, March 19. The meeting and field trip are free and open to everyone.

Stanton's own photographer Dan Marquis will describe his adventures on

a trip last summer to Percé, Canada to photograph the gannet breeding colony on Bonaventure Island. His travels took him to the very tip of the Gaspé Peninsula in Quebec, location of Percé Rock National Park and Bonaventure Island, which is home to one of the world's largest seabird sanctuaries. This migratory sanctuary hosts more than 250,000 birds of 17 species each summer, including 120,000 nesting gannets. It is the largest gannet colony in North America, and the second largest in the world.

With a wingspan of six feet, the Northern Gannet is one of the largest seabirds of North America.

Marquis has had a number of photos published in Nature Photographer Magazine. His work has been displayed at the Maine Photography show, the most prestigious photography event in the state, an annual juried exhibit featuring some of the state's top photographers. His work has won Best of Show at the Maine Sportsman Show. His favorite subjects are landscapes and nature close-ups.

The Saturday, March 19 field trip to Plum Island will begin at 7 a.m. at the Staples end of the Promenade Mall parking lot (across from Marquis Signs) at 855 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Carpooling will be arranged on site. Participants should dress warmly and bring a lunch. A National Wildlife Refuge, Plum Island, which derives its name from the beach plum shrubs that grow on the dunes, is on a migratory route for a wide variety of special winter birds, such as the Snowy Owl. The

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Comedy Fix XXIX to feature Greg Boggis



Boggis makes a return Comedy Fix appearance on Friday, February 26.

Twenty-year comedy veteran Greg Boggis of Milford, NH will highlight Comedy Fix XXIX, a stand-up comedy fundraiser for Greater Androscoggin Humane Society. The show will take place on Friday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Sapphire (formerly Club Texas), 150 Center Street in Auburn. Those attending are encouraged to bring donations of pet food and supplies.

Comedy Fix founder and host Mark Turcotte will also welcome Zenobia Del Mar, Nathan Burke, Ryan Chani and Ray Bryant. All net proceeds from the show

will benefit GAHS, which is committed to using its resources to provide the best possible care for stray, abandoned and abused animals. Comedy Fix has raised \$542 for GAHS through two shows to date.

Host of his own television show, The Boggis Hour, Greg Boggis has taken his casual blend of current events and unique observations to comedy clubs, colleges, benefits and corporate shows across the country. This will be his third appearance at Comedy Fix. Zenobia Del Mar has performed in New York, Los Angeles and Las Vegas. Nathan Burke was a recent comic-in-residence at the Comedy Studio. Ryan Chani co-hosts the "Learn to Take a Joke" podcast, and Ray Bryant is quickly making a name for himself in the Boston comedy scene.

The show is for those ages 21 and older; doors will open at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$10. They may be purchased at

maineeventcomedy.com. For more information, call 513-0742 or e-mail maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

Greater Androscoggin Humane Society takes in nearly 4,200 animals per year and spays or neuters every cat, kitten, dog, puppy and rabbit before adoption. For more information about how to support or volunteer at GAHS, see gahumane.org.

MDC

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The cost to attend the presentation is \$15 for members of Main Street Maine, the Maine Downtown Network and the Maine Development Foundation, or \$20 for non-members.

Following the presentation, the Active Community Environment Work Group will lead a workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to help stakeholders plan vibrant community spaces for people of all ages and abilities to promote healthy lifestyles, social

interaction, environmental quality and economic prosperity.

The workshop will include success stories, financial resources and active discussions and problem solving. Participants will leave with a better understanding of how to support their communities in becoming more active places to live, work and play. There is no charge to attend the workshop.

The MTM Center is located at 18 School Street in Lisbon. For more information or to register for the Institute, see www.mdf.org/events.php.

Bird

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trip should arrive back in Lewiston around 4 p.m. The day's explorations will be led by Steve Reed. For more information, call him at 319-6630.

The Stanton Bird Club, which seeks to encourage both the enjoyment and protection of our natural surroundings, manages the Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary in Lewiston and the Woodbury Nature Sanctuary in Monmouth and Litchfield. For more information, see <http://stanton-birdclub.org>

Maine Home Show set for March 19 & 20



Now in its fifth year, the 2016 Maine Home

Show will take place on Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, at the Androscoggin Bank Coliseum at 190 Birch Street in Lewiston. Saturday hours will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

According to show organizer Travis Dow, this year's show will be the biggest yet. "We've got a lot of exhibitors returning with exciting new products and services to unveil and display, as well as some new exhibitors to the show," he said. "We'll also see more alternative energy exhibits this year, along with emerging new technologies that may be new to some home owners." For more information, find them on Facebook or see MaineHomeShow.com.

WLU seeks prom gowns for annual giveaway

Last year, thanks to donations provided by local residents, the Woman's Literary Union of Androscoggin County was able to send 187 girls home from its annual Gown Giveaway with a free gown for their upcoming prom. The remaining gowns were divided between several high schools to distribute to students who were unable to attend the event.

With its collection of gowns now depleted, the Woman's Literary Union is again seeking donations of new or cleaned prom gowns for its third annual Fairy Godmother Prom Gown

Giveaway. Gowns and accessories may be dropped off at the following locations: Maine Gourmet Chocolates, 170 Main Street, Auburn; Top It Frozen Yogurt, 168 Main Street, Auburn; Student Success Center, USM's L-A College, 51 Westminster Street, Lewiston (Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.); 4 Seasons Farm Market, 9 Third Street, Auburn; and Turner Publishing, 5 Fern Street (corner of Route 4), Turner (Monday through Friday from 8 to 4:30 p.m.).

Open to girls attending a prom at any school, this

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First Congregational presents Bean Supper

The First Congregational Church of Gray will host a Baked Bean Supper on Saturday, February 27 at 5 p.m. The meal will include baked beans, casseroles, salads, homemade breads, desserts and beverages. The

price will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. The building, located on Route 115 in Gray, is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 657-4279 or, on the day of the supper, 657-3279.

Legislators host public office hours

The Democratic members of Lewiston's delegation to the State Legislature will hold constituent office hours on Saturday, February 27 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Couture Room at Lewiston Public Library. In attendance will be Sen. Nate Libby and Reps. Peggy Rotundo, Michel Lajoie, Jared Golden and Heidi Brooks.

The session will provide Lewiston residents with a chance to meet and discuss legislative and state government matters with their elected officials. The delegation will give updates on their work on various policy areas, including the state budget, law enforcement, insurance and financial affairs, taxes, transportation and veterans' issues.



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Thursday, February 25

Constituent Outreach Hours. Staff reps. of Sen. Angus King are on hand today at the city halls of Lewiston (10 a.m. to noon) and Auburn (2 to 4 p.m.) to meet with area residents about specific problems, legislative issues or concerns about federal govt. agencies. No appt. needed. FMI call 1-800-432-1599.

Friday, February 26

Indoor Farmer's Market. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. This annual event features a variety of local food and craft vendors, live acoustic music, demos by the Embroiderers' Guild of America, and a fuzzy farm animal petting zoo. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

"Who Killed Jolly Roger?" 7 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. Mystery for Hire returns to L-A with this pirate mystery caper; cost (\$40 per person) includes show, sales tax, buffet dinner and gratuity. Doors at 6:00. Cash bar, overnight rooms avail. 784-4433; mysteryforhire.com.

Comedy Fix. 7:30 p.m. Sapphire (formerly Club Texas), 150 Center St., Auburn. Host Mark Turcotte welcomes comedy veteran Greg Boggis and five others in this show to benefit Greater Andro. Humane Society. Ages 21+; doors at 7:00. \$10. 513-0742;

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

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Saturday, February 27

Legislator Office Hours. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Couture Room, Lewiston Public Library. The Democratic members of Lewiston's state legislative delegation gather to meet and discuss legislative matters with local residents.

Poker Run. 4 to 6 p.m. Reggie's Kawasaki & Ski-Doo, 225 Rte. 202, Leeds. Community Credit Union's annual event supports the Campaign to End Hunger. Cost includes franks & beans dinner, fireworks. For details, see www.communitycreditunion.com.

Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sixth Street Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Two kinds of beans, red and brown hot dogs, cole slaw, American chop suey, brown bread, assorted desserts and beverages. \$6 (\$3 ages 5-12, free ages 4-). 782-7517.

Baked Bean Supper. 5 p.m. United Methodist Church, 469 Park Ave., Auburn. Baked beans, casseroles, potato salad, hot dogs, coleslaw, breads, beverages and pies. Entertainment by

the Park Street Pickers. \$8. 782-3972.

Baked Bean Supper. 5 p.m. First Congregational Church, Rte. 115, Gray. Baked beans, casseroles, salads, homemade breads, desserts and beverages. \$8 adults, \$4 kids 11-. Wheelchair accessible. 657-4279 or, day of supper, 657-3279.

Theater: "Vagina Monologues." 7 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St., Auburn. V-Day aUbUrn's 2016 production is directed by Pat Gardiner; proceeds benefit local women's organizations. Again 2/28 at 1 p.m. \$7-10 donation. 783-0461.

Bandstand to Billboard. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 49 Cedar St., Lewiston. This fun and romantic collection of 1950s, 60s and 70s hits is sung by singers from Community Little Theatre, accompanied by a big band orchestra. \$12 (seniors \$10; students free). 689-2000; www.franco-center.org.

Wednesday, March 2

Maine Downtown Institute: Keynote Address. 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. MTM Center, 18 School St., Lis-

bon. Noted Maine landscape architect Mitchell Rasor discusses "Designing and Planning Communities for Health." \$20 (\$15 members). www.mdf.org/events.php.

Maine Downtown Institute: Workshop. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. MTM Center, 18 School St., Lisbon. This session addresses how local stakeholders can advocate for and help build vibrant community spaces. Free. www.mdf.org/events.php.

Sunday, March 6

Basic Pruning Techniques. 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. Arborist Tim Vail demonstrates various cuts while discussing how and when to prune. Sugg. donation \$5. 798-5899; www.btl.org/gardening-workshops.

Monday, March 7

Family Printmaking Workshop. 3 to 5 p.m. Bates College Museum of Art, Olin Arts Center, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. Parents and children sample various approaches to relief printmaking and make artworks to take home. \$5/person. Adv. registration required. 786-8212; aodom@bates.edu.

Stanton Bird Club Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Room 285, Lewiston-Auburn Col-

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lege, 55 Westminster St., Lewiston. Photographer Dan Marquis discusses his trip last summer to view "Gannets of the Gaspé Peninsula." Free.

Tuesday, March 8

Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Reps. from Brann & Isaacson discuss "Trademarks." \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Wednesday, March 16

Everything You Need to Know About Web Marketing. 8:30 a.m. to noon. Central Maine Community College. Cintia Miranda of Pulse Marketing Agency presents this concise overview on the state of the art. \$39

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Saturday, March 19

Stanton Bird Club Field Trip. Meet at 7 a.m. at Staples end of Promenade Mall parking lot, 855 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Steve Reed leads this trip to Plum Island, Mass. to view special winter migrating birds. All welcome; bring warm clothing, lunch. Carpooling arranged onsite; group returns c. 4 p.m. Free. 319-6630.

Maine Home Show.

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Androscoggin Bank Colisee, 190 Birch St., Lewiston. Now in its fifth year, this year's show will be the biggest yet, featuring a large number of new and returning exhibitors. Again 3/20 from 10 to 4. MaineHomeShow.com.

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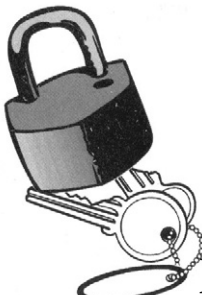
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Celebration Barn receives grants for artist residency program



Award-winning juggler and variety artist Thom Wall was a 2015 Show Incubation Residency artist at Celebration Barn Theater. (Photo by Allan Crain)

Celebration Barn Theater, an incubator for physical theater with an emphasis on collaborative process located in South Paris, has been awarded two grants from private foundations to support the creation of new performances.

The Nolan Family Foundation has awarded Celebration Barn \$20,000 to support four weeks of juried Show Incubation Residencies, which will take place in 2016 and 2017. Residencies provide artists a retreat from daily demands, allowing them to fully immerse themselves in creating and refining work. The Barn's 44-year history fuels a supercharged atmosphere that encourages artists to play on their creative edge, be nurtured and challenged by collaborators and launch performance in new directions. Applications for the June 5-12, 2016 and August 15-22, 2016 residencies are now being accepted.

Additionally, the Gwendolen Elwell Flanagan Foundation has awarded \$10,000 to the Barn for the 2016 season. The funds are to be used for a number of purposes, ranging from student tuition subsidies to support for a free public performance series this summer.

Celebration Barn Executive and Artistic Director Amanda Huotari says she is energized by the creative possibilities supported by the funding. "We had an incredible pool of applicants for last year's residency and were completely impressed by the work the artists produced," she said. "This year we are expanding the residency to two separate weeks and including a free meal plan to allow artists to focus on networking with their peers and digging deep into exciting material that might not otherwise see the light of day."

Each year, Celebration Barn hosts more than 100 theater artists from around the world, who attend performance workshops in areas of specialty including improvisation, mask performance, voice, movement, physical comedy, and ensemble collaboration. The reach of the Barn is profound, with alumni performing on Broadway, on television and in theaters around the globe.

For more information about Celebration Barn Theater or the 2016 Show Incubation Residencies, call 743-8452 or see www.CelebrationBarn.com.

CMCC presents web marketing seminar

The Corporate and Community Services Department at Central Maine Community College, in partnership with Pulse Marketing Academy, will present "Everything You Need to Know About Web Marketing in 2016," a comprehensive seminar focused on the latest online marketing trends, on Wednesday, March 16, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The first hour will cover strategic marketing topics such as creating an effective online marketing plan that fits your budget and creating an editorial calendar to produce engaging marketing content that will generate web traffic. The remaining two hours will focus on the following four topics: optimizing your website to meet the latest search engine optimization (SEO) guidelines; how to use email marketing to promote your brand and products; how to increase your brand visibility

through social media; and how to increase your lead volume with a well-rounded inbound marketing strategy.

This seminar will be presented by veteran marketer Cintia Miranda, president of Pulse Marketing Agency. Miranda has presented numerous seminars in partnership with various chambers of commerce and economic development organizations. Participants will

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year's event will take place on Saturday, April 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Woman's Literary Union's club house, the Foss Mansion, at 19 Elm Street in Auburn. Organizers recommend that girls pre-register for an appointment due to the limited number of changing rooms. To arrange for a time, call 713-5888 or email cam-ashaw@myfairpoint.net.

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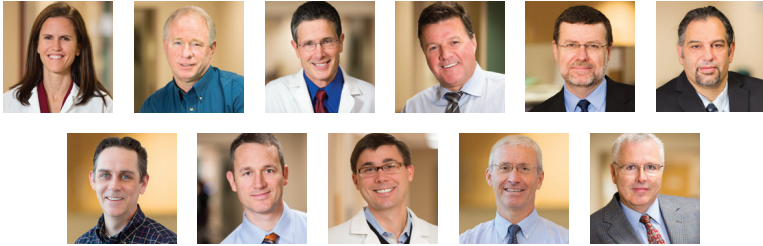
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