

## Public Theatre presents Maine premiere of "Marjorie Prime"



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The Public Theatre will present the Maine premiere of a provocative new play and Pulitzer Prize finalist "Marjorie Prime" March 16 through 25. It's the age of artificial intelligence, and 85-year-old Marjorie has a handsome new companion, a computerized replica of her deceased husband who's programmed to keep her company and remind her of a time when life was sweeter. But is recounting the past as satisfying as truly sharing it?

In this fascinating trip to a futuristic Twilight Zone, no home is complete without computer-generated companions who keep the

old days alive. This recent off-Broadway hit explores the mysteries of memory, identity, and the limits of what - and who - technology can replace.

"You'll be thinking about this emotionally satisfying play long after the curtain falls," promises director Christopher Schario. "Jordan Harrison's script has all the hallmarks of the best science fiction: it's clever, alive with humor, surprising in turns, and somewhat haunting by the time the lights come up. This rumination on technology fits right into the current wave of essays and news articles about the rise of robots in our lives."

Starring in the role of Marjorie will be Diane Findlay, who was most recently seen on Broadway in Larry David's "Fish in the Dark." A veteran of Broadway, off-Broadway, national tours, and regional theater, she is also a recipient of the Las Vegas Female Performer of the Year Award.

Portraying her daughter, Tess, will be New York actress Mhari Sandoval, who has spent much of her career performing in regional theaters across the U.S., including five seasons at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Active in the voice-over industry, she's recorded multiple television and radio ads and animated shows, narrated six seasons of "Deadly Sins" on Investigation Discovery, and can be heard as the voice of skunk "Dame Judy Stench" on Oscars pre-show "National Geographic Wild from the Red Carpet."

The role of her husband, Jon, will be played by Russell Berrigan, who has previously appeared at the Public Theatre in "Sideman" and "A Christmas Carol." The role of Marjorie's hologram husband, Walter, will be played by New York

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## Dirigo FCU Grand Reopening in Auburn



Pictured l. to r. Jackie Parent, Mark Samson, and Nicole Mailhot of Dirigo Federal Credit Union. TCT photo by Millie Kidd. More photos on page 9.

## "Green Thumb Gang" founder recounts group's story at Lisbon Historical Society

At the next meeting of the Lisbon Historical Society on Wednesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m., Faye Brown, founder of the "Green Thumb Gang," and her assistant, Noyes Lawrence, will recount how the group got started and achieved its many accomplishments.

The Green Thumb Gang's first call went out in October of 1997: "Help Wanted to Do Some Dirty Deeds in the Town of Lisbon." Of course, they were looking for prospective gardeners. "We need growers,

sowers, hoers, mowers, and more," the poster read.

The response was gratifying as the group drew in numerous citizens and businesses to volunteer and donate time, effort, and even land to support its efforts to beautify the town with gardens, benches, memorials, and more. They even involved kindergarten classes, which later planted memorial trees on campus when they became sixth graders at the new Community School

in 2005.

Join Brown and Lawrence as they tell about planting the seeds for this civic undertaking and how those seeds grew and flourished. The program is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Please park and enter at the rear of the MTM building at 19 School Street in Lisbon Falls. For more information, call 353-8510 or email LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

## Maine's Got Talent set for March 10

Tickets are still available for the seventh annual Maine's Got Talent competition on Friday, March 10 at the Gendron Franco Center. A pre-show reception will begin at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7:30.

The event, modeled after "America's Got Talent" and "American Idol," features ten pre-selected musical performers competing for cash prizes before a live and engaged audience. Each performer will be judged by three local celebrity judges (on a scale of 1 to 10) and through audience participation and feedback. In the past, the event has showcased musicians ranging from eight-person

house bands to lone acoustic singer-songwriters, large-scale collegiate a cappella groups to teen singers with ambition.

Maine's Got Talent is an annual fundraiser for Sandcastle Clinical and Educational Services, which provides a full range of clinical and educational services, including mental health services, speech pathology, audiology (through LA Hearing Center), and occupational therapy, to individuals of all ages and abilities.

"We are excited to present the seventh annual Maine's Got Talent event on March 10," said Sand-

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# News-makers, Names & Faces

## Norway Savings Bank recognizes employee achievements



RVP of Retail Banking Debbie Ward (l.) congratulates Norway Savings Bank 2017 Employee of the Year Janel Danforth.

Norway Savings Bank held its annual Employee Awards Banquet recently to celebrate employee achievements for 2017. The banquet theme was “Super Heroes.” Attendees dressed in costume and were treated to an evening of food, music, games, and prizes.

Janel Danforth, Assistant Vice President of Retail Operations, was named 2017 Employee of the Year. Danforth was recognized for her commitment to high achievement and support and for her significant positive impact across the bank. Last year, she led and assisted with several bank-wide initiatives while making sure the 24 branches were supported every day.

“Over the years, Janel has built strong relationships with the branch and support-area employees,” said Executive Vice President of Risk Management, IT, and Deposit Operations Steve Whitney, who presented the award. “She is highly regarded among her peers and is known for her thoughtful approach to solving problems.”

This year’s President’s Award went to Steve Whitney, Executive Vice President of Risk, IT, and Deposit Operations. Whitney is a leader and mentor to other bank employees and has participated in almost every bank-wide technology-focused initiative since coming to the bank in 2006.

Whitney’s tenure at Norway Savings is actually his second career; previously, he spent 33 years at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

“Steve is special in so many ways,” said President & CEO Pat Weigel, who presented the award. “He is humble, genuine, caring, and collaborative. He asks thoughtful questions in a respectful manner and is one of the best listeners I know.”

The Best Supporting Role Award recognizes an employee who provides outstanding support and goes above and beyond to ensure world-class customer service throughout the organization. Tina Merritt, Sharepoint Administrator, See NSB, page 6

## Changes underway at Greene’s Morse Library



With the shelves moved aside, the space becomes a blank slate for hosting programs or other activities



These bookstore-style shelves provide more display space for new books and the library’s growing collection of movies and audiobooks.

Regular visitors to Morse Memorial Library, located just off Route 202 in Greene Village, have noticed a variety of changes to the library’s interior over the past year. Collections have been moved, study and meeting tables have been added, and new fixtures now provide more display space for new books and DVDs.

According to librarian Steve Bouchard, it’s all part of an ongoing effort by the staff and Board of Trustees to build upon the library’s existing collections and services. The recent changes have created a more flexible

floor plan that includes spaces for work, study, small meetings, activities, and programs.

How was this small public library able to create new areas for display and other uses by patrons within its existing floor space?

“When we realized that we could reduce the footprint of our public computers by making greater use of laptops, it also gave us an opportunity to rethink our floor plan,” says Bouchard. “By doing some rearranging, we were able to add more seating, so people can now sit and use their laptops

or borrow ours. We were also able to create some flexible areas that can now be used for multiple uses.”

For instance, the library’s roomful of desktop computers has been replaced by an array of bookstore-style shelving that displays new fiction and holds the library’s growing collection of movies and audiobooks. The units stand on sturdy, hidden casters, allowing them to be moved. This creates the ability to easily convert the open, airy space into one that can also host programs or other

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## Dr. Edward Yoon joins Community Health Options

Community Health Options has added Dr. Edward B. Yoon, MD, MBA, to its staff as Chief Medical Officer. He replaces John Yindra, MD, who retired from that role on March 2.

Dr. Yoon is a graduate of Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine and the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is board-certified in Family Medicine and most recently served as the Medical Director for the Southern

Maine Health Center-Saco.

During his career, he has held additional leadership positions at Martins Point, Capital District Physicians Health Plan, and Blue Shield of Northeastern New York. He practiced for many years at Community Care Physicians in New York and held the role of Physician Director for the last five years of his time there.

Community Health Options (Health Options) is a non-profit, member-led health

plan providing comprehensive, member-focused health insurance benefits for individuals, families, and businesses. Health Options is a Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) licensed in Maine that is dedicated to providing affordable, high-quality health benefits through productive partnerships with members, businesses, and a broad network of providers. For more information about Health Options, see HealthOptions.org.

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## Students named to Dean’s List at Bates College

The following area students have been named to the Dean’s List at Bates College for the fall semester ending in December 2017.

Margaret Silverman of Brunswick, a 2014 graduate of Brunswick High School; Nick White of Brunswick, a 2017 graduate of Brunswick High School; Anne Trapp of Brunswick, a 2016 graduate of Deerfield Academy; Austin Dumont of Auburn,

a 2017 graduate of Edward Little High School; Paul Phillips of New Gloucester, a 2014 graduate of Gray-New Gloucester High School; Clio Barr of Hallowell, a 2015 graduate of Hall-Dale High School; Signe Lynch of Farmingdale, a 2016 graduate of Hall-Dale High School; Levi Morin of Turner, a 2014 graduate of Leavitt Area High School; Livie Gilbert of Turner, a

2015 graduate of Leavitt Area High School; Brianna Wilson of Lewiston, a 2014 graduate of Lewiston High School; Jesse Saffair of Pownal, a 2015 graduate of Maine Coast Waldorf School; Abby Westberry of Readfield, a 2015 graduate of Maranacook Community School; Dylan Thombs of Monmouth, a 2014 graduate of Monmouth Acad-

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# Governor's Address: Maine's judges must be above reproach

One of my most important duties is to appoint judges to Maine's district, superior and supreme judicial courts. The Maine people must know our judges are impartial, objective and committed to a fair and honest judicial process.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

I have been praised for ignoring the political affiliation of judges and striving to appoint the most qualified people to the bench. We insist that judges demonstrate they are above reproach when it comes to making the important decisions that affect the lives of Mainers.

However, I must

apologize to the Maine people for an appointment I made to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, Justice Joe Jabar. I did not intend to re-appoint him to the Supreme Court, not because I had anything against him personally, but rather because I wanted to appoint another more conservative justice to balance out the court.

When we met, Justice Jabar told me that he had only one year left to reach 20 years of service to maximize his state pension. I told him that if he agreed to step aside after qualifying for his full pension in a year, I would support his nomination to go back to the Superior Court or to serve as an Active Retired Justice.



Governor Paul R. LePage

I did not want to leave him without work. I simply wanted him to continue to serve in a different capacity.

I also told him that if another justice retired within the year, our deal was off: he could continue to serve, and

I would fill the vacant seat with a more conservative justice. That would also have achieved my goal.

We shook hands on the deal.

In fact, my staff advised against allowing him to continue on the court, since I was told he would probably break the deal and continue to serve after 20 years. I didn't listen to my staff, and I was wrong.

Instead, I gave Justice Jabar the benefit of the doubt in deference to his position on our highest court.

Unfortunately, Justice Jabar has reneged on our deal and refused to step aside after reaching the date qualifying him for his full pension.

His failure to keep his word demonstrates to me a lack of character and an example of dishonesty that is not worthy of a member of the bar, let alone a sitting justice.

The Maine people have a right to demand the highest qualifications - intelligence, integrity and good moral character - from members of their judicial branch. Their word must mean something.

If a judge fails to uphold these standards, then I believe it is my duty to tell you.

Abraham Lincoln had a stern warning for those who wanted to become lawyers: "If in your own judgment you cannot be an

honest lawyer, resolve to be honest without being a lawyer."

This is the same advice I have for Justice Jabar. If he is the kind of person to leave his integrity and his character outside the door of the Governor's Office, then every decision he makes from the bench is tainted with dishonesty.

As the great Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia once said: "The only thing in the world not for sale is character." I apologize to the Maine people for appointing a justice who sold his character.

Thank You,  
Paul R. LePage  
Governor

## New parochial vicar appointed to area parishes



Fr. Anthony Kanagaraj Chinnaiyan, HGN

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland has appointed Fr. Anthony Kanagaraj Chinnaiyan, HGN, as parochial vicar of Prince of Peace Parish (Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Holy Cross Church, and Holy Family Church, all in Lewiston), Holy Trinity Parish in Lisbon Falls, and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Sabattus, which also includes St. Francis Church in Greene.

He is one of eight Heralds of Good News (HGN) now serving in the Diocese of Portland. The Heralds of Good News is a missionary society of apostolic life in India that specializes in providing priests to other countries,

especially in the West, as well as in the promotion of vocations to the priesthood.

Originally from a small village in Tamil Nadu, India, Fr. Tony was raised in a strong Catholic household. He was an altar server and attended Catholic schools through middle school. After high school, he entered the seminary.

"The desire to become a priest, it was gradually growing in me day by day," he said. "I had the inspiration day by day." In 2005, he completed his theological studies at St. Joseph's Major Seminary in Khammam, India and was ordained to the priesthood on December 21 of that year.

Since his ordination, Fr. Tony has served as Dean of Studies at a minor seminary (2005-2007), as an assistant parish priest (2007-2008), and as a parish priest (2008-2010), all in the Diocese of Tiruchirappalli, India. He was also the director of a retreat center in Tirunelveli, India (2010-2012). His first missionary assignment outside of India was in the Diocese of Saint-Hya-

cinthe in Quebec, Canada (2012-2014), after which he returned home to serve as procurator for the Heralds of Good News Mary Queen of Apostles Province.

Now assigned to the United States for the first time, Fr. Tony says he is excited to be serving in Maine. "I preferred to go to Portland because there is a lot of positive feedback given by the priests who serve in the diocese," he said.

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## Brain Foundation supports Community Dental

Community Dental has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Frances Hollis Brain Foundation to offer dramatic reductions in fees for under- and uninsured low-income patients in Lewiston and Portland. The grant supports Community Dental's "Access" program that removes some financial obstacles so more patients can receive comprehensive preventive, emergency, and restorative care in these two centers.

"Oral health is essential for overall health" says Community Dental CEO Tom Polko, who joined Community Dental in January. "The true cost of care is not covered by the fees we collect from patients or reimbursements from insurance companies. This grant from the Frances Hollis Brain Foundation

will help more than 1,700 low-income patients in Lewiston and Portland improve their oral health and their lives."

Community Dental provides access to oral health treatment, disease prevention, and education to all people of Maine. Their dedicated staff and volunteers believe that every child, adult, and senior deserves the opportunity to experience quality, affordable oral care throughout their lives. In Lewiston, Community Dental is located at 177 Main Street and can be reached at 777-7442. For more information, visit [www.communitydentalme.org](http://www.communitydentalme.org).

The Frances Hollis Brain Foundation, which is now a donor-advised fund of the Maine Community Foundation, was

established in 1993 and supports nonprofit organizations that serve disadvantaged, underserved and/or vulnerable communities. The foundation provides funding in the areas of education, healthcare, hunger prevention and food security, alleviation of homelessness, and legal services associated with any of the above. For more information, see <http://mainecf.org>.



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# Marjorie

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actor Jackson Thompson.

The Public Theatre will continue its pre-show events in the theater lobby with a free beer sampling hosted by Baxter Brewing on Friday, March 16 (opening night) at 6:30 p.m. and a free wine sampling hosted by The Vault on Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

The Public Theatre is located at 31 Maple Street in Lewiston. Marjorie Prime will be performed March 16 through 25, Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30

p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., with an extra matinee performance on Saturday, March 24 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for those ages 18 and under; there is a special rate of \$17 each for those attending in groups of 10 or more. To buy tickets, call 782-3200 or see thepublictheatre.org.



Central Maine Bariatric Surgery Medical Director Dr. Jamie Loggins, FACS, FASMBS, recently had the honor of performing the center’s 2,000th procedure. Accredited by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program since 2010, the center has an established history of helping patients lose weight and live healthier lives.

Dale Morgan and Gail White, identical twin sisters who underwent surgery just 20 days apart in February 2017, decided to have the surgery to lose excess

weight and control chronic conditions, including high blood pressure. Having the surgery at CMMC was an easy choice for the sisters, who are visually impaired, because of their proximity to the hospital and their access to CMMC via the bus route. In the last year, the twins have lost a combined 183 pounds.”

“On my 60th birthday, I decided that my sixties were going to be the ‘decade of health,’ and the surgery was part of that,” said Morgan. White agreed, adding that she wanted to increase her energy and that her head



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and body were ready for a change.

“As we mark the milestone of 2,000 bariatric surgeries at CMMC, we reflect on the improved quality of life we provide for our patients,” said Dr. Loggins. “Being able to see the smiles and tears of joy, share the hugs, and hear our patients say ‘thank you’ is the most rewarding part of working in bariatrics. We’re proud to be a top-quality bariatric surgery center for patients in Maine.”

Morgan and White couldn’t agree more about the improvement to their quality of life, even remarking that, instead of dreading having to walk, they now love to walk. During the summer, the pair was able to walk up to eight miles, and they’ve also been able

to stop taking prescription medications.

Another deciding factor for the sisters in choosing CMMC was the center’s bariatric surgery information session that provided honest details about the process. Morgan and White also commented on the thoroughness of the pre-surgery process, where they received in-depth medical assessments and learned about healthy living, which has helped them achieve and maintain their weight loss.

Central Maine Bariatric Surgery offers free informational sessions for the public on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 5:45 p.m. in Chairman’s Conference Rooms A, B, and C at 12 High Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 795-5710.

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castle Executive Director Stephanie Gelin. “This is Sandcastle’s and LA Hearing Center’s biggest fundraising event, and we are so appreciative of family and friends in our community who show their support by buying tickets and joining us for a wonderful evening. The audience is in for quite a show this year - it’s filled with diversity and amazing talent.”

The Gendron Franco Center is located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. Tickets are offered in three sections of the Franco Center performance hall: Section A at \$45, Section B at \$35, and Section C at \$25. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 783-1585, at sandcastle.org, franco-center.org, or on the Maine’s Got Talent Facebook page.

Located on Strawberry Avenue in Lewiston, Sandcastle Clinical & Educational Services provides a full range of clinical and educational services to people of all ages and abilities. Their on-site accredited preschool and pre-K program provides early education to all children in an inclusive setting, where children are supported, regardless of

ability or disability. For more information, see sandcastlemaine.org.

## Bates

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emy; Thomas Brown of Phippsburg, a 2015 graduate of Morse High School; Ted Burns of Topsham, a 2015 graduate of Mt. Ararat School; Tyler Simmons of Greene, a 2016 graduate of the Maine School of Science & Mathematics; Jeremy Bennett of Windham, a 2017 graduate of Windham High School; and Cat Ouellette of Winthrop, a 2014 graduate of Winthrop High School.

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## Poland Spring Resort Welcomes Head Golf Professional



John King, New Head Golf Professional at Poland Spring Resort.

March 1, 2018, Poland, Maine – The Poland Spring Resort is proud to announce and welcome John King as the Resort's Head Golf Professional. King will be responsible for all golf operations including member and resort guest activities, daily

play, tournaments, leagues, player development, merchandising, and growth of the game on a daily basis.

He joins the Poland Spring team with over 25 years of golf experience, most recently as the sole proprietor of The Golf Performance Studio of Auburn located in Auburn, Alabama, an indoor teaching, coaching and training facility offering services to players of all levels. King has been in Auburn, Alabama for the last 12 years; serving as Assistant Golf Professional / Director of Instruction at Saugahatchee Country Club where he was responsible for all player de-

velopment & instruction, tournament operations, merchandising and day to day golf operations. Later to be promoted to General Manager at SCC where he was instrumental in increasing club revenues, increasing membership and a \$1.2 M golf course renovation.

Born and raised in Portland, Maine, King entered the PGA Apprentice Program and worked as an Assistant Professional at Riverside Golf Course in Portland, Head Golf Professional at Western View Golf Course in Augusta and Assistant Professional at Purpoodock in Cape See **Poland**, page 6

## Mayor announces appointments to Economic Development & Marketing Committee

Auburn Mayor Jason J. Levesque has named the initial members of the Mayor's Committee on Economic Development and Marketing.

The committee will be guided by its Mission Statement: The Mayor's Economic Development and Marketing Committee, through discussion, analysis, and proposal of policy, will accelerate the relationship among the business community, regional and local economic development organizations and initiatives, and the city to achieve successful economic growth and revitalization of existing businesses and attracting new businesses, resulting in a diversified economic base that will ensure that Auburn is recognized as a world-class community. In addition, the committee will provide recommendations for both internal and external

initiatives and communication strategies that promote the public image of the City of Auburn.

"I am honored to have these individuals volunteer their time and expertise to help make Auburn the best city in New England," said Levesque. "As we explore new ways of fostering business development for existing and new businesses and spreading the message that Auburn is on the move, these initial appointees will be key to our future success."

The initial appointees to the committee are: Matt Leonard (Chair), CEO, Military Talent Source; Brian Dubois, DuBois Realty Group at Keller Williams Realty; Marnie Dubois, DuBois Realty Group at Keller Williams Realty; Jim Pross, Attorney, Skelton, Taintor & Abbott; Debbie Bodwell, Vice President,

RMS; April Shanaman, Co-Owner, Lost Valley Ski Resort; Bill David, Director of Sales, Marketing, and Corporate Relations, Twin City Thunder; Tracey Levesque, Principal, 64 Lisbon St. LLC; Jessica Donovan, General Manager, Hilton Garden Inn Auburn-Riverwatch; Josh Pritchard, Partner and COO, Anchor; Stephen Gilbert, Partner and CEO, Anchor; Matt Kovacevich, Principal, Thalo Blue; Phil Savignano, Senior Tourism Officer, State of Maine; Steve Milks, Managing Partner, Thompson Properties; Ethan Kane, Digital Marketing Manager, Sinclair Broadcast Group; Steve Wallace, CEO, Auburn-Lewiston YMCA.

Meeting locations and dates will be announced within the next two weeks, with an initial status report due to the City Council by the end of May 2018.

## Wiscasset Middle High School Hosts Family STEM Night and Spaghetti Supper

\*FREE\* March 8, 2018, 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Wiscasset Middle High School will be celebrating technology education at its Family STEM Night and Community Supper, Thurs-

day, March 8th, from 5-6:30pm. Community members are invited to visit this exhibition of Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) learning where people of all ages can par-

ticipate in Hour of Code and engineering challenges. Hour of Code is a nationwide movement that promotes computer science education in classrooms. According to a 2016 Gallup research

poll, just 40% of American high schools have reported teaching com- See **Wiscasset**, page 6

## Former U.S. Interior official to discuss Trump stance on climate change



Joel Clement was the top climate-change policy official at the U.S. Department of Interior until he was reassigned to an unrelated post last year by the Trump administration.

Joel Clement, the top climate-change policy official at the U.S. Department of Interior until he was reassigned to an unrelated post last year by the Trump administration, will speak at Bates College on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. The topic of his presentation will be "The Trump Administration's War on Climate Policy: A View from a Whistleblower Who Is Speaking Out." Free and

open to the public, the program will take place at the college's Muskie Archives, located at 70 Campus Avenue in Lewiston.

The event is sponsored by the college's Harvard Center, in conjunction with the Natural Resources Council of Maine, Maine Conservation Voters, and the Conservation Law Foundation. For more information, call 786-6202.

## Community Credit Union celebrates new renovations

The Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce will join Community Credit Union to celebrate the completion of renovations at their Lewiston and Auburn branches at a Business After Hours event on Thursday, March 15 at 4:40 p.m. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 5:00.

The public is invited to come see the transformation of CCU's Lewiston branch at 144 Pine Street and enjoy the networking opportunities afforded by Business After Hours. Parking is available at the Fortin Group at 70 Horton Street if no service is scheduled. On-street parking is also available on Pine, Howe,

Horton, and Ash Streets. The credit union owns a parking lot on Howe Street that fits about 10 vehicles.

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the backpack programs to help end childhood hunger at Community Credit Union's Adopt-a-School partners, Longley and Washburn Elementary Schools.

## CMMC receives Women's Choice Award for heart care

Central Maine Medical Center has received a Women's Choice Award as one of "America's Best Hospitals for Heart Care." To be considered for the award, hospitals must provide a minimum number of cardiac and vascular services; score well for heart disease and heart attack mortality and readmission rates; and receive a Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems recommendation rating above the national average.

Only 419 hospitals, or nine percent, of the more than 4,800 nationwide that reported any of the heart care clinical measurements, met all three criteria. Within that nine percent, CMMC ranked in the top four percent.

According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the leading killer of American women, causing one in three deaths each year - approximately one woman every minute. What's often thought of as a "man's disease" strikes more women than men and is more deadly than all forms of cancer combined. Additionally, women don't always notice the signs of heart disease

or often underreport symptoms. Something as simple as episodes of shortness of breath or nausea may indicate the need to seek medical attention.

"Many women we see in Central and Western Maine have atherosclerotic heart disease, a build-up of plaque in their arteries," said Central Maine Heart and Vascular Institute Medical Director Dr. Andrew Eisenhauer. "There are many factors, but we see a prevalence of smoking and lifestyle choices, such as diets high in fat and sodium, or chronic high stress, that increase someone's risk for heart disease. Also, those of French-Canadian heritage may inherit a disorder called Familial Hypercholesterol-

emia (FH), meaning their liver cannot metabolize excess LDL cholesterol. Without treatment, this leads to high cholesterol and premature and aggressive heart disease."

Dr. Eisenhauer stresses the importance of "If you feel something, say something," not only to a friend or family member, but to your primary care provider or a specialist to receive the diagnostic testing and treatment you may need.

"Receiving the Women's Choice Award for heart care at Central Maine Medical Center recognizes the dedication of our staff, who provide top-quality care to our cardiac patients," said Dr. David Tupponce, Pres- See **CMMC**, page 6



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# What's Going On

## Poland

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Elizabeth earlier in his career. While working as the First Assistant Professional at Eagle Creek in Naples, Florida he was recruited by Ken Venturi to startup the Ken Venturi Golf Academy in Greensboro, North Carolina where he spent eight years as Director of Instruction and Vice President of Operations.

"I am thrilled to be back home in Maine and part of the Poland Spring team. My entire career has been spent in the golf industry and I look forward to continuing that tradition with a friendly attitude and implementing professional programs and services that positively impact member and guest experiences as well as the

character of the resort."

Class A PGA Member, Professional Golfers' Association of America

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## Wiscasset

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puter coding. Wiscasset MHS's Prema Long is a certified Hour of Code instructor and her students will demonstrate binary coding and more at this evening's gallery of STEM classroom projects. Other projects include strawberry DNA extraction, Middle School Robotics, and much more. There will be a special guest appearance from the community supported Wiscasset Area Robotics Program club who will be showcasing their competition bots as the gear up for the Southern Maine Robotics Track Meet coming up in April. Plus, Wiscasset Middle High School's food pantry will be hosting a free spaghetti

supper for all to enjoy. STEM is pervasive across every aspect of people's lives and every 21st century learner must have the opportunity to get ahead of the technology wave. Wiscasset Middle High School is preparing its students for jobs that haven't even been invented yet; come see what Wiscasset Middle High School has to offer for STEM learning. For more information, contact the school at 882 - 7722.

## CMMC

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ident, CMMC.

The Women's Choice Award was founded by Delia Passi, former publisher of Working Mother magazine and responsible for the success of the "100 Best Companies for Working Mothers" list. She is the author of "Winning the Toughest Customer: The Essen-

tial Guide to Selling to Women."

In 2003, Passi was diagnosed with breast cancer and suffered a horrific healthcare experience that changed the course of her career. She became determined to empower women to make smarter healthcare choices by providing publicly available reporting on the best hospitals. The need was evident, as the brand has been named by Inc. Magazine as one of the fastest growing companies for the past three consecutive years. For more information, see [www.womenchoiceaward.com](http://www.womenchoiceaward.com).

## NSB

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was honored with the 2017 award.

"Tina has developed great working relationships with numerous departments and people throughout the bank," said Executive Vice President and Treasurer Brian Shibles, who presented the award. "One employee is quoted as saying, 'I can always hear her smile in the many phone calls I've made to her' and 'Her customer service skills are awesome'."

The Culture Champion Award recognizes an employee who exhibits the elements that define the Norway Savings Bank culture of high achievement and high support. Miranda Giraldo, Customer Relations Representative in the Yarmouth branch, was recognized with the 2017 award.

"Miranda truly understands her role as a Universal Banker and demonstrates it on a daily basis," said Executive Vice President and Senior Commercial Banking Officer Dan Walsh, who presented the award. "She delivers consistently exceptional customer service, and always with a smile!"

The following employees received awards for exhibiting elements of the bank's culture through their daily responsibilities and high quality of work

throughout 2017:

Employees, Customer and Community Award - Lin Dehetre, Kristen Charette, and Michelle Wickham; Open, Honest, and Transparent Communications Award - Tammy Bailey and Bobbie-Jo Chase; Taking Ownership and Being Accountable Award - Frank Farrell, Tricia Brooks, and Megan Merrifield; the Value of Inclusivity and Collaboration Award - Kelcey Kimball and Sharon Breytenbach; the Positivity and Attitude Is Everything Award - Matt Brady, Heather Worcester, and Scott Fogg; the Supporting Greatness and Achieving Great Things Award - Jen Gillespie and Christine McMann; the Thinking Differently Award - Maria Edwards and Kaleigh Deering; the Fun and Humor Award - Missy Babineau, Corey McEntyre, and Amy Marshall; the Strong Financial Stewardship Award - Rhonda Ferrara and Kurt Garascia; the Making It Happen Award - Mark Thurlow and Mary Leavitt.

Employees who celebrated a milestone anniversary with the bank were also recognized at the banquet. The most notable Length of Service Award was given to Deb McPhail, who has been with the bank for 35 years. Also honored were:

For 30 Years of Service - Andrea Osgood and Tricia Brooks; 20 Years of Service - Karen Hakala, Dan Walsh, Jackie Morin, and Tici Conant; 15 Years of Service - Brian Shibles, Lynn McAloney, Pam Veilleux, Elizabeth Stevens, Joy Hutchinson, Chris Martin, Jesse Shand, Rose Onos, Susan Driscoll, and Heather Adams; 10 Years of Service - Mary Hewett, Ryan Dillingham, Kyle Hodgkins, Sacha Marston, Jessica Lilly, Patty Vaillancourt, Nancy Stroud, Janel Danforth, Alicia Taylor, and Todd Schryer; 5 Years of Service - Missy Babineau, Kristen Charette, Heather Worcester, Peter Horr, Joy Willard, Brendan Fickett, Linda Sarkisian, Maria Edwards, Jason Fitzgerald, Joe Leland, Sharon Breytenbach, and Randy Easler.

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Letter to the Editor: Lewiston Should Create Safer Crosswalks



East Avenue and Sabattus Street

Last October, the small fishing village of Ísafjörður painted a pedestrian crosswalk illusion on a narrow street. To approaching drivers, they look like a set of above-ground barrier bars capable of tearing up the vehicle’s undercarriage, so the motorist automatically slows down.

This creative zebra crossing has had such a positive impact on local traffic speeds that town officials are thinking about rolling it out in other areas of the village. It looks like a skillful and strategic paint job may be able to do what other road safety measures struggle to achieve: make intersections safer for vehicles and pedestrians alike.

Traffic Fatalities Are Increasing: Last September, the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety confirmed that traffic deaths throughout the state reached 101 for 2017, up from 88 over the same period last year. This data only covered the period up until September 1, so it did not include Labor Day weekend and the Thanksgiving and December holidays, all of which are statistically deadly times to be on the road.

Distracted driving is a leading factor in this growing number of traffic accidents. According to the Maine Department of Transportation, in 2016

an estimated 750 drivers were involved in collisions attributable to cell phone or electronic device use. That same year, over 100 people were killed every day in vehicle-related accidents, the first time the country has experienced such a high fatality rate in over a decade. Coincidentally, between 2014 and 2016, the number of people who owned a smartphone rose from 75 to 81%.

Pedestrian Fatalities Are Also Increasing: Last November, the Department of Transportation confirmed that, up to that point in 2017, more pedestrians had been struck and killed by motor vehicles than in any



Lisbon Street and South Avenue

year since 1994. There had been 18 deaths so far, surpassing the 17 reported in 2016, making it a historically dangerous time for pedestrians.

Can Illusion Help? In 2015, the most dangerous intersections for motor vehicles in Lewiston were East Avenue-Sabattus Street and Lisbon Street-South Avenue, both of which reported 17 accidents that year. For pedestrians and cyclists, the danger zones were Main Street-Bates Street (five crashes) and Main at Sabattus Street (four crashes). To see how these illusion-barri-

ers would look at our most perilous intersections, see the photos below.

The goal of such a visual trick is not to alarm speeding drivers into screeching to a stop or swerving to avoid a perceived obstacle at the intersection. It’s meant to shake drivers out of routine-related attention mode and take serious notice of what - or who - is on the road ahead of them. Anything that makes motorists stay alert and slow down is a positive measure that should be supported and replicated, given the fact that traditional safety signage and messag-

ing is no longer making an appreciable difference.

Anthony and Jennifer Ferguson  
Lewiston

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Library

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activities when needed.

The new shelves were purchased in part with funds provided by the library’s Friends’ Group and a grant from the Maine Public Libraries Fund, which is supported by contributions from Maine residents through a check-off box on Schedule CP of the Maine income tax form.

“Hosting library programs is something we’re looking at,” said Bouchard. “The challenge is that managing the library’s day-to-day operations keeps our part-time staff pretty busy. So to do this, we’ll need some volunteers to help out with the planning, publiciz-

ing, and set-up.

“But the possibilities of what we could offer here now are exciting. There’s such a range of great programs offered by public libraries today, from book discussions to knitting clubs, author visits to music performances. It really depends on what the community would like to see. With a few more adjustments to our floor plan, we might also be able to offer a wider assortment of programs for kids.”

The library has started the process by inviting its patrons and other local residents to complete a brief survey about what types of programs or activities they would enjoy. The survey is

now available at the library and on its Facebook page at “Julia Adams Morse Memorial Library”.

Morse Library is located at 105 Main Street in Greene Village, just off Route 202 and a quarter mile down from Greene Central School. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 12 to 7 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 946-5544.

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# Dirigo Grand reopening of Auburn branch



Dirigo Federal Credit Union's (formerly Rainbow Federal Credit Union) story and progress.

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TCT Photos  
by Millie Kidd  
The doors of Dirigo Federal Credit Union newly remodeled Auburn Branch at 20 Washington Ave

opened on January 22, 2018. It was a long process, and the Dirigo FCU family is so thankful to all their clientel for their patience throughout! Everything is cleaner, brighter, and more modern.

The interior was designed specifically to be easier to navigate and enjoy. They've expanded considerably, and our team is really looking forward to serving our members in this great new space.



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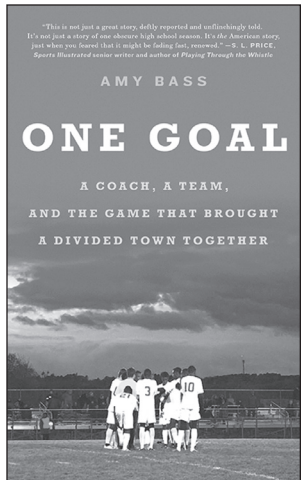
Newly remodeled and ready to go, Dirigo Federal Credit Union's (formerly Rainbow Federal Credit Union) Auburn branch is happy to be reopening its doors.



# TWIN CITY NIGHTS

## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### Author to discuss new book on Lewiston High soccer team at Bates College



Amy Bass, author of "One Goal: A Coach, a Team, and the Game That



*Amy Bass is a member of the Bates Class of 1992 and a Professor of History at the College of New Rochelle. (Photo by Rodney Bedsole)*

Brought a Divided Town Together" (Hachette, 2018), will read from and discuss the book on Tuesday, March 13 at 4:15 p.m. in Room G52 of Pettengill Hall on

the Bates College campus. The event is free and open to the public.

The book explores how the Somali presence on the Lewiston High School soccer team produced success on the field and a more harmonious community. Bass is a member of the Bates College Class of 1992 and a Professor of History at the College of New Rochelle. The program is jointly sponsored by Purposeful Work and Alumni and Parent Engagement. For more information, email [mcowan@bates.edu](mailto:mcowan@bates.edu).

### Andrew Bailie meets Papa Tim in "Kill the Chill" finale



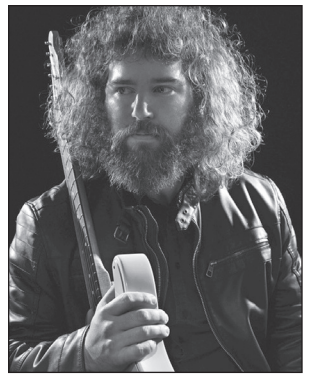
Papa Tim

The Chocolate Church Arts Center's "Kill the Chill" winter concert series will wrap up on Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. with a concert combining the Soul- and Blues-inspired talents of singer-songwriter-guitarist Andrew Bailie and vocal powerhouse Papa Tim. The

event will take place in the center's annex at 804 Washington Street in Bath.

"Andrew Bailie and Papa Tim are a great example of why this concert series is so popular each year," said Executive Director Jennifer DeChant. "The intimate setting of our black box theater really allows these performers to connect with the audience. Each show is unique, and this finale will have people dancing in the aisles."

Andrew Bailie draws upon raw emotion, fierce guitar work, and his unmistakable, soaring voice to craft songs that tap into



Andrew Bailie

shared human experiences that both give us pause and set us ablaze. He has worked with platinum recording artists Aloe Blacc and Lauryn Hill, members of Snarky Puppy, and has shared the stage with Res, Talib Kweli, Lalah Hathaway, and others.

Bath resident Tim Goad as "Papa Tim" is a wildly enthusiastic entertainer and soulful balladeer with a voice described as "equal parts Baptist preacher and Bluesman." His 2016 winter concert debut at the center helped launch him as one of the region's most popular talents.

The audience will be clapping, dancing, moving, and grooving as these two performers team up for a selection of original jams and some twists on a few popular favorites. Tickets are \$15 in advance or at the door. They may be purchased by calling 442-8455 or at [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).

Send all **Letters** and **Op/Ed** pieces to **Editor@Twin City Times.com**. Deadline is **Friday by five**.

### LA Arts displays new works by renowned Lewiston artist

The Gallery at LA Arts is now displaying the exhibit "William Manning: Solitude," which features a newly completed series of abstract works by the renowned artists and Lewiston native. They can be viewed at LA Arts at 221 Lisbon Street through April 28. The gallery is open to the public, free of charge, Wednesday

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An artist strongly influenced by the Abstract Expressionist movement, Manning's works combine geometric and organic forms that are emotional responses to the Maine landscape.

### Franco Center hosts Comedy Invitational

Thirteen local comics have been chosen to compete for a take-home prize of \$250 and the title of "Central Maine's Funniest Comedian" in the Gendron Franco Center's Comedy Invitational on Friday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. The comics competing are Matty B, Danny Jordan, Leah Douglass, Davey Getchall, James Theberge, Big Bob Glancy, Jamie Roux, Zach Griffith, Windy Lawrence, Zac Stern, Sam Pelletier, Jack

Slattery, and Randy Williams. Each contestant will be given five minutes to present an original monolog, and the winner will be chosen by audience vote at the end of the evening.

Admission is \$5 at the door. The doors and the bar will open at 6:30 p.m. On-site parking is available at the Continental Mill on Oxford Street. For more information, contact the box office at 783-1585 or see [www.francocenter.org](http://www.francocenter.org).

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## Concert to showcase student soloists at Bates College



Hiroya Miura will direct the Bates College Orchestra in works by Weber, Bach, and Dvořák. (Photo by Phyllis Graber Jensen/Bates College)

Directed by Associate Professor of Music Hiroya Miura, an upcoming concert by the Bates College Orchestra will showcase student soloists Christine

Cho, Elliot Chun, and Nick White, winners of this year's Bates Orchestra Concerto Competition. The event will take place on Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the

college's Olin Arts Center Concert Hall at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston.

White will be the soloist for Carl Maria von Weber's Concertino for Clarinet in E-flat major (Op. 26), while Chun and Cho will take the spotlight in Bach's Concerto for 2 Violins in D minor (BWV 1043). Completing the program will be Dvořák's Symphony No. 9 in E minor ("From the New World"), Op. 95.

The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required from [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). For more information, call 786-6135 or email [olinarts@bates.edu](mailto:olinarts@bates.edu).

## Auburn UU celebrates 12 years of Open Mic

On Friday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m., Pleasant Note Coffeehouse will celebrate the 12th anniversary of its Open Mic & Poetry Slam at First Universalist Church of Auburn. Since 2006, this free monthly show has drawn people of all ages to share the spirituality of music and spoken word.

While guitars and sing-

ers are to be expected, Open Mic has also welcomed as performers belly dancers, poets, rappers, storytellers, and dogs. Participants say they like the event for its excellent sound quality and focus on the performers. The 10th Anniversary Show, shot and edited by Karen Hill and featuring originals only, may be viewed at <https://youtu.be/QvSiUQK->

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Pleasant Note Coffeehouse presents the Open Mic & Poetry Slam on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant Street in Auburn. Please enter on Spring Street, across from the Dairy Joy. Refreshments are available. For more information, call 783-0461 or see [www.auburnuu.org](http://www.auburnuu.org).

## Composer-percussionist to perform at UU Community Church



James Johnson will be accompanied by his wife, Bridget Convey, on piano and by music students from Erskine Academy.

The Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta will present a concert of "Original Compositions and Jazz Standards" by James Johnson on Saturday, March 10, at 4 p.m. Johnson is a composer and percussionist who performs chamber, jazz, and world music. He received

his MFA at the California Institute of the Arts and has studied under artists Alexander LePak, Richie LePore, John Bergamo, Ed Saindon, David Johnson, Dave Samuels, Bobbie Bradford, Tony Miceli, and in a master class with Gary Burton.

Johnson composes and arranges many of his ensembles. He has composed pieces for solo vibraphone ("Lullaby for Judy") and for small band or ensemble ("The Fog Meets the Storm") that will soon be published. Last year, his percussion ensemble piece "In the Night" was premiered by the Southern Utah University Percussion Ensemble, directed by Dr. Lynn Vartan.

Johnson directs the

music department at Erskine Academy in South China, where he explores all styles of music and ensembles with his students. He lives in Hallowell with his wife, Bridget Convey, who will accompany him on piano, joined by music students from Erskine Academy.

Admission for this fundraising event is a suggested donation of \$10 per person. The inclement weather date is March 17 at 4 p.m. The church is located at 69 Winthrop Street in Augusta. For more information, call 622-3232.

Check TCT every week for updated Calendar listings!

# Twin City Nights

## Franco Center plans special programs for Francophone Month



On March 15, more than 80 students from Freeport's L'Ecole Française du Maine will perform the opera "Le Bonheur Selon Les E'Leves de L.'E.F.D.M." ("Happiness, According to the Students of the L.'E.F.D.M.").

In observance of New England's Le Mois de la Francophonie (Francophone Month) 2018, the Gendron Franco Center will present several special programs in March.

Following the center's next La Rencontre on Thursday, March 15, more than 80 children in preschool through grade five from L'Ecole Française du Maine in Freeport will perform the opera "Le Bonheur Selon Les E'Leves de L'E.F.D.M." ("Happiness, According to the Students of the French School of Maine"). The performance is free and open to the public.

Before the performance, the meal at 11:25 a.m. will be corned beef and

cabbage with red potatoes, carrots, turnips, rolls, and cake. The cost of the meal is \$12 per person. Guests may contact the center to make reservations at 783-1585 or [boxoffice@francocenter.org](mailto:boxoffice@francocenter.org).

La Rencontre is in no way restricted to French-speakers or even those of Franco descent. All are invited to attend this fun monthly meal and event as long as spots remain open.

The center will present the movie "Paul à Québec" on Monday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. Part of the TV5MON-Days French Film Series, this 2015 drama is about a Montreal couple, Paul and Lucie, looking for a house to buy where they

can raise their daughter properly. The event is free and open to all.

The center will team up with the Franco-American Collection at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College to present two events on Wednesday, March 28.

At 2:30 p.m. in L-A College's Room 170, writer and journalist Julie-Ann Baumer will discuss "The Unique Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul," followed by a cabaret-style sing-along with Les Troubadours. This event is free and open to the public. L-A College is located at 51 Westminster Street in Lewiston.

At 5 p.m. at the Franco Center, there will be a public Celebration and Reception, including a presentation of the flags and singing of the anthems of Canada, France and Québec. Several leaders from the Maine Francophone-Francophile communities will be recognized at this event. To RSVP, please call or email the box office.

The children's opera on March 15 is part of the 2018 Francophonie celebrations of French language and culture organized annually by the Consulates of France and Canada and the Government of Québec. L'Ecole Française du Maine is approved by the Maine Department of Education and accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the French Ministry of Education, and la Mission Laïque Française.

The March 28 events are sponsored the Québec Government and TV-5MONDE USA, the global French-language entertainment network. Offering the best television programs from France, Belgium, See **Franco**, page 16

## Oasis of Music

The Oasis of Music is a series of free noon-time concerts offered every Wednesday from September through May at Trinity Church, 247 Bates Street in Lewiston. The remaining performers for the month of March are Celtic harpist Penny Admundsen of Norway on March 14; John Gawler, patriarch of the

well-known Gawler Family musicians of Belgrade Lakes, playing banjo and harmonica while singing songs from his vast repertoire, on March 21; and Lewiston native Rebecca Grube, performing Irish music for fiddle, much of which she learned during her graduate studies in music in Ireland, on March 28.

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## Maine Jewish Film Festival to screen films at Bates College

Celebrating its 21st year screening movies that portray the global Jewish experience as a way to promote understanding and celebrate diversity, the Maine Jewish Film Festival will visit Bates College's Olin Arts Center with two films on Sunday, March 11. Each film will be followed by a discussion.

Presented at 12 p.m., the suspenseful "1945" explores the lives of a small Hungarian village, when two strangers mysteriously arrive at the railway dressed in black. Following the film, Katalin Vecsey of the Bates College Drama Department will lead a discussion about the movie's central theme, how fear and guilt can lead to unforeseen consequences.

Presented at 3 p.m., "Mr. Gaga" tells the story of renowned Israeli choreographer and artistic director Ohad Naharin, who redefined the language of modern dance. A post-film conversation will be led by Visiting Professor of Dance Julie Fox.

"As the only statewide film festival in Maine, we're excited to continue our growth while entertaining and educating movie lovers of all backgrounds," said MJFF Executive Director Barbara Merson. "In 2017, over half our audience identified as being non-Jewish, which encourages us to screen films with universal themes, ranging from topical films to art films."

Programming for the eight-day festival includes

over 30 films curated to touch upon a broad range of human emotions. Film subjects include immigration, music and dance, visual arts, women's and gay rights, intergenerational relationships, comedy, fashion, and food. Screenings will take place in Lewiston, Brunswick, Portland, Rockland, Waterville, and Bangor.

Since 1998, the Maine Jewish Film Festival has screened over 400 films and brought more than 150 guest artists from across the U.S. and around the world to Maine. For more information or to buy tickets, call 800-838-3006. Tickets may also be purchased at the festival website, where a complete schedule is available at [www.mjff.org](http://www.mjff.org).

## Rotary Lunch Club to meet at Museum L-A



The guest speaker will be Museum L-A Executive Director Rachel Desgrosseilliers. A catered lunch will be provided by Grant's Bakery. The cost is \$14 per person and guest reservations are requested. To reserve, call 713-7045.

In addition to her nonprofit management experience, Desgrosseilliers has been self-employed through her photography studio "Prints by Rachel" and Gooseberry Barn, which she owned with her husband Harvey for 20 years. She received her BS in Accounting from New Hampshire

College and her Masters in Hospital and Health Care Administration from St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Desgrosseilliers was the founder of the Great Falls Balloon Festival and, for the past 13 years, has overseen the growth of Museum L-A, a museum of work and community that has received several awards from the museum field. Museum L-A has just recently turned the corner after the economic downturn and is moving forward with new staff, new programs, new board members, and new momentum.

See **Rotary**, page 16

at Museum L-A, located at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston. The guest speaker will be Museum L-A Executive Director Rachel Desgrosseilliers. A catered lunch will be provided by Grant's Bakery. The cost is \$14 per person and guest reservations are requested. To reserve, call 713-7045.

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## Community Dinner to support local food pantry

The Missions Committee of the First Congregational Church of New Gloucester will host a free Community Dinner to support the local food pantry on Saturday, March 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the church vestry at 19 Gloucester Hill Road in New Gloucester.

Those attending will

enjoy an evening of community while mingling with friends and neighbors, enjoying casseroles created with food from the food pantry, and listening to favorite old-time Americana and Blue Grass music by Hal Philips and Ted McHugh. This will also be an opportunity to learn about the work of

the food pantry, the GNG backpack program for kids, and other efforts to combat food insecurity in the community.

Those who are able are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert, but it's not necessary. Also welcome are donations of hard-to-source items such as coffee, tea, jam, jelly, and granola bars.

## Soil and Water Conservation District offers Septic System Installers Training Workshop

The Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District will present a Septic System Installers Training Workshop on Monday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center in Lewiston. Topics covered will include updates on the 2015 SS-WWD rule revision, issues for installers including HHE 200, soils and hydrology for long-lasting septic systems, wetland and waterbody regulations in the SSWWD rules, disposal system issues, LPI inspections, device issues, installer certification, and septic system failures.

The following Continuing Education Units are available for those who need them: seven CEU hours towards relicensing for site evaluators; seven CEU hours towards relicensing for licensed plumbing inspectors; full credit towards recertification in erosion and sediment control practices as a septic system installer for contractors; and four CEU hours for DEP-certified contractors.

The presenters will be

Maine State Site Evaluator Glenn Angell and Maine State Soil Scientist David Rocque, who will share their years of combined knowledge of septic systems. The registration fee for this all-day workshop is \$75 until March 9, then increases to \$90. The fee includes breakfast, lunch, and all materials. To register, call Jocelyn of the Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District at 241-5374 or send a check made out to AVSWCD to 254 Goddard Road, Lewiston, ME 04240.

## Bean & Casserole Supper at Calvary United

Calvary United Methodist Church in Lewiston will hold its next monthly Bean & Casserole Supper on Saturday, March 10 at 4:45 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy great food and good company at this fund-raising event. The meal will include two kinds of baked beans, homemade casseroles, salads (potato, garden, jello), hot dogs, rolls and butter, beverages, and a wide assortment of pies. The price is \$8 for adults or \$3 for kids under 12.

Seating is limited. Wheelchair accessible, the church is located "on the triangle" at 59 Sabattus Street in Lewiston. Please use the Bartlett Street entrance. If the weather is "iffy" on the day of the event, call 782-3221. For more information,

visit the church's Facebook page or see [www.calvarylewiston.org](http://www.calvarylewiston.org).

Calvary United is a Reconciling Church where everyone is always welcome at all events. Services are at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays, preceded by lay-led Bible study at 9 a.m. Preceding Easter, Taize-style services are offered weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

## Occupational Therapy Dept. opens Community Clinic at USM-LAC

The Occupational Therapy Department at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College will celebrate the opening of their new Community Clinic with a ribbon cutting and grand open-

ing event on Friday, March 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Run by a student board of directors with faculty supervision and coordination, the clinic will allow

## Auburn parish offers free tax prep help

To offer assistance in the often confusing process of filing tax returns, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Auburn is teaming up with AARP in advance of the tax filing deadline on Tuesday, April 17.

Until Saturday, April 14, any person over age 60, as well as any low- or moderate-income taxpayer, can make an appointment to meet with an IRS-certified volunteer, who will help them prepare their tax return at no cost. Meetings

will take place at Sacred Heart Church, located at 8 Sacred Heart Place in Auburn. Appointments will be scheduled on Thursdays between 1 and 3:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays between 9 and 11:30 a.m.

The service is part of the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program, which aims to help individuals and families with low to moderate incomes have more discretionary income for everyday essentials by assisting with tax preparation to ensure

that they receive applicable tax credits and deductions.

"Realizing the complex nature of tax preparation and filing, it just made sense to invite AARP to offer this timely and beneficial service, especially to low-income parishioners and families," said Deacon Denis Mailhot, parish outreach coordinator for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. To make an appointment, call 513-3170. For more information, contact the parish at 782-8096.

## Bottle Drive to support Eagle Scout project

Boy Scout Troop 121 of Auburn will have a Bottle Drive on Saturday, March

17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to raise funds for the Eagle Scout project of troop member Kyle Mansur. Kyle's Eagle Scout project is renovating the Walton School-New Auburn Basketball Court. If you would like to donate your cans and bottles or make a donation, call Debby Mansur at 777-3843.

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**Thursday, March 8**  
LA Metro Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting. 7 a.m. Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Barbara Schneider of Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation discusses how the agency supports year-round training for those with disabilities. \$20 (non-members \$30). Register at [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Auburn Schools Superintendent Katherine Grondin. Free; no reservation required. 713-7045; [monica.millhime@maine.gov](mailto:monica.millhime@maine.gov).

Concert: Pianist Henry Kramer. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St, Lewiston. Kramer performs works by Schumann, Ravel, and the American composer Hannah Lash. \$15/10 (students free). 783-1585; [Franco-Center.org](http://Franco-Center.org).

Theater: “Angels in America.” 7:30 p.m. Schaeffer Theatre, Bates College, 329 College St., Lewiston. Tony Kushner’s prize-winning play explores life in America at the height of the AIDS epidemic. Free, but tix required via Eventbrite. Again 3/9-12 (Fri. & Mon. 7:30; Sat. 5:00; Sunday 2:00). 786-6161.

**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 at 753-6510.

Community Clinic Grand Opening. 4 to 7 p.m. Lewiston Auburn College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. The Occupational Therapy Dept. celebrates the opening of their new Community Clinic, which will provide pro-bono services to local residents in need. Free.

Open Mic & Poetry Slam. 7:30 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St., Auburn. Pleasant Note Coffeehouse celebrates the 12th anniversary of this monthly event; refreshments. Free. 783-0461; [www.auburnuu.org](http://www.auburnuu.org).

Comedy Invitational. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Thirteen contestants have five minutes to present an original monolog, with the winner chosen by audience vote. \$5 at door. 783-1585.

**Saturday, March 10**  
Concert: Composer-Percussionist James Johnson. 4 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Community Church, 69 Winthrop St., Augusta. Johnson is accompanied by his wife, Bridget Convey, on piano and by music students from Erskine Academy. Suggested donation \$10. 622-3232.

Bean & Casserole Supper. 4:45 p.m. Calvary

# Calendar

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United Methodist Church, 59 Sabattus St., Lewiston. (Use entrance on Bartlett St.) Two kinds of baked beans, homemade casseroles, salads, hot dogs, rolls, beverages, and pies. \$8/3.

Concert: Bates College Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Olin Arts Center, 75 Russell St., Bates College, Lewiston. Assoc. Prof. of Music Hiroya Miura directs the orchestra in works by Weber, Bach, and Dvořák. Free, but tix required at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). 786-6135.

Maine’s Got Talent. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Ten pre-selected musical performers compete for cash prizes in front of a live audience; pre-show reception at 6 p.m. Proceeds benefit Sandcastle Clinical & Education Services. \$45/35/25 783-1585; [sandcastle.org](http://sandcastle.org).

Kill the Chill Winter Concert. 7:30 p.m. Annex, Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. The series wraps up with a performance combining the Soul- and Blues-inspired talents of Andrew Bailie and Papa Tim. \$15 at door or in advance. 4442-8455; [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).

**Sunday, March 11**  
Maine Jewish Film Festival. Olin Arts Center, 75 Russell St., Bates College, Lewiston. The festival screens “1945” at noon and “Mr. Gaga” at 3 p.m.; a discussion follows each film. For details, ticket info, call 800-838-3006 or see [www.mjff.org](http://www.mjff.org).

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.

**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.

Girl Scouts Info Session. 6 p.m. Turner Primary School, 59 Cobb Rd., Turner. Come learn about Girl Scouts’ Sprouting Daisies program for girls entering kindergarten or first grade. Free. 888-922-4763; [girlscoutsofmaine.org](http://girlscoutsofmaine.org).

Open Grief Support Meeting. 6 to 7:30 p.m. No. Windham Union Church, 723 Roosevelt Trail, Rt. 302, Windham. Pres. by VNA Home Health Hospice. Free. 400-8714.

**Tuesday, March 13**  
Red Cross Real He-

roes Breakfast. 7:30 to 9 a.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. The Central and Mid-Coast Chapters of the American Red Cross honor community members who have gone above and beyond in service to others. Proceeds support local Red Cross disaster relief efforts. 874-1192, ext. 108.

Author Visit. 4:15 p.m. Room G52, Pettengill Hall, Bates College, Lewiston. Amy Bass discusses her new book “One Goal: A Coach, a Team, and the Game That Brought a Divided Town Together,” about the impact of the Somali presence on the Lewiston H.S. soccer team. Free. [mcowan@bates.edu](mailto:mcowan@bates.edu).

Girl Scouts Info Session. 6 p.m. Fairview School, 6 p.m. 397 Minot Ave., Auburn. Come learn about Girl Scouts’ Sprouting Daisies program for girls entering kindergarten or first grade. Free. 888-922-4763; [girlscoutsofmaine.org](http://girlscoutsofmaine.org).

**Wednesday, March 14**  
Androscoggin 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.

Oasis of Music. 12:30 to 1 p.m. Trinity Church, 247 Bates St., Lewiston. Celtic harpist Penny Admundsen of Norway performs. Free.

Girl Scouts Info Session. 6 p.m. Oxford Elementary School, 79 Pleasant St., Oxford. Come learn about Girl Scouts’ Sprouting Daisies program for girls entering kindergarten or first grade. Free. 888-922-4763; [girlscoutsofmaine.org](http://girlscoutsofmaine.org).

“The Trump Administration’s War on Climate Policy.” 7 p.m. Muskie Archives, 70 Campus Ave., Bates College, Lewiston. Speaker Joel Clement was the top climate-change policy official at the U.S. Dept. of Interior until he was reassigned to an unrelated post last year by the Trump administration. Free. 786-6202.

Lisbon Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. MTM Center, 19 School St., Lisbon Falls (park and enter at rear). Group founder Faye Brown discusses the origins and accomplishments of the “Green Thumb Gang.” Free. 353-8510; [LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com](mailto:LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com).

**Thursday, March 15**  
La Rencontre. 11:25 a.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Following the meal of corned beef and cabbage, young students from L’Ecole Française du Maine present an opera. Meal \$12, performance free.

Reserve at 783-1585 or [boxoffice@francocenter.org](mailto:boxoffice@francocenter.org).

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. The club meets at Museum L-A this week for a lunch catered by Grant’s Bakery (\$14) and a behind-the-scenes tour with Executive Director Rachel Desgrosseilliers. Reserve at 713-7045; [monica.millhime@maine.gov](mailto:monica.millhime@maine.gov).

Business After Hours Ribbon Cutting. 4:40 p.m. Community Credit Union, 144 Pine St., Lewiston. The L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce joins Community Credit Union to celebrate the completion of their Lewiston and Auburn branch renovations. Ribbon cutting at 5:00.

**Friday, March 16**  
Theater: “Marjorie Prime.” The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. This provocative new play is set in a futuristic Twilight Zone where no home is complete without computer-generated companions who keep the old days alive. Again 3/17-18, 22-25 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$20/5. 782-3200; [thepublictheatre.org](http://thepublictheatre.org).

**Saturday, March 17**  
Bottle Drive. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 121 of Auburn collects bottles to support Kyle Mansur’s Eagle Scout project to renovate the Walton School-New Auburn Basketball Court. To schedule a pick-up or make a donation, call 777-3843.

Art Workshop. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 100 Water St., Hallowell. Robin Brooks leads a paper collage workshop. \$20/25 (\$10 kids 5-17). Register at 622-3813.

Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This “Celebration Pops” program features music of John Williams, Aaron Copland, Henry Mancini, and George Gershwin. Students free, others \$20. 846-5378; [www.midcoast-symphony.org](http://www.midcoast-symphony.org).

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Oasis of Music. 12:30 to 1 p.m. Trinity Church, 247 Bates St., Lewiston. John Gawler plays banjo and harmonica while singing songs from his vast repertoire. Free.

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**Saturday, March 24**  
Bird Club Field Trip. 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Steve Reed leads the annual Stanton Bird Club Field Trip to Plum Island National Wildlife Refuge in Mass. Meet at Staples parking lot in Lewiston for carpooling. Dress warmly and bring a lunch. All welcome. Free. 319-6630.

Art Workshop. 9 a.m. to noon. Harlow Gallery, 100 Water St., Hallowell. Ceramic artist Juliette Walker leads a workshop in crafting ceramic letters. \$30/35 (\$20 kids 8-17). Register at 622-3813.

**Wednesday, March 28**  
Oasis of Music. 12:30 to 1 p.m. Trinity Church, 247 Bates St., Lewiston. Lewiston native Rebecca Grube performs Irish music for fiddle, much of which she learned during her graduate studies in Ireland. Free.

Franco-American Forum. 2:30 p.m. Franco-American Collection, Room 170, L-A College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. Writer Julie-Ann Baumer discusses “The Unique Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul,” followed by a cabaret-style sing-along with Les Troubadours. Free. 753-6545.

Celebration and Reception. 5 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Following a Presentation of the Flags and singing of the anthems of Canada, France and Québec, leaders from the Maine Franco communities are recognized. R.S.V.P. at 783-1585 or [boxoffice@francocenter.org](mailto:boxoffice@francocenter.org).

[francocenter.org](http://francocenter.org).  
**Friday, April 6**  
Theater: “Urinetown.” Great Falls Performing Arts Center, Academy St., Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents this Tony-winning musical satire about what happens when public corruption and corporate greed clash with the right to go. Again 4/7-8, 12-15 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$18/15/12. 783-0958; [www.laclt.com](http://www.laclt.com).

**Saturday, April 7**  
Baked Bean & Casserole Supper. 4:45 to 6 p.m. Parish hall, Holy Trinity Church, 67 Frost Hill Ave., Lisbon Falls. Includes dessert and beverage. Pres. by Knights of Columbus. \$8 adults, \$4 children 11-, \$18 family with children.

**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.

**Thursday, April 12**  
Theater: “Urinetown.” Great Falls Performing Arts Center, Academy St., Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents this Tony-winning musical satire about what happens when public corruption and corporate greed clash with the right to go. Again 4/13-15 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$18/15/12. 783-0958; [www.laclt.com](http://www.laclt.com).

**Saturday, May 5**  
Baked Bean & Casserole Supper. 4:45 to 6 p.m. Parish hall, Holy Trinity Church, 67 Frost Hill Ave., Lisbon Falls. Includes dessert and beverage. Pres. by Knights of Columbus. \$8 adults, \$4 children 11-, \$18 family with children.

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Rotating Art Gallery features works by Julianne Garvey, Jeanelle Demers



“Peaks Island Sailboat,” by Julianne Garvey

The Woman’s Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery is displaying paintings by Julianne Garvey and Jeanelle Demers through the month of March. The gallery is located at the main entrance to Central Maine Medical Center at 60 High Street in Lewiston.

For Julianne Garvey, who received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the College of William and Mary in Virginia, painting has been a life-long endeavor, even while raising her family and running a home-based business. She paints what she wants to reflect upon, capturing the light and shadows along with the

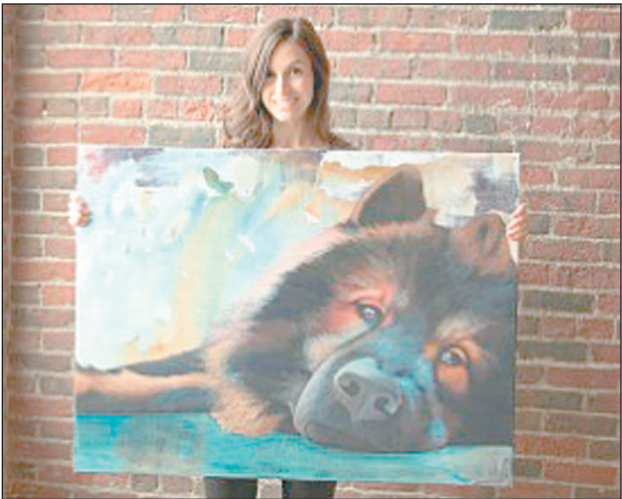
shapes and movement of a piece. Garvey participates in sidewalk art shows and enjoys commission work. Recently, she has been able to increase her focus on her creative endeavors and continues to share her work.

“I’ve been painting a short series of places I’m attracted to, a theme from dif-

ferent perspectives and different viewpoints,” she said. “Some are broad views, which I like to explore by adding close-up vignettes. Paired or in groups, I like how paintings, always of nature, play together. Painting can be a meditation, and so can the art of viewing a painting.”

Jeanelle Demers, a Lewiston-Auburn native, is a professional portrait artist specializing in painting animals. With a home studio in Auburn, she enjoys being able to personally deliver her paintings locally, but she also ships her work all over the country. She values the connections she makes and the stories she experiences through her work.

Each painting is created by using a reference photo and acrylic paint on canvas. The vivid colors and high level of detail in



Jeanelle Demers poses with one of her portraits.

Demers’ paintings capture the essence of each subject and the “twinkle in their eyes.” She enjoys seeing her paintings given as meaningful gifts. To see more of her work, or to commission a portrait, see [www.200faces.com](http://www.200faces.com).

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.

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through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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After updating the club on happenings and future goals for the museum, Desgrosseilliers will lead those attending on a special behind-the-scenes tour. Members will view the “Kids as Curators” exhibit developed by Auburn Middle and Lewiston High School students and preview the redesign of the permanent exhibit, which will incorporate artifacts and display pieces acquired from the American Textile History Museum in Lowell, Massachusetts and a new exhibit section that will showcase local shoe industry businesses.

Desgrosseilliers serves on many local committees and task forces. She has received the Chamber of Commerce Ray Geiger Award for leadership in the community; has been named Auburn Citizen of the Year; has been named Business Woman of the Year by the Professional Business Woman’s Association; and was inducted into the State of Maine’s Franco-American Hall of Fame for work done to preserve and enhance the history of Franco-Americans in Maine.

Franco

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Wheelchair accessible, the Gendron Franco Center is located on the corner of Cedar and Oxford Streets in the “Little Canada” section of Lewiston, just across the bridge from New Auburn. For more information, call 783-1585.

Manning [b. 1936] grew up in Lewiston and has lived in Maine his entire life. As an artist strongly influenced by the Abstract Expressionist movement, his works combine geometric and organic forms that are emotional responses to the Maine landscape.

Manning observes that landscape paintings are, in many ways, abstractions of what the artist actually sees. His abstractions are no less representational. The newly completed “Solitude” paintings are lyrical in their composition and reveal an experienced and sensitive use of color.

For over 40 years, Manning spent the fall season on Monhegan Island, which has served as an inspiration for such prominent 20<sup>th</sup>-century artists as George Bellows, Robert Henri, and Rockwell Kent. As an abstract artist, Manning has taken a very different approach in his responses to the island landscape, but as a native of Maine, he feels he has a deeper understanding of and feel for the place than many other artists who have spent time here.

A recipient of awards from the National Endowment for the Arts and the MacDowell Colony and a finalist for the Prix de Rome, Manning taught for ten years at the Portland School of Art (now the Maine College of Art) before becoming one of the co-founders of the Concept School of Visual Studies in Portland, where he taught from 1969 to 1973.

His work has been included in numerous exhibitions in the U.S. and abroad. He has had solo exhibitions at the Farnsworth Art Museum, the Bates College Museum of Art, the University of New England Gallery of Art, and at Woudrichem in the Netherlands.

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