

## Caregivers recognized at CMMC

Two Central Maine Medical Center care providers have been recognized by the organization for providing compassionate and exceptional care. Certified registered nurse anesthetist Tina Moring of Sabattus was recognized with the DAISY Award. Certified nurse assistant Patti Desrosiers of Auburn was the recipient of the Sunshine Award.

"She picked up my hand with hers and held it and then looked at me and asked me if I was scared or nervous, and that's when I could feel the compassion roll off of her and onto me. Now that is nursing, and this is going above and beyond," wrote the person who nominated Moring for the DAISY Award.

A graduate of the University of New England in Portland, Moring has wide ranging nursing experience. In addition to her present role as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, she has worked in the medical-surgical and intensive care practice settings.

"Patti [Desrosiers] was very compassionate with my dad. Her smile has brightened his day. She has interacted with our family and has shown a great deal of kindness. Patti's gentle approach to her patients and their families provides a significant contribution to their



Tina Moring



Patti Desrosiers

recovery," wrote a patient's family member.

Desrosiers has worked at Central Maine Medical Center for nearly 20 years. Her experience includes work in both pediatric and maternity-baby care. She presently works in an acute nursing care setting and is hoping to earn a registered nursing degree.

The DAISY Award is sponsored by the DAISY Foundation and recognizes nurses who consistently demonstrate in their work

the attributes of a nursing profession role model. The Sunshine Award was established to reward and celebrate the extraordinary skills and compassionate care given by technical support staff.

Winners of both awards consistently demonstrate compassion, patient- and family-focused care, passion for life, patient advocacy, and support for their fellow healthcare team members. The awards are made on a quarterly basis.

## Franco Center presents "Holiday in Lights"



The center's magnificent Performance Hall will be filled with holiday music and cheer when Mitch Thomas & Friends take to the stage on Saturday, December 19.

The Franco Center will present "Holiday in Lights" with Mitch Thomas & Friends on Saturday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. This annual holiday event will

take place in the center's magnificent Performance Hall. Doors will open at 6:15 for a pre-show reception.

Thomas, a local pianist-singer-songwriter who

is the Center's executive director and also directs and performs at Community Little Theatre, will present a variety of seasonal favorites. See **Franco**, page 3

## Winter Farmers' Market offers holiday fare

Come shop for your unique and local holiday needs when the Lewiston Winter Farmers' Market opens for business on Sunday, December 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Gift items will include handcrafted soaps and body lotions, holiday sweets, homemade jams and jellies, jewelry and gift cards. There will be beautiful wreaths, Celtic Christmas ornaments and one of a kind Asiatic Lilies to



You'll find unique local items to decorate your home and dress your holiday table at the Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market on Sunday, December 20.

decorate your home, while delicious food offerings to dress your holiday table will include turkey and duck, fresh winter vegetables, artisan breads, cheeses and homemade pies.

For a small donation, families will have an opportunity to decorate some holiday cookies to bring home. The market's regular musicians, Paul Puia and Family, will provide the live music, and the Market Café will have brunch specials available for dining in or for take-out.

The market accepts SNAP (food stamps) and credit cards. Through the Fresh Food Champion Program, for every \$2 in SNAP benefits customers spend, they receive \$1 back in market dollars (up to a \$10 maximum) to purchase more fruits and vegetables.

Located at St. Mary's Nutrition Center, 208 Bates Street in Lewiston, the Lewiston Winter Farmers' Market is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of every month through January 17. For more information, including directions, call 513-3848 or email [lewistonfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:lewistonfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Race organizer presents check to Mustang Athletics



Bob Brainerd (2nd from l.) presents a check to Central Maine Community College Athletic Director Dave Gonyea. With them are CMCC Admissions Director and Women's Basketball Coach Andrew Morong (l.) and Corporate Training Coordinator and Men's Soccer Coach Bryan Wallace. The funds for the gift were raised at the fourth annual Lake Auburn Half Marathon, held on the CMCC campus in September. Brainerd, who serves as an adjunct instructor and athletic trainer at CMCC, is the founder and co-director of the event, which partners with Moving Maine Forward to help local youth develop healthy living skills through nutrition education, physical activity and empowerment programming. For more information, see [www.lakeauburnhalf.com](http://www.lakeauburnhalf.com).

## Mason, Crafts present Joint Resolution to Israeli Knesset



Sen. Garret Mason and Rep. Dale Crafts present a Joint Resolution of the 126th Maine Legislature affirming its support of Israel to Revital Swid of the Israeli National Legislature.

Maine Senate Majority Leader Garrett Mason (R-Androscoggin) and Representative Dale Crafts (R-Lisbon) met with a member of the Israeli National Legislature, known as the Knesset, recently to present a Joint Resolution from

the 126th Maine Legislature.

"It was an honor to meet with Revital Swid of the Israeli Knesset to present this Joint Resolution supporting Israel," said Senator Mason. "To do so in Israel was especially momentous. The Joint Resolution describes Maine's connections to and support of Israel, a message I was proud to convey."

"Bringing a goodwill message from Mainers to Israel was an incredible experience," added Representative Crafts. "It was also remarkable to visit Jaffa, a colony in Israel founded by Mainers in 1866, and to see Mainers' direct impact on the Holy Land."

The Joint Resolution was passed by the 126th Maine Legislature in 2013. It received unanimous support in the Maine Senate and passed the House with a bipartisan margin of 124-11.

## L-A Optimist Club names new officers



New York-New England Optimist Club District Governor Peter Stutz (l.), with new Lewiston-Auburn Optimist Club officers (l. to r.) Joan Godbout (treasurer), Doug Stone (president) and Sheryl Mathews (secretary). Not pictured is new club vice president Gordon Kingdon. For more information about the L-A Optimist Club, find them on Facebook.

## Rebekah Lodge supports Tri-Town Food Bank



The Colfax Rebekah Lodge #27 recently donated \$1,500 to the Tri-Town Food Bank in Poland. Here Lodge Noble Grand Cynthia Larrabee (r.) presents a check to food bank director Sharon Bazinet as Lodge Treasurer Sally Fournier (l.) and Lodge Vice-Grand Winnie Belville look on. The Rebekahs are an international fraternal organization that strives to support projects that benefit mankind. (Photo by Esther Tucker)

## Teens plan to distribute gifts to nursing home residents

During the season of Advent, many organizations hold toy drives for families in need and provide gifts to children who otherwise might not receive them. As wonderful and impactful as those collections can be, Deacon Denis Mailhot, the outreach coordinator for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Auburn, realized that giving campaigns could also be enhanced for benefitting another particular group.

"In the past, we've asked our parishioners to consider participating with the purchase of Christmas gifts for children in the Au-

burn community," said Deacon Mailhot. "In surveying the area, I realized that more could be done for the elderly population residing in nursing homes, especially during the holidays."

Don Smith, the faith formation director at the parish, and teens from the parish's youth ministry program, decided to respond. Thanks to generous donations from parishioners, parish staff and other community members, the teens will deliver nearly 100 Christmas gift bags, which will include Hershey chocolate. *See Teens, page 3*

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## Governor's Address: As LMF bonds are released, poor Mainers should get some benefit too.

This week, I authorized \$5 million in bonds for Land for Maine's Future. As politicians and environmentalists celebrate, I am thinking about poor Mainers who still need our help.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

My position all along has been this: if rich landowners and wealthy conservation organizations are going to benefit from selling private properties to LMF and ask Maine taxpayers to pay for the land, then senior citizens and other low-income Mainers should get a benefit too.

I proposed that revenue from an increased timber harvest on public lands be used to help poor and low-income Mainers upgrade to more efficient and affordable heating systems.

Heating fuel prices may have fallen, but prices will surely go up again. Politicians would rather watch senior citizens and other poor Mainers freezing in their homes so they can cater to special interests—all so the rich can enjoy walking trails and scenic views funded by the taxpayers. Politicians always pay lip service about helping the poor. But this whole issue demonstrates



Governor Paul R. LePage

that legislators will give into environmental special interests to the detriment of Maine's poor every time.

Furthermore, politicians have ignored my re-

peated warnings about a devastating invasion of the spruce budworm coming to our Northern forest. The last infestation in the 1970s and '80s ruined nearly 25 million cords of wood. We must increase the timber harvest before the valuable resource is lost to the spruce budworm. If politicians don't want to use revenue from the timber harvest to help needy Mainers stay warm, they should not be re-elected next year.

Politicians in Augusta don't know what it's like to be cold in the winter, but I do. It's a feeling you never forget. Sadly, legislators would rather play the

reactive political angles of a hot-button issue than proactively do what's right for the Maine people. As status quo politicians are so fond of saying, never let a serious crisis go to waste.

These career politicians are the first to complain about high property taxes in their communities, but they are part of the problem. When land is taken off the tax rolls for LMF, the Maine people get hit twice. First, their local property taxes increase to make up for the lost value of the land. And second, they must pay higher taxes to service the debt on these bonds. This puts the

burden on the Mainers who can least afford it: middle-class families, the working poor, senior citizens and others on fixed incomes.

Make no mistake; I respect the will of the people. They elected me twice to bring fiscal responsibility and common-sense reform to state government, which includes managing our state's debt and rooting out greedy politicians. Be assured, I will continue working to defend the Maine taxpayer, and I will find ways to assist our neighbors in need.

Thank You,  
Paul R. LePage  
Governor

## Franco

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including some of his own compositions and arrangements, including "Light A Candle for Peace."

Local artists who will perform are Erin Menzer, past winner and judge of the Maine's Got Talent competition; soprano Kristen J. Thomas; frequent Community Little Theatre performer Maddy Leslie; her sister, Mia-Angelina Leslie; Tiffany Warren, who was "Dorothy" in CLT's "The Wiz"; and her sister, Nakesha (Kay) Warren, who directs at CLT and starred in its productions of "Hairspray" and "Into the Woods."

Also performing will be popular local singers Carl Steidel, Caroline Young Coffin, Hayden Thomas, Heather Marichal and Jay Barrett; trumpeters Jody Steidel and Steve Fleck, violinists Aya Wakita and Ryan Spooner, bassist Jeff Munson, guitarist Neil James, organist Jon Whitmore, pianist Stephen Saxon and drummer Jeff Mayerson.

The performance will kick off with a very special ceremony honoring two of the Center's local benefactors. Many special guests and dignitaries will be in attendance.

The Franco Center, located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston, is wheelchair ac-

cessible. Tickets are \$15 each or \$12 for seniors; students with ID will be admitted free of charge. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 689-2000, visiting the box office Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., or at FrancoCenter.org.

## Teens

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lates, skin lotion, tissues and a Christmas card from the parish's pastoral staff.

The Christmas gift bags will be given to residents of Clover Health Care in Auburn as part of the parish choir's Christmas Carol concert on Monday, December 14. Following the concert and Communion Service, the teens will assist Deacon Denis by distributing the gift bags to the residents at the Clover gathering. "We hope to expand this program to other Auburn nursing homes next year," said Deacon Mailhot.

## LA 9-1-1 earns second reaccreditation

The Lewiston-Auburn 9-1-1 Emergency Communications System earned its second reaccreditation from the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation in Miami recently, marking nine years of commitment to a voluntary process of compliance demonstrated by adherence to management and operational policies and procedures.

LA 9-1-1 first achieved accreditation in 2009 and has twice since demonstrated their adherence to the policies and practices that make up the CALEA state-of-the-art standards. LA 9-1-1 remains the only accredited 9-1-1 Center in Maine and only one of two CALEA accredited 9-1-1 Centers in New England. There are currently only 47 CALEA accredited 9-1-1 Centers throughout the U.S.

"CALEA sets forth a systematic guide to all aspects of a well-managed public safety communications center, from human resources and recruiting procedures to

operational management and critical incidents, homeland security and long term planning," said Phyllis Gamache, Director of the Lewiston-Auburn 9-1-1 Center. "CALEA sets 217 standards or benchmarks for 9-1-1 Centers; our goal is to meet those benchmarks through policies and procedures and our day-to-day practices.

For example, CALEA standards require the agency to have a multi-year plan which includes: long term goals and operational objectives; anticipated workload and population trends; anticipated personnel

levels; anticipated capital improvements and equipment needs; and a documented annual review and revision of the multi-year plan as needed.

"Every three years, a CALEA team of assessors visits our center to examine our written directives," Gamache continued. "They review our policies and look for written proof that we're doing the things our policies say we do. In the multi-year plan example, the assessors look for proof that we've reviewed our long term goals and operational objectives, that we have identified what we need to repair

and replace, that we're aware of public safety and technology trends locally and nationally, and that we review and update all of this information each year between assessments."

Two assessors were in Auburn in July to conduct the three-day review. In their final recommendation to the CALEA commission, they noted a variety of areas in which the center excels, including a well-documented and executed training and quality assurance plan, call taking and dispatch performance measures that exceed national standards, and an above average performance evaluation program.

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Only Steps Forward

# Shop local and support small businesses on “Sparkle Sunday”

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

By looking at the ground and feeling the outdoor temperatures, it may appear the Christmas season has not arrived. But to many I'm sure it's arrived in your homes—decorations are up, shopping lists are being crossed out and preparations are under way for parties with family and friends.

And while Auburn may not have the diversity of retail selections as the Maine Mall, Freeport or Kittery, this community has a growing number of options for small retail businesses, and this is the perfect time of year to give them a boost.

One of the things I hear most often about Au-

burn, in terms of what residents want for economic development, is the need for more retail. Folks list off the national chains they see elsewhere and wish they didn't need to drive so far to patronize them; others recount their experiences of walking Exchange Street in the Old Port or Market Street in Portsmouth.

During the holiday season, I hear this request even more. But here's the good news: while I can't do it alone, we can fix this problem together.

The national chains have sophisticated formulas that determine where they will set up shop—data like household incomes, the number of residents



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

with graduate degrees, total traffic volume on certain streets—but those businesses you see on Main Streets all over New England don't. They are owned by your neighbors, the people you see at the grocery store or pass on the street. No fancy formula, just their passion for their product or service drives them to open their doors.

Changing our data for the national chains won't happen overnight, but we can do some things right now to help grow small businesses.

If you aren't finished your Christmas shopping yet, here's a simple idea. Try to add one local gift for each person on your list. It could be something small, like candy from Maine Gourmet Chocolates or barbecue sauce from 3 Spicy Boys, both of Auburn, or a gift certificate to dine at a local restaurant.

Not sure where to find locally made items? An afternoon walk down Main Street, Court Street, Mill Street or even Lisbon Street in Lewiston should help!

The Festival of Lights event held on November 28 in Lewiston-Auburn offered small business specials along with the parade and tree lighting. This Sunday, December 20, is “Sparkle Sunday,” when many downtown businesses and restaurants will be offering specials and highlighting locally made products.

Beyond the warm, fuzzy feeling you'd have

from shopping locally and knowing your gift would come with a story about who made it, growing our economy here in Lewiston-Auburn is more dependent on your shopping local than going to the national chains.

Numerous studies by people much smarter than me have found that of the revenue generated by big box retail and local retail, the percentage that stays local is two to three times greater in that local business.

No, we probably won't see revenues from small business compete with what Wal-Mart churns through in the holiday season, but that's not the point. If there's an interest to grow our community and our economy, making the intentional decision to do some of your Christmas shopping with a local small business, vendor or craftsman is something tangible you can do to help.

While you're out shop-

ping local, please also consider supporting one of the many organizations that support children and families this Christmas. I know I'm thankful for the work of the Auburn Fire Department and their Truckload of Christmas program that raises money year-round to make special deliveries from Santa a reality for many kids in Auburn.

And our Auburn Police Department and Auburn PAL Center are also actively putting smiles on children's faces through programming and special events through the holidays.

While this community faces many challenges, none of them will be solved by any new government program or service. We will grow our economy, lift up and support our young people through the actions of our citizens and their generosity.

Here's wishing all of you and your families a Merry Christmas.

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## Holiday trash, recycling pick-up for Auburn

Auburn Public Works will conduct no waste or recycling collection on Christmas Day, Friday, De-

cember 25. There will be no special recycling collection for Christmas Day; normal recycling collection for these

residents will resume on Friday, January 8.

Please note that there will be regular waste and

recycling collection on New Year's Day, Friday, January 1. Trash and recycling can also be dropped off at Mid Maine Waste Action Corporation (783-8805) at 110 Goldwaite Road in Auburn Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

## Nomination papers available for Greene election

Nomination papers are now available for the Town of Greene's upcoming municipal election on March 4. There are two positions available on the Board of Selectmen, including Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, replacing Ronald Grant and Donald Bedford. There is also one position available on the MSAD 52 School Board, replacing Diana Morgan. These positions are for three-year terms.

Those wishing to take out nomination papers must obtain at least 25 and not more than 100 signatures from registered voters in Greene. Nomination papers must be returned to the town office by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19. For more information, contact Deputy Town Clerk Sally Ann Hebert at 946-5146 or sahebert@fairpoint.net.

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# Time to put ideology aside and make a difference

By Robert E. Macdonald  
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Before I start this week's column, I want to wish my Jewish friends, neighbors and readers a Happy Hanukkah.

Good news! For the next two years, Lewiston will continue to remain a Politically Correct-Free zone. City residents will be lionized instead of vilified for saying "Merry Christmas," "Happy Hanukkah" or any other phrase our liberal progressives find hurtful or appalling.

In editorials, news stories and letters to the editor, fear is being expressed about the possible polarization of the incoming Lewiston City Council, which will result in nothing getting done. I think that assessment may be premature.

After talking with some of the incoming councilors and several of Lewiston's state legislators, what appeared a disaster may turn into a perfect storm. In January, I think we can put ideology aside and make a difference.

The headlines in Lewiston's daily paper read: "City Offices No Place For Party Politics." I certainly agree! The mayor, city councilors and the city administrator are forced to deal with the political dictates of partisan federal and state governments. Our job is to figure out how to implement these mandates with the least amount of fiscal impact to our local property taxpayers.

When you're at the bottom of the food chain,



Mayor Bob Macdonald

you find that problems quickly roll down the hill. To keep our city's head above water, political differences must be put aside.

Unlike other Maine cities and towns, Lewiston's elections have taken a partisan turn because of the actions of former mayor

Larry Gilbert and the attitudes perpetuated by the local daily paper.

During his five-year tenure, the former mayor developed a myopic focus on the small area of downtown neighborhoods—an area that unfortunately defines Lewiston's reputation to those throughout Maine. He remained ignorant to the views of property taxpayers. After all, they were overwhelmingly Democrats. No problem there with support.

The former mayor and the daily papers repeatedly highlighted each of our party affiliations. This shows how much they are out of touch and unacquainted with the people of Lewiston and Androscoggin County.

Both focused only on the surface. Beneath the first layer were Catholics and Evangelicals, conservative

voters who felt disenfranchised. Since their views and beliefs are contrary to those of the liberal progressives in the Democratic Party, these folks have been condemned and labeled as "bigots," "racists" or "homophobes." They have been brow beaten and frowned upon for simply wishing each other a "Merry Christmas."

In national news, Donald Trump brought local voters to the polls. People across the country and in Maine are turned off by slick-talking politicians and their empty promises. This explains why Governor Paul R. LePage and I have been elected repeatedly. We speak the truth for the silent majority of voters.

Radio show host Howie Carr also made a difference in the race. I went on his show at 3:45 p.m., and

by 4:30 p.m. at least 50 to 60 voters stopped to tell me they had heard me on the show. Thanks, Howie.

Lewiston and Androscoggin County may be dominated by those registered as Democrats, but it seems to be getting redder with each passing day. The more the Maine Democratic Party moves radically to the left, the more it alienates the fiscally conservative, moderate and common-sense Democrats.

I close with an apology to state Senator Justin Alford (a.k.a. Guy Fawkes), the rich Portland liberal legislator who supported my opponent: I'm sorry I ruined your third day of Hanukkah by winning re-election. The flowers I sent you represent my sincere apology.

This is Mayor Curmudgeon, signing off.

## CASA program needs volunteer children's advocates

Would you be interested in speaking up for a Maine foster child? The Maine Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program will present its spring training session for volunteer advocates from March 8 through 11 in the Augusta area. Those attending will learn about all aspects of child advocacy work in order to be certified as volunteer guardians ad litem for the Maine District Court. The four-day training session is provided free of charge.

Maine CASAs are community volunteers who are appointed to serve as advocates, called guardians ad litem (GALs), for children whose parents are involved in a child protection court case. CASAs conduct an investigation and then advise the judge in writing of what they believe is in the child's best interest. The foundation of the CASA's work is getting to know the child so he or she can tell the judge what the child wishes, according to the Maine Judicial Branch's GAL Services Coordinator Libby McCullum, Esq.

Guided throughout the process by staff attorneys, CASAs come from a wide variety of professional and personal backgrounds and bring a unique perspec-

tive from their own life and community to their role.

Last year, over 400 children involved in a child protection court case had a volunteer CASA who served as their voice in court. Right now, there are more foster children than CASA volunteers. If you have a big heart and are willing to speak up for a Maine child, apply to become a CASA volunteer. You do not need any special training to apply, other than having a high school diploma or GED equivalent. You must be

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For more information about becoming a volunteer, contact Maine CASA Legal Services Advisor Darren Defoe, Esq. at 213-2864 or Darren.Defoe@courts.maine.gov.

For more information about the Maine CASA Program, see [www.casaof-maine.org](http://www.casaof-maine.org).

## Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Prince of Peace Parish will host a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Tuesday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church, 607 Sabattus Street in Lewiston. The service tells the story of the promise and coming of the Messiah in nine short Bible readings from the prophetic

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*Out & About with Rachel Morin*

## Reviewing the Fall Semester at L-A Senior College



*True Womanhood and Women's Activism in 19th Century America* Instructor Jean Potuchek, far right, with students Estelle Rubinstein, Susan Matthews, Ruth Straele, Florence Roberts (Rachel Morin Photo)



*Discovering Water Colors* Instructor Joie Crocett, far right, with students Martha Sirois, Sue Engebritson, Jheri Moran. (Anita Poulin Photo)



*The Gods and Us: Religion and the Human Career* Instructor Steven Piker, rear; with students Claire Small, Lucy Bisson, Paul Boucher, Tom Hamilton, Warren Jensen. (Cynthia Peters Photo)



*The Reformation* Instructor Alan Elze, far right, with students, Edith Jordan, David Gardner, Hugh Keene, John Mitchell and Adriann Tucker. (Cynthia Peters)



*Memoir Writing Class* Instructors Pauline Fortin, left, and Leelaine Picker, standing; seated students are June Spear, Betty Campbell, Laura Sturgis and Roger Turcotte. (Rachel Morin Photo)



*Introduction to Spanish* Instructor Jean Roy, wearing her sweater from Spain, with students, Bob Gilbert and Sue Blouin. (Cynthia Peters Photo)

**By Rachel Morin** Auburn Senior College. It is now mid-December. Darkened at USM's Lewiston

grow cold. I look forward to the Winter Solstice as daylight will soon be on the increase. I take comfort in Oliver Herford's words, "I

heard a bird sing in the dark of December. We are nearer to spring than we were in September."

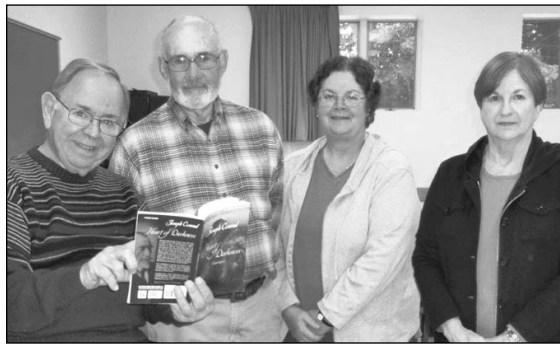
Lights celebrating Hanukkah just ending, and Christmas soon upon us, we reflect on our accomplishments in the

year 2015 and note we have had a successful and full year.

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Hugh Keene, Phun with Physics Instructor; right, with Eloise O'Neill, Gene Gilbert, Grace Keene (Rachel Morin Photo)



*A Search for Meaning and Identity* Instructor George Blouin, left, with students Curt Arey, Betsy Way, Charlene Belanger (Cynthia Peters Photo)



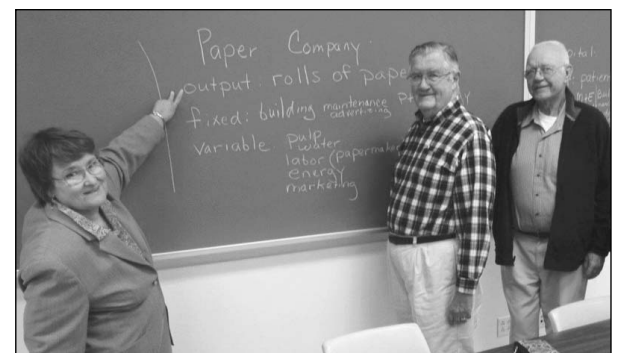
*Improv Theater* Instructor Dan Marois, far right with students, Front, Terry Bazinet, Diane Clay, Liz Hoy. Back, Paul Belisle, Diane Williams, John Hodgkins, Dave Marshall, Phil Vampatella. (Rachel Morin Photo)




Christine Holden, *Badly Behaved Women (in European History)* Instructor, far right; with students Nancy Daniels, Lydia Gilbert, Kathy Bidwell, Kate Shaughnessy. Holden's class was filled to capacity with only one man in the class. David Bernier held his own! (Rachel Morin Photo)



*Genealogy* Instructor, Ethelind Wright, leans over her students, Diane Bilodeau, Maureen Chicoine, Linda Ferri, Anita Therrien. (Cynthia Peters Photo)



*Economics* Instructor Alene Staley, left, with students Bob Bowyer and John Hodgkins (Cynthia Peters)



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# LAC

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Our fall registration showed 289 registrants; 93 were new members. We are growing and offering more services to the public. Among my senior college friends and fellow colleagues on the Board of Directors, we continue to marvel at the wonderful resource Senior College offers senior citizens. We have an opportunity to learn with classes taught by volunteer instructors who teach for the love of teaching and we students who attend for the love of learning. It's a powerful partnership. The motto on our logo says it all: "Forever Learning."

Reflecting on our fall semester, classes have increased in number and diversity and always filled to capacity. In fact, sometimes a waiting list is created. Included in the fall curriculum were The Reformation, U.S. National Parks, brain activity/function, poetry, languages, religion, literature, Maine artists, economics, computer, physics, art classes, genealogy, investments, memoir writing, Improv Theater, jewelry making and WWII history.

With a \$25 annual membership, classes are \$25 each for the first two classes and \$10 for each additional course. A membership perk is the popular Winter Series offered in January and February, with morning and afternoon classes on different topics free to members.

We now have collaborations with Schooner Estates, Seniors Plus and our two fine libraries in Auburn and Lewiston, where our Winter Series are offered to the public free of charge at these locations. Two of our instructors present classes to residents at Schooner Estates each semester for the residents who are members. Seniors Plus is another location for sr. college classes for our members.

Senior College welcomes anyone in Lewiston-Auburn and surrounding towns who is 50 or over and has a keen interest in learning and meeting people with like minds and interests. Annual membership fee is \$25. There are no entrance requirements and one need only have an interest in learning. There are no tests, exams or grading. One gets out of the course what one puts into it.

It is exhilarating to be in these classes to see active participation, discussion and questions coming from the students. I always say senior college people are interesting people because they ARE interested in the world and what is going on around them and eager to learn. USM LA College Dean Joyce T. Gibson, Ph.D. is pleased and proud of our accomplishments

and attends many of our activities, her schedule permitting. She knows us all

and stops and chats with us in the corridors.

We are an active

group. Our Food For Thought luncheons host outstanding, dynamic

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able librarian. Patrons wishing to wrap their own gifts may also come by the library for copies of the coupon.

LPL offers year-round, one-on-one sessions for patrons wanting to learn how to check out items from the library's large collection of digital audiobooks and ebooks. The sessions are available to the public free of charge but must be scheduled in advance.

For more information, contact the Adult & Teen Services Desk at 513-3135 or [LPLReference@LewistonMaine.gov](mailto:LPLReference@LewistonMaine.gov).

## Air Force enlistees support Viles Arboretum



A group of Air Force recruiters and enlistees helped out with pre-winter clean-up at Viles Arboretum in Augusta recently. Pictured here (l. to r.) are aspiring Pararescue Technician Ryan Buzzell, aspiring UAV Pilot Stephanie Bouchard, Services Apprentice Robyn Black, Special Vehicle Maintenance Technician Beyongwoo Jung, Cyber Transport Systems Technician Zach Ball, SSgt and Auburn Recruiter Rick Wilson, TSgt and Waterville Recruiter Michael Lujan, TSgt and Augusta Recruiter Dan Sherrill, Mechanical Aptitude Technician Chris Barrows, Signals Intelligence Technician Cassandra Day and aspiring Security Forces Apprentice Caroline Littrell.

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We submit photos and news of our events to the monthly Maine Senior College Network Newsletter at USM Portland campus, connecting all 17 Senior Colleges in the State of Maine. And submissions to the local media as well.

We have four Special Interest Groups, Theater with Dave Marshall, Dine-Around with John Hodgkins, Outdoor Adventures with Patricia Vampatella and Cindy Boyd and Cross-Country Skiing with Paul and Sally Belisle. A book group is looking for a leader to get started.

A first time Art Show was held this past May with art students exhibiting and a first time Poetry Reading was held in November with poetry students reciting their original poetry. Both events were open to the public and a good attendance was enjoyed.

We also have access to one of the largest Franco-American Collections of photos, letters, records, books, music, documents, crafts and fine needlework in the State of Maine as well as access to the computer lab and library. Our Atrium Gallery has regular exhibits open to the public. You could say Senior College is like a second home.

Senior College is always open to new members. If interested, you are invited to call the volunteer line at 753-6610 and leave your name and phone number. Your call will be returned.

Here are some photos from our fall semester to give you an idea of our classes and some of the instructors and students involved.



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# Bishop celebrates Grandparents Day Mass at St. Dominic Academy



The event attracted 1,000 participants.

As Bishop Robert P. Deeley looked out over the standing-room only crowd gathered inside Saint Dominic Academy's Callahan Family Memorial Gym on Wednesday, November 25, he noticed a difference from the typical assemblies that take place there.

"Some of the people I see here this morning look like they've already graduated from school," said the bishop to a laughing crowd. "You've brought your grandparents to school! You wanted to share the



Students held hands with and hugged their special guests.

gift of this school with your grandparents who help you to be able to attend by the help they give you and the love they show you. That's wonderful."

In turn, the smiling students held hands with and hugged their special guests, creating just one of many indelible moments and scenes on Grandparents Day at Saint Dominic Academy. Grandparents and great-grandparents of students from both the Auburn and Lewiston campuses of the school spent time with their loved ones before coming together in the gym for a special Mass, celebrated by Bishop Deeley, which drew over 1,000 people.

At the end of Wednesday's Mass, Jim King, the new superintendent of Maine Catholic Schools, introduced himself and offered his thanks to all in attendance for their commitment to ensuring that Saint Dominic Academy continues to grow and thrive. First graders and seventh graders also presented the bishop with a handmade card that they had signed.

In addition, the in-

augural Raymond R. Bedard Scholarship was awarded to Saint Dominic Academy junior Camden Jalbert. The scholarship is named after Ray Bedard (1928-2014), who attended St. Dom's Regional High School from 1943 to



After mass, the school's inaugural Raymond R. Bedard Scholarship was awarded to junior Camden Jalbert.

1947 and was known for his excellence as a student-athlete and as a leader both in school and in life. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a Saint Dominic

Academy student-athlete who possesses a strong work ethic, an above-average GPA, and displays dedication to being a team player.



Students held hands with and hugged their special guests.

Following the Mass, the students were dismissed to enjoy Thanksgiving vacation.

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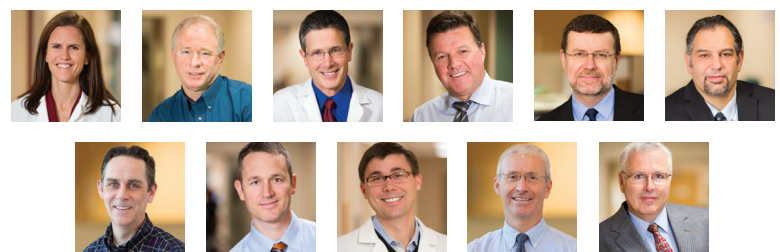
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## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### WHA Gallery features paintings by Hetherly, Garvey



"Jackie's Garden," by Pamela Hetherly



Painting by Julianne Garvey

Works by painters Pamela Hetherly and Julianne Garvey are now on display at the Central Maine Medical Center Woman's Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery through the end of December.

A self-described "representational painter," Hetherly studied in Italy at the Jerusalem Studio School in Civita Castellana. "I was exposed to a number of incredible artists there, and I feel that the teaching honed my skills and set me off toward a new way of seeing," she says. "My focus since then has been to slow down and notice everything. I've been experimenting with interesting palettes and with capturing values, and welcoming all those happy accidents."

A graduate of the College of William and Mary in Virginia, Julianne Garvey gained exposure to art history in college, where she enjoyed her complete freedom in the studio. "Since then, family life and work have taken the majority of my time, but have never dampened my enthusiasm for expressing myself through many different mediums, with my first love being watercolors," she says. "Living in Maine, being constantly surrounded by the beauty that abounds here, is my never-ending inspiration."

Some of the works on display may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop, located adjacent to the Main Lobby. A percentage of sale proceeds benefits CMMC.

### Maine-ly Harmony presents holiday concert



Based in Augusta, the Maine-ly Harmony women's barbershop chorus consists of members from across the state.

The Maine-ly Harmony women's barbershop chorus will present a special holiday program, "A Joyful Sound," on Saturday, December 19 at 2 p.m. at the Kennebec Community Church (formerly St. Andrews) on Rt. 105, So. Belfast Avenue, in Augusta. The performance is free and

open to the public.

In addition to the chorus's four-part harmony renditions of favorite holiday carols and popular songs, the program will feature guest guitarists performing country tunes, a piano and flute trio, and an audience sing-along. Richard Danforth of Chelsea will be the emcee.

Hot cocoa and homemade cookies will be served after the program.

The chorus, directed by Kathy Greason of Hallowell, includes members from all over the state. For more information, contact Donna Ryder at 582-5523 or aryder3@roadrunner.com.

### Lewiston High runners support Jubilee Center

The Lewiston High School Indoor Track and Cross Country Teams recently completed a community service project supporting the Trinity Jubilee Center at the Episcopal Church in Lewiston.

Over the week-long project, the team collected over 20 bags of clothing, collected enough cans and bottles to buy 350 diapers, and served meals on Veterans Day, November 11.



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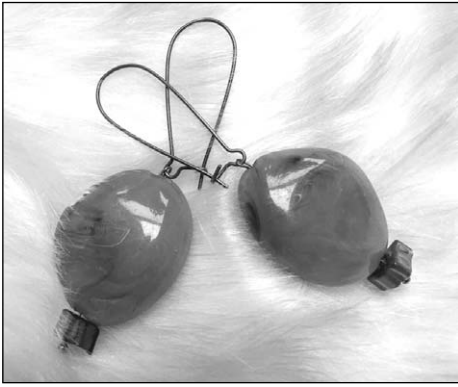
## Sparkle Sunday offers artisan gifts, crafts for kids

Downtown Lisbon Street will be alive with holiday activity for last minute shoppers on Sparkle Sunday, December 20. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 15 venues between Paul's Clothing and J. Dostie Jewelry will be open to offer artisan gifts, crafts for kids, gift certificates, wine and food tastings, and all around "joie de vivre."

Thirty artists and crafters will present their work in shops along the street. Items available



"Balloons Over Auburn" photo composite by Tamera, featured at Sidecar



Earrings by Rachel Jalbert, featured at Chill Yoga

for purchase will include Ayurvedic oils, hand bags, jewelry, paintings, photography, pottery, chocolates, stuffed animals and yarn.

Sandwich boards listing the artists inside will be displayed outside each venue. Postcards listing the venues, activities and times will also be available. For more information, see [www.chillyyoga.net](http://www.chillyyoga.net).

## APL receives grant for teen Great Stories Club



Participants will read and discuss books chosen to resonate with reluctant teen readers who struggle in their lives with complex issues.

Auburn Public Library has been selected to receive a competitive grant from the American Library Association to host a reading and discussion program designed for at-risk teens.

As one of 50 Great Stories Club Grant recipients selected from across the country, the library, in partnership with the Boys

& Girls Club of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn Clubhouse, will work with a group of 6 to 10 teens to read and discuss modern novels.

"The teenage years are a particularly difficult time for many, and it's easy to become insular and detached from the people and ideas around you," said Donna

Wallace, Teen Librarian at Auburn Public Library and Project Director for the Great Stories Club. "I'm excited that, with support from the Great Stories Club program, we will offer our teens a new avenue in which to read, share and reflect on ideas that are relevant to their lives."

Under the theme "Hack the Feed: Media, Resistance, Revolution," participants will read three titles: "Feed" by M.T. Anderson, "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins, and "March: Book One" by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell. The titles, selected by librarian advisors and humanities scholars, were chosen to resonate with reluctant teen readers who struggle with complex issues. Through book discussions and activities, See *APL*, page 12

# Twin City Nights

## UU Theater presents "Ho Ho Holiday Drag Show"



Miss Jacinda will be among the performers in this year's Ho Ho Holiday Drag Show on Saturday, December 19.

UU Theater will present its fourth annual "Ho Ho Holiday Drag Show" on Saturday, December 19 at 8

p.m. This holiday-themed show will benefit the First Universalist Church of Auburn, a welcoming congregation. Whether you've been naughty or nice, the show will surely lift your spirits.

Emceeding the show will be fabulous producer-director Christopher Dufour. Look for inspired performances by Miss Jacinda, Jersey Dior, Brystal Kremer, Lucille, Shaunna Rai, Sheneeda Diet, Leanna Love, Prodigy Diamond, Denny Do-Me-Right and Angelo Gilberti. Drinks, pub-style food and 50/50 raffle tickets will be sold. Dancing and karaoke will follow the show. Tickets are \$10. Please note that the event takes place this year at a new location, the Elks Lodge at 1675 Lisbon Road in Lewiston. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for a meet-and-greet with the cast. For more information, see [www.auburnuu.org](http://www.auburnuu.org) or find Golden Goddess Productions on Facebook.

## UMCA presents Mitch and Friends

The United Methodist Church of Auburn will present its annual "Mitch and Friends" concert on Saturday, December 19 at 2 p.m. The event is free and

open to the public, so come and enjoy some music of the season. Mitch and Friends will also perform later in the day (7:30 p.m.) at the Franco Center in Lewis-

ton, where there will be an admission fee to attend. The church is located at 439 Park Avenue. For more information, call the church office at 782-3972.



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## Hooked wall pieces inspired by master paintings at Maine Fiberarts

Hooked wall pieces inspired by master paintings, along with a wide variety of creations to wrap around the neck, are now on display at Maine Fiberarts through December

31. The exhibition includes 60 works by 22 Maine artists. The hooked wall pieces feature beautiful and fanciful designs inspired by master paintings of van Gogh, Botticelli, Gauguin,

Matisse, Klimt, Picasso and others. The neck wraps include pieces that are woven, knitted, stitched, collaged and felted using wool, cotton, silk, cashmere, acrylic, paper and alpaca. This is

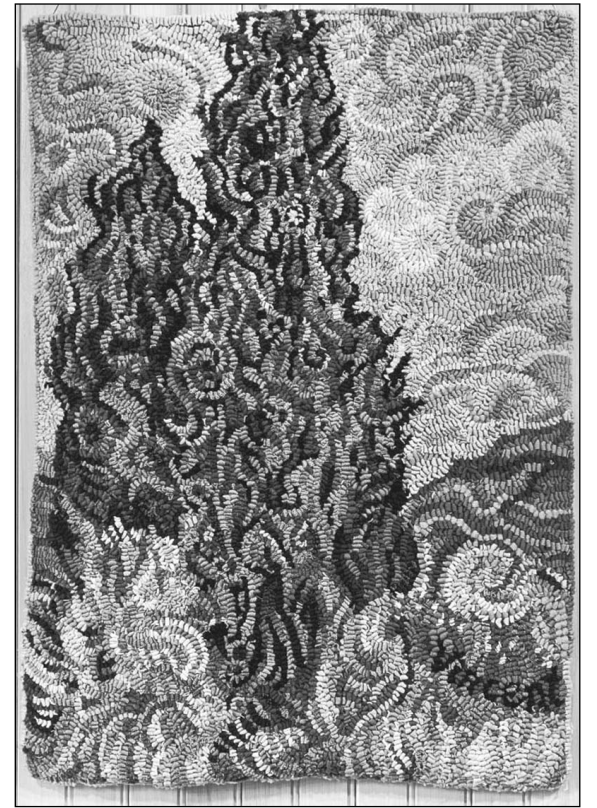
the group's Holiday Sale, so all items on display are available for purchase. To see a preview of the works included, visit [www.maine-fiberarts.org](http://www.maine-fiberarts.org).

The idea for the exhibit came about when Janet Conner, a member of Maine Fiberarts who occasionally gallery sits, was working on a hooked wall piece inspired by Paul Gauguin one day when artist Arlene Morris, who often gathers work for Maine Fiberarts' shows, stopped in. When Morris mentioned that she thought hooked rugs created after master paintings might be a fun theme for a show, Conner replied that she also had pieces inspired by van Gogh's "Cypresses" and "Starry, Starry Night." Rug hooker Roslyn Logsdon was approached with the idea and responded: "Oh! I have a Picasso!" Other pieces soon followed. While some works were created for the theme, others had been in the works and were completed in time for the exhibit.

Artists with work in the show include Arlene Morris of Topsham, Barbara Taylor of Brunswick, Chris Antonak of Brunswick, Christine Macchi of Dresden, Crystal Cawley of Portland, Elizabeth Berkana of Portland, Elizabeth Stoyko of Phippsburg, Emi Ito of Bath, Janet Conner of Hiram, Jill Snyder Wallace of Minot, Kathleen Perkins



"Guernica at MOMA," hooked by Roslyn Logsdon. (Photo by Christine Macchi Photography)



"van Gogh Cypresses," hooked by Janet Conner. (Photo by Christine Macchi Photography)

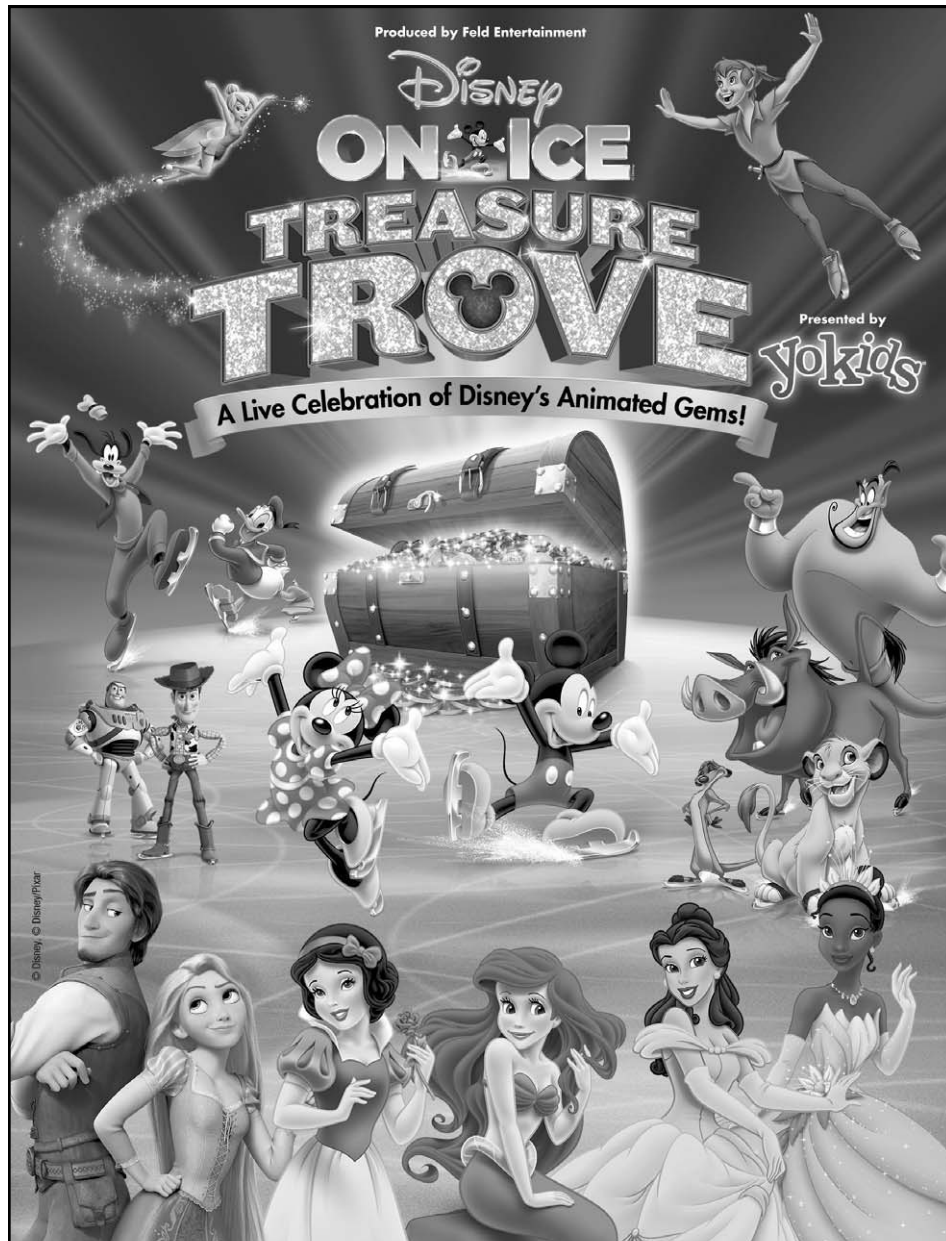
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Since the year 2000, statewide nonprofit Maine Fiberarts has hosted exhibitions that change every two or three months. The group also hosts an online Maine Fiberarts Tour of art and craft destinations at [www.maine-fiberartstour.com](http://www.maine-fiberartstour.com).

Their gallery at 13 Main Street in Topsham is open to the public free of charge Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Gallery images may be viewed on their flagship website at [www.maine-fiberarts.org](http://www.maine-fiberarts.org).

baries in 49 states and more than 30,000 young adults (ages 12 to 21). The grant is administered by ALA's Public Programs Office in partnership with the Association for Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies, including the Library Services for Youth in Custody and Library Services to the Incarcerated and Detained interest groups. The Great Stories Club is made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.



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"Yoke," hooked by Crystal Cawley. (Photo by Christine Macchi Photography)

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participants will reflect on what part the media plays in shaping who we are and how we interact with one another.

Auburn Public Library will receive copies of each of the three book selections for participants to keep. Gatherings of the Great Stories Club at the Auburn Public Library will begin in January. For more information, contact Donna Wallace at 333-6640, ext. 4. or [dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org](mailto:dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org).

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**Saturday, December 19**  
Concert: Mitch and Friends. 2 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave, Auburn. Mitch and Friends perform holiday music. Free. 782-3972.

Concert: Maine-ly Harmony. 2 p.m. Kennebec Community Church (formerly St. Andrews), Rt. 105

# Calendar

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(So. Belfast Ave.), Augusta. The women's barbershop chorus presents four-part harmony renditions of favorite carols and songs; refreshments. Free. 582-5523.

"Holiday in Lights" with Mitch Thomas & Friends. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Local musicians perform fill the center's magnificent Performance Hall with holiday music. \$15/12 (students free with ID). 689-2000; [FrancoCenter.org](http://FrancoCenter.org).

"Ho Ho Holiday Drag Show." 8 p.m. Elks Lodge, 1675 Lisbon Rd., Lewiston. UU Theatre presents performances by Miss Jacinda, Jersey Dior, Brystal Kreme and others; dancing, karaoke

follow. Doors at 7:00. \$10. [www.auburnuu.org](http://www.auburnuu.org).

**Sunday, December 20**  
Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Mary's Nutrition Center, 208 Bates St., Lewiston. Shop for local holiday gifts, decorations and fare; cookie decorating, Market Café. Open first and third Sundays through January 17; credit cards, SNAP accepted. 513-3848.

Sparkle Sunday. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fifteen venues, between Paul's Clothing and J. Dostie Jewelry, along Lisbon St. in Lewiston. Shop for artisan gifts and gift certificates while enjoying craft activities for the kids, wine and food

tastings for the adults. [www.chillyyoga.net](http://www.chillyyoga.net).

**Tuesday, December 22**  
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. 7:30 p.m. Holy Family Church, 607 Sabattus St., Lewiston. Nine short Bible readings will be interspersed with music by the St. Cecilia Schola Cantorum, the Magnificat Girl's Choir and the Parish Hand Bell Choir. 777-1200.

**Thursday, December 24**  
Candlelight Service. 6 p.m. United Methodist Church, corner Minot Ave. and Empire Rd., Minot. All are welcome.

**Sunday, January 3**  
Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Mary's Nutrition Center, 208 Bates St., Lewiston. Open first and third Sundays through January 17; Market Café. Credit cards, SNAP accepted. 513-3848.

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**Tuesday, January 12**  
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## YMCA Hall of Fame celebration honors community leaders

The YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston held its inaugural Hall of Fame Celebration and Annual Meeting recently at Martindale Country Club. The event offered reflections on the organization's past, present and future, including potential YMCA projects on Stetson Road in Auburn and Bates Mill #5 in Lewiston.

"Tonight's Hall of Fame honorees reflect the Y's best-of-the-best in servant leadership," said YMCA Chief Executive Officer Steven Wallace. "In honoring them, not only do we reflect on our organization's past 148 years of service, but we reaffirm our commitment to the future with both a new YMCA and a 93-acre Outdoor Learning & Education Center."

More than 150 people turned out to recognize the 2015 Hall of Fame inductees. Pauline Bourgoin of Auburn, a YMCA member since 1947, was honored for her 65 years of teaching swim lessons to area children. Malcolm Philbrook was recognized for his leadership of the YMCA's investment program, helping to estab-



The YMCA's Elizabeth Shea (l.) and John Emerson (r.) present framed citations to (l. to r.) Laurie Reckendorf and Jenny Gruenstrass, representing the family of honoree Col. James G. Bouchles; Malcolm Philbrook; Pauline Bourgoin; and Tom Kendall, representing the family of honoree Richard Kendall.

lish the first YMCA endorsement in the region, and his role in founding Maine Hoop Camp in 1971. Col. James Bouchles and Richard Kendall, who passed in 2015 and 2013, respectively, were recognized posthumously. A businessman and former co-owner of Gee & Bee Sports, Bouchles served 27 years on the Y board of directors, where he took a leadership role in fundraising. Kendall served two terms as president of the Y board and was recognized as Auburn's Citizen of the Year in 1986.

Those attending were treated to live music from Three Point Jazz Trio, high-

lights of the YMCA's impact serving the Greater Androscoggin communities, and video testimonials from those closest to the honorees. Family members reacted with emotion as framed citations were presented to each of the inductees by John Emerson, YMCA board president and chairman, and Elizabeth Shea, Hall of Fame Committee chair and board member.

"He really cares about people and about the future," said Sharon Bergeron of her father, Malcolm. "He's been a wonderful role model for everyone."

The YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston is a charitable

## CMCC offers computer tech courses over Winter Session

Central Maine Community College is now accepting registrations for a number of credit and certification courses in computer technology that will be offered during its upcoming Winter Session. In just a few weeks' time, students can earn credits toward a degree or boost their credentials with a professional development course.

Offered entirely online will be "Introduction to Python Programming," "Web Development," and "Introduction to Visual Basic." These three-credit courses will run from December 28 through January 15 and are open to all qualified. Registrants need not be degree-seeking students to enroll.

Two professional development IT certification courses will begin during the first week of January. "CompTIA Security+" will be taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 5 through February 11, from 5 to 8:55 p.m. "MS Database Administration Fundamentals" will run Monday through Thursday, January 4 through 14, from 11 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.

The College will also offer three Microsoft IT Academy "Boot Camps" during the Winter Session: "Microsoft Networking Fundamentals" (MTA Exam 98-366), "Microsoft Server Administration" (MTA Exam 98-365), and "Microsoft Security Fundamentals" (MTA Exam

98-367). Each course includes course materials, six-month access to a practice exam (\$80 value), and one Microsoft test voucher for certification.

To learn more about any of these classes, including costs and registration information, contact Emily Butterfield at (207) 755-5375 or [ebutterfield@cmcc.edu](mailto:ebutterfield@cmcc.edu).

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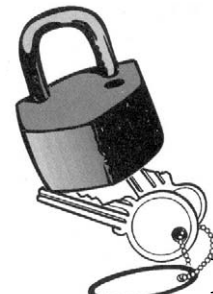
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