

## LCFCU raises \$8,000 for Campaign for Ending Hunger

Thanks to the generosity of its members and staff, Lisbon Community Federal Credit Union raised \$8,000 for the Maine Credit Union League's 2016 Campaign for Ending Hunger. This total placed the agency 21st among credit unions in the state for total funds raised and 17th in per-member contributions. Because of its top-25 placement in both categories, LCFCU was awarded an additional grant of \$360 to distribute to its chosen local food pantries.

The Campaign for

Ending Hunger is an annual, collaborative effort of Maine's credit unions. Participating credit unions raise funds for the campaign at various times throughout the year. This year's state-wide total was a record-setting \$674,193. All money raised stays in Maine and goes directly to the cause of ending hunger via distribution to hunger organizations and food pantries across the state. This year, funds raised by the Lisbon Credit Union will benefit the LACO food pantry of Lisbon Falls and Hope Haven of Lewiston.

Founded in 1959, Lis-

bon Community Federal Credit Union is a full-service, nonprofit financial institution owned by and operated for its members. With \$104 million in assets, the credit union serves 9,000 members in the communities of Lisbon, Lewiston, Auburn, Durham, Sabattus, Bowdoin, Topsham and Pownal. For more information about Lisbon Community Federal Credit Union, visit one of its branch locations at 325 Lisbon Street in Lisbon and 802 Sabattus Street in Lewiston, call 353-4144, or see [www.lisboncu.org](http://www.lisboncu.org).

## Lewiston taps D'Auteuil for Deputy City Administrator position

Lewiston City Administrator Ed Barrett has announced that Denis D'Auteuil will replace long-time Deputy City Administrator Phil Nadeau, who will be retiring at the end of June. D'Auteuil is the Assistant City Administrator of Auburn and has been serving as Auburn's Acting City Administrator. A Lewiston resident and native, he has been an Auburn employee

since 2010, where he has filled the successively more responsible positions of Deputy Public Works Director, Public Services Director, and Assistant City Administrator. Prior to entering public service, he was a manager in the transportation and logistics field and served in the United States Air Force.

"I am extremely pleased that Denis will be

joining Lewiston's management team," said Barrett. "As a Lewiston native, he knows our community. Through his service in Auburn, he is familiar with our local governments and has worked closely with and impressed members of our staff. His work in Auburn has shown that he has the necessary background and leadership skills to make a

See **D'Auteuil**, page 4

## APL hosts annual Indoor Farmer's Market

Auburn Public Library will host one of its biggest events of the year, its annual Indoor Farmer's Market, on Friday, February 24 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free and open to the public, this festive family event is intended to thank community members and businesses for their support throughout the year.

This year's Indoor Farmer's Market will feature live acoustic music by Aaron Wardwell, demonstrations of homestead arts such as basket weaving and embroidery, and an interactive display provided by Maine Fiber Arts. The Children's Department will host a fun activity where participants will discover how Mother Nature moves seeds for new plants to grow, and kids may also build their own whirligig and learn how wind is critical to the planting of seeds. Live animals will be available for petting in the Grand Reading Room, and numerous vendors will be



This family event features live music, crafts, animals, exhibits, and vendors offering a wide variety of culinary and handmade delights.

on hand to offer an assortment of homemade breads, jams, chutneys, canned vegetables, root vegetables, and

delicious baked goods, as well as handmade scarfs, hats, mittens, and natural skin care products.

## Local libraries ready for shift to new e-book system

With the e-book and e-audiobook system that members of area public libraries have enjoyed in recent years set to migrate to a new platform on March 1, staff members

at Lewiston and Auburn Public Libraries are ready to help patrons make the transition.

For several years, members of area public libraries have enjoyed the convenience of checking out e-books and digital audiobooks through the statewide Maine InfoNet Download Library. On March 1, the Download Library will be moved to a new e-book and e-audiobook platform called cloudLibrary, which will replace the Overdrive platform now being used. The current system, man-

aged by Overdrive, will be turned off on February 28, and the cloudLibrary system will be launched the following day, on March 1.

Once the new system is live on March 1, users will be able to download the new app for their devices by following the links to login for their respective libraries at [libraryla.org/ebooks](http://libraryla.org/ebooks).

To help the community with the transition, Lewiston Public Library will offer open drop-in help sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, March 1 and 2, See **e-book**, page 3

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Manpower marks 56 years putting Mainers to work



January 17 was Manpower Maine's 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and staff members in the company's Auburn office, like their counterparts across the state, celebrated with an open house. Pictured here (l. to r.) are Assistant Recruiter Katie Ramirez, Recruiter Sarah Lefebvre, President April Clark, and Recruiter Michelle Cox.

## Brienza named RSU 16 Student of the Month



Timothy Brienza, with Tri-Town Optimist Club President Jeff Gagnon

The Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland Tri-Town Optimist Club has named Timothy Brienza as its RSU 16 Student of the Month. Brienza, an eighth-grader at Whittier Middle School, is described as helpful, kind, dependable, curious, hardworking, and always smiling from ear to

ear. Not only is he a model student who brings out the best in others in his school community, he is also an outstanding member of his Tri-Town community, where he helps neighbors, encourages younger teammates in Panther Track, and helps maintain trails for the Poland Sno Travelers.

## Local realtor elected by Century 21 advisory board

Century 21 Venture Ltd. of Augusta has announced that its President, Bruce M. Holmes, has been elected by Century 21's 15-member national Commercial Advisory Board as its Secretary for 2017-18. Holmes has served on Century 21's Commercial Advisory Board, which oversees the development and operation of the Century 21 Commercial Investment Division for Century 21 Real Estate, since 2006.



Bruce M. Holmes

## Payroll Management welcomes new Client Services Manager



Jean Domaingue

Payroll Management of Auburn has announced that Jean Domaingue has joined its Executive Man-

agement team in the role of Client Services Manager. She brings extensive industry expertise to the position, where she will ensure that the highest levels of quality service are provided for each client.

Some of Domaingue's areas of experience include strategic client account management, process and productivity improvement, human capital management, coaching and development of staff members, design and implementation of payroll training, product development, and successful payroll platform conversions following mergers and acquisitions.

Livermore: Justin Bean, Jacob Foss, Ben Greenwood, Natalie Goding, and Jacob Sol.

Mechanic Falls: Gabrielle Smith and Benjamin Trytek.

Minot: Evan LaPointe, Hannah Paradis, Isaac Savard, Lindsay Theriault, and Marissa Zink.

Poland: Erin Brewer, William Foster, Tucker Jones, Hope Kohtala, and Emily Whittlemore.

Sabattus: Kayla Gay-

ton and Julie Morneault.

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Wales: Tyler Turcotte.

Family owned and operated for over 25 years, Payroll Management is one of the largest independent payroll companies in Maine. The company provides services to businesses in Maine and 38 other states across the country.

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For more information visit [www.payrollmgt.com](http://www.payrollmgt.com).

## University of Maine announces fall 2016 Dean's List

The University of Maine recognized 2,298 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2016 semester. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 1,714 are from Maine, 523 are from 31 other states and 61 are from 27 countries other than the U.S.

Listed below are students from Androscoggin County who received Dean's List honors for fall 2016, completing 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Please note that students who have requested that their information not be released are not included on the list. For more infor-

mation about UMaine, visit [umaine.edu](http://umaine.edu).

Auburn: Abby Bellefleur, Ashley Brackett, Cole Butler, Derek Caron, Joshua Delong, Cameron Dubay, Jordan Lau, Emma Paradie, Jessica Staples, Hannah Thistle, and Bryan Uwaechia.

Durham: Anna Dimick, Jamie Jeppson, and Jon Jeppson.

East Poland: Lauren Emery.

Greene: Reilly Burgess, Brandon Clark, Callie Greco, Clifford Greco, Nicole Hofacker, Trevor Lessard, and Sierra Santomango.

Leeds: Joseph Baumann, Nathan Blais, Jacob

Gladu, and Trent Swengel.

Lewiston: Gabrielle Barboza, Haley Bisson, Aaron Bissonnette, Mathieu Bowen, Jessica Cote, Olivia Dam, Jared Dumas, Daniel Fortier, Leo Gaghan, Sophia Grallert, Emma Nichols, Cameron Raymond, Chase Tapley, Jaymi Thibault, Spencer Ward, and Alexandria Wilson.

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# Governor's Address: PUC decision confirms ratepayers pay twice

Our electricity rates are far above the national average—Maine has moved up from the 12th highest rates to the 11th highest in the United States.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

High rates have destroyed our industrial base, our commercial base and, more importantly, are causing higher rates for those who can least afford it, our retirees.

The decision by the Public Utilities Commission to compensate owners of solar panels for transmission and distribution is taking Maine

in the wrong direction. It increases prices on ratepayers by charging them twice for T and D of electricity.

I agree solar customers should be compensated for the electricity they generate at fair market rates. However, other Mainers should not have to subsidize their installation costs to make solar viable.

If affluent people choose to put expensive solar panels on their roof, poor and elderly Mainers should not have to pay for it.

The PUC is shifting the burden away from those who have the resources to afford roof-top solar installations and onto ratepayers,



Governor Paul R. LePage

including low-income and elderly customers.

They are also putting more of a burden on businesses that are already operating on very thin margins and cannot afford to

pay higher rates. Businesses need all the help they can get to stay competitive and create good jobs. Raising electricity rates is taking resources away from higher wages.

This rate hike was pushed by environmentalists, special interests, the public advocate and some Legislative leaders. Rather than protect Maine ratepayers, the PUC caved to special interests.

Even worse, wealthy people with solar panels are being paid for the excess electricity they generate and for the transmission and distribution of the excess power. But Emera and CMP also charge the ratepayers to

transmit and distribute this excess electricity.

That means ratepayers are being charged twice so affluent people who put solar panels on their roof can recoup their money faster.

The solar industry lining its pockets on the backs of hardworking Mainers—not to mention our poor and most vulnerable who can least afford it.

We should be able to agree on a sensible energy policy. We should provide the most affordable energy that does the least harm to the environment.

But liberals continue to support their favorite—and very expensive—forms

of renewal energy. They have no political desire to reduce rates for Mainers, and they continue to deny the harm they are doing to our job creators and our economy. Put very simply, higher rates leave less money for higher wages.

We are going backwards. But I will continue to fight to lower rates for our elderly and poor Mainers and for our businesses that create good jobs. Someone has to protect them from wealthy special interests and lobbyists in the halls of the State House.

Thank You,  
Paul R. LePage  
Governor

## e-book

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from 5 to 7 p.m. Auburn Public Library will have staff available to provide drop-in help throughout the first week of March. Library members need only bring their device and their library card; no appointment is necessary. In addition, both libraries will continue to offer one-on-one help by appointment for those needing assistance with the Download Library outside of these hours.

With this transition to the cloudLibrary system, the Download Library will continue to offer readers nearly all of the current collection of over 10,000 digital titles that are already available, plus new titles and additional copies of popular titles. The cloudLibrary will offer patrons an app-based user experience that makes it easier to download e-books and e-audiobooks. The cloudLibrary app also highlights the best and freshest titles in the collection and allows for patron customization. Users of Kindle devices should be advised that second generation or newer versions of the Kindle Fire will work with the cloudLibrary platform, but e-ink Kindles will not.

## New Ventures brings Work for Yourself@50+ to APL

New Ventures Maine will present AARP's "Work for Yourself@50+" workshop on Thursday, March 2, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Androscoggin Community Room at Auburn Public Library, located at 49 Spring Street.

The decision to start a business can be both ex-

For more information, please contact the Adult & Teen Services Departments at Lewiston Public Library at 513-3135 or LPLReference@Gmail.com or Auburn Public Library at 333-6640, ext. 4 or reference@auburnpubliclibrary.org.

citing and daunting. This workshop will help low- and moderate-income adults ages 50+ gain the knowledge, support, and resources they need to make informed decisions and take the right first steps toward successful self-employment.

AARP's Work for Yourself@50+ breaks the choices down for older adults in an approachable way through five steps: 1) a careful consideration of the potential and perils of working for yourself, 2) exercises to help develop the self-employment idea, 3) a realistic overview of what it takes to pursue a self-employment opportunity, 4) guidance to help avoid pit-

falls and scams, and 5) ways to find trustworthy support and services. Workshop facilitator Karleen Andrews, Microenterprise Specialist for the Western Region of New Ventures Maine, will walk participants through the Work for Yourself@50+ materials and connect them with local resources to help them reach their goals.

Participants should call AARP Foundation at 888-339-5617 to register.

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Deadline is **Friday by five.**

Registrations will be accepted on the morning of the event. The facilitator for this workshop will be Karleen Andrews, Microenterprise Specialist for the Western Region of New Ventures Maine.

For more information about AARP's Work for Yourself@50+, see [aarp-foundation.org/workforyourself](http://aarp-foundation.org/workforyourself). To learn more about the programs and services of New Ventures Maine, see [newventuresmaine.org](http://newventuresmaine.org).

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# Only Steps Forward

## Story of famous Auburn benefactor is more relevant than ever

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

The name is as pervasive as any in this community. It's in the newspaper regularly. You read it on posters, hear it from seniors at the local diner and from the mouths of kids. Yet more often than not, it's associated with a building or the institution and not the man.

The name? Edward Little.

All of that will change

in the coming weeks as Bates College Political Science Professor Emeritus Doug Hodgkin releases his newest book, "Dear Parent: A Biography and Letters of Edward Little."

The roll-out began with a book signing at the historic home of Edward Little on Main Street, now owned by local CPA Robert Grieshaber, and will include other public events and presentations by Mr. Hodgkin.



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

Of particular note will be my invitation for him to

present briefly on his research during the February 27 Auburn City Council meeting at 7 p.m. during our presentations segment. You can tune in on the local access channel maintained by Great Falls TV or watch live-streaming online at [www.greatfallstv.net](http://www.greatfallstv.net).

While it is not typical to have this type of presentation during our City Council meeting, I believe that, at this point in the history of

the City of Auburn, the story of Edward Little is more relevant than ever. And it's not just about the activities of his life, but also what he saw as the role of the business community and private philanthropy and what were important cornerstones of growing a town like Auburn.

The centerpiece of that was certainly education. The fact that he privately funded an academy (Lewiston Falls Academy) in the heart of the community is proof. It also makes for fun trivia for my friends around town that are anti-merger. Who knew that Auburn's high school was named Lewiston Falls? What an abomination!

In all seriousness, it was in the transferring of this private academy to be a public school that the name changed to honor its major benefactor, and a statue was commissioned by world-famous sculptor Franklin Simmons to honor Edward Little with a permanent piece that graced our Main Street.

As the School Committee and Edward Little Building Committee embark on their journey with local architect Harriman Associates, we could learn much about how a modern academy can drive economic opportunity and enhance the civic life of our city. And not solely through the lens of what taxpayers can and should invest, but also the importance of all institutions in the community, public and private, lending assistance to the endeavor.

Much of what we see as we travel in the center of our community—the riverfront, the dams and canals, towering brick mill buildings, the street grid, railroads and so much more—are part of the fabric of our community because of the actions of Edward Little or other investors he influenced in his time here. And to understand where we want to go, I believe, you must understand the forces

that brought you to today.

I'm personally excited to get my hands on a copy of Mr. Hodgkin's new book. Having a local resident with enough love for the history of this place as Mr. Hodgkin has led to many works being published on topics ranging from the story of the Lewiston-Auburn Railroad Company to outlining Lewiston's town politics. In the case of this book, the proceeds will benefit our Androscoggin Historical Society, which is based on the upper floors of the historic County Building.

Local stores in Lewiston-Auburn will carry the book, including Victor News (59 Park St., Lewiston) and the Bates College Store (65 Campus Ave., Lewiston). If you want to learn more, or perhaps have a local group that would be interested in hearing from Mr. Hodgkin on his research, the historical society can be reached at (207) 784-0586.

### D'Auteuil

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significant contribution to moving Lewiston forward."

"I've enjoyed my time in Auburn, and I'm proud of what we've accomplished over the years," said D'Auteuil. "I'm very grateful for the support of the city staff, Mayor and City Council, and the community as a whole. They truly made my time in Auburn rewarding. I look forward to getting started in Lewiston and working with the staff, Mayor and City Council. There's something special about getting the opportunity to work for both cities that make up the community where you grew up and are now raising your family."

D'Auteuil will begin in his new position on April 6. This will allow him to work closely with Phil Nadeau for several months to ensure a seamless transition.

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## Enough is Enough

# Local legislators try to replicate “Ban the Box” legislation

By Robert E. Macdonald  
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Now before the Legislature is a bill, LD-288, “An Act To Prohibit Any Question Regarding Criminal History On State Employment Applications.” It was submitted by Democratic State Rep. Bettyann Sheats of Auburn and co-sponsored by Rep. James Handy and Senator Nate Libby, both of Lewiston.

The \$64,000 question: What is the purpose of this bill?

The bill appears to somewhat mirror a Massachusetts bill that prohibits, under penalty of prosecution, a prospective employer from asking potential candidates if they have a criminal history. This law is referred to as the

“Ban the Box” legislation. The law is nothing more than a continuance of more anti-business legislation designed to punish business owners for some perceived social injustice that has supposedly kept low-born people in poverty.

But unlike the Massachusetts bill, the Maine bill focuses solely on those seeking employment with the State of Maine. This begs the question: Why? This bill does not seem to make any sense.

The first thing that stands out is this: Does a criminal record currently disqualify one from employment with the State of Maine? If the answer is yes, then why are these legislators so hell-bent on removing the box?



Mayor Bob Macdonald

If, on the other hand, the answer is no, then why is it necessary to remove the box? What is the real angle here?

Over the years as a crime fighter employed by the Lewiston Police Department, I dealt with many individuals with a

pendant toward criminal proclivities. A majority of them I found to be likeable. They made mistakes, paid for them, were released and went on to lead crime-free lives.

But regarding employment, those making the hiring decisions need all the information they can get on every prospective employee to ensure that a person is the best match for the job. By shortchanging the process, it could result in costly lawsuits—suits that could have been avoided had all the information been provided.

In a past life decades ago, that august body from Beacon Hill commonly referred to as the Massachusetts State Legislature, introduced and passed “Ban

the Box” legislation. But they never foresaw the harm they would subsequently force on many of Boston’s public school children.

In the early 1970s Boston was transformed from amicable to raw hate when busing was forced on its neighborhoods. Anarchy reigned.

What once were safe neighborhoods suddenly became unsafe and havens for violent crime. The greatest victims were the school children, especially those in the lower grades, who sat terrified in their seats daily while their school bus slithered through a gauntlet of very angry people.

But slowly and steadily a far worse terror was rearing its head: child mo-

lestation. Nobody wanted a bus-driving job; without the ability to check an applicant’s criminal background, perverts were able to ply their demented fantasies on unsuspecting school children.

The failure of Massachusetts degree-laden legislators to correct the problem created by this legislation proves that if you can’t get a job—well, there’s always the Legislature.

Congratulations to St. Dom’s Girls’ Hockey Team on their successful hockey season, culminating in the Girls’ Class A Championship. Once again our area youth have demonstrated an outstanding work ethic and drive that exists throughout our community.

## Greenheart seeks families to host exchange students

Greenheart, a non-profit student exchange organization, is seeking volunteer families to host exchange students for the 2017-18 school year. Each year, Greenheart provides over 800 exchange students from over 60 countries the opportunity to study in local public high schools for a five-month semester or a 10-month academic high school year.

“Host families make all the difference,” said Megan Bhatia, Director of Placement Services. “They influence a young adult’s life, expand world views, and make dreams come true. And when a family is so willing to give, they have just as many rewarding and enriching experiences as the student.”

Volunteer host families come from varied economic, religious and racial backgrounds and include working parents, empty nesters, singles and single parents. They should be

able to provide open communication, encouragement, patience and sound advice; a separate bed and a quiet place to study, which can be in a shared room with a host sibling of similar age and the same gender; three daily meals; local transportation (students are not permitted to drive while on the program); and treatment as a member of the family, which may include household rules, responsibilities and privileges.

Students have their own accident and health insurance and bring their own spending money. They are encouraged to participate in school-sponsored activities, community service and environmental programs. Greenheart provides regular communication and support to both host families and students. While host families are not compensated, the Internal Revenue Service has authorized families to claim a \$50 per

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## L.H.S. Soccer Coach speaks today at Great Falls Forum



Mike McGraw will reflect on his 35 seasons coaching soccer at LHS and the magical confluence of skill and personalities that propelled the 2015 team to a state championship and a national ranking.

Lewiston High School Soccer Coach Mike McGraw will be the speaker for the February Great Falls Forum on Thursday, February 23 at noon in Lewiston Public Library’s Callahan Hall. His title of his presentation

“Soccer Stories: Reflections on the LHS Dream Team.”

In 2015, Coach McGraw and his scrappy crew of multicultural footballers brought home the first Maine State Championship

in Soccer for a Lewiston High School team. In the process, they brought the city together in support of their efforts, winning over the hearts of many in their march to the finals.

McGraw will reflect on his 35 seasons coaching

soccer at LHS and the magical confluence of skill and personalities that combined to see his Blue Devil squad ranked nationally, which was only the third time a Maine team had achieved a national ranking, in addition

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# What's Going On

## Auburn Council to appoint John Bubier Acting City Manager

After six years of service, Denis D'Auteuil has submitted his letter of resignation to the Auburn City Council to accept the position of Assistant City Manager in Lewiston. Over the last 18 months, D'Auteuil has served Auburn as Assistant City Manager and, more recently, as Acting City Manager while the city has prepared to fill that open position.

"While the Council is disappointed that we will lose Denis from our management team, we recognize that when unique career opportunities present themselves, one needs to be willing to take advantage of them," said Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonte. "Denis has committed to staying with Auburn through late March, allowing for the completion of some important city projects he's led for us since stepping into this role."

As the City Council

schedules interviews for the City Manager position, it plans to appoint John Bubier Acting City Manager at its February 27 meeting. Bubier, who served for over 10 years as the City Administrator of Biddeford before retiring in 2015, will facilitate the 2017-18 budget process, allowing for a smooth transition as D'Auteuil wraps up projects in Auburn and moves over to

his new position in Lewiston.

"While I am excited that a manager of John's caliber has agreed to step into this interim role, my confidence in this transition period rests in the experienced department heads and frontline staff of the City, who are the face of our community and its services," added LaBonte. "John will be a strong voice of counsel for those team members and will assist the City Council until our new City Manager is under contract."

## Greenheart

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month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns. For more information about hosting a student, contact Rachel Randall at 409-3771 or hallikat3@gmail.com.

Since 1985, CGI Greenheart has offered cultural exchange programs in the U.S., such as high school exchanges, short-term group homestays, internships, and seasonal work opportunities, that

connect Americans with international students. One of six branches of Greenheart International, a nonprofit committed to connecting people and planet to create a more peaceful and sustainable global community, CCI Greenheart is the leading nonprofit cultural exchange sponsor that blends service learning and volunteerism into all its programs and is recognized by the U.S. Department of State as an official exchange visitor program sponsor.

## LaBonte to discuss state budget at MHPC program

Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonte, in his capacity as Director of the state's Office of Policy and Management, will be the speaker for the next event in the Maine Heritage Policy Center's Maine Prosperity Luncheon series, taking place on Monday, February 27 in Auburn and again on Tuesday, February 28 in Portland.

His presentation, called "The Governor's Budget: Tax Reform, Growing Maine's Economy, and Protecting Maine's Most

Vulnerable," will unpack Governor LePage's state budget proposal and what it seeks to accomplish for Maine's citizens, businesses, and communities.

The Auburn event will take place on Monday, February 27, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. The cost is \$25, or \$20 for MHPC members and \$10 for students and current legislators. To register, contact Nick Murray at 321-2550 or nmurray@mainepolicy.org, or click on the "Events" link at mainepolicy.org.

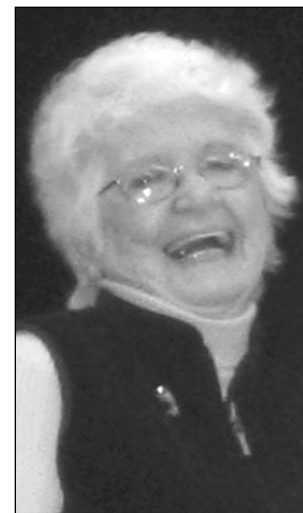


In his capacity as Director of the state's Office of Policy and Management, Jonathan LaBonte will unpack Governor LePage's budget proposal and what it seeks to accomplish for Maine.

## V-Day aUbUrn present 10th Anniv. production of "The Vagina Monologues"

V-Day aUbUrn 2017 will present its 10th Anniversary production of "The Vagina Monologues" on Saturday, February 25 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, February 26 at 1 p.m. This special edition is dedicated to the memory of the late Janet Gibson, who performed with V-Day aUbUrn in past productions of the show.

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, Safe Voices, the Immigrant Resource Center, and Auburn UU. This year's cast will include



This year's performances are dedicated to the memory of the late Janet Gibson.

Alia Abdulahi, Mandi Alley, Crystal Aube, Sara

Camolli-Braband, Roxie Devoe, Mana Foxglove, Kara Haupt, Tara Humphries, Elise Johansen, Sara Karam, Karen Lane, Rebecca Lynch, Marty McIntyre, Ali Rabideau, Melissa Stevens-DeBoe, Klara Tammany, Ashley Thibodeau Hamboyan and Danielle Woodbury. Alicia Fiori is this year's director.

The home of V-Day aUbUrn is the First Universalist Church of Auburn, located at 169 Pleasant Street, across from the Dairy Joy. Admission is by a suggested donation of \$7 to \$10.

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## Valentines for Veterans



Rep. Bettyann Sheats, D-Auburn, delivers Valentine's Day cards to Charlie Ellis, who served in the Air Force, and Natalie Crosby, an ammunition factory worker, at Schooner Estates. The cards were made by children at Auburn Public Library

and were also delivered to residents of Clover Health Care and the Odd Fellows & Rebekah Home.

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## Forum

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about the shelter, including how to volunteer or adopt an animal, call 783-2311 or see [www.SavingPetsIn-Maine.org](http://www.SavingPetsIn-Maine.org).



Olivia Tapley of Lewiston, a second-grade student at Geiger Elementary School, asked guests to her eighth birthday party for donations for the pets in lieu of birthday gifts.



For the third year in a row, Gwendolyn Lacombe of Lewiston, a fourth-grade student at Geiger Elementary School, asked guests to her tenth birthday party for donations for the pets in lieu of birthday gifts.

## Skelton Taintor & Abbott names scholarship recipient



Here with scholarship award recipient Khadija Haji are (from l.) Skelton Taintor & Abbott Shareholder- Directors Ronald Lebel and Darcie Beaudin and Associate Attorney Jon Plourde.

Skelton Taintor & Abbott has announced that the fourth recipient of the annual Skelton, Taintor & Abbott-Lewiston High School Mock Trial Team MVP Scholarship Award is Khadija Haji. As the recipient of the Most Valiant Player award, she will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship from the law firm.

Khadija Haji is the Vice President of the Lewiston High School Chapter of the National Honor Society and is a member of the high school Civil Rights team and the Muslim Students Association. She serves as an opinion writer for the Sun-Journal and for the Indigo Ink school newspaper. As a Blue Crew Member,

she has volunteered for several years to lead guided tours of the high school for rising freshmen. She was a multi-year member of the high school mock trial team, which competes each year in a statewide competition. She is the daughter of Abdiyare Mohamed of Lewiston.

Skelton Taintor & Abbott was joined in making

# What's Going On

## Andro. Home Care & Hospice CEO to address Rotary

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, March 2, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston will be Ken Albert, President and Chief Executive Officer of Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice.

Prior to his appointment in June of 2016, Albert served as the Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and as the Director of the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services within the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. Before joining DHHS in March 2012, he practiced law in Lewiston for several years, specializing in health law, professional licensing, and regulatory and compliance law.

Albert's background is rich in medical experi-



Ken Albert

ence, including seventeen years of clinical practice in emergency and intensive care settings. In that time, he served as Director of Emergency Services at Central Maine Medical Center, as the Administrator of the Occupational Health Center affiliated with CMMC, and as the Lewiston Site Manager for Life Flight of Maine. He spent five years as a traveling critical care nurse working in metropolitan, rural and tribal communities across the United States and also served for several years as an adjunct faculty member at New England

College, where he taught Legal Issues in Health Care Administration. A graduate of the CMMC School of Nursing, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, Magna Cum Laude, at the University of Southern Maine, and a degree of Juris Doctor with honors in health law from the University of Maine School of Law.

In his new position, Albert is excited about ensuring that the 124 communities served by Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice will have high quality post-acute and hospice services available to their citizens. He says to achieve this, it will be important for AHCH to collaborate with hospitals and primary care providers to manage the delivery of health care services in homes and community based settings.

For more information about this or other Rotary programs, contact Monica Millhime at 753-9040 or [monica.milhime@maine.gov](mailto:monica.milhime@maine.gov).

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## Out & About with Rachel Morin

# Cabaret Night at Sacred Heart Church



Louie Philippe, Master of Ceremony, Carol DeRoy, production coordinator, Ron Peyser, steering committee member.



Roland Bergeron and Jeannine Peyser, steering committee members

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

I arrived early for the rollicking Cabaret Night held Saturday at Sacred Heart as I knew it would be packed and it was! Entering the church hall, I was glad I did as the hall was already half full. I caught up with Gladys Galarneau and Ron Peyser who were busy seating the early arrivals.

Ron told me this event was planned and executed within a month's time! He was astounded at the turnout and how beautifully everything came together. The church hall did have the appearance of a lovely cabaret setting. Balloons hung from the ceiling. Round tables had black tablecloths centered with lighted candles. Black musical notes decorated the walls.

The stage had cream colored draperies against a black backdrop festooned with different sized yellow stars. A ma-

room stage curtain would be dramatically opened and closed between the musical acts. Committee members were decked out in exquisite formal attire and circulated amongst the patrons. Everyone was in a jolly mood.

Ron Peyser, in his welcoming remarks to the audience announced, "This is the First Annual Cabaret Night and many other events will follow." The audience responded with shouts of approval and applause.

Louis Philippe, well known in the LA area for his musical talent, storytelling style and showmanship, was the Master of Ceremony. He started the evening at the piano with - what else, but "Come to the Cabaret." He kept things moving between performances with his jokes, stories, trivia questions and delightful renditions of his own trademark songs, inviting the audience to join him.

In between acts, Louis Philippe expounded on the dedication and enthusiasm of the Sacred Heart parishioners who worked together to bring about this event. "We are making history tonight," he said and continued "In my 40 plus years of working in the church music ministry, I have come to realize the importance of music in the liturgy and in church life."

He elaborated that the parishioners at Sacred Heart had a powerful spiritual and profound sense of the importance of music in the church life and the camaraderie of the parishioners was unifying in this regard.

Featured performers included the following: Lee and Bruce Noddin, Alana Gagnon, Jill Longstaff, Deanna Kersey, Diana Mawhinney, Josh Caron, Ben Daignault, Emma Daignault, Jim Perkins, Siiri Stinson, Dan Perkins, See Cabaret, page 9



Emma Daignault, 11, sang an old favorite, "At Last."



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Shelley Harris and Rita Gagnon sang "Side by Side" for one of their songs.



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Bruce Noddin, son, and Lee Noddin, father, were a popular father and son duo.



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Don Smith was the popcorn man.



Rita and Ron Melendy were in charge of the 50-50 raffle.

## Cabaret

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Shelley Harris, Rita Gagnon, Mark Vaillancourt, Ernie Gagne, Lorraine Cote, Pam Vaillancourt, Tony Lajudice, George Harris, Julie Chasse and Neil Marchesseault.

All proceeds from the Cabaret Night will benefit the Sr. Elizabeth Pipe Organ Fund. Carol DeRoy spearheaded the creation and development of the pipe organ effort and was the production coordinator for Cabaret Night. Members of her Cabaret Steering committee included Ron and Jeannine Peyser, Pam Vaillancourt, Gladys Galarneau, Diane Dennis, Roland Bergeron and Bonnie Stone.

According to the Cabaret Night program, the fund was set up for refurbishing and maintenance of a used Casavant Pipe Organ which was donated to the parish by the Sisters of Notre Dame in Toledo, Ohio when their chapel closed. The organ will be installed at Sacred Heart Church. David E. Wallace & Co. LLC of Gorham has been selected for the design work which is expected to be completed soon.

The Pipe Organ Fund was named in honor

of Sr. Elizabeth Platt, C.O.C. in recognition of, and in gratitude for, her dedicated service in this parish, for the last 30 years. Few people know that, as a young Religious serving in Inner-city Boston, Sr. Elizabeth taught a group of children to sing the parts of the Mass every day. This is a ministry she often recalls with great fondness.



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Lorette, Bob and Alma Morin shared a good story.



Mary Jane Guerette, Lorraine O'Neil, Anita Malia, Anita Laganieri and Paula Baril, long-time friends from New Auburn.



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# TWIN CITY NIGHTS

## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### Area musicians to gather for "Blowin' in the Wind" concert



This benefit concert for Lewiston's Pettingill Park will feature a variety of musicians performing classic folk songs from the 1960s. (Photo by Gini Haines of Haines Photography)

Local guitarist, singer and songwriter Denny Breau has assembled a group of Maine musicians to stage a Folk Fest that will benefit Pettingill School Park in Lewiston. This "Blowin' in the Wind" concert on Sunday, March 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. will take place at the Franco Center and will feature the music of Simon & Garfunkle, Bob Dylan, the Mama's and Papa's, Peter, Paul and Mary, and other popular folkies from that era.

"Music got us through those turbulent '60s," explains Breau. "With the current divisions we are witnessing today, I thought it would be a good time to pull out some of those old songs."

Pettingill School Park

is the newest playground and greenspace in the Twin Cities, and many of the park's ongoing improvements are being funded by the non-profit organization Friends of Pettingill. Chairman Dr. Ted Walworth credits Breau and other area musicians with being staunch and dedicated supporters of the group's efforts. "As a child of the 60's, this show will be music to my ears," said Walworth.

Members of the legendary local folk group Chord Majority, including Denny Breau, Joann Fuller, and Kathy Haley, will be joined by Dave Rowe, son of the late Tom Rowe, for the group's first reunion in more than a decade.

Also performing will be popular Maine folk artists Anni Clark, Debbie Morin, Frank Coffin and Malinda Liberty. Audio will be provided by HPA Production Services.

The Franco Center is at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available on the Franco Center's web site or [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2861627](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2861627).

For more information, contact Bill Maroldo of Friends of Pettingill at 795-1386 or see their Facebook page at "FriendsOfPettingill".

### Free Kids' Ice Fishing Derby at Range Pond State Park

Range Pond State Park will host its annual Kids' Ice Fishing Derby on Saturday, March 4. This event is free for kids ages 12 and under and \$1.50 for all others. Five hundred trout have been stocked for the event, a free trap will be provided for the first 500 kids who register, holes will be pre-drilled for those who don't have an auger, and free bait

### Mystery for Hire returns to L-A with "Mystery at My Family Reunion"

Mystery for Hire will bring mystery show fun back to the L-A area with a performance of "Mystery at My Family Reunion" on Friday, February 24 at 7 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn of Auburn.

"We are partnering with the Hilton Garden Inn to bring mystery-themed dinner shows back to the L-A area," said Dan Marois, who, with his wife Denise, own and operate Mystery for Hire. "It has been over a year since we last performed in L-A, and we are looking forward to presenting our mystery shows there once again."

Marois notes that, as the longest running year-round professional mystery troupe in Maine, Mystery for Hire first performed shows in Auburn at the No Tomatoes Restaurant in 1995. The troupe recently celebrated its 20th anniversary and has performed for audiences totaling more than 40,000.

Marois says that a mystery show performance appeals to a wide group of people. "Our public shows offer guests a chance to enjoy an evening of entertainment and dining all in one experi-



The popular troupe recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, in that span performing for audiences totaling more than 40,000.

ence," said Marois. "If you like comic, interactive fun, the show is a treat. It also appeals to those who like to dine out, party a bit, and enjoy theater." He notes that the ticket price of \$40 per person includes the mystery show, tax, buffet and gratuity. A cash bar is available at the restaurant and overnight rooms are available.

Marois says that the cast of the Auburn show will feature Mystery for Hire favorites Brian Files of Gardner, Julie Poulin and Amanda

Kinsey of Monmouth, Bob LeBlanc of Newburyport, Massachusetts and Steve Corning of the Oxford Hills area. "Some members of our cast have performed together for almost twenty years," said Marois. "They know how to inspire each other in a performance and how to make the audience have exceptional fun."

Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the show starting at 7:00. Reservations can be made at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or from a link at [mysteryforhire.com](http://mysteryforhire.com).

### Free family film screening today

The Maine Jewish Film Festival will present a special free screening of the family film "An American Tail" on Thursday, February 23 at 2 p.m. at the Public Theater in Lewiston. The program is designed for families with children at least four years of age, and children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

In this animated classic, a young Russian mouse named Fievel emigrates to America, gets separated from his family, and learns some valuable survival lessons while he searches to find them. Viewers will laugh at Fievel's adventures and be inspired by his triumphs.

The Public Theater is

located at 31 Maple Street in Lewiston. Although the program is free, tickets are required, available from the Public Theatre by calling 782-3200 or at [www.thepublictheatre.org](http://www.thepublictheatre.org).

Since 1998, the Maine Jewish Film Festival has screened over 375 films and hosted more than 125 guest artists from across the U.S. and around the world. With over 37,000 tickets sold to a cross-section of Maine's movie lovers, the annual Festival is one of the state's most highly anticipated cultural events.

The 2017 Festival will take place March 18 through 25. For more information, see [www.mjff.org](http://www.mjff.org).

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**“Calligraffiti” on display through March 11**



In association with the Bates College Museum of Art's current exhibition "Phantom Punch: Contemporary Art from Saudi Arabia," noted calligraffiti artist Nugamshi is now displaying site-specific works he has created in Lewiston as an artist in residence at the college. The display may be viewed by the public free of charge at 268 Lisbon Street on Thursdays from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Fridays from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 786-6158.

**Franco Center brings Mardi Gras party to L-A**



Courtesy of the State Street Traditional Jazz Band, the event will feature the rousing sounds of New Orleans-style Jazz.

Genuine Cajun cooking and music by the State Street Traditional Jazz Band will come together to create the best Mardi Gras party in Central Maine on Tuesday, February 28 at 7 p.m. at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston. Seating for this festive dinner-dance event is limited and reserved tickets are \$20 each.

In the great tradition of those legendary New Orleans celebrations, this event will treat guests to the sounds of the Big Easy, free-flowing spirits at the cash bar, and authentic Cajun cuisine. The menu

will feature Jambalaya with chicken and shrimp, Andouille sausage with peppers and onions, Cajun-roasted sweet potatoes, and King Cake for dessert. The State Street Traditional Jazz Band of Portland, who have been honoring the joyful roots of jazz music since 1989, will lend a slice of history to the party in the rousing sounds of New Orleans-style Jazz.

The doors and bar will open at 6 p.m. Guests are encouraged to wear costumes to the party. For those who do not have their own Mardi Gras masks, some

will be available for purchase at the event. The price of the ticket will include the meal, show-dancing, prizes and on-site parking at the Continental Mill on Oxford Street. The evening is underwritten in part through the generosity of several generous community members, who will be recognized at the event.

Located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston, the Dolard and Priscilla Gendron Franco Center is wheelchair accessible. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 689-2000 or see [www.francocenter.org](http://www.francocenter.org).

# Twin City Nights

**How trending home colors achieve their 'hot' status each year**



You see it every year - a "hot" new color begins appearing on phone cases, walls, ceilings, furnishings and accessories. Soon, virtually everyone who's doing any kind of renovation or design work is incorporating that color into their project. Have you ever wondered how home color trends happen?

"Our team of global

color experts assess societal and cultural influences from around the world to forecast what colors will be popular in home decor, consumer goods, automotive and even on airplanes for the upcoming year," says Dee Schlotter, senior color marketing manager for PPG in North America. "We also look at what major retailers are doing in home d\@cor,

and what's happening in society, and people's state of emotion because of these events. All this information helps us predict what colors will resonate with people in the coming year."

For example, immediately following 9/11, pinks and browns were popular because people craved comfort and security. For 2017, a blending of various cultural norms influenced the choice of purples as color of the year, Schlotter says.

"Culturally, we're seeing a shift toward blending of gender, relationships, careers, workplaces and living spaces," she says. "For example, male makeup models are now blending traditional views of masculine and feminine. Hotels, restaurants and homes are blending indoor and outdoor spaces, and modern offices are finding middle ground between work and play. Purple is such a blended color that it really speaks to what's going on in the world, especially for our choices of 2017 color of the year, which combines gray, blue and purple all in one tone."

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# Twin City Nights

## Living History Center hosts Cabin Fever Reliever

Looking for a fun activity to end school vacation week? Consider visiting the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore on Saturday, February 25, when the center will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a special Cabin Fever Reliever event featuring some old-time winter fun and a belated celebration of Presidents Day. Activities will be led by living history interpreters in period clothing portraying members of

the Washburn Family and their neighbors circa 1870.

New for this annual event will be a belated 1870s-style celebration of President's Day, taking place at 12:30 and again at 2 p.m. George Washington's actual day of birth, February 22, became a federal holiday in 1885, but people came to consider the day one to honor both the first and 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, who was born on February 12, until the holiday

officially became known as Presidents Day and was moved to the third Monday of February in 1971. But initially, in the decades after his death in 1799, Washington's Birthday was a day of remembrances and appreciation for the first president, and typical celebrations of the 1800s included toasts, elaborate galas, laying of wreaths, and the serving of a fancy cake using a recipe from Martha Washington.

In addition to the Pres-



In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, horses hauled slabs of ice cut from local ponds to provide refrigeration throughout the year.

ident's Day celebration, visitors will have opportunities to take a horse-drawn sleigh ride and see demonstrations of an important 19th-century industry, ice cutting, on nearby Bartlett Pond. The schoolmarm will be ready to greet scholars in the one-room schoolhouse, and in the mansion, visitors may take a tour and meet a Washburn, who will tell stories about his or her famous family and their relationship with Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant.

The Washburn kitchen

will be busy with craft activities for all ages, and visitors are encouraged to bring snowshoes and walk the historic carriage trail to the Pools of Simeon, reflecting pools designed in 1903 by the youngest Washburn brother, William Drew. Cookies and hot chocolate will be for sale in the farmer's cottage while supplies last, and a tag sale of old and new goods will benefit the barn raising fund.

General admission is \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids ages 12 and under. Norlands members will


receive a 20% discount on admission. Upon arrival, park by the church, walk up to towards the mansion, and purchase admission tickets in the gift shop. In case of bad weather, the event will be canceled by 9 a.m. on the day of the event. Call Norlands at 897-4366 to listen to the outgoing message or check Norlands' Facebook page for updates.

The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore. For more information, call 897-4366 or see [www.norlands.org](http://www.norlands.org).



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Visitors will have an opportunity to see how the practice was done at a demonstration on nearby Bartlett Pond.

## Trending

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Shades of purple are the colors of the year for multiple paint brands including PPG Paints, Glidden and Olympic paints. Glidden's Byzantine Blue and PPG's Violet Verbena blend blue and gray to create a hue that appears more gray when paired with dark neutrals and bluish-purple when

paired with whites, similar to that of a chameleon. Cloudberry from Olympic is a calm, soft violet that also straddles the blurred line between purple and gray.

"Blended purples evoke a lush, pampering yet calm effect that's a comforting foil to the harshness of the world right now," Schlotter says. "These trending colors are sweet without being feminine, and gray without being somber."

The colors also mesh with the more bohemian lifestyles people seem to be pursuing, she notes. A trend toward spiritual exploration is driving interest in meditation and yoga, which blend elements of mental and physical exercise. "This fits perfectly with the purple trend because this hue is thought to represent the subconscious, and can be a meditative color in the right tone," she says.

While Schlotter says homeowners have historically been shy about using purple, this year's hues will work well in a variety of

settings. The muted nature of the colors makes them gender-neutral yet impactful, so they're great statement colors when used in a dining room, on the front door or even as an accent wall in a child's room.

What's more, the color pairs well with trending home materials, such as gray flooring, black tiles and gold decor accents. The unique blended qualities of the colors mean these purples can adapt to the surrounding environments and blend effortlessly.

"The great thing about Violet Verbena, Cloudberry and Byzantine Blue is that they all have hints of other colors and neutrals in them," Schlotter says. "Gray is popular now more than ever, but many consumers don't want a monochromatic look. These beautiful purple hues pull in hints of blue and gray to form chameleon-like hues that adjust based on their surroundings. They're not your typical purple, but rather can be looked at - and used - like a new neutral." (BPT)

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**Thursday, February 23**

Great Falls Forum. Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Lewiston H.S. Soccer Coach Mike McGraw will share "Soccer Stories: Reflections on the LHS Dream Team." Free. Bring a bag lunch. 513-3135.

HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. This month's topic is "Becoming an Employer of Choice." \$50 (Chamber members \$25; Central ME Human Resource Assoc. members free). 783-2249. Register at [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. The guest speaker is David Leach, Principal Consumer Credit Examiner, ME Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection. Guests welcome; no reservation required; lunch avail. at Fusion Restaurant for \$10. 753-9040; [monica.millhime@maine.gov](mailto:monica.millhime@maine.gov).

Film Screening. 2 p.m. Public Theater, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. The Maine Jewish Film Fest presents a free screening of the animated family classic "An American Tail." Those under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Tix required. 782-3200; [www.thepublictheatre.org](http://www.thepublictheatre.org).

Author Visit. 3 to 4 p.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library, 49 Spring St. Maria Padian reads from her new young adult novel "Wrecked" and leads a discussion of the issues raised in the book. Open to ages 12 to 21. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4; [dwalace@auburnpubliclibrary.org](mailto:dwalace@auburnpubliclibrary.org).

Opening Reception. 5 to 7 p.m. Freeport Historical Society, 45 Main St. The new exhibit "Stories of Freeport's Past" showcases historic objects from the collection that are generally not on view but tell interesting stories about Freeport

# Calendar

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history. [www.Historic-Freeport.org](http://www.Historic-Freeport.org).

**Friday, February 24**

Indoor Farmer's Market. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. This festive family event features live music, crafts, animals, exhibits, and vendors offering a variety of culinary and handmade delights. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Mystery for Hire. 7 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. The popular mystery show troupe presents "Mystery at My Family Reunion." \$40, incl. show, buffet, tax, and gratuity. Cash bar. Reserve at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or [mysteryforhire.com](http://mysteryforhire.com).

Theater: "On Golden Pond." 7 p.m. Chocolate Church Art Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Ernest Thompson's popular play explores family ties and the forces that bind them. Again Feb. 25, 26 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$15/17. 442-8455; [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).

**Saturday, February 25**

Constituent Office Hours. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Couture Room, Lewiston Public Library, 200 Lisbon St. Members of Lewiston's delegation to the Legislature will be on hand to discuss and answer residents' questions about legislative and state government matters.

Cabin Fever Reliever. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore.

Enjoy horse-drawn sleigh rides, ice cutting demonstrations, mansion tours, craft activities, a tag sale, and at 12:30 and 2 p.m., an 1870s-style Presidents Day celebration. \$10/6. 897-4366; [www.norlands.org](http://www.norlands.org).

Baked Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sixth St. Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Two kinds of beans,

brown bread, cole slaw, red and brown hot dogs, American Chop Suey, assorted desserts, beverages. All are welcome. \$6 adults, \$3 kids 5-12, under 5 free.

Theater: "The Virginia Monologues." 7 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St., Auburn. Proceeds benefit local women's health and sexual violence prevention agencies. Again 2/26 at 1 p.m. Suggested donation \$7-10. 783-0461; [office@auburnuu.org](mailto:office@auburnuu.org).

"From Bandstand to Billboard." 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Backed by a ten-piece band, a cast of local performers sings fun and romantic hits of the 1960s and '70s. \$15/12. Reserve at 689-2000 or [www.franco-center.org](http://www.franco-center.org).

**Monday, February 27**

Maine Prosperity Luncheon Series. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. In his capacity as Director of the state's Office of Policy and Management, Jonathan LaBonte discusses Gov. LePage's budget proposal. Pres. by the Maine Heritage Policy Center. \$25 (students \$10). 321-2550; [mainepolicy.org](http://mainepolicy.org).

**Tuesday, February 28**

Coloring Night. 5 to 7 p.m. Couture Room, first floor, Lewiston Public Library. Teens and adults! Enjoy soothing music and refreshments as you relax and color; coloring pages, pencils, markers, and crayons provided. Free. 513-3135; [lplreference@lewiston-maine.gov](mailto:lplreference@lewiston-maine.gov).

History Program. 7 p.m. Andro. Historical Society, third floor, County Building (enter on Court St. side), Auburn. Independent historian and museum consultant Candace Kanis presents "From Slavery

to Lewiston." Elevator avail. Free, but donations accepted. 784-0586.

Mardi Gras Party. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. A meal of genuine Cajun cooking will be followed by dancing to music by the State Street Traditional Jazz Band. Costumes encouraged; cash bar. \$20. Seating limited. 689-2000; [www.franco-center.org](http://www.franco-center.org).

**Thursday, March 2**

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. The guest speaker is Ken Albert, President and CEO of Andro. Home Care and Hospice. Guests welcome; no reservation required; lunch avail. at Fusion Restaurant for \$10. 753-9040; [monica.millhime@maine.gov](mailto:monica.millhime@maine.gov).

AARP Work for Yourself@50+ Workshop. Noon to 2 p.m. Androscoggin Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Find out if self-employment is right for you through this five-step process; pres. by New ventures Maine. Free. Register at 888-339-5617.

**Saturday, March 4**

Kids' Ice Fishing Derby. Range Pond State Park. This event provides a free trap and bait for the first 500 kids who register, along with pre-drilled holes, a learn-to-fish station and a clean-your-fish station. Door prizes, concession. Free for kids ages 12-; all others \$1.50.

MagnoPackard Memorial Ski Race. 10 a.m. Lost Valley Ski Area, Auburn. Known for an emphasis on family participation, this event includes both Alpine and Snowboard races for age categories from 3 to 73. \$20 entry fee includes lift ticket. Register onsite from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

Public Supper. 5

p.m. Paris Fire Station, Western Ave., So. Paris. The Paris Fire Dept. Auxiliary serves up corned beef and cabbage, ham, potatoes, vegetables, macaroni and cheese, bread, salads, and asst. homemade desserts. \$8 adults, \$4 ages 4-12, ages 3- free.

**Sunday, March 5**

"Blowin' in the Wind" Concert. 1 to 4 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Denny Breau, Anni Clark, Debbie Morin, Frank Coffin, Malinda Liberty, and legendary local folk group Chord Majority perform beloved folk songs of the 1960s to benefit Pettingill Park. \$15. [www.franco-center.org](http://www.franco-center.org).

Winter Gardening Workshop. 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. This week's topic is "Using Native Perennials in the Garden"; pres. by Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust. \$5 suggested donation. 798-5899; [www.btl.org/gardening-workshops](http://www.btl.org/gardening-workshops).

**Monday, March 6**

Auburn Art Club Meeting. 2 p.m. Park Ave. Methodist Church, Auburn. Speaker Rachel Robinov shows a slide presentation of her recent trip. The hostesses are Donna Manson, Joyce Campbell, Mary Goss, Judy Johnson, Marie Steele, and Carol Woodard. 782-4413.

**Wednesday, March 8**

Androscoggin Retired Educators' Assoc. Meeting. 10:30 a.m. Village Pizzeria, 16 Pleasant St., Mechanic Falls. Be ready to order from the menu following the business meeting. To reserve, write or call Josephine Dupal, 1 Patterson St., Lisbon 04250 (phone 353-6535) by March 3.

**Friday, March 10**

Celtic Music Series. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center 804 Washington St., Bath. This winter concert series concludes with Prince Edward Island guitarist Lennie Gallant. \$20. 442-8455; [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).

**Sunday, March 12**

"Dialogue with Garden Experts Extraordinaire." 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. Bring your questions for Bill Cullina of Coastal ME Botanical Gardens and Barbara Murphy of Gardeners Growing Healthy Communities. \$10. Benefits Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust. 798-5899; [www.btl.org/gardening-workshops](http://www.btl.org/gardening-workshops).

**Saturday, March 18**

Ancestors in the Attic. Noon to 3 p.m. Freeport Historical Society, 45 Main St. Bring your objects that have a historical story you'd like to share with our staff and others. [www.HistoricFreeport.org](http://www.HistoricFreeport.org).

Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This "Pops at the Opera" program features light and familiar music from operas. Students through college enter free; others \$20 (cash or check) at door, or call 846-5378, see [www.midcoastsymphony.org](http://www.midcoastsymphony.org).

**Sunday, March 26**

Winter Gardening Workshop. 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. Arborist Tim Vail demonstrates "Basic Pruning Techniques"; presented by Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust. \$5 suggested donation. 798-5899; [www.btl.org/gardening-workshops](http://www.btl.org/gardening-workshops).



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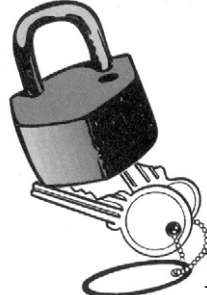
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# What's Going On

## Historical Society program examines former slaves in Lewiston

Androscoggin Historical Society will host a program called "From Slavery to Lewiston," about the lives of former slaves

and how they came to live in Lewiston after the Civil War, on Tuesday, February 28 at 7 p.m. at the Society's Davis-Wagg Museum on

the third floor of the County Building in Auburn.

For several years, independent historian and museum consultant Candace

Kanes has been researching former slaves who came to Maine following the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation. These included a small group of former slaves who became the first black residents of Lewiston when, on April 6, 1866, they arrived here through the auspices of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, which worked to find permanent employment for those freed from bondage by the Civil War. Her talk will include information

about the Freedmen's Bureau, its commissioner, Brig. Gen. Oliver Otis Howard of Leeds, and some of the other former slaves who were resettled in Maine.

A former newspaper reporter and editor in Ohio and Maine, Kanés holds a doctorate in American history from the University of New Hampshire. She has taught history and women's studies at Bates College, Lewiston-Auburn College, the University of Southern Maine, the University

of New England, and, for many years, at the Maine College of Art. She was the curator and historian of the Maine Memory Network and Maine Historical Society for 12 years, where she also curated several museum exhibits.

Admission to the program is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Enter the County Building on the Court Street side. An elevator is available. For more information, call the Society at 784-0586.

## Magno-Packard Memorial Ski Race set for Mar. 4

Lost Valley and the Auburn Ski Association will host the 22nd Magno-Packard Memorial Ski Race (formerly the Tom Magno Memorial Race) on Saturday, March 4. The event honors local athletes and volunteers who keep the tradition and love of competitive racing alive in the community from generation to generation.

Known for an emphasis on family participation, where kids, parents and grandparents all get to compete, the event includes both Alpine and Snowboard races for age categories ranging from 3 to 73. One of the highlights of the event is "the shootout," where the top finishers in selected categories go head to head in dual pro

format, racing with differential timing to determine the King or Queen of Lost Valley.

Tom Magno was captain of the 1967 state champion Edward Little Ski Team at a time when combined scoring in four events downhill, slalom, cross country and jumping determined the winner. He won the state Nordic Combined and Jumping championships, which earned him a place on the U.S. Junior National team, but financial considerations ended his pursuit of the sport after high school. He passed away in 1995 at the age of 47.

Bob Packard was a 1980 graduate of Lewiston High School. As a member of the Auburn Ski Association, he was the consummate

volunteer, always available to help with the course or in any way needed to hold a successful event "for the kids." He passed away in 2015 at the age of 53. Without the dedication of people like Tom Magno and Bob Packard, new generations of racers would not have the opportunity to experience the joy of racing and the friendships formed in the skiing community.

Registration will take place from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on the morning of the event. The \$20 entry fee will include a lift ticket. The racing will begin by 10 a.m. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each category, and special awards and prizes will be given out in various fun categories.

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