

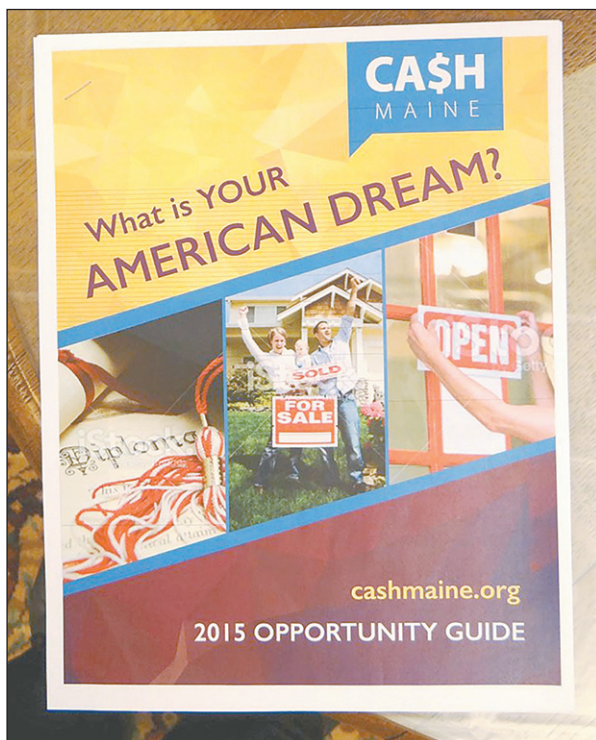
LA CASH Coalition kicks off tax season; appointments for free tax prep now available



LA CASH Coalition display

The LA CASH Coalition held a press conference recently to kick off this year's tax filing season. Once again, the Coalition will provide free tax preparation and e-filing of federal and state income tax returns for low-to-moderate income residents. Tax preparation by the program's IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers will begin on January 24 at the Lewiston Memorial Armory and Auburn City Hall. Tax returns will be prepared by appointment only; no walk-ins will be accepted. Appointments can be made by calling 513-3160 on or after January 15. For more information, see www.lewistonmaine.gov/lacash.

In addition to free tax preparation and e-filing, the Coalition will expand its financial education efforts this year, thanks to a Woman, Work & Community grant from the John T. Gorman Foundation. Coalition Asset Coordinator Jennifer Allen and Coalition Co-chair



2015 Opportunity Guide

Dottie Perham-Whittier reviewed educational services to be provided this year through the grant.

Allen displayed the new "Opportunity Guide" booklet that will be distributed free of charge to

program participants. She also announced opportunities for participants to speak in person with trained volunteers about how to pursue their financial goals for the future and to receive financial

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West Minot Grange donates dictionaries



Hester, Wendy and David Gilpatric of West Minot Grange #42 recently donated student dictionaries to Mrs. Bruce's and Mrs. Bernier's third grade students at Minot Consolidated School.

Lewiston Middle School presents "Chocolat!"



Staff members organizing Lewiston Middle School's sixth annual "Chocolat!" fundraiser on January 25 include (front l-r) Kay Allison, Sarah Levasseur, Chairwoman Sloane Shevrin, Nicole Goyette, (back l-r) David LeGloahac, Barbara Benjamin-McManus, Jayme Wardwell, Jennifer Laroche-Albert and Mike Courchesne.

Lewiston Middle School will present its sixth annual "Chocolat!" fundraising event on Sunday, January 25 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Green Ladle on the Lewiston High School campus. Some of the

area's finest food purveyors will present pastries, cakes, mousses and other delicacies sure to please any chocolate lover. Culinary Arts students from the Lewiston Regional Technical Center will provide a selection

of delicious foods to complement the chocolate delicacies offered.

Those planning to participate include Maine Gourmet Chocolates, Top It Frozen Yogurt Bar, See "Chocolat!", page 3

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Brooks honored by USAction

State Representative Heidi Brooks (D-Lewiston) recently received the Progressive Leadership Award from the national group USAction in recognition of her grassroots volunteer work with the Maine People's Alliance, a USAction affiliate.

"I am humbled to receive this award," Brooks said. "I recognize that the award is a reflection of the great work that the volunteers and staff of the Maine People's Alliance have accomplished over the years. I've learned a tremendous amount and have grown a lot through my experiences. I'm grateful for these experiences and for the opportunity to serve the people of Lewiston in the Legislature."

USAction is a grassroots organization



Maine People's Alliance Executive Director Jesse Graham congratulates Heidi Brooks on her Progressive Leadership Award.

fighting for affordable health care, high quality public education, strong environmental policies, fair taxation, the preservation of Social Security and the protection of consumer rights.

Comedy Fix raises \$887 for food bank



Comedy Fix XVIII raised \$887 for the Good Shepherd Food Bank. The sold out show took place on January 9 at the Auburn Fireside Inn. Pictured (l. to r., from front) are performers Mark Turcotte, Dee Turcotte, Will Green, Brian Brinegar, Brian Plumb, Brett Groh and Anna Conahan. The next Comedy Fixx is scheduled for Friday, February 6. For more information, see www.comedyfixlive.com. (Photo by Tim MacLeod)

Levesque rejoins Conservation Corps



Shawn Levesque

The Maine Conservation Corps recently welcomed back Shawn Levesque of Lewiston as a community leader and AmeriCorps national service member for a 45-week, 1,700-hour

term of national service. The son of Gerard and Deborah Levesque of Lewiston, he served with MCC as a field team member in 2014.

The MCC conducts conservation projects throughout the State of Maine, including extensive recreational trail construction and rehabilitation. Levesque is a 1995 graduate of Lewiston High School and attends the University of Southern Maine, where he is majoring in Leadership and Organizational Studies. Levesque served in the U.S. Army as an armored reconnaissance specialist for three years in Fort Hood, Texas.

College for ME announces scholarship recipients

College for ME-Androscoggin has selected the recipients of the scholarships it will award to adult students for the Spring 2015 term. These competitive scholarships support college-going students ages 25 or older who live or work in Androscoggin County.

The Thomas W. Musgrave and Beulah Long Musgrave Fund Scholarship, funded through the Maine Community Foundation's Adult Learner Partnership Program, provides adults already enrolled in college with \$1,000 for tuition.

Recipients of the Musgrave Fund Scholarship for the Spring 2015 term are Tonya Bailey-Curry of Lewiston (USM's Lewiston-Auburn College), Trisha Hodgkins of Lewiston (USM's Lewiston-Auburn College), Kristina Larracey of Mechanic Falls (USM's Lewiston-Auburn College), Kate Lydon of Lewiston (USM's Lewiston-Auburn College), Kimberly Mitchell of Mechanic Falls (Kaplan University), Michael Roy of Lewiston (University of Maine at Augusta), Denise Vaillancourt of Lewiston

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Letter to the Editor

No wish to revisit schoolyard name-calling

To the Editor:

How can a person respond to Mayor Macdonald, when he attributes his own quote to myself? He wrote in his “Enough is Enough” column in the Dec. 25 issue of *TCT*: “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.”

Yet, in the Jan. 8 issue of *TCT*, he asserts that I was the author of that.

What I wrote in the rebuttal to that statement (*TCT*, Jan. 1) to his column was: “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.’”

What part of “all” in that Biblical verse does he not understand? The Christ child did not come solely for Christians. Certainly there were no Christians when He was born: the Blessed Virgin Mary and Joseph weren’t Christians, and the shepherds weren’t Christians.

The Christ child came for all 270 religions and the atheists, as well as the agnostics, that are in the 196 countries of the world past, present and future. He came for the Jews (He, Himself, was Jewish). He came for the followers of Islam, Buddhism, Shinto and the rest of the 270 faiths.

Yet, the mayor remains adamant that the Christ child came only for Christians.

We don’t know when or how it will all come about, but in Philippians 2:10, it is written: “So that at the name of Jesus, every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth.”

“Every” means “every,” Mr. Mayor.

As for the mayor’s other ramblings to me in his rebuttal to my letter, he writes about the November elections and because of it how all the Democrats are in dismay. I don’t get dismayed about anything political; it gains me nothing to do so.

The mayor continues on with his ramblings to the point of becoming incoherent, and then he resorts to name calling, another favorite strategy of his. I remember back in the early 1950s, when classmates of mine in the second grade used name-calling against each other as their attack and defense weapon.

Is that the type of mentality that I am dealing with here? I am long past those schoolyard days, and I do not wish to revisit them.

For that reason, I will write no more “Letters to the Editor” to the *TCT* on this subject.

Jim Bossie
Lewiston

Center for Wildlife Health Research receives grant support, seeks board members

The Center for Wildlife Health Research in Freeport recently received \$38,000 in grant support from two Maine-based foundations. A \$30,000 grant from the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation will be used to conduct research on community cat colony reduction in Maine. An additional award of \$8,000 from the Belvedere Animal Welfare Fund at the Maine Community Foundation is targeted for board development, strategic planning and organizational capacity building. CWHR is now actively seeking new volunteers who have a passion for animals and bring skills in the areas

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Bates College, Central Maine Community College Culinary Arts, Marley’s Chocolate Lab, Rolly’s Diner, The Cake Awaits, Goldfinch Bakery, Pinky D’s, Rails and Fuel Restaurant. They will compete for such titles as “Chocoholic’s Dream,” “Decadent Display” and the coveted people’s choice “Candy is Dandy” award.

Proceeds from the event will support school activities. Tickets are \$10 (those under age 5 enter free). They may be purchased in advance at the Green Ladle and Lewiston Middle School and will be available at the door on the day of the event.

“College”

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(University of Maine at Augusta) and Dezarai Walker of Greene (Central Maine Community College).

The First Class Scholarship and Cohort Program provides funds to pay the tuition of the first college class of an adult recipient who is starting or restarting college. The program also provides the recipient with one-on-one and group mentoring throughout the first semester of college to help with the transition into post-secondary study. Funding is provided by College for ME-Androscoggin. The recipient of the First Class Scholarship for the Spring 2015 term is Anthony Quatrano of Lisbon

Falls, who will be attending USM’s Lewiston-Auburn College.

Jan Phillips, executive director of College for ME-Androscoggin, applauded the scholarship recipients. “We are so impressed with the determination of the adults we work with to succeed in college,” she said. “They are undeterred by obstacles and eager to create better lives for themselves, their children and their community.”

College for ME-Androscoggin is a local nonprofit organization that works on initiatives to raise college aspiration, access and attainment in Androscoggin County. For more information, see www.collegeformeandroscoggin.org.

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Perham-Whittier announced a Valentine's Day-themed financial education night for couples called "For Love and Money" that will take place on Wednesday, February 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Lewiston Public Library. The workshop will consist of six 20-minute sessions, including "Budgeting for the American Dream," to be presented by Jaimie Gutshall of Auburn Savings Bank, "What Does Your Credit Score Mean and How Is It Impacted," to be presented by Lynda Jones of Key Bank, and "Setting Financial Goals and Saving When Money Is Tight," to be presented by Laurie McDonnell of



Coalition Asset Coordinator Jennifer Allen

Women Work & Community. Those attending may win an overnight stay and breakfast for two at Lewiston's new Hampton Inn.

IRS Stakeholder Relationship Consultant Tess Armstrong discussed the important tax credits that program volunteers will help participants apply for, including the Earned Income Tax Credit for working individuals and families who earn



Auburn Community Development Coordinator Yvette Bouttenot

low-to-moderate income. The EITC is credited with lifting more than 6 million people out of poverty, half of whom are children, each year. Armstrong encouraged anyone who earned \$53,000 or less from wages, self-employment or farming in 2014 to see if they qualify for the EITC.

"The John T. Gorman Foundation is committed to ensuring that more Maine families have the tools they need to grow their incomes and begin saving for their futures and the futures of their children," said Lauralee Raymond, program associate for the Gorman Foundation. "We couldn't



Coalition Co-Chair Dottie Perham-Whittier



Gorman Foundation Program Associate Lauralee Raymond



IRS Stakeholder Relationship Consultant Tess Armstrong



Lewiston City Council President Mark Cayer

be more excited about this work and the opportunities it provides to hard working families across Maine."

"Today's economy can be tough for families," concurred Lewiston City Council President Mark A. Cayer. "Through these volunteers, people are given a hand in securing all the tax credits they are eligible for, as well as an opportunity to chat with someone about their dreams and goals for their future."

Auburn Community Development Coordinator Yvette Bouttenot wrapped up the event by addressing the issue of home ownership. "I am now working with three potential homebuyers, two of whom take advantage of this free tax preparation service," she said. "The tax refunds they receive will go into their home savings accounts, which will become the down payment on the home they will buy."

"Increasing home-ownership in our cities will build a stronger community," she concluded. "Congratulations to the LA CASH Coalition for helping to build a stronger Lewiston and Auburn."

Since the 2004 tax season, the LA CASH Coalition has helped return more than \$22 million in federal and state income tax refunds to L-A-area residents.

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Enough is Enough

Students struggle to understand why patriotism matters

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

“They killed Joan d’Arc!” replied a young French girl when asked by her parents why she had been so rude to their dinner guest. What caused this young teen to embarrass her parents over a death that had occurred centuries prior?

National pride! National pride brought on by knowing who she was and what was expected of her. In short, she knew and could articulate the history of her country—France.

This story was told to me by the former mayor of Auburn, Lee Young. It had happened years earlier when her husband had been serving in the military and stationed in France. They had befriended a

French couple who had raised a very well-mannered daughter. Well-mannered, that is, until an Englishman joined in the family dinner.

How many American children would react the same way if a German, Russian or Chinese person were sitting at their dinner table?

Sadly, today many students struggle when asked who is the father of our country. Turn on the TV and you will occasionally see a reporter asking people simple U.S. history questions, which most cannot answer. This has elevated from being a national embarrassment to a national disgrace. But who is responsible?

In an article in last week’s Portland Press Herald, a USM history



Mayor Bob Macdonald

professor complained about the lack of compassion shown the USM faculty members who now find themselves unemployed because of budget cuts. My question to him would be, “Where’s the compassion for those who have run up crushing debt only to find

our students can’t answer a simple history question?”

You may ask why it is so important that every citizen of this country should have the ability to articulate our national identity and the history of our country.

Last year, the Lewiston Youth Council held a forum in which six people from different ethnic backgrounds were asked to speak about the hardships each endured when coming to America. Two-thirds of them had European backgrounds. Each spent about 15 minutes telling of the hardships their nationality faced upon immigrating to America.

In the end, the Somali students realized that their people faced the same problems that

all immigrants faced. They realized that their difficulties were not being brought on because of the color of their skin.

A knowledge of our country’s history makes it difficult to distort our heritage in an attempt to reshape our country into an model of Nirvana dreamed up by 1960s radicals.

“Patriotism Matters” is the motto of the Foss Institute. This institute was created by Marine Flying Ace Joe Foss, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Pacific Theater during World War II. The goal of the institute is to bring back civics to our classroom and ensure every student has a solid civics foundation when they graduate from high school.

To achieve this, the institute wants all states by 2017 (the 230th anniversary of the Constitution) to pass a law requiring all students to pass the U.S. citizenship test in order to graduate from high school. Arizona has passed this law and 15 states will be considering it this year.

Lastly, there has been a lot of chatter lately from right-wing groups concerned that the ghost of Guy Fawkes* is roaming the halls of the State House. You can all calm down. It’s just Senator Justin Alford sporting his new mustachioed look.

(*Fawkes conspired to blow up Parliament and the King in 1606. Today the white mask that’s worn by protestors is a representation of his face.)

King invites Auburn manufacturer to State of the Union Address

Sen. Angus King (I-Maine) invited Kathie Leonard, president and co-founder of Auburn Manufacturing, Inc., to be his invited guest at the 2015 State of the Union Address. Leonard sat in the gallery of the House Chamber during the nationally televised event.

“Manufacturing has always been an engine of economic growth and prosperity, providing good jobs for the middle class in Maine and across the country,” said King. “Kathie’s story of hard work, innovation and perseverance is a blueprint for how American producers can compete in an increasingly global marketplace. She has managed to keep jobs here in the U.S., and under her steadfast leadership, AMI has proven that manufacturing can thrive in Maine.”

Leonard is the president and co-founder of Auburn Manufacturing, Inc., a high-temperature textile producer with locations in Auburn and Mechanic Falls. A graduate of St. Petersburg Community College, she moved to Maine in 1974 and began her career in the high-temperature textile industry at manufacturer W.S. Libbey.

She and a business partner started AMI in 1979. She took business management classes at the University of Maine while getting the company up and running. She is now AMI’s sole owner, employing 50 people at the two manufacturing plants. While others took their operations to Asia over the last decade, she took the road less traveled and kept AMI in Maine. The company has led the evolution toward standardization in its

industry, being first to embrace performance-based testing and third-party certification of its products.

Today, Auburn Manufacturing, Inc. is a leading developer, manufacturer, and marketer of textile products for extreme temperature industrial applications, exporting its products to more than 35 countries and occupying the top position in its existing markets. It serves customers in the petroleum, ship building and repair, power generation and metal-making industries and is now moving into the institutional market, including government facilities, with its patented Ever Green® modular insulation products.

Leonard is married to Steve Lunt and has one grown son, an entrepreneur in the music mastering business who lives in Atlanta.

on wildlife. Programs include education, applied research and an early spay-neuter initiative to promote responsible pet care. CWHR supports the work of the Community Spay Neuter Clinic, a high volume, low-cost spay-neuter operation based in Freeport that has sterilized more than 15,000

dogs and cats since it opened in 2010. CWHR also conducts humane and environmental education camps throughout the summer in Freeport.

For more information about CWHR, or to express interest in joining its board of directors, call 540-4032, email llichko@cwhrbirds.org or visit www.cwhrbirds.org.

Secret Show Announced, Maine State Music Theatre presents “Sister Act”

Today, “Sister Act” will be the second show of the much-anticipated 57th season at Maine State Music Theatre. “Sister Act” will run from June 24 to July 11 at Pickard Theater, located at 1 Bath Road on the Bowdoin College campus.

Prior to this announcement the identity of the show was kept under wraps due to a licensing agreement.

“‘Sister Act’ combines heart and joy to create musical theatre magic on stage,” said Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark. “The performances will knock your socks off.”

“Sister Act” is the feel-amazing musical comedy smash based on the hit 1992 film that has audiences jumping to their feet. Featuring original music by Tony and eight-time Oscar winner Alan Menken (“Newsies,” “Beauty and the Beast,” “Little Shop of Horrors”), this uplifting musical was nominated for

five Tony Awards including Best Musical.

The announcement of “Sister Act” completes MSMT’s four-show “Season of Smiles.” The 2015 summer season kicks off June 3 through June 20 with the heartwarming comedy, “The Full Monty.” July 15 through August 1 promises fantastic family fun with “The Music Man.” Finally, the summer rounds out with Mel Brooks’ hilarious “Young Frankenstein” from August 5 to August 22.

Additionally, MSMT will host several special events this summer including a production of “Fame-the Musical”

on June 15, and “Footlight Follies” on August 10. MSMT’s Theatre for Young Audiences features Theatreworks USA’s “Curious George” on June 10 and “Shrek Jr.” on August 17.

Seats to all four shows can be secured by purchasing a subscription, currently on sale. Single tickets will be available April 29, starting at 9 a.m. Purchases and inquiries can be made at the Maine State Music Theatre Box Office located at 22 Elm Street, Brunswick, ME 04011, online at www.msmt.org, or by phone 725-8760.

Grant

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of marketing, financial management, fundraising, law, or human resources to join its board of directors.

“The Sewall grant will enable CWHR to help protect both cats and wildlife by conducting groundbreaking research focused on reducing the number of homeless cats in Maine,” said Dr. Elizabeth Stone, executive director and chief veterinary officer at CWHR. “As we expand to encompass this work, we are looking for leaders in the community to join the CWHR team. The capacity building grant from the Belvedere Fund will help us with this goal of strengthening our organization.”

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What's Going On

Maine CASA seeks volunteer child advocates

Are you interested in speaking up for a Maine foster child? The Maine Court Appointed Special Advocates Program will present its spring training for volunteer advocates March 3 through 6 in the Augusta area. Those attending will learn about all aspects of child advocacy work to be certified as volunteer guardians ad litem for the Maine District Court. The four-day training is free.

Court Appointed Special Advocates are community volunteers appointed to serve as advocates, called guardians ad litem, 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 they can tell the judge what the child wishes, according to the Maine Judicial Branch's GAL Coordinator Libby McCullum, Esq.

CASAs come from a wide variety of professional and personal backgrounds and are guided throughout the process by staff attorneys. Each brings a unique perspective from their own life and community to their work as a volunteer.

Last year, almost 500 children involved in a child protection court case had a volunteer CASA who served as the child's 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. Applicants must be over 21 and have a high school diploma or GED equivalent. Along with the application, you will also need to provide three references and complete a background check that includes disclosing any criminal or child protection history.

For more information about becoming a volunteer, contact Maine CASA Program Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Leigh, Esq., at 287-5829 or Tracy.Leigh@courts.maine.gov. For more information about the Maine CASA Program, see www.casaofmaine.org.

Baked Bean Supper

United Methodist Church of Auburn will present a Baked Bean Supper on Saturday, January 24 at 5 p.m. The menu will include baked beans, casseroles, potato salad, hot dogs, coleslaw, breads, beverages and pies. Entertainment will be provided by the Park Street Pickers. The cost is \$7. All are welcome. The church is located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. For more information, call the church office at 782-3972.

Cancer support program seeks Norway-area volunteers

In advance of a training session scheduled for February in Norway, the Maine Buddy Program is inviting local community members to apply to become program volunteers. Anyone who is a cancer survivor, has been a friend or caregiver to someone with cancer, or has lost a loved one to cancer may apply. The program is especially interested in adding volunteers from the

Western Maine region. Buddy Program training will take place on Saturday, February 21, at the Harper Conference Center in the Ripley Medical Building in Norway.

The Maine Buddy Program is a statewide service that pairs trained volunteers with people dealing with cancer in their lives - either through their own illness or the cancer diagnosis of a friend or family member. Buddies provide emotional support, hope and encouragement to help individuals move through their own or a loved one's cancer journey or grief process. Molly Stewart, MSW, mission services director at the Cancer Community Center in South Portland, provides training,

academic success, service to school, community and/or family and involvement in extracurricular activities.

The application process begins in January and typically ends in early April. Application deadlines vary by school, so check with the school's guidance department for its deadline. The scholarship application can be picked up at the school's guidance office or at any Mechanics Savings Bank branch. It can also be accessed online at www.mechanicssavings.com/home/about/community.

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supervision and support for the program's volunteers.

"Members of this community expressed a need for more support for people affected by cancer," said Stewart. "They reached out to the Cancer Community Center and we are happy to partner with the local community to expand the Maine Buddy Program in the Oxford Hills region."

Those interested in applying should contact Molly Stewart of the Cancer Community Center at 774-2200 or mstewart@cancercommunitycenter.org. Volunteer applications are also available online at www.CancerCommunityCenter.org.

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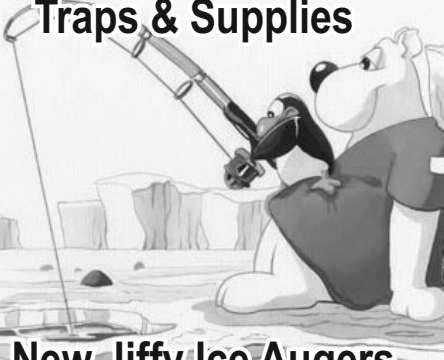
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Verizon Wireless hosts Business After Hours in Auburn



Verizon Wireless hosted the Androscoggin Chamber January Business After Hours at its location in Auburn. The Verizon Wireless team pictured includes (front: l-r) Michelle Roberge, Jill Spear and Suzanne Annear; (back: l-r) Al Ketchen, Matt Saucier and Darrin Reynolds.

Program smooths path to higher education for working adults

Enrollment in the Maine Department of Education's Maine College Transitions Program continues to grow one year after increased funding expanded the program's reach to more than 70 communities throughout the state.

The program for adults seeking a pathway to postsecondary education reached 22 communities and fewer than 500 students when it was launched in 2007. Today, more than 1,300 people are enrolled in Maine College Transitions, which is offered through local Adult Education programs in every Maine county.

The comprehensive program includes career planning and assessment, advising, college preparatory coursework, use of technology, college success classes, ACCUPLACER college placement testing and financial aid and college application activities. Adults with a range of education experience have completed Maine College Transitions and successfully enrolled at community colleges, public and private traditional four-year colleges or specialty colleges like the Culinary Institute of America.

"It has been inspiring to see success stories from the newest communities offering Maine College Transitions and from those that were early providers," said Nancy Dionne, adult education professional development coordinator at the Maine Department of Education. "The program does a wonderful job of meeting the needs of adult learners on a personal level and providing them with a support system as they continue or begin their college experience and earn a degree."

Most Maine College Transitions students are over the age of 25. More than 60 percent of students are female and an equal percentage are first generation college candidates. The program is ideal for adults who want

additional education during a career change, those seeking to begin college after being in the workforce for several years, or for people who have been homeschooled through high school or earned their high school credential.

Belfast resident Samwel Waithaka, 35, completed high school in his native Kenya and had been out of school for nine years when he decided to start the Maine College Transitions program as a way to get back on the academic track. He is currently a student at Eastern Maine Community College and plans to join the nursing program next fall.

"The program gave

me the edge I needed and smoothed the way for me to get into college," said Waithaka. "Applying what I learned in Maine College Transitions was very easy."

The Maine Department of Education and the Finance Authority of Maine are partnering on a multimedia awareness campaign to help increase the number of Maine residents seeking prosperity to successfully complete the Maine College Transitions program and enroll in higher education. To find a Maine College Transitions program near you, call your local Adult Education program or see www.mainecollegegetransitions.org.

What's Going On

Mac's Grill caters Business After Hours at Verizon



Mac's Grill catered the Androscoggin Chamber Business After Hours at Verizon Wireless in Auburn. Pictured (l-r) is Mike Peters, Kristie Doyle, Dave Gagne, Dalia Lapinas, Gerry Gagne and Spencer Wigton of Mac's Grill.

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Out & About with Rachel Morin

Opening night for Area Artists 2015



The opening reception for the Area Artists 2015 exhibition attracted a large crowd to LAC's Atrium Art Gallery.



Several artists from LAC Senior College have works on display in the exhibit, including (l-r) Pat Clement, Anita Poulin, Michael Everett, Carol Seward, Mary Jane Beardsley and Linda DeSantis (absent from the photo is Margaret Betts).

Story and photos by
Rachel Morin
A large gathering filled the Atrium Art Gallery at the Univer-

sity of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College recently for the opening reception for the Area Artists 2015 exhibition.

Presented on a biennial basis, this year's event features the work of 93 artists from Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties. Works on display include paintings, prints, drawings and photographs, as well as sculptural works in

clay, wood, fiber metal and mixed media.
Robyn Holman, Atrium Art Gallery curator, who has more than 35 years of developing and organizing art exhibits, was the juror for this year's exhibition.



"Even Song" by Margaret Betts



Susan Matthews stands beside a favorite of hers at the exhibit, "Raven's Grove" by Ryan Connell Garvey.



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Sheila Patrick (r.) and Joanne Sabourin, with Sheila's oil painting "In the Beginning"



Ron Hood of Lewiston stands proudly beside an oil painting created by his daughter, Alexandra Hood, called "Everybody Wants to Rule the World."



Julie and Bart Garvey, with Julie's watercolor "On Peak's Island"

At the event, USM LAC Dean Joyce Gibson made the surprise announcement that Holman is retiring from the college. Gibson praised Holman's 25 years of dedication and excellent work for the college, to a burst of spontaneous and enthusiastic applause from the crowd.

The Atrium Art Gallery is located within Lewiston-Auburn College at 51 Westminster Street in Lewiston. Several students from LAC's Senior College have works on display in the exhibit. LAC Senior College offers art instruction classes on painting and drawing in various media, as well as art appreciation classes on periods from the old masters to contemporary art.

The Area Artists 2015 exhibition runs through April 4. Admission is free and open to the public.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The gallery is closed Sundays and holidays.

For more information, call 753-6554 or see www.usm.maine.edu/atriumgallery.



Nancy and Tom Robustelli (l.) of Lewiston and Jane and Chip Morrison of Auburn



"Moonrise Meets Sunset at Young's Corner" by Mary Jane Beardsley



USM LAC Dean Joyce Gibson announces the retirement of Atrium Art Gallery curator Robyn Holman after 25 years of service to the college.

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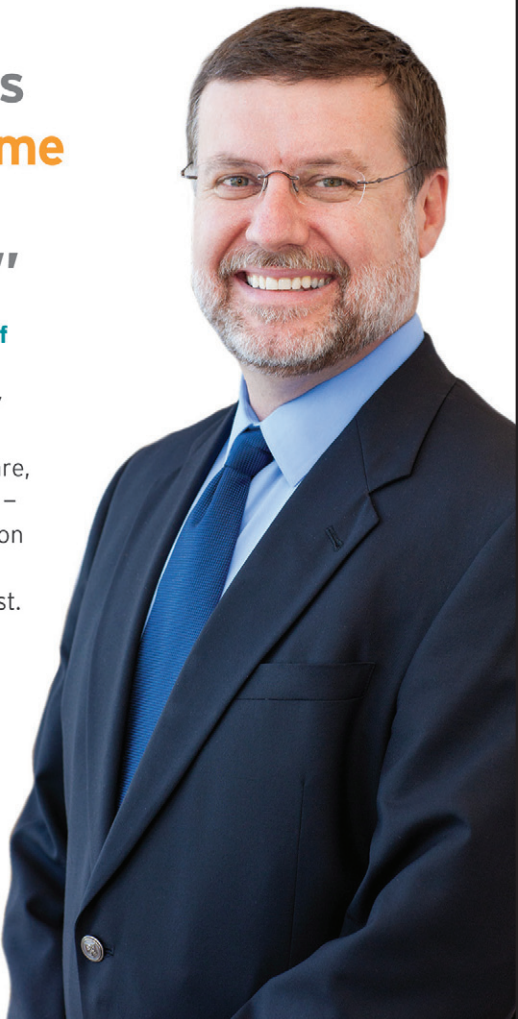
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College presents author of satirical spy novel

Portland author Brock Clarke will read from his novel "The Happiest People in the World" - whose plotline has been made acutely relevant by the recent deadly attack on the Paris newspaper Charlie Hebdo - on Thursday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Edmund S. Muskie Archives at 70 Campus Avenue in Lewiston.

Part of Bates College's Language Arts Live series, the event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 786-6256.

Amazon's Best Book of the Month for November 2014, "The Happiest People in the World" was described by the Wall Street Journal as a "dark and funny satire" that "reflects the absurdity of any country obsessed with spying on its own people."

In Clarke's witty twist on the spy novel, the titular "happiest people" are the Danes, inventors of such joyous things as Hans Christian Andersen fairy tales and the open-faced



Portland author Brock Clarke will read from his novel "The Happiest People in the World" on Thursday, January 29 at Bates College's Muskie Archives.

sandwich. Not everyone is so happy, however, when Danish political cartoonists draw Muhammad in their comics, resulting in arson and assassination attempts - a plotline inspired by actual events that occurred in Denmark in 2005 and were echoed in Paris this month. A satire in the very essence of the word, the novel follows one of these cartoonists, who is relocated

by the CIA to a small town in upstate New York, where almost every resident is a CIA operative.

"This book is a goofball, but a goofball with an edge," wrote Chicago Tribune reviewer Kathleen Rooney. Its "humor and quirkiness are not ends in themselves, but doors that Clarke uses to open the view out onto a bigger vista: the span of America, unto itself, and in relation to the world."

Clarke is a professor of English at Bowdoin College. His work has been published in the New York Times, Boston Globe, One Story, New England Review and Virginia Quarterly Review and has been featured on NPR's "Selected Shorts." His previous books include the national bestseller "An Arsonist's Guide to Writers' Homes in New England" (Algonquin Books, 2007) and "Exley" (Algonquin, 2010), a finalist for the Maine Book Award. "The Happiest People in the World" is his sixth novel.

Love Unlimited Trio performs at Bates

Jazz musician and Bates College faculty member A. J. Johnson will perform with his Love Unlimited Trio on Friday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Olin Arts Center Concert Hall at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston.

Composed of veteran jazz players, the trio describes its sound as "grooving music abiding the freedom principle." Admission to the concert is free, but tickets are required. They are available at www.bit.ly/oacbates. For more information, call 786-6135 or email olinarts@bates.edu.

"A labor of love without limits," the Love Unlimited Trio features Johnson on trombone, tuba, baritone saxophone and bass clarinet, Salim Washington on flute, oboe and bass clarinet and Akua Dixon on cello and vocals.

A. J. Johnson is a visiting assistant professor of music at Bates. In addition to jazz, his interests include African American popular music,

film music and the relationships between music and technology. His articles have appeared in the journals Musical Quarterly, Current Musicology and American Studies.

An accomplished composer, Johnson received the New Jersey State Council Fellowship in Music in 2000. He composed the material on his critically acclaimed first album, "Songs of Our Fathers" (2008). A prolific performer, he has played with such artists as Aretha Franklin, Charles Tolliver and Jay-Z.

Born in Memphis, Salim Washington has been a jazz musician since the 1970s. Deeply influenced by both the jazz and the social justice struggle of South Africans, he is on

the music faculty at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He performs solo and with a variety of group projects, notably the Eco-Music Big Band, a jazz ensemble mixing the music of Fred Ho and Cal Massey with political content.

A New York City native, Akua Dixon is a classically trained cellist seasoned in the band pit of the Apollo Theater and through collaborations with such artists as Max Roach, with whom she performed in the Max Roach Double Quartet. An influential figure in the infusion of bowed strings into jazz, this composer and performer has appeared on several albums, including her eponymous second solo recording, a self-release issued this month.

Library announces Wellness Challenge

The new year is upon us and many are making their yearly resolution to eat healthy and start a regular exercise routine. If you made this pledge, you are not alone: According to a small study by John C. Norcross, professor of psychology at the University of Scranton, about a third of New Year's resolvers make weight loss their primary goal, while about 15 percent aim to begin an exercise program.

Looking to support

these efforts, Auburn Public Library is inviting community members to participate in their first Community Wellness Challenge. Participants will complete the program, which kicks off on February 27 with the library's annual farmer's market, at their own pace, in their own homes, to earn points and the chance to win prizes. Registration papers are available at the library. For more information, call 333-6640 ext. 4.

Benefit for Keith Barry

Family and friends of Lisbon resident Keith Barry, who was diagnosed recently with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, will host a benefit event on Saturday, January 24 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 2

Columbus Drive in Brunswick. The evening will feature a potluck dinner, DJ, cash bar, 50/50 and other raffles, and many silent auction items. Admission will be by donation. The only form of payment will be cash.

WLU to present "Just Desserts"

The Woman's Literary Union of Androscoggin County will present a "Just Desserts" Valentine's Day celebration for all ages on Saturday, February 14 at 4 p.m. at WLU headquarters, the Foss Mansion, 19 Elm Street in Auburn. Participants will enjoy a buffet of chocolate

featuring a chocolate fountain, cheesecakes and whoopee pies. A minimum donation of \$5 per person is suggested. No reservations are required. For more information, call 783-5630 (please leave a message) or email womansliteraryunion@gmail.com.

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Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike opens Friday!



Laugh away the winter blues with Christopher Durang’s hilarious and endearing comedy *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*, opening this Friday, Jan 23 at The Public Theatre.

Winner of the 2013 Tony Award for Best Play, don’t miss this hit Broadway comedy critics call “hugely entertaining” (USA Today), and “deliriously funny” (New York Times).

Middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia (named after Chekhov characters by their hyper-educated parents) live uneventful lives

until their self-absorbed movie star sister Masha returns home with her 20-something boy-toy Spike to shake things up. Add to the mix, a wannabe young actress named Nina, a housekeeper named Cassandra who sees into the future, a delightful rant about the joy of life before cell phones, and one hot guy in his underwear, and this is one family reunion you’ll want to attend!

Performances of *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* are Jan. 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31 and Feb. 1. Thurs./Fri. 7:30 p.m., Sat 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m., with

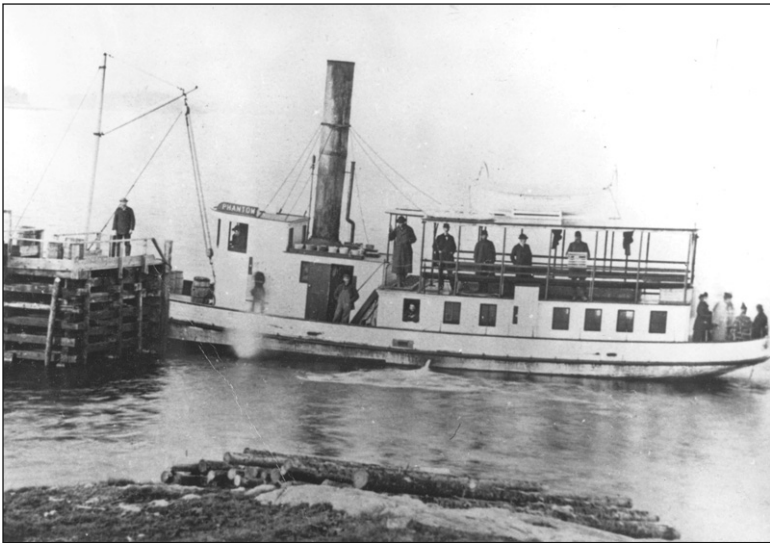
an added matinee on Jan. 31 at 3 p.m. Adults \$20, Group Rate (10+) \$16. For tickets, call The Public Theatre Box Office at 782-3200 or visit www.thepublictheatre.org The Public Theatre is located at 31 Maple St. in downtown Lewiston.

This production is sponsored by The Brand Collective, Cross Insurance, Praxis Production Studios, The Forecaster and MaineBiz.

The Public Theatre 2014-15 season underwriters: Platz Associates, Sun Journal, Austin Associates and Gleason Media Services.

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FHS presents “Steamboats of Casco Bay”



The steamship Phantom at Bustin’s Island, c. 1900 (photo from the collections of the Freeport Historical Society).

Steamboats ruled the waters of Casco Bay for more than a century, from 1823 through the 1930s. At its height, the traffic included 48 steamboat companies operating from 98 wharves.

Freeport Historical Society will present an illustrated lecture on “The Steamboats of Casco Bay” by FHS volunteer Rebecca Hotelling on Wednesday January 28 at 7 p.m. at Freeport Community Library. Admission to the program will be \$5 (free for members of FHS). The library is located at 10

Library Drive in Freeport, just off Main Street/Route 1.

Rebecca Hotelling has lived in Freeport for more than 40 years and spent many hours sailing the waters of Casco Bay. While conducting research for the current exhibit, “You Can Get There From Here: How Transportation Defined Freeport,” as a volunteer for Freeport Historical Society, she became intrigued by the history and lore of local steamboats. Her program illustrates how the area’s steamboat industry influenced the development

of the bay’s many islands, as well as the location of roads and wharves on the mainland, with particular emphasis upon vessels constructed in Freeport and their owners, captains and routes.

The exhibit is on view through the end of January at Freeport Historical Society headquarters, 45 Main Street, for a suggested donation of \$3. Open hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 865-3170 or see www.freeporthistoricalsociety.org.

Film explores local food movement in Maine

Local Farms-Local Food and Maine Farmland Trust will present the new film “Growing Local” on Sunday, January 25 at 5 p.m. at Frontier Cinema in Brunswick. The screening will be followed by a discussion of the film and current food and farm conditions in the community.

“Growing Local” was created jointly by Maine Farmland Trust and Seedlight Pictures. The film highlights both the vibrancy

and growing pains of the local food movement in Maine and the uncertain fate of the farmers and farmland that keep it alive.

Local Farms-Local Food is a partnership between the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust and Kennebec Estuary Land Trust to conserve farmland, increase local food production and promote a more resilient food system in the southern midcoast region.

This event will launch a short film series presented by LFLF to engage the community on local farm and food issues. Free screenings of food and farm films will be presented in Bath, Brunswick and Topsham, followed by discussions to solicit community input on questions such as where local food is being grown and consumed, who in the community does not have access to local food, and what farm and food projects seem most or least promising.

MSO presents all-American program

The 25th anniversary season of the Midcoast Symphony Orchestra continues this month with a program featuring works by American composers, including one of the most popular works in the American symphonic genre: Ferde Grofé’s “Grand Canyon Suite.” Also on the program will be “Symphony in E minor” by the dean of American women composers, Amy Beach, and “Jubilee” by her contemporary, George Chadwick.

Music Director Rohan Smith will conduct both performances on Saturday and Sunday, January 24 and 25. The Saturday performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Franco Center in Lewiston, while the Sunday performance will take place at 2:30 p.m. at the Orion Performing Arts Center in Topsham. Tickets are \$20 per person; those ages 18 and younger enter free of charge. To purchase tickets in advance, visit the concert hall, Gulf of Maine Books in Brunswick or Now

You’re Cooking in Bath; call 846-5378; or see www.midcoastsymphony.org.

Written in 1931, Ferde Grofé’s “Grand Canyon Suite” has secured its place in the symphonic canon of Americana. Its picturesque style evokes film music from the mid-20th century, and it will come as no surprise to learn that Grofé wrote and arranged for Hollywood. Walt Disney was sufficiently inspired that he made a film of the Grand Canyon to accompany the piece. See MSO, page 12



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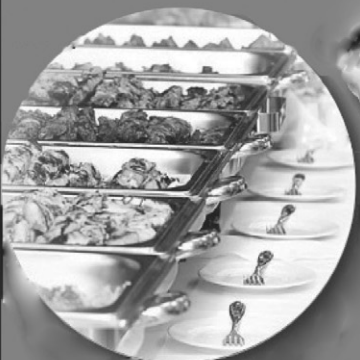
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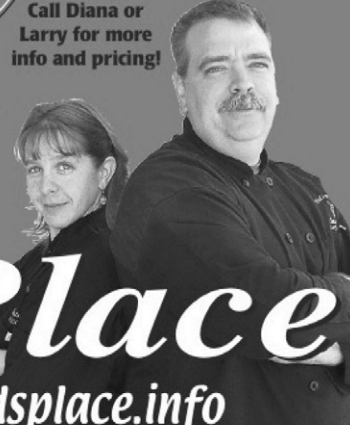
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Theater Project presents Winter Cabaret



The Theater Project’s Winter Cabaret cast from 2012 (photo courtesy of the Theater Project)

The Theater Project Professional Ensemble will once again present its (mostly) annual Winter Cabaret from January 23 through February 1. Winter Cabaret is sketch comedy at its best - the funny, frantic, slightly bawdy sort the people have come to love from the Theater Project. This year, the group, which has been acting, improvising and laughing together for more than a decade have created an all-new, all-original line-up of skits that explore the whole of human history, from the Ottomans and Romans to Joan of Arc, Henry VIII, the Puritans and the presidents. Closer to Monty Python than the history lessons one might

remember from school, the real question is: What won't they make fun of in this show?

Gloriously tasty desserts by Wild Oats Bakery will complement the wild and weird wit onstage and musical accents and interludes will be designed and performed by Ben Hunsberger.

Performance times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8

p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. All tickets are Pay-What-You-Want, with a suggested price of \$18. Limited table seating is available by request. The Theater Project is located at 14 School Street in Brunswick.

For more information or to buy tickets, call the box office at 729-8584 or see www.theaterproject.com.

Cabin Fever Book & Bake Sale

The New Gloucester Library will present its annual Cabin Fever Book & Bake Sale on Saturday, February 14 from 8 a.m.

to noon.

The sale will feature a large assortment of books for adults and children, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, games, vintage books in the categories of Maine and Guy Fiction, and home-baked goodies. All items will be sold at great prices, so plan to stock up for the rest of the winter.

The library is located at 379 Intervale Road. The snow date for the event is February 21.

For more information, call 926-4840.

Swim classes begin February 23

Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children ages 1 to 4, and the second leading cause for kids ages 5 to 14. Make sure your kids are safe around water by signing them up for YWCA swim classes, which begin the week of February 23. For more information about class times or levels, call 795-4050 or see www.ywcamaine.org.

Parent & Child Level A (ages 6 months to 3 years). This class is for children who have had no previous water experience or one session of water adjustment lessons.

Parent & Child Level B (ages 18 months to 3 years). This class is for children who have had two or more previous sessions of water adjustment lessons or swim independently with flotation; parents participate with children in the pool to learn water adjustment and safety skills.

Parent & Child Level C (ages 3 to 7 years). This class is for children who have no water experience or are fearful of entering the water without a parent.

Preschool Swim (ages 3 to 5 years). These Preschool Level 1, 2 and 3 swim lessons focus on the

development of skills for preschool-aged children with no parent in the water.

Beginner Swim (ages 6 years and up). These Beginner Level 1 and 2 swim lessons focus on developmental skills for non-swimmers and swimmers with little or no prior swim lessons; a combination of both levels will be taught for this session.

Advanced Beginner Swim (ages 6 years and up, Level 3). Requires completion of Level 2 or the ability to float independently on one's front and back for five seconds and swim unassisted for five body lengths.

Intermediate Swim (ages 6 and up, Levels 4, 5 and 6). Requires completion of Level 3 or the ability to enter the water headfirst, jump into deep water, swim 15 yards in a front crawl with rhythmic breathing, tread or float for 30 seconds and swim 15 yards in an elementary backstroke.

Synchronized Swimming (ages 5 to 14 years). This introduction to synchronized swimming focuses on building the skills needed for recreational or team participation.

Swimming is for Everyone. This recreational

swimming pool experience is for children and teens with special needs. Trained Water Safety Instructors work with participants and one parent must go into the water with the child or teen.

Adult Swim Lessons (ages 15 and older). Designed for non-swimmers, who will learn basic water skills including water adjustment, floating and basic safety precautions, as well as swimmers who have mastered floating, prone glide, beginning crawl stroke, back float and basic backstroke.

Private swim lessons are also available by appointment.

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Its movements - "Sunrise, the Painted Desert," "On the Trail," "Sunset and Cloudburst" - follow each other without a break, but the music is so vivid in its use of music-pictorial devices that listeners can follow the plot with no difficulty.

The absence of women composers in the symphonic tradition is striking: Those who overcame the obstacles in their paths to become proficient composers typically wrote small-scale works that could be performed by themselves or by small groups in private or semi-private venues. An exception was Amy Beach. A Mozart-like prodigy who displayed immense musical talent at a very young age, Beach and her contemporary, George Chadwick, became leading members of the "Boston School" of composers, who were intensely interested in establishing an authentically American idiom in symphonic works.

Written in 1895, Chadwick's "Jubilee" is very much part of that movement. In 1908, theater critic Henry Taylor Parker wrote of the piece that its American quality "lies... in the high and volatile spirits of the music, the sheer rough and tumble at its fullest moments." Written in 1896, Beach's "Symphony in E minor" was the first symphony ever written by an American woman. Premiered by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, it was successful and much respected in its own time, partly on its merits and partly because it was so intentionally "American."

Season tickets for the remainder of this 25th Anniversary concert season are still available for \$45. This includes tickets for all three concerts at either venue, plus a companion ticket so the season ticket holder can share their love of music with a friend.

“Creating Your Future” at Women, Work and Community

The Maine Centers for Women, Work, and Community will present a free, eight-session class called "Creating Your Future" at their center at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College in Lewiston.

During this 24-hour class, participants will examine their work values and interests, identify their transferable skills and learn techniques to manage their paychecks effectively.

The class will explore local projected growth industries and identify skills, education, and/or training needed to launch a new career. Participants will create individualized plans to achieve their career goals.

The orientation will take place on Thursday, January 22 from 9 to 11 a.m. The class

will meet on Mondays and Thursdays, January 26 and 29 and February 2, 5, 9, 12, 17 and 19, from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information or to register, call Laurie at 753-6612.

Women, Work, and Community is a statewide non-profit organization committed to improving the economic lives of Maine men, women and their families.

The organization provides individual assistance and group training in building careers, starting and growing businesses, planning for financial security and becoming community leaders, working with all individuals "where they are" to provide the support, guidance, and tools needed to take the next steps toward a more promising future.

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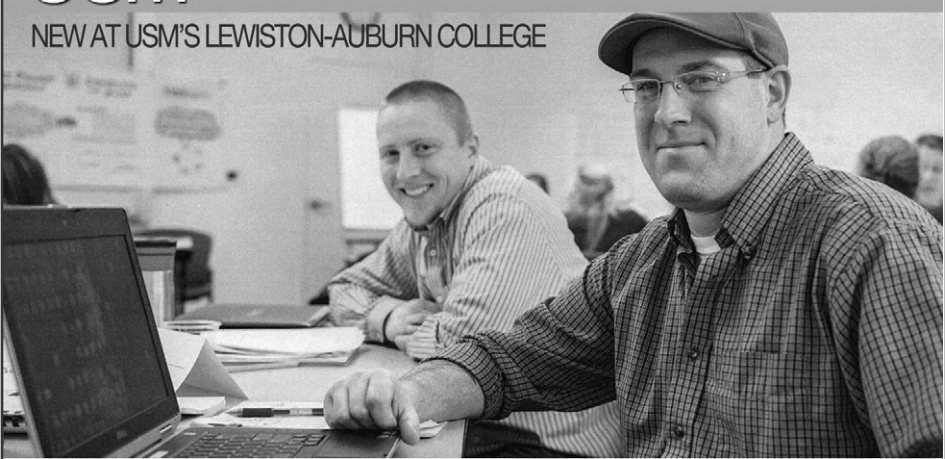


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Thursday, January 22
Visiting Hours. 5 to 7 p.m. Auburn Public Library. City Councilor Tizz Crowley meets with Auburn residents or business owners who want to discuss concerns or share constructive feedback. 333-6600 ext. 1217; Tcrowley@auburn-maine.gov.

Friday, January 23
“Long Ridges and Steep Faces: An Alaskan Education.” 7 p.m. Lower level, L.L. Bean flagship store, 85 Main St., Freeport. Charlie Townsend discusses his forays in the Alaska Range and his long-time work with the N.H. Mountain Rescue Service. Free.

Theater: “Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike.” 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. This Broadway hit by Christopher Durang won the 2013 Tony Award for Best Play. Again 01/24-25, 29-31, and 02/01. For show times and ticket info, see www.thepublictheatre.org.

Concert: Love Unlimited Trio. 7:30 p.m. Olin Arts Center, Bates College, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. Brass, woodwinds and cello combine in this jazz combo of acclaimed musicians A. J. Johnson, Salim Washington and Akua Dixon. Free, but tix required. 786-6135; www.bit.ly/oacbates.

Winter Cabaret. 8 p.m. The Theater Project, 14 School St., Brunswick. The Theater Project presents its annual sketch comedy show, this year featuring high (and low) points from human history. Again 1/24, 25, 30, 31 and 02/01 (Suns. at 2 p.m.) Sugg. price \$18. 729-8584; www.theater-project.com.

Saturday, January 24
Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sixth Street Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Two kinds of beans, all-beef hot dogs, cole slaw, chop suey, homemade brown bread, desserts, tea, coffee, juice. Take-out avail. \$5 (\$3 ages 6-12; free ages 5-). 782-7517.

Baked Bean Supper. 5 p.m. United Methodist Church, 469 Park Ave., Auburn. Baked beans, casseroles, potato salad, hot dogs, coleslaw, breads, beverages and pies; entertainment by the Park Street Pickers. All welcome. \$7. 782-3972.

Baked Bean Supper. 5 p.m. First Congregational Church, Rte. 115, Gray. Baked beans, casseroles, salads, homemade breads,

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desserts and beverages. \$8 adults; \$4 kids ages 11-. Wheelchair accessible. 657-4279; 657-3279 (day of supper).

Benefit for Keith Barry. 5 to 10 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall, 2 Columbus Dr., Brunswick. This event for Lisbon resident Keith Barry, diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, features a potluck dinner, DJ, cash bar, 50/50 and other raffles, and silent auction items. Admission by donation. Cash only please.

Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, Lewiston. The MSO performs works by American composers Ferde Grofé, Amy Beach and George Chadwick. \$20 (ages 18- free). 846-5378; www.midcoastsymphony.org.

Sunday, January 25
Chocolat! 1 to 3:30 p.m. Green Ladle, Lewiston H.S. campus, 156 East Ave.. Lewiston. A variety of fine food purveyors present chocolate delicacies to please those in attendance and compete for awards; proceeds benefit activities at Lewiston Middle School. \$10 (at door or in advance).

Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 2:30 p.m. Orion Performing Arts Center, Topsham. The MSO performs works by American composers Ferde Grofé, Amy Beach and George Chadwick. \$20 (ages 18- free). 846-5378; www.midcoastsymphony.org.

Film Screening. 5 p.m. Frontier Cinema, 14 Maine St., Brunswick. Local Farms-Local Food and Maine Farmland Trust present a new film, “Growing Local,” about the vibrancy and growing pains of the local food movement in Maine. A discussion follows.

Tuesday, January 27
Resume Writing Workshop. 9 to 11 a.m. Lisbon Career Development Center, lower level Lisbon Falls Community Library. Give your resume a fresh new look for the new year. Free and open to Lisbon residents. Space limited; to reserve your spot, call 353-6564.

Wednesday, January 28
Maine Wood Products Assoc. Annual Meeting. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Features a variety of speakers, plus tours of Central Maine Cabinetry & Millwork and McIntosh & Tuttle. \$50 per person. 338-2883; director@mwpa.org.

“Steamboats of Casco Bay.” 7 p.m. Freeport Community Library, 10 Library Dr. Rebecca Hotelling of Freeport Historical Society discusses how the steamboat era influenced the development of Casco Bay and Freeport. \$5 (free for FHS members). 865-3170.

Thursday, January 29
Theater: “Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike.” The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. This Broadway hit by Christopher Durang won the 2013 Tony for Best Play. Again 01/30-31, 02/01. For show times and ticket info, see www.thepublictheatre.org.

Author Visit. 7:30 p.m. Muskie Archives, Bates College, 70 Campus Ave., Lewiston. Portland author Brock Clarke reads from his new novel “The Happiest People in the World,” a satirical spy novel made acutely relevant by recent events. Free. 786-6256.

Friday, January 30
Community Bean Supper. 4:30 to 7 p.m. Sugg Middle School Cafeteria, 4 Sugg Dr., Lisbon Falls. All proceeds support the Lisbon Music Boosters Association Summer Music Camp Scholarship Fund. \$7 adults, \$4 children ages 10-. 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 real life mother-daughter pair who became high society’s most

notorious recluses. Again Jan. 31, Feb 1, 6-8 (Suns. at 2 p.m.) \$14/12. www.monmouthcommunityplayers.com.

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Saturday, January 31
Memorial Ceremony. 8 a.m. Mausoleum, St. Peter’s Cemetery, Lewiston. Auburn Scout Pack 111 hosts this public event to remember the 17 victims of the tragic Auburn Nursery fire of 1945; those attending are invited to gather afterwards at The Fortin Group for coffee and donuts.

Embroidery Demonstration. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Androscoggin Rm., Auburn Public Library. Members of the So. Maine Chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America celebrate “Stitch in Public Day” with this demonstration of their craft. Free. 333-6640 ext. 4.

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

Sunday, February 1
Lewiston Winter Farmer’s Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 208 Bates Street, Lewiston. Buy locally grown and made products from dozens of local vendors and have brunch at the Market café. Every 1st and 3rd Sun. thru April 29. www.stmarysnutritioncenter.com.
Annual Table Tour. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Viles Arboretum, 153 Hospital St., Augusta. Ski or hike the Arboretum’s beautiful groomed trails while sampling culinary delicacies from some of the area’s best restaurants. \$25 adults, \$10 kids 9-, toddlers free. 626-7989; www.vilesarboretum.

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The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13)	1:20	4:20	7:15
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The Hobbit: Battle Of The Five Armies (PG-13)	12:10			
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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.

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Saturday, February 7
Sleigh Day. Noon to 3 p.m. Skyline Farm, 95 The

Lane, No. Yarmouth. This event includes “pat a pony” time, sleigh driving demos, and a look at the Carriage Museum’s current sleigh exhibit. Storm date 2/8. \$9 (or \$25 per family), includes sleigh ride. 829-5708; www.skylinefarm.org.

Genealogy Workshop. 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Nancy Lecompte will discuss the use of DNA testing in genealogy research and Fr. Robert Parent will discuss Franco-American genealogy. Free, but donations welcome. 784-0586.

Take-Out Only Bean Super. 3 to 5:30 p.m. Holy Cross Church Hall, Lisbon St., Lewiston. Beans, coleslaw, buns, red hot dogs, ham and bologna will be avail. for purchase, either in various packages or by the single item. Pres. by Holy Cross K of C.

Sunday, February 8
White Mass. 10 a.m. Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul, Ash St., Lewiston. Bishop Robert Deeley of the Diocese of Portland celebrates this special annual Mass to bless doctors, nurses, lab technicians, EMTs, dentists and all who care for the sick.

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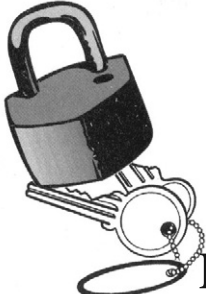
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Saint Joseph’s announces spring lectures

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and layaways. Tues 9-5, Wed 9-5, Thur. 10-7, Fri. 9-5 and Sat.9-5

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The series will kick off with “The Stone Carvings of Maine’s Native American Peoples,” a presentation and film screening with Ray Gerber, retired professor of biology at Saint Joseph’s College, on Monday, January 26 at 3 p.m.

Gerber has taught numerous courses in biology and marine science and continues to do research on marine zooplankton. His study of Maine’s petroglyphs is a serious avocation that culminated in the collaborative film, “Song of the Drum: The Petroglyphs of Maine.” This film has been shown on Maine PBS-TV, at the Maine International Film Festival of Waterville, at the Round Top Center for the Arts in Damariscotta, at the Eastern States Rock Art Research Association in Wisconsin and at numerous other venues.

The series will continue with the following events:

“Black Abolitionists, God & Mammon: The Abyssinian Church and Portland, Maine in the Early 19th Century,” with Amy Smith, on Sunday, February 1 at 2 p.m. at the Maine Irish Heritage Center, 34 Gray Street in

Portland. Admission to this event is \$5; members of MIHC and the Saint Joseph’s College community will enter for free.

“Maine and the American Revolution,” with James Leamon, PhD, on Wednesday, February 4 at 3 p.m.

“Imagining No Religion: Would the World be Better Off?” with Chris Callaway, PhD, on Monday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by the Faculty Development Committee.

“A Medley of Franco-American and Quebecois Traditional Music from Maine and Canada,” with Don and Cindy Roy, on Monday, March 30 at 7 p.m.

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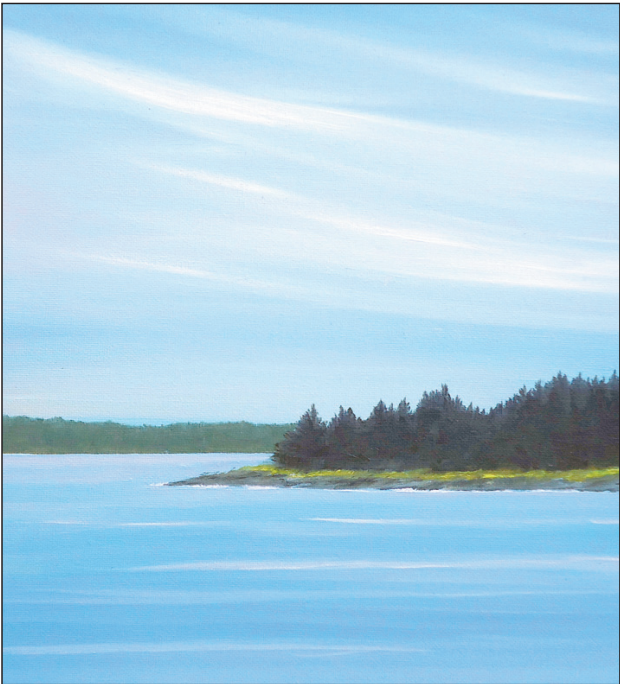
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What's Going On

Works by Clark, Preble at Rotating Art Gallery



"Shoreline" by Nancy Clark

The works of painter Nancy Clark and photographer Nancy Preble are now on display at the Central Maine Medical Center Woman's Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery, located in the hospital's main lobby at 60 High Street.

"My intention as an artist is to offer a sense of peace and tranquility through the colors and light of my paintings," said Clark, who has taught art in the Auburn School Department. "Living in Maine, I am surrounded by the natural beauty of layered mountains, expansive fields, flowing rivers, sparkling ponds and the magnificent, ever moving-ocean. The inspiration for my work is therefore boundless and extraordinary. My landscapes and seascapes express my deep love for nature and her ever-changing atmospheres."

Her works have appeared in solo exhibits, juried shows, group shows and arts festivals in central and southern Maine and

are included in corporate and private collections throughout the United States.



A photo by Nancy Preble

Preble is a self-taught photographer who has garnered a number of awards, including two second-place awards from the Maine Sportsman's Show and several awards from various Maine fairs. She has participated in the Turner Center Art Exhibit, L/A Arts Winter Exhibit, the L/A College Artist Exhibition and Art Walk Lewiston-Auburn. She has shown her work at Gallery 5 in Lewiston. One of her photos was featured in a publication compiled by the International Library of Photography.

The current exhibit runs through February 5. Artwork on display may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop, located adjacent to the main lobby at CMMC. A percentage of sale proceeds benefits CMMC.

Hist. Society presents genealogy workshop

The Androscoggin Historical Society will host a genealogy workshop on Saturday, February 7 at 2 p.m. at Auburn Public Library. Two experienced genealogists will present: Nancy Lecompte will discuss the use of DNA testing to answer genealogical questions and Rev. Robert Parent will discuss Franco-American genealogy.

Nancy Lecompte was born and raised in Auburn and has deep ancestral roots in Androscoggin County. She currently serves as the research director of Ne-Do-Ba, a local nonprofit organization specializing in Native American history and genealogy. She is an experienced genealogist and has spent the past 18 months studying genetics and how to apply genetic test results to genealogy research. She recently presented on the subject of genetic

genealogy for the Maine Genealogical Society's 2014 Fall Conference.

Rev. Robert Parent was born in Lewiston and currently resides in Auburn. He has been doing genealogical research since he was a young boy. He graduated from the University of Delaware, where he earned a degree in art history, and did his theological studies in Boston. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1986 for the Melkite Greek-Catholic

Church in the United States. He is a member of the Association of the Parent Families of America and the Societe de Genealogie de Quebec and he serves on the board of directors and is past president of the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society, located on Turner Street in Auburn. Admission to the program is free, but donations are welcome. For more information, call 784-0586.

Take Out-Only Bean Supper

Last month's Take Out-Only Bean Supper, presented by the Holy Cross Knights of Columbus, sold out completely, so another sale will take place on Saturday, February 7 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in the Holy Cross Church Hall on Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

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