

State St. Traditional Jazz Band brings romance of Mardi Gras to Franco Center



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Genuine Cajun cooking and the State Street Traditional Jazz Band will bring the flavor of Mardi Gras - with a Valentine's Day twist - back to the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston on Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m. The center will produce another of its unique, festive dinner-dance events with its

"Mardi Gras-Sweetheart" evening in Heritage Hall. The evening is underwritten in part through the generosity of several community members, who will be recognized at the event. Seating is limited. Reserved tickets are \$20 each, which includes the meal, show-dancing, and prizes.

In the great tradition of those legendary New Orleans celebrations, those attending will be treated to the joyful sounds of the Big Easy, free-flowing spirits, and authentic Cajun cuisine. The menu will include Jambalaya with chicken and shrimp, Andouille sausage with peppers and onions, Cajun-roasted sweet potatoes, and King Cake for dessert.

Providing the music will be Maine's own State Street Traditional Jazz Band, who have been honoring the roots of original New Orleans-style jazz since 1989. Guests are encouraged to wear costumes to the party. For those who do not have their own Mardi Gras masks, there will be some available to borrow or purchase at the event. The doors and bar will open at 6 p.m.

Located at 46 Cedar
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L/A Metro Chamber Foundation Scholarship Programs



Pictured l. to r. Hillary Verril, Beckie Conrad, and Paul Landry. (TCT photo by Millie Kidd)

The Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation established to "promote and support educational initiatives relating to economic development through grants and scholarships and other activity for all residents in the geographic reach of the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce." The current programs include: High School Schol-

arships of up to \$1,000 to hard working, ambitious and deserving high school students of the LA Metro Region: Lewiston, Auburn, Poland, SAD52 (Turner, Leeds, and Green) Oak Hill (Sabattus) and Lisbon chosen by the guidance counselors from the high schools. The First Class Scholarship will support adult learners who live or work in Androscoggin County, Maine for enrollment in their first class of post-secondary study. Chosen by the Col-

lege for ME Advisory Board. Fish Bones Hospitality Scholarship provides support to individuals looking to pursue careers in the hospitality industry Awards are to be used for individuals looking to pursue careers in the hospitality industry. Awards are to be used for the pursuit of a degree, associates or bachelors, or industry related certificate of completion. Chosen by Fish Bones Hospitality Advisory Committee.

Advocates for Children home visiting program receives Blue Ribbon status

Advocates for Children has announced that its Maine Families Androscoggin Home Visiting program has been awarded Blue Ribbon status from the Parents as Teachers National

Center, a high distinction in the field of evidence-based home visiting.

To earn Blue Ribbon status, PAT affiliates must undergo a rigorous self-study and national center re-

view process to confirm that they are meeting Parents as Teachers' standards of fidelity and quality. Blue Ribbon affiliates are exemplary programs, delivering highest
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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Tyler Technologies opens expanded new campus in Yarmouth



From left: Chief Marketing Officer Samantha Crosby, Chief Human Resources Officer Bob Sansone, Chief Executive Officer John Marr Jr., and President Lynn Moore.

After nearly two years of renovation, Tyler Technologies, Inc. has officially opened its new 94,425-square foot building expansion in Yarmouth, Maine.

The four-story addition features a meeting room with theater seating for more than 175 people; more than 30 collaboration areas; meeting rooms with advanced AV functionality; a large client training and development lab; a 3,600-square-foot fitness center; a half-court basketball court; an expanded café; a landscaped courtyard; multiple decks on all floors

for outside access; and a trail head leading to the West Side Trail

The Yarmouth campus can now accommodate up to 750 employees. The space was planned to support Tyler's hiring projections in Maine. The company expects to add 55 new jobs in the state in 2018.

"The opening of our new Yarmouth facility underscores our commitment to Maine," said Chief Executive Officer John Marr, Jr. "We believe it is a positive development for the community, as well as for our employees and clients. Throughout our Maine offic-

es, we foresee the potential growth of 575 new jobs for Maine through 2025, and this building is a symbol of our pledge to the area to continue to innovate for our clients and provide a great place to work for our employees."

Tyler's commitment in Maine began in 1962, when John Marr, Sr. founded Process Inc., which later became the Computer Center and was then renamed MUNIS in the 1980s. The company was sold to Tyler Technologies in 1999 and Tyler has maintained a strong and growing presence in Maine ever since,

today serving more than 215 clients in the state and employing more than 700 staff in its Yarmouth, Falmouth, and Bangor offices.

The Tyler Foundation supported numerous Maine charities last year and its popular Maine App Challenge donates \$10,000 of college scholarship money to high school students each year. Additionally, Tyler employees are involved in many local charitable causes throughout the year.

The ERP & Schools Division, headquartered in Maine, creates public sector software solutions for cities, counties, schools, and

other public municipalities. These solutions empower public offices to manage their finances and data more efficiently and effectively. Nationwide, Tyler serves more than 15,000 local government offices by providing software and services for cities, counties, schools, and other government entities.

Tyler Technologies (NYSE: TYL) is a leading provider of end-to-end information management solutions and services for local governments. Tyler partners with clients to empower the public sector - cities, counties, schools and other government entities

- to become more efficient, more accessible, and more responsive to the needs of their constituents. Tyler's client base includes more than 15,000 local government offices in all 50 states, Canada, the Caribbean, Australia, and other international locations.

In 2017, Forbes ranked Tyler on its "Most Innovative Growth Companies" list, and Fortune included Tyler on its "100 Fastest-Growing Companies" list. More information about Tyler Technologies, headquartered in Plano, Texas, can be found at www.tyler-tech.com.

Atlantic National Trust donation funds new emergency grant program at Community Concepts

Community Concepts, a nonprofit organization providing support services to residents in Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin counties, has received a donation from Atlantic National Trust

founder Ted West to launch "Pay It Forward," an innovative, privately-funded emergency grant program for those with acute needs that would otherwise go unmet.

Most of Community Concepts' programs are intended to meet specific needs, such as emergency heating fuel and heating system repairs under CHIP and LIHEAP, as well as

transportation to medical appointments and early education for children under age 5 through Head Start Early Learning Centers.

Through Pay It Forward, Community Concepts

will have the flexibility to give emergency assistance to qualifying clients for needs which fall outside the scope of established programs, from unexpected auto repairs to purchases of

work-required clothing to missed housing payments and more. Clients will not be required to pay back the funds; instead, recipients will agree to "pay it forward" through volunteerism so that the cycle of giving continues. Pay It Forward will be available for Community Concepts clients beginning in early 2018.

"Even something as small as a flat tire can have disastrous consequences for someone on the brink of poverty," said Community Concepts CEO Shawn Yardley. "Thanks to Ted West, our agency will have the flexibility to help our most vulnerable clients in a way that says, 'We believe in you and your ability to change for yourself.'"

"We want to help Community Concepts address the issues that get overlooked," said Atlantic National Trust founder Ted West. "You might not hear about it in the news when See **Community**, page 16



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Governor's Address: We Must Act to Save Girls from Horrific Child Abuse

There's a horrific type of child abuse happening right here in Maine, and we must stop it. It is graphic and disturbing.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, No child should ever be subjected to violence, especially when it leaves them permanently disfigured and interferes with normal bodily functions. But young girls in Maine are being forced to undergo a procedure called "female genital mutilation," and hundreds more are at risk.

Referred to as "FGM," this heinous procedure involves partial

or total removal of female genitalia for cultural or religious reasons. It is a practice common in many refugee populations, particularly those from East Africa, although the practice is pervasive around the world.

In 2013, Maine had 1,603 women at risk. Of those, 399 were under 18. Exact figures are hard to get because parents don't report this kind of mutilation, and girls are unlikely to report their parents. But doctors and nurses in our hospitals have seen the brutal results, either on the exam table or in the Emergency Room after it has gone



Governor Paul R. LePage

horribly wrong.

Female genital mutilation is practiced on girls as young as infants up until the age of 14. The practitioner is often not a

medical professional, yet they remove or partially remove the young girl's clitoris. They may also alter or remove the vaginal folds or pierce, scar, or cauterize the genital area.

I have presented a Governor's bill to make female genital mutilation a felony in Maine. The Democrats are sponsoring a separate bill as an alternative so they can look like they are doing something about it. When their bill comes out, hold them accountable.

We must ensure that any bill outlawing FGM allows us to aggressively prosecute these horrific

crimes against children.

First, the state needs the authority to prosecute the parents or guardians who bring the child to the mutilator. Otherwise, if the parents take the child to another state where it is not illegal, then return to Maine, we won't be able to prosecute the crime here. Second, the state needs to prosecute the person who actually mutilates the young girls' genitals.

A bill that only requires an education program does not hold anyone accountable. Maine already received a federal grant to run an educational program. This has not

stopped the mutilation of children. We must be able to prosecute.

Maine cannot be a hub for female genital mutilation procedures. New York, California, Virginia, Michigan and New Jersey have already outlawed this kind of brutality against children. Congress outlawed it in Washington, D.C. and voted last year to triple the penalty.

If you are a mandated reporter and see evidence of a mutilated child, you must report it. You must save these young girls.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Spaulding Scholarship winners at CMCC



Nursing students Nathan Pineau and Jaime Lyn Cormier

Nursing students Jamie Lyn Cormier of Auburn and Nathan Pineau of Bowdoin have been awarded the 2018 Spaulding Memorial Scholarships at Central Maine Community College. The college awards these scholarship in memory of Jason Spaulding, who was a student at the college prior to his untimely death. A high honors graduate of the General Studies program, Cormier is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and serves as president of the CMCC Student Senate.

Pineau spent 17 years in education and social work before deciding to pursue a nursing degree at CMCC. He previously attended the University of Maine at Farmington and Augusta.

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DHHS provides 2017 Welfare Fraud Update

In calendar year 2017, the Fraud Investigations and Recovery Unit of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services received a total of 1,588 calls and allegations of potential fraud cases. Of those, 771 were found to be legitimate and have been processed for further review and possible investigation. Some of the allegations were referred to other appropriate agencies as they entailed issues such as drug trafficking or child abuse. Calls not referred for investigation involved reports of persons who were not actually receiving benefits, lacked information to identify a specific client, or contained incorrect information.

FIRU Investigators presented 62 cases to the Attorney General's Office for potential prosecution. An additional 37 cases were filed with local District Attorney's Offices. FIRU also aided Federal Agencies in the investigation of three separate cases for alleged theft.

FIRU investigates cases of fraud involving the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and MaineCare, as well as fraud relating to General Assistance or Housing Assistance from local municipalities. The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to improving the program's integrity and operational effectiveness.

Local photographer becomes Exec. Secretary for PPANE



Jim Walker

Award-winning Lewiston photographer Jim Walker has been named Executive Secretary for the Professional Photographers Association of New England. His new responsibilities include accounting functions, membership, and registering members for workshops.

Professionally active, Walker serves on the Board of Directors for the Maine Professional Photographers Association and is active in

the national organization, Professional Photographers of America. He also coordinates and tracks enrollment in the New England Institute of Professional Photography, a week-long school that meets in April of every year to offer sessions with top professional photographers in various aspects of the profession.

His studio, Jim Walker Photography, is located at 145 Lisbon Street, Suite 604, in Lewiston, where he specializes in portrait and headshot photography and small destination weddings. His website is www.jimwalkerphotography.com.

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A Policy Change That Will Improve the Lives of Millions with Diabetes

By Senator Susan M. Collins

Nearly 30 million Americans have diabetes, including more than 137,000 Mainers. Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure, blindness in adults, and amputations not related to injury, and it is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States, claiming some 70,000 lives each year.

Ever since I founded the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I have advocated for investments that led to breakthroughs in diabetes research and for policies to alleviate the difficulties and

heartbreak diabetes causes for so many American families as they await a cure.

Medicare has now adopted a policy I have long championed that allows Part D plans to offer coverage for effective, lifesaving devices that deliver insulin, such as the Omnipod system, that are helping millions of Americans with diabetes manage the disease.

Insulin-dependent Medicare beneficiaries rely on therapies such as patch pumps, which provide continuous insulin delivery without the need for tubes, to manage their disease.

While such treatments are covered by almost all private insurers, Medicare did not cover these devices. As a result, individuals with diabetes lost coverage for the physician-prescribed therapies they had successfully used when they aged into Medicare. It defied common sense that Americans with diabetes would lose coverage for these proven devices when they qualified for Medicare.

I joined with the co-chairman of the Diabetes Caucus, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, to urge the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Services to expand Medicare coverage policies to include patch pumps. The recent announcement that Medicare Part D can now cover this technology will improve the lives of the millions of Americans who are living with diabetes and rely on continuous insulin delivery devices. I am thrilled that CMS responded to our advocacy by removing this unnecessary barrier to this lifesaving and cost-effective therapy.

The importance of advancements in diabetes therapy was powerfully demonstrated at a Senate Aging Committee hearing I chaired

last summer that focused on progress that has been made toward developing a cure for Type 1 diabetes. Among the witnesses I invited to testify at the hearing was Charlie Albair, a 10-year-old boy from Gray, Maine.

Charlie was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was six. For the first year, he treated his disease with insulin injections from syringes - as many as 10 shots each day. At first, he thought having diabetes would change his whole life and end his dream of becoming a sports star.

Then he got an insulin pump. "Now," he told the Committee, "I don't have to constantly be stabbing myself with a needle... Now, I realize I can do whatever I want." Charlie also uses a continuous glucose monitor, or CGM, to accurately track his blood-glucose levels. The physician-prescribed CGM is a life-saver for people with diabetes because it prevents dangerously low and dangerously high blood glucose levels by alarming the wearer when glucose levels fall outside of a safe range. Prior to February 2017, Medicare did not cover CGMs. As a result of a sustained advocacy effort I helped lead, however, CGMs are now covered, like

the Omnipod. In addition to the human toll, diabetes costs the United States an estimated \$245 billion a year - a cost that is projected to more than double by the year 2020, just three years from now. Diabetes also accounts for one out of three Medicare dollars. In fact, medical costs for Americans with diabetes are more than double those incurred by individuals without diabetes.

One of the most effective ways to control these costs is to better enable people with diabetes to control the disease with such devices as Omnipods and CGMs. Since I founded the Senate Diabetes Caucus 21 years ago, funding for diabetes research has more than tripled. This funding is helping to drive the research that is producing the advancements that are changing lives.

Through my work on the Aging Committee, I am keenly aware of the toll diabetes takes on older Americans. Having chaired nine consecutive Children's Congresses on juvenile diabetes, I have also seen how this disease affects young people and their families. Across the generations, the importance of research to prevent, treat, and eventually cure diabetes is clear.

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Street in Lewiston, the Gendron Franco Center is wheelchair accessible. Abundant on-site parking is available across the street at the Continental Mill. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the box office, call 689-2000, or see www.franco-center.org.

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quality services to children and families. Blue Ribbon status has been awarded to just 101 programs across the country.

Maine Families is a statewide network of community teams serving the needs of pregnant women and parents with newborns.

Based on the most current, evidence-based information on how to use parents' strengths to promote child development and healthy parent-child relationships, the Maine Families Program understands that all parents want the best for their children. Their caring and professional home visitors partner with clients to help them access information and resources to support the physical and emotional health of their babies and entire families.

"Our quality endorsement process helps to ensure that organizations im-

plementing the Parents as Teachers model are responsive to the needs of the community and are providing the highest quality," noted Constance Gully, President and Chief Executive Officer of Parents as Teachers National Center. "This rigorous endorsement process demonstrates increased accountability and credibility to the community, our funders, elected officials, and the partner organizations with which we work."

"In addition to our congratulations, we want to thank these affiliates for the time and effort they put into this process, and for their dedication to providing high quality services to families in their community," added Allison Kemner, Vice President of Research and Quality.

The new Blue Ribbon affiliates will be formally recognized on October 11 at the 2018 Parents as Teachers International Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. A list of all Blue Ribbon affiliates can be found on the PAT website at <https://parentsas-teachers.org>.

Based in Lewiston, Advocates for Children is a community-based organization dedicated to fostering programs to both prevent child maltreatment and empower children and families to lead healthy, productive lives. For more information, see <https://advocatesforchildren.net>.

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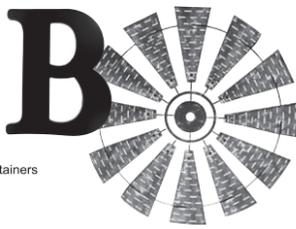
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Skelton Taintor & Abbott announces scholarship recipient



From left: Skelton Taintor & Abbott Shareholder and Director Darcie Beaudin; MVP Scholarship Award recipient Matt Hird; Lewiston High School teacher and Mock Trial Team Coach Michelle Crowley; and Skelton Taintor & Abbott Shareholder Ronald Lebel.

Skelton Taintor & Abbott has named Matt Hird the recipient of its fifth annual Lewiston High School Mock Trial Team MVP Award. As the team's Most Valiant Player, Hird will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship from the law firm.

The son of Bill and Lisa Hird of Lewiston, Matt is the Senior Class President of Lewiston High School and serves as a student representative to the Lewiston School Committee. He was a multi-

year member of the high school Mock Trial Team, which was a semi-finalist in this year's statewide competition. He hopes to study marketing at Bentley University next fall.

Skelton Taintor & Abbott was joined in making the scholarship announcement by Michelle Crowley, who is the teacher-coach of the Mock Trial Team. "Matt is a deserving recipient of this scholarship," noted Crowley. "He made a multi-year commitment to the mock trial program... has

a strong work ethic, and demonstrated tremendous growth as a member of the team. This scholarship award will help him attain his goals for college.

"Our firm is pleased to present the fifth annual Mock Trial Team MVP Scholarship to Matt Hird," said Skelton Taintor & Abbott shareholder and director Darcie Beaudin. "He exemplifies all of the qualities the firm wishes to support... [and] we have no doubt that he will be successful as he begins his college career."

University of Maine at Augusta announces Fall 2017 Full-Time Dean's List

University of Maine at Augusta Provost Joseph Szakas has announced the 2017 Fall Semester Full-Time Dean's List. Students eligible for the full-time students' Dean's List must earn a 3.25 grade point average for the given semester and must be enrolled full-time.

Area students, along with their hometown, are listed alphabetically by county within the state of Maine.

Androscoggin: Avery Chisholm, Auburn; Ahmed Mohamed, Auburn; Alex Brown, Greene; Tessa Benson, Leeds; Cassandra Alimandi, Lewiston; Tina Rousseau, Lewiston; Ronald Seguin, Lewiston; Libby Wade, Lisbon; Stephanie Smith, Lisbon Falls; Hayley Doyen, Livermore; Amanda Milligan, Livermore Falls; Angelika Demers, Poland; Brittany Reul, Poland; Cheryl Carter, Sabattus; Christopher Crowley, Sabattus; Jason Kramer, Sabattus; Amanda Caldwell, Turner; Christiana Caldwell, Turner.

Cumberland: Lindsey Andelman, Brunswick; Jessica Galluze Cantara, Brunswick; Tristan Henthorne, Brunswick; Alfred Hipkins, Brunswick; Jordan Johnson, Brunswick; Michelle Small, Brunswick; Kathryn Breed, Cumberland Center; Nicole Cyr, Falmouth; Rachel St Pierre, North Yarmouth; Meagan Griffeth, Raymond; Rachel Muise, Raymond; Molly Christensen, Sebago; Michelle Aliberto, Standish; Kevin Martin, Westbrook; Griffin Bourassa, Windham; Gretchen Miller, Windham; Ashlie Myer, Windham.

Franklin: Savannah Paul, Jay; Conrad Rier, Jay; Danielle Walsh, Jay; Benjamin Hitchcock, Kingfield; Janna Winslow, New Sharon; Patrick Carlton, Wilton.

Kennebec: Chad Welch, Albion; Fatimah Al-eem, Augusta; Courtney Allen, Augusta; Christeena Billings, Augusta; Cassie Bouton, Augusta; Hannah Bridges, Augusta; Maggie Coffin, Augusta; Craig Colby, Augusta; Alexander Day, Augusta; Michael Emerson, Augusta; Sean Finn, Augusta; Jon Fortin, Augusta; Lee Haskell, Augusta; Noah Hoffman, Augusta; Amber Hosier, Augusta; Jason Kengott, Augusta; Pierre Laot, Augusta; Krista Lee, Augusta; Alexis Martin, Augusta; Kelly Martineau, Augusta; Cassandra McKenna, Augusta; Lynn Merrill, Augusta; Alaina Murray, Augusta; Lian Oyerbides, Augusta; Raven Parker, Augusta; Blake Redimarker, Augusta; Vanessa Roldan, Augusta; Serena Schnepfer, Augusta; Jessica Sidelinger, Augusta; Michael Silva, Augusta; Andrew Simard, Augusta; Koriana Thompson, Augusta; Lauren Wallace, Augusta; Allison Walton, Augusta; Sierra Ware, Augusta; Martina Wing, Augusta; Matthew Withee, Augusta; Ama-

ni Yaqoob, Augusta; Jenessa Fabbri, Chelsea; Fairfield; Jennifer Hayes, Farmingdale; Dustin Palmer, Fayette; Susan Crawford, Gardiner; Megan Kenyon, Gardiner; Paul Migliaccio, Gardiner; Katy Owen, Gardiner; Christopher Pester, Gardiner; Richard Ross, Gardiner; Ethan Ballew, Hallowell; Torey Jones, Hallowell; Sydney Perry, Hallowell; Eli Trask, Hallowell; Tobias Knausenberger, Litchfield; Jessica Ames, Manchester; Amber White, Manchester; Bethany Larrabee, Monmouth; River Mullan, Monmouth; Heather Duquette, North Monmouth; Ashleigh Hartford, North Monmouth; Violet Norris, North Monmouth; Randolph; Amy Bley, Readfield; Joshua Davis, Readfield; Jonathon Lawrence, Readfield; Bonnie Nichols, South Gardiner; Tyler Salley, South Gardiner; Sara Duplisea, Wayne; Elizabeth Bellegarde, Winthrop; Charles Lynn, Winthrop; Sarah Pettengill, Winthrop.

Oxford: Jennifer Averill, Dixfield; Grace Hebert, Dixfield; Maria Brown, Norway; Cherise Letourneau, Norway; Sarah Bernard, South Paris; Jennifer Cousins, South Paris; Russell Seams, South Paris; Melissa Taylor, Sumner.

Sagadahoc: Tiffany Bowman, Bath; Nicole Labbay, Bowdoin; Tiffany Hemond, Bowdoinham; Kimberly Leslie, Bowdoinham; Carmen Bragg, Richmond; Nicholas McDaniels, Richmond; Caitlin LaFountain, Topsham; Jenna Sullivan, Topsham; Darren Thiboutot, Topsham; Linzi Fitzgerald, Woolwich.

Lincoln Day Dinner

The Androscoggin County Republicans will celebrate the birthday of the first Republican President, Abraham Lincoln, at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston on Friday, February 16. The featured speakers will be Governor Paul LePage, Congress-

man Bruce Poliquin, and gubernatorial candidates. Beginning at 5:00 pm there will be a reception, a dinner and a program including an auction. The evening festivities will end at 9:30 pm. For tickets go to Eventbrite or contact John Kirsch at 212-8797.

Passing the Torch for Holiday Hosting



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For most families, the holidays are filled with time-honored traditions, many that have been passed down from one generation to the next. However, when the time comes for the next generation to begin carrying the torch for those treasured traditions, the transition can be a bit bumpy.

For some, spending the holidays as a guest and not a host can be a bit unsettling after years of orchestrating the festivities. For inspiration, check out resources such as AARPAdvantages.com where AARP members can find savings on travel and gifting needs to help switch to the guest mindset. With the right approach, handing down traditions and helping your children host their first holiday can bring its own set of rewards.

Hand down the heirlooms. Although they may be deeply beloved items, as you pass on hosting duties, go ahead and pass on the family pieces that make the holidays complete. Watching your children and grandchildren enjoy a bountiful holiday meal using the same china your own grandmother set out for the holidays is sure to elicit warm memories and still enable you to enjoy them as you create new ones. Similarly, if there are ornaments or decorations that have held a place of honor in your home through the years, gift them to your children so those same memories can be created anew. Shipping these treasured items ahead of time can ensure gifts arrive safely and securely before

your arrival.

Share the history. As your offspring begin taking on their hosting duties, be sure to explain the significance of any traditions they may not know. They may be aware that you always served a certain dish, but not realize it all began with a story involving a cherished loved one. This might also be the perfect time for the family to sit down together and research your history online. When you explore your heritage and learn about family members, everyone can feel more connected.

Offer suggestions, not directives. When you've established a pattern for hosting activities, it can be difficult to watch someone else take a different approach, especially if you see

mistakes being made that you learned the hard way. Just remember that you, too, had to learn the ropes and sometimes slight mishaps create funny stories to share at future family occasions. You might offer tips and ideas from time to time, but once you've handed over the reins, allow the new driver to do the navigating. You may find yourself the recipient of a few panicked calls - or you may not. Either way, remain helpful in your new role while letting someone else establish theirs.

Be a good guest. As you may remember, hosting a holiday celebration can be stressful. Do your part to ease the nerves by being a gracious guest. Offering to bring a small item such as the centerpiece flowers can go a long way. Also practice traditional etiquette, such as cleaning up after yourself and honoring household practices like removing shoes at the door. If you'll be traveling out of town, look for deals on hotels and car rentals available to AARP members at AARPAdvantages.com.

Handing over the holiday hosting role can feel a bit unsettling, but remember that passing on that responsibility gives you the opportunity to enjoy the festivities from a whole new vantage point. (Family Features)

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L-A, You're Worth It!

By Laura Campbell

I've lived in the Lewiston-Auburn area for years now and I'll be honest: when I look around, the people here aren't looking healthier as time goes on. We have had several "box gyms" move into the area and other health clubs in town. Even though I train and teach group exercise classes at my own studio, sometimes I like to attend classes in other local gyms. Generally speak-

ing, I would say participant numbers are low. I hate to make the comparison, but I'm going to anyway: Portland's fitness market is booming. There seems to be more yoga studios in Portland than homeless people, and that's saying something.

New gyms are opening there, and the classes are full. I went to an indoor cycling class in Portland not long ago and there wasn't a free bike available. The studio had



Laura Campbell

50 bikes! 50! Full! Now, I know that many reading

this will think Portland has more people, more money, etc. Put together, Lewiston and Auburn have 59,088 residents and Portland has 66,937 residents, according to a Maine demographic website. The Lewiston-Auburn Maine metro area's median income from 2016 was \$49,081, while Portland's was \$51,851.

I'm sure these facts can be picked apart, but just anecdotally, there seems to be a much different mindset about fit-

ness and health in Portland than in L-A. My general impression is that many people in Portland take pride in their appearance and value their health. Don't get me wrong, Lewiston and Auburn are great places to live. They are affordable and safe, but many residents here seem to have given up on their health completely. In the past few months, we've seen a new Krispy Kreme open next to a Taco Bell next to a Hero's Subs. Is

morbid obesity and diabetes what we want for ourselves? Our children? Lewiston and Auburn, we can do better.

Laura Campbell is the owner of Big Room Personal Training in Auburn. She loves cycling, gardening, cooking, and your questions, which you can email to bigroompersonaltraining@gmail.com. For more information, see www.bigroompersonaltraining.com.

Two Lewiston agencies on ballot for "Community Matters More" contest

Bangor Savings Bank will donate over \$100,000 to 45 local nonprofits across the state in its annual "Community Matters More" contest, and public voting will determine who gets \$5,000 awards.

Two Lewiston organizations are on the ballot this year representing Androscoggin County: the Center for Wisdom's Women and Tree Street Youth. The two agencies have a common root in that they were both supported by Trinity Episcopal Church until each could obtain its own non-profit status.

The Center for Wisdom's Women, founded in 1999 and reincorporated under local leadership in 2009, offers safe and sacred opportunities for women in the community to heal from adverse life experiences, learn to thrive, and enrich

each other's lives. It currently provides a week-day drop-in center, has a new social enterprise called Herban Works, and is working to establish Sophia's House, which will be a community-based residential housing and recovery program for women survivors of prostitution, human trafficking, addiction, and prison.

Tree Street Youth was founded in 2011 by two Bates College alumnae to serve vulnerable youth in Lewiston. In its short history, Tree Street has developed into a vibrant hub of youth development, offering a highly affirming environment where diverse youth can improve academic and workplace soft skills, obtain positive social reinforcement, cultivate personal interests, and connect with their community.

Now in its 11th year, the Community Matters More program will award the top two vote-getters in nine regions of Maine and Rockingham County, New Hampshire, including write-ins, a \$5,000 grant. All other nonprofits on the ballot will receive a \$1,000 grant. Since its inception, Community Matters More has provided over \$1 million in total grants to hundreds of Maine nonprofits.

Voting is open through the month of February and ends on Wednesday, February 28. Voting can be completed online at www.bangor.com/com.

Paper voting ballots are also available at all Bangor Savings Bank branches and at each of the nonprofits listed on the ballot. The grant winners will be announced in April.

Next Chamber Power Lunch seminar looks at "#consultinglifeLA"

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host a Power Lunch Seminar called "#consultinglifeLA" on Tuesday, February 13, from noon to 1 p.m. in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The event will be presented by Nicola Chin of Up With Com-

munity. Are you rocking a freelance lifestyle in Lewiston-Auburn and eager to connect with others? Meet consultants and freelancers in the area, share tips and favorite spots, and explore what types of helpful events or supports a group might be able to offer to each other.

Power Lunches are sponsored by Community Health Options. This seminar is free, but those planning to attend are asked to register. Lunch will not be provided. For more information, call 783-2249. To register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Check TCT every week for updated Calendar listings!

Auburn UU celebrates Black History Month with "Uncivil"

The First Universalist Church of Auburn will celebrate Black History Month with a series of discussions led by Charles Nero and Karen Lane on Sundays, February 11, 18, and 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Each week, the group will listen to a 20-minute, mind-expanding episode of the podcast "Uncivil," followed by 30 minutes of discussion. No homework is required! Bring a lunch

if you'd like. Light snacks will be provided. First Universalist Church is located at 169 Pleasant Street in Auburn. For more information, call 783-0461.

Uncivil, Gimlet Media's new history podcast, uncovers stories that were left out of the official history of the Civil War, ransacks America's past, and takes on the history we grew up with. They report untold stories about

resistance, covert operations, corruption, mutiny, counterfeiting, antebellum drones, and more, connecting them to the political battlefield we're living on now. The podcast is hosted by Chenjerai Kumanyika, author, journalist, and professor of journalism and communications at Rutgers University, and Jack Hitt, a Peabody Award-winning journalist, author, and radio producer.

Rotary Club sponsors fire prevention program at Washburn School



L-A Rotary Lunch Club members Lorraine Bard and Peter Arsenault (at right) and principal Andrew Bard present Fire Prevention Safety Awards to students. (Photo courtesy of Monica Millhime)

The Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Lunch Club recently sponsored a fire prevention program, including a coloring and poster contest, at Washburn Elementary School in Auburn. Rotary Club members collected the

student entries and selected the submissions that best captured the importance of adhering to good fire safety practices. All winners received a gift certificate courtesy of Sam's Italian. The winners of the coloring

contest were Kaida Gattcomb, Kindergarten; Angelina Tardif, Grade 1; and Jenna Powell, Grade 2. The winners of the poster contest were Miss Tufts' Grade 4 class Mrs. Ricard's Grade 5/6 class.

Bean Supper at Calvary

Calvary United Methodist Church of Lewiston is announcing its February bean supper will be February 10. The menu consists of baked beans, hot dogs, biscuits, brown bread, casseroles including vegetarian, salads and pies. Serving begins at 4:45 p.m. Please use the garden entrance on Barlett St. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 or under.

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Husband-and-wife team find niche providing personalized romance novels

The company that created the genre of personalized romance novels more than two decades ago has upped its game for Valentine's Day 2018. YourNovel.com is further customizing the romance novel experience so that customers will not only be able to star between the pages but can use their own photo as the cover of their book.

This is the latest innovation from YourNovel.com, created in 1992 by North Carolina husband-and-wife team J.S. Fletcher and Kathy M. Newbern.

The couple, who write together as Fletcher Newbern, have added works by other authors to the company's lineup of more than 50 book and ebook options.

"It's been quite the journey from black-and-white silhouette covers with cookbook bindings to full-color covers bound just like a best-seller," said Fletcher. "Soon after starting out, we began letting customers upload their photographs to print on a book's existing cover, which is still available. Now this year, we're proud to announce

that their special photograph can become the whole front cover of the book."

"Plus, you can add your own special pages inside to include a one-of-a-kind message, such as a memory of how you met, or even a wedding proposal," added Newbern. "Customization continues to grow in popularity as a way to make someone feel special in a world of mass-marketed greeting cards and gifts. What we offer is the chance to customize a book - front cover to final page - starring the two of you."

"Our books have been called the 'ultimate vanity valentine' and we've been dubbed 'computerized cupid,'" says Fletcher.

Since the company started, couples have been able to personalize a romantic adventure using 25 details they supply, including their names, hometowns, places of work, eye and hair color, best friends, favorite perfume, cologne, and music, affectionate nicknames for one another, and how long they've been together.

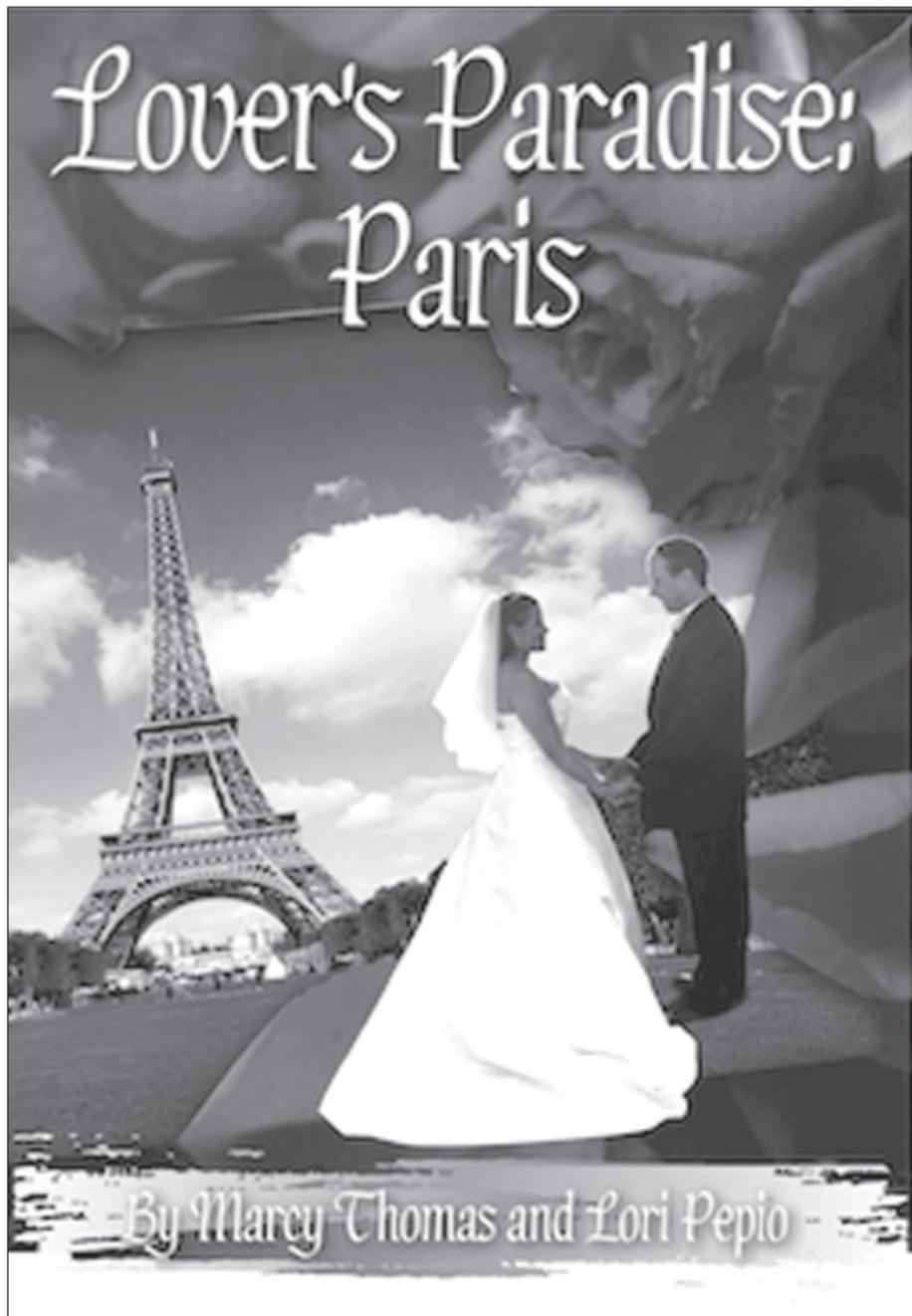
Among the company's best sellers are "Another Day in Paradise," set at a luxury resort in the Caribbean; "Rome: Diamonds, Danger and Desire," with a secret agent plot set in the Eternal City; and "Island of Love," where the book's hero and heroine confront black pearl thieves in Tahiti. Those are three of the 15 titles that provide the option for photos to become the full front cover. For all titles, couples can add a photo on an existing cover.

Novels, in prices to meet all budgets, come in paperback, starting at \$40; hardback, starting at \$80; and ebook novellas as low as \$10. Photos added to the existing cover are an additional \$25 and the full custom cover option is an added \$40.

Other YourNovel.com titles take place in Jamaica, Alaska, New Orleans, Key West, on England's River Thames, at worldwide beaches, on cruise ships, at a dude ranch, at a ski lodge, and more. Popular choices for the guys include a golf fantasy book and three detective novels.

Printed books usually arrive within a week; ebooks arrive within 24 hours. For more information, call (800) 444-3356. To receive in time for Valentine's Day, order by February 7 at www.YourNovel.com.

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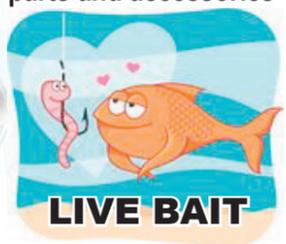


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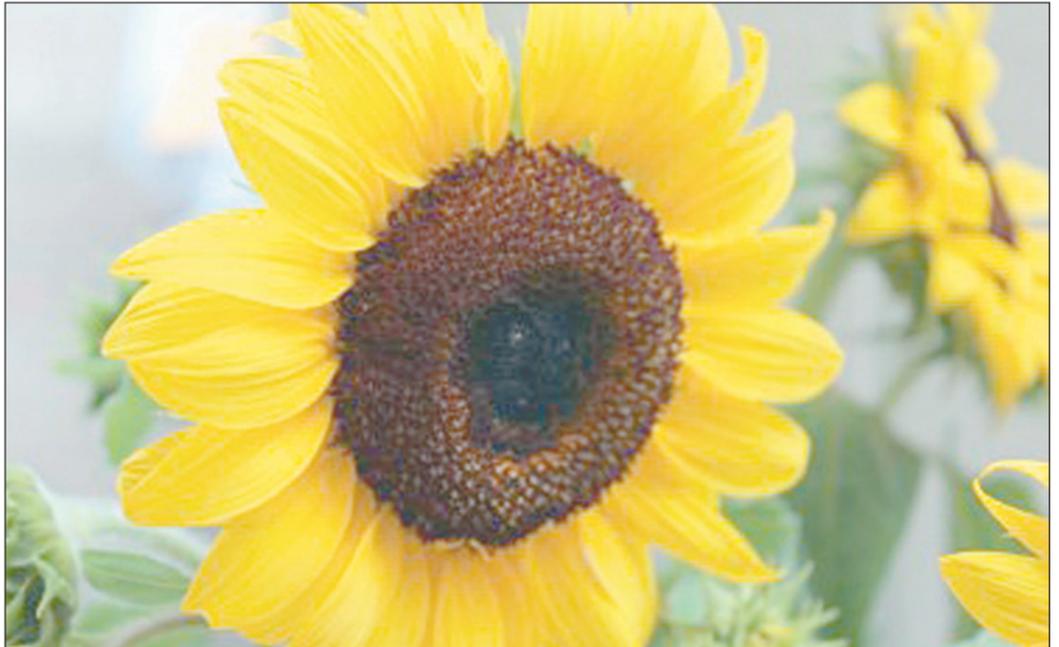


In support of the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign, Central Maine Medical Center staff and volunteers wore red recently to raise awareness of heart disease, the leading killer of women and a leading cause of death for men in the United States. Central Maine Healthcare providers and staff encourage everyone to know their heart disease risk factors, get an annual physical, eat a healthy diet, and exercise. To learn more, or to support the American heart Association, see www.goredforwomen.org.

Rotating Art Gallery features Jennifer Redman Wadsworth, Lisa Giguere



"Cala Lily," by Jennifer Redman Wadsworth



"Sunflower," by Lisa Giguere

The Woman's Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery will feature paintings by Jennifer Redman Wadsworth and photography by Lisa Giguere through the month of February. The gallery is located at the main entrance to Central Maine Medical Center at 60 High Street in

Lewiston. Wadsworth, a long-time Turner resident, has painted most of her life. Her chosen medium is oil paint on various types of supports, from primed canvas to plexiglass and wood, using application tools or her fingers. Wadsworth's paintings include landscapes, figurative pieces

and abstracts. They are held in private, corporate and academic collections in the United States, Europe and Asia. "The images are the result of my connection to the energy and rhythm of the past, present, and future," said Wadsworth. "The images

exist only on my chosen surface. I do not use references or ever begin with a plan. My goal, to share the experience of my creative journey, is achieved when friends and strangers engage in a visual conversation with my work." Giguere, a resident

of Wales, is a self-taught photographer. Her work includes photos of landscapes, flowers, animals, and her children's sporting events. Though her photography is a hobby, it's one that she loves. The artists' work may be purchased through the

WHA Gift Shop, located adjacent to the main lobby at Central Maine Medical Center. A percentage of sale proceeds benefits CMMC. For more information about the Woman's Hospital Association, see www.cmmc.org/wha.

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L-A artists present five-venue "For the Love of Art" show



"Remember to Forget, Forget to Remember," by Kate Cargile (oil and acrylic on canvas)

The Union of Maine Visual Artists - LA Chapter will present its third annual "For the Love of Art" show on Saturday, February 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickle all your senses with five different themes at five downtown Lewiston venues, each featuring a unique combination of art, music, massage, refreshments, and flowers. All venues are only a few blocks from each other and within five to eight blocks of some of the area's finest restaurants. Art will be on display through the month of February; please check each venue for hours outside of show time. This event is free and open to the public. Start with: Wicked Illustrations (park in their lot at 140 Canal Street in Lewiston). Theme: The Language

of Flowers. Art by Melanie Therrien, Cory Tancrede, Kellie Chasse, Grayling Cunningham, Sheri Withers, Kate Cargile; BBQ sauce from 3 Spicy Boys; flowers from Blais; chair massage from Pelletier's Healing Hands. Right around the corner: The Studio (291 Lisbon Street). Theme: Kama Sutra (adult content). Art by members of The Studio and guest artists; organic handmade lotions and lubricant by Muffins Apothecary; sensual chocolates by Sasha Lee. A short trot up the street brings you to: The Hive Artisan Co-Op (178 Lisbon Street). Theme: Tainted Love. Art by Hive members; massage by Sarah Goodrich; CBD Candies by Virgo Moon Botanicals.

Next is: Kimball St. Studios (191 Lisbon Street). Theme: The Muse. Art by Grayling Cunningham, Roderick Dew, Gloria Limoges, Gary Stallworth, Ilana Welch; confections by Petite Bites; music by Linda Sherwood. And last, but not least, right down the street is: Quiet City Books, Art, Gifts and Heart (97 Lisbon Street). Theme: Literary Lovers.



What's Going On

First Lady, DOE team up to launch "Read to ME Challenge"



First Lady Ann LePage reads to second graders at the Gilbert Elementary School in Augusta.

Maine's First Lady Ann LePage recently helped launched this year's Read to ME Challenge by reading to second grade students at the Sylvio Gilbert Elementary School in Augusta. During her visit, she shared two books, "Groovy

Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs" and "Baxter in the Blaine House," with her captivated audience. "When we read to children on a regular basis, it not only helps them learn to read on their own, but it also stimulates their imag-

inations and helps them discover how to use words when they communicate," said LePage. Each year, the Maine Department of Education and the First Lady team up to launch the challenge See *First Lady*, page 16

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TWIN CITY NIGHTS

Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Heather Pierson Trio next up in Kill the Chill concert series



Pierson performs with her acoustic trio, featuring Davy Sturtevant on strings and cornet and Shawn Nadeau on upright bass, on Friday, February 9.

The Chocolate Church Arts Center will welcome the Heather Pierson Trio for the next entry of its Kill the Chill concert series on Friday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will take place in the center's Annex at 804 Washington Street in Bath.

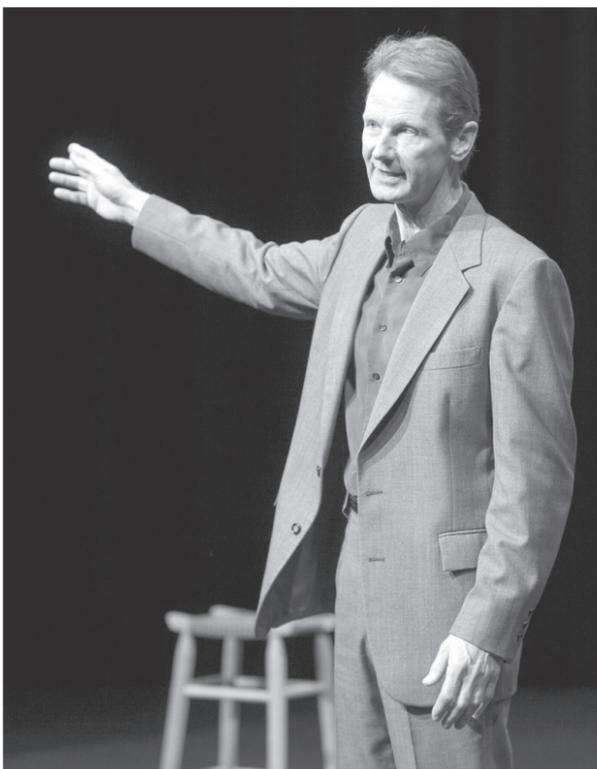
At first glance, Heather Pierson appears to be the girl next door - youthful, friendly, and unassuming. At the seat of a piano or brandishing an acoustic guitar, however, this multi-talented musician transforms into a world-class performer, baring her soul in a manner that can leave listeners breathless and waiting for more. Her memorable live performances feature her virtuosity on

piano, bell-tone vocals, and a commanding yet playful stage presence that may find her wielding a tenor banjo, melodica, or acoustic guitar.

Pierson moves easily among diverse musical styles, from New Orleans-style jazz and blues to rousing Americana and poignant folk narratives. She performs both solo and with her acoustic trio, featuring Davy Sturtevant on strings and cornet and Shawn Nadeau on upright bass.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$17 at the door. They may be purchased by calling the Chocolate Church Arts Center box office at 442-8455 or online at www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Figures of Speech Theatre director to recite T.S. Eliot's "Four Quartets"



John Farrell, at an earlier recitation at Emmanuel Chapel of the Cathedral Church of Saint Luke in Portland. (Photo courtesy of Figures of Speech Theatre)

John Farrell, Artistic Director of Figures of Speech Theatre in Freeport, first memorized T.S. Eliot's "Four Quartets" - all eight hundred and ninety-one lines of them - in 2011. On Thursday, February 15 at 7 p.m., he will recite this poetic masterwork from memory at Merrill Memorial Library at 215 Main Street in Yarmouth.

An extended meditation on man's relationship with the divine, the Four Quartets are a group of separate but deeply interlinked poems first composed and published between 1936 and

1942. They were first published as a series in Great Britain in 1941-42 and as a collected set in the United States in 1943.

Farrell will be accompanied by guest Carl Dimow, who will play original flute interludes he composed for the recitation. The performance, which lasts one hour and twenty minutes without intermission, will afford the audience an opportunity to immerse themselves in Eliot's language for a truly unique, meditative experience. The event is free and open to all. For more information, call the library at 846-4763.

With dates already scheduled in Waldo, Hancock, York, Lincoln, and Cumberland counties, Figures of Speech Theatre is currently scheduling additional dates for a performing tour to Maine Libraries in 2018. Librarians from

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Chinese New Year celebration Feb. 10 in Westbrook

The Chinese and American Friendship Association of Maine and the University of Southern Maine's Confucius Institute will team up to ring in the Year of the Dog on Saturday, February 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center at 471 Stroudwater Street in Westbrook. Now in its 28th year, this popular and exciting event is the oldest and largest Chinese New Year celebration in Maine.

The celebration will open with a Lion Dance, performed by Steve and Rodger Wong of Bangor, who will also perform throughout the day. The featured event will be a performance of Chinese dance by children of the CA-FAM Chinese School at 11 a.m. They will also perform a Dragon Dance at noon.

In the afternoon, Chinese exchange students attending Thornton Academy will perform and discuss traditional Chinese music

played on traditional Chinese instruments. Students associated with USM's Confucius Institute will also perform. There will be a demonstration of Chinese cooking, a talk on Chinese tea and tea brewing, mah-jongg game tables, participatory Tai Chi, and a talk on Chinese medicine.

Juliese Padgett, a young girl adopted from China, will talk about and sign her recently published children's book, "The Newest Flower," which encourages children to respect the differences in each other.

Vendors will be on hand selling books, Chinese teas, and Chinese crafts and products, children may make dog-themed crafts, and delicious Chinese food will be available. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, or \$20 for a family of five. Plenty of free parking is available. For more information, see www.cafammaine.org.

Quartet offers Singing Valentines Feb. 14



The award-winning Heart 'n Soul Quartet are (l. to r.) Jan Flowers, Anne Danforth, Sue Staples, and Cathy Anderson.

Anne Danforth, Jan Flowers, Sue Staples, and Cathy Anderson, otherwise known as the Heart 'n Soul Quartet, have shared their love of barbershop harmony throughout Maine, receiv-

ing the Image of Harmony Award for their community outreach.

As members of the Maine-ly Harmony women's chorus, these four ladies will be out and about on Valentine's Day delivering Singing Valentines and roses, courtesy of Augusta Florist, as part of the chorus' annual fundraiser. To order a Singing Valentine and long-stemmed red rose, to be delivered to your loved one at home or work, all for \$35, contact Nancie by February 12 at 293-4779 or hugabook4@yahoo.com.

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Maine State Music Theatre plans auditions for local actors

60th Anniversary Season - 2018



Maine State Music Theatre in Brunswick will hold auditions for local actors on Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 22 Elm Street. This is an open call audition. Those who wish to audition should show up and sign in; they will be seen in the order in which they arrive.

Auditions for children ages 6 through 10 will be from 10 to 11 a.m., while auditions for adult actors and potential performance interns will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Callbacks will be on Sunday, March 4.

Children should bring a headshot and re-

sume and prepare a 16-bar song, for which they must bring sheet music. Adult actors should bring a headshot and resume and prepare 16 bars of two songs, for which they must bring sheet music. An accompanist will be provided. Some actors may be asked to remain for the dance call from 3 to 5 p.m. Bring appropriate dance shoes. Not all locals will be required to dance in shows.

MSMT is seeking local adults to appear in "Beauty and the Beast," June 27 through July 14; "Saturday Night Fever,"

July 18 through August 4; and "Singin' in the Rain," August 8 through 25. The theater is seeking children to appear in "Beauty and the Beast" and possibly "Singin' in the Rain." MSMT is also seeking performance interns ages 18 and over for the full season, which runs May 21 through August 26.

Maine State Music Theatre is a professional summer theatre celebrating its 60th anniversary of presenting Broadway-quality musicals at the Pickard Theater on the Bowdoin College Campus in Brunswick. For more information, call 725-8769 or see www.msmt.org.

AHS genealogy conference to spotlight family memorabilia, probate records

Androscoggin Historical Society will host a genealogy conference in the Androscoggin Community Room at Auburn Public Library on Saturday, February 10 at 2 p.m. The conference will feature presentations by Helen A. Shaw and Thomas Reynolds.

Helen Shaw, CG(sm), will discuss "Things Around the House That Will Help You Start Your Family History." She will describe how to look for clues in birth, death, and marriage certificates, obituaries, newspa-

per clippings about family activities, school records, baby and wedding books, business papers, and jewelry and pins related to fraternal and other groups.

Shaw is a professional genealogist, researcher, speaker, and writer. She specializes in census and cemetery research. As an anthropologist, her approach to family history is that of a community-wide study. She is a director and past president of the Maine Genealogical Society and one of three

certified genealogists in the State of Maine.

Thomas Reynolds will discuss "Probate Records: Why, What, and How." He is the current Register of Probate for Androscoggin County, elected in November of 2016. He is a community organizer and chairman of the Androscoggin County Democratic Committee.

Admission to the program is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. For more information, call 784-0586.

Auburn Public Library plans "Fake News February"

Auburn Public Library will present a series of programs in February on the theme "Fake News." The programs are free and open to the public.

A screening of the 1976 film "Network" will take place on Thursday, February 8 at 6 p.m. In this lauded satire, veteran news anchorman Howard Beale (Peter Finch)

discovers that he's being put out to pasture. After threatening to shoot himself on live television, he instead launches into an angry televised rant, which turns out to be a huge ratings boost for the UBS network. This stunt encourages ambitious producer Diana Christensen (Faye Dunaway) to develop even more outrageous programming.

A "Fake or Factual News Quiz" will be offered on Wednesday, February 14 at noon. Come take this fun challenge to see if you can tell the real news headlines from the fake ones. After this tournament of distorted news, library staffers will lead a discussion and present tips on how to be a more critical consumer of news. See *APL*, page 16

Twin City Nights

Friends of the Cobbossee offer kids' Winter Day Camp

The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed will present their annual Winter Nature Day Camp at Camp Mechuwana on Lower Narrows Pond in Winthrop during February's school vacation week. Open to children in grades three through five, two-day camp sessions will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 20 and 21, and Thursday and Friday, February 22 and 23. The sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and will include a mixture of indoor and outdoor activ-

ities, including snowshoeing, winter tracking, and games. The culminating activity will be learning to ice fish with Ryan Burton of the Cobbossee Watershed District.

The cost for each two-day camp session is only \$90 per person and includes the use of all equipment, along with afternoon cocoa and snacks. Since space is limited to 20 campers per session, early registration is recommended. Registration forms can be downloaded at

The culminating activity of each two-day session will be learning to ice fish with Ryan Burton of the Cobbossee Watershed District.

friends.com.

For more information, contact Education & Outreach Director Cami Wilbert at 621-4100 or camil@watershedfriends.com.

Skyline Farm hosts annual Sleigh Day Feb. 10



The event features various demonstrations, tours, and exhibits. Rides and concessions are also available.

Skyline Farm, located at 95 The Lane in North Yarmouth, will hold its 19th annual Sleigh Day on Saturday, February 10, from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is free of charge. Please dress warmly.

At 12:30 p.m., there will be a live, narrated demonstration in the outdoor arena, where horses and drivers using 19th-century skills will power and drive vintage sleighs. Then, at 2 p.m. there will be guided tour of Skyline's trails through the woods. Bring your snowshoes.

The event will take place in conjunction with activities at Skyline Farm Carriage Museum, where Triple Mountain Model Horses of Hiram debuts a Breyer model horse-drawn vehicle display and the new exhibits "The Evolution of Sleighs" and "The Private Stable" are on view.

Sleigh rides will also be available. Starting at noon, for a donation of \$5 per child, Ben Lapointe and his pair of miniature horses will give mini sleigh rides to children up to age 12. Also, a team of draft horses

from Hideaway Farm of Topsham will provide sleigh rides around the field for a donation of \$8 per person or \$25 per family. Hot refreshments will be sold in the heated Visitor Center.

There is no storm date for the event. The museum exhibits can also be viewed Sundays, February 11 through March 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment. Skyline Farm is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization. For more information, contact Pam at 829-5708 or info@skylinefarm.org.



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Community Concepts CMO to address Rotary Club



Candace Sanborn

The next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, February 15, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn, will feature guest speaker

Candace Sanborn.

Sanborn is the Chief Marketing Officer for Community Concepts, a non-profit organization providing a variety of family, transportation, and housing support services to residents of Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties. Prior to joining Community Concepts in January 2016, Sanborn had a 30-year career in strategic planning and marketing in business and as a consultant to a variety of for- and non-profit organizations in Maine and the Northeast. She has a BA in Journalism from the University of Maine and an M.B.A. from the Uni-

versity of Southern New Hampshire.

Active in the community, Sanborn has served on numerous state and local non-profit boards and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Central Maine Medical Center and the Maine Community Foundation. A native of the San Francisco Bay Area, she has two grown children and lives in Auburn with her husband.

Guests are welcome and no reservations are required. Lunch will be available at the restaurant. For more information, call 753-9040 or see www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

YWCA offers Feb. vacation week Winter Camp

It's time to sign your child up for Winter Camp at the YWCA of Central Maine. Each year during February vacation, the YWCA hosts this week-long camp where children go sledding and snowshoeing, swim every day, enjoy cre-

ative arts, and play indoors and out. Parents are required to provide a swimsuit and towel, lunch, two snacks, and outdoor play clothes.

Winter Camp runs Monday, February 19 through Friday, February 23, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Extended care is available for an extra fee. The cost is \$130 for members and \$140 for non-members. Registration fills quickly. The YWCA is located at 130 East Avenue in Lewiston. For more information or to register, call 795-4050.

High School Information Night at St. Dominic Academy

St. Dominic Academy will host a High School Information Night on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. at its campus at 121 Gracelawn Road in Auburn. Those attending will learn about the high school experience at St. Dom's, including academics, athletics, co-curricular activities, and financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

The high school experience is a critical time for any individual. High school presents new social and academic pressures during an important period of emotional and spiritual development. Saint Dominic Academy has over 75 years of experience prepar-

ing students for the greater world by addressing their academic, social, and spiritual needs.

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Cabin Fever Book & Bake Sale

New Gloucester Library's annual Cabin Fever Book & Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, February

10, from 8 a.m. to noon (blizzard date: February 17). Most books will be 25 or 50 cents. There will also be CDs, DVDs,

and a bake sale. The library is located at 379 Intervale Road in New Gloucester. For more information, call 926-4840.

Franco Center offers French classes for adults

The Gendron Franco Center is offering a new round of weeknight French classes for adults. The ten-week session, running February through mid-April, will meet Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. "French for Beginners II" is for beginners with some proficiency, while "French Re-acquisition" is for advanced learners who want to improve their proficiency.

Classes will take place in Heritage Hall at the Franco Center in Lewiston. They will be taught in French, with English explanations as needed.

The pace will be relaxed, and varied topics will be used as a guide to help with speaking. Students are asked to bring a binder or folder and something to write with to class. The total cost for the 10 classes is \$120.

The instructor, Vanessa Stasse, was born in Sherbrooke, Québec of Belgian parents. She has a Master's degree in anthropology from Laval University in Québec City and has lived in Maine for over 10 years, teaching French and yoga, and interpreting in French, English and Portuguese.

To register by mail, send contact information and payment to Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, Attn: Adult French Classes.

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 already registered and paid. For more information on this or other language or cultural programs at the center, call 783-1585, email jjacques@francocenter.org, or see FrancoCenter.org

E. Claire and Pastries plans grand opening in Lewiston

E. Claire and Pastries will host a Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening event on Friday, February 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come for the ceremony but stay for lunch,

when they will offer various lunch specials. E. Claire and Pastries specializes in both American and French pastries and light breakfast and lunch. They are located at 35 Canal Street in the

Bates Mill, next to Museum L-A, in Lewiston. Use 36 Chestnut Street for GPS directions. For more information about E. Claire and Pastries, see www.eclair-andpastries.com.

Youth Indoor Soccer League taking registrations for upcoming session

Andro United is now accepting registrations for the third session of its Androscoggin Youth Indoor Soccer League at the Ingersoll Turf Facility in Auburn. The next session will meet Saturdays, March 3 through April 14, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. There will be three separate coed age divisions, one for those with birth years from 2000 to 2003, the second for those with birth years from 2004 to 2006, and the third for those with for birth years from 2007 to 2009. Players from all cities and towns are

welcome.

The Androscoggin Youth Indoor Soccer League features a mixture of Saturday practices and games, all hosted at Ingersoll Turf Facility. Through its sessions, the league prepares, trains, and develops players to pursue soccer as they grow, thereby gaining a lifelong love of the sport.

Registration is open and ongoing, but space is limited and the sessions typically fill. Registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received; overflow registrants will be

put on a waiting list. The deadline to register is Friday, February 23. Families can pick up a registration form at the Auburn Rec Department or Ingersoll Turf Facility, or they may register and pay online at www.AndroUnited.com.

Andro United is a Maine-based non-profit organization committed to providing its players with the best coaching available in a professional, elite environment. For more information or to be added to an email list to receive updates, email info@AndroUnited.com

Lisbon Historical Society meeting spotlights ship captain Loammi Ross

On Wednesday, February 14 at 7 p.m., Lisbon Historical Society will present Lisbon resident Jim Ross to give a talk on his ancestor, ship captain Loammi Ross.

Captain Ross lived during the Civil War period and saw duty sailing to support the war effort. His later sailings took him to South America, Africa, and Calcutta, where he was offered the position as harbor master. Two of the

ships he captained were "Gettysburg" and "Southern Rights." In retirement, he returned to Maine and took up residence in Lisbon Center. At the meeting, Jim Ross will fill in details about his ancestor's storied life and career.

The evening will also feature the society's annual Valentine's Party. Those attending are invited to bring hand-made Valentine cards to exchange. Refreshments

will be served, and members are urged to bring Valentine-themed food items for the refreshment table. Secretary-Treasurer Dorothy Smith will provide membership status and accept dues payments at the meeting; annual dues are also now payable.

The event will take place in the society's meeting rooms in the MTM Center in Lisbon Falls. Entrance and parking are at the rear of the building. For more information, call 353-8510 or email LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

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around the state received a sneak preview when Farrell recited "Little Gidding," one of Eliot's Four Quartets, at the annual Maine Librarians Association Conference. The company encourages interested libraries to contact them at 865-6355.

The tour of Four Quartets is supported by private foundations, a Maine Theater Fund grant from the Maine Community Found-

ation, and an Arts & Humanities Grant awarded this summer by the Maine Humanities Council and the Maine Arts Commission, an independent state agency supported by the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information about Figures of Speech Theatre, see www.figures.org.

Thursday, February 8

LA Metro Chamber Breakfast. 7 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn-Riverwatch, 14 Great Falls Plaza, Auburn. Yellow Light Breen, President & CEO of the Maine Devel. Foundation, discusses "Leading for People, Leading for Prosperity." \$20 (non-members \$30). Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Self-Employment Workshop. 10 a.m. to noon. CareerCenter, Lewiston. Pres. by New Ventures Maine, this workshop will help you decide if starting your own business is right for you. Free. Register at 1-800-442-2092 or newventuresmaine.org.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Tim Gallant, who works as a Staff Assistant in Congressman Bruce Poliquin's Lewiston office. Free; no reservation required. 713-7045; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Film Screening. 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. The library's "Fake News February" program series continues with a screening of the 1976 film "Network." Free. www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

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Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. E. Claire and Pastries, 35 Canal St. (in the Bates Mill, next to Museum L-A), Lewiston. Come for the ceremony and stay for the various lunch specials. www.eclairandpastries.com.

Kill the Chill Winter Concert. 7:30 p.m. Annex, Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. The Heather Pierson Trio performs. \$15 in advance (\$17 at door).

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

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Saturday, February 10

Cabin Fever Book & Bake Sale. 8 a.m. to noon. New Gloucester Library, 379 Intervale Rd. This sale features a large assortment of adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, and games, all sold at great prices. Blizzard date Feb. 17. 926-4840.

Chinese New Year Celebration. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Westbrook Performing Arts Center, 471 Stroudwater St., Westbrook. Pres. by the Chinese and American Friendship Assoc. of Maine. \$6 (kids 11- \$4, family of five \$20). Free parking. www.cafamaine.org.

Sleigh Day. 12 to 3 p.m. Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane, No. Yarmouth. This annual event features sleigh rides (\$8/5 per person), vintage sleigh demonstrations, and museum exhibits. Dress warmly. Concessions avail. 829-5708.

Genealogy Conference 2 p.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Andro. Historical Society presents speakers Helen Shaw, to discuss family memorabilia, and Thomas Reynolds. to discuss probate records. Free. 784-0586.

"For the Love of Art" Show. 4 to 7 p.m. Five downtown Lewiston venues explore five different themes to stimulate the senses. Start at Wicked Illustrations, 140 Canal St., Lewiston. 576-3743.

Baked Bean & Casse-rolle Supper. 4:45 to 6 p.m. Parish hall, Holy Trinity

Church, 67 Frost Hill Ave., Lisbon Falls. Includes desert and beverage. Pres. by Knights of Columbus. \$8 adults, \$4 children 11-, \$18 family with children.

Sunday, February 11

Second Sunday Art Workshop. 2 to 4 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 100 Water St., Hallowell. Artist Wendy Burton leads "Pencil Drawing: A Different Kind of Self-Portrait." Open to all ages, experience levels; space limited for some workshops. Free. Register at 622-3813.

Tuesday, February 13

Power Lunch Seminar. Noon to 1 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Nicola Chin of Up With Community discusses "#consultinglife-LA." Free, but registration requested. www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Grief Support Meeting. 6 to 7:30 p.m. No. Windham Union Church, 723 Roosevelt Trail, Rt. 302, Windham. Led by VNA Home Health Hospice, this monthly group is free and open to all. 400-8714.

Mardi Gras-Sweetheart Party. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Enjoy the joyful sounds of the Big Easy and authentic Cajun cuisine; prizes, cash bar. \$20. 689-2000; www.francocenter.org.

Wednesday, February 14

Fake or Factual News Quiz. 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. The library's "Fake News February" series continues with this fun test of your ability to tell real news headlines from fake ones. Free. www.auburnpublicli-

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Public Meeting. 6 p.m. City Council Chambers, 60 Court St., Auburn Hall, Auburn. The Auburn Agricultural Committee invites residents to learn about agricultural strategies and opportunities recommended by consultants Crossroads Resource Center. 333-6601, ext. 1154; ecousens@auburnmaine.gov.

Film Screening. 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. The library's "Fake News February" series continues with this screening of "Page One," a documentary about the challenges of maintaining news accuracy in the digital age. Free. www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

High School Information Night. 6:30 p.m. St. Dominic Academy, 121 Gracelawn Rd., Auburn. Learn about student life at St. Dom's, incl. academics, co-curricular activities, athletics, and financial aid. 782-6911; Shelly.Wheeler@portlanddioces.org.

Poem Recitation. 7 p.m. Merrill Memorial Library, 215 Main St., Yarmouth. John Farrell, Artistic Director of Figures of Speech Theatre, recites T.S. Eliot's extended mediation,

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Friday, February 16

Family Contra Dance. 6 to 8 p.m. Norway Grange, 15 Whitman St., downtown Norway. Fiddler Pam Weeks supplies the music while caller Bill Olson leads the dancers. Sugg. donation \$5 to 10.

Saturday, February 17

Winter Tracking Field Trip. 8 to 11 a.m. Meet at Staples parking lot in Lewiston for carpooling. Steve Reed leads this Stanton Bird Club trip to Woodbury Nature Sanctuary in Monmouth. Dress warmly; bring snowshoes or winter boots. All welcome. Free. 319-6630.

Norway Snowshoe Festival. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Roberts Farm Preserve, 64 Roberts Rd., Norway. This annual event features a variety of outdoor contests, fire pit lunch, and Snowshoe Fashion Parade. <http://wflf-maine.org>.

Thursday, February 22

"The Rise of Fake News." 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. The library's "Fake News February" series continues with Bates College's Stephanie Kelley-Romano, who discusses her experiences teaching a class called "Presidential

Campaign Rhetoric." Free. www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Saturday, February 24

"From Bandstand to Billboard." 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This lively musical revue takes a fond look back at the popular music and culture of the 1950s, '60s, and '70s. 689-2000; www.francocenter.org.

Thursday, March 1

Film Screening. 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. The library's "Fake News February" program series concludes with this screening of the 1976 film "All the President's Men." Free. www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Sunday, March 11

Second Sunday Art Workshop. 2 to 4 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 100 Water St., Hallowell. Artist Gayle Chung leads "Recycled Robots." Open to all ages, experience levels; space limited for some workshops. Free. Register at 622-3813.

Sunday, April 8

Second Sunday Art Workshop. 2 to 4 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 100 Water St., Hallowell. Artist Andrea Lani leads "Nature Journaling." Open to all ages, experience levels; space limited for some workshops. Free. Register at 622-3813.

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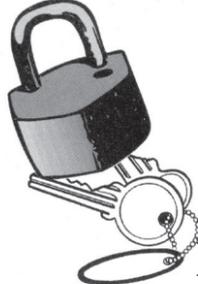
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to encourage communities across Maine to contribute to their children's literacy growth by reading aloud to one or more children for at least 15 minutes.

Part of the challenge is capturing the moment via a photo or video and then posting it on social media, with the hashtags #Read-toME or #ReadaloudME, along a challenge to others to do the same. A Facebook Live recording of the First Lady's visit can be found on the Maine DOE's official Facebook page.

"Reading aloud to children is one of the most effective methods of building a child's literacy," said Suzan Beaudoin, Deputy Commissioner for the Maine DOE. "The simple act of reading aloud to a child 15 minutes a day, every day, adds up to hundreds of hours

of language exposure that can set a child up for high literacy achievement in their educational experiences and throughout life."

The Read to ME Challenge runs through February, leading up to Read Across America Day, which takes place on March 2. Schools and organizations across the state have joined for 2018. A full list of community partners for the challenge can be found at <https://mainedoenews.net>.

Community

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someone needs a new shirt for a job interview, but helping people overcome these small hurdles can sometimes change lives."

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Auburn mayor's office gets historic makeover



From left: David Chittim and Douglas Hodgkin show Mayor Jason Levesque antique postcards of historic Auburn buildings.

In preparation for Auburn's sesquicentennial, the mayor's office is getting a new look. Since taking office in December, Mayor Jason Levesque has giv-

en direction and helped facilitate a makeover of his workspace on the second floor of Auburn Hall that will honor the city's past through collaborations with private businesses and community groups.

Several historically significant pieces arrived recently when local historians David Chittim and Douglas Hodgkin of the Androscoggin Historical Society delivered some hand-selected items that will be on loan to the Mayor for exhibit in his office. The items, which include framed antique postcards, old maps, and artifacts from Auburn's shoe manufacturing era, are sure to spark some interesting conversations

as Auburn's new mayor remembers the past and looks toward the future.

"I am honored to display these important pieces of Auburn's history," said Levesque. "As we ramp up our efforts to celebrate Auburn's 150th year as a city, I am grateful for our partnership with the Androscoggin Historical Society and for their wealth of knowledge and artifacts."

Residents are welcome to visit Androscoggin Historical Society, located on the third floor of the County Building at 2 Turner Street in Auburn. The society is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 1 to 4:00.

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A screening of the film "Page One" will take place on Thursday, February 15 at 6 p.m. By looking into the lives and daily tasks of three writers at the New York Times, this documentary explores how the Internet has changed print media. Covering 12 months at the Times, the film reveals the challenges of maintaining established standards of accuracy and fairness in a rapidly changing news environment.

Bates College Associate Professor of Rhetoric Stephanie Kelley-Romano will present a program called "The Rise of Fake News" on Thursday, February 22 at 6 p.m. Kelley-Romano recently taught a class called "Presidential Campaign Rhetoric," in which students conducted a mock presidential election.

The series will conclude with a screening of the film "All the President's Men" on Thursday, March 1 at 6 p.m. This 1976 political thriller rec-

reates the events uncovering the Watergate scandal that brought down the Nixon presidency.

Auburn Public Library was just one of just five public libraries from across the country selected for the Media Literacy @ Your Library project, a pilot program sponsored by the American Library Association and the Center for News Literacy at Stony Brook University to train library staff members to help their adult customers become more informed consumers of news. For more information, see www.auburn-publiclibrary.org.

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