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Windborne to perform at Chocolate Church



As comfortable with an improvised Corsican couplet song as an English ballad, the group is able to shift from different genres in ways that few bands can match.

The Chocolate Church Arts Center will present a concert by Windborne as part of its Kill the Chill concerts series on Saturday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. The event will take place in the center's annex at 804 Washington Street in Bath.

As comfortable with an improvised Corsican couplet song as an English ballad, Windborne is able to shift from radically different genres in ways that few bands can match. They educate as they entertain, telling stories about the music and explaining the characteristics and stylistic elements of the traditions from which they sing. They describe themselves as "picking up the torch of protest folk song

for the next generation... old songs for new struggles."

The band's four singers - Lynn Mahoney Rowan, Will Thomas Rowan, Lauren Breunig, and Jeremy Carter-Gordon - are also noteworthy for their ability to create powerful polyphonic vocal harmonies that fill the hall. Polyphonic music involves voices in two or more parts, each having a melody of its own. For fifteen years, the group has studied polyphonic vocal music with traditional singing masters from various cultures around the world. They share a vibrant energy onstage, where their connection to each other and to the music clearly evident.

Tickets are \$15 in ad-

vance or \$17 at the door. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 442-8455 or at www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Mechanics Savings supports Lewiston School Department's "Store Next Door"



Christopher J. Hanks of Mechanics Savings Bank (c.) presents a \$1,000 donation check to Meg Dumais (l.) and Mary Seaman of the Store Next Door project.

Mechanics Savings Bank recently presented a \$1,000 donation to the Lewiston School Department's Store Next Door

Going to school every day can be tough for teens. It's even more difficult for those who don't have stable

living arrangements to go home to after the school day ends. That's where the Lewiston School De-See Mechanics, page 4

City breaks ground today at Hartley Block

The City of Lewiston will host a groundbreaking ceremony at 155 Lisbon Street this week. Known as the Hartley Block, the now vacant lot in Downtown Lewiston will be transformed into a 63-unit, mixed income, mixed-use building that will include over 4,000 square feet of commercial space. Members of the public are invited to attend the event, which will take place on Thursday, February 22 at 11 a.m. Parking is available in the

Canal Street.

The new building will replace four buildings that were destroyed by fire in 2006. One of the historic buildings lost was the location of Lewiston native Marsden Hartley's 1906 art studio. Born in Lewiston in 1877, Hartley became a noted Modernist painter, poet, and essayist.

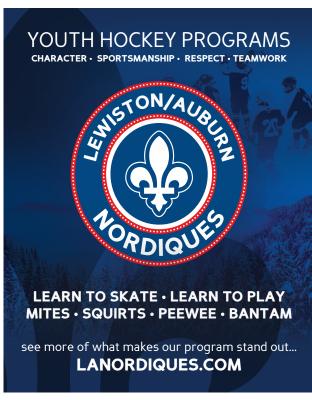
The Szanton Company of Portland, Maine is the project developer. Specializing in historic

Centreville Garage at 62 renovations, urban infill, and mixed income housing projects, the company previously developed The Lofts at Bates Mill in Lewiston

"I'm thrilled that we've reached our construction start," said Nathan Szanton, founder and president of the Szanton Company. "We had to overcome a big devaluation of affordable housing tax credits after the 2016 election and a lot of inflation in construction costs. We're very grateful to all who helped us reach this point, including MaineHousing, the City of Lewiston, TD Bank, and many others."

Platz Associates is the project architect and Hebert Construction is the general contractor. The project was made possible by the efforts of numerous partners, including the Northern New England Housing Investment Fund and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.







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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Rotary Breakfast Club supports food pantry, children's programs



Club president Pete Preble (l.) presents a \$2,500 donation check to Lee Upton of the High Street Food Pantry.

The Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club has donated almost \$5,000 to community programs in the past month. These donations included \$2,500 to the High Street Food Pantry, \$1,000 to the Salvation Army heating assistance program, \$1,000 to the Big Brothers Big Sisters program in

Androscoggin County, and \$250 to sponsor a team for Auburn Suburban Baseball and Softball.

The donation to the High Street Food Pantry was made through a matching grant from Rotary District 7790. \$1,500 was provided by the club and \$1,000 was from the Rotary Foundation grant program. The High Street Food Pantry supplies around 174,000 pounds of food each year to people in need.

One of the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Club's important areas of focus is supporting children's programs in Androscoggin County. The donations to Big Brothers Big Sisters and Auburn Suburban Baseball and Softball are some of the many children's programs that the club supports in our community.

Since it was founded in 1991, the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Club has made over \$500,000 in charitable contributions. The Breakfast Club meets every Wednesday morning at 7:15 at the United Methodist Church in Auburn. Guests are always welcome to attend meetings. For more information, see www.auburn-lewistonrotary.org.

RSU 16 Student of the Month

The Tri-Town Optimist Club of Mechanic Falls, Minot, and Poland has named Katelyn Dufour, a senior at Poland Regional High School, its RSU 16 Student of the Month. Dufour is recognized as a well-rounded student who is an active, helpful, and enthusiastic participant on the school leadership team, the senior class council, and elsewhere in her school community. After graduation, she is planning a nine-month, service-oriented trip to regions of India and South Africa. She is also working on fundraising efforts for an upcoming mission trip to Costa Rica. She is currently employed as a CNA and plans to attend nursing school in the future.



Poland Regional High School senior Katelyn Dufour (l.), with RSU 16 Superintendent Tina Meserve



Boxberry School students visit State Capitol

Students from the Boxberry School in Norway traveled to Augusta recently for a first-hand experience learning about Maine's state government. The students have been learning about different forms of government and how our state and national governments function. In Augusta, they received a tour of the Blaine House and the State House and were even allowed to enter the Senate Chamber.

The students are currently finishing up their Learning Expedition projects, consisting of puppet shows illustrating how our federal government works and original designs of their



Boxberry students (l. to. r., from front) Quinlan Friel, Cadence Lee, Sylvie Gill, Sophia Berry, Alison Graves, Perrin Gill, Aemelia Graves, Maesa Rossignol-Kane, and Izzy Thibault pose with the State Seal.

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SEARCH needs volunteers to help isolated seniors

Imagine not talking to or seeing another person for weeks, or not being able to get out to buy groceries... Now imagine how it would feel to help change those circumstances for a local senior by providing them with the companionship and assistance they need.

SEARCH (Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage are able to volunteer a few

& Hope), a program of Catholic Charities Maine, is currently seeking volunteers to provide weekly companionship and assistance with grocery shopping and errands to seniors who live in Androscoggin County. They need families, singles, retirees, college students, or high school students who

hours each week to assist seniors waiting for help in the Auburn, Lewiston, Lisbon, Sabattus, and Turner areas.

If you are interested in volunteering, or if you know of a senior who is isolated and may need this kind of support, contact SEARCH Program Director Wendy Russell at 784-0157 or wrussell@ccmaine.org.

CMCC now accepting applications for Summer 2018

Students who want to get a head start on the next academic year may want to take advantage of a summer start date, beginning May 21, for matriculation into a degree, certificate, or advanced certificate program at CMCC.

"The summer term is great for those who missed applying for the spring semester, or those who want to get started before fall," says Director of Admissions Andrew Morong. "More importantly, admitted students can apply for financial aid for the summer term."

The college offers over 40 associate degree programs, certificates, or advanced certificates, with online degree programs free at www.cmcc.edu available in Criminal Jus-

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tice, General Studies, Human Services, and Medical Coding & Electronic Health Records. Students can choose classes offered during the day or evening, on-campus, online, or hy-

CMCC also recognizes the value of college-level knowledge acquired outside of the classroom through work experience, corporate or military training programs, in-service courses, volunteer services, or other experiences. To learn more about credit for prior learning, reducing the time it takes to complete a program, visit www.cmcc.edu/priorlearning.

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2017-18 Financial Aid Application by using CMCC's school code of 005276 at www.FAFSA.gov.

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Governor's Address:

Tell the Legislature to Put Their Medicaid Expansion Funding Plan in Writing

It's been 100 days since voters passed the referendum to expand Medicaid. So far, the legislature has done nothing to fund it.

Dear Maine Taxpayer, Mainers who voted for Medicaid expansion are waiting to see signs of its implementation. But, as I have told the Legislature repeatedly, I cannot implement it without funding.

Medicaid expansion is the law, and I will execute the law. However, funding it is the Legislature's constitutional duty. Folks, they have no idea how to fund it.

DHHS cannot hire and train the additional 105 staff needed to run the expanded Medicaid program without money. We cannot pay the state's share of the new enrollees' medical bills without funding.

It's like the Legislature telling me to go to the store and buy the weekly groceries, but they won't give me any money. The time to appropriate the money is now - not after the next election.

So I laid out four basic principles to guide them on how to pay for expansion.

We must fund Medicaid expansion in a way that is sustainable and on-



Governor Paul R. LePage

going. I will not jeopardize the state's long-term fiscal health. We must avoid the budget disasters of the past.

I laid out my principles in early December, just a few weeks after the vote, to make sure that the Legislature would know what they would need to do. They are simple and straightforward: 1. No tax increases on Maine families or businesses: 2. No use of the Budget Stabilization Fund, which we call the "Rainy Day Fund"; 3. No use of other one-time funding mechanisms - known as budget gimmicks; 4. Full funding for vulnerable Mainers who are still waiting for services; and 5. No reduction of services or funding for our nursing homes or people with dis-

It would be fiscally

irresponsible for the Legislature to demand we implement Medicaid expansion without adequate funding. It is simply not too much to ask the Legislature to prioritize our truly needy over those looking for a taxpayer-funded handout.

Democrats, hospitals, advocacy groups, and wealthy out-of-state special interests who campaigned for this referendum claim that adding 80,000 people to a taxpayer-funded entitlement program will save money.

So I am taking them at their word. Show me the savings. Show me how you will fund Medicaid expansion - and put your plan in writing. Show the Maine people how you will carry

The Maine people should not have to wait until the next election has passed to learn how the Legislature is going to pay for expansion. Liberals want me to leave office so they can pass a tax increase or rob the rainy day fund without having to face the voters. That is the coward's way out.

Demand to see the plan. Hold their feet to the fire. You know I will.

Thank You, Paul R. LePage Governor

Senior College has a cure for the winter blues



Despite snow and ice, USM LAC Senior College members enjoyed many one-day winter term classes on a variety of subjects. From travelogues to painting, issues of health to historical insights, and three days of playing games old and new, members had fun exploring new ideas. Not a member? It's not too late to join for the remainder of the academic year. A \$25 membership opens the way to registering for spring classes and club memberships extending through the summer months. The catalog for spring courses was distributed recently and can be reviewed online at usm. maine.edu/seniorcollege

L-A 9-1-1 implements CodeRED Emergency Notification System

On February 16, 1968, Alabama Speaker of the House Rankin Fite made the first 9-1-1 call in the U.S. from Haleyville City Hall. From that small beginning, 9-1-1 technology has become progressively more sophisticated, each advancement improving our ability to get better, more reliable information to first responders so they can do their job of saving lives and property.

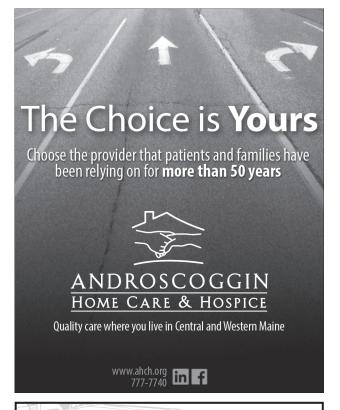
Fifty years later, the latest example of this ongoing technological advancement is the recent implementation by Lewiston-Auburn 9-1-1 of the CodeRED Emergency Notification System, a high-speed emergency mass notification service provided by Ormond Beach, Florida-based On-Solve, LLC.

The CodeRED system

will serve as the backbone of the community's emergency communications outreach to both its citizens and staff. The system sends telephone calls, text messages, emails, and posts to social media channels to provide emergency information to residents to better protect lives and property. Public Safety officials across the United States have credited CodeRED notifications for successfully locating missing children, apprehending wanted criminals, and issuing timely evacuations.

CodeRED was selected for its reliability and accuracy, as well as its widespread adoption rate across the U.S. It is important to note that this system does not replace the "Alert Me" or "Notify Me" systems the community now uses to inform residents of non-emergency events. CodeRED is cations only. used for emergency notifi-

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Rotary Lunch Club supports Tree Street Youth



Lunch Club president Monica Millhime (2nd from 1.) and fellow Rotarian Ray Martel (r.) present a \$4,500 donation check to Tree Street Youth Executive Director Julia Sleeper (2nd from r.) and Operations Manager Kim Sullivan. (Photo courtesy of Jacki Majerus-Collins)

18 goals of the Lew- Lunch Club was to help

One of the 2017- iston-Auburn Rotary

provide laptops and iPads to Tree Street Youth, located at 144 Howe Street in Lewiston. The club made good on that goal recently in the form of a \$4,500 donation to the local nonprofit, which since 2011 has provided after school enrichment programs to over 800 youth in Downtown Lewiston. Students served by the program have collectively spoken seventeen different languages at home, including Arabic, French, Spanish, Somali and Swahili.

"Providing finan-

cial assistance to Tree Street Youth aligns with our club's mission and focus on literacy," said club president Monica Millhime. "Providing education technology tools offer students the ability

to embrace and accept an opportunity to be more literate in a changing, demanding world and to develop leadership, accountability, and life skills needed to be successful."

Maine SBDC releases 2017 results

The Maine Small **Business Development** Centers, a state-wide program that helps entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses, recently announced its annual results. In 2017, certified

business advisors across Maine provided no-cost business advising to 1,400 entrepreneurs, which helped clients to start 98 new businesses, save and create 661 jobs, and access \$44 million in capital.

Over its 40-year history, the program has worked with an estimated 62,000 clients to help start nearly 2,500 new businesses, create and save over 16,000 jobs, and access nearly \$705 million in capital formation.

Return on investment for the Maine SBDC is evaluated annually through an independent study of the program conducted by Dr. James J. Chrisman at Mississippi State University. His findings are based on information provided by a sampling of clients meeting with a Maine SBDC business advisor for at least five hours.

Dr. Chrisman's most recent report indicated that for every dollar invested in the Maine SBDC, \$4.16 was returned in incremental tax revenue. To access the full 2017 Annual Report, visit www.mainesbdc.org.

"As we reflect on the last forty years, we're encouraged by the program's ability to have a real impact on the economic success of the State of Maine year after year," said Maine SBDC State Director Mark Delisle. "Activities that yield positive returns over an extended period, such as those carried out by the Maine SBDC, stand as a solid investment. We look forward to another forty years of helping Maine's entrepreneurs and small businesses succeed."

A program of the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, and the University of Southern Maine, the Maine SBDC provides no-cost, comprehensive business advising to small businesses throughout the state through its network of certified business advisors. The program is accredited by America's SBDC Network. For more information or to request a business advising appointment, call 780-4420 or see www. mainesbdc.org.

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partment's Store Next Door comes in

Operated by Homeless Education Liaison Mary Seaman, Academic Liaison Meg Dumais, and Health Affiliates ME Case Manager Jamie Caouette, the Store Next Door provides support for students at risk for homelessness. In addition to working to provide basic needs, such as food, hygiene products, clothing, and school supplies, they provide tutoring, transportation and shelter arrangements, job support, and assistance with college applications and financial aid packets.

"The majority of students we work with are unaccompanied minors, meaning they are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian," says Seaman. "These are young folks who are left to figure out how to survive on their own each day, often in highly risky, unsafe, and unpredictable ways. Our team often serves as the primary adult relationship, providing support and working to foster relationship-building opportunities."

"A lack of food creates a barrier to learning for at-risk students," says Dumais. "School work isn't the primary focus for a student who has no idea where their next meal is coming from. This generous contribution from Mechanics Savings Bank will allow us to keep our pantry shelves stocked and do our best to prevent students from going hungry."

More often than not, it's one singular event - the loss of a job, an unexpected medical bill, or a large car repair - that leads to homelessness. For those living paycheck to paycheck, these unexpected events may mean having to choose between buying food or paying rent, resulting in the loss of housing.

"The number of stu-

dents in the school system who are homeless or at risk for homelessness is overwhelming," says Christopher Hanks, Credit Officer at Mechanics Savings Bank. "It's important that the community understands how prevalent homelessness is and what is being done to combat the issue. Our hope is that this contribution not only helps provide essentials for students, but also raises awareness of the need for community support for the Store Next Door project."

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Area students top finishers in 2nd District Congressional Art Competition



"Wait," photograph by Isobel Straub, Rangeley Lakes Regional School



"The Chief's Wife," photograph by Jasmine Weiang Li, Hebron Academy



"Pale Light," painting by Pauline Han, Hebron Academy

Isobel Straub, a senior at Rangeley Lakes Regional School, has been named the winner of the 2018 Congressional Art Competition for Maine's 2nd District. Straub's photograph, "Wait," will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel hallway to the U.S. Capitol for the next year.

Also recognized in the competition were Hebron Academy students Pauline Han, 10th Grade, whose painting "Pale Light" was named First Runner Up; Cara Hu, 11th Grade, whose drawing/illustration "Distance Makes the Heart

Grow Fonder" was awarded an Honorable Mention; and Jasmine Weiang Li, 11th Grade, whose photograph "The Chief's Wife" was awarded an Honorable Mention.

In Maine, the contest winners, chosen by jurors selected by the Maine Arts Commission, are offered scholarships to Maine College of Art. All of the Maine 2nd District top participants have been invited to a reception at the Blaine House on May 14 to recognize their outstanding artwork.

The Congressional Art Competition started in 1982 to provide an opportunity for young people to demonstrate their artistic abilities. Each Spring, students submit artwork and the winner's pieces are hung in the halls of the U.S. Capitol.

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"Distance Makes the Heart Grow Fonder," drawing/illustration by Cara Hu, Hebron Academy



Norway Savings Bank promotes six



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Kelly Sturmer

Norway Savings Bank Deb McPhail, to Senior has announced the recent Vice President, Deposit promotion of six employees;



Tici Conant

Vice President, Commercial Manager; Tici Conant, to Assistant Vice President, Lending; Kelly Sturmer, Operations; Rob Harville, to Vice President, Market Commercial Administration; Janel Danforth, to As-



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Deb McPhail has been with the Bank since 1982, when she joined Coastal Bank, which merged with Norway Savings Bank in 2001. She has served as VP of Deposit Operations, during which time she attended and graduated from the national Graduate School of Banking at Colorado.

Rob Harville joined NSB in 2006 as a commercial credit analyst and was promoted to Junior Commercial Lender in 2010. He became an Assistant Vice President and Commercial Lender in late 2011. He's a past president of the RMA's Young Professionals group and currently serves on MEREDA's Conference Committee

Kelly Sturmer joined Norway Savings Bank as AVP, Branch Manager of the Standish office in 2008 with several years of banking and retail sales experience. She was later promoted to the position of AVP. Market Manager responsible for the overall performance of both the Gorham and Standish offices, including responsibilities as a retail lender. She is an avid supporter of her community, volunteering with STRIVE and serving on the Executive Board of the Pine Tree Council.

Tici Conant joined the Bank in 1997 as a commercial loan administrator in their Exchange Street (Port-See NSB, page 8

LA Senior College courses for Spring 2018

Registration is now open for Lewiston-Auburn Senior College's spring term. Most courses begin the week of March 26. If you are at least 50 years of age, with a curious mind and a keen interest in learning for the fun of it, join them!

Online registration (preferred) is quick and easy. At the left of the screen, choose "Academic Info," then Spring 2018. Read the "Important Information" and "Registration Instructions," then choose your courses. You will know if a place is available or you may add your name to a wait list if the course is full.

Each course is \$25. Online payment is by credit card only. Other forms of payment require mail in registration. (Instructions are included on page 16 of the catalog.) Need help? Call 780-5960. To register, go to https://usm.maine.edu/ seniorcollege.

Spring 2018 Courses:

S18Mo101 - Two Related Energies: Heat and Electricity. Basic electricity principles and theories about heat will be presented to show how the two energies are related. Instructor: Hugh Keene. Six Mondays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning March 26. Course limit: 30.

S18Mo106 - Going Deeper. It has been said that the two most important days in our lives are the day we were born and the day we found out why. This course offers participants the opportunity to go "soul-deep" and uncover the many facets of that "why." Sessions will be participatory and reflective. Instructor: Marguerite Stapleton. Six Mondays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning April 2. Course limit: 15.

S18Mo111 - Intro to Photoshop. Photoshop is perhaps Adobe's most powerful program, producing digital images for print, web, video, and even children's book illustrations. This course will explore the basics of the program and how it can be used as an art form. Instructor: Judy

Hierstein. Six Mondays, 1 to 3 p.m., beginning March 26. Course limit: 10.

S18Tu101 - The Plague of 1348. In 1348, the Black Plague hit Europe and wiped out 1/3 to 1/2 of the people. What was it? And does it still exist? We will examine the effect of the Plague on the societal future of Europe in the 14th Century. Instructor: Alan Elze. Six Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning March 27. Course limit: 30.

S18Tu106 - Health, Illness and Culture: Medical Anthropology. In Medical Anthropology, we will focus on the interface between human ecology and culture. Human beings, unlike other animals, have traveled far around the globe, occupying even the most inhospitable niches. However, they have not only adapted to what exists in nature, they have also radically altered the landscape. Physical and cultural adaptation, as well as symbolic meaning, are featured. Instructor: Mark Silber. Six Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning March 20. Course limit: 20.

S18Tu111 - How a Painter Looks at Paintings. The elements of a good painting are carefully assembled by an artist to appeal in ways that are often not evident to the viewer. By examining artworks from the Renaissance to the twentieth century, this course will explore the elements - technique and design - of painted artwork, primarily oil paintings. In addition to famous works, students will view the artwork of lesser-known artists. This wide-ranging course is for anyone interested in expanding their appreciation of art. Instructor: Mike Everett. Six Tuesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., beginning March 27. Course limit: 20.

S18We101 - Hand Reflexology for Health and Wellness. This 3-day introductory workshop in hand Reflexology will provide training in specific touch techniques to bring about relaxation, assisting the participants with issues such as insomnia, headaches, and gastrointestinal discomfort. Participants will learn how to assist family, friends, and themselves. Be prepared to work with a partner to practice with one another. Partners will be made in class and will change weekly. Please trim and file your fingernails and bring a pillow and a towel to class each week. Instructor: Lynn Poor. Three Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon, beginning March 28. Course limit: 10.

S18We106 - What Does Your Pet Think of You? Often, we think mainly of the differences between all other animals and us. This course treats similarities as well: morality, intelligence, communication, empathy, altruism, etc. and asks "Are humans truly exceptional?" and "If so, how so?" Case materials from many species, including our own, will be featured. Instructor: Stephen Piker. Six Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning March 28. Course limit: 25.

S18We111 - Living History - And Then Some. This course is a repeat of those presented during the Spring 2017 session. It will cover major events of the last half century. Facilitated by Cynthia Peters, six different instructors will each share a specific and meaningful experience of how wartime conditions affected their lives, with anecdotes not previously included. Dates, Presenters and Topics: March 28 -Rose Goodwin, "London Blitz"; April 4 - Hugh Keene "WW II Bombardier's Diary"; April 11 - Charles Plummer, "Korean War Naval Aviator"; April 18 - Phil Vampatella, "Vietnam War Pilot"; April 25 - Gloria Hall, "Desert Storm Military Nurse"; May 2 - Alan Elze, "The Cold War." Six Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Course limit: 30.

S18We116 - Forests of Lilliput: Botany of Non-Flowering Plants. This course will survey the morphology, reproduction, ecology and identification of lichens, liverworts, mosses, clubmosses, ferns, and their relatives. Presentation is with Powerpoint and actual specimens. Instructor: Jeff Pengel. Six Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., beginning March 28. Course limit: 25.

S18We121 - A Republic, If You Can Keep It. When Benjamin Franklin was asked about the government created at the Constitutional Convention in 1787, he responded, "A republic, if you can keep it." 230 years later, we are still trying to sustain the American republic – at times more or less successfully, but always arguing about what it means. This course will discuss what it will take today to "keep our republic." Instructor: Doug Bennett. Eight Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., beginning March 28. Course limit: 30.

S18Th101 - Stereotyping of Native Americans. Think back to when you were young. If your parents or grandparents were from another country, you may well have been made fun of many times. Now put yourself in the shoes of a Native American or, worse even, a person who is part Native American. This course will examine prejudice in our society. Instructor: Mike Akerley. Five Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning March 29. Course limit: 20.

S18Th106 - History of Utopia and Terror in the 20th Century. Examine the reasons why the 20th Century was a time of such unprecedented violence in history and learn how repressive utopian governments and terrorist organizations are created and organized, and how they use violence to achieve their goals. Instructor: Dr. Charles Plummer. Eight Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning March 29 at Schooner Estates in Auburn. Course limit: 25.

S18Th111 - Advanced Conversational French. This course will help students maintain and enhance their

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conversational skills in French. Those with a solid background in the language will use those skills in conversation and writing. Instructor: Lorraine Giasson. Six Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning March 29. Course limit: 15.

S18Th116 - Piecing Together the Patterns of Our Lives: A Memoir Workshop. This is a five-session workshop to assist participants in writing their life stories. Featuring topics near to everyone's heart, we will write about ourselves and those who shaped us; about significant memories; about love and work; about sad events and happy times; and about lessons and legacies. Instructor: Ariela Zucker. Five Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning March 29 at SeniorsPlus in Lewiston. Course limit: 10.

S18Th121 - A Taste of Hebrew. As the title implies, this is an opportunity to get a first impression of the overall structure of the Hebrew language. The course will include some practice of writing and reading to make the language more accessible. Most of the time will be dedicated to developing basic vocabulary in dayto-day Hebrew and simple phrases to enable short conversations. Instructor: Ariela Zucker. Six Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., beginning March 29 at SeniorsPlus in Lewiston. Course limit: 12.

S18Fr101 - Maine Trees in Art and Literature. Get to know Maine forest trees through art and literature. This course will examine published poetry and short verse, paintings, and other art forms and will interpret work based on observations and discussions. Instructor: Pamela Davis-Green. Four Fridays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning April 6. Course limit: 15.

S18Fr106 - Introduction to the Old Testament. Our present-day Bibles are separated into the Old and New Testament. This course will highlight the Old Testament, how it is divided and its important people and events. Discussion will include how the Bible has come down to its present form with its different translations. Instructor: Alan Elze. Eight Fridays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., beginning April 6. Course limit: 30.

S18Fr111 - Genealogy First Steps. This course is designed for those interested in beginning their genealogical journey, or those who want to start over at the beginning. It will provide the foundational tools for their research. Instructor: Lin Wright. Four Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., beginning March 23 (no class on March 30). Course limit: 20.

S18Fr116 - Using Sign Language and Gestures in Our Communication. This fun and animated course will teach the use of basic sign language and gestural skills. Instructor: Stephanie Gelinas. Six Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m., beginning March 23 (no class on March 30). Course limit: 20.

S18Fr121 - Genealogy Computer Lab. This course includes directed lab exercises to expose students to a variety of sources and sites, combined with time to work on their own tree with assistance from a knowledgeable instructor. Windows computer familiarity is recommended: bring a flash memory drive. Instructor: Lin Wright. Eight Fridays, 1 to 3 p.m., beginning April 6. Course limit: 15.

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land) office. In 2011, she transferred to the Windham branch to support commercial lending efforts in the Lake Region.

Janel Danforth has been a member of the Retail Support Team for more than six years. Starting on the teller line in South Paris in 2007, she was promoted to Information Technology in early 2009. In early 2011, she was promoted to Retail System Support Specialist and in 2015 she was promoted to Retail Strategies Analyst.

Pam Gaudet joined the Bank in 2011 as a commercial loan administrator at their Exchange Street (Portland) office. Prior to joining the bank, she worked at Maine Bank and Trust, which became Peoples United Bank).

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Maine's 2017 Hire-A-Vet Campaign leads to 296 hires

Employers participating in Maine's Hire-A-Vet Campaign in 2017 hired 296 veterans and military family members during the 100-day initiative. Onehundred-and-fifty-four employers from all 16 Maine counties participated in the campaign, with an average placement wage reported of \$23.16 per hour. The campaign launched last Labor Day and ended December 13, 2017. Due to the length of hiring processes for those who applied within the 100day period, final numbers were collected into January.

"Maine's Hire-A Vet campaign continues to successfully educate employers about the value veterans bring to our workforce," said Governor Paul R. LePage. "Ann and I fully support Hire-A-Vet. We want our veterans and military families who have given so much to our nation to return home to good-paying careers that appreciate the skills developed by service in the Armed Forces."

The campaign provides support for employers to expand the hiring of veterans, including a network of state and federal agencies, resources, and nonprofits; education on military language and culture; assistance with recruiting, hiring, assimilation, and retention; and recognition for the hiring and advancement of veterans. Participating employers were not required to hire

veterans or military family members they interviewed to be a part of the campaign.

The 2017 campaign's numbers were an increase over the 2016 campaign by six participating employers (148 in 2016), 101 hires (195 in 2016), and reported wages of plus \$0.93 per hour (\$22.23 in 2016). Of the 296 total hires, 275 were veterans and 21 were military family members. Women veteran hires were 52 of the 275 reported (roughly 20 percent). Female veterans make up 10 percent of Maine's total veteran population.

Veterans' employment representatives available through the Maine Career-Centers can visit employers to assist them in finding qualified veterans and provide information on the benefits of hiring veterans. Services offered to veterans through Maine CareerCenters are also available to their military family members at no cost. A list of CareerCenters is available at www.mainecareercenter. gov. For more information, employers or veterans can contact their closest Maine CareerCenter or the Maine Department of Labor's Veterans' Program Manager Auta Main at (207) 623-7975 or auta.m.main@ maine.gov.

The Maine Hire-A-Vet Campaign is co-sponsored by the Maine Department of Labor and its CareerCenters, the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services, Boots2Roots, Easter Seals and its Veterans Count program, Live+Work in Maine, Transition Assistance Advisors, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) - Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E), VA Office of Rural Health, and Veterans Inc.

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"CodeRED's robust notification system will provide Lewiston, Auburn, and Poland officials with a reliable, easy-to-use interface to quickly deliver critical information to our citizens during emergencies," said 9-1-1 Director Paul LeClair. "We are eager to use this innovative technology to enhance our emergency preparedness plans."

OnSolve has provided the Lewiston-Auburn 9-1-1 Center with an initial database of residential and business telephone numbers; however, residents living within Lewiston, Auburn, and Poland are encouraged to visit their city or town's website and click on the CodeRED logo to enroll their contact information, including cell phone numbers and text and email addresses. No one should assume they are in the emergency contact database.

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Major gift adds to Winslow Homer collection at PMA



"Returning from the Spring," 1874, oil on panel, 7 7/8 x 5 3/4 inches

The Portland Museum of Art has received a major gift of works by iconic American artist Winslow Homer through the generosity of the Berger Collection Educational Trust. The Berger gift strengthens the museum's position as one of the leading institutions in the world to experience the

art and legacy of Winslow Homer.

In addition to an extensive collection of Homer's works, the PMA owns the Winslow Homer Studio in Prouts Neck, Maine, where Homer lived and worked from 1884 until his death in 1910. The museum's preservation of the Homer Studio

and its efforts to make it accessible to the public were an important factor in the BCET's decision to convey the paintings.

"I am honored and deeply grateful to the Berger Trust for holding the PMA in such esteem," said Mark H.C. Bessire, the Judy and Leonard Lauder Director

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of the Portland Museum of Art. "The Berger Trust held a thorough selection process for this bequest, and in giving these works to the PMA, they are not only recognizing the devotion of the PMA Board and staff, but the passion of the Maine community for supporting

the arts."

The trust's gift to the museum includes "Returning from the Spring" See Winslow, page 16



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Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Franco Center presents "Early Evening Show"



Hosted by Maine's own Mike Miclon, this popular spoof of late-night talk shows is now in its 17th year.

The next performance in the Gendron Franco Center's comedy series will be an episode of Mike Miclon's "Early Evening Show" on Friday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. This late-night talk show spoof featuring stand-up comedy, sketches, juggling, and more will take place on the center's Heritage Hall stage. The doors and bar will open at

Now in its 17th year, the "Early Evening Show," hosted by Maine's own Mike Miclon, is still packing in crowds and bringing the house down. The show,

which has been performed from Maine to Switzerland, built its reputation with a 14year run at the Oddfellow Theater in Buckfield.

"This laugh-out-loud funny show... includes improvisation, sketch comedy, music, lots of special guests, and surprises," said Franco Center executive director Mitch Thomas. "No two shows are ever alike." Several popular Maine artists will join the cast for this night of laughs and lively entertainment. Admission is \$15. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in ad-See Franco, page 12

World War I series kicks off with "Pine Tree State in France"



Maine soldiers who mobilized during World War I included two units bound for Texas, pictured here on parade in Bangor on June 22, 1916. (Photo courtesy of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission)

discuss how the actions

of its soldiers changed the

The first talk in the March Collaborative Encounters series at the Maine State Museum in Augusta will be "The Pine Tree State in France: Maine's 103rd Infantry Regiment in the Great War." Free and open to the public, the program will be presented by Captain Jonathan D. Bratten, Command Historian for the Maine Army National Guard, on Thursday, March 1 at 6 p.m.

"In 1917, 2,002 Mainers left their homes and families to 'make the world safe for democracy," says Bratten. "Their travels took them directly into the heart of the Great War, where they proved that the best of the German Army was no match for the boys from Maine. During my talk, I'll share stories of the 103rd Infantry and course of World War I."

Bratten's talk is part of the March Collaborative Encounters series, jointly sponsored by the Maine State Library, Maine State Museum, and Maine State Archives. The museum's new exhibition, "Over There and Down Home: Mainers and World War I," will be open for viewing free of charge from 5 to 5:30 p.m. prior to Bratten's

Future presentations in the series will be "World War I Open House: Exhibits and Special Collections at the Maine State Museum, Archives, and Library," on Thursday, March 15; "The World

War I Dye Shortage: Color, Clothes, and Chemistry," with Jacqueline Field on Thursday, March 29; and a "Maine and World War I" program and book signing with Jason Libby and Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr. on Thursday, April 12. All programs will begin at 6 p.m.

The Maine State Library, Maine State Museum, and Maine State Archives are located in the Cultural Building, adjacent to the Maine State House at 230 State Street in Augusta. For more information, call the museum at 287-2301 or see its website at www.mainestatemuseum.org.

Norlands offers Winter Living History Day



Visitors may take a horse-drawn sleigh ride, see traditional ice cutting demonstrations on nearby Bartlett Pond, and enjoy numerous other activities.

ter in Livermore will be open on Saturday, February 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a "Cabin Fever Reliever" Winter Living History Day. Journey into the past for some old-time fun, led by interpreters in period clothing who will portray members of the Washburn Family and their neighbors c. 1870.

This annual event is a belated celebration of President's Day, 1870s-style. After his death in 1799, Washington's birthday became a day of remembrance and celebration, including toasts, elaborate galas with dancing, the laying of

Martha Washington's.

Norlands' interpreters Shelly Cox and Jeanette MacDonald will bake a version of Martha Washington's cake and pay tribute to President Washington with poems and songs at 12:30 and at 2:30 p.m. Stop by for a slice of cake and to participate in the celebration.

Another highlight of the day will be a special program on Lieutenant Samuel Benjamin at 11:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. Benjamin (1753-1824) was one of the first to respond to the call to fight in the Revolutionary War. He fought at the Battle of Lexington in 1775

The Washburn-Nor- wreaths, and the making of a and served as a sergeant at lands Living History Cen- fancy cake using a recipe of the Battle of Bunker Hill Eventually he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Massachusetts Continental Line and went on to serve at Valley Forge, Saratoga, Monmouth, and Yorktown.

> Benjamin was an early settler in Livermore, when it was called Port Royal and was part of Oxford County. He married Tabitha Livermore and went on to have seven children, including Patty Benjamin Washburn. His story will be told by "Clara Howard," as portrayed by Willi Irish, Norlands Director of Interpretation and Training. Clara will share excerpts See Norlands, page 12



Library hosts Indoor Farmers Market



This popular annual event includes a baby animal exhibit.

Auburn Public Library will host its annual Indoor Farmers Market, a community celebration of local farms and homestead crafts, on Friday, February 23, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. At this family event, vendors will offer locally grown foods,

homemade breads and jams, handwoven and spun items, crafts, and demonstrations. There will also be a baby animal exhibit and live music by Aaron Wardwell. The Children's Department will present a seed-planting activity from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in

the Children's Room.

Free and open to the public, the event will take place in the library's main lobby. For more information, call 333-6640. For a complete list of participating vendors, see www. auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Sandcastle director to address Rotary Club



Stephanie Gelinas

The next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, March 1, from noon to 1 p.m.

will feature guest speaker Stephanie Gelinas. The event will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Stephanie Gelinas, M.S, CCC-SLP is the founder and executive director of Sandcastle Clinical and Educational Services and L-A Hearing Center in Lewiston. The agency's team of 50 professionals focuses on early detection, diagnosis, and intervention, both clinically and educationally.

Gelinas has been practicing in the field of speech and language pathology for 33 years. She attended the University of Maine at Farmington, graduating in 1984 with a dual degree in elementary education and speech correction. She went on to obtain her Master's Degree in Communication Sciences from Syracuse University in 1986. In 1996, she opened Sandcastle.

Born and raised in Lewiston, Gelinas is the immediate past president of

the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and a past president of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club. She serves on the Health Advisory Committee for Promise Early Education Center and on the board of directors for Tri-County Mental Health Services. She is a 2007 graduate of the Androscoggin Leadership

Development Institute. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Gerry, six children, and eight grandchildren. Her passions include the outdoors, traveling, and participating in triathlons.

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.

Twin City Nights

"Antique Chests and Their Stories" at Andro. **Historical Society**

Androscoggin Historical Society will host a program on "Antique Chests and Their Stories" on Tuesday, February 27 at 7 p.m. Presented by Churchill Barton of Brettuns Village Trunk Shop, the program will take place at the Society's Davis-Wagg Museum on the third floor of the County Building.

Amanda and Churchill Barton founded the Brettuns Village Trunk Shop in the Livermore neighborhood of Brettuns Village in 1988. Specializing in the restoration of travel trunks and cases from the late 1800s, they have shipped their refinished trunks across the USA and around the world. In 1990, the company began selling hardware,



Presenter Churchill Barton, inside the Brettuns Village Trunk Shop

parts, and supplies for trunk and case repair and restoration, and in 1994, they first appeared online as BrettunsVillage.com. The company operates from a barn in Livermore and the modern "Bob's Peanuts" building at 557 Lincoln Street in Lewiston.

Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Please enter the County Building on the Court Street side, where an elevator is available. For more information about the society, call 784-0586.

Arts Commission seeks nominations for Maine Arts Awards

The Maine Arts Commission is seeking nominations for its first-ever Maine Arts Awards, honoring citizens, organizations, communities, schools, and businesses for their deep impact on arts and culture in Maine.

Nominations may be made in one of seven categories: Lifetime Achievement in the Arts; Business; Arts Education; Community; Artist; Rural Organization; and Philanthropist. The awardees long-term commitment and significant impact on the arts during a celebration highlighting their work during the third biennial Maine International Conference on the Arts in September, at which they will also receive a work of art commissioned especially for these new awards.

"Honoring those who have supported Maine's rich culture and heritage raises the visibility of the impact of the arts in our state," said Julie Richard, will be honored for their Executive Director of the Maine Arts Commission. "Please consider nominating someone or an organization you think is most deserving of this honor."

Nominations must be submitted through the Arts Commission's online Grants Management System no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 8. Nomination packages must include a nomination letter; a letter of recommendation; the nominee's resume; and related work examples. The grants management system is available at www.MaineArts.com.

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V-Day aUbUrn 2018 to stage "Vagina Monologues"

V-Day aUbUrn 2018 will present its 11th edition of "The Vagina Monologues" on Saturday, February 24 at 7 p.m. The director for this year's production is Dawn Sullivan and the cast includes Emily Brown, Ria Ferris, Josie French, Pat Gardiner, Ashley Hamboyan, Stephanie Hughes, Sara Karam, Katrina Loef, Becca Lynch, Bets Mallette, Joanne McDonald, Niki Norman, Brandy Solano, Klara Tammany, Emily Torres, Dani Woodbury, and Erica Woods. Admission will be by a suggested \$7 to \$10 donation.

V-Day celebrates the right of women and girls to live free from fear and violence. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Center for Wisdom's Women, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services (SA-PARS), Safe Voices, the Immigrant Resource Center, and Auburn UU.

The home of V-Day aUbUrn is the First Universalist Church of Auburn, located at 169 Pleasant Street, across fromDairy Joy. For more information, contact them at 783-0461 or office@auburnuu.org.

Business planning course offered by New Ventures Maine

New Ventures Maine will present a multiple-week course for those considering starting a new business or in the early phases of operating one. Meeting one day a week for twelve weeks, "Venturing Forth: Business Planning for Entrepreneurs" is tuition-free and limited to 15 students.

will be covered in depth: how to identify and reach target customers, how to identify competition, how to develop marketing strategies, record keeping, cash flow projections, taxes, financing, and legal considerations. At the end of the course, participants will have completed a business The following topics plan. There will also be See Business, page 16

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three follow-up sessions to provide networking and support as business owners move forward.

The classes will meet at USM's Lewiston-Auburn campus at 51 Westminster Street in Lewiston. The course orientation session will be on Wednesday, March 7, from 9:30 a.m. to Arts Awards are being presented in partnership with ArtsEngageME, the new non-profit support and advocacy organization supporting the Maine Arts Commission. For more information about the Maine Arts Awards, contact Executive Director Julie Richard at Julie.richard@ maine.gov or see wwww. MaineArts.com.





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Twin City Nights

Senior College luncheon features Master Gardener



Master Gardener Jean Vose will speak about how gardening practices can help support bees and other important insect pollinators.

USM LAC Senior College will host a luncheon featuring Master Gardener Jean Vose on Friday, March 9 at noon. She will speak about bees and other insect pollinators crucial to our food supply.

Honeybees across the country have been subject to stress from pesticides and a virus that causes colony collapse. What role can the backyard gardener have in

helping to sustain their population? How can you identify other beneficial insects that visit your garden? How can your yard and garden practices encourage survival of these pollinators? Illustrated with slides and handouts for the audience, Vose will describe techniques to promote and welcome bees to your neighborhood.

Jean Vose is a Knox and Lincoln Counties Master Gardener, certified horticulturalist, and backyard beekeeper living in Nobleboro. Her 10 acres of mixed habitat feature native plants and fruit and vegetable gardens. A beekeeper since 1986, she manages four hives for pollination and honey. She serves on the Knox Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District and is a co-founder of the Knox-Lincoln County Beekeepers Association.

The public is invited to join members of Senior College for this presentation in Room 170 at USM's L-A campus at 50 Westminster Street in Lewiston. If you wish to have lunch, the cost is \$8 and reservations must be made by calling 753-6510 before noon on Wednesday, March 7.

Bring your questions. Spring is on our doorstep, and now is the perfect time to plan your own pollinator-friendly environment.

Send all items for What's Going On to **Editor@Twin** CityTimes.com. Deadline is

Friday by five.

Community forum to explore options in fight to end childhood poverty

A statewide effort to solve childhood poverty is bringing the conversation to Auburn, where a broad coalition of groups is calling on

help formulate solutions to a problem that impacts us all.

The event, "Invest in Tomorrow: Solving Child-

interested local residents to

hood Poverty is Everyone's Business," will take place Thursday, March 1, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room See Poverty, page 16

Norlands

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from Lt. Benjamin's diary that he kept during the Revolutionary War.

Visitors may also take a horse-drawn sleigh ride and see traditional ice cutting demonstrations just down the hill on nearby Bartlett Pond. Craft activities will take place in the warm and cozy Washburn kitchen. Schoolmarm "Corilla Rose" will greet scholars in the one-room schoolhouse. In the 1867 mansion, visitors can take a guided tour, which will feature stories about the family's relationship with Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant, along with unique family artifacts, such as the armband and sash Elihu Washburne wore as a pallbearer at Lincoln's funeral.

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walk the historic carriage trail to the Pools of Simeon, reflecting pools designed in 1903 by the youngest Washburn brother, William Drew. Hot chocolate and other concessions will be available in the farmer's cottage while supplies last.

General admission will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for those ages 12 and under. Norlands members should bring their membership card to enjoy a 20% discount on admission. Upon arrival, park by the church, walk up to towards the mansion, and purchase admission tickets in the gift shop.

In case of bad weather, this event will be canceled by 9 a.m. Call Norlands to listen to the outgoing message or check their Facebook page for updates. The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore. For more information,

norlands.org.

The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center is a multi-faceted museum offering in-depth experiences in 19th-century rural life. Their mission is to preserve the history and traditions of rural life in Maine, to celebrate the achievements of Livermore's Washburn Family, and to use living history methods to make values, activities, and issues of the past relevant to present and future generations.

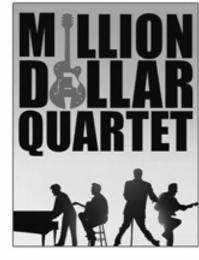
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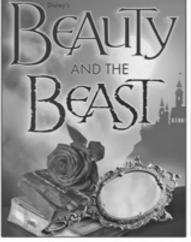
vance by calling 689-2000 or at FrancoCenter.org.

Located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston, the Franco Center is wheelchair accessible. Convenient onsite parking is available at the Continental Mill for a \$5 cash fee, while free public parking can be found close by along Lincoln Street.

Maine State Music Theatre seeks candidates for Educational Fellowship Program

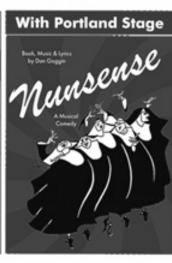
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Maine State Music Theatre in Brunswick is seeking applicants for its highly regarded Educational Fellowship Program this summer from May 21 through August 26. The

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a modest stipend are provided. College credit may be available. Applicants must be 18 years old by May 21

The theatre's 60th season starts on June 6 with "Million Dollar Quartet," followed by "Beauty

in the Rain." In addition to its main stage shows, MSMT offers a Monday Performance Series, including "I Love a Piano," "Bye Bye Birdie," and a 60th anniversary concert, "The Best of MSMT." The Theatre for Young Audiences shows for 2018 are "Cinderella" and "Pinocchio."

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Thursday, February 22

Groundbreaking Ceremony. 11 a.m. 155 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Local dignitaries break ground on the new 63-unit mixeduse building to occupy the now vacant Hartley Block. Parking avail. in Centreville Garage, 62 Canal Street.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Rebecca Conrad, President & CEO of the L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce. Free; no reservation required. 713-7045; monica. millhime@maine.gov.

HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. A group of panelists leads an open discussion on "Recruitment and Retention Strategies." \$50 (Chamber members \$25; CMHRA members free). 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetro-Chamber.com.

"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.

Sharks4Kids Program. 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Jessica Woodend, Maine Regional Ambassador for Sharks4Kids, presents a fun and informative program on sharks, with a focus on species found in the Gulf of Maine. Best for school-age kids. Free. 333-6640.

Marine Corps League Meeting. 6 p.m. Armory, 65 Central Ave., Lewiston. Central ME Detachment 810 holds its monthly meeting. They need members: all Marines, FMF corpsman, Navy chaplains, and those interested in Marines Helping Veterans are invited to attend.

Egyptology Program.

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

6 p.m. Maine State Museum, Augusta. Free. Museum Director and Egyptologist Bernard Fishman shows images from his personal collection of 19th-century stereoscopes of Egyptian antiquities. Free.

Friday, February 23

"Understanding Poverty to Support Workforce Development." 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Central Maine Community College, Auburn. This workshop for employers is pres. by Community Concepts and the L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce. \$35 (incl. lunch, materials). jjohnson@community-concepts.org.

Indoor Farmer's Market. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. This festive family event features live music, crafts, animals, exhibits, and vendors offering a variety of culinary and handmade delights. Free. 333-6640; vendor list at www.auburnpubliclibrary. org.

Early Evening Show. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Mike Miclon's late-night talk show spoof visits the Franco Center. \$15. 689-2000; FrancoCenter.org.

Saturday, February 24

Living History Day. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore. Enjoy horsedrawn sleigh rides, ice cutting demonstrations, tours of the Washburn Family mansion, and other 1870s-style activities. \$10/6. 897-4366; www.norlands.org.

Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sixth St. Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Two kinds of beans, brown bread, coleslaw, red and brown hot dogs, American chop suey, asst. desserts and beverages. \$6 adults, \$3 kids ages 5-12, under 5 free. Take-out available.

Bean Supper. 5 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Baked beans, casseroles, hot dogs, coleslaw, bread, beverages, and pies; entertainment by the Park Avenue Pickers at 4:30. All welcome. \$8/4 (kids under 5 free). 782-3972.

Bean Supper. 5 p.m. First Congregational Church, Rte. 115, Gray. Baked beans, casseroles, salads, homemade breads and desserts, beverages. \$8 adults, \$4 kids under 12. Wheelchair accessible. 657-4279; 657-3279 (day of supper).

Theater: "The Vagina Monologues." 7 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St. (across from Dairy Joy), Auburn. V-Day aUbUrn presents Eve Ensler's play about the unity and multiplicity of female experience. Admission by \$7-10 donation. 783-0461; office@auburnuu.org.

"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.

Kill the Chill Winter Concert. 7:30 p.m. Annex, Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Windborne entertains with polyphonic vocal harmonies and songs from different genres. \$17 (\$15 in advance). 4442-8455; www. chocolatechurcharts.org.

Monday, February 26
"Clean-up Your Credit" Workshop. 5:30 to 7:30
p.m. MSAD 52 Adult Education, Turner. Create your own plan to pay down your debt, improve your credit, and maintain a good credit score. Pres. by New Ventures Maine. Free. Register at 753-6531, newventures-

maine.org.

Tuesday, February 27

Andro. Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. County Building, Court St., Auburn. Churchill Barton of Brettuns Village Trunk Shop discusses "Antique Chests and Their Stories." Free; donations welcome. 784-0586.

Girl Scouts Info Session. 6 p.m. Farwell Elementary School, Farwell St., Lewiston. Come learn about Girl Scouts' Sprouting Daisies program for girls entering kindergarten or first grade. Free. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Wednesday, February 28

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Girl Scouts Info Session. 6 p.m. Geiger Elementary School, 601 College St., Lewiston. Come learn about Girl Scouts' Sprouting Daisies program for girls entering kindergarten or first grade. Free. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Thursday, March 1

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Stephanie Gelinas, founder and executive director of Sandcastle Clinical and Educational Services. Free; no reservation required. 713-7045; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Community Forum. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Room 202, Tower Building, Central Maine Community College, Auburn. A coalition of local groups convenes this discussion about ways to combat local childhood poverty. rmerrill@mejp.org.

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 Pres-

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ident's Men." Free. www. auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Black Panther (PG-13)..

Maine in World War I Program. 6 p.m. Maine State Museum, 230 State St., Augusta. Captain Jonathan D. Bratten, Command Historian for the Maine Army National Guard, discusses "Maine's 103rd Infantry Regiment in the Great War." Free. 287-2301; www.mainestatemuseum.org.

Saturday, March 5

Public Supper. 5 p.m. Paris Fire Station, 137 Western Ave., So. Paris. The Paris F.D. Auxiliary serves up a meal of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, vegetables, bread, mac & cheese, and homemade desserts. \$10/5 (ages 3- free).

Wednesday, March 7

Girl Scouts Info Session. 5:30 p.m. Fairfield Community Center, 61 Water St., Fairfield. Come learn about Girl Scouts' Sprouting Daisies program for girls entering kindergarten or first grade. Free. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Friday, March 9

Senior College Luncheon. Noon. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. Master Gardener Jean Vose discusses gardening practices that help support bees and other important insect pollinators. Lunch is \$8; reserve by noon on March 7 by calling 753-6510.

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.

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Monday, March 12

Free Community Dinner (reservation required). 6 p.m. First Congregational Church, Rte. 115, Gray. Pot roast, mashed potatoes, vegetables, biscuits and bread, dessert and beverages. Wheelchair accessible. Call Carol at 650-9093 to make a reservation.

Wednesday, March 14

Andro. Retired Educators Meeting. 10:30 a.m. Green Ladle, Lewiston High School. After a chef's choice lunch, Rabbi Sruli Dresdner performs Klezmer music. \$11. Send reservations by 3/7 to Richard and Yvonne Gross, 57 County Rd., Turner 04282.

Thursday, March 22

Girl Scouts Info Session. 5:30 p.m. Buker Elementary School, 28 High St., Richmond. Come learn about Girl Scouts' Sprouting Daisies program for girls entering kindergarten or first grade. Free. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

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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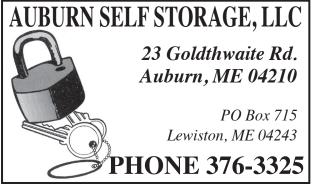
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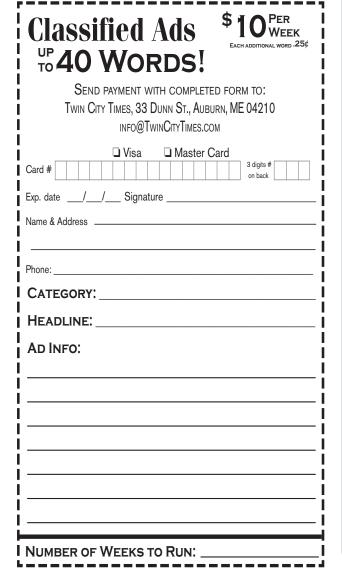
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on an exciting variety of art created by KVAA members and other Maine artists, including paintings, sculpture, prints, photographs, and craft items. Also up for bid will be various artifacts, artful objects,



Floor cover by Anita Morrissey

and vintage art works. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. through Saturday, March 3; and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 4. Bidding will end March 4 at 4 p.m. sharp.

After over five decades at its current location, the gallery will then complete its move to a new space at 100 Water Street.

Proceeds from this event support operating costs for the Harlow Gal-

lery, a 501(c)3 nonprofit connecting art, artists and community since 1963. For more information, call 622-3813 or see www.harlowgallery.org.

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202 of the Tower Building at Central Maine Community College.

This forum follows up one held last year, when the issue generated a lively, constructive discussion about potential solutions. This year's event will present the community with potential pathways forward, as collective action is needed to give every child a chance to succeed.

The event is sponsored by the United Way of Eastern Maine, Maine Seacoast Mission, John T. Gorman Foundation, Maine Children's Alliance, Community Caring Collaborative, Maine State Chamber of Commerce, Maine Equal Justice Partners, Maine Community Foundation, Community Concepts, United Way of Androscoggin County, Witham Family Hotels, and Maine Community Action.

Refreshments will be provided; a reimbursement for mileage and child care is available to those who need it. For more information, contact Maine Equal Justice Executive Director Robyn Merrill at rmerrill@ mejp.org.

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12 p.m. Classes will start on Wednesday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will meet weekly on Wednesdays until May 30.

The course instructor will be Karleen Andrews, Microenterprise Specialist for the Western Region. A number of guest speakers will discuss topics including social media, legal structures, tax accounting, and lending. For more information, contact Andrews at 557-1885 or karleen. andrews@maine.edu.

Since this is a very popular course, there is a multiple-step process to attend. Participants are required to submit an application by March 2, attend the orientation on March 7, and participate in a 30-minute informal conversation with staff. This meeting will occur within a day of the orientation session. To register, see newventuresmaine.org.

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grams, classes, and resources, visit newventuresmaine. org or call 1-800-442-2092 to find the center closest to you.

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(1874) and "Young Farmers (study for 'Weaning the Calf')" (1873-74), as well as nearly a dozen other paintings made by Homer during his career.

"We are excited to welcome these works of art back to Maine," continued Bessire. "There is no better home for the works of Winslow Homer than in the region that meant so much to him. We cannot wait to make these works accessible to all Mainers and visitors to our state and to expand upon the stories that our Winslow Homer collection can tell. This gift is especially meaningful, given the Berger Family's deep connection and philanthropy to the Portland Museum of Art, the Winslow Homer Studio, and the Prouts Neck community."

Widely regarded as one of the greatest American artists of the 19th century, Winslow Homer (1836-1910) had strong ties to Maine, and the PMA has deep holdings of works spanning his entire career. The museum's Charles Shipman Payson Building was built in 1983 in part to provide exhibition space for a large gift of Homer works from Charles Shipman Payson.

Homer's early career is represented in the museum collection by a nearly comprehensive array of the artists' graphic output that traces his early work as a commercial illustrator, as well as his first professional oil painting, "Sharpshooter" (1863). The leisure and rural subjects that dominated his art during the late 1860s and 1870s are showcased in wood engravings, watercolors, and an oil

One of the masterpieces of the PMA collection, "Weatherbeaten" (1894), depicts waves crashing against the rocky shore of Prouts Neck in a virtuoso demonstration of the aesthetic and metaphorical power of his Maine seascapes. Other late works include watercolors of Cullercoats women and of men hunting and fishing, as well as "Eight Bells," an example of Homer's brief foray into etching while he lived at Prouts Neck.







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