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## Local foodies line up for "Shine on Lewiston... Let's Go Eat!"



Full Lewiston Youth Advisory Council group with bumper stickers.

"Wow, I want to go to Lewiston to eat!" says a post on the City of Lewiston's Facebook page showing photos from the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council's recent event, "Shine on Lewiston... Let's Go Eat!" The council hosted the gathering at the Gendron Franco Center to highlight Lewiston as a food and dining destination.

The response was excellent, with eager attendees standing in line by 5:20 p.m. prior to the 6 p.m. opening. The twelve local eater-

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ies donating food items for sampling were Fish Bones Grill, DaVinci's, Marco's, Fran's Restaurant, Pedro O'Hara, Cowbell Grill & Tap, Forage, Mother India, Luiggi's Pizzeria, The Cupcakery, E. Claire & Pastries, and the Italian Bakery.

When things got underway, a huge crowd filled the Franco Center's Heritage Hall as visitors taste-tested the food offerings, talked with restaurant *See* Foodies, *page* 8



## LA Metro Chamber Holds Annual Dinner at Ramada Inn in Lewiston



Ramada Inn in Lewiston hosted the 2019 Lewiston-Auburn Metro Chamber Annual Awards Dinner. Pictured is Betsy Libby, Roger Phillipon and Heather Seymour of Central Maine Community College. More photos on page 6-7.

## HighTouch HighTech Science brings "Gobs & Goo" to APL

Auburn Public program of Library will host Dr. Genia Sklute of HighTouch HighTech Science of Maine on Tuesday, February 19 at 1 p.m. for a special STEM

program called "Gobs & t Goo." Kids ages 5 to 10 b will roll up their sleeves f and make all kinds of f icky, sticky stuff, from r their famous "space mud"

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## Newsmakers, Names & Faces

#### **Guest Column: My Priorities as Your State Senator**



Sen. Ned Claxton (D-Androscoggin) represents Maine Senate District 20, which includes Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, and Poland.

#### By Sen. Ned Claxton

As we dig into our current legislative session in Augusta, I am humbled to represent you - the citizens of Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, and Poland - in the Maine Senate. I am not new to serving the communities of the greater Auburn-Lewiston area. After four decades as a family physician, I now bring that same commitment to my legislative work representing the good people of Maine.

I thought it would be good if you knew more about who's representing you in the Maine Senate. I co-founded Family Healthcare Associates in 1978, where I cared for people of all ages, delivering babies and caring for their parents and grandparents. As a physician, I always had an attentive and listening ear to wider concerns and needs.

I also directed the Central Maine Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program. My commitment to a broad array of community health issues led to serving as co-chair of the Lewiston-Auburn Public Health Steering Committee and as a board member and adviser to the Maine Public Health Association.

In addition to serving as your State Senator, I help maintain trails at Thorncrag and Woodbury sanctuaries for the Stanton Bird Club and serve as a land steward for the Androscoggin Land Trust. I am a long-time member of the First Universalist Church in Auburn and deliver food from Hannaford Supermarkets to the Trinity Jubilee Center in Lewiston.

I live in Auburn with my wife, Marian (Kitsie), a former hospice chaplain with Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice. We have two adult sons, Nick and Will, who attended Auburn area schools and were active in local sports.

At the State House, I am honored to be serving as chair of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. I also serve on the Health and Human Services Committee. Given my background as a physician, my top priority is working with other legislators to sustain and strengthen our commitment to providing access to quality healthcare and reducing prescription drug prices. We must support working families as they strive to maintain or improve their circumstances.

I am also committed to property tax relief. It is important that we have a fair and balanced tax system that generates enough revenue to pay for the important services we all value - including education, health and human services, and transportation infrastructure - without putting an undue burden on hardworking Mainers.

We also need to work with schools to emphasize the value of working in the various trades. Along with more apprenticeship options, learning a trade should be seen as a way to deliver crucial community services and to earn a good living. This would help close the workforce gap.

It is an honor to serve as your State Senator. This legislative session, I look forward to working with my colleagues to continue Maine's forward progress. If you have other concerns or ideas for legislation, I am available to listen. I always welcome fair and civil discussions and will work to bring a bipartisan approach to the work I do this session. I can be reached at the State House at 287-1515. Please feel free to email me anytime at Ned.Claxton@legislature. maine.gov.

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#### **Republicans' Address: Cooperation, Compromise, and the Common Good**

#### By Rep. Kathleen Dillingham

Last week, I had the honor of being invited to Washington, D.C. by our Senator, Susan Collins. I had the opportunity to speak with her about issues facing Maine and about keeping the economic progress we have made over the last eight years moving forward. Her dedication to Maine was apparent throughout our conversation.

While we live in highly partisan times, traveling to D.C. and seeing our institutions of government and the memorials dedicated to the generations before us who sacrificed so much on our behalf is an uplifting reminder of all we have in common. Our Capitol is beautiful, and whether you are a Republican or a Democrat or in between, we should all give thanks to live in a country that is as diversified as ours.

The highlight of my trip was attending the President's State of the Union address as Senator Collin's guest. Having the opportunity to sit in the House Chamber and see all the branches of government gathered was inspiring and educational.

I know the President evokes strong feelings, but from my perspective, the message he delivered on Tuesday was genuine and heart-felt in his desire to see us come together as a country.

Earlier this week, I attended the Maine State Chamber of Commerce Leadership Conference. From the beginning of the conference, the need for civility was a major theme. I could not agree more. I believe it is imperative to treat people at face value and not ascribe to them ulterior motives. We need to resist the urge to make petty comments about each other and refrain from personal attacks. We need to listen to each other with respect and debate policy. That should be the standard by which we operate.



Republican Leader Kathleen Dillingham represents District 22 (Oxford, Mechanic Falls, and Otisfield) in the Maine House of Representatives.

victories that should unite all Americans. According to the President, we have created 5.3 million new jobs, 600,000 of them in manufacturing alone. Wages are rising at the fastest rate in decades. Five million Americans have been lifted off of food stamps. Unemployment is at its lowest rate in 50 years. These results are possible when citizens are able to keep more of what they earn and the govern-

ment gets out of the way. This is what has happened in Maine. Over the last eight years, we have served as an example to anyone willing to look. We reduced our income tax, decreased regulation, and got the state's fiscal house in order. We now have a record number of private sector jobs, low unemployment, and more employers than ever before, all with the fastest growing wages in New England.

I often hear President Kennedy's quote, "Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democrat answer, but the right answer." In Maine, we have found the right answer to growing the economy, and I hope the new governor will continue along this path. We will have policy differences, but as a state and country, we should acknowledge that we are on the right track. We do not need to burden our economy and the efforts of working Americans with expanding state and federal government regulations. To paraphrase another President, James Buchanan, let liberty work and the results will astonish the world.

Unfortunately, despite the evidence in Maine and the economic success the President highlighted, there is a persistent desire for what the President called "the politics of revenge, resistance, and retribution." This exists on all sides and, for my part, I intend to lead by the example of my host Tuesday night. Senator Collins has always stood for what the President called "the politics of cooperation, compromise, and the common good." She is leading by example for the rest of our elected officials to follow.

Here in Maine, we will defend against policies that seek to upend our economic growth and continue to advance an agenda that will keep the promise of Maine's future for our children and those wanting to come here. We will speak passionately, but not personally, and will work with anyone looking to make Maine the way life should be.



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### Governor's Address: First Steps in Combatting the Opiod Epidemic

When I took office, I gave my word to Mainers suffering from substance use disorder. I told them that they are not alone. I told them that, together, we will do everything in our power to bring them back, to make our communities, our families, and our state whole once again.

Since I took office, the Director of Opioid Response, Gordon Smith, and my cabinet have identified immediate steps we will take to address the opioid epidemic. Last week, I directed my administration to implement specific actions to address this crisis. I signed my second Executive Order, "An order to implement immediate responses to Maine's opioid epidemic." This Executive Order defines a number of separate but related actions that will be taken by my administration, right now.

These actions will save lives, help protect our children and young adults from the appeal of dangerous drugs, and ensure that Mainers suffering from substance use disorder in our emergency rooms, our jails, and on our streets will find the resources they need to recover and rebuild their lives and become productive citizens of Maine again.

These actions will supplement the vigorous efforts of law enforcement at all levels who are stemming the tide of drug trafficking into Maine that is fueling this epidemic. And, as noted explicitly in this Executive Order, the actions undertaken by the administration will be done with a view towards reducing the stigma associated with substance



Governor Janet Mills

use disorders. In the past five years, more than one thousand, six hundred and thirty people in Maine have died from drug overdose - more than the population of Chesterville, or Eastport, or North Berwick. 418 people died in 2017 alone - more than one a day. And just last year, 908 babies were born in Maine affected by drugs.

The time for action is now. We will put the full force of this administration behind those families

who have lost loved ones, businesses who have lost valued employees, and all communities diminished by this public health crisis.

In addition to the Executive Order, I'm signing a financial order authorizing the purchase of 35,000 doses of Naloxone for distribution to locations determined by our Department of Health and Human Services. This life-saving drug will go to hospital emergency rooms, needle exchange programs, public health units, peer recovery centers, emergency responders, and many other appropriate locations.

Federal funds to pay for this purchase are already available in the office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services. Mainers with substance use disorder, their families, and friends should have access to the training to safely administer

the Senate Chamber, interact

with senators and, most

importantly, take part in a re-

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this life-saving drug while we work to address the opioid epidemic.

It is not enough to prevent Mainers from dying of a drug overdose. We also have to help people turn their lives arounds after they've been saved. Across the country and in Maine, the use of recovery coaches has had a positive impact on addressing the opioid epidemic and helping in long-term recovery.

I have directed the DHHS staff to recruit and train two-hundred and fifty qualified recovery coaches. I've also directed them to fund a full-time recovery coach in up to ten emergency departments in the state. These initiatives will be paid for with existing funds federal funds - available

through the Department. We will also reinforce programs for Medication-Assisted Treatment in the jails. Commissioner Randy Liberty is committed to piloting a Medication-Assisted Treatment project in the prisons. Mainers working to rebuild their lives after incarceration should not have to face the additional battle of combating addiction alone.

This Executive Order is just the start of a series of actions that my administration, in partnership with the Legislature, public health community members, law enforcement, and many others, will take in the coming months.

It is time for our state to recover and become whole once again.

> Thank You, Janet Mills Governor

#### Classmates provide scholarship funds in memory of Medal of Honor-winner



Mike McMahon (2nd from l.) presents a check to Roger Philippon of CMCC to fund scholarships in memory of his brother, Thomas J. McMahon. The funds were raised by Thomas's Lewiston High School classmates, including (l. to r.) Ron Paradis, Paul Labbe, and Paul Lavoie.

Members of the Lewiston High School Class of 1967 recently presented a check for \$1,500 to the CM Education Foundation in memory of their late classmate, Thomas J. McMahon, who was killed in Vietnam in 1969

Specialist Fourth Class McMahon was serving in Vietnam as a medic when his company came under heavy fire and three soldiers were seriously injured. McMahon left his covered position and ran through intense enemy fire to the side of one of the wounded, administered first and and carried him to safety. He was then hit by an exploding mortar round while returning a second injured man to safety. Refusing medical attention, McMahon fell mortally wounded before he

could rescue the third man. In recognition of his

bravery and service beyond

the call of duty, McMahon was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest decoration awarded by the United States military. McMahon Elementary School in Lewiston is named in his honor.

The CM Education Foundation funds scholarships for students attending Maine's community colleges

Last year, class members also raised funds to install a granite bench in McMahon's honor in Veterans Memorial Park in Lewiston.

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### Sen. Claxton invites students to serve as Honorary Pages

ing experience. Students With the Legislature back in session, Sen. Ned from third grade through high school are encouraged Claxton (D-Auburn) is reminding local schools and to participate. students about the Senate "This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth Honorary Page program at

the State House in Augusta. to experience the debate and This day-long program compromise that makes us a gives students a unique opdemocracy," said Sen. Claxportunity to observe Maine's ton. "As Honorary Pages, I hope youth will be inspired legislative process and be a part of it. Honorary Pages to find their own way to get help deliver messages and involved in public service." distribute documents within

The Legislature is scheduled to be in session through late June. Honorary Pages are needed throughout the session; scheduling is

flexible. For more information or to schedule a visit, contact Sen. Claxton by phone at 287-1515 or by email at ned.claxton@ legislature.maine.gov.

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#### CMCC names new food service manager



#### Fern Langlois

Fern Langlois has service manager at Cenbeen hired as the new food tral Maine Community College. Langlois comes to the college with a strong background in food service, having worked for Sysco Foods for 23 years. More recently, he was the food service manager at Lewiston High School. Langlois earned his degree in culinary arts from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. He lives in his hometown of Sabattus.

Langlois is working with senior manager Bob Daigle in overseeing the entire food service operation at CMCC, including the campus dining commons, which provides students, faculty, and staff with entrees, made-to-order wraps, a full salad bar, short-order service, snacks, and beverages.

#### **G-NG High School Band visits State House**



The Gray-New Gloucester High School Band visited the Maine State House recently, where they performed the National Anthem at the start of the day's legislative session. The group is pictured here with Sen. Ned Claxton (D-Auburn) and Sen. Cathy Breen (D-Falmouth).

### 4-H member serves as Honorary Page



Andrew Dexter of Leeds served as an Honorary Page in the Maine Senate recently. He was at the State House with a group of students representing the University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program. Dexter is pictured here with State Senator Jeff Timberlake (R-Androscoggin). The Senate Honorary Page program is open to students in third grade through high school. Residents of District 22 (Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lisbon, Litchfield, Sabattus, Turner, Wales, and Wayne) who would like more information about the program are encouraged to call Senator Timberlake's office at 287-1505. Skelton Taintor & Abbott has announced that William (Bill) Skelton has rejoined the firm as a shareholder practicing in the areas of real estate and title matters, elder law, and corporate and business law.

"We are very pleased that Bill has returned to Skelton Taintor & Abbott after concentrating his practice in title law for the past 20 years," said Skelton Taintor & Abbott president Sarah Mitchell. "Our firm was established by his great-grandfather in 1893 as the Skelton Law Office. Bill is the fourth generation of Skelton attorneys serving clients in Lewiston-Auburn."

Following law school, Skelton was an associate with the firm. From 2000-2017, he was legal counsel for Androscoggin Title Company, where he represented buyers, sellers, and lenders in all aspects of residential and commercial





Skelton rejoins the firm as a shareholder practicing in the areas of real estate and title matters, elder law, and corporate and business law.

conveyancing and lending. He also worked for two years for Fidelity National Title Group in Portland as Vice President and as Alternate State Counsel for the State of Maine.

He is admitted to practice in all of Maine's state and federal courts and is a member of the American. Maine State, and Androscoggin County Bar Associations. Skelton received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Maine in Orono and his J.D. from the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, New Hampshire. During law school, he served as a teaching assistant in real property law, mediation, and conflict resolution.



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#### McMahon School students design Museum L-A exhibit

The latest Kids as Curators exhibit, this one designed, curated, and installed by students from Lewiston's McMahon Elementary School, is now on display at Museum L-A. Called "Mapping Our Personal Histories," the exhibit focuses on immigration and the personal history of the students' families.

"It was a much different experience, working with fourth-grade students," said Collections and Exhibits Coordinator Emma Sieh. "We were excited to see that, while they were finding out about their own personal histories, they were also beginning to understand where they belong in our community's history. We hope this project will inspire these children to continue to explore local history and enjoy museums in a whole new light."

Supported by the Lewiston-Auburn Children's Foundation, the Kids as Curators program allows school groups to work closely with museum staff to create their own high-quality exhibits, from conducting historical research to hosting an opening reception. Previous groups have come from local middle and high schools; the McMahon School cohort was the first elementary school group to participate in the program.

Located in the Bates Mill Complex at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston, Museum L-A is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special and large group tours outside these hours are available by appointment. For more information, call 333-3881 or email info@museumla.org.

#### **Students named to First Class Scholarship and Cohort Program**

The L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce has announced those selected for the Spring 2019 College for ME - Androscoggin First Class Scholarship and Cohort Program.

They are Denise Craig of Topsham, who will attend the Maine College of Health Professions; Dancile Nshimirimana of Lewiston, who will attend the Maine College of Health Professions: and Elena Trofimina of Lewiston, who will attend Central Maine Community College.

The program provides scholarships to pay the tuition of the recipients' first college classes as they start or restart their college careers. As further support, the program also provides one-on-one and group mentoring, both before enrollment and throughout the first semester, to help these adult students successfully transition into post-secondary study. Funding for the First Class Scholarship and Cohort Program is provided by College for ME - Androscoggin, now part of the L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

This year's recipients are working full-time while furthering their education to help provide a more sustainable future for their families.

"This has been a long journey, especially as a single mother," noted one recipient. "Balancing the roles of mother, professional, and soon-to-be-student has been my biggest challenge. Speaking Englishas-a-second language in the medical field has been a close contender, but my will to learn has been stronger!"

"Getting my accounting degree will start my future in a career that I can be proud of," noted another recipient.

The recipients were awarded these funds based on their completion of the College Transitions class through our local adult education community and the completion of the First Class Scholarship application. The next application deadline is June 1. For more information about the program or to receive an application, email Erin@lametrochamber.com.

#### Working the Workforce seminar

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will present "The Benefits of Hiring Someone with a Criminal Record" on Thursday, February 21, from 12 to

1 p.m. This "Working the Workforce" seminar for business owners, managers, and HR professionals with employment challenges will be presented by Bruce Nod-

din, founder of the Maine Prisoner Re-entry Network. The event will take place at the Chamber at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 783-2249.



#### **Optimist Club guest speaker**



Rick Lanman, Director of the Auburn-Lewiston Airport, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the L-A Optimist Club. He discussed the plans of Portland-based charter company Elite Airways to open a maintenance repair center at the airport, providing an estimated 100 new jobs. New renovations at the airport are scheduled to be completed by 2020. Here Lanman is presented a copy of the Optimist Creed by club president Mamie Ney.

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## Congratulations to all of our 2019 Annual Award Recipients!



Jen Hogan of Community Credit Union and Beckie Conrad of LA Metro Chamber of Commerce present the President's Award to Clifton Greim of Harriman Associates.

The President's Award honors an individual or organization chosen by the Chamber President for an outstanding achievement or recognizable contribution.

Clifton Greim is the President of a legacy Lewiston Auburn company, Harriman Associates, and has made this community his home for his entire career.

He's truly "walking the walk" and raising the LA Metro region's profile through service on local and statewide boards, including leadership roles on the Maine State Chamber of Commerce and the University of Southern Maine's Board of Visitors. As a past chair of the LA Metro Chamber's Board, Clifton continues to be supportive of the Chamber's work to build a sustainable local economy and ensure a strong quality of life. His vision for the potential of the LA area has been consistent and clear over many years.

He's very supportive of education and raising the aspirations of Maine youth. Clifton embodies all the characteristics of an amazing leader.

Congratulations to all of the Award



Beckie Conrad of LA Metro Chamber of Commerce presents Outstanding Chamber Member Award to Matthew Shaw of Community Credit Union.

The Outstanding Chamber Member Award honors an individual or organization chosen by the Chamber staff for their outstanding contribution to the chamber.

Matthew Shaw became involved as a volunteer at the Chamber early in his high school career and has been one of the most dedicated volunteers for over 10 years now.

He truly believes in the Chamber's mission and works hard alongside Chamber staff to accomplish it. Matt is at almost all Chamber events, handing out name tags, distributing materials, helping to clean up, whatever is needed, he's always jumping in to help. Matt is an incredibly dependable individual. He's a dedicated volunteer who's always ready to roll up his sleeves and get the job done and all with a smile! The LA Metro Chamber staff are extremely grateful for all the hard work he's done over the years!

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Salvatore Bonetti of Baystate Financial and Jen Hogan of Community Credit Union present the Community Service Award to Elise Johansen, Victoria Stanton, Chelsea Rendlen, Debra Phillips, Amy Gagne, Peter Lasagna and Aimee Labbe of Safe Voices

The Community Service Award honors outstanding individuals or organizations that give their time and expertise to the community, W above and beyond their own field of endeavor, and w demonstrate excellence, co creativity and initiative in fr all they do. The recipient is an inspiration to the community, both in their profession and in their efforts to make the LA region a better place to live, work and play.

Safe Voices works tirelessly to help others and is committed to making this community safer for those affected by domestic violence. For more than 40 years they have been a fixture of our community and dedicated advocates for victims and survivors of domestic violence. Safe Voices is at the forefront of

anti-domestic violence work in Maine, providing comprehensive services from shelter and support groups to workplace trainings and school-based prevention education, transitional housing and case management, court advocacy and a Batterer Intervention Program.

Every single one of their employees exemplifies a commitment to service, putting the people of this community at the center of everything they do.



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They have provided over 50,000 individuals and businesses with insurance coverage with reduced premiums through their competitive presence.

Community Health Options has been designated among Maine's Best Places to Work three times, twice as a Psychologically Healthy Workplace and they also received the distinction as a Silver Collar Employer for efforts to attract and retain older workers.

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Beckie Conrad of LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, Jen Hogan of Community Credit Union and Rachel McKinley of Mechanics Savings Bank, present the Ken Additon Small Business Advocate Award to Alan Hahnel of Hahnel Brothers.



Beckie Conrad of LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, Jen Hogan of Community Credit Union and Robin Robbins of Androscoggin Bank present the Ray Geiger Chamber Champion Award to Stephanie Gelinas of Sandcastle Clinical & Educational Services.

The Ray Geiger Award is the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's most prestigious award. It is given to an individual who has proven to be a champion of and for the Chamber. The award is presented to an individual who has invested a great deal of time, energy, and resources into furthering the Chamber's mission and working toward bettering our communities.

Stephanie served on



The Ken Additon Small Business Advocacy Award goes to an individual who has demonstrated commitment to small-business advocacy above and beyond policies that specifically impact their own business or industry and a proven history of volunteer efforts to advance and improve the overall small-business community. In addition, success in advocating for pro-small business policies and success and growth as a small-business owner.

Hahnel Bros. began as a family business in 1916,

the Chamber Board of Directors for eight years with a year as chair and another as past chair. She continues to be involved in Chamber activities through committees, as a Chamber Ambassador, and by attending and encouraging her staff to attend events. She encompasses the Chamber's mission through her own work as Executive Director of Sandcastle Clinical & Educational Services, providing a full range of clinical and education services to individuals of all ages and abilities. Stephanie also gives back to the community through other organizations. She is a Paul Harris Fellow award recipient and Rotarian, is a past president of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club, serves on the Health Advisory Committee for the Promise Early Education Center and is on the board of directors for Tri-County Mental Health Services.

Alan joined the company in 1981 and has been President since 1995.

He continues to grow this local legacy business, merging with another roofing and sheet metal company in Bangor. He has set an example for other businesses by creating workforce development partnerships to grow and train his workforce during a time when companies are struggling to fill positions.

Alan demonstrates leadership in support of small business development in Lewiston-Auburn and Maine through his work serving on the Chamber's Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council Board and Lewiston Development Corp. Alan is also an active member of Rotary International, the Auburn-Lewiston YMCA Board of Directors and ASHRAE.



Beckie Conrad of LA Metro Chamber of Commerce and Jen Hogan of Community Credit Union present the Theresa Samson Women's Business Leadership award to Nicole Lajoie and Diane Champoux of Chamoux Insurance.

The Theresa Samson Award honors a successful woman business owner or primary manager, for her business success, career achievements and contributions to the community. Businesses led by women are and will continue to have a noticeable impact on the economy. This annual award helps inspire the continued growth of women leading businesses in our community.

Diane's parents started the Champoux Insurance Agency in 1954. Diane worked at the agency part time while inschool and purchased the agency in 1999. She has grown the business from a staff of ten to now operating five offices with a staff of forty, representing over forty insurance agencies. Not only is she a successful business owner, she gives back to the community. In 2012 the agency purchased and renovated the landmark Knights of Columbus building as offices for the agency. Diane belongs to several insurance company advisory boards, is a member of the Kora Capital Campaign committee, and a supporter of the United Way. She served as Secretary of the Lewiston Development Corp and was on the board of the Liberty Festival.



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owners, and visited with LYAC and fellow community members. Among those in attendance were Mayor Shane Bouchard, Councilor Joline Beam, Councilor Alica Rea, Councilor Zachary Pettengill, and Rep. Jim Handy.

LYAC members addressed the crowd and handed out "Where's the Food?

- Lewiston, Maine!" bumper stickers. Many visitors took the time to sign display boards about the food. Representative comments included: "They are all so great," "So much variety," "Absolutely fantabulous!" " Eat local," and "Great diversity and execution."

The 2018-19 LYAC members who planned and hosted the event were Emma Williams, Hunter Steele, Carolyn Adams, Zachary Morin, Hope Ru-

bito, Lillith Price-Wharff, Damon DeWitt, Maddy Laflamme, Katie Morin, Christine Chasse, Jordy Dushime, Emma Wolverton, and Hunter Landry.

The group's advisor is Lewiston Community Relations Coordinator Dottie Perham-Whittier and their City Council Liaison is Councilor Zach Pettengill. For more information about the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council, see www. lewistonmaine.gov/lyac.



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#### Popular "Bandstand to Billboard" returns to Franco Center



The cast of this lively revue includes Eileen Messina, Michael James Litchfield, and Renée Mahon Davis.

For the fourth year, the Gendron Franco Center will present the popular musical revue "Bandstand to Billboard - In the Groove" on Saturday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Conceived by Eileen Messina, a long-time actor, director, and choreographer at L/A Community Little Theatre, the show features a fun and sometimes romantic collection of 1950s, '60s and '70s hits that charted in Billboard Magazine and teens danced to on American Bandstand.

The large ensemble presenting the show represents some of L/A Community Little Theatre's most talented performers, with scores of productions here and in other places to their credits. In addition to Messina, the singers are Michael James Litchfield, Renee Mahon Davis, Duane Glover, Sophie Messina, and Gerry

#### Therrien.

The orchestra is comprised of conductor Paul G. Caron on keyboards, Neil James on acoustic and electric guitar, Shane Davis on bass guitar, Will d'Ambruoso on percussion, Mike Plossay and Michael Truchon on trumpet, Bruce Theriault on trombone, Blaise Spath on reeds, Alex Wong on cello, and Kate Gray and Linda Vaillancourt on violins.

The theme of the show is "Doo-Wop to Disco." Along with the music, the revue offers a nostalgic look back at the culture and current events of the period, with a humorous look at vintage print ads interspersed between album covers and info about the original performers

"As the country went through major changes in this time period, we looked towards music and entertainment to help see us through," said Franco Center Executive Director Mitchell Clyde Thomas, who serves as the show's announcer. "Big Bands and vocalists gave way to this new thing called Rock 'n Roll, along with the Golden Age of Country, Folk, Psychedelic Rock, and the rise and fall of Disco. We are so happy to bring back this talented ensemble for a night of great entertainment!"

"We know how much the Franco Center audiences love singing along with us," said Messina. "Wear comfortable shoes - we expect everyone to be dancing in the aisles!"

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$18 for adults; students will be admitted free of charge. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 689-2000 or see www.francocenter. org

#### Jazz on tap this weekend at Chocolate Church

The Joe Beninati Trio will warm up the annex room at the Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath in a show on Friday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. The group draws from a broad range of influences to create an eclectic mix of traditional jazz, along with latin-, funkand soul-inspired music.

Originally from NYC, Joe Beninati is an experienced jazz drummer, bassist, and guitarist. He has played around NYC with jazz bands for over 15 years. The group is rounded out by jazz musicians Shaun Bolduc on upright bass and Eric Napier on guitar.

This dynamic trio started in early 2017 as three friends who wanted to workshop jazz standards as a way to study the tradition and grow as musicians. They have been playing restaurants, pubs, and events in and around Portland and southern Maine ever since.

Auburn Public Library

will help celebrate the city's

150th birthday this week

with a look back at a part

of Auburn's history. On

Friday, February 22 at 11

a.m., Maine author and

historian Annette Vance Do-

rey will present a program

called "Early Health Care

Options in Auburn: 1845

to the 1920s." The program

will include profiles of some

local pioneering female

physicians and little-known



The Joe Beninati Trio features Joe Beninati on drums, Shaun Bolduc on upright bass, and Eric Napier on guitar.

Their work features the influences of jazz greats Paul Chambers, Ray Brown, Grant Green, Bill Frisell, Kenny Burrell, Max Roach, Elvin Jones, and many others.

The center is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. They can be purchased by calling 442-8455 or at www. chocolatechurcharts.org.

#### **APL program looks at "Early** Health Care Options in Auburn"

private hospitals, infirmaries, and clinics.

Dorey is a life-long learner and educator whose career has taken her from the Midwest to the Southwest, Canada to New England. Her graduate work in developmental psychology and family relationships included research with parents, children, and siblings at Colorado State University. She is a former professor of teacher education and

human development at the University of New Brunswick, Canada. Her major publications are based on extensive historical research and include "Better Baby Contests: The Scientific Quest for Perfect Childhood Health in the Early 20th Century," "Maine Mothers Who Murdered, 1875-1925: Doing Time in State Prison," and Miss Dr. Lucy: Maine's Pioneering Female Physicians."



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## *Court St. Baptist Church marks 150th with cake, tours*



Court Street Baptist Church as it appeared in the nineteenth century

Just as the City of Auburn is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, a local church building has been a prominent part of the city's skyline for 150 years. Court Street Baptist Church, founded in 1859, conducted its first service in its new building at 129 Court Street on January 24, 1869. This was just one month before the Maine Legislature granted the charter to the City of Auburn on February 22, 1869.

In celebration of these milestones, the church will serve as an official "birthday cake" site for the City of Auburn on Friday, February 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. As a bonus, the church will offer tours of the facility at this time.

Church members will serve the cake and punch. Local historians Doug Hodgkin and Annette Dorey will provide informal stories on the church's history, stained glass windows, and Hook organ. Organist Kathy Haley will play a few selections to demonstrate the organ's features. Those attending will also be able to view the church's newly refurbished education wing, which is the only part of the building that was built in the twentieth century.

## **Twin City Nights**

#### Love songs at La Rencontre



Pianist Phil House and singer Kathy Haley will present a program of love songs at this month's edition of La Rencontre (the gathering) on Thursday, February 14 at 11:25 a.m. at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston. The cost of the program and the meal (chicken fricassee) is \$12 per person. To make reservations, call 783.1585 or e-mail boxoffice@ francocenter.org.

**Monmouth Community Players** 

### Standup Comedy class has Feb. start at Lewiston Adult Ed



Returning to teach the class is comedian Dawn Hartill.

An upcoming Lewiston Adult Education class will give students time in the spotlight to tell a few jokes. The "Standup Comedy Workshop" will begin on Thursday, February 28 at Lewiston High School. Returning to teach the class will be comedian Dawn Hartill.

A member of the first Standup Comedy Workshop at Lewiston Adult Education, Hartill based some of her earliest routines on experiences of being the mother of three teen boys. She has since performed in shows throughout Maine and New England.

Students will begin the class by developing ideas for a set; they will then work with Hartill and classmates to hone their material and delivery. As their final exam, they will perform at Guthrie's at 115 Middle Street in Lewiston in the early spring.

To register, call Lewiston Adult Education at 795-4141 or see www.lewiston. maineadulted.org.



The cast includes (l. to r., from front) Cindy Dunham, Megan Record, Danny Gay, Meredith Stevens, Brittany Bazinett, Elaine Katz, Peggy O'Kane, Nancy Keneally, Karen Lipovsky, Amy Griswold, Shane Stevens, Andy Tolman, Gregor Smith, David Marshall, and Dan Allard.

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In this production, directed by Josie French of expect to see an authentic old-time radio show, complete with old vaudeville comedy routines, sketches, and commercials with sound effects - just as you would experience in the audience of a real radio program. If you had a problem, would you turn to the Lone Ranger or the police of Dragnet? Can you solve the 5-Minute Mystery? Come enjoy these and other sketches, along with some beautiful songs of the era.

The cast is a mixture of vocal and comedic talents, ranging in age from 13 to 70+. They include Andy

Readfield; Gregor Smith of Belgrade; Ginger Smith, Cindy Dunham, Amy Griswold, and Peggy O'Kane of Winthrop; Josie French, Jeff Fairfield, and Nancy Keneally of Lewiston; Brittany Bazinet, Dan Allard, Shane Stevens, and Meredith Stevens of Greene; and David Marshall, Karen Lipovsky, Danny Gay, and Megan Record of Monmouth.

Tickets are \$14 for general admission and \$12 for students and seniors. For more information or to order tickets, call 370-9566 or see www.monmouthcommunityplayers.org.

## **Twin City Nights**

## Sacred Heart Church presents third annual Cabaret Show



Tony and Vinnie La Judice

Sacred Heart Church of Auburn will present its third annual Cabaret Show on Saturday, February 23 at 7 p.m. This variety show for all ages will once again be hosted by guest entertainer Louis Philippe.

"Cabaret Night" is just one of many events the parish has undertaken as part of a fundraising drive launched in 2015 to help purchase, refurbish, and install a 1954 Casavant Opus 2277 Pipe Organ, which was acquired through a donation to the parish from the Sisters of Notre Dame in Toledo, Ohio.

The secondary goal of the Sister Elizabeth Platt Pipe Organ Fund is to provide education and training programs to parish organists, choirs, and cantors, and subsidized organ lessons for deserving and talented young people.

Sister Elizabeth Platt, C.O.C., who recently passed away, dedicated more than 30 years of service to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in religious education and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program. A period of her life she often spoke about with great fondness was her years of ministry teaching children to sing the parts of the Mass. She also worked with the Boys' Choir in Boston before coming to Maine.

Pam Vaillancourt, who



will also perform in the

show, will once again serve

as stage and sound man-

ager for this year's event.

A familiar talent from the

L-A area, she began singing

in the church choir in her

elementary school days,

served as music director for

Sacred Heart Church for

many years, and is a well-

known advocate of music

nights were a great success,

and people have been asking

if we would continue to have

these shows" said Vaillan-

court. "The amount of talent

we have in our parish is

amazing. Singers, guitarists,

magicians, and comedians -

we are very lucky to have

so many who are willing to

come together and put on a

show like this for the benefit

diverse acts includes the

Daigneault Family, "Mr.

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tems. The registration fee

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This workshop will cover such topics as updates on the 2015 SSWWD 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.

For those who need them, Continuing Education Units are available as follows: 7 CEU hours towards relicensing for site evaluators; 7 CEU hours towards

> CMHRA presents "Cracking the Millennial Code"



The presenters are (from l.) James Brissenden of Clark Insurance, David Pease of Bangor Savings Bank, and Jordan Payne Hay of Skelton Taintor & Abbott.

The Central Maine Human Resources Association and Skelton, Taintor and Abbott will present "I'm Ready for a Raise: Cracking the Millennial Code" on Tuesday, February 19 at 7:45 a.m. at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston.

This program for employers of all sizes will address how to integrate, motivate, and interact with younger generations in the workplace. We call them all "millennials," but the label is not as important as recognizing what they have als." CMHRA attendees will then discuss and analyze the conversations and dig deeply into each scenario before the presenters re-play the conversations utilizing new tools gathered from the discussion.

"The goal of the event is to provide employers with practical advice on how to handle very real issues that come up in the workplace with younger employees," says Hay. "The key is understanding where these 'millennials' are coming from and providing effective solutions that work for the young person and the employer." Hay's practice at Skelton Taintor & Abbott includes employment law, civil rights, human resources support, and intellectual property. She is licensed to practice in both Maine and Massachusetts. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. There will be time to network before and after the program. CMHRA members attend free of charge; others pay \$25, which includes the program and a full breakfast. Registration online is preferred and available at www. cmhra.org.



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to offer and how we can work together.

The presenters will be David Pease, Senior Vice President and Director of Talent, Diversity and Inclusion, Bangor Savings Bank; James Brissenden, Director of Business Development, Clark Insurance; and Jordan Payne Hay, attorney, Skelton Taintor & Abbott.

Hay, Pease, and Brissenden will provide practical advice on how to address the questions and concerns of younger employees. They will present mock conversations with difficult questions that managers might get from "millenni-

#### Thursday, Feb. 14

Chamber Breakfast. 7 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 14 Great Falls Plaza, Auburn. This month's speaker is Maine Today Media CEO Lisa DeSisto; pres. by L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce. \$35 (\$22 members). Register at www.LAMetro-Chamber.com.

La Rencontre. 11:25 a.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Following a meal of chicken fricassee, pianist Phil House and singer Kathy Haley perform love songs. \$12. Reserve at 783-1585 or boxoffice@ francocenter.org.

Great Falls Forum. Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Bates College Assoc. Prof. Senem Aslan discusses "Populism and the Politics of Emotion." Free. Bring your bag lunch. 513-3135; LPLReference@ Gmail.com.

Author Visit. 2 p.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Lewiston resident Mark Griffin discusses his groundbreaking new biography of Rock Hudson, "All that Heaven Allows." Free.

Theater: "Peter and the Starcatcher." 7:30 p.m. The Theater Project, 14 School St., Brunswick. This prequel to the Peter Pan story is a humorous adventure for all ages. Again 2/15-17 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$20/15/10. 729-8584; theaterproject.com.

#### Friday, Feb. 15

French Sing-Along. 1:30 p.m. Room 170, L-A College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. Les Troubadours lead the singing of favorite French and Franco-American songs. Songbooks provided; all welcome. Free. 576-4109.

"When Radio Was King." 7:30 p.m. Cumston Hall, Monmouth. Monmouth Community Players present this radio era-style variety show, complete with skits, songs, and commercials with sound effects. Again 2/16 (2 and 7:30 p.m.) and 2/17 (2 p.m.). \$14/12. 370-9566; www.monmouthcommunityplayers.org.

Concert: Joe Beninati Trio. 7:30 p.m. Annex Room, Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. The group plays traditional jazz, along with latin-, funk- and soul-inspired music. \$15 (\$12 in adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts. org.

#### Saturday, Feb. 16

Rotary Club Auction. 5 to 9 p.m. Carriage House, 1119 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Preview, buffet dinner, cash bar, entertainment, raffles; live auction starts at 8:00; benefits local projects and charities. \$20. Reserve tix by 2/9 at www.eventbrite. com.

#### Sunday, Feb. 17

Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks and Market Rewards programs; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 19

"Cracking the Millennial Code." 7:45 a.m. Franco Center, Lewiston. Pres. by the Central Maine Human Resources Assoc. and Skelton, Taintor and Abbott. CMHRA members free; others \$25 (incl. full breakfast). Register at www. cmhra.org.

"Gobs & Goo." 1 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Kids ages 5 to 10 are invited to roll up their sleeves and make all kinds of icky, sticky stuff with HighTouch HighTech Science of Maine. Free. 333-6640.

#### Thursday, Feb. 21

Identifying Trees in Winter. 10 a.m. Salmon Point, Auburn; park near trail head at Maple Hill Rd. and Lake Shore Drive. Master Naturalist Paula Cur-

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tis-Everett leads this all-ages program; pres. by the Lake Auburn Watershed Comm. Free. RSVP to lolson@ awsd.org.

#### Friday, Feb. 22

Local History Program. 11 a.m. Auburn Public Library. Maine author and historian Annette Vance Dorey discusses "Early Health Care Options in Auburn: 1845 to the 1920s." Free. 333-6640.

Anniversary Celebration. 3 to 5 p.m. Baptist Church, 129 Court St., Auburn. Both celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> this year, Court St. Baptist Church and the City of Auburn invite guests for cake and church tours. Free.

Indoor Farmer's Market. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. This family event features live music, a children's program, surprise barnyard guests, and vendors selling food and craft items. Free. 333-6640.

#### Saturday, Feb. 23

Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sixth St. Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Two kinds of beans, red and brown hot dogs, American chop suey, brown bread, coleslaw, assorted desserts and beverages. \$6/3 (ages 4- 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 p.m. \$8/4 (kids ages 4- free). 782-3972.

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

Cabaret Show. 7 p.m. Parish Hall, Sacred Heart Church, corner of Minot and Western Ave., Auburn. A variety of local talents perform to benefit the church's Sr. Elizabeth Platt Pipe Organ Fund. \$15. 782-8096.

"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. \$18 (free for students). 689-2000; www. francocenter.org.

#### Sunday, Feb. 24

Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards programs; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 26

Exit Planning for Business Owners. 12 to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Part 3 of this three-part series is "Achieve Your Goals: Understanding the Financial, Tax and Legal Issues." Free. Register at www.LAMetroChamber. com.

#### Identifying Trees in Winter

The Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission will present a family program on "Identifying Trees in the Winter Months" on Thursday, February 21 at 10 a.m. Led by Mas-

Working the Workforce seminar

public lands managed by

the Commission. Parking is

available near the trailhead,

The LA Metro Cham-<br/>ber of Commerce will pres-<br/>ent "The Benefits of Hiring<br/>Nomeone with a Crimi-<br/>nal Record" on Thursday,1 p.m. This "Working the<br/>Workforce" seminar for<br/>business owners, managers,<br/>and HR professionals with<br/>employment challenges will<br/>be presented by Bruce Nod-

#### **APL presents Indoor Farmer's Market**

Auburn Public Library will present its biggest family event of the year, its annual Indoor Farmer's Market, on Friday, February 22, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free and open to the public, this festive occasion features live music, a special children's program, surprise barnyard guests, and

d numerous vendors who will have home-grown and homemade food and craft items for sale. For more information, d call 333-6640.



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#### Thursday, Feb. 28

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Ribbon Cutting. 3 p.m. Cowbell Grill and Tap, 49 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Join the L-A Metro Chamber in welcoming them to Lewiston. www.cowbellgrillandtap.com.

Marine Corps League Meeting. 6 p.m. Lewiston Armory, 65 Central Ave. Central ME Detachment 810 needs members: they will pay for your first-year membership. All Marines, FMF Corpsman, Navy Chaplains, and anyone interested in helping local veterans invited.

> Monday, Mar. 4 Book Discussion.

> > a Curlocated at the intersection of event Maple Hill Road and Lake Shore Drive in Auburn. The

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Maple Hill Road and Lake Shore Drive in Auburn. The program is free, but those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to lolson@awsd. org.

Street in Lewiston. For more

information, call 783-2249.

12:30 p.m. Local History

Room, Auburn Public Li-

brary. The Auburn Page

Turners discuss "Evicted:

Poverty and Profit in the

American City," by Mat-

thew Desmond. Open to

all; copies avail. through

the library. Free. 333-6640,

Tuesday, Mar. 5

Breakfast. 7:30-9 a.m., Ra-

mada Inn, 490 Pleasant St.,

Lewiston. Join the Ameri-

can Red Cross in celebrat-

ing community members

who go above and beyond

in service to others. \$20.

376-0614; redcross.org/

Real Heroes Awards

ext. 4.

burn Wacommisa family ntifying tight ter Naturalist Paula Curtis-Everett, this fun event for all ages will take place at Salmon Point, part of the

> m- 1 p.m. This "Working the es- Workforce" seminar for business owners, managers, ni- and HR professionals with the Chamber at 415 Lisbon



The Stanton Bird Club continued its year-long 100th anniversary celebration recently with a special open house at L/A Arts. At the event, State Senator Nate Libby read a gubernatorial proclamation issued by Governor Janet Mills recognizing the club for its longstanding contributions to the community, including providing nature education; working to focus public awareness on the importance of migratory bird conservation; and its stewardship of over 850 acres of land, including Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary.

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