

Fall Dance Concert at Bates College



Bates College dancers in a dress rehearsal (Photo by Josh Kuckens/Bates College)

Bates College will present its Fall Dance Concert over three performances at the college's Schaeffer Theatre on Saturday, December 3 at 5 p.m., Sunday, December 4 at 2 p.m., and Monday, December 5 at

7:30 p.m. In this annual showcase, Bates dance students will perform works by guest artists Claudia Lavista and Omar Carrum; Sean Dorsey; Takehiro Ueyama, in collaboration with Hideki Kato, the music department,

and department chair Hiroya Miura; and dance professor Julie Fox. The event is free and open to the public. Schaeffer Theatre is located at 329 College Street. For more information, call 786-6161.

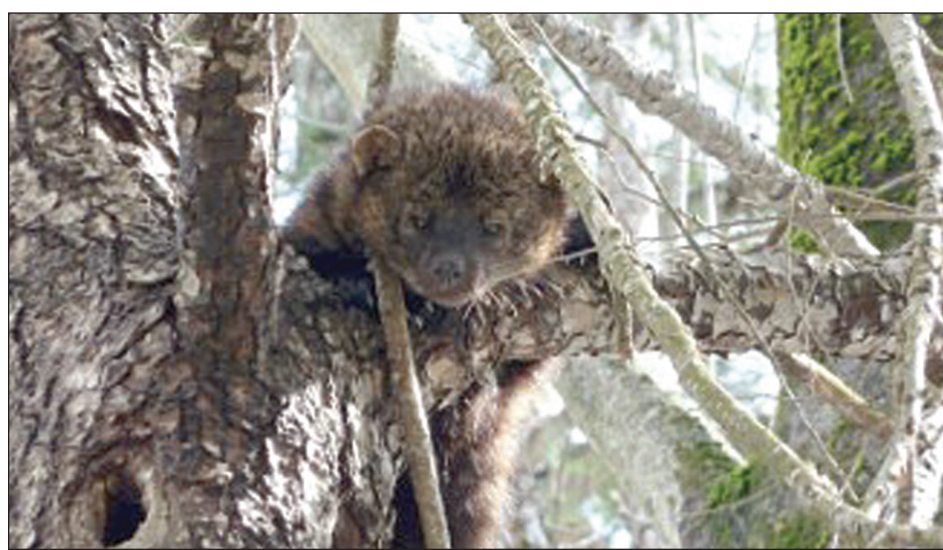
Santa to visit New Auburn Saturday

The North Pole has confirmed that Santa will visit New Auburn on Saturday, December 3. Starting at 4 p.m., hot chocolate and refreshments, courtesy of McDonald's of Auburn, will

be available in the parking lot of Rolly's Diner. At 5 p.m., a parade will leave Gagne & Son's on Riverside Drive, heading north to Mill Street and ending at Rolly's Diner. A tree lighting will take place at

5:30 p.m., and then Santa will hear children's wish lists. A photographer will be available. For more information, contact Leroy Walker at 577-2694 or leroywalker@roadrunner.com.

Bird Club plans Dec. meeting, Christmas Bird Count



Occasionally spotted in the club's Thorncrag Bird Sanctuary in Lewiston, the elusive fisher will be the subject of a presentation by wildlife biologist Ben Nugent on December 5. (Photograph by Ben Nugent)

The Stanton Bird Club of Lewiston and Auburn will hold its next meeting on Monday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 285 at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College. Wildlife biologist Ben Nugent will discuss the natural history of the

fisher, a nocturnal member of the weasel family found in Maine. The club will also host its annual Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 17. The meeting and Bird Count are free and open to everyone.

Found only in North America, the fisher is a member of the weasel family whose largely nocturnal lifestyle, mysterious habits, fierce attacks and blood-curdling screams make it a source of fascination. Although still common in Maine, they have become rare in parts of the Northwest. One of the few predators of porcupines, fishers also eat rabbits, rodents,

insects, nuts and berries. In his presentation, Ben Nugent will share a story about a rare and exciting experience he had with a fisher along one of the trails within Thorncrag Bird Sanctuary in Lewiston.

Nugent has been employed as a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services program in Maine since 2006. Prior to this, he worked for the Institute for Wildlife Studies in California, the National Park Service in Tennessee, and as a fishing guide in Alaska. He grew up in Vermont and graduated from the

Shakers host annual Christmas Fair

The annual Shaker Christmas Fair at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village will take place on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Experience this nostalgic holiday tradition at America's only active Shaker Community, located at 707 Shaker Road in New Gloucester.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Adult Ed Director to address Rotary Club



Bill Grant

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, December 8, from noon to 1 p.m. will be Bill Grant, who in February was named Director of Adult Education for both Lewiston and Auburn. The meeting will take place at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston. Guests are welcome to attend.

Grant has been working in adult education since 2006. While working on

his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, he became the Assistant Director of Lewiston Adult Education. In this capacity, he helped implement workforce programming. In 2013, he became the Director of Auburn Adult & Community Education, where he spent three years building academic, workforce and enrichment programs. He has also worked closely with various businesses and local agencies, particularly around implementing the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. His charge as the new Director of Adult Education in Auburn and Lewiston is to enhance adult education services in the community.

For more information about this or other Rotary programs, contact Monica Millhime at 753-9040 or monica.milhime@maine.gov.

CMCC students support Ronald McDonald House



Members of CRU for Christ and the Culinary Club of Central Maine Community College volunteered recently at Ronald McDonald House in Portland by preparing a meal for the families currently staying there. Located on Brackett Street, the facility can provide up to 21 families with a "home away from home" while their children receive treatment at nearby hospitals. Pictured here (l. to r.) are CMCC culinary program chair Austin Perreault, CRU president Cindy Williams, CRU vice president Mallory LeBlanc (in costume), CRU advisor Betty Foster, Culinary Club member Samuel Moreau, and CRU member Matthew Kinney.

Yarmouth student selected to Senate Page Program

U.S. Senator Susan Collins has announced that Yarmouth native Samuel "Sammy" Holmes Potter has been selected for the United States Senate Page Program for the spring of 2017. Potter was nominated to the program by Senator Collins after a competitive selection

Honor society welcomes new inductees at CMCC



Student Melissa Potter (l.) signs the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society register as chapter advisor and adjunct instructor Stephanie Burns looks on

Thirty-five students at Central Maine Community College were recently inducted as members of

the Alpha Phi Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa membership, students must be pursuing an associate degree and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

process. He is the son of Bob and Dina Potter. "Sammy is a highly motivated student with an impressive record of academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities," said Senator Collins. "I am pleased that he will have this unique opportunity to become intimately familiar with how Congress operates."

Potter is a junior at Yarmouth High School, where he serves as the student body president. He is the founder of the Finance Club and the Table Tennis Club and participates in the Global Action Club, Be the Change Club, Student Ambassadors and the student newspaper. He is also a member of the varsity cross country team, varsity Nordic ski team, and varsity tennis team. He is highly involved in his community and has received awards for his leadership and community service.

The new members are Katerina Adams, Angelica Attianese, Valerie Burbank, Gabrielle Comeau, Andrew Crippen, Izabel Earle, Daniele Fraser, Cindy Fregeau, Kimberly Gilbert, Anita Hakala, Felicia Harris, Kyle Knight, Shivam Kumar, Ekoko Louise, Shawn Marston, Ethan Matthews, Ralph Morgan, Dylan Morin, Walter Morris, Derick Neal, Carrie Nelson, Melissa Potter, April Potvin, Sabrina Poulin, Michael Redman, Staci Remillard, Amy Ross, Adam Sawyer, Deanna Sheperon, Alissa Stewart, Jo-Ellen Strout, Mark Swiedom, Krystal Tastan, Shelby Young, and Kaitlyn Zeininger.

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Governor's Address: Stopping the Backroom Energy Deals in Augusta

Since 2010, average residential New England electric rates have increased by 20 percent. But in Maine, they have remained essentially flat.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

Liberals, special interests and the Democrats in the Legislature are constantly trying to carve out gravy trains for wealthy energy companies, then make you pay for it. Not on my watch! That's why our rates have not increased since I took office in 2010.

Electric fees are like regressive taxes. Our low-income households and our elderly struggle

every month to keep the lights on. Increasing rates, add ons, and fees on our most vulnerable should be an outrage to all of us, but liberals constantly support rich energy lobbyists over low-income and elderly Mainers.

Liberals forget that Maine's economy is different from the rest of New England. We have leading manufacturers that use a tremendous amount of energy to create world-class products. In fact, Maine is the only New England state in which industry is the largest consumer of energy. Sappi, Texas Instruments and Bath Iron Works for a few examples don't compete



Governor Paul R. LePage

with Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts or Rhode Island—they compete globally.

Liberals ignore competitive pressures involved in producing a roll of coated paper, a semiconductor or

a Navy destroyer. Every penny we add to their bills puts them at a competitive disadvantage.

Liberals look to Boston, Hartford and Montpelier for magical energy schemes that add an electric fee to your bill, and then hand the money to wealthy energy companies. The average electric bill is now \$120 in New England—in Maine, it is slightly less.

That's because I have rejected the expensive policies from other New England states. Instead, we have focused on practical and cost-effective policies that work for Maine's unique energy challenges. We outright reject signing above

market contracts to enrich the large renewable industry.

We have offered rebates for heat pumps, wood pellet boilers, insulation and other modern heating systems to reduce heating costs. This has lowered our heating-oil consumption, reduced pollution and cut heating bills.

The bottom line is we should seek low cost energy that does not harm the environment. All forms of clean energy sources should be treated equally—and not at the expense of Maine consumers.

There is a legacy of above-market costs from decades of corruption, poor decision-making and

wealthy special interests controlling Augusta. It's time for this era to end. It is time to completely reject above-market contracts, reform Maine's expensive energy mandates and put more money in your pocket.

Thankfully, last session that's what Representative Ken Fredette and House Republicans did and Mainers owe a big thank you to them for holding firm and defeating above market contracts.

Backroom energy deals in Augusta are wrong and we will continue to fight for what is right.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Franco Center offers "Fun in French" for kids



Fun in French participants and friends after a previous session

The Franco Center will start a new session of "Fun in French" for kids ages 4 to 12 on Saturday, December 3. The course will consist of five 90-minute sessions running on Satur-

day mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A complete class schedule is available by contacting the Franco Center. No prior language experience is necessary, but a parent, grandparent or

adult caregiver should accompany each child age 8 and under.

The course is based on the Maine French Heritage Language Program curriculum, which provides a wide range of fun learning activities influenced by the local Franco-American and other French-speaking cultures. The goal of the course is to provide an opportunity for families to learn activities in French that they can then build upon with each session. The instructor will be Jacynthe Jacques, a native of the Eastern Township region of Quebec who has

lived in the Lewiston area for over 20 years.

The course is offered free of charge thanks to financial support from the French American Cultural Exchange - French Heritage Language Program of New York, the L-A Chil-

dren's Foundation and other grants. A minimum of five students must enroll for the class to take place, and space is limited to fifteen. For more information or to register, call 783-1585, email jjacques@francocenter.org, or see francocenter.org.

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Only Steps Forward

New committee to focus on sports tourism, attracting visitors

By **Jonathan P. LaBonté**
MAYOR OF AUBURN

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the Norway Savings Bank Arena was host to yet another game for the women's hockey program at the University of Maine. While the result was a tie with the rival team from the University of New Hampshire, the attendance was still more than three times what they typically see for home crowds at the Alford Arena in Orono.

In the coming months, the City of Auburn will be looking at opportunities to submit bids to host national sports tournaments out of the facility, drawing thousands of participants and spectators if we are successful. Auburn's Arena is not the Cross Arena in Portland, nor is it the Cross Center in Bangor, but it is slowly filling a unique niche for sporting events in northern New England. And thankfully, that's not all it is now doing.

At the end of November, the city announced jointly with the Maine Campground Owners Association (MECOA) that

their annual camping and RV show would relocate from a Portland venue to the Norway Savings Arena beginning in 2017. This will mark the first time that the arena has also served as a convention space. With the two rinks available for vendors and exhibits, our facility can now serve most of the largest tradeshow that travel to Maine.

MECOA highlighted our ease of access to southern Maine's population and the outdoor opportunities of central and northern Maine as one of the keys to their decision to relocate the event here.

The original intent of the arena wasn't just to serve as the home for our youth and high school hockey programs; it was always envisioned as an attractor of people that could visit and spend time and money in our community. It is by attracting people to our community that we can support local retail and restaurants and attract others to join.

With that said, there are a couple key challenges to maintaining the current momentum and expanding on it. How do we collec-



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

tively work to attract events to our community and, once they are here, how do we maximize the economic opportunity?

Hospitality businesses, sports coaches, restaurant staff members, citizens with an eye for details and other skillsets would be needed to help us build our sales pitch to national events, as well as for us to grow our own local events that would draw teams and visitors from away.

Once they are here, however, many residents have rightfully noted the limited connectivity for people at the arena to easily walk to and patronize some of the area businesses near the mall. The sea of parking, laid out in a different era than the one the City

of Auburn is trying to build for now, also creates the appearance of a struggling economy. We also need residents that have an interest in real estate development that could partner with us, and property owners, to ensure the city can maximize the spin-off from the potential of the area as a center of activity.

If either of these efforts—growing the number of events we host or maximizing the economic po-

tential around the arena—interest you, I need to hear from you. In the coming week, I will be announcing the creation of a Mayor's Committee on Sports Tourism and Visitor Impact.

The committee will meet no more than once per month, with direct support from Marc Gosselin, our arena general manager and the director of sports tourism for the city. The volunteers on this committee will have an opportunity to

help shape the direction of tourism for our community and also be supported in bringing recommendations directly to the Auburn City Council.

We will be making postings online and elsewhere once the committee is formed to seek volunteer nominations. But if you'd like to get a direct note with the details when they are formally announced, please email me at jlaboronte@auburnmaine.gov.

Bird Club

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University of Vermont with a degree in wildlife biology.

Sponsored by the Stanton Bird Club for over thirty years, the annual Christmas Bird Count is part of a larger international event to count birds throughout North America. Starting at about 7 a.m. and running until about 4 p.m., the event takes place within a fifteen-mile diameter "count circle," centered on the Bates College campus, which is divided into three sectors each in Lewiston and Auburn.

In each sector, an assigned leader helps identify birds seen and records the findings. Most of the birding is done by driving between known locations and then jumping out of the car to locate birds and count them. More participants leads to more birds sighted and counted. At the end of the day, the whole group meets to tally up the findings from the six sectors. The results are reported and correlated with the larger international project, which then publishes the findings.

In this annual event, the Stanton group sights about 50 species on average. Those sighted in largest numbers are generally the Rock Pigeon, American Crow, Mallard Duck, European Starling

and Chickadee, but more unexpected sightings lend a sense of adventure to the activity. For instance, last year's sightings included the Ruffed Grouse, Cooper's Hawk, Common Raven, Pileated Woodpecker and Red-tailed Hawk. For more information, see www.StantonBirdClub.org.

Shaker

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By **Robert E. Macdonald**
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

During my 69 years as a proud citizen of our country, I have never seen this kind of reaction to a Presidential election.

Over the past eight years, we on the right side of the political spectrum were disappointed by the election and re-election of President Barack Obama. But this is how Democracy works. We accepted the results and moved on. We did not demonstrate, riot or cause property damage to people's homes and businesses.

Over the past five years Lewiston has been a peaceful and safe place to live and work. Our citizens' days are occupied with navigating through the personal problems that come into play daily, not perceived injustices happening around us.

Those who have been strutting around the hen-house like cocky roosters have found themselves going from relevant to very irrelevant. They have chosen to not go down without a fight.

While going through the editorial section of the local Sunday paper, I came across a column titled "Somali Voices" by Abdikadir Negeye, a Somali Bantu and a founder of the Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services. The piece read like a page out of Democratic Sen. Harry Reid's play-book, designed to create fear throughout the local Somali community.

He spoke of Lewiston's Muslim population fearing harassment if they left their homes. He stated Lewiston's Muslim female population is afraid to wear their hijab (head cover-



Mayor Bob Macdonald

ing) in public because of "Trump's win." In order to create a false narrative of widespread harassment, he spoke of two incidents, one in Auburn and one in Lewiston, where Somali women had allegedly been harassed. He went on to say these incidents had been reported to the local police. Had the newspaper staff done a bit of due

diligence, they would have found that no such complaints existed.

As mayor, I am not going to put up with or let this type of incitement go unchallenged. To those of our Somali community, nothing has changed. Go about your daily business—the government is not coming after you.

In Lewiston, city leaders are elected, not proclaimed. Our city will not be disrupted by individuals who seek notoriety fueled by delusions of grandeur or individuals who can't cope with reality when not getting their way. In short: don't disrupt the apple cart.

Lastly, I am not going to remain silent about two letters published on November 20 in our local Sunday newspaper. Both letters were authored by elected officials. Those on the Left (liberals)

praised me. Those on the Right (conservatives) criticized me for telling all sides to "knock the political crap off." The election is over, move on.

Let me make this clear. The Somali community is only a problem and obstacle in people's minds. They work, own houses and businesses and have measurably brought up Lewiston's graduation rate, which should bring thanks from parents, especially if your child is trying to get into a well-respected college.

The Somalis have been made scapegoats by community organizers and those on the Left who need cover in order to avoid Lewiston's real problem: the unemployable welfare seekers from outside Lewiston and their children who have serious and costly mental health problems, which have now become the problem of

Lewiston's taxpayers.

During the past five years working with city staff, we have accelerated the removal of unlivable buildings and tightened up General Assistance. This has resulted in a substantial drop in city welfare.

To our city councilors on the Left, Lewiston is a welcoming place, not a soup kitchen. Your duty is to Lewiston taxpayers, not to those from away with their hands out. To Lewiston's neophyte councilors on the Right, your job is to decide the best course for the city on need—not cost. Political agitators should be immediately stopped, not blown off and allowed to fester.

Again, I repeat: the Lewiston City Council's duty is to the local taxpayer and those residents who ask what they can do for our city, not to those with outstretched hands.

Robotics Career Showcase seeks exhibitors

Maine Robotics and GEAR UP Maine will host a Maine Robotics Career Showcase at the Augusta Civic Center on Saturday, December 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Organizers of the event are seeking professional engineers, programmers, college professors, and STEM entrepreneurs to set up displays and talk with attending youth,

parents and teachers about what they do.

The event will include the Maine First Lego League State Championship from 9:30 to 3:30; the STEM/STEAM Career

Showcase from 10 to 2; the Maine Digital Festival from 9:30 to 3:30; the FIRST robotics and VEX robotics demo area from 9:30 to 3:30; and the Great Ball Contraption from 9:30 to 3:30.

Registration is required, but there is no cost

for exhibitors, each of whom will be provided with a 7-foot table and two chairs. Once participation is confirmed, a packet containing further information about the event will be sent.

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Hope House schedules Wednesday "shopping days"

Hope for the Holidays, an outreach of Hope House, is now in its 30th year of providing toys, gifts, and holiday items to area families who could use a hand to celebrate the season. This year, the Family Support Center at 91 College Street in Lewiston will offer shopping days on Wednesdays, December 7 and 14, from 10 a.m. to noon, to enable parents to select new and gently used toys, decorations, and clothing, and to take home a box of food as well. Parents can await their shopping turn while enjoying coffee and snacks inside the center's LA Café.

New for this year's outreach is a section of books and toys appropriate for children with special needs, especially those on the autism spectrum. Of course, there will be plenty of toys for typical kids of all ages, thanks to Toys for Tots, BAM! in the Auburn Mall, the Chinese Bible Church of Greater Boston, and local neighborhood donations. For more information about the event, call 577-1165.

When asked why Hope House has a special passion for inviting the neighborhood to celebrate, Director Bruce Willson points out, "Jesus said: When you throw a party, don't just invite friends and family and neighbors who can return the favor...invite those who can't!"

"Each year, we meet so many amazing new neighbors, heroic people we wouldn't have gotten to know otherwise," said Jan Willson.

"It doesn't take much to share a little hope," added Bruce. "Sometimes it's as simple as throwing a party."



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Multi-Faith Discussions continue at APL



Forming the panel are Pastor Roger Cousineau, Rabbi Sruli Dresdner, Rev. Doctor Jody Cohen Hayashida, and Pastor Richard Waller.

Auburn Public Library's series of Multi-Faith Roundtable Discussions will continue on Tuesday, December 6 at 12:30 p.m. Designed to explore various topics from the perspectives of multiple faith traditions, these friendly discussions engage a panel of some of the area's leading clergy, who also serve as Chaplains for the Auburn Police Department: Rabbi Sruli Dresdner

of Temple Shalom, Pastor Roger Cousineau of East Auburn Baptist Church, Rev. Doctor Jody Cohen Hayashida of First Universalist Church of New Auburn, and Pastor Richard Waller of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. The four-part series will continue on January 10 and February 7. For discussion topics, contact the library at 333-6640, ext. 4.

Auburn Public Library seeks votes for YELP Grant

Auburn Public Library has been nominated as a finalist in the Yelp Foundation Gives Local grant contest. Now they need the community to vote for the library to win a grant of up to \$5,000. The contest requires no personal donation from voters - it's simply a way for locals to support charities they care about. People can vote once per day until December 9 at yfgiveslocal.org.

The goal of Yelp's contest is to raise awareness of local organizations that are

contributing directly to the community. The number of votes from the greater Auburn-Lewiston community will determine the Library's grant size amount.

For more information, call the library at 333-6640 or see www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.



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What's Going On

Post 135 hosts Community Breakfast



The breakfasts take place on the first Sunday in December, February, March, April and May. Mark your calendar!

The American Legion Harry J. Conway Post 135 will host their monthly Community Breakfast on Sunday, December 4, from 7:30 to 10 a.m. The event

is open to the public. The menu will include scrambled eggs, eggs to order, French toast, chipped beef, pancakes, sausage, ham, baked beans, two types of country

College for ME presents Annual Luncheon

College for ME-Androscoggin will present its Annual Luncheon on Friday, December 2 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn of Auburn. The

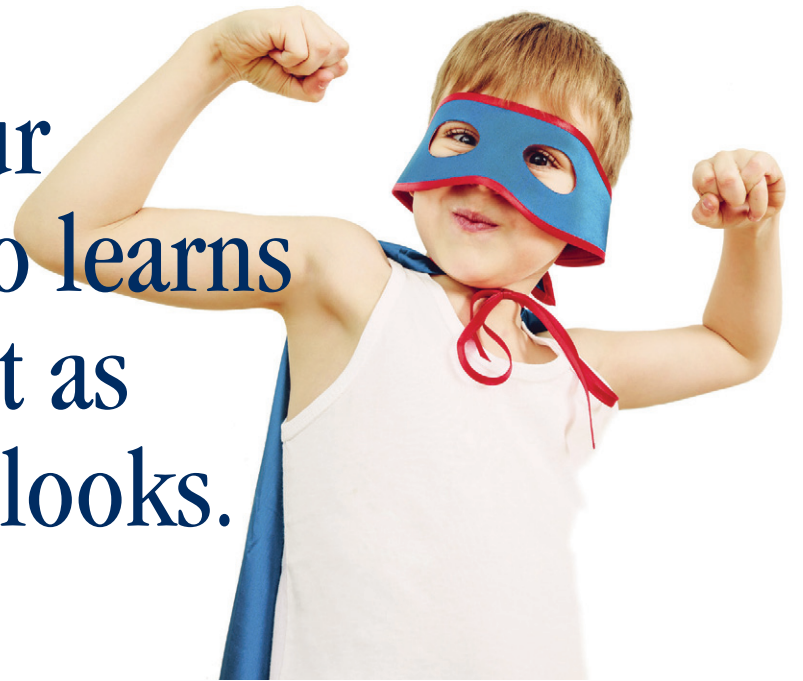
fries, toast, muffins, orange juice, coffee, tea and milk. The cost will be \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 10 and under. Proceeds will support community and veteran's programs.

The breakfasts take place on the first Sunday of December, February, March, April and May - mark your calendar for future events. The post is located at 40 Island Road in Sabattus.

event celebrates the amazing stories of success that are the sole mission of College for ME-Androscoggin. The keynote speaker will be Senator George Mitchell and the recipients of this year's Visionary, Corporate, Advocate and Student Awards will be named. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call 783-2463. Register online at collegeformeandroskoggin.org.



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What's Going On

Central ME Orthopaedics offers shoulder pain seminar



Dr. Paul R. Cain, MD

Central Maine Orthopaedics, a division of Spectrum Medical Group, and the Orthopaedic Institute of Central Maine will host a free community seminar focused on general shoulder pain on Tuesday, December 13, from 6 to 7 p.m., in the ABC Conference Room at Central Maine Medical Center, 12 High Street in Lewiston. Led by Dr. Paul R. Cain, MD, the seminar is designed specifically for anyone suffering from shoulder injuries or pain, including rotator cuff injuries and tears.

Cain is a board-certified sports medicine orthopaedic surgeon who practices at Central Maine Orthopaedics in Auburn in many areas

of specialty, including sports medicine and arthroscopic and open surgery of the shoulder and knee. He will also be prepared to discuss various other shoulder problems, including osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, post-traumatic arthritis, and osteonecrosis, as well as gout, infections, bursitis, torn cartilage, frozen shoulder and heat injuries.

The Orthopaedic Institute of Central Maine is a partnership of Central Maine Medical Center and Central Maine Orthopaedics. Light refreshments will be served. For more information or to register, call 835-2860 or email josea9@spectrummg.com.

YWCA offers new Lifeguard Training format

The YWCA of Central Maine will offer a three-day American Red Cross Lifeguard Training course on Thursday and Friday, December 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, December 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The course, which allows those ages 15 and older to become certified lifeguards, will be taught in a new, blended learning format to allow candidates to spend less time in class and more time in the pool.

Participants will spend 10 to 12 hours working at their own pace online, then will go in to demonstrate

the required skills learned for prevention and rescue of swimmers, including providing emergency first aid and CPR. Prerequisites include completion of a 300-yard swim, treading water and a timed deep-water object removal. All components are valid for two years.

The deadline for registration is December 10. The cost of the course is \$150 for members and \$175 for non-members. The YWCA is at 130 East Avenue in Lewiston. For more information or to register, call 795-4050 or email frontdesk@ywca-maine.org.



Auburn Public Library introduces 3D printer



Adult Services Manager Marty Gagnon readies the new printer for a project.

Auburn Public Library has acquired a new Sincor 3D printer and will offer two December workshops to introduce it to library visitors. The hour-long workshops will take place in the library's Androscoggin Community Room on Monday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, December 13 at 1:30 p.m. They are free and open to the public.

Participants will explore the basics of 3D printing, review the library's policies and procedures, and learn how to search

for 3D printing projects. A printer demonstration will be offered, and attendees will have the opportunity to schedule printer time to create their personal projects.

The acquisition of the 3D printer was made possible by a grant from a donor-advised fund through the Maine Community Foundation. The grant also provided funds for a new Mac Air and two iPads for public use at the library. For more information, call the library at 333-6640 or see www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

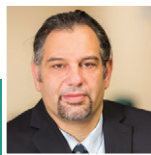
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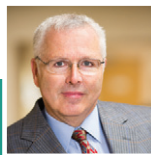
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Weekly Arts & Entertainment

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The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council will lead those attending on a trip down memory lane when they present a multimedia program called "Lewiston Remembers Its Musical Eras" on Saturday, December 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lewiston Armory.

Free and open to the public, the program was organized by the LYAC as a positive way to unite generations of the city's residents through music and historical reflection. "We have learned so much about Lewiston's his-

tory while planning this event, and we are proud of Lewiston's past and its present," said LYAC Chair Jazy Dumas.

The program will include a slideshow about Lewiston; period dance demonstrations, refreshments, and music by DJ-Brian C; "I Remember When" audience interviews; a look back at the PALHOP; and a musical finale by Weatherhead.

For more information about the program, contact LYAC advisor Dottie Perham-Whittier at 513-3000, ext. 3205.

MMS Chorale presents "Heritage Christmas"



This year's program will feature Christmas songs from the United States, including heartwarming arrangements of many holiday favorites.

The Maine Music Society Chorale will present "Celebrating A Heritage Christmas" on Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m. at the Gendron Franco Center at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. This year's concert will feature Christmas music from the United States. The program will include heartwarming

arrangements of such holiday favorites as "White Christmas," "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas," as well as lively traditional spirituals and an a cappella rendition of Morten Lauridsen's "Ave Maria." The evening will conclude with a round of festive carols sung together by the performers and audience.

Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$10 for students; children under 12 will enter free of charge when accompanied by an

adult. A special 20% discount is available for groups of 10 or more. To buy tickets, call L/A Arts at 782-7228 or see www.mainemusicsociety.org.

Kennebec Performing Arts presents Holiday Concert

The Kennebec Performing Arts Company will present a Holiday Music Concert featuring its Chorus, Wind Ensemble,

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Auburn Art Club Meeting

The Auburn Art Club will meet on Monday, December 5 at 2 p.m. at Park Avenue Methodist Church in Auburn. The program will feature well-known pianist, vocalist and entertainer Kathy Haley, who will be joined by singers Annette Dorey, Rosalie Fredericks,

and Alda Reynolds in a new quartet called "Four Old Broads." The group will sing Christmas carols in Barbershop Harmony fashion before Haley leads members in a carol sing-a-long.

Annette Dorey sings with the Court St. Baptist Church choir and, with

Alda Reynolds, forms the Aldetta Duet. Rosalie Fredericks sings with the local Just Us entertainers and formerly sang with Alda Reynolds in the Four on a Match barbershop quartet.

The hostesses for this meeting are Bonnie Ross, Shirley Bennett, Debby Dwyer, Mona Ervin, Alda Reynolds, and Elaine Sylvester.

Model Railroad Celebration at State Museum



Visitors are greeted at the museum entrance by this 1846 Lion steam locomotive. (Photo courtesy of Maine State Museum)

Whether making a first-time discovery of model trains chugging along the tracks or revisiting memories of days gone by, family members of all ages will delight in the sights and sounds of the Maine State Museum's annual Model Railroad Celebration. This two-day event will take

place on Friday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For the event, members of the Great Falls Model Railroad Club and the Maine 3-Railers will set up and operate a variety of displays running G, HO, O, and Z-gauge model trains.

The museum will be open free of charge on both days.

The link between model trains and the holidays has an historic connection. The first regularly scheduled passenger train in the United States began in 1830 on Christmas Day. Toy trains appeared soon after, as railroads came into regular use. Long before electricity was a mainstay in homes, children and adults constructed model motorized trains that ran on steam power.

Trains also figure prominently in the museum's collections. In fact, one of America's earliest surviving steam locomotives, the 1846 Lion, continues to be a popular attraction as it greets visitors at the museum's entrance.

The Maine State Museum is located at 230 State Street in Augusta. For more information, call 287-2301 or see www.mainestatemuseum.org.

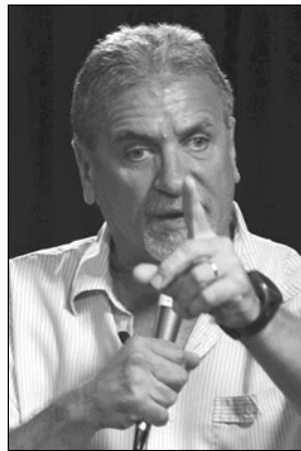
Maine Event Comedy presents Jerry Caruso

Maine Event Comedy will present 23-year Boston comedy veteran Jerry Caruso at the Lewiston Elks Lodge on Saturday, December 3 at 8 p.m. The show will also feature Joe Flynn, Bill Picard and host Mark Turcotte. Half of the ticket sales will benefit the Elks Lodge.

Jerry Caruso co-founded "Comics for a Cure," which has raised thousands of dollars for local charities. He's worked with "Larry the Cable Guy," Lisa Lampinelli, and Anthony Clarke. His impressions of celebrities, rock n' roll stars, and politicians, along with clever song parodies, have entertained audiences throughout New England and beyond.

Joe Flynn, from Salem, Massachusetts, recently performed at Comix at Mohegan Sun. He was a finalist in the Onion Town Comedy Contest, New England's Best Bar Comic Contest and a runner-up in the Witch City Comedy Competition.

Born with cerebral palsy and confined to a wheelchair, Bill Picard has used his physical disability to both educate and entertain. He was a finalist in Portland's Funniest Professional Contest, earned a business degree at the University of Maine and works as a motivational speaker.



A 23-year veteran of the Boston comedy scene, Caruso has worked with "Larry the Cable Guy," Lisa Lampinelli, and Anthony Clarke.

Host Mark Turcotte was a semi-finalist in the World Series of Comedy in Sarasota, Florida and was a recent selection to the Boston, Cleveland, and North Carolina comedy festivals. The show is for those ages 21 and older. Doors will open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. The Lewiston Elks Lodge is located at 1675 Lisbon Road. Advance tickets are available at maineeventcomedy.com. For more information, call 513-0742 or email maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

Twin City Nights

State Archivist to speak at "Food for Thought"

David Cheever, who is currently serving his second term as Maine's State Archivist, will be the presenter for Lewiston-Auburn Senior College's next "Food for Thought" luncheon on Friday, December 9. In his presentation, called "How 1-01-0 and 2020 Lead to Maine 2.0," he will discuss the challenges facing records managers and modern archivists in the digital age, and how his department is preparing for "Maine's 2020 Bicentennial of Statehood."

As an archivist, Cheever has helped in the transition from a paper-dominant environment to the born-digital technology that brings unique demands to the world of preservation of documents and the need to have those documents available to the public. A graduate of Bangor High School and Colby College, he has had a varied career as a teacher, reporter, columnist, producer, editor, and award-winning radio and television broadcaster. As a reporter and columnist for



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the Bangor Daily News, he caught the attention of then Governor Joseph Brennan and joined his administration as Press Secretary in 1981. When Brennan was elected to Congress, Cheever was hired by then Attorney General Jim Tierney as public information liaison, where he served for three years before returning to the private sector. He rejoined the media as a reporter and columnist for the Kennebec Journal and Morning Sentinel and eventually became the Editorial Page Editor. He returned to

State employment with the Maine State Library and was nominated from there to the State Archivist position in 2007.

Along the way, Cheever has spent 25 years as a high school ice hockey official, is currently in his 12th year as a high school field hockey official, and looks forward to being courtside again for his 25th year in a row in presenting high school tournament basketball on Maine Public Media. He is also active in presenting on Maine's Civil War history at schools throughout the state.

Open to the public, this monthly luncheon program takes place in Function Room 170 at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins promptly at noon. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$7 with an advance reservation or \$8 at the door. To make an advance reservation, call Senior College at 753-6510 by noon on Wednesday, December 7. Calls received after this time will be considered "at the door."



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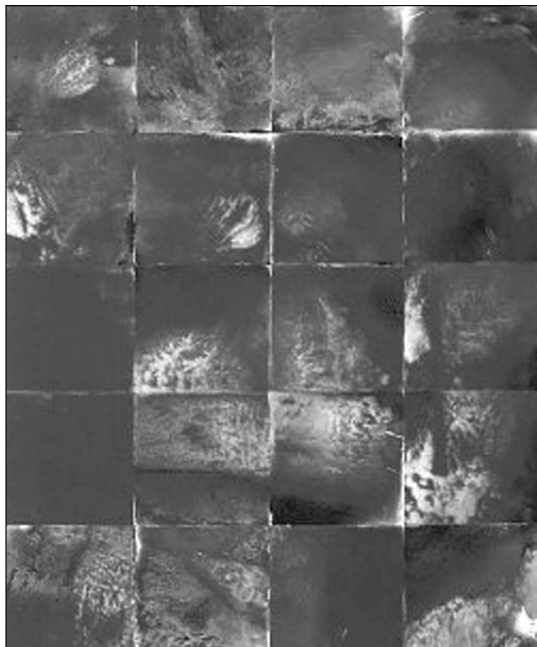
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Twin City Nights

Gardiner gallery exhibits works by Margo Ogden



“Grid of Steel,” by Margo Ogden

Monkitree, a gallery in historic downtown Gardiner, will host an exhibit of works by artist Margo Ogden, opening with a reception that will take place during Artwalk Gardiner on Friday, December 2, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

As a painter who uses an etching press as a tool, Margo Ogden employs a process that entails laying down individual inked squares in a grid, then working back into each square with ink and tools until a satisfying image emerges. She became hooked on printing and painting squares by collaborating with her son, who would create digital prints which she would then print and paint into. It was through this process that her fascina-

tion with grid work began.

In her current body of work, Ogden inks 4x4 squares and carefully lays them into a pre-drawn pencil grid, a process she likens to working on a puzzle. “I have found that as one color goes down, I need to leave that square in place while I put other colors down,” she says. “This make the process even more like a game: what color is under which board?” After the prints are down and dry, she works back into them, adding color and texture.

Ogden has a classical background in painting. She studied at Boston University in the 1970s. Upon graduating, she relocated from Massachusetts to Maine, where she was a founding member

of Praxis, an artist-run gallery in Freeport. There she expanded from painting to working in mixed media and fiber arts. In the mid-1990s, she enrolled in New York University’s Venice Program, from which she received a master’s degree. Her time in Italy inspired her to return to painting and remains a source of inspiration for the monotypes she creates today.

Open free of charge to the public, the exhibit will be on view through January 19. Monkitree is located at 263 Water Street. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 512-4679 or see www.monkitree.com.

Bates Choir, Orchestra present Handel’s “Messiah”



John Corrie will direct the Bates College Choir and Orchestra in a two-part performance of Georg Frederic Handel’s “Messiah” on Friday, December 2 (Part I) and Saturday, December 3 (Part II). Both performances will take place at 8 p.m. in the college’s Olin Arts Center Concert Hall at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston. The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. For more information, call 786-6135 or email olinarts@bates.edu. For tickets, see batesconcerts.eventbrite.com. (Photo by Josh Kuckens/Bates College)

Chocolate Church presents Suzanne Vega

Suzanne Vega, who emerged as a leading figure of the folk music revival of the early 1980s, will perform at Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath on Sunday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. With such classic songs as “Marlene on the Wall,” the a capella set-piece “Tom’s Diner,” and the haunting smash hit “Luka,” Vega’s distinctive approach to writing and performing, with its affinities to Joni Mitchell and Leonard Cohen, helped usher in a cascade of new female artists, including such diverse singer-songwriters as Tracey Chapman, Joan Osborn, Jewel, and Liz Phair, to pop and college radio into the 1990s. In 1997, she joined the performers’ roster of Lilith Fair, the ground-breaking concert tour organized by Sarah



Best known for such classics as “Marlene on the Wall” and “Luka,” the acclaimed singer-songwriter performs songs from her new album on Sunday, December 4.

McLachlan to celebrate women singer-songwriters.

Through it all, Vega’s approach has remained distinctive, literate, and highly personal. In performances devoid of outward drama but conveying deep emotion, she sings in a clear, vibrato-less voice that has been described as “a sandpaper-brushed

near-whisper” and “plaintive but disarmingly powerful.” In 2011, she premiered “Carson McCullers Talks About Love,” an original play inspired by the life and works of the distinguished American writer, featuring songs Vega co-wrote with Tony Award-winning singer-songwriter Duncan Sheik (Spring Awakening). She has just released “We of Me,” the first single from her acclaimed new album “Lover, Beloved: Songs from an Evening with Carson McCullers.”

Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door. Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in downtown Bath. For more information or to buy tickets, call the box office at 442-8455 or see www.chocoaltechurcharts.org.

Bailey Library marks 100th with Open House



After opening its doors on Bowdoin Street on December 2, 1916, the library was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1985 and expanded in 2015.

On Saturday, December 3, the Charles M. Bailey Public Library in downtown Winthrop will host an Open House to celebrate the library’s one hundredth anniversary. The event will kick off at 10:30 a.m. with an hour-long children’s party hosted by the Winthrop Grade School fourth graders. At 12:30 p.m., the library Trustees and staff will host an all ages Open House, which will feature brief talks from town officials and a performance by the Winthrop Area Hand Bell Ringers. On display will be photographs and newspaper clippings from the library’s first 100 years of service. Light refreshments will be served throughout

the day. All of the day’s programs, which will take place in the first-floor King Event Room, are free and open to the public.

The Bailey Library first opened its doors on Bowdoin Street on December 2, 1916. Charles M. Bailey, who at the time owned one of the country’s largest oilcloth manufacturers, donated the rock faced and chiseled granite building. Previously, the library had operated as the Winthrop Public Library, which opened in 1889 in the historic downtown Packard Block building. The library was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1985 and expanded in 2015.

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Rotary Club Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Tracey Chase discusses her work as the local District Manager for Bonney Staffing Center, Inc. Guests welcome. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Open House. 5 to 7 p.m. Trinity Jubilee Center, 247 Bates St., Lewiston. The center celebrates its 25th anniversary. 782-5700.

Author Visit. 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Former Lewiston newspaperman Paul Paré discusses his latest novel, “Road Kill.” Copies avail. for purchase, signing. Free.

Theater: “Every Christmas Story Ever Told.” Theater at Monmouth. Three actors transform Dickens’ “Christmas Carol” into a madcap romp through the holiday classics. \$25. Again 12/2-4. For show times, see www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Friday, December 2

Model Railroad Celebration. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Maine State Museum, 230 State St., Augusta. Area model railroad clubs display and operate a variety of G-, HO-, O-, and Z-gauge model trains. Again 12/3 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Free. 287-230; www.mainestatemuseum.org.

College for ME Annual Luncheon. 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. The keynote speaker is Senator George Mitchell. \$25. 783-2463; collegeformetroscoggin.org.

Holiday Music Concert. 7 p.m. Viles Auditorium, Cony High School, Augusta. The Kennebec Performing Arts Company Chorus, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band perform music of the season. Again 12/3 at Winthrop H.S. \$10; kids through high school free. 370-5381.

Concert: Pianist Paul Sullivan. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Accompanied by flute, cello and percussion, this Grammy-winning Maine native plays songs of the season. \$18 (\$15 in adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Saturday, December 3

Leavitt Ski Team Bottle Drive. Starts at 8 a.m. Team members fan out across Turner, Leeds and Greene to pick up your returnable bottles and/or cash donations; donors will be entered into raffles. FMI call Mark Evans at 314-1769.

Rotary Christmas Tree Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Maine Bucket, 21 Fireslate Place, Lewiston. Cut your own tree and get a photo with Santa; refreshments, crafts, wreaths and bows. Tree, wreath and bough sales only on 12/4 from 9 a.m. to noon. 784-6700; 740-8510.

Holiday Craft Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Minot Consolidated School, 23 Shaw Hill Rd., Minot. Crafters, artisans, food, raffles, and giveaways. Hosted by Minot Community Club. Free admission. 266-5033; russella3@gmail.com.

Open House. King Event Room, Bailey Public Library, Winthrop. Children’s party from 10 to 11 a.m.; adult program with Winthrop Area Hand Bell Ringers at 12:30. Exhibits, refreshments. Free.

Shaker Christmas Fair. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, 707 Shaker Rd., New Gloucester. Shaker specialties, including baked goods, gifts and holiday items, avail. for purchase. Lunch plates, hot cider, donuts. 926-4597; www.maineshakermuseum.com.

Christmas Concert. 2 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. The Wesleyan Singers, Auburn Bell Ringers, and local soloists and musicians perform; refreshments follow. Again at 7 p.m.

New Auburn Christmas Parade. 5 p.m. From Gagne & Son’s on Riverside Dr., north to Mill St., ending at Rolly’s Diner; tree lighting, Santa visit follow. Refreshments, photographer. 577-2694; leroywalker@roadrunner.com.

Fall Dance Concert. 5 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, Bates College, 329 College St., Lewiston. Bates College dance students perform works by guest artists Claudia Lavista and Omar Carrum; Sean Dorsey; and Takehiro Ueyama. Cont. 12/4 (2 p.m.) and 12/5 (7:30 p.m.). Free. 786-6161.

Public Supper. 5 p.m. Paris Fire Department. Western Ave., So. Paris. The Dept. Auxiliary serves up a meal of turkey pie, potatoes, bread, vegetables, salads, and assorted homemade desserts. \$8/4 (free kids ages 3-). “Lewiston Remembers

Its Musical Eras.” 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial Armory, 65 Central Ave., Lewiston. The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council presents this multimedia program including a slideshow; period dance demos, music, and refreshments; “I Remember When” audience interviews; a look back at the PALHOP; and a musical finale. Free. www.lewiston-maine.gov/lyac.

Concert: The Burns Sisters. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Accompanied by dual guitars, this Americana and folk music charting duo sing Christmas and Chanukah songs. \$18 (\$15 in adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Maine Event Comedy. 8 p.m. Elks Lodge, 1675 Lisbon Rd., Lewiston. Performing are 23-year Boston comedy veteran Jerry Caruso, with Joe Flynn, Bill Picard and host Mark Turcotte. Doors at 7 p.m. Ages 21+. \$12 (\$10 in adv.). 513-0742; maineeventcomedy.com.

Sunday, December 4

Community Breakfast. 7:30 to 10 a.m. American Legion Post 135, 40 Island Rd., Sabattus. Eggs to order, French toast, chipped beef, pancakes, sausage, ham, baked beans, country fries, toast, muffins, orange juice, coffee, tea and milk. \$7 (\$3 kids ages 10-).

“Just Us” Family Christmas Show. 2 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The “Just Us” entertainers perform non-traditional Christmas songs and old favorites. \$12/10 (students w/ ID free). 689-2000; www.francocenter.org.

Concert: Suzanne Vega. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. The acclaimed singer-songwriter performs songs from her new album, “Lover, Beloved: Songs from an Evening with Carson McCullers.” \$45 (\$40 in adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Monday, December 5

Auburn Art Club Meeting. 2 p.m. Park Avenue Methodist Church, Auburn. Kathy Haley leads “Four Old Broads” in singing Christmas carols in Barbershop Harmony fashion.

Stanton Bird Club Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Room 285, Lewiston-Auburn College. Wildlife biologist Ben Nugent discusses the natural history of the fisher, an elusive member of the weasel family native to Maine. Free. www.StantonBirdClub.org.

3D Printing Workshop. 6:30 p.m. Androscoggin Comm. Room, Auburn Public Library. Explore the basics of 3D printing and learn how to search for printing projects for the library’s new 3D printer. Again 12/13 (1:30 p.m.). 333-6640; www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Tuesday, December 6

Multi-Faith Roundtable Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. In this series, a panel of area clergy discuss various topics from the perspectives of different faith traditions. Cont. 1/10 and 2/7. Free. For topics, call 333-6640, ext. 4.

Wednesday, December 7

Christmas Dinner. 6 p.m. Green Ladle, 156 East Ave., Lewiston. The Ladies of St. Anne of Holy Family Parish host a buffet dinner; entertainment by the Lorraine Ouellette Trio. \$18. Buy tix by Dec. 1 at 782-4516.

Lewiston Republicans Meeting. 7 p.m. Lewiston Armory. Following the meeting will be the caucus for the District 2 County Commissioner. For more information, contact Secretary Matthew Roy Secretary at matthewroy@gmail.com.

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		4:45	7:10	9:30
Moana (PG).....	1:00	4:20	7:00	9:35

Thursday, December 8

Rotary Club Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Bill Grant, who in February was named Director of Adult Education for both Lewiston and Auburn, discusses trends in adult education in Maine. Guests welcome. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

YMCA Hall of Fame Celebration & Annual Meeting. 5 to 7 p.m. Martindale Country Club, Auburn. The Y inducts new members Stephen B. Austin, Muriel Bureau, James Lawler and Pennell Woodard. Free. Register at 795-4095 or www.aymca.org.

Friday, December 9

Food for Thought Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. State Archivist David Cheever discusses the challenges facing records managers in the digital

age and how his department is preparing for Maine’s 2020 Bicentennial. \$7/8, incl. lunch. For adv. price, register by noon on 12/7 at 753-6510.

Holiday Spectacular. 7 p.m. Great Falls Theater, Auburn. Community Little Theatre’s family-fun fundraiser features songs and dance from many holiday favorites; Santa will be available for photos after the show. Again 12/10. \$15. 783-0958; www.lact.com.

Saturday, December 10

“Celebrating A Heritage Christmas.” 7:30 p.m. Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The Maine Music Society Choral presents a program of Christmas songs from the United States, incl. many holiday favorites. Again 12/ 11 at 3 p.m. \$22/20/10. 782-7228; www.mainemusicsociety.org.

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Paul Sullivan's musical journey has reached from the jazz clubs of New York to the pit orchestras of

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