

Lewiston Mayor Shane Bouchard: "It's not about politics, it's about people."



By Maura Murphy

When Mayor Shane Bouchard settled in behind his desk on his first day in office last January, the almost immediate ring of the telephone startled him. He figured it was an administrator, a department head, or maybe someone wanting to schedule a meeting or ribbon-cutting ceremony. He didn't expect that it would be an elderly woman - upset and afraid - on the other end

of the line.

It was the middle of an extreme cold snap, and the woman was unable to get through to her oil company to schedule a delivery. She was alone, she was cold, and she thought if anyone could help her in a crisis that was feeling increasingly dire, it would be the mayor.

"I made a few calls, found her some direct numbers, and thankfully she was able to get her oil," says

Bouchard. "It hit me then and there - on my very first day on the job - that the role of mayor, and local government in general, has nothing to do with Republican vs. Democrat politics. It's about people, 100%. Although my campaign slogan was 'People over Politics,' you don't get the full magnitude of what that means until you're sitting in this chair."

While Bouchard knew a lot about the inner workings of the City, thanks to having served on the City Council for three years, upon taking office as mayor, he knew there was much more to learn.

"As a businessman, I like learning about everything from the inside, from the people who are on the ground directly working in a certain area," he says. "When I took office, to learn about the local real estate market, I went to local real estate agents; to learn about development obstacles, I went to developers and city officials; to engage the immigrant community, I held meetings with immigrant leaders; to improve collaboration with Auburn, I went to Auburn leaders, and so on.

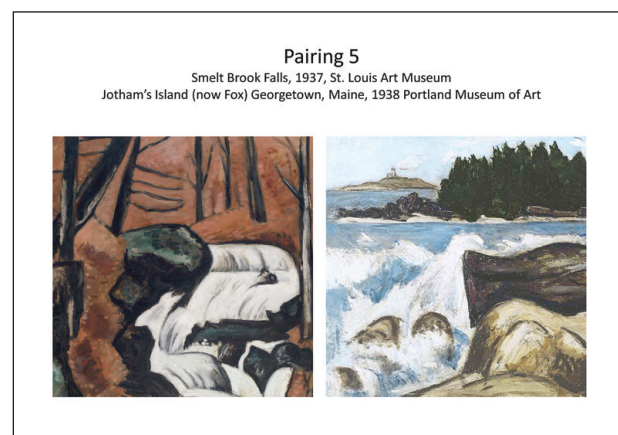
"Communication with and between the right people opens the way for potential and progress; without it, we have endless and unnecessary obstacles and stalemates. Moving from potential to progress is all about engaging people, networking and building coalitions."

Bouchard laments the fact that many people misunderstand the role of the mayor: "A lot of people think that being mayor is about policy, power, and control, and nothing could be further from the truth. The seven city councilors have much more power than the mayor does to create and enact policy. I have absolutely no power to just snap my fingers and declare what will be done."

While the position of mayor does help him bring multiple agencies, departments, and viewpoints to the same table, Bouchard is continually frustrated by the slow pace of progress in government, even at the municipal level.

"Government is not like business. In business, if I have an issue or a proposal, I make a few calls, send a

Hartley Block façade to feature mosaic tile art installations



The developer of the Hartley Block, a 63-unit apartment building with retail space at Lisbon and Ash Streets in downtown Lewiston, has commissioned two nine- by nine-foot mosaic tile art installations for the building's street-level façade on Lisbon Street

The pieces, to be executed by Miotto Mosaics Art Studios, Inc. of Carmel, New York, in consultation with artist Nancy Blum of New York City, will be interpretations and enlargements of details from two Marsden Hartley oil paintings, "Smelt Brook Falls" (1937, St. Louis Art Museum) and "Jotham's Island, Georgetown,

Maine" (1938, Portland Museum of Art).

"We want to honor Marsden Hartley, who had a studio on this site in his early years, while creating a distinctive sense of place for his namesake building," said Nathan Szanton, president of the Szanton Company, which is developing the Hartley Block. "We also want to build awareness of Hartley, a Lewiston native, and his accomplishments."

"This is great news," said Lewiston Mayor Shane Bouchard. "Lisbon Street continues to evolve, and mosaic artwork on the Hartley Block will add more flavor and appeal to downtown

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Adult ed. programs provide options for those seeking high school credential



A Lewiston Adult Education graduate and children head to the gym for commencement ceremonies in June 2018.

Lewiston Adult Education and Auburn Adult & Community Education are offering free programs for adults seeking to get their high school credential. Both programs give the High School Equivalency test, the HiSET, which has replaced the GED as Maine's high school equivalency exam. It consists of five subtests on a computer: Language Arts Reading, Language Arts

Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Those who are at least 17 years old and not enrolled in school may take the HiSET.

HiSET exam preparation and testing are free. The programs are offered at several convenient locations in Lewiston and Auburn: the Adult Learning Centers, located on the lower level of Longley School at 145 Birch Street in Lewiston

and on the fourth floor of Auburn City Hall at 60 Court Street in Auburn; and Auburn Adult Education, located at Edward Little High School at 77 Harris Street in Auburn, where testing and lessons are provided in the evening.

For more information, contact Auburn Adult & Community Education at 333-6661 or Lewiston's Adult Learning Center at 784-2928.

Lewiston High student reaches state finals of Poetry Out Loud contest



The Southern Maine Regional Champions who will compete in the finals are Joao Victor of Lewiston High School, Allan Monga of Deering High School, Aaliyah Biamby of Gorham High School, Delaney Ziegman of Thornton Academy, and Wyatt Bates of Yarmouth High School.

A Lewiston High School student is among the 10 finalists who will compete for top honors in Maine's Poetry Out Loud contest at the Waterville Opera House on March 11. The finalists emerged from a field of students representing 32 high schools across the state. This year's regional contests were hosted at Hampden Academy and Westbrook Performing Arts Centers. This statewide

contest in the art of poetry recitation is produced and administered by the Maine Arts Commission.

The Southern Maine Regional Champions are Joao Victor of Lewiston High School, Allan Monga of Deering High School, Aaliyah Biamby of Gorham High School, Delaney Ziegman of Thornton Academy, and Wyatt Bates of Yarmouth High School.

The Northern Maine

Regional Champions are Shapnah McKenzie of Bangor High School, Magnolia Vandiver of George Stevens Academy, Hannah Lavenson of Messalonskee High School, Emma Jacot-Descombes of Rangeley Lakes Regional Schools, and Emily Campbell of Waterville High School.

The finals will be hosted by local television personality Bill Green. There will be three rounds of recitations, live music from the Messalonskee Jazz Band, and an appearance from Maine Poet Laureate Stuart Kestenbaum. One state finalist will be named the overall winner and advance to the national competition, where they will compete for a total of \$50,000 in awards and school stipends, as well as a \$20,000 scholarship.

The event will also be broadcast and live streamed on the Maine Arts Commission's Facebook page in collaboration with Boothbay Region Television and other local access TV stations. For more information about the state and national finals, see the Maine Arts Commission's Poetry Out Loud webpage.

Senator Collins' statement on the passing of Dick Gleason

U.S. Senator Susan Collins issued this statement on the passing of Dick Gleason, the president and owner of Gleason Media Services and the former Mayor of Auburn:

"I was deeply saddened by the passing of my friend, Dick Gleason.

"Dick was a champion for Auburn and gave back in countless ways to the community he was proud to call home.

"He worked to improve the lives of his fellow citizens and contributed to the renaissance of Lewiston-Auburn. As a success-

ful business owner with radio stations throughout Western Maine, he was repeatedly recognized for his leadership, volunteerism, and efforts to promote job creation.

"Dick's fierce optimism, tireless community service, and respect for diverse viewpoints will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. I offer my deepest condolences to his wife, Kathy, and their family."

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Governor's Address: My Budget Is About Hope

Earlier this week, I spoke to the Maine state Legislature to deliver my first biennial budget proposal. It was a powerful moment in the presence of the three branches of government as our administration took the first step in planning for a new and better future for our state.

We did this without raising taxes, while preserving the Rainy Day fund for state government, and preserving the sources of revenues that Mainers have come to expect for education and health care. The budget I presented is about Health, Opportunity, Prosperity, and Education. It is about HOPE.

The first major focus of this budget is health care. Expanding MaineCare will help up to 70,000 people who now lack affordable health insurance and will support our rural hospitals. It will also reduce the cost of health insurance to small businesses, self-employed individuals, and employ-

ees, whose insurance rates are now essentially making up the difference for hospitals' uncompensated care.

To support MaineCare expansion, we have included \$147 million in the state budget over the next two years. We have also budgeted \$29 million for a Medicaid Reserve Account to cover any contingencies. And, of course, we are looking at controlling costs.

This budget also addresses other public health challenges in our state. Among the most critical of these is the opioid epidemic. This week, the Attorney General, Aaron Frey, released statistics showing that 282 people died of drug overdose during the first nine months of last year. That is one overdose death per day.

The budget I have presented invests in robust prevention, treatment, and education efforts, much of which use federal money already in existence, to stem the tide of this epidemic. These initiatives are in addition to the vigorous



Governor Janet Mills

efforts of law enforcement at all levels to combat drug trafficking into Maine - efforts that we wholeheartedly support. In these ways and others, we are rebuilding our public health infrastructure.

We are also rebuilding our education infrastructure. The Maine Department of Education will once again be a place that leads, inspires, and supports our schools, teachers, and students.

For kindergarten through high school, this budget provides another \$126 million in state funds over the biennium. It ensures that no teacher in Maine will make less than \$40,000 a year. And it increases funding for adult education and career tech-

nical high schools so every Mainer can compete for skilled jobs in a changing economy, no matter their age or background.

Our investments in K-12 education will help local schools. But we hope to do more. By providing more local school aid, more revenue sharing, more homestead reimbursements, and more disaster assistance for the towns, it will also result in relief for property tax payers.

We are also investing in infrastructure and Maine public safety. With this budget, we will be able to pave around 2,000 miles of roadway, fix 135 bridges, and invest in rail, public transit, and seaports. This budget authorizes fifteen additional state troopers and sergeants so we can cover all areas of Maine with a 24-hour police presence, including rural areas. And it fulfills our promise to the good people of Washington County to fund a correctional facility there again.

This is our budget. Maine people I've heard from want better health care.

They want better schools. They want better jobs and greater economic opportunity. And they do not want a tax increase.

What I have presented is a pragmatic, common-sense budget that lives within our means and delivers what Maine people want. The budget is based on the projections of independent experts who say that revenue beyond this biennium is expected to be hundreds of millions of dollars more than what this budget proposes.

So, I think I am being pretty pragmatic, and fairly conservative, in presenting this budget. I believe that, when taken in combination with the Rainy Day fund of \$273 million that we protect, Maine is well-positioned for the years to come.

I have predicted that there would be those who said this budget is government spending run amuck, and there would be others who say we ought to spend more, more, more. With those people, I respectfully disagree.

This budget is for the

small businesses struggling with health care costs and for employers seeking a skilled workforce.

It is for the parents who have lost their children to overdose and are now raising their grandchildren.

It is for the families, children, and seniors living without basic health care.

It is for the teachers who are now paying for school supplies and food for their students out of their own pockets while earning salaries that are not commensurate to the value of their work.

It is for the Maine towns and property tax payers who have had to pick up the tab for services that state government should have been supporting.

This budget is about Health, Opportunity, Prosperity, and Education. It is about HOPE.

*Thank You,
Janet Mills
Governor*

HR Thursdays looks at workplace health

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, Central Maine Human Resource Association, and Lewiston CareerCenter will present an HR Thursdays program called "#MorningWalks: She Made Me Do It" on Thursday, January 28, from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Mary Kozicki LaFontaine, Regional Director of the Southern Maine Career Centers, will present an illustrated look at the relationship between personal health, mindfulness, and engaged employees. Participants will leave the workshop with specific strategies for their own personal and workplace health, along with strategies to incorpo-

rate into their workplaces.

The workshop will take place in the Chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The cost is \$25 for Chamber members and \$50 for non-members; CMHRA members attend free of charge. For more information, call 783-2249. To register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Chamber series on business exit planning wraps this week

This week, the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will present the final program in its three-part series, "Options and Strategies for Owners to Exit Their Businesses and Retire." The session, titled "Achieve Your Goals: Understanding the Financial, Tax and Legal Issues in Exit Planning," will take place on Tuesday, February 26, from 12 to 1:30

p.m. in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Please bring your lunch. Snacks, sweets, coffee and other beverages will be provided. There is no charge to attend, but participants are asked to register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

This series is sponsored by the Chamber, the City of Lewiston's Depart-

ment of Economic Development, and the Cooperative Development Institute. Supported by a grant from the Surdna Foundation, the sponsors are partnering to preserve legacy businesses and the jobs they provide by raising awareness of exit planning options among business owners in the region. For more information, call 783-2249.

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few letters, and what needs to be done gets done. We have several important, exciting development projects for Lewiston in the pipeline now, but even after a year packed with meetings, we don't have a lot to show for it yet.

"When you are bringing multiple agencies, boards of directors, levels of government, laws and regulations, etc. together, things move painfully slowly, and for a long time it is all about 'process' rather than something that looks like 'progress.' But stay tuned - we are on our way to some great developments and improvements in Lewiston."

Some enticing glimpses into Lewiston's future include two different privately funded, market-rate housing projects; development of the area around Turnpike Exit 80; the creation of a port authority at the Auburn-Lewiston Airport; the expansion of the local transportation network into a regional model aimed at improving workforce and employment accessibility, and more. Now that Lewiston has reacquired ownership of its extensive canal network, the Mayor is planning to apply for a federal grant to jumpstart beautification of the city through public art featuring our waterways and rich history and population.

Bouchard is the first to admit that he doesn't have a "showboat" personality, and therefore much of what he does, as well as who he is, hasn't been well publicized.

"I was elected to do the work, not just to talk about doing the work," he says. "All kinds of misinformation is out there, and when I read something untrue about myself or my position on something, typically I directly call the people who are talking about me, or in my name, and try to figure out what wires got crossed.

"It's not my style to go on public social media rampages, even when I have been mis-portrayed,"

he adds. "Although my approach isn't visibly flamboyant, I have been able to get lots of people to lots of tables for the first time, and this is laying the foundation for some long-awaited growth."

While numerous challenges in the city have impeded progress for too long, Bouchard is grateful that private organizations, such as the Downtown Association and the Chamber of Commerce, have stepped up their efforts to promote Lewiston within the region and beyond.

"When we talk about development and progress, above all, we need to adopt a 'whole city' approach. Every part of the city must be considered, and attention and resources should be distributed throughout the city, not just in one area.

"The progress of one area of the city lifts us all up, but the opposite is also true - the problems and challenges weigh us all down. For the whole city to move ahead, this needs to change."

Not just talking the talk, but walking the walk, Bouchard has made himself completely accessible to the public; he personally answers all correspondence he receives, and his private cell phone number is even listed on the City's website.

"I answer my phone at night and on weekends, and all week long I meet and visit with residents to talk about City issues," he says. "There is nothing more gratifying than connecting with residents about the issues they care about, no matter how big or small."

Maura Murphy is a freelance writer and editor from Lewiston. After writing her way around the world for nearly 30 years, she returned to the city she has always called home.

This article is the introduction to a series featuring Mayor Bouchard and some of the plans, issues, and opportunities facing Lewiston. Questions and suggestions for topics from our readers are encouraged and may be sent to maurak-murphy@gmail.com.

Mosaic

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Lewiston."

The artists were chosen as the result of a directed call for participation, which included submissions by Maine, New England, national, and international artists and/or mosaic installers. Blum and Miotto have worked together previously on successful mosaic installations, such as the 28th Street Subway Station in Manhattan and a commuter train station in Westchester County, New York.

"Stephen and I are really excited about this commission," said Blum. "Usually when we work together, I design the art and Miotto Mosaics installs the work. We've never been asked before, as a team, to interpret the work of an artist. It will be an interesting challenge to bring Hartley's work to life on a busy downtown street." The contract with Blum and Miotto calls for the pieces to be installed by the end of May, 2019.

Marsden Hartley was born in Lewiston in 1877. He attended primary school on Bates Street. At age 15, to help support his family, he dropped out of school to work in the office of Lewiston's Knopf shoe factory. Hartley joined his parents at



age 16 in Cleveland, where he took his first art lessons. In 1899, he moved to New York City to continue his studies.

As Hartley's painting gained prominence, he met and befriended many of the leading modern artists of his day, both in the U.S. and in Europe. After extensive travels brought him into contact with a variety of modern art movements, he finally arrived at a distinctive, personal style. That style is perhaps best seen in his bold paintings of Maine landscapes made toward the end of his life, such as those to be interpreted in the Hartley Block murals.

The mosaics focus on details from two paintings portraying iconic aspects of the Maine landscape - the woods and the ocean. Blum's and Miotto's interpretations of those details play with color and form, paying homage to Hartley

while also drawing attention to the potentials of mosaic, says Natasha Goldman, an expert on public art and an adjunct professor of Art History at Bowdoin College. Goldman's work with the Szanton Company helped them find Blum and Miotto.

Blum's past public artwork has included 50 hatch covers for the streets of Seattle and a 90-foot sculptural installation at Seattle airport; large-scale mosaics for the walls of New York City subway stations; artwork and architectural components for three light-rail stations in Minneapolis-St. Paul; and a 40 foot freestanding sculpture in Philadelphia. Her website is www.nancy-blum.com.

Miotto's work includes mosaic interpretations of works by contemporary artists. It can be seen on the exterior of the U.S. Embassy in London, where he created

mosaics after the work of Sean Scully, and in the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires, where he created a mosaic and tile work after a design by Vik Muniz. More on his work can be seen at www.mosaicartnow.com/artists/stephen-miotto.

The Hartley Block will offer 22 market-rate and 41 income-restricted rental apartments and 4,000 sq. ft. of commercial space along Lisbon Street. Located directly across from Forage Market, its residential rent will include a covered parking space in the Centreville Garage (directly behind the building); wi-fi; a fitness center; a children's playroom; and heat and hot water. One-, two- and three-bedroom units will be offered. The building is projected to begin welcoming residential tenants on the third week of March, 2019 and commercial tenants during the summer of 2019.

Rotary Lunch Club meeting features Americorps volunteer

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, February 28, from noon to 1 p.m. will be Americorps volunteer Kristine Corey. The event will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Corey is committed to a year of service with AmeriCorps as an Energy Efficiency Coordinator for the Maine Partnership for Environmental Stewardship, based at USM's Lewiston-Auburn campus. Through campus and community partnerships, she is focused on increasing energy efficiency and cost savings for economically disadvantaged populations

by hosting environmental education events, conducting free home energy consultations, and connecting people with energy conservation resources.

Corey graduated from the University of Vermont in 2016, earning a B.S. in Environmental Studies and a minor in Gender and Women's Studies. Prior to AmeriCorps, she did outreach for solar companies, organized student marches, was an assistant teacher for environmental studies classes, and dabbled in the GIS field.

She currently works at Whole Foods Market as a cheese monger, selling cheese to people and working diligently with a team to foster and build the Green Mission of the store. She lives in South Portland with 11 female pets and roommates. She is passionate about environmental and social justice and, through



Kristine Corey

her career, seeks to continue breaking down the barriers to a just and sustainable world.

Guests and new members are always welcome and no reservations are required.

Lunch will be available at the restaurant. For more information, contact club president Thomas MacDonald at 333-4588, follow them on Facebook, or see www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

Rotary Breakfast Club meeting

The next meeting of the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club will feature Jesse McKinnell, whose first novel, "Dead Cats and Other Reflections on Parenthood," was published by Shine Box Publishing in 2018. The event will take place on Wednesday, February 27 at 7 p.m.

"Dead Cats and Other Reflections on Parenthood" is a dark comedy that raises serious questions about

wealth, power, and contemporary masculinity. In the novel, McKinnell introduces Joel Peterson, an unhinged, unreliable narrator grappling with the advantages and burdens of male privilege. Set in Maine, the story follows Joel's startling downfall from upper-middle-class professional to penniless, unemployed, divorced, and homeless companion to the ghost of Kurt Cobain. Jesse McKinnell grew

up in Massachusetts, but has lived peacefully in Maine for many years. On July 4, 2015, he had a dream about a dentist with a passion for writing sitcoms. Somehow, "Dead Cats and other Reflections on Parenthood" was the result.

The club meets every Wednesday at the United Methodist Church, located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. The cost for breakfast is \$15. All are welcome to attend.

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Local warden promoted, will lead Dive Team



Corporal Tony Gray

Game Warden Tony Gray was promoted recently to the position of Corporal to lead the Maine Warden Service Dive Team. Hired in August of 2006, Gray has been the district game warden in South Paris since he started with the Warden Service. He has been a member of the Maine Warden Service Dive Team for nine years, has served as a Field Training Officer, and held the position of cadre at the Advanced Game Warden Training School in 2018.

Prior to becoming a Maine Game Warden, he served as an officer with the Auburn Police Department for nearly two years.

The Maine Warden Service Dive Team currently has seven members and averages ten recovery dive operations annually. Corporal Gray's new position involves the management, deployment, and training of the team's members, as well as the management of dive efforts at MDIFW fish hatcheries.

Red Cross names winners of Real Heroes Award

The Central and Mid-Coast Maine Chapter of the American Red Cross will honor community members who have gone above and beyond in service to others at its 16th annual Real Heroes Awards Breakfast on Tuesday, March 5, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. The event will take place at the Ramada Inn at 490 Pleasant Street in Lewiston.

"We salute these Real Heroes who, with extraordinary courage, kindness, and unselfish character, help people in need and benefit their communities," said Johanna Lloyd, chairwoman of the Real Heroes Committee and a member of the Chapter Board of Directors. "They embody the humanitarian spirit that is at the heart of the American Red Cross." For more information or to buy tickets to the event, visit www.redcross.org.

The 2019 Real Heroes of Central and Mid-Coast Maine are:

First Responder Award: Adam Salve of Durham, an Auburn firefighter trained in water rescue, saved a 9-year-old boy who had gone into the Androscoggin River to help his younger brother after he had fallen into the fast-moving water. Salve went into the river and, with the assistance of other first responders searching the water from shore, located the older brother. Salve put the boy into a canoe that was following him as he searched and got him back

to shore so he could receive medical attention.

Blood Services Award: Jack Schrader of Manchester has been a dedicated blood donor since 1965. His brother was serving in Vietnam at the time, and Jack saw blood donation as a way to give back to the community. He has since donated more than 123 times, for a total of more than 14 gallons of blood.

Public Services Award: Gail Hart of Harpswell is the Emergency Medical Services Chief of Harpswell Neck Fire Rescue, a volunteer position to which she has devoted several thousands of hours of her time. A retired kindergarten teacher, she became an EMT when she saw a need in her community and later took the role of chief. She has grown the ranks of volunteers on her team and continues to respond to calls herself. Her other community service includes leading the Santa Fund in town, being a hospice volunteer, and serving on the town's Fire Rescue Planning Committee, which is charged with strategic planning.

CPR Saves Lives Award: Gary Croteau of Auburn was on Taylor Pond ice fishing with a family friend last winter when his friend, Larry, collapsed and appeared to be choking. When Larry stopped breathing, Croteau, who has no formal CPR training, started performing chest compressions and rescue breathing on him. After several rescue breaths,

Larry began breathing on his own. Paramedics arrived soon after and transported him to the hospital.

Community Youth Award: Kayden Boilard of Lewiston is a fifth-grader who started a food pantry to help neighbors in need. With her parents, she delivers care packages to people's homes, runs a food cupboard and a free library, and distributes other needed items like diapers and clothes. They first ran the food pantry out of their home but, as the operation grew, found a larger space. It was struck by fire shortly before the planned grand opening, but Kayden kept moving forward. Now the food pantry is slated to open in a different space this month.

Lifesaving Award: Andrew Banow of Rockport was on the Rockland Fish Pier when he saw someone in the water where lobsterman Gary Kenney had been on his boat earlier. A fast-moving boat had created a wave that knocked Kenney into the water. His heavy wet clothes and boots pulled him down and he was unable to get himself into his skiff. Banow got into the skiff of the fishing vessel he was working on, went out to Kenney, and pulled him aboard.

Community Service Award: Bob Bauman and Hollie Vanderzee are a married couple and leaders of Harpswell Aging at Home, which aims to foster low- or no-cost initiatives that help older adults age in place.

Bauman, chair of the Home Repairs Committee, leads volunteers who have worked on more than 60 homes since September 2016 to keep their income-eligible residents safer, warmer, and drier. Vanderzee, chair of the Communications Committee, leads efforts to get the word out about the Home Repairs program and other services of Harpswell Aging at Home.

Service to the Armed Forces Award: Dean Pater-son of Freeport works with Brunswick-based Embrace A Vet, which serves veterans and families living with post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury. She is a board member, a wellness coach for veteran and caregiver retreats, and the volunteer coordinator for the caregiver peer support program. The caregivers who nominated her praise Pater-son for her compassion, effectiveness in providing resources, and support, advocacy, and commitment to veteran families.

A not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission, the American Red Cross shelters, feeds, and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. For more information, see MaineRed-Cross.org.

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What's Going On

Moose permit lottery application process now open



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The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife announces that the 2019 Maine moose permit lottery application process is now open. Applications for the moose permit lottery will be accepted online only. The online application process is fast, simple, and applicants receive instant confirmation that they have successfully entered the lottery. To apply, fill out the moose permit application at mefishwildlife.com.

On the application, you will be able to indicate several preferences, including which wildlife management districts (WMD)

you are willing to accept a permit in, and if you would accept a permit in another WMD if your name is drawn and all of your top choices are filled. You will also be able to select your preferred hunting season, whether or not you would accept an antlerless permit, and your choice of a sub-permittee. The deadline to apply for the lottery is 11:59 p.m. on May 15.

Applicants are awarded bonus points for each consecutive year that they have applied for the lottery since 1998 without being selected. Each bonus point gives the applicant an additional chance in the

drawing. Bonus points are earned at the rate of one per year for years one through five, two per year for years six through 10, three per year for years 11 through 15, and 10 per year for years 16 and beyond. Since 2011, applicants can skip a year and not lose their bonus points. So, if you applied in 2017 but not in 2018, your bonus points will still be available if you apply in 2019.

The 2019 moose lottery permit drawing will take place at Cabela's in Scarborough on June 8. For more information about moose hunting in Maine and the moose permit lottery, see mefishwildlife.com.

Historical Society to present program on local Granges



Doug Hodgkin, Professor emeritus of Bates College, is a fourth-generation Grange member on his mother's side and a third-generation member on his father's side.

Grange halls once dotted the Maine landscape. They housed a secret society that served farmers' economic, educational, and social needs. In hundreds of Maine rural towns, they served as community centers.

In a program presented by the Androscoggin Historical Society, local historian and Grange member Doug Hodgkin will trace the history of this organization, primarily with reference to the Grange in the Crowley's Junction neighborhood of Lewiston, on Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m. The program will take place in the society's Davis-Wagg Museum on the third floor

of the Androscoggin County Building in Auburn.

Hodgkin, professor emeritus of Bates College, is a fourth-generation Grange member on his mother's side and a third-generation member on his father's side. Members of his family joined Granges in Leeds, Greene, Auburn, and Lewiston. He was a member of Lewiston Juvenile and Lewiston Grange No. 2, but transferred when he married to Wales Grange No. 40.

Hodgkin has written several works on Lewiston and Auburn history, including "Historic Lewiston: The Grange at Crowley's Junction" and recent biographies of Edward Little and Elwin

E. Additon. The latter, Hodgkin's great grandfather, was treasurer of the Maine State Grange for 37 years.

Hodgkin is a member of the Maine Genealogical Society and the New England Historic Genealogical Society, newsletter editor of Androscoggin Historical Society, and chair of the Lewiston Historic Preservation Review Board.

Admission for this program is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Please enter the County Building at the side door on Court Street and proceed to the third floor. An elevator is available. For more information, call 784-0586.

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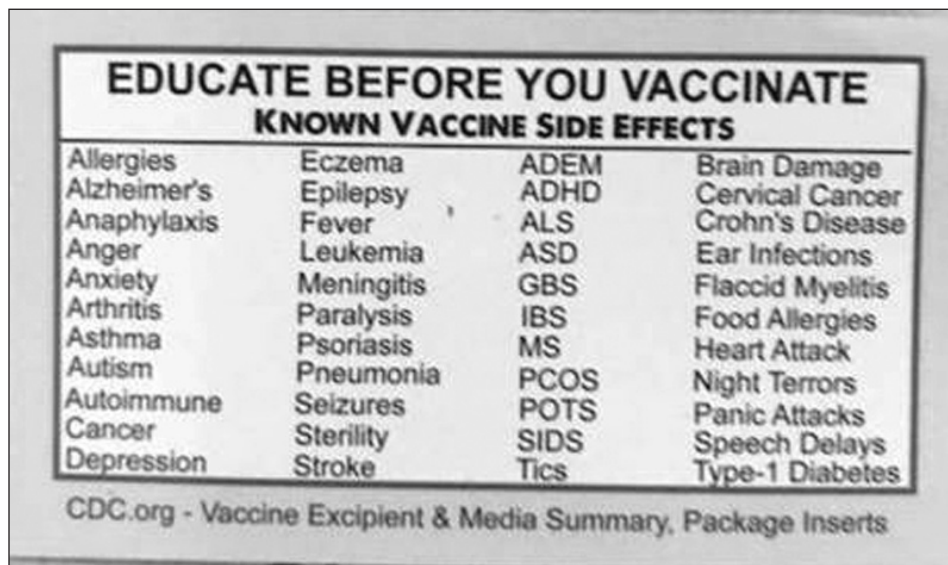
Sen. Claxton to hold public office hours

Sen. Ned Claxton (D-Androscoggin) will hold public office hours for the citizens of State Senate District 20, which includes Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, and Poland, on Friday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the New Gloucester Village Store, located at 405 Intervale Road.

Public office hours provide residents with a

chance to meet with their elected officials, ask questions, and get help with legislative or state government matters. Sen. Claxton will give an update on the current legislative session and his work on various policy committees. All are welcome to attend, ask questions, and get answers. To RSVP on Facebook, see www.facebook.com/events/2370684369830652.

Maine CDC warns of misleading flyer



The flyer presents a list of alleged “known vaccine side effects” without citing any sources, and the website listed as CDC.org is neither an active website, nor supported by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) is warning Mainers about a flyer appearing to come from the federal Centers for Disease Control. The flyer presents a list of alleged “known vaccine side effects” without providing references or citing any sources for its claims. Additionally, the website listed as CDC.org is not an active website, nor is it supported by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion.

Known to have been circulating through big box stores in Southern Maine, these flyers were not issued or endorsed by the Maine CDC or federal CDC.

“Misleading flyers such as these are concerning - especially when that information pertains to something as important to public health as vaccines,” said Maine CDC Director Dr. Bruce Bates. “I encourage anyone who comes across one of these flyers to

disregard it.”

In the United States, vaccines are thoroughly tested and then continuously monitored to ensure ongoing safety. Immunizing yourself and your children will help protect you, them, and your community from contractible vaccine-preventable diseases. For information regarding vaccine side effects, see www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

For information regarding Maine’s Immunization Program, see www.main.gov/dhhs/mecdc.

APL program examines changing role of journalism

In the past, our options for the latest news was limited to just the major networks. Now, with so many options and formats, it’s easier than ever to stay on top of the news. World-wide events are at our fingertips, in real time. Yet consumers still wonder where to turn.

Auburn Public Library will welcome Dan Dinsmore, Executive Director of the Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting and Editor of Pine Tree Watch, to shed some light on the changes occurring

in the Maine media. This exclusive program, called “Free Press and the Changing Landscape of Journalism in Maine,” will take place on Thursday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the library’s Androscoggin Community Room.

An award-winning journalist with 25 years of media experience, Dinsmore’s prior professional work includes positions as an editor at newspapers in California, Wisconsin, and Maine. During his time in Maine, Dinsmore served as the Assistant Managing

Editor in charge of sports at the Portland Press Herald, Portfolio Diversification Manager for Blethen Maine Newspapers, and Executive Director at Maine Today. He has also spent time in business-to-business media as Vice President of Media Operations for the Healthcare Informatics Management Systems Society.

The program is made possible by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council’s Democracy, Journalism, and the Informed Citizen program. For more information, call 333-6640, ext. 4.

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What’s Going On

City of Auburn celebrates 150th - with cake!

The City of Auburn is celebrating a “big birthday” in 2019. It’s their “Sesquicentennial” - their 150th year as a city, and Friday, February 22, marks the anniversary of their incorporation.

City officials and event organizers invite everyone to celebrate by visiting one of more than 30 “cake sites” across Auburn on Friday. From city facilities like Auburn Hall, Auburn Public Library, and Ingersoll Turf Facility, to churches, businesses, and historic sites, these locations will serve up free cake (generously provided by BJ’s of Auburn) and lots of community spirit. (For gluten-free options, see website.)

Several cake sites will have special, free activities taking place, featuring everything from live music and tours, to kid-friendly fun such as story times, public skating, model trains, bounce houses, and more. A full list of locations, activities, and an interactive

map can be found at: www.auburn150.com.

A special ceremony will be held in the Council Chambers at Auburn City Hall at 10 a.m. on Friday. Auburn Mayor Jason Levesque, City Councilors and staff, special guests, and representatives of the City’s political delegation will be present to celebrate the history, honor, and heritage of the City of Auburn. All are welcome to attend.

Auburn’s birthday party is presented by Norway Savings Bank, as well as the lead sponsors of Auburn’s 150th celebration: Emerson Toyota, Great Falls Marketing, and Maple Way Dental Care.

Cake will be served at the following locations; * indicates free special activities: Auburn City Hall*, 4 Seasons Farm Market, American Legion Post 31, Auburn Church of the Nazarene, Auburn Public Library*, BJ’s Wholesale Club, Central Maine Community College, Christ Tem-



ple Church of God in Christ, Community Little Theater, Connect Church, Court Street Baptist Church*, Craft Brew Underground*, East Auburn Baptist Church, Emerson Toyota, Great Falls Model Railroad Club*, High Street Congregational Church, Ingersoll Turf Facility*, Lost Valley Ski Area*, Mechanics Savings Bank, The Munroe Inn, Museum LA*, New Life Church, Norway Savings Bank, Norway Savings Bank Arena*, Odd Fellows H.C.C., Rolly’s Diner, Sixth Street Congregational Church, St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, Tripp’s Primal Farm & Kafe, United Methodist Church of Auburn, William A. Robinson House, and Woman’s Literary Union*.

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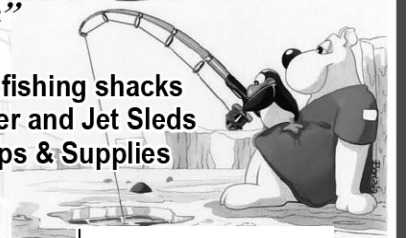


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CLT announces cast of "Avenue Q"



Here at a recent rehearsal are cast members (l. to r., from front) Cody Watson and Ricky, Kay Warren (who plays Gary Coleman), Ashleigh St. Pierre and Lucy, Becca Tinkham and Bear #1, Madison Rozells and Bear #2, Jordan Payne Hay and Kate Monster, Michael Litchfield and Rod, Dan Kane and Trekkie Monster, Michael Pullen and Princeton, and Christopher Hodgkin (who plays Brian). Absent from the photo are Myra Diehl (Christmas Eve) and Maxwell Draper (Ensemble).

Director Paul G. Caron has announced the cast for the upcoming CLT production of the hit musical comedy "Avenue Q." This puppet-filled comedy, with music and lyrics by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx and book by Jeff Whitty, is an "autobiographical and biographical" coming-of-age parable addressing the issues and anxieties associated with entering adulthood. Winner of the Tony "Triple Crown" for Best Musical, Best Score, and

Best Book, Avenue Q is "part flesh, part felt, and packed with heart."

Originally conceived as a television series, the show was developed as a stage production at the 2002 National Music Theatre Conference. It opened off-Broadway in March 2003 and then transferred to Broadway in July 2003. With more than 2,500 performances, Avenue Q ranks 24th on the list of longest running shows in Broadway history. With puppets,

laughs, and catchy songs, Avenue Q has something of a Sesame Street vibe. However, the show is geared to an adult audience. There is more than a sprinkling of profanity, and its themes include racism, substance abuse, and sexuality.

The show will be performed at the Great Falls Performing Arts Center in Auburn on April 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and April 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. For more information, see LACLT.com.

Franco Center screens "Les Grands Esprits"



The next film in the Gendron Franco Center's French film series will be "Les Grands Esprits" on Monday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. In this 2017 dramatic comedy from France, a veteran professor of French literature must adapt to a new social reality when he accepts a position at a public school in a troubled area on the outskirts of Paris, where culture and the desire for knowledge are not the priority of his students. The film will be screened in French with English subtitles. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 783-1585 or see FrancoCenter.org.

APL Children's Dept. hosts Welcoming Library

The Children's Department at Auburn Public Library is currently hosting the Welcoming Library, a pop-up community conversation about immigration, through March 1.

The Welcoming Library is a collection of acclaimed immigration-themed picture books with embedded discussion

questions. With its pop-up display unit and programming and educational tools, the collection packs into a crate and travels between schools, libraries, and community centers. All are welcome to come see and enjoy this engaging and educational display.

Adopted by states, counties, cities, school dis-

tricts, and organizations nationwide for regional circulation, the Welcoming Library invites readers of all ages to explore literature as a means to celebrate our commonalities and differences and create an environment of welcoming. For more information, call the APL Children's Department at 333-6640, ext. 3.



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Franco Center plans Mardi Gras party



Guests are encouraged to come in costume; those who don't have a Mardi Gras mask may purchase one at the event.

Genuine Cajun cooking and the Kelly-Laurence Quintet will be the featured attractions when the Gendron Franco Center presents its latest must-experience dinner-dance event, a Mardi Gras party on Saturday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

In the great tradition of those legendary New Orleans celebrations, Franco Center party-goers will be treated to a great night of dancing to the sounds of the Great American Songbook and Big Easy jazz, accompanied by free-flowing spirits and authentic Cajun cuisine. The menu will include Jambalaya with chicken and

shrimp, Andouille sausage with peppers and onions, Cajun-roasted sweet potatoes, and King Cake for dessert.

Guests are encouraged to come in costume. For those who do not have their own Mardi Gras masks, some will be available for purchase at the event. Horn players (brass and wind) who enjoy playing the New Orleans standards are invited to bring their instruments along to jam on some of the traditional songs with the Kelly-Laurence Quintet. The band includes Larry "Flash" Allen, Tracy Mc-

Mullen, John Clark, Keith Shortall, and Kelly Laurence.

Seating is limited. Reserved tickets are \$40 each. The price includes the meal, entertainment, prizes and on-site parking on Oxford Street. The doors and bar will open at 6 p.m. The Dolard and Priscilla Gendron Franco Center is wheelchair accessible.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call or visit the box office (689-2000; 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston) Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. or see www.francocenter.org.

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TWIN CITY NIGHTS

Weekly Arts & Entertainment

D.A. will discuss North Pond Hermit case at Bailey Library



District Attorney Maeghan Maloney

Bailey Public Library in downtown Winthrop will host District Attorney Maeghan Maloney on Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. Maloney will discuss Michael Finkel's new book "The Stranger in the Woods," about the infamous North Pond Hermit case, which she prosecuted. She will also discuss related topics, such as alternative sentencing.

Maeghan Maloney is the District Attorney for Kennebec and Somerset

counties. As a child, she lived in the Tall Pines Low Income Housing Project in Lewiston until her family moved to Turner, where she graduated from Leavitt High School in 1989. She received scholarships to attend Swarthmore College and Harvard Law School. After graduation, she worked as a prosecutor in Portland, Oregon, starting in the trial unit until she was promoted to run the forfeiture unit. She spent a year in Asia working to stop domestic violence

on a Luce Fellowship. In Maine, she worked as an assistant attorney general before being elected to the Maine legislature.

Free and open to the public, this event is part of the ongoing Winthrop Lakes Region Forum and is sponsored by the Winthrop Public Library Foundation. Bailey Public Library is located at 38 Bowdoin Street in Winthrop. For more information, call 377-8673 or see www.baileylibrary.org.

"Plaza Suite" opens this weekend at Chocolate Church



The cast includes (l. to r., from front) Christina Boyington, Hope Horton, Michael Hudson, Tamara Lilly, Dennis Crews, Thomas Watson, Shirley Bernier, and Michael Millett. (Photo by Dave Mention)

Director Mort Achter has assembled an all-star cast of local actors for his production of Neil Simon's comedy hit "Plaza Suite," to be staged in the Annex Building at Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath over two weekends, February 22 through March 3.

Hilarity abounds in this portrait of three couples successively occupying a suite at the Plaza. The scenes feature a suburban couple who take the suite while their house is being painted, only to discover that it's the one where they honeymooned 23 (or was it 24?) years before; a Holly-

wood producer looking for a little sexual diversion who gets more than he bargained for when he looks up a childhood sweetheart; and parents fighting about the best way to get their daughter out of the bathroom and down to the ballroom for her wedding.

The cast includes Shirley Bernier (Norma) of Lisbon Falls, Christina Boyington (Muriel) of Bath, Dennis Crews (Jesse) of West Bath, Hope Horton (Jean/Mimsey) of Bath, Michael Hudson (Bellhop/Borden) of Bath, Tamara Lilly (Karen) of Woolwich, Michael Millett (Sam) of Topsham, and Thomas Wat-

son (Roy/Producer).

Performances will take place February 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. and February 24 and March 3 at 2 p.m. The production is sponsored by the Inn at Bath, Benjamin F. Packard House, Mulberry House, and Pryor House. They are offering special staycation Bed and Breakfast packages in concert with the show.

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



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THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

V-Day aUbUrn 2019 will present a special 12th edition of Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues” on Saturday, February 23 at 7 p.m. This year’s event is dedicated to the late Melissa Stevens, a true “vagina warrior” who appeared in five productions of the show.

The production is directed by Dawn Sullivan. Her cast includes Flor Amaya-Soto, Lacey Barcelou, Sara Camoli, Caitlin Cash-

man, Tammy Elwell, Ria Ferris, Marie Galonski, Pat Gardiner, Steph Hughes, Sara Karam, Missy Kettell, Becca Lynch, Bets Mallette, Rita Moran, Robin Morrison, Klara Tammany, Ashley Thibodeau, and Dani Woodbury.

V-Day celebrates the right of women and girls to live free from fear and violence. Proceeds will benefit the Center for Wisdom’s Women, Safe Voices, Sex-

ual Assault Prevention and Response Services (SA-PARS), the Immigrant Resource Center, the YWCA, and Auburn UU.

The home of V-Day aUbUrn is the First Universalist Church of Auburn, located at 169 Pleasant Street, across from Dairy Joy). Admission is pay-what-you-wish (suggested \$7-10) at the door. For more information, call 783-0461 or see auburn.org.

Skowhegan sets world record for moose calling



A group of event organizers displays the official certificate from Guinness World Records.

The Town of Skowhegan and Main Street Skowhegan recently announced confirmation from Guinness World Records that they have set the new world record for the most people moose calling simultaneously. The record was established on June 9 at the 2018 Skowhegan Moose Festival, when 1,054 people participated in the world record attempt led by Roger Lambert, a registered Maine guide.

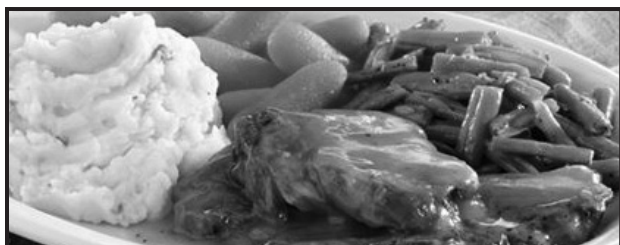
The weekend-long event, hosted by Main Street Skowhegan, attracted an estimated 6,000 people from across 13 states. The record attempt was seen by many people on local and regional news outlets and attracted more than 16,000 views on the Skowhegan Moose Festival Facebook page. The review process by Guinness World Records took eight months to verify the exact number of people who were calling simultaneously in

the grandstand of the Skowhegan Fairgrounds.

“The Skowhegan Moose Festival was a huge success, and this world record is the icing on the cake,” said Kristina Cannon, executive director of Main Street Skowhegan. “To us, it is about so much more than just the people who were counted. So many people, organizations, and businesses were involved in festival planning and execution. From our sponsors to our volunteers, this event and record wouldn’t have happened without them. This recognition is a great way to celebrate Skowhegan and all that it has to offer.”

Prior to the world record attempt, organizers used a video of Roger Lambert, a registered Maine guide, demonstrating how to do a moose call and encouraging people to participate in the world record attempt.

The 2018 Skowhegan Moose Festival was a three-day event with a range of activities for all ages, including adult and child moose-calling competitions, hunting and fly-fishing demonstrations, seminars with sporting experts, vendor displays, outdoor retailers, food trucks, and a Phil Vassar concert.



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Twin City Nights

Maine Event Comedy at Bear Bones Beer



Colleen McCauley

Maine Event Comedy will present Boston’s Colleen McCauley at Bear Bones Beer on Thursday, February 21 at 7 p.m. She’ll be joined by Danny Jordan, Julie Poulin, and special guest Chris Fritz. An open-mic will follow the show.

Mouthy and brash, McCauley is a smart-ass voice in Boston comedy and not much different from her role as “Cathy” in the classic film “Good Will Hunting.”

She’s played Connecticut’s Mohegan Sun and the Regent Theater in Arlington, Mass. And worked with top New England headliners Juston McKinney, Lenny Clarke, and Steve Sweeney.

With an absurdist wit and alternative style, Danny Jordan has delighted audiences young and old in venues including Portland’s Empire and The Gold Room and Boston’s Comedy Studio and ImprovBoston.

Julie Poulin reached the finals in the Tightest Five contest and the semifinals at Empire’s Summer Classic. She’s also part of the Mainely Improv troupe and Mystery for Hire dinner theater.

The show is free and open to those ages 21 and older. Bear Bones Beer is located at 43 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 513-0742 or e-mail maineventcomedy@gmail.com.

HHRC presents exhibit open house and program

The Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine will host an open house and discussion of two powerful exhibits on Thursday, February 28. The open house will run from 5 to 7 p.m. and the program will begin at 5:30. The center is located in the Michael Klahr Center at 46 University Drive on the University of Maine campus in Augusta.

The exhibits are “40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World” and “Witness to War: The Children of Syria.”

“40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World” is a photographic exhibit created by Howard G. Buffet in partnership with the Newseum of Washington, D.C. The exhibit is on dis-

play at the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine through March 22. The process of photographing the effects of hunger throughout the world also inspired a best-selling book by the same title. To learn more about the exhibit, visit <http://www.newseum.org>.

Indira Williams Babic, the director of photography and virtual resources at the Newseum, will discuss the exhibit and the considerations that were made to create it.

“Witness to War: The Children of Syria” features photographs of Syrian journalist Bassam Khabieh. Khabieh began his work as a photographer in his home town of Douma and the Damascus suburbs in

2011, covering demonstrations and funerals. His first official assignment was to cover the chemical attack in the Eastern Ghouta near Damascus in August 2013. The powerful exhibit documents the death and destruction of Syria that has caused millions to become refugees.

Khabieh was the Oak Institute Fellow in the fall of 2018. He has returned to his family in Turkey, but Oak Institute Director Valerie M. Dionne will be on hand to discuss the exhibit and Khabieh’s important work.

The open house and program are free and open to the public. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (207) 621-3530 or email info@hhrc@maine.edu.

Twin City Nights

Area students named to Bates College Dean's List

The following area students have been named to the dean's list at Bates College for the fall semester ending in December 2018. This is a distinction earned by students whose cumulative grade point average is 3.77 or higher.

Tyler Simmons, a graduate of the Maine School of Science & Mathematics and the son of Mr. and Ms. Richard T. Simmons of Greene, is a sophomore.

Kylie Martin, a graduate of Poland Regional High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig S. Martin of Poland, is a senior majoring in English and minoring in education.

Austin Dumont, a graduate of Edward Little High School in Auburn, is a sophomore majoring in politics and minoring in education.

Sam Onion, a graduate of Kents Hill School and the son of Mr. and Ms. Frederick A. Onion of Wayne, is a

junior majoring in geology and minoring in mathematics.

Clio Barr, a graduate of Hall-Dale High School and the daughter of Mr. John A. Barr and Mrs. Marion R. Hylan Barr of Hallowell, is a senior majoring in politics and minoring in philosophy.

Olivia Gilbert, a graduate of Leavitt Area High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim R. Gilbert of Turner, is a senior majoring in politics and minoring in rhetoric.

Ruth van Kampen, a graduate of Brunswick High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. van Kampen of Brunswick, is a senior majoring in biology.

Emily Gibson, a graduate of Poland Regional High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darryl G. Gibson of Mechanic Falls, is a senior majoring in biology.

Ted Burns, a graduate of Mount Ararat School and

the son of Mr. H. Jay Burns and Mrs. Jennifer H. Burns of Topsham, is a senior majoring in English.

Nick White, a graduate of Brunswick High School and the son of Mr. Christopher H. White and Ms. Diane W. Rognerud of Brunswick, is a sophomore majoring in music.

Thomas Brown, a graduate of Morse High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Brown of Phippsburg, is a senior majoring in politics.

Skye Conley, a graduate of Gray New Gloucester High School and the daughter of Katherine Flint of New Gloucester, is a sophomore majoring in psychology.

Abby Westberry, a graduate of Maranacook Community School and the daughter of Mr. Joseph P. and Dr. Nicola C. Westberry of Readfield, is a senior majoring in sociology and politics.

Area students named to Colby College Dean's List

Area students were among those named to the highly selective Dean's List at Colby College in Waterville for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2018-19 academic year. These students earned a grade point average of 3.77 or higher last fall.

Catherine B. Biegel, a member of the Class of 2021, attended Bonny Eagle High School and is the daughter of Peter and Carolyn Biegel of Standish. She is majoring in biology with a concentration in cell and molecular biology-biochemistry.

Connor A. Flotten, a member of the Class of 2021, attended Brunswick High School and is the son of Peter and Chesley Flotten of Brunswick. He is majoring in government and classics.

Lauren C. Gervais, a member of the Class of 2022, attended Greely High School and is the daughter of Glen and Rebecca Gervais of North Yarmouth.

Kate H. Guerin, a member of the Class of 2021, attended Mount Ararat School and is the daughter of William and Kathy Guerin of Bowdoinham.

She is majoring in psychology with a neuroscience concentration and government.

Hannah O. Hartnett, a member of the Class of 2021, attended Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School and is the daughter of Patrick and Tracey Hartnett of Hebron. She is majoring in mathematical sciences with a concentration in statistics.

Katherine A. Herzig, a member of the Class of 2020, attended Windham High School and is the daughter of John and Elaine Herzig of Windham. She is majoring in art history.

Emma M. MacCallum, a member of the Class of 2021, attended Gray New Gloucester High School and is the daughter of Steven MacCallum and Beverly Frizzell-MacCallum of New Gloucester. She is majoring in government and Latin American studies.

Cora J. Merrick, a member of the Class of 2021, attended North Atlantic Regional High School and is the daughter of Hubert and Sandra Merrick of Mt. Vernon. She is majoring in theater and dance.

Sawyer R. Nicholson, a member of the Class of 2021, attended Bruns-

wick High School and is the son of Bruce Nicholson and Tracy Burnham of Brunswick. He is majoring in history.

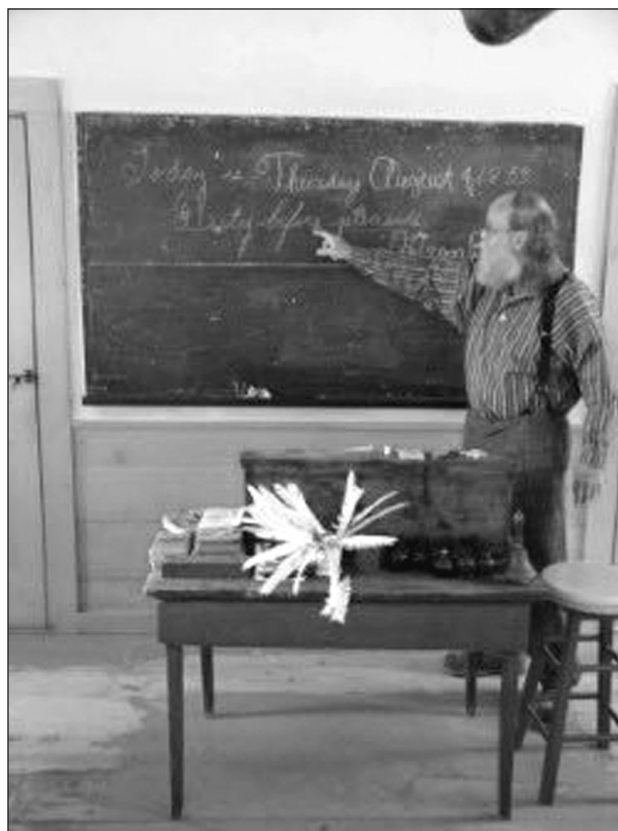
Adrienne N. Tracy, a member of the Class of 2020, attended North Yarmouth Academy and is the daughter of Jeffrey and Mary Ellen Tracy of Winthrop. She is majoring in environmental science and biology.

Nicholas N. Tucker, a member of the Class of 2020, attended Brunswick High School and is the son of Newell and Cheryl Tucker of Brunswick. He is majoring in educational studies.

Kaitlin M. Volk, a member of the Class of 2019, attended Mount Ararat School and is the daughter of Ronald and Lisa Volk of Bowdoin. She is majoring in biology with a concentration in ecology and evolution and environmental science.

Colleen E. Wright, a member of the Class of 2019, attended Maranacook Community School and is the daughter of James and Mary Wright of Fayette. She is majoring in music and interdisciplinary computation.

Norlands presents annual "Cabin Fever Reliever"



Schoolmaster Hiram Biggs, as portrayed by living history interpreter Larry Whittington, waits for scholars in the one-room schoolhouse.

The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore will be open on Saturday, February 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for its annual "Cabin Fever Reliever" Winter Living History Day. This event provides an opportunity to journey into the past to celebrate President's Day as it would have been observed in 1870. Activities will be led by living history interpreters in period clothing portraying actual 1870s-era members of the Washburn Family and residents of the Norlands neighborhood.

A special tribute to President George Washington will take place at 1 p.m., when Norlands' interpreters Willi Irish, Beth Chamberlain, and Faith Dexter will share a version of Martha Washington's cake and pay tribute to President Washington with poems and songs.

Another highlight of the day, taking place at noon, will be a special program on Lieutenant Samuel Benjamin, father of Patty Benjamin Washburn. His story will be told by "Clara Howard," as portrayed by Willi Irish, Norlands Director of Interpretation and Training. Clara will share excerpts from the diary that Lt. Benjamin kept during the Revolutionary War.

Samuel Benjamin (1753-1824) was one of the first to respond to the call to fight. He fought at the Battle of Lexington in 1775 and served as a sergeant at the Battle of Bunker Hill. After the British evacuated Boston, he was then at Fort Ticonderoga in New York. Eventually commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Massachusetts Continental Line, he went on to serve at Valley Forge, Saratoga, Monmouth, and Yorktown. Benjamin was an early set-

the pond on their way to or from the mansion.

Bring snowshoes and walk the historic carriage trail to the Pools of Simeon, reflecting pools designed in 1903 by the youngest Washburn brother, William Drew. Hot chocolate and other goodies will be for sale in the farmer's cottage, while supplies last. Bring a picnic lunch and stay the entire day.

Admission is \$10, or \$6 for kids ages 12 and under. Norlands members enjoy a 20% discount on admission; remember to bring your membership card. Upon arrival, park by the church, walk up towards the mansion, and purchase admission tickets in the gift shop.

In case of bad weather, the event will be canceled by 9 a.m. on Saturday. For updates, call and listen to the outgoing message or check Norlands' website or Facebook Page. The center is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore. For more information, call 897-4366 or visit www.norlands.org.

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



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**Send all submissions for the Calendar listing to
Editor@TwinCityTimes.com Deadline is Friday by five.**

Calendar

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Thursday, Feb. 21

Identifying Trees in Winter. 10 a.m. Salmon Point, Auburn; park near trailhead at Maple Hill Rd. and Lake Shore Drive. Master Naturalist Paula Curtis-Everett leads this all-ages program pres. by the Lake Auburn Watershed Comm. Free. RSVP to lolson@awsd.org.

Maine Event Comedy. 7 p.m. Bear Bones Beer, 43 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Tonight's performers are Boston's Colleen McCauley, with Danny Jordan, Julie Poulin, and special guest Chris Fritz; open-mic follows. Ages 21-plus. Free. 513 0742; maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

Friday, Feb. 22

City of Auburn Birthday Ceremony. 10 a.m. Council Chambers, Auburn Hall. Mayor Jason Levesque, city councilors and staff, and special guests mark Auburn's anniversary as a city, incorporated 150 years ago today. All welcome.

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.

Birthday Celebration. 3 to 5 p.m. Baptist Church, 129 Court St., Auburn. Both celebrating their 150th birthdays 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.

Theater: "Plaza Suite." 7:30 p.m. Annex Building, Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. A cast of local all-stars presents Neil Simon's classic comedy. Again 2/23-24, 3/1-3 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$15 (\$12 in adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Saturday, Feb. 23

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

Public Office Hours. 10:30 a.m. New Gloucester Village Store, 405 Intervale Rd. Sen. Ned Claxton invites residents of District 20 (Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Glouces-

ter and Poland) for questions-and-answers and an update on the current legislative session.

Public Office Hours. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Courthouse Room, Lewiston Public Library. Lewiston's delegates to the Maine Legislature answer questions and provide an update of the current legislative session. All welcome.

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.

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

"From Bandstand to

Billboard." 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This lively musical revue takes a fond look back at the popular music and culture of the 1950s, '60s, and '70s. \$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; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

Monday, Feb. 25

Discover Girl Scouts. 6 p.m. Sabattus Primary School, 36 No Name Pond Road, Sabattus. Girls in Kindergarten through Grade 3 and their caregivers are invited to come learn about Girl Scouts. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This month's film is "Les Grands Esprits," a 2017 dramatic comedy from France; in French, w. English subtitles. Free; donations accepted. www.francocenter.org.

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.

Library Program. 6:30 p.m. Bailey Public Library, 38 Bowdoin St., Winthrop. District Attorney Maeghan Maloney discusses Michael Finkel's book "The Stranger in the Woods," about the infamous North Pond Hermit case, which she prosecuted. Free. 377-8673; www.baileylibrary.org.

Andro. Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. County Building, Court St., Auburn. Local historian Doug Hodgkin traces the history of the Grange, with

particular reference to the Grange in the Crowley's Junction neighborhood of Lewiston. Free; donations welcome. 784-0586.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Rotary Breakfast Club Meeting. 7 a.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. First-time novelist Jesse McKinnell discusses his book, "Dead Cats and Other Reflections on Parenthood." All welcome; breakfast \$15.

Discover Girl Scouts. 6 p.m. Carrie Ricker School, 573 Richmond Road, Litchfield. Girls in Kindergarten through Grade 3 and their caregivers are invited to come learn about Girl Scouts. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Thursday, Feb. 28

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Americorps volunteer Kristine Corey. Free; no reservations required. 333-4588; www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. This month's session is an illustrated look at the relationship between personal health and engaged employees. \$50 (Chamber members \$25; CMHRA members free). 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

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.

Library Program. 5:30 p.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Veteran journalist Dan Dinsmore discusses "Free Press and the Changing Landscape of Journalism in Maine." Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Marine Corps League Meeting. 6 p.m. Lewiston Armory, 65 Central Ave. Central ME Detachment 810 needs members: they will

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Saturday, Mar. 2

Public Supper. 5 p.m. Paris Fire Station, Western Ave., So. Paris. Corned beef & cabbage, potatoes, vegetables, bread, macaroni & cheese, homemade pies and desserts. Pres. by the Dept. Auxiliary. \$10/5 (free ages 3 and under).

Mardi Gras Party. 7 p.m. Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Come in costume for a Cajun dinner and dancing to the Kelly-Laurence Quintet; prizes; cash bar. \$40. 689-2000; www.francocenter.org.

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Sunday, Mar. 3

Community Breakfast. 7:30 to 10 a.m. American Legion Post 135, 40 Island Rd., Sabattus. Eggs to order, French toast, chipped beef, pancakes, sausage, ham, baked beans, country fries, toast, muffins, orange juice, coffee, tea and milk. \$8/3; veterans, kids ages 6- free.

Monday, Mar. 4

Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City," by Matthew Desmond. Open to all; copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

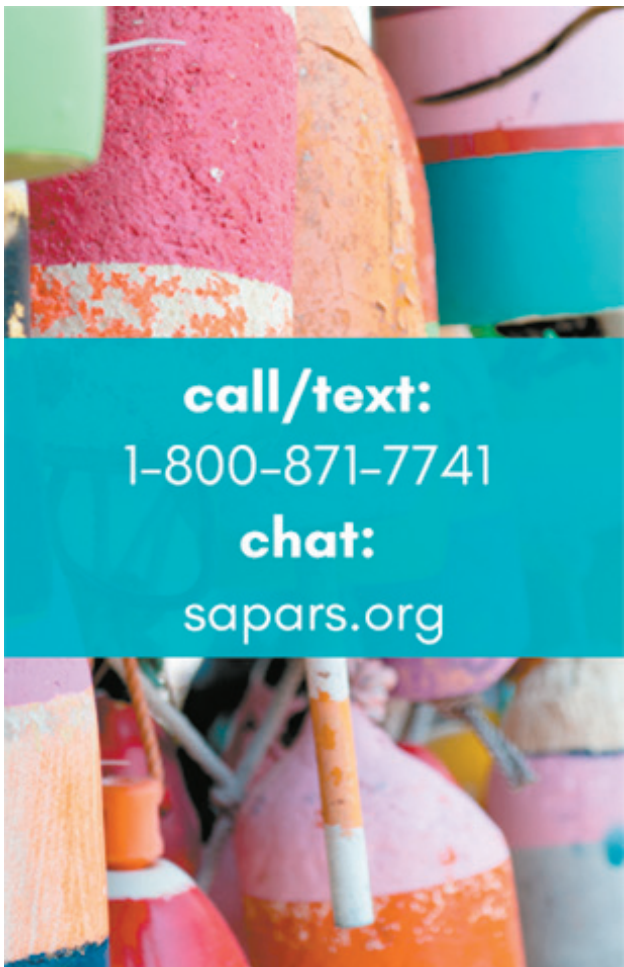
Tuesday, Mar. 5

Real Heroes Awards Breakfast. 7:30-9 a.m., Ramada Inn, 490 Pleasant St., Lewiston. Join the American Red Cross in celebrating community members who go above and beyond in service to others. \$20. 376-0614; redcross.org/maine-heroes.

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