

## Frank Glazer remembered tonight at Franco Center



Concert pianist and Bates College artist in residence Frank Glazer, who died in January at the age of 99, will be honored tonight at the Franco Center with performances by seven accomplished pianists.

Concert pianist Frank Glazer, who in September was the first performer in the Franco Center's 2014-15 Piano Series, will be remembered and honored there this evening in what would have been a celebration of his 100th birthday. "An Evening Celebrating the Ministry of Music of Frank Glazer," featuring seven highly accomplished and renowned piano artists, will take place on Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m.

Glazer was born on February 19, 1915 in Wisconsin and died in Maine after a short illness on January 13, just over a month shy of his landmark birthday. Considered by some "an American treasure," Glazer left his native Wisconsin at the age of

17 to study piano in Berlin with the renowned Beethoven and Schubert interpreter Artur Schnabel. His career took him to the major performance halls in the United States, Europe, the Near East and South America for solo recitals, appearances with orchestras and collaborations with major chamber music ensembles.

Audiences at a Frank Glazer recital made no concession to his age. He made his critically-acclaimed solo debut at New York's Town Hall in 1936, when he was only 21, launching a career as a concert artist and respected teacher. His ensuing professional journey was interrupted only by World War II and an extended period of self-study, during which he discovered a more efficient way to play, a revelation he credited with allowing him to continue

performing almost to his 100th birthday.

Glazer's reputation for careful program design was evident in his final Franco Center recital on September 12. His program began with a prelude by Cesar Franck, followed by Schumann's Sonata in G minor, Op. 22, Debussy's "La fille aux cheveux de lin" ("The Girl with Flaxen Hair") and Ravel's "Jeux d'eau" ("Fountains"). He ended the concert with Franz Liszt's arrangements of pieces by Schubert and Chopin and Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12.

"This event has been a year in the making," said Dr. Don Christie, who organizes the Center's piano concerts. "With Frank's blessing, we and others were planning a

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## CAVU Café open for business at Auburn-Lewiston Airport



Celebrating the grand opening of CAVU Café are (l. to r.) Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonte, Lewiston Mayor Bob Macdonald, owner Richard Bennett, Manager Molly Hill, General Manager Delian Valeriani, Chef Pete Lara, Androscoggin Chamber Past Chair Patti Gagne, airport board of directors chair Edouard Plourde and Chamber President Chip Morrison. (TCT Photo by Jen Pike)

Offering "traditional food with a modern taste," CAVU Café officially opened its doors this week at the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport. Featuring views across the airfield, the new dining spot, which takes its name from the aviation acronym for "Clear And Visibility Unlimited,"

offers distinctive food in a unique setting.

Restaurant owner Rick Bennett of Oxford, a former president of the Maine Senate, thanked the community for its warm welcome of the dining spot to the area. "We are grateful to the neighboring businesses, local people and Airport staff and board

members for helping us get off the ground," he said. "The Auburn-Lewiston airport is an extraordinary facility, a wonderful gateway for visitors to our region and a terrific partner. Our grand opening here is an opportunity to showcase our menu and celebrate a new beginning."

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## We're Number One!



The Maine Gladiators White Team representing Lewiston-Auburn won an eight-team tournament on February 22 to become state champions of their 30-team Tier IV Squirt Division. Pictured here (l. to r., from front) are Bella Webster, Rocco Landry, Everett Mailhot, Madox Taylor, Aaron Whiteley, Michael Phillips, Donnie D'Auteuil, Will Dyer, Rebecca Lussier, Lauren Powers, Luke Vaillancourt, Matthew Powers, Greg Vaillancourt and Marc Mailhot.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## CMCC center boon for local test takers



Administrator Dan Dundore (l.) checks a client in for an exam at CMCC's new Center for Testing and Assessment.

Students and community members are taking advantage of the many opportunities offered by the new Center for Testing and Assessment at Central Maine Community College. The Center provides academic, placement and industry certification testing to help students and professionals accomplish their career goals.

As a Pearson VUE Authorized Test facility, the Center provides a secure environment for the delivery of all academic and professional certification tests. See **Testing**, page 3

## CMHVI names new medical director



Andrew C. Eisenhauer, M.D.

Andrew C. Eisenhauer, M.D., has been appointed medical director of the Central Maine Heart and Vascular Institute at Central Maine Medical Center. In his new position, Eisenhauer will provide leadership and medical direction to the inpatient and outpatient programs and services provided by CMHVI. He will work with physicians, staff and administrative leadership to oversee quality and patient safety initiatives, efficiency of operations and the overall performance of CMHVI.

"Dr. Eisenhauer is a nationally known leader in clinical cardiology," said CMHVI Executive Director Susan Horton. "We are very excited about having someone with his

demonstrated clinical, teaching and leadership skills join our team. He also has a passion for keeping patients at the center of everything we do."

Prior to joining the CMHVI team, Eisenhauer worked as an interventional cardiologist at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He is a recognized leader in cardiology and interventional cardiology, with expertise in treating complex coronary disease and structural heart disease. He received Castle Connolly's Regional Top Doctor award in 2014 and has published numerous articles in the areas of interventional cardiology and transcatheter valve replacement.

Eisenhauer graduated from medical school at the New York University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston and his fellowship in interventional cardiology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He holds board certifications in cardiovascular disease, interventional cardiology and internal medicine. See **CMHVI**, page 3

## Spaulding Scholarship winner



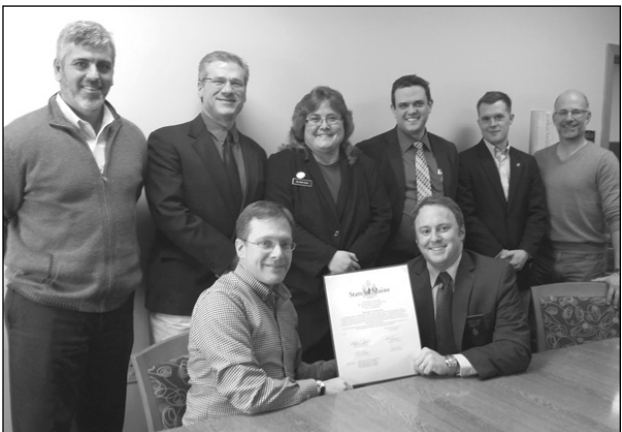
Janelle Thornley

Janelle Thornley of Montville is the 2015 Jason

Spaulding Memorial Scholarship winner at Central Maine Community College. Thornley has earned highest honors as a student in the Human Services program and plans to continue her education by pursuing a bachelor's degree in Mental Health and Human Service at the University of Maine at Augusta.

The scholarship is awarded in memory of the late Jason Scott Spaulding, who was a student in CMCC's Electromechanical Technology program.

## Legislators honor Berman & Simmons



Pictured here (front row l. to r.) are Craig Bramley and Sen. Nate Libby. Back row (l. to r.) James O'Connell, Michael Bigos, Rep. Heidi Brooks, Timothy Kenlan, Rep. Jared Golden and Daniel Kagan.

State legislators visited the Berman & Simmons law

firm recently to congratulate members on its 100th anniversary. The firm has been a fixture on Lisbon Street in Lewiston since its founding in 1914. Sen. Nate Libby (D-Lewiston), Rep. Jared Golden (D-Lewiston) and Rep. Heidi Brooks (D-Lewiston) presented the lawyers at Berman & Simmons with a certificate of recognition signed by the officers of the Maine Senate and House. The recognition was sponsored by Libby, Golden and Brooks, as well as Rep. Peggy Rotundo (D-Lewiston) and Rep. Michel Lajoie (D-Lewiston). Berman & Simmons lawyers represent plaintiffs in personal injury, medical malpractice and other civil cases throughout the state.

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# Governor Paul LePage: Here We Go Again. When Will Politicians Deal with Maine's Drug Problem?

*This is the weekly radio address by Governor Paul R. LePage.*

One of Maine's most valuable resources is at risk, and the problem is sweeping our state and our nation.

Hello, this is Governor Paul LePage.

Our children are the victims, and drugs are the culprit.

Last year, 961 babies in Maine were born drug-affected. This is 8 percent of births, or one in 12 babies.

Five years ago, Maine had just under 400 babies born drug-affected. While one child is too many, this increase is staggering.

Another number continuing to climb is the total drug overdose deaths. There were more than 200 last year. That's more overdose deaths than we had motor vehicle fatalities in 2014.

The number of drug dealing gangs is on the rise. Many of these dealers create dangerous meth labs in our communities.

These make-shift drug

labs are on an alarming increase. Maine Drug Enforcement Drug agents went from 20 meth labs busts two years ago to 37 last year.

Pharmacy robberies are up, too. Maine had 35 percent more robberies last year than the previous year.

Many out-of-state drug dealers are affiliated with ruthless criminal gangs. They push crack cocaine, heroin, prescription pills and other dangerous drugs into our communities.

Most often these deal-

ers are involved in other crimes, like gun running and human trafficking. In 2014, 17 percent of drug-trafficking arrests were these out-of-state dealers.

Almost half – 47 percent – of these dealers were from New York, followed by Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Florida and six other states.

While Maine is one of the safest states in our nation, our police officers, drug agents, prosecutors and judges are fighting an uphill battle with these criminals.

Resources have been limited because career politicians don't want to address the problem.

I have identified funding to help our law enforcement, prosecutors and judges tackle our drug problem. However, liberal politicians would rather ignore this epidemic.

But I'm not backing down — not on this one. There is too much at stake. So, once again, I have included funding in my budget to address this serious problem.

We must provide more resources to law enforcement to hunt down these drug dealers. Then we must ensure they pay for their crimes.

The longer we wait, the worse our children will be. Nearly 1,000 babies born in Maine last year were addicted to crack cocaine, heroin, prescription pills and other dangerous drugs.

How many more will there be this year?

*Paul R. LePage*

## Testing

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## CMHVI

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Eisenhauer has extensive experience as a medical educator. In recent years, he served in various capacities at Harvard Medical School and the Brigham and Women's Hospital, both in Boston. Earlier in his career, he was an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Chicago and the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine.

Dr. Eisenhauer is accepting new patients. His office is located at Central Maine Heart Associates, 60

## AHCH makes Community Matters More ballot

The Bangor Savings Bank Foundation has selected Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice to appear on its 2015 Community Matters More ballot. As one of 48 Maine organizations listed on the ballot, Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice will receive a \$1,000 grant and is eligible for the top award of \$5,000.

Through Community Matters More, Bangor Savings Bank offers Maine residents the opportunity to

High Street, Young Wing (ground floor) in Auburn. He can be reached at 753-3900.

weigh in on how it should allocate \$100,000 in grant funds. Last year, more than 86,000 Mainers voted during the February voting period. The winners will be announced in April. The ballot can be accessed at [www.bangor.com/cmm](http://www.bangor.com/cmm).

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## Speaker will discuss Lisbon's Beaver Park

The speaker for the next meeting of the Lisbon Historical Society on Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. will be Town of Lisbon Parks Director Verla Ridley. For the past 31 years, Ridley has been the park ranger for Lisbon's Beaver Park. In her presentation, called "Beaver Park from the Start," Ridley will recount how the park originated and how it has developed over the years. She will also outline the many programs the park

offers throughout the year for visitors of all ages. Free and open to the public, the meeting will take place at the Lisbon Historical Society Meeting Rooms in the MTM Center on School Street in Lisbon Falls. Entrance and parking are at the rear of the building. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served after the program. For more information, call Dorothy Smith at 353-8510 or see lisbonhistsoc@gmail.com.

## CAVU

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The ribbon-cutting ceremony featured remarks by Auburn Mayor Jonathan Labonte, Lewiston Mayor Bob MacDonald and former Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce Chair Patti Gagne. The event was hosted by Chamber President Chip Morrison.

Attendees sampled menu offerings including currywurst, chips & salsa, Guinness mac & cheese, dessert grilled cheeses, chicken salad and potato crisps.

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Executive chef Pete Lara noted that the menu will feature diverse comfort foods, including German, Spanish, Tex-Mex, French, and English favorites, along with New England classics such as pastrami on rye, blueberry pancakes, fried

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100th birthday party for him and planned to have him participating. The event was to include testimonials and short piano pieces from past and current students, as well as friends and colleagues from around the world."

The Centennial Celebration at the Franco Center will go on as scheduled, with some of the same artists and speakers. It will take place in the center's Performance Hall, home to the Steinway piano that Glazer played many times. Following the tribute concert, the celebration of his life and work will continue with a reception in the Center's Heritage Hall. The event is free and open to the public.



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### AMENDED AND RESTATED Notice of Public Sale

Pursuant to 14 M.R.S.A. § 6203-A Et Seq.  
**Lots 102 and 103, Beechwoods Subdivision, Oxford, Maine**  
**Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Mortgage given by Jeffrey Nowlan, Successor Trustee of Maine Realty Trust, a Maine trust, to Northeast Bank (the "Bank"), dated September 20, 2010, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 4637, Page 266 (the "Mortgage"), of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 11:00 A.M. on the 2nd day of April, 2015, at 171 Beechwoods Road, Oxford, Maine, all and singular the premises described in the mortgage as follows: all of the Bank's right, title and interest, if any, in and to the following property (the "Property"):

To wit: Also two other certain lots or parcels of land, situated near the easterly side of Thompson Lake in the Town of Oxford, County of Oxford and State of Maine, and being Lots numbered one hundred two (102) and one hundred three (103) according to a plan of "The Beechwoods", Plan #2 owned by L. & B. Realty, Inc., dated August 28, 1963 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book G, Page 34 now known as #840. All measurements on said plan are approximate and the precise corners are marked by pipes.

Also a right to use the road or right of way, as now located, from the town road called Megquier Hill Road to the Lake, which is an extension of the road as delineated on the above said plan and the right to use the road delineated on said plan and also a right to use as a right of way or roadway the area between the road on said plan and the easterly sidelines of the lot.

This lot is expressly subject to the following agreements, covenants and restrictions which agreements, covenants and restrictions run with the land and relate to the entire lotted subdivision and provide a uniform plan for the improvement of said entire lotted subdivision known as "The Beechwoods".

(a) That no lot or subdivision thereof shall be used in any way as a place to carry on a trade, occupation, manufacturing operation, business or storage of waste or junk.

(b) That no animals or birds shall be kept on the premises except usual household pets.

(c) That no buildings shall be placed or erected on the granted premises except a single family cottage or dwelling, appurtenant garage and bathroom which buildings shall be constructed on the exterior of masonry (brick, stone or stucco), clapboards, flush boarding, peeled logs, wooden shakes, wooden shingles or asbestos shingle siding to be painted or stained or otherwise covered with its usual and permanent outside finish; except that house trailers shall be permissible on lots twenty-six (26) through fifty-nine (59) exclusive and except that L. & B. Realty, Inc., reserves the right to dedicate and sell any lot or part of a lot as a private or public right of way to the shore and to sell any remaining part of a lot as a lot which is subject to the within restrictions.

(d) That no structure shall be erected or maintained nearer than ten (10) feet to the high water mark on the shore of said Lake except a bathroom shall be permissible within said limits and no structure shall be erected or maintained nearer than five (5) feet from the side line of a lot owned by a person other than the owner of the within premises.

(e) The said lots or lot hereinabove described shall not at any time be subdivided, nor sold except as a whole, but this restriction shall not prevent the grantee from conveying any part of the said real estate hereby conveyed to the owner or owners of lots adjoining the land herein conveyed.

(f) L. & B. Realty, Inc., its successors and assigns, reserve the right to place poles, pipes or wire upon any part of the rear of any lot and in said rights of way for public utility purposes and shall always have the right for itself, its successors and assigns, as and when may be most convenient to it or them to enter upon the premises for the purposes of erecting, fixing, building, maintaining, examining, or repairing such pipes, conduits, electric lights, telephone posts and wire and other public service and to cut and trim such trees and limbs as in its or their opinion may be desirable or necessary.

(g) All disposal of sewerage and drains shall be built into a septic tank or Pof the Department of Health and Welfare.

Being parcel two in the Warranty Deed from James H. Powell and Hazel J. Powell to Linda M. Baer, Trustee of Maine Realty Trust dated January 2, 1991 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 1783, Page 94.

Further information regarding the Property can be obtained by contacting James R. St. Jean Auctioneers at 603-734-4348.

This Amended and Restated Notice of Public Sale amends and restates in its entirety that certain Notice of Public Sale Pursuant to Pursuant to 14 M.R.S.A. § 6203-A Et Seq. dated April 4, 2014, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 5104, Page 41.

TERMS OF SALE: All bids will be accepted beginning at 11:00 A.M. on April 2, 2015. All bidders will be required to deposit \$5,000.00 in cash or certified U.S. funds made payable to the Auctioneer in order to register to bid (the "Deposit"). The Property will be sold to the highest bidder who shall leave the Deposit as a non-refundable down payment. The highest bidder will also be required to sign a purchase and sale agreement calling for a closing within 28 days of the public sale at which time the balance of the bid price will be due in immediately available U.S. funds, and the Bank, as foreclosing mortgagee, will deliver a duly executed Quitclaim Deed Without Covenant conveying whatever right, title and interest the Bank has in the Property. Additional terms of sale are available from the Auctioneer and you may obtain a copy of the purchase and sale agreement from the Auctioneer prior to the auction. The Bank, as foreclosing mortgagee, and its nominees and assigns, reserve the right to bid without making the required Deposit and, if the Bank, or its nominee or assign, is the high bidder, to pay for the Property with a credit against the debt owed. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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By:   
Its: Assistant Vice President  
Printed name: Lucas Takatsu  
March 2, 2015

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Notary Public  
Printed name: Stephanie A. Byras  
Notary Public: Maine  
My commission Expires March 6, 2020



Enough is Enough

Portland creates its own municipal philanthropy

By Robert E. Macdonald  
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Don't cry for Portland city government leaders — they certainly have never cried for you.

The capital city of Southern Maine's gold coast has established its own municipal philanthropy, heavily funded not by private, well-heeled donors, but by hard-working Maine taxpayers and Portland property taxpayers.

Portland's questionable General Assistance practices have been exposed by the LePage Administration. Their struggling blue- and white-collar workers have suddenly been made aware of their city's generosity. Needless to say, they don't like it.

Explanations and excuses from city officials sound like those coming a 5-year-old child after being caught by parents with a

hand in the cookie jar.

A recent audit done by the Maine Department of Human Services found that 13 of the top 30 individuals continually using the homeless shelter had personal accounts containing \$20,000 and more. Under DHHS rules, they are disqualified from General Assistance.

This was known by Portland officials who turned a blind eye and continued to charge these individuals \$30 a night for a mattress. The state reimbursed Portland \$24 a night; the remaining \$6 was picked up by Portland property taxpayers.

When these violations were uncovered, Portland officials excused their rule breaking by stating that these people were mentally ill and incapable of handling their affairs. Well, if this is true, why weren't these individuals referred to a state agency to address their needs?



Mayor Bob Macdonald

Many tourists are attracted to Southern Maine's gold coast because of the abundance of beaches, a scenic coastline, fine dining, entertainment and many other amenities offered throughout the region. Their liberal spending helps both Maine and local economies.

But others are drawn to the area by the abundance of lodging. Free lodging! As the many lighthouses along

Maine's coast once guided ships safely into port, so too do the homeless shelters, guiding them safely to the arms of their new benevolent benefactors.

But it gets worse. Portland officials created a task force to study the problems of homelessness in their city. They worked and debated well into the wee hours of many nights. Finally, this august progressive group came up with a solution—they would build 105 new supportive units for the chronically homeless.

Three buildings containing 35 "housing first" apartments would be built to house individuals with severe substance abuse problems and the mentally ill. Each person would be given an apartment. All three buildings will be staffed with specialists to meet the needs of those housed there. Strapped taxpayers have a phrase for this: cha-ching, cha-ching, cha-ching.

In the meantime, Portland businesses, especially retail, are feeling the presence of these homeless individuals. Panhandlers thrive and continually harass potential customers on the street. Police hands are tied, since Maine courts ruled

these actions are permitted under their right to free speech.

Many policies created by Portland have an adverse effect on surrounding communities. Lewiston is seeing an overflow of people who can no longer find a place to live in Portland. Many of these are asylum seekers.

From last July through January of this year, Lewiston taxpayers have spent \$161,164 to support these individuals. This money will not be reimbursed by state

government.

Portland's liberal policies towards the homeless will eventually affect Lewiston and other communities. Portland officials care only about Portland. They continually refuse to support legislation that would correct many of our problems.

When Governor Paul LePage meets with Portland's leadership, he should forcefully remind them that they are running a city, not a philanthropy.

Adult Ed classes at MSAD #52

Unless otherwise noted, the following classes, offered by MSAD #52 Adult and Community Education of Turner, Greene and Leeds, will begin the week of March 9. For a complete schedule, or to register and pay for a class, see [www.msad52.maineadulted.org](http://www.msad52.maineadulted.org).

Sodality hosts Membership Meeting

The St. Anne Sodality of Prince of Peace Parish, Holy Family, will hold its General Membership Meeting on Wednesday March 18, at 6 p.m. at the Parish Hall. There will be an election of officers and counselors and a short business meeting. The entertainment for the evening will be a game of "Lets Make a Deal." Refreshments will be served by Flo Marquis. Members are encouraged to bring a friend. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Adult Ed office at 225-1010.

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# What's Going On

## March program highlights at women's center

The Center for Wisdom's Women, a daytime drop-in center for women in downtown Lewiston, will celebrate the arrival of spring this month with a pot-luck supper and singing circle on Friday, March 20 at 5 p.m., followed by a Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those attending the supper are asked to bring a contribution to the meal. The Day of Reflection, to be led by center director Klara Tammany, will begin with inspirational readings on the transition to spring, followed by four hours of reflective silence. A simple lunch will be provided for those who sign up in advance. There is no charge for either program, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

The schedule also features a variety of kitchen programs, showing how to bake Purim cookies for the Jewish festival of Purim on Thursday, March 5 at 10 a.m.; how to make cocoa

balls, a special treat like truffles, only with healthier ingredients and less sugar, on Wednesday, March 11 at 10 a.m.; and how to make Irish Soda Bread on Monday, March 16 at noon.

Other program highlights include a Day Spa, presented by nursing student interns from USM's Lewiston-Auburn College, on Thursday, March 12 from 9 to 11 a.m.; a St. Patrick's Day celebration featuring tea, soda bread, games, blessings, riddles and crafts on Tuesday, March 17; and a book club discussion of "You Can Heal Your Life: The Power Within" by Louise Hay on Monday, March 23 at 12:30 p.m. The Art Van will visit on Wednesday, March 25 at 10 a.m., followed by the March birthday party at noon.

The Peasant Pantry Prep group, led by Paul Drowns of St. Mary's Nutrition Center, will meet on Tuesday, March 24 at noon. The group meets

each month to prepare a simple, one-dish meal that is then served to the wider community for lunch, this month on Thursday, March 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is no charge for the meal, but donations, to be split between the team members who prepared the food, are encouraged. Reservations are appreciated.

Regularly scheduled events include a Playing with Poetry class, a writing workshop and a women's clothes give-away. The center also offers regular support group meetings for trauma recovery, Al-Anon, and bisexual, lesbian and transgendered women and their friends and family members. For details, or to see the complete program schedule for the month, see [www.wisdomswomen.org](http://www.wisdomswomen.org).

The Center's hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. All women are welcome, programs are offered free of charge and no appointments are needed. Oatmeal breakfasts are available daily

and the center has a shower available for use.

The Center for Wisdom's Women is a sacred and safe place that supports and empowers women to build community for the purpose of bettering and enriching their lives. The Center offers warm hospitality, compassionate listening, personal and spiritual guidance that is respectful of all faith traditions, assistance in accessing local resources to meet needs and encouragement toward healthy life choices. Its support groups, activities and programs provide women with opportunities to meet and network with others, build friendships and support each other in their daily struggles.

For more information about the center, including volunteer opportunities, call Executive Director Klara Tammany at 513-3922. Donations may be made out to "Trinity Church/Wisdom" and sent to The Center for Wisdom's Women, P.O. Box 1016, Lewiston, ME 04243.

## Franco War Vets seek new members

Franco-American War Veterans Post #31 is seeking new members. The post is offering free membership for the first year.

Interested veterans with an honorable dis-

charge are invited to an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Seniors Room at the Lewiston Armory, located at 65 Central Avenue in Lewiston. Refreshments will be served.

## MWN spotlights conflict resolution for businesses



Certified risk management consultant Katherine Lord

The Androscoggin Chapter of the Maine Women's Network will host its next meeting on Wednesday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn of Auburn. Each meeting provides meaningful networking opportunities for those attending to market themselves and their businesses. Members, guests

and the general public are invited.

The speaker will be certified risk management consultant Katherine Lord, who will discuss how businesses can use conflict resolution to reduce operating expenses. Learning how to deal effectively with conflict is important for organizations of any size. If left unchecked or unresolved, conflict can lead to loss of production through absences, attrition and even lawsuits.

Lord will outline crucial conflict management skills, including how to deal with anger and using the Agreement Frame. Those attending will learn: what conflict and conflict resolution means; the six phases

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## Thomas sings anthem at State House



Franco Center director Mitch Thomas was at the State House recently to deliver the opening prayer and sing the national anthem in the House Chamber. An accomplished singer-musician, Thomas (c.) is pictured here with (l. to r.) Reps. Heidi Brooks (D-Lewiston), Bruce Bickford (R-Auburn), Peggy Rotundo (D-Lewiston), Gina Melaragno (D-Auburn), Mike Lajoie (D-Lewiston) and Jared Golden (D-Lewiston).

## MWN

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of the conflict resolution process; the five main styles of conflict resolution; how to adapt the process for all types of conflict; how to break out parts of the process as tools for preventing conflict; how to use basic communication tools, such as the Agreement Frame and Open Questions; and how to use basic anger and stress management techniques.

The cost is \$21 (\$17 for members) and includes lunch. Members are encouraged to register their guests

in advance for the member rate. Online pre-registration is required by March 10. For more information, email Rebecca Webber at [rwebber@sta-law.com](mailto:rwebber@sta-law.com). To register, click on the “Event Registration” link at [www.maineomensnetwork.com](http://www.maineomensnetwork.com).

A statewide organization with multiple chapters, including Portland, Androscoggin, and Midcoast, MWN’s mission is to increase women’s professional growth and leadership skills through networking and education. Membership is open to all, regardless of gender. For more information, see [www.maineomensnetwork.com](http://www.maineomensnetwork.com).

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## Fill the Plate Breakfast for Meals on Wheels

SeniorsPlus, the designated Agency on Aging for Western Maine, will present a Fill the Plate Breakfast to benefit its Meals on Wheels nutrition program on Friday, March 20 from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn of Auburn. The event will honor local physician Dr. Alan Verrill, who will be presented with the Ikaria Award for his outstanding contributions toward improving the lives of older adults.

The breakfast will take place in conjunction with March for Meals, a national campaign of the Meals on Wheels Association of America. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance or \$25 at the door. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 795-4010 or see [www.seniorsplus.org](http://www.seniorsplus.org).

Last year, almost 600 volunteers donated more than 28,000 hours of their time to help SeniorsPlus’

Meals on Wheels program deliver 98,600 meals to more than 1,200 homebound older adults and adults with disabilities in Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties. Each meal delivered provides one third of the recommended daily allowance of nutrition, a safety check and a visit to these vulnerable adults. The majority of those who receive Meals on Wheels are lower income, on a fixed income or receiving MaineCare benefits.

“We struggle to keep up with the demand for Meals on Wheels and continually have a waiting list for the program,” said SeniorsPlus Executive Director Betsy Sawyer-Manter. “Funding we raise through this event helps us keep the waiting list to a minimum.”

The overall goal of SeniorsPlus is to assist older adults and adults with disabilities to remain safely in their homes for as long as possible, where the

overwhelming majority of older adults (greater than 95 percent in an AARP survey) wish to remain until they die. “Meals on Wheels is often a determining factor in a person’s ability to remain

at home,” added Sawyer-Manter.

Ikaria Award recipient Dr. Alan Verrill, an internist affiliated with Central Maine Healthcare, is a frequent contributor to *See Breakfast, page 8*

### AMENDED AND RESTATED Notice of Public Sale Pursuant to 14 M.R.S.A. § 6203-A Et Seq. 171 Beechwoods Road, Oxford, Maine Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Mortgage given by 171 Beechwoods Road, LLC, a Maine limited liability company to Northeast Bank (the “Bank”), dated September 20, 2010, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 4637, Page 246 (the “Mortgage”), of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 11:00 A.M. on the 2nd day of April, 2015, at 171 Beechwoods Road, Oxford, Maine, all and singular the premises described in the mortgage as follows: all of the Bank’s right, title and interest, if any, in and to the following property (the “Property”):  
To wit: A certain lot or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the easterly side of Thompson Lake in the Town of Oxford, County of Oxford and State of Maine, and being Lot numbered fifty-five (55) according to a plan of “The Beechwoods”, owned by L. & B. Realty, Inc., made by Aliberti, Larochelle & Hodson Eng. Corp., Inc., dated June 8, 1957 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans Volume F, Page 35 now known as Plan #669; together with the parcel of land between the westerly end of said lot and the shore of said Lake extending the side lines of the said lot in their same course to the shore of the lake.  
Also a right to use the road or right of way, as now located, from the town road called Megquier Hill Road to the Lake, which is an extension of the road as delineated on the above said plan and the right to use the road delineated on said plan and also a right to use as a right of way or roadway the area between the road on said plan and the easterly sidelines of the lot.  
This lot is expressly subject to the following agreements, covenants and restrictions which agreements, covenants and restrictions run with the land and relate to the entire lotted subdivision and provide a uniform plan for the improvement of said entire lotted subdivision known as “The Beechwoods”.  
(a) That no lot or subdivision thereof shall be used in any way as a place to carry on a trade, occupation, manufacturing operation, business or storage of waste or junk.  
(b) That no animals or birds shall be kept on the premises except usual household pets.  
(c) That no buildings shall be placed or erected on the granted premises except a single family cottage or dwelling, appurtenant garage and boathouse which buildings shall be constructed on the exterior of masonry (brick, stone or stucco), clapboards, flush boarding, peeled logs, wooden shakes, wooden shingles or asbestos shingle siding to be painted or stained or otherwise covered with its usual and permanent outside finish; except that house trailers shall be permissible on lots twenty-six (26) through fifty-nine (59) exclusive and except that L. & B. Realty, Inc., reserves the right to dedicate and sell any lot or part of a lot as a private or public right of way to the shore and to sell any remaining part of a lot as a lot which is subject to the within restrictions.  
(d) That no structure shall be erected or maintained nearer than ten (10) feet to the high water mark on the shore of said Lake except a boathouse shall be permissible within said limits and no structure shall be erected or maintained nearer than five (5) feet from the side line of a lot owned by a person other than the owner of the within premises.  
(e) The said lots or lot hereinabove described shall not at any time be subdivided, nor sold except as a whole, but this restriction shall not prevent the grantee from conveying any part of the said real estate hereby conveyed to the owner or owners of lots adjoining the land herein conveyed.  
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# What's Going On

## Nutrition Center seeks applicants, sponsors for summer program



Chris and Kate Abbruzzese (far left and right) of Double Z Land and Livestock in Turner, with (l. to r.) Eve Niragira, Mohamed Abdullahi, Elias Atkins, Community Cooking Educator Paul Drowns, Ryan Marley, Youth Program Coordinator Sarah Ullman and Hawo Dakane. The Abbruzzese's contribution of \$1,200 will fund the participation of one youth in the Summer Youth Gardener job-training program.

St. Mary's Nutrition Center is seeking applicants for its 2015 Summer Youth Gardener program for teens ages 14 through 18. The popular job-training program accepts 24 youth each summer for one of two four-week sessions, each meeting five days per week. Students learn how to grow and cook healthy food for their families and community while attending workshops on

leadership development, hunger, community change and diversity. Participants are paid a stipend and take a "veggie share" (a bag of vegetables from the garden), along with tips and recipes on how to make a healthy meal from their bounty, home to their families each week.

For more information about the program, or to access an application, see [www.tinyurl.com/Youth-GardenerApplication](http://www.tinyurl.com/Youth-GardenerApplication).

The Nutrition Center hopes to raise nearly \$30,000 in local sponsorships to fund the participation of all 24 youth in the program this summer. A \$1,200 contribution supports the participation of one youth in the program.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, contact the Nutrition Center at 513-3848 or [nutritioncenter@stmarysmaine.com](mailto:nutritioncenter@stmarysmaine.com).

## Maine Army National Guard makes difference in Massachusetts

The Maine Army National Guard sent nearly 55 troops along with heavy equipment to assist Massachusetts with their snow removal after an official Snow Disaster declaration earlier this month. Soldiers and equipment from the 185th Engineer Support Company, the 262nd Engineer Company (Horizontal) and the 136th Engineer Company (Vertical) helped dig out Massachusetts with snow removal equipment after record snow accumulation hit the Boston area. "Getting hit by two massive storms back to back was just more than anybody could have imagined," said Andrew Bagdonas of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. "It's just been a very bad weather pattern."

After receiving more than 96 inches of snow within a month, the governor declared a state of emergency

in Massachusetts to allow emergency officials to begin coordinating with neighboring states and the private sector to secure much needed heavy equipment for snow removal. The request for assistance came through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, a mutual aid agreement among all 50 states. After approval by the Maine Emergency Management Agency and Maine Governor Paul LePage, the Maine Army National Guard sent help to clear the snow.

"Our resources were exhausted," said Bagdonas. "We didn't have the space, we didn't have the equipment needed to move the snow piles. For the residents, seeing a train of National Guard trucks rolling down the highway brought a welcome sense of relief that we would return to a state of normalcy."

Soldiers worked in tandem with Massachusetts public safety workers to remove snow and reduce snow banks to keep the state's roads open and safe. Loaders were used to fill dump trucks that were then dumped in empty parking lots or fields away from roads and intersections. "This is why I joined the National Guard," said Sgt. Michael Allen, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with the 262nd in Bedford. "I feel like it's my duty. Hopefully someone would do it for me in return."

This isn't the first time Allen has been activated for a state emergency with the Maine Guard. He volunteered to aide Vermont during Hurricane Irene and New York State during Win-

ter Storm Nemo. "It's a very good experience," Allen said. "A lot of the stuff we do here we would do on deployments. You build stronger teams and everyone knows what their teammates are capable of. You learn your job better."

"The feedback has been entirely positive," said Bagdonas. "The thank yous the soldiers received in the field, the appreciative phone calls from public officials, the mayors and selectman who asked for assistance - the help has been well received and much appreciated by the commonwealth of Massachusetts."

## Lisbon student lauded at Career Day



Lisbon High School sophomore Alexandra Sult was awarded a gift card by Central Maine Community College for her active participation at Career Day at the college's Auburn campus. At the annual event for sophomore students from Central Maine, Sult posed questions about courses related to her career field of interest, working with K-9 units in law enforcement. (Photo courtesy of Monica Millhime.)

## Breakfast

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SeniorsPlus' educational programming, which engages more than 1,000 people each year. "Dr. Verrill donates his time regularly, often presenting classes for our Healthy Aging series," said Sawyer-Manter. "He has a huge fan base and is a joy to work with." A Greek island in the Aegean Sea, Ikaria is considered one of the world's five "Blue Zones," places where an estimated one in three members of the population regularly lives an active life into their 90s.

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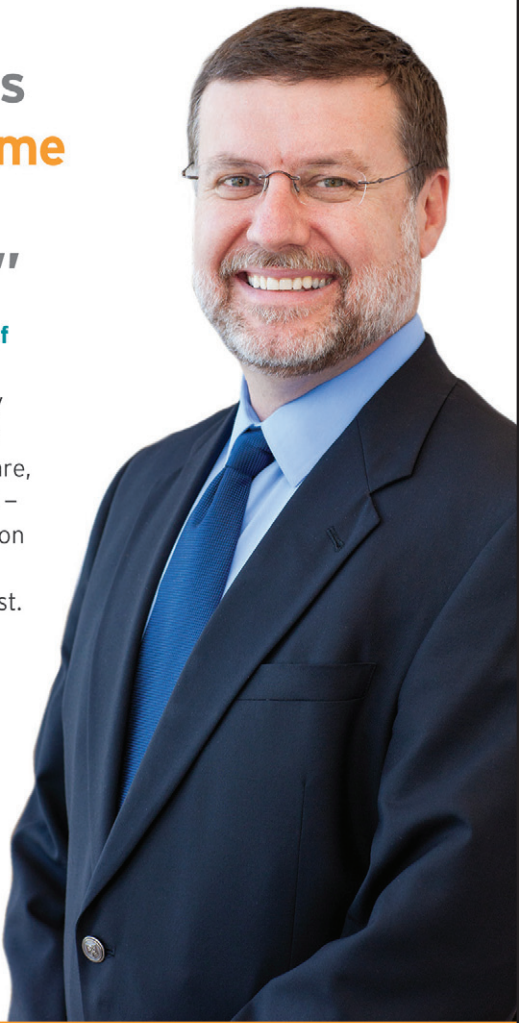
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# Federal Distributors works with old values, new technology

By Beth Herman

Launching shortly after World War II, Federal Distributors has grown from a small family business into a local powerhouse that services a large swath of the state.

Despite changes in technology, trends in beer and wine that come and go and an explosion of new brands on the market, the Lewiston/Auburn-based company remains steadfastly in business.

It has even survived the astonishing disappearance of two promotional three-story-high inflatable lighted Budweiser cans at a popular ski area.

Whether it is meeting market challenges, satisfying ever-changing customer tastes or keeping up with high-tech innovations, Federal has not only survived, it has thrived and flourished.

In fact, the Lisbon Road fixture, with its sentry-like Anheuser-Busch sign in front, is a local monument to nearly seven decades of dedication.

The company is now helmed by John Cronin, whose grandmother Paullette, along with uncles Eugene Jr. and Joseph, started the business selling Stanton, Frank Jones and Croft Ales from a kitchen table in 1947. They added soft drinks in 1949.

John's father, Paul Cronin, joined the business in 1960, running the daily operations until his retirement in 1999. The beer and beverage wholesaler currently covers a large portion of the state of Maine.

Employing 70-plus workers, depending on the season, the company is part of what Cronin describes as a three-tier system.

The supplier—or



John Cronin is president of Federal Distributors, a Lewiston landmark about to enter its seventh decade.

creator of a brand, like Anheuser-Busch—is at the top; the distributor is considered the second tier; and the third is comprised of restaurants, bars, grocery store chains and “mom and pop” stores.

“As a distributor, we sell to the third tier,” Cronin said. “We merchandise and promote, we make the signs, we service the accounts, and we deliver the product—even collecting product taxes for the state,” he said.

Federal's broad territory includes Lewiston-Auburn, Poland, Oxford, Bethel, Sunday River, Rumford, Rangeley, Sugarloaf, Coburn-Gore, Farmington, Brunswick, Wiscasset, Rockland and Camden.

Cronin credited iPad technology for enabling the company's salespeople

to be seemingly everywhere at once when it comes to servicing accounts.

“When I started in 1987, we had eight brands and 54 packages (a six-pack, 12-pack, cans and bottles),” Cronin said. “Now we have over 89 different brands and



Dennis Belanger, vice president of sales, and John Cronin, president

842 packages.”

That's why warehouse size, speed and efficiency are paramount today.

The current Lisbon Road venue is the fifth since the company's inception, which included a 1960s and '70s wine distribution-fueled expansion into a Brunswick facility to support Sagadahoc, Lincoln and Knox counties, as well as into Rumford. (The Brunswick facility later merged back with Lewiston.)

With a strong emphasis on efficiency, technology is the key to Federal Distributors' kingdom.

“We have to get orders to the warehouse faster now and create a no-fail system so that the picker is directed to the exact location to pull the product, scan it and get it on its way,” Cronin said. “Technology also lets us know who did the work on each aspect of the job.”

This kind of accountability ensures mistakes can be identified on a more individual basis. Employees can then be coached di-

ness into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with “channel selling,” something Vice President of Sales Dennis Belanger compares to a doctor who specializes in a specific field.

Beer and beverage distribution is more competitive now than ever, according to Belanger, because of the number of brands and breweries out there, so channel selling is important.

“We have salespeople that focus only on supermarket chains, or strictly on the on-premise arena (restaurants and bars, with a finite number of draft lines), or just mom-and-pop stores,” he explained, which supports sales and personal service in today's overwhelming multi-brand marketplace.

Belanger also cites the explosive growth of the microbrew industry with New England brands in their arsenal that include Shipyard (Maine), Long Trail (Vermont) and Redhook (New Hampshire).

California's 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment and Utah's Uinta, along with Snapple, Nantucket Nectars and AriZona beverages, round out Federal Distributors' list of approximately 842 products.

With 16 staff members on board for between three and four decades, and another 15 soon approaching the same kind of employment milestone, the company credits its management team with developing and promoting talent from within.

“Our managers are a big reason we're successful,” Cronin said, noting an office culture that emphasizes community involvement (Kiwanis, the Dempsey Challenge and more), as well as a mantra that everyone is a salesperson.

“Warehouse; delivery; operations—making that extra delivery or doing whatever large or small thing it takes to make the customer's day is how we work,” Cronin said. “At nearly 70-years-old, we are clearly sales-oriented and customer-focused.”

rectly by managers, making them better at their jobs.

Officially joining the family business in 1987, Cronin first served as an officer in the Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

He spent childhood summers loading beer onto Federal Distributors' trucks as a driver's helper.

Benefitting from the same gene pool and head for business as his entrepreneurial grandmother and uncles (one of whom had taught accounting early on in Vermont), he and his team shepherded the busi-



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# TWIN CITY NIGHTS

## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### Public Theatre's "Outside Mullingar" opens March 13

Ignore the stubborn snow and melt your heart with the recent Broadway hit "Outside Mullingar," opening at The Public Theatre on March 13. Nominated for the 2014 Tony Award for Best Play, this moving and romantic comedy by Pulitzer Prize-, Oscar- and Tony Award-winning author John Patrick Shanley tells the story of two eccentric singles in rural Ireland who struggle to reveal their love for each other.

Middle-aged neighbors Anthony and Rosemary have seem destined for each other since childhood, but they're Irish and stubborn to the core. Will these two lonely souls cross the plot of land that separates

them and take a chance on love? Will their aging, eccentric parents help them make the leap?

"This funny and tender story takes an affectionate look at the obstacles to love, most of which exist in our own minds," said director Christopher Schario. "Plus, with the performance schedule coinciding with St. Patrick's Day, the show serves as is a wonderful celebration of the love and luck of the Irish." The play's author is best known for the film "Moonstruck" and his play "Doubt."

The show's cast of professional actors includes Joel Leffert as Anthony's cantankerous father, Tony. Leffert most recently appeared on

Broadway, where he understudied Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellen in "Waiting For Godot" and "No Man's Land." He was last seen at The Public Theatre in the roles of Mark Rothko in "Red" and Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol."

Playing his hapless son, Anthony, will be Stephan Wolfert. Wolfert recently appeared at New York's Bedlam Theatre in its acclaimed productions of "Hamlet" and "Saint Joan" and directed the military segments for Twyla Tharp and Billy Joel's Tony Award-winning production of "Movin' Out." He last appeared at The Public Theatre in "Sideman."

Playing his stubborn love interest, Rosemary, will be Kathy McCafferty. McCafferty has appeared in regional theatres across the country, originating the role of Lurene in John Cariani's most recent play, "Last Gas."

Playing her scrappy mother, Aiofe, will be Cecilia Riddett. Riddett has appeared in the American premiere of the beloved Irish play "Da," as well as off-Broadway at the Manhattan Theatre Club and multiple other theaters across the country.

The Irish countryside and homesteads that give the play its setting will be designed by Kit Mayer, with lighting by Bart Garvey and costumes by Jonna Klaiber.

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### Mystery for Hire presents new show at Marco's



Attend a wedding that turns into a mystery on Saturday, March 7 at Marco's Ristorante Italiano. Pictured here are cast members (l. to r., from front) Brian Files, Steve Corning, Marie Stewart Harmon, Julie Poulin, Kathleen Nation, Super Sleuth of the evening Elaine Stanley and Bob LeBlanc.

Mystery for Hire will bring its original new mystery show, "Marriage Can Be a Mystery," to Marco's Ristorante Italiano in Lewiston on Saturday, March 7.

"A regular wedding day can be filled with unexpected events," explained Dan Marois, who, with his wife, Denise, has operated Mystery for Hire for 20 years. "In this show, events are complicated by a mystery that takes place on a day that should be reserved for wedded bliss."

Marois says that a mystery show performance appeals to a wide group of people. "If you like comic, interactive fun, these shows are a treat," said Marois. "They also appeal to people who

like to dine out, party a bit and enjoy theater."

Mystery for Hire is Maine's longest running professional mystery dinner theater troupe, having performed more than 540 shows to audiences totaling more than 40,000. Most of their business is for private group functions, but they also present public shows at the Senator Inn of Augusta, the Spectacular Event Center of Bangor and at Marco's in Lewiston.

"Our public shows offer guests a chance to enjoy an evening of entertainment and dining all in one experience," said Marois. He notes that the ticket price of \$40 per person is all-inclusive for the mystery show, a full buffet, tax and gratuity. "Guests like the idea of one price for everything except drinks."

The cast for the show includes Brian Files of Gardiner, Julie Poulin and Kathleen Nation of Monmouth, Marie Stewart Harmon of Portland, Steve Corning of South Paris, Greg Simpson of Minot and Dan Marois of Poland Spring. "Some members of this cast have performed together for almost 20 years," said Marois. "They know how to inspire each other in a performance and how to make the audience experience exceptionally fun."

Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the show starting at 7 p.m. Reservations can be made in person at Marco's (12 Mollison Way) or by calling 783-0336. For more information about Mystery for Hire, see [www.mysteryforhire.com](http://www.mysteryforhire.com).

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# Capital Trio to perform Beethoven, Schubert and Bill Matthews

Pianist Duncan Cumming, cellist Solen Dikener and violinist Hilary Cumming, aka the Capital Trio, will perform works by Beethoven, Schubert and Bates College Professor of Music William Matthews on Friday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Bates College's Olin Arts Center Concert Hall, located at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston.

The program will include a solo performance by Duncan Cumming in tribute to his teacher, the late pianist and Bates artist in residence Frank Glazer, who died in January at the age of 99. A member of the Bates class of 1993, Cumming studied with Glazer at Bates and later wrote a biography of the elder musician. Cumming will perform the first piece he studied with Glazer, Schubert's Impromptu in C minor, Op. 90, No. 1.

As a group, the trio will perform William Matthews's "A Book of Hours" and Beethoven's Piano Trio in D major, Op.70, No. 1 ("Ghost").

Matthews, the Alice Swanson Esty Professor of Music at Bates, wrote "A Book of Hours" in the mid-1990s as a secular interpretation of the religious



During the Capital Trio's concert on March 6, pianist Duncan Cumming (Bates '93) will perform a solo piece in tribute to his teacher, pianist and Bates artist in residence Frank Glazer, who died in January at the age of 99.

practice of holding a daily cycle of worship services. In its six movements, the piece draws upon inspirations as diverse as a catbird's song, the jolt of caffeine, a tranquil twilight, French-Canadian fiddlers and jazzman Thelonious Monk.

Beethoven's 1888 work takes its nickname, "Ghost," from a slow movement that the All Music Guide describes as "strangely scored and undeniably eerie-sounding." A product of his so-called Middle Period, the piece today is one of his best-loved compositions for

the piano trio format.

The Capital Trio began as the Cecilia Piano Trio in 1997, when founding members Duncan Cumming and Solen Dikener became friends after making the surprise discovery that their respective teachers, Glazer and Paul Tortelier, had performed together decades earlier in Paris and Boston. Violinist Hilary Cumming joined the group in 1999. Their first compact disc recording, "A Book of Hours: Music of William Matthews," was issued on See Trio, page 13

# Twin City Nights

## Comedy Fix to feature Tuck Tucker

Comedian Tuck Tucker will make his third Comedy Fix appearance at Comedy Fix XX on Friday, March 13 at 8 p.m. at the Auburn Fireside Inn. Event founder and host Mark Turcotte will also welcome performers Tim Hofmann, Jeff Keon, Paul Hunt, Mark Reilly and Kate Carroll. Net proceeds will benefit the Good Shepherd Food Bank.

Tucker, a member of Portland's Running with Scissors improv group, headlined the Maine Comedy Festival in 2013 and was a finalist on HBO's Lucky 21 Comedy Showcase in New York City. He's performed at the Funny Bone in Hartford, Con-



Tuck Tucker will headline the next Comedy Fixx on March 13. (Photo by Mark Turcotte)

necticut and the Comedy Connection in Boston and Providence.

Portland-based comic Tim Hofmann hosts the weekly Laugh Shack comedy show at Skybox in

Westbrook. He's performed at COMIX at Foxwoods and stars in the new web series "Christmas Craig." Jeff Koen performs in the Boston area and has toured New England opening for Juston McKinney. He's also performed with the themed standup show "How Men Think (Or Do They?)," starred in the 2011 independent film "HeavyTimes" and plays a leading role in the comic web series "Post Office Golf League."

Paul Hunt has appeared in a national Subway commercial and was named Maine's Funniest Comic in 2008. Mark Reilly was a finalist in Portland's Got See Tucker, page 13

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# Twin City Nights


## Pleasant Note marks Open Mic milestone

On Friday, March 13, Pleasant Note Coffeehouse will celebrate the ninth anniversary of its Open Mic & Poetry Slam at the First Universalist Church of Auburn.

This free monthly event has drawn people of all ages to share the spirituality of music and spoken word poetry since 2006. While guitarists and singers are the expected staples of such an event, Pleasant Note has also welcomed its share of belly dancers, poets, rappers, storytellers and dogs over the years. Karaoke is occasional offered.

The program got its start when Cafe Bon Bon of Lewiston closed about 10 years ago, leaving local musicians who played at the neighborhood gathering spot without an outlet. When members of the First Universalist Church of Auburn decided to provide

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a solution, Pleasant Note Coffee House was born. In the nine years since, the event has consistently attracted new performers along with long-time

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## Bold Riley to play Village Coffee House

Acoustic folk band Bold Riley will perform at the Village Coffee House of New Gloucester on Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. Hailing from the hills of Western Maine, the band features John Gunn of North Yarmouth on the claw hammer banjo, cajon and bodhran; Michael Hayashida of Auburn on fiddle and vocals; Julia Edwards of Bridgton on vocals, guitar and accordion; and Erin Sampson of Casco on vocals. Playing a wide range of music, including originals, Americana classics and acoustic versions of modern folk, the group



Bold Riley

brings a joy for life to their music and performances.

Admission will be \$10 at the door. Light snacks will be available for a small donation; hot coffee and tea will be available free of

charge. The Village Coffee House is located at the First Congregational Church, at the intersection of Church and Gloucester Hill Roads, New Gloucester's Lower Village.

## F.A.B. marks 10 years with biggest show yet

The F.A.B. Winter Dance Showcase will return for its tenth year with 18 performances by diverse artists from Maine, Connecticut and New York, including the acclaimed Dante Brown Warehouse Dance, on Saturday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Franco Center in Lewiston. Doors will open at 7 p.m. to live music by Les Bijoux Folk Orchestra, who will also accompany a family-friendly traditional social dance to cap off the evening.

Artists performing at F.A.B. for the first time will include Dante Brown, a visiting member of the Bates faculty; Molly Gawler,



Bates dancer Raissa Vodounon '17 performs in a piece by Tomisha Edwards '15. (Photo by Phyllis Graber Jensen/Bates College)

scion of Maine's folk-singing Gawler Family and a member of the renowned Pilobolus Dance Company;

Bates Dance Festival faculty members Karl Rogers and Shawn Hove; and young See **F.A.B.**, page 15

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**Thursday, March 5**  
Frank Glazer Tribute. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Seven accomplished pianists perform in tribute to concert pianist Frank Glazer at what would have been a celebration of his 100th birthday. A reception follows. Free.

Film Screening. 7 p.m. Keck Classroom (G52), Pettengill Hall, 4 Andrews Road (Alumni Walk), Bates College. Franco-Algerian filmmaker Lyes Salem shows and discusses his 2005 Cesar Award-winning short film “Cousines.” Free. 786-6281.

Comedy Night. 8 p.m. She Doesn’t Like Guthrie’s, 115 Middle St., Lewiston. This month’s performers are new Boston favorite Kwasi Mensah and Maine’s own Mike Johnson. Best for ages 18+. Free, but donations welcome. See Facebook at “comeseecomedly”.

**Friday, March 6**  
Lincoln Day Dinner. 5:30 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. The Andro. County G.O.P. Committee presents their annual fundraiser. Social hour, dinner, silent and live auctions; speaker Congressman Bruce Poliquin. \$40. 332-4768; sorcekjim@gmail.com.

Concert: Capital Trio. 7:30 p.m. Olin Arts Center, Bates College, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. Pianist Duncan Cumming, cellist Solen

# Calendar

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Dikener and violinist Hilary Cumming perform work by Beethoven, Schubert and Bates Prof. of Music Bill Matthews. Free, but space is limited; tix required. 786-6135; bit.ly/oacbates.

**Saturday, March 7**  
Film Screening: “Dive.” 3 p.m. Bath Freight Shed. This entry in the “Community Food” film series examines the degree to which Americans discard usable food; a discussion follows. Free. 729-7694; www.btlr.org/events.

Take-Out Bean Supper. 3 to 5:30 p.m. Holy Cross Church Hall, 1080 Lisbon St., Lewiston. The Holy Cross K. of C. serves up their famous bean supper in various combo packages and a la carte offerings for take-out service only; call in after noon for pick-up after 3:00. \$3-10. 212-5163.

Public Supper. 5 p.m. Paris Fire Station, Western Ave., So. Paris. Corned beef & cabbage, ham, potatoes, rolls, veggies, mac & cheese, salads, assorted homemade pies with ice cream; 50/50 raffle. Pres. by Paris F.D. Auxiliary. \$8/4 (ages 3- free).

Inside Africa Fashion Show. 6:30 p.m. Olin

Arts Center, Bates College, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. Fashions from across Africa, along with dance, music and spoken-word poetry; pres. by the student Africana Club. Free, but tix required. www.bit.ly/inside-africa-15.

“Marriage Can Be a Mystery.” 7 p.m. Marco’s Restaurant, 12 Mollison Way, Lewiston. Mystery for Hire presents its original new interactive mystery show. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$40 (includes meal, tax and gratuity). Reserve at 783-0336. www.mysteryforhire.com.

F.A.B. Winter Dance Showcase. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This annual Franco Center-Bates Dance program this year presents 18 diverse performances, followed by a traditional family-friendly social dance. Doors at 7 p.m. \$15/12/5 at bit.ly/FAB-15. 689-2000.

Live Music: Bold Riley. 7:30. Village Coffee-house, First Cong. Church, 19 Gloucester Hill Rd., New Gloucester. This four-piece acoustic band plays originals, Americana classics and acoustic versions of modern folk. \$10 at the door.

**Sunday, March 8**  
Pot Luck Supper. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ricker Memorial Library, Route 26, Poland. Bring a casserole, dessert, salad or other tasty food item to share. A program with quilter Connie Benwitz will follow. Pres. by Person to Person. Free. 998-4390.

**Tuesday, March 10**  
Lunch with Locals: “Bare Your Soul.” Freeport Historical Society, 45 Main St., Freeport. Come share your stories and knowledge about the history of shoemaking in Freeport for recording; lunch provided. Free. Snow date 3/11. RSVP at 865-3170.

Author Visit. 6:30 p.m. Winthrop Public Library, first floor, Winthrop Commerce Center, 149 Main St., Winthrop. Master Maine Guide Ben Thomas discusses how the outdoors inspires his writing, including the new teen novel “The Scorpion Riddle.” Free. 377-8673.

**Wednesday, March 11**  
Membership Meeting. 11 a.m. Marco’s Restaurant, Mollison Way, Lewiston. The Mary Dillingham Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets. The speaker is Bettyann Sheats. Prospective members welcome.

Maine Women’s Network Meeting. 11:30 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. Certified risk management consultant Katherine Lord discusses the importance of conflict resolution for businesses; incl. lunch. \$21 (\$17 members). Register by Mar. 10 at [www.mainewomensnetwork.com](http://www.mainewomensnetwork.com).

Lisbon Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. MTM Center, School St., Lisbon Falls. Lisbon Parks Director Verla Ridley discusses the history and development of the town’s Beaver Park. Refreshments. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Parking, entrance at rear. Free. 353-8510.

**Friday, March 13**  
Food for Thought Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Room 170, L-A College. Originally from Iran, Parivash Rohani of Auburn shares

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photos and impressions of her recent trip there to visit her ailing mother. Includes lunch. \$8 (\$7 in adv.; reserve by noon on 3/11).

Open Mic & Poetry Slam. 7:30 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St., Auburn. This special edition celebrates the event’s ninth anniversary; refreshments. Wheelchair accessible, children’s room. Enter on Spring St. 783-0461; [www.auburnuu.org](http://www.auburnuu.org).

Theater: “Outside Mullingar.” 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. John Patrick Shanley’s romantic comedy features two eccentric singles in rural Ireland who struggle to reveal their love for each other. Again 3/14-15, 19-22. For show times, ticket info, see [www.thepublictheatre.org](http://www.thepublictheatre.org).

Comedy Fixx. 8 p.m. Fireside Inn, 1777 Washington St., Auburn. Comedians Tim Hofmann, Jeff Keon, Paul Hunt, Mark Reilly, Kate Carroll and Tuck Tucker; proceeds benefit Good Shepherd Food Bank. 21+;

doors at 7 p.m. \$10. 513-0742; [comedyfixxlive.com](http://comedyfixxlive.com).

**Saturday, March 14**  
Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. “Called to the Dance,” with guest conductor Yoichi Udagawa and violin soloist Tessa Lark. \$20; students free. Buy at 846-5378, online or at the door (w. cash or check).

**Sunday, March 15**  
Lewiston Winter Farmer’s Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 208 Bates Street, Lewiston. Buy locally grown and made products from dozens of local vendors and have brunch at the Market café. Every 1st and 3rd Sun. thru April 29. [www.stmarysnutritioncenter.com](http://www.stmarysnutritioncenter.com).

Pot Luck Supper. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ricker Memorial Library, Rte. 26, Poland. Bring a casserole, dessert, salad or other food item to share; Ulla Hanson and her piano students will perform. Rescheduled from Feb. Pres. by Person to Person. Free. 998-4390.

## Mullingar

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Performances will take place on March 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21 and 22. Show times will be Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., with an added matinee on Saturday, March 21 at 3 p.m. The Public Theatre is located at 31 Maple Street in Lewiston. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 782-2211 or see [www.thepublictheatre.org](http://www.thepublictheatre.org).

## Trio

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Albany Records in 2011. A member of the faculty of the University at Albany, Duncan Cumming has performed concertos, recitals and chamber music concerts across the United States and Europe. Born in Maine, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa with highest honors from Bates. A review in the Portland Press Herald

has described his playing as “technically flawless... thoughtful, deliberate and balanced, without a wasted gesture or any histrionics.”

Hilary Walther Cumming also teaches at Albany. She has served as concertmaster of the Cape Cod Sinfonietta and the Andover Chamber Orchestra. She has also performed as soloist with these ensembles and others, including the Boston Symphony Orchestra. A versatile artist, she is comfortable in many styles, including classical, baroque and Irish traditional music.

Solen Dikener performs and teaches in the United States and in Turkey, where he is the director of the international summer music academy and chamber music festival Akademi Datca. In the recording studio, he has premiered cello works by Turkish composers for the AK Muzik and Yesa labels.

The concert is open to the public at no cost, but due to limited seating, tickets are required. They are available at [www.bit.ly/oacbates](http://www.bit.ly/oacbates). For more

information, call 786-6135 or email [olinarts@bates.edu](mailto:olinarts@bates.edu).

## Tucker

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Talent and a semi-finalist in Portland’s Funniest Professional contest. Kate Carroll won Bethel’s version of Last Comic Standing and founded Cause for Laughter, an annual fundraising event benefiting needy families. This ages 21-plus show will contain adult language and content. Doors will open at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$10 and may be reserved at [www.comedyfixxlive.com](http://www.comedyfixxlive.com). The Fireside Inn is located at 1777 Washington Street. For more information, call 513-0742 or email [mark@comedyfixxlive.com](mailto:mark@comedyfixxlive.com).

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# Open Mic

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## F.A.B.

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Maine dancers from the Portland Ballet’s CORPS program, the Community Dance Project Ensemble in Saco and the Auburn Dance Center. Those making return appearances will include the Denmark, Maine-based company Hio Ridge, featuring award-winning artist Cookie Harrist and Bates Dance Festival collaborator Delaney McDonough; indieworks, led by Susan Thompson Brown of Portland’s Casco Bay Movers; Debi Irons and Collective Motion, a collaboration representing two important forces in Maine

dance; StripWrecked burlesque company of Portland; L Street Dance Theater of Norway, Maine; and Bates dance students Talia Mason and Samantha Thomas.

“This fertile partnership between the Franco Center and the Bates dance program has presented over 100 dance works over the course of nine concerts,” said Carol Dilley, creator of the F.A.B. concept and an associate professor of dance at Bates College. “F.A.B. gives audiences a very rare opportunity to see such a wide variety of dance styles in one evening.

“The event also provides an important chance for these artists to network,” she added. “Dancers of all kinds - from seasoned professionals exploring new works to young dancers broadening their horizons - come together to present this program.”

Admission is \$15 for the general public, \$12 for seniors and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at [www.bit.ly/FAB-15](http://www.bit.ly/FAB-15). A small fee will be added for credit card purchases. The event is sponsored by Bates College’s Harvard Center for Community Partnerships and the Franco Center, located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 689-2000.

## Comedy Night at Guthrie’s

Comedy Night at Guthrie’s, hosted by the Portland Comedy Co-op, returns on Thursday, March 5 at 8 p.m. with one of Boston’s favorite new comedians, Kwasi Mensah, and Maine’s own Mike Johnson.

Whether pushing other kids out of the way in Kindergarten to take his big bow or holding the last note a little too long in his high school production of “Guys and Dolls,” Kwasi Mensah has never been shy about seeking out the spotlight. These days, he tries to atone for past excesses by getting audiences to laugh at the foibles of his first-generation upbringing, his awkward forays



Kwasi Mensah

into adulthood or the random thoughts of someone who, at age 15, still thought he could be a Power Ranger. He’s been featured in the Boston Comedy Arts Festival and the Cleveland Comedy Festival Showcase,

runs the monthly showcase Standup++ and co-hosts the Stand Up-Sit Down.

A native son of Waterville, Mike Johnson spent the last three years of his life honing his comedy skills in Chicago, where he produced the long running stand-up show



Mike Johnson

“Make Yourself at Home” and worked with comics like Kyle Kinane. Since bringing his lovably brash performance style back home to Maine, he’s been delighting comedy lovers across the state.

Although open to all ages, the show is recommended for those ages 18 and over. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Located at 115 Middle Street in downtown Lewiston, She Doesn’t Like Guthrie’s is a locally owned and operated restaurant offering high quality healthy food while supporting live music and local art. For more information, email [portlandcomedycoop@gmail.com](mailto:portlandcomedycoop@gmail.com) or find them on Facebook at “comeseecomedy”.

## Author, Maine Guide at Winthrop Public Library

The Winthrop Library Lakes Region Forum will present Master Maine Guide and author Ben Thomas on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. The event will take place on the first floor of the Winthrop Commerce Center at 149 Main Street, the library’s temporary location while

construction of the addition to its Bowdoin Street building is underway.

A Winthrop native and graduate of the University of Maine, Thomas is an avid ham radio operator and floatplane pilot. He is also the author of numerous magazine articles and six books, including “No Horns Blowing,” a staple guide to whitewater canoeing in Maine for more than four decades. More recently, he has been publishing Maine-based teen novels. He teaches creative writing at the University of Maine-



Ben Thomas

Augusta Senior College. Thomas will discuss how the Maine outdoors inspires his writing, including his latest teen

novel, “The Scorpion Riddle.” The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 377-8673.

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# What's Going On

## Inside Africa Fashion Show to share stories behind the clothes



Bates College student Bisola Folarin models a contemporary semi-formal dress from Nigeria at an Inside Africa Fashion Show on Nov. 8, 2013. (Photo by Sarah Crosby, Bates College)

The student Africana Club at Bates College will present its fourth Inside Africa Fashion Show on Saturday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Olin Arts Center Concert Hall at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston.

The event, which has become a recurring showcase for the continent's cultural wealth and diversity as expressed through its contemporary and traditional clothing - along with dance, music and spoken-word poetry - is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. For tickets, see [www.bit.ly/inside-africa-15](http://www.bit.ly/inside-africa-15); for more information, email [nkanu@bates.edu](mailto:nkanu@bates.edu) or [bmaso@bates.edu](mailto:bmaso@bates.edu).

Whether through fashion or performance, the event will represent at least 15 nations, from Senegal in the west to Somalia in the east, from Morocco on the Mediterranean to South Africa at the continent's southern tip.

"We expect to have around 30 models this year," says event founder Nicole Kanu, a senior rhetoric major from Little Rock,

Arkansas. "We've gathered clothes from faculty, staff, and students - some who are from the continent and others who have studied there - as well as from members of the community."

Kanu explains that this year's show will emphasize the stories behind the outfits. "There will be a lot of personal narratives for the fashions and the performances," she said. "These clothes aren't just coming from thin air. You'll hear what those who own the clothes feel about them or how they acquired them."

For example, Kanu herself has contributed an ensemble that her aunt, who lives in Nigeria, made for an elderly woman who belonged to Kanu's church in Little Rock. The woman "was very interested in Nigerian culture, and African culture in general, so that's

## Next AREA meeting March 11

The Androscoggin Retired Educators group will meet on Wednesday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. at the Green Ladle at Lewiston High School. The hostesses for this meeting will be Eileen Bowie and Crystal Ward. The speaker will be a representative from Community Little Theatre. The cost of the meal will be \$10. Members are reminded to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food pantry.

The group meets five

times per year, in September, October, November, March and April. Dues are \$10 for retired educators, \$6 for spouses and free for honorary members (those aged 85 and older). You need not have taught in Androscoggin County, or even in the State of Maine, to join; all retired educators are welcome. Please send reservations by March 4 to Eileen Bowie, P.O. Box 86, Lisbon, ME 04250. For more information, call 782-4413.

why she wanted it made," said Kanu.

For this year's show, Kanu also hopes to include fashions by designers who came to Maine from Somalia and the Congo. This idea speaks to her overriding goal for the show, which is to connect people. "My passion lies in community development," she says. "I'm very in tune with fashion, but the point of the show is really to bring people together."

Kanu launched Inside Africa in 2012, hoping to raise consciousness about the wealth and breadth of African culture. While

she originally thought the event would be a one-time venture, she'll graduate this spring after producing four installments. Taking her place at the show's helm next year will be Bantu Mabaso, a first-year student from Mpaka, Swaziland.

Mabaso says that Kanu's emphasis on community building is what attracted her to the project. "That's what inspires me, and I feel we can continue with it in so many different and innovative ways," Mabaso says. "Fashion is an up-and-coming industry in Africa, so there's definitely potential for us."

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