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## Local band Moon Dawgs to play at LePage Inaugural



Lewiston boys have been rockin' and rollin' for half a century

By Beth Herman

The Rolling Stones have been together longer, but only by a year. Lewiston's locally iconic Moon Dawgs joined boyhood forces in leader/keyboardist Roger Michaud's basement in 1963, where 13-year-old percussionist Bob Roy Jr. improvised with broken broomsticks and a couple of sturdy buckets. Fifty-one years later, the perennial rock musicians are tuning up to perform at Governor Paul LePage's January 7 inaugural ball.

"We've played for years throughout the U.S. and Canada," said Roy, who currently lives on Bailey Island. "But we've never done anything like this."

Their name taken from a 1962 Beach Boys instrumental with a howling riff on their debut "Surfin' Safari" album, the eponymous Lewiston band performed for years as a foursome, including band members David Brisette and Bob Poulin. About 20 years ago, the Moon Dawgs added two

more band members: Marty Lang and Roger Renaud. Early on they were the main act at venues in New England and eastern Canada, also opening for musical behemoths of the day including the Dave Clark Five, the Kingsmen, and Freddie and the Dreamers.

### On the record

Around 1964, according to Michaud, the band cut a record, "Don't Let Him," produced by Lewiston-born music producer/singer Van Trevor (nee Robert Fran-

cis Boulanger), and released through NYC-based Audio Fidelity Records. If you ask a local, the band may be best known for its appearances at the city's renowned 1960s PAL Hop dances, held every Friday night three flights up in Lewiston City Hall. Events were attended by up to 2,500 fans.

Major Boston bands were drawn to play at the wildly popular PAL Hops, Roy recalled. "If you worked at a soda fountain or somewhere else, you'd always arrange See **Moon Dawgs**, page 4



Moon Dawgs



## Hobby Lobby Celebrates Grand Opening in Auburn



(TCT photo by Laurie Steele)

Hobby Lobby Stores, a privately held national retail chain of craft and home decor stores, opened in Auburn with a ribbon cutting ceremony and official grand opening celebration on December 29. The Auburn store is Hobby Lobby's second location in Maine. Brett Webster is the store manager of the 55,000 square-foot retail facility located at the northwest corner of Mt. Auburn Avenue and Turner Street.

The store's grand

opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was open to the public. Local dignitaries, ambassadors from the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce and other business leaders attended the celebration.

"Customers new to Hobby Lobby will see that we are very unique and that no one in the craft and home decor market is like us. Area customers are anticipating the distinct shopping experience that we are bringing to the area.

We're tremendously excited about becoming a part of the community," stated John Schumacher, assistant vice president of advertising.

Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc., headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, began as Greco, a miniature picture frames company in 1970. When David Green moved his business from the family's garage to a 300-square-foot retail space in 1972, Hobby Lobby was founded. Today, Hobby See **Opening**, page 3

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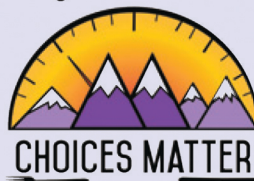
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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Service club draws raffle winners



Pictured here with fundraising committee chair Amanda Mason (c.) are Lisbon H.S. Community Service Group officers (l. to r.) Natalie Thomsen (secretary), Johnny Yim (president), Silas Crosby (vice President) and Connor Craig (treasurer).

The officers of Lisbon High School's Community Service Group, along with top sales and committee chairperson Amanda Mason, recently drew the lucky winners of their Downeaster Train fundraising project at their December club meeting. The first-place winner of two round-trip tickets to Boston, compliments of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority, was Judy Hazelton; the second-place winner of a gift card to Flagship Cinema was Doris Holt; and the third-place winner of a gift certificate, compliments of Thatcher's Restaurant at

the Auburn Mall, was Ray Schlotterbeck.

The group's fundraising efforts benefit local nonprofit agencies. "A donation of \$200 was presented to the Lisbon Area Christian Outreach program in Lisbon Falls and a \$100 donation was presented to the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society in Lewiston," said advisor Monica Millhime. "In addition to providing financial support to nonprofit agencies, students contribute countless hours of volunteer service in their school and greater community throughout the year."

## Lisbon students give the gift of song



An all-ages group of students from the Lisbon School District, under the direction of school music teacher Jonathan Pollack, recently presented a performance of Christmas carols for the residents of The Lamp Alzheimer's Care Residential Facility in Lisbon. Pictured here (l. to r., from front) are Pollock and student performers Elise Smith, Emily Chapman, Sophia McFadden, Abigail Cunningham, Sarah Charest, Hayley Wheeler, Madysen Ramsey, Benjamin Shambarger, Lily Pollock, Gabriel Pollock, Natalie Thomsen, Geoffrey Shambarger, Silas Crosby, Hayley Casey, Jordan Frederick, Joey Frederick, Siara Martin, Charlee Cox and Erin Pollock (photo courtesy of Monica Millhime).

## Maine Oxy helps "Stuff the Bus" for local kids



Some "Stuff the Bus" elves pose with Maine Oxy employees John St. Pierre and Jeff Danse

Employees and customers at Maine Oxy's Auburn location dug into their wallets this year to help make Christmas a little brighter for some local kids. From December 8 through 16, Maine Oxy displayed a box in its store on Albiston Way in which customers and employees were encouraged to leave donations of unwrapped toys and clothing for local families. The effort was undertaken as part of the Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce's "Stuff the Bus" program.

"The holiday season is a time when many reflect on all the blessings they have," said Maine Oxy President Dan Guerin. "But many families in our very own backyard are struggling. I'm so proud of our employees and customers who stepped up to make a donation and overflow that box."

On December 17,

the Chamber, along with some "Stuff the Bus" elves, brought a bus to Maine Oxy to pick up the toys. The donations were then distributed to local families through several organizations, including Advocates for Children, Androscoggin Head Start, Tri-County Mental Health and Safe Voices.

Maine Oxy is New England's leading supplier of welding supplies, industrial and specialty gases and innovative industry solutions. Founded in 1929 in Auburn, the company originally provided service to home propane customers. Over the past 80 years, Maine Oxy has grown from its modest beginnings into a sales and manufacturing leader operating in 15 locations across New England. For more information, call 1-800-377-9433 or visit [www.MaineOxy.com](http://www.MaineOxy.com).

## Christmas with the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs



Verna Jones (Mrs. Claus), Justine and Meghan Larabee (as elves), and Boyd Norman (as Santa) distributed the Christmas gifts at the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Home.

The residents of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Home at 85 Caron Lane in Auburn were treated to four days of Christmas festivities recently by the President of the Rebekah Assembly, Verna Jones, and her Home Committee.

On Wednesday, December 10, committee members spent the morning decorating the two wings of the nursing home and the three floors of the residential home. A tree was placed in each wing and living room and garlands, angels, Santas and elves were placed throughout. A tree in the activities room was decorated with decorations hand-crafted by the residents and another tree was decorated with a beehive, moon, seven stars, dove and lily to symbolize the president's theme for the year and the work of the Rebekahs.

On Wednesday afternoon, each member of the Home Committee was given six names of residents before the shopping and wrapping began. On Friday, the residents presented a program, followed by a banquet prepared by the kitchen staff. On Saturday afternoon, Santa and Mrs. Claus and two elves visited to distribute the gifts. Present Company provided entertainment for the party as family, friends and Odd Fellows and Rebekahs gathered from across the state to celebrate the holiday.

The members of the Home Committee planning the festivities were Verna Jones, Ernestine MacMillan, Sharon LaSota, Sharon Leeman, Marilee Perkins, Glenda Knights, Terry Tisdale, Juanita Dinsmore, Polly Burlock, Jane MacCollister, Muriel Elkins and Esther Tucker.

## Local fertility center announces affiliation

FertilityCare Centers of America has introduced Gianna FertilityCare Center of Lewiston as a new affiliate member.

The local center is headed by Sarah

Chamberlain MS, FCP.

FertilityCare Centers of America is a nonprofit organization dedicated to uniting and promoting providers of the Creighton Model FertilityCare

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## “A person who shows no hostility towards others”

To the Editor:  
I am amazed to see the amount of vitriol, bitterness and divisiveness in each week's "Enough is Enough" column by Lewiston Mayor Macdonald in the *TCT*. The December 25 column went too far. When the mayor substitutes words in the Bible regarding the birth of Jesus, it is a little too much. He states that: "If you are a practicing Christian, this time of year is special to you. It is a time of peace, hope and good will, brought to men and women of good will by the Christ child."

That is not what is written in the Gospel of Luke 2:10. The Angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." The mayor's erroneous judgment that the gift of the Christ-child was only for a select portion of humanity, when biblically speaking, the birth of Christ was "for all the people," which would include those of a different "culture."

And, since he attri-

butes himself as a person of "good will," let's see how the thesaurus defines "good will." It is a person who is "kind-hearted, charitable to all people, a person who shows no hostility towards others." Are those the characteristics of Mayor Macdonald?

In the next paragraph of his column, (paraphrasing), he states that it is time to declare war on people that do not agree with his and his party's reasoning. In past editions of the *TCT*, he has stated that anyone is who is not a Republican "is the enemy."

He has also previously stated, (paraphrasing) that any compromise with a person that is not a Republican, in state capitols, as well as in Washington D.C., is never to be accepted.

If he will read the past histories of Congress, he will find that from the foundation of our country, beginning with the Declaration of Independence and forward, that compromise always had to be used, relative to laws, proclamations or treaties. But now, and in the past

decade, we see the results of the hardened attitude of, "No compromise" in our state, and Washington, D.C.—nothing gets done.

No, I do not envision that all people in this country hold hands and sing "Kumbaya," but it would be civil to show a little respect for people that do not agree with the mayor's way of thinking, instead of "declaring war" on people with a different ideology.

Readers of my letter to the editor may ask, "If the writer of the letter does not like the mayor's columns, why does he read them?" Ever an optimist, I continually hope each week that as mayor of this city and as "my mayor" that he would cast off the armor of acidity and clothe himself with good will, instead of ill will.

I imagine that if the mayor has a rebuttal to this letter, it will contain his infamous phrase, "Well, boo hoo," which is his answer to anyone who disagrees with him. How erudite of him.

*Jim Bossie  
Lewiston*

## People's United supports Good Shepherd

The People's United Community Foundation, the philanthropic arm of People's United Bank, recently awarded \$10,000 to Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. The funding will support the food bank's Food Mobile Hunger Relief Program in the Auburn-Lewiston and Bangor regions. The Food Mobile delivers food directly to those in need and supplements other food distributions by Good Shepherd to meet periodic demands beyond the capacities of area pantries.

"The \$10,000 grant from People's United Bank will fund nine Food Mobile distribution events," said Kristen Miale, president of Good Shepherd Food

Bank. "These events will deliver about 60,000 pounds of nutritious food directly to needy families in the area."

"One in four Maine children are food insecure, reflecting the fact that our state has the highest rate of food insecurity in New England," said Dan Thornton, officer of People's United Community Foundation and Southern Maine president for People's United Bank. "Food programs are critical to our community and Good Shepherd Food Bank is providing a much-needed service that we are pleased to support."

Founded in 1842 and serving customers from New York to Maine through a network of

more than 400 branches, People's United Bank is the largest independent bank headquartered in New England. People's United Community Foundation was formed in 2007 to help support programs and activities that enhance the quality of life for citizens in the communities that the bank serves.

The Foundation places special emphasis on programs designed to promote economic self-sufficiency, education and improved conditions for low-income families and neighborhoods.

The funding priorities of the Foundation include affordable housing, community development and youth development.

## Opening

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This major Oklahoma City-based private corporation offers more than 70,000 crafting and home decor products in its stores. Departments include floral, fabric, needle art, custom framing, baskets, home accents, wearable art, arts and crafts, jewelry making, scrapbooking and paper crafting supplies.

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## Pathways receives accreditation

Pathways, Inc. recently earned a three-year accreditation from CARF, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. This is the highest accreditation granted to a rehabilitation agency.

CARF is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes quality rehabilitation services by establishing quality standards that rehabilitation agencies can use as guidelines. These standards are developed with input

from consumers, rehabilitation professionals, state and national organizations and funders.

"We are very pleased with the CARF survey results," said Pathways Executive Director Robert Kennelly. "They show that the employees and programs offered at Pathways are of the highest standards and are an indication of Pathways' commitment to improving the quality of the

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## Moon Dawgs

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for the night off. You'd pay 50 cents to hear four bands, and you could feel the floor bounce and spring from the crowd." There was no "high tech stuff" and no elevators, which meant the musicians had to walk up all three flights with amplifiers and organs. In the morning, they'd return to drag it all back down and load it in a tag-along trailer—eventually behind a pink-and-grey Oldsmobile—often en route to another weekend gig at a Berlin, NH, ice arena.

As for the band's association with Governor LePage, Roy said he and the governor matriculated a year apart at the former Husson College, now Husson University, and socialized at campus events. Bass guitar player Bob Poulin was also part the Husson scene. The connection between the Moon Dawgs and LePage continued years later when Poulin became controller for Marden's, working under the future politician who was general manager of the 14-store chain through 2011.

### All ears

"Paul and Ann heard us play when we invited them to the Royal Oak Room (at Iron Horse Court)," said Roy, which is an entertainment and function



Moon Dawgs

venue, and former home to the Steel Service Center. Both are owned by Roy. "It was an apolitical event and we thought it was great that Paul has been so supportive of his hometown roots that he would have come," said Michaud, a real estate and electronics manufacturing entrepreneur who now divides his time between Orr's Island and Vail, Colo.

In fact, Governor LePage, an admitted Motown aficionado who favors the Temptations, first heard the Moon Dawgs at the PAL Hops he also attended as a teen. His friendship with Bob Poulin goes back even farther—to their childhood. "We are lifelong friends," the governor affirmed. He recalls a Lewiston Friday night tradition where he and his friends would meet at Marois's on Lisbon Street, have a Pepsi and French fries, and then go to the dance at 7 p.m. "There was a battle of the bands but the Moon Dawgs

were always my favorite," he said.

### Back in the day

Recalling their first gig as teenagers, Roy said they were paid \$15, "...the whole group together—playing in a little hall on Birch Street." With instrument and equipment upgrades imminent on the rocky rock 'n roll road to success, the Moon Dawgs ratcheted up their game by practicing relentlessly, sacrificing high school sports, taking odd jobs to support their musical habit and ferreting out



Moon Dawgs

performing opportunities. These included weddings—which they still do—sometimes for the children and grandchildren of the die-hard fans who supported them at the PAL Hops.

"These people are more than just a band," said the governor. "They're very, very good musicians. They bring a good presence to the stage and have a lot of fun. I heard them when I was 12, and here they are again. It brings my life full-circle."

Among the preparations for the inaugural ball is a lighting and sound company the governor's team has engaged to expand the group's amplification capabilities. "Without it, our equipment can't handle that kind of stadium," Roy said of the Augusta Civic Center. "We'll only have about three hours for a sound check and rehearsal. It's going to be a hectic day."

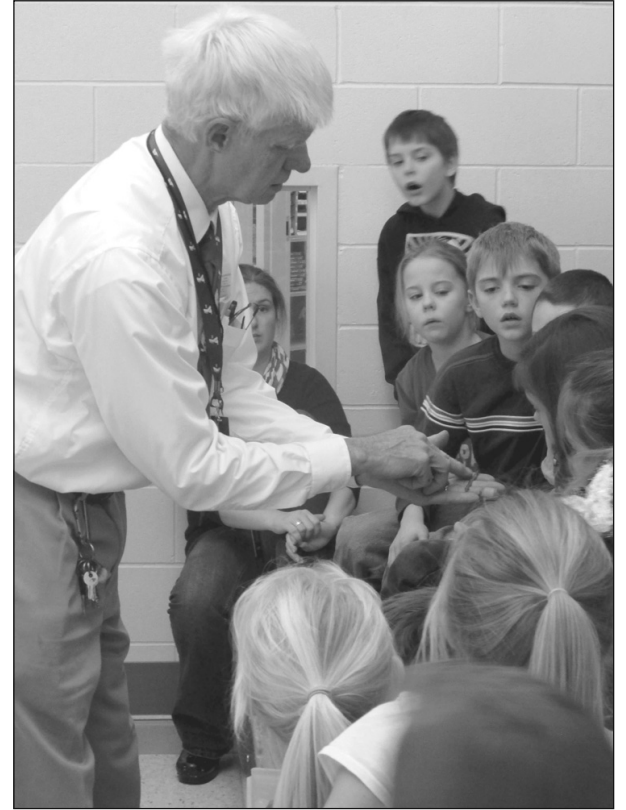
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## Lisbon students learn about habitats



Lisbon Community School teacher Ashley LaCroix, students Cayden Coburn, Jadein Farris and James Fitzsimmons, and other students examine worm specimens displayed by retired teacher and school volunteer Grant Connors (photo by Monica Millhime).

Students in the third-grade classes of teachers Sue Hardison and Ashley LaCroix at Lisbon Community School recently invited retired teacher Grant Connors of Durham to share his knowledge with them about wildlife habitat environments. Connors, who

operates a "Critter Catcher" business that safely and humanely traps and relocates nuisance wildlife, volunteers his time in Durham and Lisbon schools to educate children on various science concepts. During his visit, he led the students in completing a worm project.

## Pathways

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lives of the people it serves."

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*Enough is Enough*

# Teachers should be allowed to do what they do best

By Robert E. Macdonald  
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Wouldn't it be nice if our teachers were actually allowed to do what they spent years at college training to do? Teach!

Prior to the mid-1960s, communities valued and respected our teachers. School officials expected those hired to possess extraordinary teaching skills, skills that would be used to form students into productive adults and the leaders of tomorrow.

Classrooms were made up of 30-plus students. Almost all were well behaved and eager to learn. You were graded using a straight letter system running from A to E. A grade of "A" indicated the student was bright and hardworking. The grade of E, in many cases, indicated a student was either ignorant or lazy. Classroom demeanor was enforced by both the teacher and the parents.

Students learned by rote. Shockingly, it worked! The answers to math questions, no matter how complicated, were determined using pen, paper and the math tables you had committed to the deep recesses of your brain.

You were expected to know the correct spelling and meaning of vocabulary words. Assigned themes were expected to be written in a grammatically correct order. Courses such as history, geography and civics were taught separately and infused into your mind. Tests were corrected using the dreaded and demeaning red pen.

The majority of students came to school fed, wide awake, prepared, clean and neatly dressed and, most importantly, ready to learn. At lunchtime, students would retrieve their lunch, usually made at home, from their lunchbox, gather their



Mayor Bob Macdonald

milk and return to their desks to eat. This was followed by recess on the playground, and then it was back to studies.

But that was then. Today schools are quite different. They resemble a social service center more than a place of learning.

Besides teaching, today's teachers must take on the role of parent, doctor, psychologist and police officer. Teachers leave school

only to go home and spend time doing paperwork so that some bureaucrat in Augusta or Washington D.C. can justify their employment.

Schools provide free and reduced lunches to many students. Prescription medications are passed out daily by the school nurse to many students. Medical clinics provide limited medical aid along with medical advice to students. Psychologists come to the school to see children for mental health issues. Schools also provide many students with various sundries.

Children receive not only two meals a day at school, but many are given packs of food to carry them through the weekends. Many schools house a police officer on school grounds to ensure students' safety. Finally, we have the beloved truant officer trying to ensure habitual truants attend class.

Schools are failing. Each year they seem to continue their downward spiral. But how could something like this happen with smaller classes along with teachers who are supported by teachers' aides? Each year taxpayers spend more money and results get worse. What are our teachers doing?

They are bearing the brunt of a liberal progressive society. They have become a convenient scapegoat in a society where there are no consequences, a society where everyone is a victim except our teachers. What has become of parental responsibility?

Today society has designated our teachers solely responsible for raising the children of those who have abandoned their parental responsibilities.

It's time to put a stop to this societal enabling and come down hard on those who shirk their parental

responsibilities. Kids coming to school, tired, hungry, dirty or ill-clothed should be flagged and investigated. If evidence shows a pattern of abuse or neglect, criminal charges should be forthcoming. If found guilty, some kind of punishment should be meted out and the perpetrator prohibited from receiving any future state or local aid.

Then we have our "homeless" youth population. For the past 25 years, politicians continue to congratulate themselves on each new domestic violence law they pass. These laws are so effective that the abuser stays in place while the abused is forced into the street.

It's time to reinstitute parental responsibility and hold parents responsible for their children's welfare. It's also time to let our teachers do what they do best—teach.

## Take-Out Bean Supper



Organizers (l. to r.) Arthur Fortin, Claude Mailhot, Jerry Henault, Ivan Lazure, Roger Nadeau, Larry Thibault and Rick Jensen invite you to let the Knights of Columbus do the cooking on January 3.

Are you tired of all the Christmas and New Year's baking? If so, let Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Council 12652 do the cooking for you on Saturday, January 3, when the council presents its next Take-Out Bean Supper. The meal will be available for purchase from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Holy Cross church hall, located at 1080 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

The menu will include hot dogs, ham and bologna. beans, coleslaw, buns, red Package and a la carte

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# What's Going On

## Registration open at Lewiston Adult Ed

Registrations are now being accepted for the winter-spring semester at Lewiston Adult Education. Exciting new learning opportunities starting in January will include workforce certificate programs, academic course offerings and enrichment classes.

Workforce certificate programs will include Certified Nursing Assistant, Welding, Office Skills and Emergency Medical Technician. Academic course offerings will include College Transitions, High School Completion and English for Speakers of Other Languages will also start in January.

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assessments for academic courses will begin January 7.

Upcoming enrichment classes sure to fill fast will include pottery with Jody Dube, Mexican Fiesta with Jen Blakey, Easy Baking with Irina Petranek, ballroom dance with John Blanchette, meditation with Stasia Minkowsky, home repair with Rick Bray, intermediate Spanish with Angie Klouthis, baskets with Martha Chessie, rug braiding with Beth Derenburger and Writer's Journey with Mark Griffin.

For a complete list of course offerings or to register, call 795-4141 or see [www.lewistonadulted.org](http://www.lewistonadulted.org).

## CareerCenter hosts Job Fair on January 5

The Lewiston CareerCenter will host a job fair on Monday, January 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. at its building on 5 Mollison Way in Lewiston. The more than 15 employers participating in the job fair will include All Temp Services, Inc., Arcadia New England,

Bonney Staffing, Carbonite, Circle K, Great Falls Marketing, Homecare for ME, Industrial Roofing Companies, Kelly Services, Labor Ready, the Lewiston Police Department, Lowe's, Opportunity Enterprises, Primerica Financial Services, Stericycle Commu-

## Application deadline for Youth Exchange Scholarships

The application deadline for American high school students living in the Northeast to apply for a U.S. Department of State scholarship to study in Germany in 2015-16 is January 8. These scholarships fully fund high school students for the 2015-16 academic year. By living with a host family and attending a local high school, participants learn the German language, immerse themselves in the culture and serve as youth ambassadors from the United States.

Since 1983, the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange program has provided scholarships to more than 23,000 American and German students. One of the current U.S. students, Delphine of Massachusetts, is soaking up the experience. "The people I've met in Germany have left such a positive impression on

me, and I hope to do the same to them," she writes. To learn more about the scholarship, see [www.usagermanyscholarship.org](http://www.usagermanyscholarship.org).

AFS-USA administers the program in Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, a division of DOS. Residents of the NE region can call (800) AFS-INFO x2216 or email Sara Dubois at [sdubois@afsusa.org](mailto:sdubois@afsusa.org) for details.

AFS-USA is a worldwide, nonprofit organization that has been a leader in providing intercultural programs for more than 65 years. Each year the organization sends more than 1,000 U.S. students abroad, provides approximately \$3 million in scholarship and financial aid and welcomes more than 2,300 international high school students to be hosted by U.S. high schools and families.

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All employers in attendance will be hiring. Positions will be available for customer care assistants, customer service representatives, financial advisors, retail assistants, construction laborers, manufacturing, medical billing, medical office reception, data entry, light industrial, roofers, laborers, foremen, personal support specialists (PSS), inbound telephone sales, technical support representatives and warehouse workers.

Those attending should bring a resume and be prepared to have an "interview-like" conversation with employers to discuss skills, knowledge areas and abilities. Job seekers should also be dressed for an interview. French and Spanish interpreters will be available.

## Auburn Savings announces top rating



Allen Sterling

At the bank's annual meeting on November 26, Auburn Savings Bank President Allen Sterling shared with Auburn Bancorp investors news of the "Outstanding" rating awarded to the bank following a 2014 examination of the institution's lending practices as required by the Community Reinvestment Act. Auburn Savings is the only bank headquartered in Androscoggin County to achieve this rating.

Sterling also shared with investors that the Independent Community Banker's Association placed Auburn Savings as the 84th community bank overall, nationwide, in a new measure of lending success based on a ratio of the amount of originated loans versus the total

assets of the institution.

He noted that, due to the steady and effective recovery tactics in place in 2015, Auburn Savings will be able to focus attention on further expansion of its commercial and residential loan portfolio, as well as an expansion of services and deposit products, citing a supportive board and management team with an "expanded vision" for growth. He closed by welcoming new board members Anne Torregrossa of the law firm Brann & Isaacson and City of Lewiston Finance Director Heather Hunter while thanking retiring board members Kelly Matzen and Peter Chalke for their years of dedicated service.

Auburn Savings Bank was established in 1887 as a mutual savings & loan association and has proudly served the Lewiston-Auburn area for more than 125 years. It now operates as a federal savings bank from its current locations at 256 Court Street in Auburn and 325 Sabattus Street in Lewiston. For more information about Auburn Savings, call the Auburn branch at 782-6871, the Lewiston branch at 782-0400, or see [www.auburnsavings.com](http://www.auburnsavings.com).

## French language class for adults

Starting in January, the Franco Center will once again host a weeknight French language class for adults. Sessions will take place on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., starting on January 7 and running for eight weeks into March, in the Center's Heritage Hall.

The class is for those who want to learn French from scratch or who already have some proficiency with the language and want to improve their skills. The pace will be relaxed and the class will be taught in both French and English. Varied topics will be used as a guide to help with speaking. Materials will vary and participants will choose



Vanessa Stasse will lead an eight-week French class for adults beginning January 7.

from a list of possible topics. Please bring a binder or folder to the first class.

Teaching the course will be Vanessa Stasse. Born in Sherbrooke, Quebec of Belgian parents, Stasse has a master's degree in anthropology from Laval University in Quebec City

and has lived in Maine for the past 12 years, teaching French and yoga and interpreting in French, English and Portuguese.

The total cost for the eight classes is \$80. To register, call 783-1585, email Kirsten Nunery at [knunery@francocenter.org](mailto:knunery@francocenter.org) or send your contact information and payment to Franco Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston, ME 04240 Attn: Adult French Classes.

Please note that the Franco Center requires a minimum of eight people per class session; if that threshold is not met, full refunds will be issued to those who have registered and paid.

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## January programs at women's center

Start your new year by attending a January program at the Center for Wisdom's Women. On Friday, January 2, the Center will reopen after a week-long break with its traditional welcome back lunch of black-eyed pea soup - considered in the South to be a good luck New Year's dish - served with dilly bread. Come help cook the meal in the morning. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m.

On Saturday, January 3, the Center will host a "quiet day" beginning at 10 a.m. and ending with a shared conversation at 2 p.m. In between, the group will be silent. Center director Klara Tammany will lead opening reflections and offer a reading at lunch. This will be an opportunity to nurture one's inner spirit, reflect on the last year and create intentions for the new one. A simple soup lunch will be provided for those who sign up in advance.

Kitchen programs in January will include "What's Cookin'?" on January 6 at 10 a.m. and a class on how to make dilly bread on January 15. This is a yeast bread, so the session will begin at 10:30 a.m. and last through the day. Participants will get to taste the results and usually get to take home leftovers.

Paul Drowns of the Nutrition Center will lead the Peasant Pantry group in preparing a simple, one-dish meal on January 20; the dish will be served to the wider community on Thursday, January 22. This month's meal will be a Hungarian cabbage, sausage and rice dish. Serving time on Thursday will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be no charge for the meal, although donations are invited, with a portion of the proceeds going to the team that prepared the meal. Reservations are appreciated.

The Book Club will meet on Monday, January 26 at 12:30 p.m. Ann Auer will lead a discussion of Carmen Blandin Tarleton's "Overcome: Burned, Blinded, and Blessed," the author's story of recovery and triumph after she was beaten and severely burned with lye by an estranged husband. Copies of the book are available at the Center.

The monthly Playing with Poetry class led by Kathryn Tracy is scheduled

for January 7 at noon. This month's session will feature guest poet Claire Hershorn. The class will include gentle experiencing of poems through both reading and writing. The weekly Writing Workshop with Pat Gardiner will continue each Monday at 10 a.m.

Regular end-of-month activities will include Bingo on January 27 at 10 a.m. and the monthly women's clothing give-away all day on January 29. The art van will visit on January 28 at 10 a.m., followed by the January birthday party on the same day at 12:30 p.m. A special tie-and-take a scarf day is scheduled for January 15 starting at 10 a.m. Come learn many ways to use scarves and take one or two donated ones home with you.

A new Trauma Recovery and Empowerment Group led by Health Affiliates will begin meeting weekly starting on January 26 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Advance registrations are required before Monday, January 12. To sign up, call Trena Jackson at 333-3278.

Ongoing support for family caregivers is available on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and a weekly AI-Anon group, the only one in Lewiston, meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. The BLT group for Bisexual, Lesbian and Transgendered women and their friends or family members will meet this month on January 29 at 2 p.m.

The Center is continually in need of donations of personal hygiene items to give away. Needed are full-size, unopened items including shampoo and conditioner, tampons and pads, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes. Smaller, unopened sample-size items are also currently accepted for outreach packs. Because the Center receives requests for these items from more than 70 different women each month, ongoing donations of these supplies are very much appreciated.

The Center for Wisdom's Women functions as a collaborative of women working to build community for the purpose of bettering and enriching their lives. The Center offers warm hospitality, compassionate listening, personal and spiritual guidance respectful of all faith traditions, assistance in accessing local resources

# What's Going On

## Luncheon topic: Genealogy research for Franco-Americans

Rev. Robert A. Parent of Auburn and Arthur Allard of Lewiston will be the guest speakers at USM Lewiston-Auburn Senior College's Food for Thought luncheon on Friday, January 9 at 11:30 a.m. Their topic will be the vast collection of genealogical records French-Canadians and their descendants have at their disposal, along with those records' relationship to the laws and history of New France. A short introduction to the holdings of the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society, located at 217 Turner Street in Auburn, will be part of the presentation.

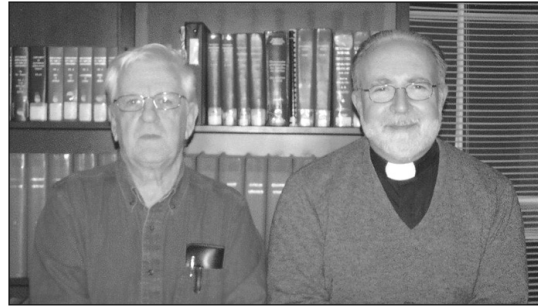
The program is open to the public. Please note

to meet needs and encouragement toward healthy life choices. Through support groups, activities and programs, women are provided with opportunities to meet and network with others, build friendships and support each other in their daily struggles.

The Center's hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. The Center will be closed on January 1 for New Year's Day and on January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. In the winter, the Center does not open when Lewiston schools are closed due to bad weather.

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. For a full calendar of events, see the Center's website at [www.wisdomswomen.org](http://www.wisdomswomen.org).

For more information about the Center's programs or volunteer opportunities, contact Executive Director Klara Tammany at 513-3922. Donations can be made out to Trinity Church/Wisdom and sent to Center for Wisdom's Women, P.O. Box 1016, Lewiston, ME 04243. Trinity Church serves as a supporting partner and fiscal agent for the Center.



Arthur Allard and Rev. Robert A. Parent will discuss techniques and resources for Franco-American genealogy research at the next Food for Thought luncheon on January 9.

that the deadline for registration has been changed to Wednesday, January 7 at noon. To register, call 753-6510.

Parent graduated from the University of Delaware, earning his degree in art history. He did his theological studies in Boston and was ordained to the priesthood in 1986 for the Melkite Greek-Catholic Church in the United States. He served parishes in Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut before returning to Maine in 2004. He is presently working for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland as chaplain to the Latin Mass communities at the Basilica in Lewiston and the Cathedral in Portland.

Parent started doing genealogical research on the Parent Family as a young boy and has never stopped. He is a member of the Association of the Par-

ent Families of America, the Societe de Genealogie de Quebec and serves on the board of directors and is past president of the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society. He has studied French-Canadian art, architecture and history at Laval University in Quebec City and has conducted research on the Parent Family in United States, Quebec and French archives.

A native of New Hampshire, Arthur Allard served in the U.S. Coast Guard in South Portland and had relatives in the Lewiston area. He met his wife, Claire, in Lewiston and decided to remain here. He worked for the

Lewiston School Department's nutrition program, providing different services to all the public schools on a daily basis and retiring with 31 years of service. He is the regional director for the Maine Association of Retirees.

Allard was also interested in genealogical research as a young man. He has researched the history of the Allard and Therriault Families in the United States, Quebec, Nova-Scotia and France. He serves as vice president of the Maine Franco-American Genealogy Society in Auburn and, as the leader of the research division, keeps current with new developments in genealogy research. He participated in the Acadian National Congress held in Madawaska and Fort Kent this past August.

Now in its 17th year, Senior College presents the monthly 11:30 luncheon program in function room 170 at USM Lewiston Auburn College. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$7 with advance reservation or \$8 at the door. Reservations must be made by noon on Wednesday, January 7; to reserve, call 753-6510. Any late callers will be considered at the door.

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### Out & About with Rachel Morin

## Russian “Matryoshka” Nesting Dolls at APL



The workshop artists show off their finished dolls.

Story by Rachel Morin  
Photos by Marina Forbes

In early December, Auburn Public Library hosted Marina Forbes of St. Petersburg, Russia for a wonderful two-day interactive illustrated lecture and workshop on the rich tradition of the “Matryoshka”

Russian Nesting Doll. Forbes is a well-known artist, historian, storyteller, lecturer and teacher of Russian art, culture, language and folklore throughout Russia and in the New England area.

The artist engaged her audience with stories of the

iconic wooden Russian dolls and had an eye-catching set on display, ranging in size from one to 12 inches and all made to be nested one within the other. The dolls were exquisite and colorful, featuring the  
*See Dolls, page 9*



A workshop artist does a Happy Doll Dance!



This mother and daughter attended the workshop together.



Yvette and Bob Pelletier of Winthrop talk to Forbes about her art work (photo by Rachel Morin).

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# What's Going On



Dorothy Bowyer of Auburn and Stephanie Hlister-Croteau of Lewiston attended the lecture Friday evening. Bowyer has been to Russia and has a small collection of the dolls (photo by Rachel Morin).



The group intently paints their dolls at the Saturday morning workshop.

## Dolls

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finest, most delicate artwork. The display also included examples of Forbes' artwork, from beautiful pictures to Russian icons.

The artist discussed the traditional

handcrafted shawl Russian women would wear and explained what its various elements tell about the individual crafter-wearer. She even taught a few words in the Russian language and demonstrated a few dance steps. Russian music was heard during the presentation.

The hands-on workshop was lots of fun for the group attending the next morning. Attendees applied themselves to the work of painting their wooden dolls and were thrilled to display the results of their work.



Close-up of some completed dolls



A couple poses with their dolls.



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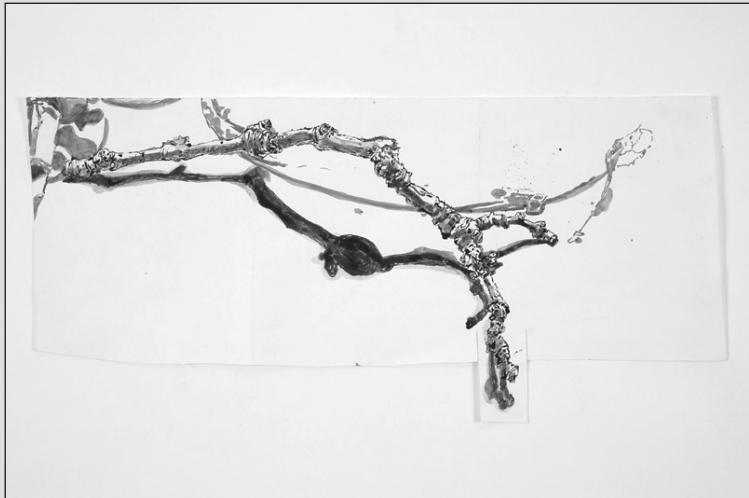
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# TWIN CITY NIGHTS

## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### Bates Museum exhibit spotlights unique collaboration



"Branch and Shadow" (2008), shellac-based ink on paper by Dawn Clements

The first exhibition of the new year at the Bates College Museum of Art will explore the creative dialogue between two noted makers of sculpture and works on paper. "Back and Forth: The Collaborative Works of Dawn Clements and Marc Leuthold" will open on Friday, January 16.

Both established artists in their own right, Clements and Leuthold will discuss their ongoing collaboration and its processes in a special presentation on Friday, February 6 at 6 p.m. in room 104 of Olin Arts Center, which also houses the museum.

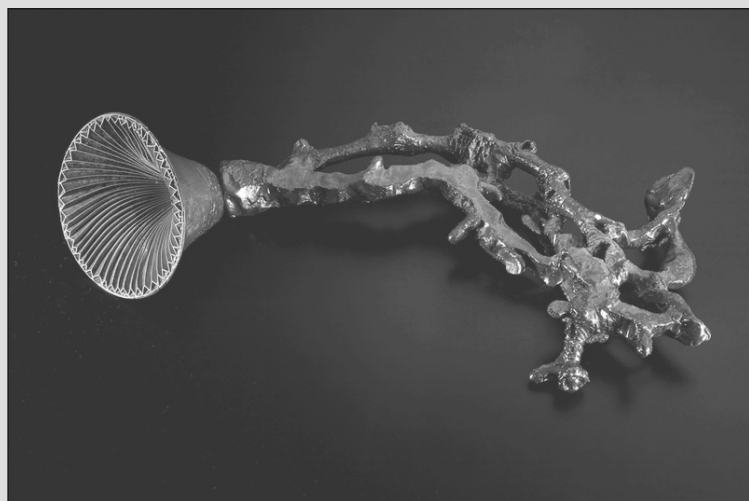
Museum hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays until 7 p.m. during the academic year.

Admission is free to the public. Olin Arts Center is located at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston.

In 2008, Dawn

Clements, who primarily makes drawings and works on paper, and Marc Leuthold, who works primarily with clay, began the artistic collaboration that became "Back and Forth." Clements and Leuthold collaborated long distance, working individually in their own studios and then sending their art to each other. This is the first exhibition to focus on what has become an extensive body of work.

Clements interpreted sculptures from Leuthold as two-dimensional works. Some of her drawings focus exclusively on Leuthold's forms, while



"Branch" (2009), wood-fired stoneware by Marc Leuthold

### Franco Center hosts CD Release Party



Skosh, a five-piece funk, classic rock and blues band, will celebrate the release of its new CD at the Franco Center on January 9.

The Franco Center in Lewiston will host Skosh's CD release party on Friday, January 9 from 8 to 11:30 p.m. A five-piece funk, classic rock and blues band from Buckfield, Skosh is comprised of Jedidiah Allen on drums and vocals, Elijah Allen on bass and percussion, Tyler Russell on guitar and vocals, Sam Berce on guitar and Peter Richard on tenor and alto saxophones. The Portland Press Herald has described Skosh as playing "Phish-inspired tunes laced with the eclecticism that

made rockers famous in the 1990s." Also on the bill will be A Mighty Lion and Zealous Bellus.

Tickets are \$8 if purchased in advance or \$10 on the night of the show. The Franco Center is located at the corner of Cedar and Oxford Streets in Lewiston and is wheelchair accessible. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 689-2000, visit the box office Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., or purchase online at [www.francocenter.org](http://www.francocenter.org).

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## Monmouth Players to present "Grey Gardens"

Local theater audiences will get to rub elbows with Jackie O's scandalous relatives when Monmouth Community Players presents the three-time Tony Award-winning musical "Grey Gardens" from January 31 through February 8.

The play features Edith "Big Edie" Bouvier Beale and her daughter, Edith "Little Edie" Beale. Once the highest of high society, the two became East Hampton's most notorious recluses, living in a dilapidated 28-room mansion with 51 cats, cobwebs and virtually no plumbing. Set in two eras - 1941, when the celebrated estate was the picture of wealth and sophistication, and 1975, after it had been reduced to squalor - "Grey Gardens" is a hilarious and heartbreaking look at two fascinating women and the love between a mother and her daughter.

Rebecca Beck will do double duty as Edith Bouvier Beale in Act One and "Little Edie" Beale in Act Two. Joining her on stage as Edith in Act Two will be Jeanne Fletcher. The cast

also includes Melissa Bills as young "Little" Edie Beale, Paul G. Caron as George Gould Strong, Tyler Beck as Joseph Kennedy Jr., David Marshal as Major Bouvier and Norman Vincent Peale, Hannah Perreault as Jacqueline "Jackie" Bouvier, Alexa Reddy as Lee Bouvier

Michael Korie. Performances will take place Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. from January 31 through February 8 at the historic and beautiful Cumston Hall at 796 Main Street in Monmouth.

Tickets are \$14 for general admission and \$12



Adam Blais, Rebecca Caron, Jeanne Fletcher and Rebecca Beck will appear in Monmouth Community Players' upcoming production of "Grey Gardens."

and Glenn Atkins as Brooks, Sr. and Jr. The production will be directed by Adam P. Blais, with Rebecca Caron serving as music director.

Based on the 1975 documentary by Albert and David Maysles, the play features a book by Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winner Doug Wright, music by Scott Frankel and lyrics by

for students and seniors. They may be purchased in person at the theater before the show, by calling Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006, or online at the MCP website. For more information, including detailed directions, or to purchase tickets, see [www.monmouthcommunityplayers.com](http://www.monmouthcommunityplayers.com).

# Twin City Nights

## Bates 2015 MLK Day programs

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Bates College will examine the great civil rights leader's commitment to nonviolent action and place it in the context of recent events in Ferguson, Missouri, Staten Island, New York and on the international stage. From Sunday, January 18 through the MLK Day holiday on January 19, the college's observance will address the theme: "From Selma to Ferguson: 50 Years of Nonviolent Dissent."

Scheduled programs will explore historic and contemporary forms of nonviolent dissent in the United States and abroad. The events will fall broadly into three categories: past and present activism, activism in the arts, and activism and the interconnected world. Taking place at various campus locations, MLK Day events at Bates are open to the public at no cost, although certain events will require tickets. For more information, call 786-6400 or see a complete schedule of events at [www.bates.edu/mlk](http://www.bates.edu/mlk).

Highlights from the program slate will include: the annual Rev. Dr. Martin

Luther King Jr. Interfaith Service, with an address by Najeeba Syeed-Miller, internationally known for



Najeeba Syeed-Miller

her work in peacemaking, on Sunday, January 18 at 7 p.m. in Gomes Chapel, 275 College Street; an MLK Day keynote address by Tufts University historian and author Peniel Joseph, whose lecture will be titled "Reimagining Martin Luther King Jr. in the Age of Obama and the Age of Ferguson," on Monday, January 19 in Gomes Chapel; a rich schedule of workshops in concurrent sessions starting at 10:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. on

See MLK Day, page 12



Peniel E. Joseph (photo by Tom Kates, Tufts University)

## Lorraine Ouellette Trio at next La Rencontre



Lorraine Ouellette, with Gerry Dubé and Adrien Leclair, will entertain at the next La Rencontre on January 8.

Franco-American tradition will once again be on display at the Franco Center in Lewiston when the Lorraine Ouellette Trio performs French-Canadian songs at the Center's January La Rencontre luncheon on Thursday, January 8 at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the meal and program will be \$8 per person.

Doors will open at 10 a.m. Guests may contact the Center office for reservations at 783-1585; leave a message or call during office hours, Monday through Friday from

noon to 4 p.m. Email reservations may be sent to [boxoffice@francocenter.org](mailto:boxoffice@francocenter.org). Reservations must be placed by Tuesday at 4 p.m. La Rencontre is in no way restricted to French speakers or those of Franco descent. All are welcome to

attend this fun monthly meal and entertainment event.

After a lunch of baked chicken, roasted potatoes, peas and carrots, dinner rolls and pudding with whipped cream for dessert, traditional

French-Canadian songs will be performed by the trio of Lorraine Ouellette (accordion), Gerry Dubé (guitar) and Adrien Leclair (guitar). They will be joined on some of the songs by vocalists Yvette Parent and Madeleine LeBlanc. This local trio has been a regular favorite at the Franco Center and throughout the community for many years.

Executive Director Mitch Thomas advises not waiting until the last minute to register, since the Franco Center's Heritage Hall

will likely reach capacity days before the registration deadline for this event. The Franco Center is located on the corner of Cedar and

Oxford Streets in the "Little Canada" section of Lewiston, just across the bridge from New Auburn.

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# Twin City Nights

## Birder Bands support conservation

The 2015 Maine Birder Band is now available. The band is instrumental in helping protect birds, conserve habitat and provide access for birders throughout the state.

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birds. Money raised by the birder band can be used to leverage additional federal funds.

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band is meant to fit on a camera or binocular strap and has a unique number registered in your name. If the item becomes lost, the finder can call the IFW number on the band and the item can be returned to the owner. Over the years, the band has helped return several pairs of binoculars and a set of car keys.

Many birders have purchased a birder band each year since its inception in 2009. This year, with the purchase of a birder

band you'll receive some added extras, including a day pass to the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray and a day pass to Swan Island in Richmond. You can also purchase the entire set of bands, 2009 through 2014, for \$50. If you missed individual years, you can purchase them for \$10 each.

Over the years,

proceeds from the band have helped to fund several conservation and educational projects, including the launch and maintenance of the Maine eBird Portal; a grasshopper sparrows survey at Kennebunk Plains and the former Naval Air Station in Brunswick; research examining saltmarsh sparrow nesting success in sites with and without

tidal restrictions; and Southern Maine shorebird monitoring focusing on sanderlings, red knots, black bellied plovers and ruddy turnstones.

For more information or to purchase a bird band, visit [www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife/support/bird\\_band.html](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife/support/bird_band.html).

## MLK Day

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January 19; the annual Rev. Benjamin Elijah Mays '20 Debate between students from Bates and Morehouse Colleges, on January 19 at 3:15 p.m. in the Olin Arts Center Concert Hall (tickets required); and the annual performance by the Bates student group Sankofa, this year presenting "Black Voice: The Life of Evelyn Ola Johnson," on January

Race and Democracy and a professor of history at Tufts University. He founded the interdisciplinary subfield that he characterizes as Black Power studies. A frequent national commentator on issues of race, civil rights and democracy, Joseph has written for the New York Times and historical journals and has been featured on C-SPAN, NPR, MSNBC and other national media outlets.

He is the award-winning author of "Waiting

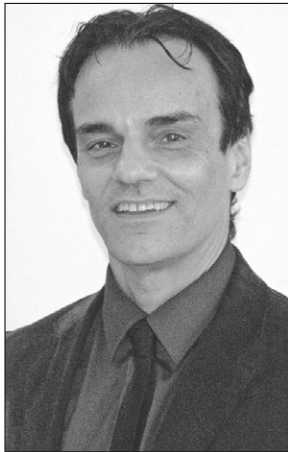
and accomplishment for the African diaspora at Bates, and an educational and diversifying experience for the entire Bates community.

Running concurrently with the MLK Day programming are two related exhibitions. "Paintings Related to the Civil Rights Movement" is comprised of work by Camden artist Jonathan Frost. Created following Frost's visits to historic civil rights sites in the South, the paintings illustrate key episodes from

## CLT hosts auditions for "9 to 5: The Musical"

Community Little Theatre will host auditions for the third production of its 75th season, "9 to 5: The Musical," on Sunday, January 4 at 1 p.m. and Monday, January 5 at 7 p.m. at Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy Street in Auburn. The production will be directed by Paul G. Caron, with Rebecca Caron as musical director and Adam P. Blais as choreographer. Performances will take place over two weekends, from March 13 through 22.

Written by Dolly Parton with book by Patricia Resnick, the musical is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie. Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic. Pushed to the boiling point by the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss, three female co-



Paul G. Caron will direct CLT's forthcoming production of "9 to 5: The Musical."

workers concoct a plan to get even. In a hilarious turn of events, they get to live out their wildest fantasy by giving their boss the boot and a dream makeover to the company that has always kept them down.

A choice of a musical selection from 9 to 5 will be preferable for the audition (music from the show will

be available), but one may also select and prepare a song from another Broadway show, in which case sheet music must be provided to the musical director. There will be no cappella singing. For the dance audition, participants should wear appropriate clothing and footwear; women should wear heels. "We need to see what everyone looks like, so please no baggy clothing," said Caron.

The home of Community Little Theatre, Great Falls Performing Arts Center is located at 30 Academy Street in Auburn. For more information about the audition or the roles to be cast, visit Community Little Theatre's website or Facebook page. If you have questions, call Paul G. Caron at 783-0774. For more information about CLT's 75th season, to volunteer, or to learn about becoming a show sponsor, call 783-0958 or see [www.LACLTL.com](http://www.LACLTL.com).



Members of the student group Sankofa (photo by Phyllis Graber Jensen, Bates College)

at 7:30 p.m. in Schaeffer Theatre, 329 College Street (tickets required).

Najeeba Syeed-Miller is assistant professor of interreligious education at Claremont School of Theology and is the director of the Center for Global Peacebuilding. Her work as a peacemaker has made her a go-to adviser for state, federal and White House initiatives and in international conflicts.

Peniel E. Joseph is the founding director of the Center for the Study of

'til the Midnight Hour: A Narrative History of Black Power in America" (Henry Holt and Co., 2006); "Dark Days, Bright Nights: From Black Power to Barack Obama" (Basic Civitas Books, 2010); and this year's "Stokely: A Life" (Basic Civitas Books), a biography of Black Power icon Stokely Carmichael, which the New York Times Book Review described as "insightful, highly engaging and fluently written."

Founded by Bates students in 2010, Sankofa explores the history and diverse array of experience of the African diaspora through dance, music, theater and spoken word and many other forms of art and expression. The group's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day production has become a symbol of pride

the movement, including a voting rights march by black teachers and, depicted moment-by-moment in an 18-image series, the police killing of Jimmie Lee Jackson. The exhibit will be on display Monday, January 12 through Sunday, February 22 on the first floor of Ladd Library.

"Bates Students and Alumni in Action: A Story in Images" documents marches and protests, on campus and across the country, in which Bates students and alumni have participated. Compiled by the Bates Office of Intercultural Education, the exhibition reveals events and causes that have stirred Bates people then and now. This exhibit will be on display Sunday and Monday, January 18 and 19, in the ground floor lobby of Pettengill Hall.



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# Calendar

See more Calendar at [www.TwinCityTimes.com](http://www.TwinCityTimes.com)

## Thursday, January 1

Augusta Armory Antiques Show New Year's Day, Jan 1, from 10-3, 179 Western Ave, (Rte. 202) 36 quality dealers offering antiques, collectibles, and vintage items, which include jewelry, silver, china, pottery, tools, postcards, linens + art. All items are for sale. Home cooked food is also available. Admission \$3 children are free 582-2849

## Saturday, January 3

Take-Out Bean Supper. 3:30 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. \$3-10. 212-5163.

## Monday, January 5

Job Fair. 9 to 11 a.m. CareerCenter, 5 Mollison Way, Lewiston. More than 15 employers will participate; all will be hiring. Bring resume, dress for an interview and be prepared to have an "interview-like" conversation with employers. Interpreting services avail. 753-9094.

Auburn Community Development mtg. 5:45 p.m. Rm. 206, Auburn Hall. The public is invited to provide input on the city's next 5-year plan; tonight's topics: finalize priorities and strategies. 333-6601 ext. 1330; [rmytahan@auburn-maine.gov](mailto:rmytahan@auburn-maine.gov).

## Thursday, January 8

La Rencontre. 11:30 a.m. Franco Center, Lew-

iston. The Center serves a baked chicken dinner, followed by traditional French Canadian songs by the Lorraine Ouellette Trio. \$8. All are invited. Reserve by January 6. 783-1585; [boxoffice@francocenter.org](mailto:boxoffice@francocenter.org).

## Friday, January 9

Food for Thought Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. function rm. 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. Rev. Robert A. Parent and Arthur Allard of the Franco-American Genealogical Soc. discuss Franco-Amer. genealogy research; incl. lunch. \$7 w. reservation, \$8 at door. To reserve, call 753-6510 by noon on 1/7.

## Comedy Fix XVIII.

8 p.m. Fireside Inn, 1777 Washington St., Auburn. Tonight's lineup includes Brian Brinegar, Brian Plumb, Anna Conathan, John Randall and Brett Groh. Proceeds benefit Good Shepherd Food Bank. 21+. Doors at 7 p.m. \$10. [www.comedyfixlive.com](http://www.comedyfixlive.com).

Concert: Skosh. 8 to 11:30 p.m. Franco Center, Lewiston. The five-piece funk, classic rock and blues band from Buckfield celebrates the release of its new CD; A Mighty Lion and Zealous Bellus open. \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. 689-2000; [www.francocenter.org](http://www.francocenter.org).

## Saturday, January 10

Pet First Aid & CPR. 10 a.m. to noon. Auburn Public Library. Bobby Silcott of the Maine Pet Oxygen Masks Project shows how to apply First Aid and CPR to your pet in a medical emergency. Free, but donations to the project accepted. 333-6640 ext. 4.

Concert: Newell Family Band. 7 p.m. Trinity Church, 247 Bates St., Lewiston. The Newells perform American, British and European folk music and songs; poets Susann Pelletier and Stephan Cowperthwaite open. \$10 sugg. donation; kids, students free. 344-3106.

## Sunday, January 11

Concert: VoXX - Voice of Twenty. 2 p.m. Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Ash St., Lewiston. The auditioned, a cappella choir that performs early and contemporary choral music presents its annual winter concert. 662-9364.

## Monday, January 12

Fiddle-icious First Rehearsal. 7 p.m. Falmouth Congregational Church, Falmouth Rd. (next to Falmouth Town Hall). Maine's largest (80+) fiddle orchestra of traditional Celtic music invites fiddlers, mandolin players, guitarists and harp-

ists of all experience levels to join the group. [www.fiddleicious.com](http://www.fiddleicious.com).

## Tuesday, January 13

History of the Space Race. 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Senior College instructor Alan Elze will discuss the origins and development of the space race between the U.S. and USSR. Free. 333-6640 ext. 4.

## Wednesday, January 14

"Growing Cooperative Housing in Lewiston." 6 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. This public forum will discuss cooperative housing, including the new Raise-Op Housing Cooperative. Free. 513-3135.

## Thursday, January 15

Lisbon Community School Winter Concert. 6:30 p.m. Lisbon Community School Gymnasium, 33 Mill St., Lisbon. (Snow date Thursday, January 22.) Presented by the Lisbon Community School Music Department. \$1 per person or \$5 per family. 754-0021.

## Friday, January 16

Great Falls Forum. Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Economist and former Maine State Senator Dick Woodbury discusses "The Policy and Politics of Reforming Maine's Tax System." Free. Bring a bag lunch. 513-3135.

## Saturday, January 24

Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This program of works by American composers includes the "Grand

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Woman In Black 2: Angel Of Death (PG-13)	1:30	4:30	7:20	9:35
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Into The Woods (PG)	1:00	4:00	7:00	9:40
The Gambler (R)	1:20	4:20	7:15	9:45
Wild (R)	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:40
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## Friday, January 30

Community Bean Supper. 4:30 to 7 p.m. Sugg Middle School Cafeteria, 4 Sugg Dr., Lisbon Falls. All proceed support the Lisbon Music Boosters Association Summer Music Camp Scholarship Fund. \$7 adults, \$4 children ages 10-. 754-0021.

## Saturday, January 31

Mattress Sale Fundraiser. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lisbon High School Gymnasium, 2 Sugg Dr., Lisbon Falls. New, factory warrantied, brand-name mattresses for sale at 30 to 60% off retail; all sizes available. Benefits the Lisbon School Music Program. 754-0021.

Theater: "Grey Gardens." 7:30 p.m. Cumston Hall, 796 Main St., Monmouth. Monmouth Comm. Players presents the Tony Award-winning musical

about a high society mother-daughter pair who become East Hampton's most notorious recluses. Again Feb 1, 6-8 (Suns. at 2 p.m.) \$14/12. [www.monmouthcommunity-players.com](http://www.monmouthcommunity-players.com).

## Friday, February 6

Artists' Visit. 6 p.m. Room 104, Olin Arts Center, Bates College campus, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. Artist Dawn Clements and sculptor Marc Leuthold discuss their collaborative works, now on display at the Bates College Art Museum. Free. 786-6158.

Theater: "Grey Gardens." 7:30 p.m. Cumston Hall, 796 Main St., Monmouth. Monmouth Comm. Players presents the Tony Award-winning musical about a high society mother-daughter pair who become East Hampton's most notorious recluses. Again Feb 7, 8 (Sun. at 2 p.m.) \$14/12. [www.monmouthcommunity-players.com](http://www.monmouthcommunity-players.com).

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## Museum

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others incorporate aspects of his work into larger drawings. Conversely, Leuthold made sculptural responses to Clements' two-dimensional works. Some are discrete sculptures that respond to Clements' drawings, while others are "ceramic drawings" or passages carved into his sculptures. Some works were sent back and forth and interpreted several times, resulting in a fascinating visual narrative of discovery and process.

Clements and Leuthold are highly respected artists with long established solo careers whose work is sought after for exhibitions throughout the United States and abroad.

Clements' work has an intimate, diaristic quality, though some of her drawings,

created by attaching separate pieces of paper together, grow to 30 feet or more in length, often wrapping around a corner and extending to the ceiling.

Her drawings are based on direct observation or scenes from movies, and she often incorporates multiple passages with different perspectives or points of view into one work. Many pieces focus on interior views of living spaces, some with notes written along the edges. She most often uses sumi ink, ballpoint pen, gouache and other mixed media. Her works are masterfully rendered and fascinating to explore.

Leuthold employs carving, modeling, throwing and hand-building in a variety of clay bodies to explore a wide range of forms and subjects. The form of the wheel and its associations appear frequently, creating

highly refined sculptures carved with variegated flutes and other structural and decorative embellishments.

He also investigates the sculptural possibilities of clay and, occasionally, bronze and glass through series that focus on the figure, cones, clay drawings and large installations. Some, such as the cones, address common ceramic issues, such as the vessel or the interior vs. the exterior, but he brings these issues into a broader sculptural context. Others, such as the installations he has created since the late

1990s, push the traditional boundaries of the media materially and conceptually.

The exhibition runs through March 21. Also showing at the museum through March 21 is "Photographs by Women: Recent Additions to the Permanent Collection," featuring black and white images by such artists as Donna Ferrato, Sally Gall, Susan Moldenhauer, Claire Seidel and Portland, Maine-based Denise Froehlich. For more information, call 786-6158 or visit [www.bates.edu/museum](http://www.bates.edu/museum).

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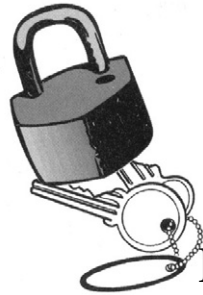
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