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Maine Subways are teaming up with the Good Shepherd Food Bank to make hundreds of sandwiches for a good cause.

The Subway on Pearl Street in Portland held a community event and sub sandwhich making contest on November 6th.

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USM hosts International speaker at L/A College in Lewiston

Susann Pelletier of Lewiston, a well-known poet, author and speaker at national and international conferences, is the November presenter in the Franco-American Collection's continuing innovative reading series, "Meet a Franco Author". On Monday, November 25, Pelletier will present at 7 p.m. in Room 170 at USM's Lewiston Auburn College. She will read from her books of poetry, "Immigrant Dream" and "This Unheeded

Susann Pelletier gives voice to family and place in Franco-America and beyond, a narrative of immigration, labor and struggle to thrive. Her work also honors and attends closely to a landscape, both imperiled and resilient, that continues to sustain us.

Her poems have been published here and abroad in anthologies, literary journals, the chapbook "Immigrant Dream" and in political and environmental magazines. They are a part of Francophone Studies college curricula and have been translated into French and Spanish. In 2018, "This Unheeded Eden" a chapbook of new and selected work was published. Recently, her poems also appeared in the anthologies "Fierce with Reality", "Literature on Aging and Heliotrope" and "French Heritage Women Create."



Susann has read at conferences, political rallies, colleges, galleries and at international poetry festivals in Canada and the U.S., representing not only Franco-America, but a vision of social and environmental justice for all. In 2019, Susann cohosted with Maine Poetry Out Loud state champion João Victor the Maine Poetry Express community performance at Auburn Public Library, whose theme was migrations and displacement.

The author has worked as a college instructor, journalist, editorial consultant, writing specialist/tutor, and co-editor of a progressive monthly. A pacifist, Susann is committed to non-violent social change and economic justice. A long-

time volunteer with Maine People's Alliance, she served on its board for a decade. Currently, she is an LA Arts board member and coordinates its Arts in Education and Maine Writes programs.

"Meet a Franco Author" is free of charge, thanks to a generous grant from the Quebec Delegation in Boston.

It is open to the public—Franco-Americans and Francophiles alike.

All programs will be held on Mondays at 7 p.m. in Room 170 at University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn campus, 51 Westminster Street, Lewiston. Each author's profile will be announced two weeks prior to their presentation to alert the public.

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Milligan family of Gray wins award in The Fresh Air Fund's annual photo contest



Gray residents, the Milligans, participated in The Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Towns Program this past summer and were among the winners of the 2019 Photo Contest! All winners were selected from the hundreds of photos submitted by volunteer host families along the East Coast and Southern Canada. The photos capture the fun-filled experiences our volunteer host families shared with Fresh Air children this past summer. Categories include "Backyard Fun," "Friendship," "New Experiences," "Exploring Nature," "Swimming," "The Beach" and "Ice Cream."

The photo was selected as a winner in the "Summer Brother" category, and features Fresh Air child, Hunter (7), enjoying a day at the lake with his Fresh Air family, the Milligans, of Gray, Maine.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. To learn more about hosting a Fresh Air child next summer, please contact Dawn Hansen at 207-608-0004 or visit The Fresh Air Fund at www.FreshAir.org.

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CMCC students receive MEREDA scholarships



The two MEREDA scholarship recipients at CMCC, Sarah Pierce, left, and Bailey Pullen, right, are pictured here with Shelly Clark, MEREDA vice president of operations.

Sarah Pierce and Bailey Pullen, second-year students in the business administration program at Central Maine Community College (CMCC), have been awarded \$1,250 scholarships from the Maine Real Estate & Development Association (MEREDA) for study during the current academic year.

A resident of Greene, Pierce has earned highest honors at CMCC, where she has worked as a peer tutor in the Math & Science Center. After she earns her business degree in December, Pierce plans to complete the network security/computer forensics program at the college. She hopes to pursue a career as a computer forensics investigator.

Pullen completed the criminal justice program

with high honors in May 2017 and has now earned president's honors in the business program. A resident of Canton, she is employed as an accounting assistant at H.E. Callahan Construction. After CMCC, she may pursue a bachelor's degree in accounting and then become a CPA.

Pierce and Pullen are two of 14 Maine community college students to receive a scholarship from MEREDA. The association's goal is to support Maine students as they prepare for careers in areas of study that promote MEREDA's mission of responsible development and ownership of real estate throughout the state.

"MEREDA is a strong supporter of trades and professions associated with real estate and the real estate development industry in Maine, and recognizes how important these professions, that provide good jobs and careers, have been to our state, the economy and the real estate industry," said Gary Vogel of Drummond Woodsum and MEREDA president. "An educated workforce is vital to support economic development. We are pleased to help these deserving students achieve their goals and our members look forward to the contributions they will make to our industry, our state and our economy."

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In honor of Lung Cancer Awareness Month, the Central Maine Healthcare Nursing Education Council is offering a free seminar on lung cancer and smoking cessation. Danielle George, PA-C, will offer education on lung cancer, including general information on the disease, risk factors, and signs and symptoms.

The event will also include a presentation by Brooke Nadeau, Respiratory Care Education Coordinator, on smoking cessation and local resources available to the community.

This event is free and open to the public.

This free workshop is sponsored by the Nursing Education Council.



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"Why Socialism would destroy America's economy & freedoms"



Fifty-two Republican and conservative groups and leaders will be hosting a public event on the topic "Why Socialism Would Destroy America's Economy & Freedoms" at the Windham Veterans Center, at 35 Veterans Memorial Drive, Windham, Maine, on Wednesday, November 20. Refreshments will be at 6:00 p.m. and the main program will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$1 (with larger donations gratefully accepted). The Veterans Center is behind the Hannafords on

Co-hosted by the Gray and Windham Republican

Town Committees, the event has a broad range of co-sponsorship, including the Maine GOP, the Republican County Committees of Cumberland, York, Androscoggin, and Oxford, as well as thirty-one additional Republican Town Committees, six conservative nonprofits, and four current and former Maine State Representatives.

WGAN Radio is a Media Partner of the event and the Emcee for the evening will be Joe Reagan, a WGAN Guest Host of "Inside Maine" and a Morning News Contributor. Reagan is a retired Army Captain who served in Afghanistan with military intelligence, where he was awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple

The keynote speaker for the evening will be former Second District Republican Congressman Bruce Poliquin. Poliquin served in Congress from 2015 until 2019 and was the Maine State Treasurer from 2010 until 2012.

Poliquin's speech will be preceded by two introductory speakers. The first speaker will be Peter Falkenberg Brown, the Chairman of the Gray Republican Committee. Brown is a Portland native, a conservative writer and author, and the host of the YouTube video channel "Love, Freedom, & the World."

The second speaker will be Mr. José Mayoral. Mayoral is a conservative businessman from Venezuela living in York, Maine. He was a witness to Socialism's destruction of Venezuela's economy and his family's business that employed hundreds of people. Mayoral will present a warning to Americans to not go down that road.

Each speaker will present for twenty minutes, with five minutes of Q&A. There will be an extended Q&A session with all three speakers at the end. More information available at https://grayrepublicans.

New England Cancer Specialists receives Innovator Award from ACCC

The Association of **Community Cancer Centers** (ACCC) honored the recipients of 2019 ACCC Innovator Awards at the ACCC 36th National Oncology Conference, October 30 to November 1 in Orlando, Florida, where this year's honorees shared innovative strategies and lessons learned from their own experience to enable others to model and scale similar initiatives.

Now in its ninth year, the Innovator Awards recognize ACCC member programs for their ingenuity and pioneering achievements in oncology. Innovations advance the goals of improving access, quality, and value in cancer care delivery.

The following ACCC Cancer Program Members are this year's recipients:

Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospitals, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin:

Electronic Multidisciplinary Conference (eMDC): Case Planning in the Virtual Space.

To overcome the challenges to scheduling and coordination common to traditional tumor boards, Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospitals developed a dynamic discussion platform not hindered by time and location constraints. The eMDC model facilitates a prospective, real-time approach to case planning, allowing the care team to view case information and engage in ongoing dialogue with their peers at any time. After a one-year pilot, the number of patients discussed by the interdisciplinary team increased four-fold, and the hospital saw significant improvements in care coordination and strengthened communication across the care continuum.

Jonathan Triesman, MD, FACP, told attendees that "creating an electronic asynchronous multidisciplinary conference (eMDC) enabled us to quadruple the number of cases discussed in one year's time."

LIVESTRONG Cancer Institutes at UT Health Austin/Dell Medical School, Austin. Texas:

Cancer Life reiMagined: The CaLM Model of Whole-Person Cancer Care.

To provide optimal whole-person care, the LIVESTRONG Cancer Institutes flipped the traditional physician-centric clinic model with an approach that empowers a diverse team of providers to serve the mind, body, and spirit of cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and loved ones. Oncologists, advance practice providers, palliative care experts, social workers, therapists, nutritionists, financial navigators, and others work together to prioritize both quality of life and optimal disease treatment. LIVES-TRONG Cancer Institute's CaLM Model tailors support services and approaches cancer as a chronic condition that requires long-term, whole-person care.

New England Cancer Specialists, Scarborough, Maine:

Food Security: A Key Component in One Practice's Financial Advocacy Program.

Food insecurity affects 15.8 percent of Maine residents, making it the thirdmost food insecure state in the nation. When staff at New England Cancer Specialists (NECS) discovered their patients were among those in need, the practice initiated a partnership with a local food bank where

patients can discreetly collect bags of groceries when picking up their medications at the pharmacy. This staff observation led to a new opportunity for an enhanced level of care coordination in their community oncology

According to Tracey Weisberg, MD, "You should never assume you know who your food insecure patients are." The practice found that 97 percent of the patients that screened as food insecure had health insurance coverage.

University of Colorado Cancer Center, Aurora, Colorado:

Telemedicine Improves Access to Supportive Group Psychotherapy for Young Adults with Cancer.

The University of Colorado Cancer Center developed a telemedicine psychotherapy support group designed specifically for young adult patients with cancer. Those who would not have been able to attend regularly due to long geographic distances, severe weather, and health issues-such as immunosuppression and hospitalization—were able to join their peers virtually. All participants completed the six-week pilot program and cited high rates of patient satisfaction, with increased access to mental health services, companionship, and reduced travel time as top benefits.

University of North Carolina Hospital, Department of Pharmacy, Chapel Hill, North Carolina:

Reducing Revenue Loss and Patient Financial Toxicity with Pharmacy Pre-Certification and Denials Management.

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Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice recognized employee contributions



Pictured 1 to r: Lisa Ewing, Hospice Nurse. Lynette Godbout, Physical Therapist Assistant. Caryn Bourgoin, Hospice Supervisor. Nastasha Stitham, Nurse Practitioner. Todd McKenna, CCT Social Worker. Shawn Brann, HIT Support Engineer. Catherine Sappington, Staff Nurse Preceptor.

Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice (Androscoggin) honored employees at their annual employee recognition and awards dinner. Service awards were presented to staff for five years to thirty-five years of employment. A special tribute was paid to seven staff members who exemplify the core values and mission of the organization: Integrity, Excellence, Compassion, Innovation, Community, and Mission. Award recipients were nominated by their colleagues and the final candidates were selected by peers on Androscoggin's Human Resources Committee. Representing Integrity: Natasha Stitham, RN, APN, Nurse Practitioner; Excellence: Lynette Godbout, PTA, Physical Therapy Assistant; Compassion: Lisa Ewing, RN, Hospice Nurse; Innovation: IT Support Engineer, Shawn Brann; Community: Caryn Bourgoin, RN, Hospice Supervisor: Mission: Todd McKenna, BSW, Care Manager, Community Care Team and Catherine Sappington, RN, Intermittent Nurse. Home Care.

President and CEO, Ken Albert said, "It is with high regard that we celebrate the contributions of our employees. Our employees live our mission everyday demonstrating both a high level of commitment and compassion for the work we do."

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Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice earns top honor for veterans' service



Pictured l to r: Androscoggin Honors Veterans Kathy Baillargeon, Manager of Volunteer Resources; Bob Roberge (Army); Kim Chesley, Administrative Assistant Volunteers; David Blocher (Army); Alan Elze (Navy); Barry Drake (Army); Paul Dupuis (Navy); and Ken Albert, Androscoggin President and CEO.

We Honor Veterans, a national collaboration between the Veterans Administration (VA) and National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), has recognized Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice (Androscoggin) as a Level Four Partner. Androscoggin is one of only two organizations in Maine to earn this partnership level.

The recognition comes as the result of ongoing collaboration with the NHPCO and the VA to address the unique needs of service men and women as they approach end-of-life. The levels in the program reflect a commitment to improving care for veterans. Organizations in the program, known as Partners, can achieve up to four levels. Each level builds upon the Partner's ability to

serve veterans, use of resources provided as part of the program, and integrating best practices for providing end-of-life care to Veterans served.

"We're honored to achieve this distinguished certification and gratified that our care of veterans is acknowledged," said Androscoggin CEO Ken Albert. "Reaching this level involved the dedication of many staff and volunteers who recognized the important contributions of Veterans and their families and their unique end-of-life journeys."

The We Honor Veterans and Androscoggin partnership provides the education and skill to guide Veterans and their families toward a more peaceful end-of-life journey while valuing their outstanding military

sacrifices to our country.

To learn more about the We Honor Veterans Partnership and the educational tools and resources hospice organizations at no cost please contact Kathy Baillargeon, Manager of Volunteer Resources 207.795.9586, 1.800.482.7412, ext. 1286

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Dempsey Center initiative seeks to ease burden of scars for cancer survivors



The Dempsey Center, responding to a growing need among cancer survivors in Maine, has launched a statewide initiative to help those who suffer from chronic pain and restrictions caused by surgical scars.

The effort includes three key components: Public workshops for cancer survivors to learn self-massage techniques for scars; Expanded scar therapy at the Dempsey Center in Lewiston and South Portland; And Trainings for massage therapists and other wellness providers from around Maine, so they can bring these scar therapy techniques back to their communities.

Kathleen Wing, manager of complementary therapies at the Dempsey Center, said the statewide initiative is timely, as more Mainers are living longer after a cancer diagnosis, thanks largely to early detection and advances in treatments. The number of cancer survivors in the U.S. has quadrupled since 1975 and will continue to grow, according to a recent Wall Street Journal report. Of the estimated 125,000 cancer survivors in Maine, many face difficult long term effects.

"Massage therapy has always been one of our most popular services, and we hear from clients that scars are a big issue. The physical limitations and pain from scars can sometimes prevent people from doing the activities they enjoy," Wing said.

The Dempsey Center initiative teaches ScarWork, a collection of techniques developed by practitioner Sharon Wheeler of Seattle. It's an individualized approach toward integrating scar tissue back into the surrounding healthy tissue.

At a clinic on November 16, a dozen practitioners who attended a previous Dempsey Center training on ScarWork will provide one-on-one therapy to cancer survivors at the South Portland location. Separate workshops on December 10 and January 28 are designed for survivors who want to learn self-massage.

"When people think about scars and massage, they might think it's going to hurt. ScarWork techniques are different. They are gentle, rarely painful, and the improvements in appearance and mobility can be profound, even after one session," said Maggie Miller, an oncology massage therapist at the Dempsey Center who has more than 30 years of experience in the field.

"The ScarWork initiative is all about collaboration," Miller said. "We're increasing our capacity to treat clients directly at the Dempsey Center, but the need is far greater than what we can provide. So, one of the goals here is to connect with the network of massage therapists and structural integration folks throughout Maine and have them bring this service to their clients."

The November 16 clinic is full, but there are openings available at the December 10 and January 28 self-massage workshops. To register or to learn more about the Dempsey Center's ScarWork initiative, email kwing@dempseycenter.org, or visit www. dempseycenter.org.

Journalists are invited to visit the Dempsey Center, 778 Main St., South Portland, between 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 16 to speak with clients and practitioners about the ScarWork clinic. Please contact Nancy Audet to make arrangements at naudet@dempseycenter.org, (207) 774-2200 or 1-877-336-7287.

The Dempsey Center is committed to making life better for people managing the impact of cancer. With locations in South Portland and Lewiston, Dempsey Center services help individuals and families maintain physical and emotional wellness as they deal with a cancer diagnosis. Understanding that cancer impacts the whole family, the Dempsey Center provides specialized services for children and teens and their families. All services are provided at no

Marcal paper workers diagnosed with cancer secure cash benefits

Federal Courts Require Asbestos Manufacturers to Compensate Cancer Victims. Plant workers employed before 1981 diagnosed with various cancers are entitled to special benefits. Lung cancer, esophageal cancer, laryngeal cancer, pharyngeal cancer, stomach cancer, colon cancer, rectal cancer, and mesothelioma are frequently caused by asbestos exposure. Asbestos-laced products were used for decades at Marcal Paper. Neither employees nor management were aware of the asbestos

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To compensate cancer victims and the families of deceased cancer victims, Federal Bankruptcy Courts have required asbestos manufacturers to set aside hundreds of millions of dollars in private trusts. Through these trusts, cancer victims can receive money damages by the filing of timely, detailed, and accurate claims.

Norris Injury Lawyers has announced a specific initiative to assist Marcal Paper employees in recovering money set aside for them in these asbestos trusts. Cancer victims or the families of deceased victims who worked at the plant before 1981 may call 800-478-9578 for a free evaluation of their claim. Additional information is available at getnorris.com/

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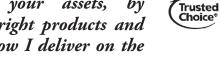
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at UNC Hospitals, including the Lineberger Cancer Center, is dependent on optimized drug reimbursement at its infusion centers. As pre-certification requirements expanded, the UNC Department of Pharmacy developed a closedloop, pharmacy-managed, pre-certification and denials management program, serving as an innovative model that provides significant added institutional and patient value. This approach has helped to both mitigate institutional risk of revenue loss due to denied claims and alleviate patient distress due to the financial toxicity associated with treatment.

Suzanne Francart, PharmD, BCPS, assistant director of pharmacy at UNC Hospital, said that the "closed-loop, pharmacy-managed pre-certification and denials program has led to almost unbelievable health system collaboration."

WellSpan Cancer Centers, York, Pennsylvania:

Developing and Implementing a Radiation Oncology App to Improve the Patient Experience.

Dissatisfied with the limited support in their patient education materials, the WellSpan Oncology Service Line developed a mobile app to offer its radiation oncology patients

on-demand access to treatment- and disease-specific education. The app incorporates patient appointment and treatment schedules, a symptom tracker, secure messaging with care team members, access to support services, and more. And since it's connected to Well-Span's EHR, clinicians can use the app data to monitor patient symptoms and side effects

Yuma Regional Medical Center Cancer Center, Yuma, Arizona:

Implementing Genetic Cancer Screening and Testing in a Medically-Underserved Community.

Historically, accessing cancer-related genetic counseling and testing services in this community has been difficult. With no genetic counselors in this geographically expansive, medically underserved city of 200,000, those who wanted genetic counseling services, often had to travel more than 180 miles to do so. To improve patient access, Yuma Regional Medical Center Cancer Center joined forces with Myriad Genetics—a molecular diagnostic testing company—to offer genetic testing to appropriate patients who were flagged in the registration intake process prior to their first visit. After completing a hereditary cancer quiz, potential candidates are referred to a genetic counselor, who provides tele-education and conducts testing, if warranted. Within the first four months, there was a four-fold increase in genetic testing of cancer patients, affecting the clinical management of 20 percent of those cases.

For more information on the 2019 Innovator Awards including a compilation video featuring each of the winners, go here. For photos or interviews with any of the Innovator Award winners contact Lori Gardner at lgardner@accc-cancer.org.

About the Association of Community Cancer Centers The Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) is the leading education and advocacy organization for the cancer care community. Founded in 1974, ACCC is a powerful network of 25,000 multidisciplinary practitioners from 2,100 hospitals and practices nationwide. As advances in cancer screening and diagnosis, treatment options, and care delivery models continue to evolveso has ACCC-adapting its resources to meet the changing needs of the entire oncology care team. For more information, visit accc-cancer.org or call 301.984.9496. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn; read our blog, ACCCBuzz; and tune in to our podcast, CANCER BUZZ.

Lewiston man wins Frank Loughran Award for helping people with disabilities find work



Pictured l to r: David Dwyer, Senior VP of Work Opportunities Unlimited, Dan Dzengelewski, Michael Murtha, Director, Auburn, ME

Work Opportunities Unlimited is pleased to announce that Dan Dzengelewski of Lewiston, Maine, is the recipient of the prestigious Frank Loughran Award. The award recognizes excellence in "Supported Employment" and is given each year to an individual who has exhibited creativity

in job development; placing people with disabilities in community-based employment

Founded upon the principle that all people can work, Work Opportunities Unlimited is a community-based, employment service provider specializing in placing people with disabilities in competitive, integrated work environments. As a Career Resource Specialist, Dzengelewski rolls up his sleeves and works to break down barriers to meaningful employment for people with disabilities, by helping them prepare for the workplace and supporting them while on the job.

"I nominated Dan for the Frank Loughran Award due to his extraordinary commitment to each individual he serves," says Mike Murtha, Director of Work Opportunities Unlimited in Auburn. "During this past year, he placed another 28 individuals into jobs he developed, that matched their work goals, and he established great working relationships with over 60 employers in the process. Dan has become one of my team's most trusted experts on creative job development, job matching, natural supports development and job retention strategies. He is changing people's lives for the better through his individualized approach. I have truly come to rely on his leadership and consultation in business development matters and I'm proud to have him as a member of our team."

"I have a hard time being recognized for anything," says Dzengelewski. "I never really think about what I'm doing. I just think about the clients I work with and how I can help them succeed. The way I see it, everyone deserves an opportunity and a chance to reach their potential. If I can make that happen for someone with a barrier to employment, I'm going to do it. I like to help people and just seeing what my clients can accomplish brings a smile to my face. It's a good feeling but I'm always thinking who else needs help, who's next, let's keep this going."

"Dan truly wants to help the community—both the employers and employees. He's "all in" in terms of getting a success," says Murtha. "This is not the kind of job where you can coast. There are so many moving parts, and a big part of the story is Danny. He so believes in this process to get the right outcome—one person at a time."

With operations throughout the eastern United States, Work Opportunities Unlimited (WOU) is a community-based employment service provider specializing in placing job seekers who experience barriers to employment. The company serves thousands of adults and students annually. In addition to private citizens, WOU provides services to individuals referred by school districts, vocational rehabilitation programs, development disability agencies, Departments of Mental Health, Transitional Assistance, and Children and Families, as well as the U.S. Social Security Administration through the Ticket to Work program. For information, visit www. workopportunities.net.





Hamilton Marine to open new Location in Kittery, Maine

Hamilton Marine, the popular Maine marine supply store well known to boaters throughout the Northeast, will be opening its sixth marine store location in Kittery, Maine. The location is the former site of Jackson's Hardware and Marine store, whose owners recently retired.

"With 100+ years of business in a location rich in history, we are inheriting a loval customer base," said Hamilton COO Andrew Blanchard. "We hope to continue to provide a high level of service to their loyal customers. Hamilton Marine prides itself on putting experienced people in place to provide excellent customer service. We are dedicated to providing the area's boating community with unique products. Customers in that area have been asking for a Hamilton Marine store for many years and with the closing of Jackson Hardware we felt is was our opportunity to service

"We're known for the size of our inventory and the diverse markets we serve," said Wayne Hamilton president and owner. "Over the next few months we will work on updating the Kittery store to fit our needs and steadily add stock until it's filled. Commercial fisherman, boat builders, and vachtsmen should all find what they're looking for when we're done."

Hamilton Marine continues to grow in Maine. See Hamilton, page 17

Long-time director of the Center for Wisdom's Women retiring

The Center for Wisdom's Women at 97 Blake St. in downtown Lewiston is preparing a transition to new leadership in 2020. Executive Director Klara Tammany who has led the Center since 2008 has announced her intention to retire.

The Center was founded in 1999 by the Roman Catholic religious order the Daughters of Wisdom, to offer women in downtown Lewiston a space to heal and thrive in community. In 2008 when the Sisters determined they were no longer able to maintain it, Tammany, convinced it was a deeply needed resource, quit her job at the time to keep its doors open and became the Center's first Executive Director under its new secular status.

In her eleven years as head of the organization, Tammany has spearheaded a range of programmatic growth, deepening the Center's ability to pursue its mission of offering opportunities for women in community to heal, thrive and enrich each other's lives. Realizing the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) on virtually all of the Center's guests, she facilitated the introduction of popular art therapy and other programs designed to address the needs of ACEs victims. In 2017, she led the organization in launching a new herbal-based social enterprise called Herban Works. At the same time, Tammany pursued the bold new project she named Sophia's House, a residential community built for women healing from experiences of addiction, trafficking, and incarceration. In December of 2017 the Center was awarded a \$500,000 Affordable Housing Grant for the Sophia's House project. St. Mary's Health Systems generously donated a former convent building at 143 Blake St., just two blocks from the drop-in center, as the site for the new residence. Well over a million dollars in finances

was needed to renovate the

aged building. Tammany set to work aided by a dedicated team of volunteers and a growing network of community partners. The successful fundraising campaign was completed by the end of 2018. Work on renovating began in February

this year and the Sophia's

House opening ceremony is

planned for December.

This is a benchmark moment for the organization, and the right time, Tammany feels, for new leadership to step in. She is committed to having the transition be a smooth one, with transparency of process and a chance for her to overlap for a few months with the new Executive Director once that person is hired. The Center for Wisdom's Women Board has formed a search committee and will be initiating a nation-wide search process soon. In the meantime, the Center invites members of the community to reach out to Tammany to share thoughts and appreciation for her work.

She will leave behind a profound legacy of love and appreciation among the Center's guests and volunteers. "I have never seen anyone more passionate for what a 'hurting' woman needs," commented one guest. "She is willing to stop what she's doing and truly listen when someone needs to be heard."

Tammany will be recognized at the YWCA's Women of Achievement Awards Brunch at the Hilton Garden Inn on November 17 where she will receive the Tonie Ramsey Service Award for "exceptional, long term commitment to improving communities and the lives of others through service."

Happily, for Lewiston, Tammany's plans for retirement include being active in Lewiston's downtown neighborhoods. She hopes to launch an Urban Confessional "Free Listening" project in the city to create opportunities where people can share the thoughts of their hearts in a non-judgmental environment. "All it takes is a park bench and a sign," says Tammany. And, of course, her exceptional, always-ready-to-listen presence.

Maine Event Comedy presents Tammy Pooler at Craft Brew Underground

Maine Event Comedy presents the hilarious Tammy Pooler at Craft Brew Underground, Friday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. The show will also feature Randy Williams, Harry Corcell, and David McLaughlin.

Pooler possesses spontaneous silliness that knows no bounds. She was voted Maine's Best Comic by readers of the Portland Phoenix, featured in the Maine Comedy Festival, and provides the voice of "Betty" in the popular Beantown Pals book series. Growing up in a Maine trailer park, working at McDonald's in high school, a stint as a "hairipist," cosmetologist, wife, mother, and finally as a marketing guru, has given her plenty of stories to share.

Williams recently advanced to the semifinals in the Tightest Five contest. He performs regularly at The Shaskeen in his home state of New Hampshire and was a featured performer in the Portland Maine Comedy Festival.

Corcell's improv background ensures that no two shows are alike. He's performed at Boston's Comedy Connection and Nick's Comedy Stop, and New York's Caroline's on Broadway and Stand Up New York.

McLaughlin hails from Billerica, Mass. and is not shy about taking his familial issues to the stage. He produces the Clean Comedy Showcase at ImprovBoston and was selected for the 2018 Salem Comedy Festival.



Tammy Pooler

The show is for ages 21-and-older; admission is pay-what-you-can. Craft Brew Underground is located at 34 Court Street in Auburn. It was voted the No. 1 Craft Beer Bar in Maine and offers more than 200 choices of craft beer, cider, and wine.

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Craft Brew Underground to host improv comedy show



Underground Improv, a troupe of six of Maine's funniest comedians, will perform a night of improv comedy on Friday, November 22 at 8 p.m. at Craft Brew Underground, 34 Court Street, Auburn.

This month's show features Dawn Hartill, Amanda

Kinsey, and Julie Poulin, three women that have been performing together for years. Nate White, Nic Dufault and Leonard Kimble will also perform.

No two shows are ever alike. The show content is made up completely on the spot and is based entirely on suggestions from the audience. Each show promises a night of unpredictable laughs and great craft beer.

There is no admission or cover charge for the show. For more information, visit Craft Brew Underground on Facebook or by calling (207) 241-8520

Gingerbread Fair



First Universalist Church of Auburn will hold its annual Gingerbread Fair on Saturday, November 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 169 Pleasant St. (enter on Spring St., across from Dairy Joy).

The fair will feature the

famous themed gift baskets, homemade pies and baked goods. A silent auction will offer art, antiques, local gift certificates, and more. Also available are custom evergreen wreaths, Boyd's Bears, handmade crafts, jewelry, scarves, books & CDs. Soup and sandwich luncheon (with gingerbread dessert) will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with our own Phil House at the piano. Accessible parking. For more information call 783-0461 or visit www. auburnuu.org.

Children's books wanted

The Auburn United Methodist Church is asking for children's book donations for the Auburn Food Pantry. The Pantry distributes donated food and children's books every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at 106 Pleasant Street in Auburn. The Food Pantry is sponsored by five

local Churches and the Good Shepherd Food Bank. It is manned by local volunteers and is open to all residents. It serves over 3,000 families per year. Books may be dropped off at the UMC at 439-Park Avenue in Auburn or call 782-3972 for additional information. Send all items for Names & Faces to Editor@Twin CityTimes.com. Deadline is Friday by five.





Come Out Swingin'! to premiere at the Franco Center



Come Out Swingin'! a new musical set in Lewiston during the Muhammad Ali-Sonny Liston heavyweight championship boxing match, will be presented at the Gendron Franco Center, November 22 to 24.

It's the spring of 1965, two weeks before Alithen still widely known as Cassius Clay—is scheduled to defend his heavyweight title in a rematch against the notorious Liston. Controversy surrounding Liston and some licensing problems in Massachusetts have forced the promoters to quickly find another venue for the fight. They choose St. Dom's Arena (now the Androscoggin Bank Colisée) in Lewiston, just about the unlikeliest venue ever for a heavyweight championship bout!

A co-production of the Franco Center and the L-A Community Little Theatre, the show is about a lot more than boxing. "It's a musical comedy with lots of laughs, and it's set against the tectonic shifts happening in America in the 1960s," says Brian Daly, who wrote the show. "But beneath the fun on the surface, it invites the audience to recognize our common humanity."

"It's more a story of the people of Lewiston and their reaction to that historic event. It's really a story about Lewiston,' notes Richard Martin, who is directing the show. He points out that the full title of the show is " 'Come Out Swingin'; A Lewiston Story," because the real focus is on how Lewiston residents coped with all the excitement, media scrutiny, and how visitors perceived the city and its residents.

In the show we meet Lewiston City Hall staffer Mickey St. Pierre (played by Zachariah Stearns), who thinks the fight could really put Lewiston on the map. While he works to gin up enthusiasm for the fight among local residents and to get the city ready for all the big-time sportswriters and other celebrities who will be descending on Lewiston, he discovers that professional hit men may be coming to Lewiston to murder Ali in the ring.

Some of the other colorful characters in the show include Rita (Lucy Poland), a wisecracking owner of a Lewiston coffee shop; Phil the barber (Ernie Gagne) and his grumpy wife, Germaine (Bre Allard); Sarge the Lewiston cop (Dan Crawford); local know-it-all "Teddy One Thing" (Bill McCue); and a bombastic stripper named Boom Boom

Vavoom (Erin Marenghi).

"Then the big night comes, and everything goes wrong," according to the musical's synopsis. "Robert Goulet mangles the national anthem, Liston appears to take a dive, referee Jersey Joe Walcott mishandles the count, the fans cry 'Fix!' and the fight is over before Boom Boom gets a chance to strut her stuff."

The sportswriters who had nothing but praise for Lewiston turn on the community. That is when the people of Lewiston stand up for themselves. They were not responsible for this boxing fiasco. Other people blew it and then tried to blame the locals.

The show features

twenty original songs written by Daly, a published author who has written other screenplays and stage productions, including the screenplay adaptation of his book "Big and Hairy" for a Showtime feature of the same title starring Richard Thomas.

Daly and Martin emphasize that the show maintains its unique Lewiston flavor throughout, even when the bizarre events threaten to spell disaster for the city. In the end, after the media circus has left town, Mickey and friends are prouder than ever to live and love in Lewiston, Maine!

"The Gendron Franco Center for Heritage, Culture, and the Performing Arts is rooted in the traditions of Maine's French-speaking ancestors," Martin says, "so it's the perfect venue for this show. There are even a couple of scenes set in St. Mary's Church, which is now the Franco Center!"

Performances of Come Out Swingin will be held on November 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. and November 24 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 and available online at http://www.francocenter.org/events/comeout-swingin-2/. For more information, please call the Franco Center Box Office at (207) 689-2000.



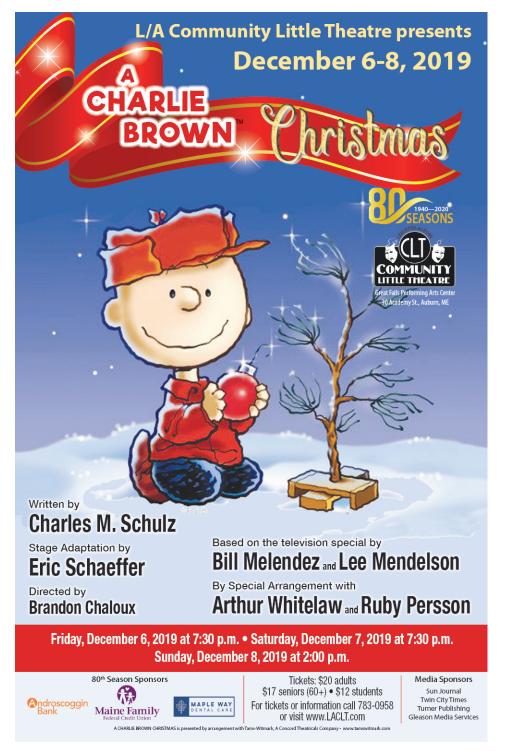
Bill McCue as local know-it-all "Teddy One Thing" and Ernie Gagne as the fiddle-playing barber Phil rehearse a scene for the upcoming production of "Come Out Swinging'!" This new musical comedy opens at the Franco Center on November 22.



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Saturday November 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Edward Little Music Association is hosting its first Craft and Vendor Fair. There will be more than sixty crafters and vendors, 50/50, bake sale, raffle table and the Food Truck Shut Up N' Eat it. Come on out and show your support for the EL music students and get some of your holiday shopping done!



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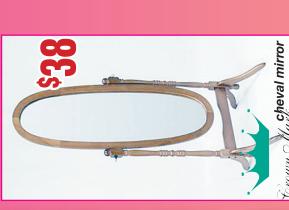










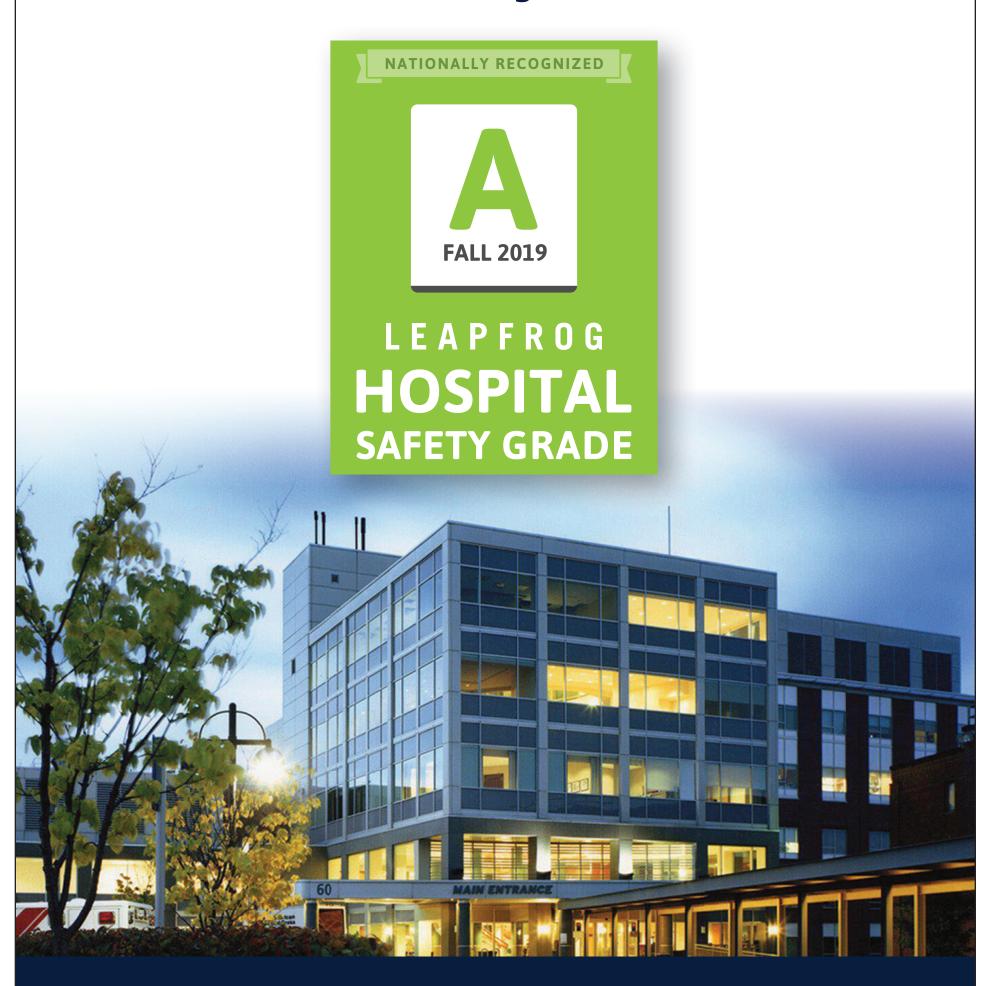




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Fiddle music and dancing



Folks of all ages are invited to enjoy an afternoon of old-time fiddle music and dancing on Sunday, November 17, at the Danville Junction Grange in Auburn.

The featured musicians are the Mighty Folquemeisters, who range in age from 6 to 60-plus and perform on fiddles, guitars, mandolin, banjo, Scottish small pipes, bodhran (Irish hand drum) and spoons.

The program will kick off at 2 p.m. with a 40-minute concert of lively Celtic jigs and reels as well as some French-Canadian favorites. Then caller Cindy Larock will invite attendees up onto the floor to try out some traditional New England and Quebecois contra and square dances. "I plan to start off with some fun-andeasy dances that are guaran-

teed to be user-friendly for everyone, even if they've never danced before," said Larock, who was designated several years ago by the Maine Arts Commission as a Master Artist in folk dancing.

Since dancers are likely to work up an appetite before the afternoon is over, Grange members will have a table of delectable homebaked goods available for purchase, as well as coffee and cold drinks.

As an added bonus, there will be a plant sale boasting an array of colorful cyclamens and, in anticipation of the Christmas holidays, a special "Bible Collection" featuring angel-wing begonias, prayer plants, wandering Jews and Moses-in-the-Bullrushes. Also offered will be an as-

sortment of vintage house plants such as Swedish ivy, beefsteak begonias and spider plants. Proceeds from the plant sale are earmarked to benefit Whiting Farm/ John F. Murphy Homes and the youth music program of the Maine Folque Co-op, which provides mentoring for the Mighty Folquemeisters.

Admission to the concert and dance is \$6, or \$20 for a family of four, with children under age 10 admitted free of charge. The Danville Junction Grange is located at 15 Grange Street, off Old Danville Road in Auburn.

This event is cosponsored by the Danville Junction Grange and the Maine Folque Co-op. More information is available by calling (207) 782-0386.

Great Falls forum with Sarah Perry



Sarah Perry

The 2019-2020 season of the Great Falls Forum continues on Thursday, November 21, featuring author Sarah Perry, with a talk entitled "After the Eclipse: Grief, the Law, and the Making of a Memoir." The program will take place from 12 to 1 p.m. in Callahan Hall at the Lewiston Public Library.

"A violent act is an epicenter; it shakes everyone within reach and creates other stories, cracks open the earth and reveals buried secrets." And so begins After the Eclipse: A Mother's Murder, a Daughter's Search, Sarah Perry's account of her mother's murder in Bridgton, Maine, when Sarah was twelve years old. Crystal Perry was a hardworking single mother, a hand-sewer

in the Sebago shoe shop who was beloved by many in her hometown. During a twelve-year investigation, local police and state detectives worked tirelessly to find her killer, while Sarah, the only witness, did what she could to help them while working to grow into a woman who would make her mother proud. Driven to know more about Crystal even after the trial, she wrote After the Eclipse, published in 2017 to excellent reviews in The New York Times, The Portland Press Herald, Slate, Kirkus, and Publisher's Weekly.

In the six-year process of writing the book, Sarah interviewed many people involved in the investigation, including lead detective Walter Grzyb. For this month's Great Falls Forum, Sarah and Det. Grzyb will come together for a discussion of Crystal's life and death, as well as their process of revisiting both for the creation of the book.

Sarah Perry is the author of the memoir After the Eclipse, which was named a New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice, a Poets & Writers Notable Nonfiction Debut, and a Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writers pick. Perry is the recipient of the 2018 Betty Berzon Emerging Writer Award and fellowships from the Edward F. Albee Foundation, VCCA, Playa, and The Studios of Key West. She holds an M.F.A. in nonfiction from Columbia University, where she currently teaches, and is the 2019 McGee Distinguished Professor of Creative Writing at Davidson College.

Admission is free to all Forum events and no reservations are required. This program is a bring-your-own, brown-bag lunch event. Coffee, tea and bottled water will be available on site at the library.

The Great Falls Forum speaker series is co-sponsored by Bates College, Lewiston Public Library, and the Sun Journal. The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street. More information on Thursday's lecture is available by contacting the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3135 or LPLReference@gmail.com.

Autumn Harvest Fair



Cheryl Pelletier and Linda Stone making garden and lawn flowers from china plates

The Woman's Literary Union will present the Autumn Harvest Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, November 16. Enjoy the holiday season at the Foss Mansion at 19 Elm Street in Auburn and do some shopping at the same time!

Local crafters and businesses have a variety of wares available. Doreen Jordan and WLU members have hand crafted many beautiful decorative pieces including jewelry, stained glass, shell art, and tote bags. Other members baked delicious treats for sale. Merchandise includes wool mittens, Pampered Chef, Elevacity Coffee, Sew'n Jo, 31 Gifts, and Scentsy. There will also be gift basket raffles.

The Woman's Literary Union was organized

in 1892 with a mission of intellectual, cultural, and educational advancement of the community and to preserve the Foss Mansion which is on the National Registry of Historic Places. The WLU of Androscoggin County is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization. For more information check womansliteraryunion. org or call Kathy Lawrence 795-6134

Youth and community open mic at LA Arts Downstage

LA Arts and Lewiston 21st Century are pleased to present the next Youth and Community Open Mic in the LA Arts Downstage on November 15 from 6 to 8 p.m., with host poet LaLa Drew and a feature performance by Papi M Diego.

Papi M Diego is a musician and visual artist who has been performing locally for five years. He plays guitar and piano, sings, and paints. Papi is inspired by the emotional expression that these art forms provide and loves performing to connect with his community.

This free event is open to the public and both youth and adults are welcome to share poems, stories, songs and other original work before enjoying our feature performance. The entrance to the LA Arts Downstage is the 5 Canal Street alley behind LA Arts (221 Lisbon Street), Lewiston. Light refreshments will be served.

The Youth and Community Open Mic program, a collaboration between Lewiston 21st Century and

LA Arts, began as a means to integrate talented youth into the growing local arts and culture scene and to strengthen the network of youth performance artists. The monthly event provides an accessible platform to showcase youth and adult talent and is typically held in the LA Arts Downstage. While prioritizing youth performances, Open Mic events are open to all members of the community.

For open mic sponsorship opportunities please contact LA Arts at 207-782-7228 or contact@laarts. org. Interested performers may contact Jenn Carter for more information: jcarter@lewistonpublicschools.org.

Since 1973, LA Arts, the arts agency for the cities of Lewiston and Auburn Maine, has pursued a mission to engage and inspire a vibrant community through arts and culture. The agency works with governments, businesses, schools and local arts and cultural organizations to create opportunities for community members across the generations



Papi M Diego, picture by Enc. image

to experience, learn, and participate in the arts. L/A Arts organizes arts programs and initiatives, supports the work of local artists and arts organizations, and highlights the essential role the arts play in shaping an economically vital, socially integrated, and forward-looking future for its community. Learn more at www.laarts.org.

Out & About with Rachel Morin Downton Abbey Exhibit in Boston



Here we are, Rachel, Liz and Elaine, sitting in one of the settings, enjoying everything we see. (Photo by a friendly visitor)

Photos and story by Rachel Morin

Downton Abbey, home of the Crawley Family and their beloved household staff, was on exhibit in Boston from mid-June through September's end at The Castle at Park Plaza. Well, we devoted fans of the popular PBS Series, who never missed an episode, just had to go and see it for ourselves! So, my daughter Liz, our friend Elaine Thornton and I set out in mid-September, full of excitement and anticipation to view the exhibit.

We had purchased VIP tickets ahead which allowed

us to enter without standing in line and we were glad we did! The line had extended way down the block outside. When we got inside, we were ushered right to the front and got in with the very next group.

Our tickets came with audio recorders and we listened to the narration in the familiar voice of Carson, Downton Abbey's esteemed and revered Butler. We felt like we were listening to an old friend as we proceeded at our own pace to view the mannequins garbed in the exquisite vintage dresses, gowns, coats, hats, shoes and men's wear as well, of

the 1910s-1920s.

The exhibit was huge and spread out through many rooms. We went through a maze of settings filled with behind the scenes trivia from the show, describing the outfits, who wore them, and adding historical information of the times and of manor living, and so much more. We gobbled up every detail.

We three agreed our favorite exhibits were the kitchen (so exactly like the one on the show!) and the formal dining room. Meals were a featured part of the Downton Abbey program. The table settings were

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striking and meticulously laid out to the proper layout and exact dimensions, inch by inch, according to the standards of the times! The "lessons" we learned about traditions, customs and rituals for the formal dinners were fascinating. They dressed for dinner, sat erect at all times and the protocol for dining was followed exactly.

But of course, the very best part of the exhibit was the costumes. We really had come to see the costumes up close. Each and every one of them was beautiful—so meticulous and detailed. We recognized some of the costumes from key dramatic scenes from the show. Each wedding dress that the Crawley sisters, Mary, Sybil and Edith wore, were on display. We were so glad when Lady Edith finally found true love—didn't she deserve it?

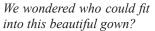
A bonus at the Exhibit was being allowed to take pictures. Perhaps you will recognize the clothes in some of the photos here. Can you imagine anyone fitting in these small sized dresses? The costumes on display were worn by the cast of Downton Abbey.

Each tiny button fitted into its tiny buttonhole. Each article of clothing was carefully and correctly adjusted to the character portrayed. Dressers were assigned to each cast member



A dress for special occasions.







Liz Morin and Elaine Thornton on our walk through Boston Commons after the Exhibit.



We loved this glamorous gown and marveled at the small size.



who helped them into the clothes. Each cast member was duly dressed to perfection. We learned each garment was delicate and the fabric so fragile that the clothes could not be laundered. We saw the very small sized dresses and gowns displayed on mannequins and were amazed that anyone in today's world could get into them.

As everyone noted while touring the exhibit, it was very crowded. It was a weekday and the exhibit had been open daily since June. We shouldn't have been surprised that the crowds never lessened. In fact, we later learned that huge crowds continued to the very last day. We were packed in on our tour, but no one complained. Everyone was a stranger, but there was no crowding or pushing, perhaps an inadvertent step on someone's, foot, but an apologetic "sorry" was accepted with a smile. After all, we had bonded as friends of Downton Abbey.

We were part of the Downton Abbey's estimated 120 million viewers in 200 countries and regions. It is said that Queen Elizabeth is among Royal fans of the show. After six seasons, Downton Abbey was the highest rated drama series shown on PBS's "Masterpiece" of all time. The series was the most viewed drama in PBS's 45 years. At the peak of popularity, Downton Abbey had a weekly average audience of 13.3 million viewers.

After a couple hours of touring the exhibits and taking pictures, it was time to leave. We had enjoyed the exhibit immensely and were glad we came.

It was such a beautiful day that we decided to walk through Boston Commons and admire the beautiful flower gardens. We took a stroll through picturesque Beacon Hill, enjoyed lunch and soon it was time to head home after a thoroughly delightful day in historic Boston.



Formal outfit and a summer's day dress.



Men's evening wear.



Set of four gowns in shades of pale pink to rose.



Mr. Carson (Butler) and Mrs. Hughes (Head Housekeeper)

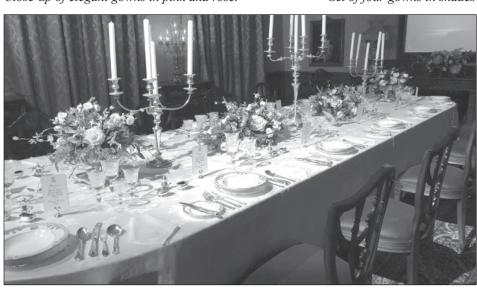
Wedding outfits. They were popular and dearly loved by the

Crawley Family and the Downton Abbey staff.

Outer wear for brisk weather.



Close-up of elegant gowns in pink and rose.



The Dining scenes were a big part of the Downton Abbey Show. Dressing for Dinner, detailed place settings, meticulous serving by the staff, erect posture of the diners, dignified, low-toned conversations, all according to their high, social position in life were seen on every episode....or so it seemed!



The kitchen was exactly like the one on the show!



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outfit. The gentleman would be as well, if only the responsible person had selected a much smaller mannequin to display his clothes.



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CMCC Students Celebrate Medical Assisting Week



Pictured 1 to r: Students at the pizza gathering, Destiny Giroux of Lewiston, Lindsay Huff of Strong, and Hannah Harris of Augusta.

Students in the Medical Assistant program at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) observed Medical Assisting Week October 21-25 with several events including guest speakers, social media postings, and

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a pizza-party gathering with instructors and advisors.

The Medical Assistant Associate Degree program at CMCC prepares graduates for entry-level employment in settings in which medical secretarial and/or basic clinical and laboratory training are required. The program curriculum includes coursework in anatomy and physiology, communications, medical administrative procedures, medical law and ethics, medical transcription and clinical procedures. A 240-hour externship is required in the last semester. More information is available at www.cmcc.edu.

The Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center supports new legislation



Alain J Nahimana, Executive Director of the Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center, speaks at today's press conference on the New Deal for New Americans Act in Washington D.C.

Last week, the Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center (IWC), as a member of the National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA), announced its full endorsement of the New Deal for New Americans Act, a bill introduced today in the U.S. House of Representatives by Representatives Grace Meng (NY), Jesús "Chuy" García

(IL), and Pramila Jayapal (WA).

The bill represents the best chance our community has to turn the page on the current hostile, divisive, and cruel rhetoric and policies, and instead lays out a proactive and aspirational vision of the United States where all are able to reach their full potential and feel at home.

Under the proposal,

the federal government will invest in strategies that have proven successful in incorporating newcomers—instead of wasting billions of dollars on detention, separating families and obstructing access to U.S. citizenship—while benefiting our country as a whole.

The New Deal for New Americans Act accomplishes this by promoting naturalization and the legal support needed to become a citizen for eligible residents, expanding English learning opportunities to meet the actual needs of the immigrant community, supporting cities and states with the resources they need to resettle refugees, and training immigrants for available jobs to help drive our economy.

This proposal reflects the Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center's policy priorities included in our New American Dreams Platform which was developed with 35 other NPNA immigrant and refugee organizations from across the country.

"This bill holds so much promise. Imagine how much more our communities could achieve if the current obstacles to U.S. citizenship, civic engagement, learning English and meaningful employment opportunities were eliminated. New Americans' contributions to the United States would have no limit. Congress needs to pass this bill for the good of our country" said Alain J Nahimana, the executive director of the Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center. "We hope this bill will inspire stakeholders in Maine both at the local and state levels"

The Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center serves as a hub of collaboration that strengthens the immigrant community through language acquisition, economic integration and civic engagement.

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Thursday, Nov. 14

Middletown at the Theatre Project in Brunswick, 14 School Street, Brunswick, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, \$10 for children (12 and under; kids under 2 are free as long as they sit on a patron's lap); top level seating in the theater is always Pay-What-You-Want. Tickets are available anytime at theaterproject.com or by calling the box office at 207-729-8584.

LA Metro Chamber Breakfast for Dinner at Martindale Country Club, 527 Beech Hill Rd, Auburn, 5 p.m. Cost is \$22 for members and \$35 for non-members. Registration is available at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

L-A Rotary Guest speaker Mike Albert, a tribute to Veterans, at the Lewiston-Rotary Lunch Club from noon to 1 p.m. at The Village Inn, 165 High Street, Auburn. Lunch is available for \$14. Guests and visiting Rotarians are always welcomed. For more information visit www.lewistonauburnrotary.org and www.facebook. com/lewistonmainerotary/or contact Club President Celeste Yakawonis, 713.7111.

Friday, Nov. 15

Youth and Community Open Mic at LA Arts Downstage, 5 Canal Street alley behind LA Arts (221 Lisbon Street), Lewiston, 6 to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For open mic sponsorship opportunities please contact LA Arts at 207-782-7228 or contact@laarts.org. Interested performers may contact Jenn Carter for more information: jcarter@lewistonpublic-schools.org.

Comedy Showcase at The Dolard and Priscilla Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston, 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door. The Franco Center is handicap accessible. Parking is included in the price of the ticket. All proceeds to benefit the Franco Center. For more information, contact or visit the Box Office or purchase on-line at www. francocenter.org. Call (207) 783.1585 or 689-2000. Box office hours are Monday thru Friday, from noon to 4 p.m.

Middletown at the Theatre Project in Brunswick, 14 School Street, Brunswick, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, \$10 for children (12 and under; kids under 2 are free as long as they sit on a patron's lap); top level seating in the theater is always Pay-What-You-Want. Tickets are available anytime at theaterproject.com or by calling the box office at 207-729-8584.

Maine Event Comedy presents Tammy Pooler at Craft Brew Under-

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ground, 34 Court Street, Auburn at 8 p.m. Show is for ages 2-and-older, admission is pay what you can. For more information call/text (207) 513-0742 or email maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

Clothing and Rummage Sale at Calvary Methodist Church, 59 Sabattus Street, Lewiston, 2 to 5 p.m. For more information call (207) 782-3221.

Saturday, Nov. 16

Clothing and Rummage Sale at Calvary Methodist Church, 59 Sabattus Street, Lewiston, 9 to 11 a.m. For more information call (207) 782-3221.

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Craft and Vendor Fair hosted by Edward Little Music Association from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 60+ Crafters and Vendors, 50/50, bake sale, raffle table and the Food Truck Shut Up N' Eat it. Come on out and show your support for the EL music students and get some of your holiday shopping done!

Rural Community Action Ministry (RCAM), will hold its 5th Annual Empty Bowls Supper at the Ladd Recreation Center in Wayne, Maine 4:30 to 6 p.m. Admission buys a pottery bowl filled with soups or chowders of choice and salads bread, drinks and desserts. Adults \$10, children under 12 \$5, families up to five \$25. A silent auction of pottery items will be available and music entertainment by Stan Davis will be featured. For more information call (207 524.5095 or visit www.

Autumn Harvest Fair presented by the Woman's Literary Union at the Foss Mansion, 19 Elm Street, Auburn from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local crafters and businesses will have a variety of wares available.

Bean Supper at Auburn United Methodist church, 439 Park Avenue, Auburn, 5 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, children age 6 to 12 is \$4, and children under 5 are free. The menu consists of Baked Beans, Casseroles, Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, Bread, Beverages and Pies. Entertainment will be provided by the Park

Avenue Pickers, beginning at 4:30. Invite a friend. For additional information, please call the Church office at 782-3972.

Sunday, Nov. 17

Women of Achievement Awards at the Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch. Tickets to the Women of Achievement Awards Gala are \$40 and available for sale now until the date of the event. All proceeds benefit the work of the YWCA in the greater Lewiston-Auburn community. Follow the link for ticket sales https://www.eventbrite. com/e/women-of-achievement-awards-brunch-tickets-64607031370?aff=efbeventtix&fbclid=IwAROPcvWNvjlkKf3O6NET-a1POxav-0ZLqql7dGWASprvIkt-VubxeYYyqRzpk. For more information about the event please contact the YWCA at 795-4050

Middletown at the Theatre Project in Brunswick, 14 School Street, Brunswick, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, \$10 for children (12 and under; kids under 2 are free as long as they sit on a patron's lap); top level seating in the theater is always Pay-What-You-Want. Tickets are available anytime at theaterproject.com or by calling the box office at 207-729-8584.

Fiddle Music and Dancing at the Danville Junction Grange in Auburn, starting at 2 p.m. homebaked goods and drinks available for purchase. Admission to the concert and dance is \$6, or \$20 for a family of four, with children under age 10 admitted free of charge. This event is cosponsored by the Danville Junction Grange and the Maine Folgue Co-op. More information is available by calling (207) 782-0386.

Thursday, Nov. 21

L-A Rotary guest speaker Peter Kowalski, at The Village Inn, Auburn, from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch is available for \$14. Guests and visiting Rotarians are always welcomed. For more information visit www.lewistonauburnrotary.org and www.facebook. com/lewistonmainerotary/ or contact PR/Marketing Chair, Monica Millhime 713.7045, millhime@myfairpoint.netor Club President Celeste Yakawonis, 713.7111.

One-man performance by Stephen Collins featuring classic songs and plays from the golden age of the American Theater at Androscoggin Community Room at 6:0 p.m. This program is free open to the public.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

"Why Socialism Would Destroy America's Economy & Freedoms" at the Windham Veterans Center, at 35 Veterans Memorial Drive, Windham, Maine. Refreshments will be at 6:00 p.m. and the main program will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$1 (with larger donations gratefully accepted). More information available at https://grayrepublicans.org.

St. Anne Sodality of Holy Family Perish, Prince of Perish membership meeting, 6 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m. Senior Flex exercises to follow by Linn Morin, A.F.A.A certified fitness instructor. For more information call (207) 523-9055. Light refreshments served by Flo Marquies.

Thursday, Nov. 21

Under African Skies Benefit at Side by Each Brewery and Pinky D's Poutine Factory, 1110 Minot Avenue, Auburn, from 6 to 8 pm.

Great Falls forum featuring Sarah Perry at the Lewiston Public Library from 12 to 1 p.m. Free admission, bring-your-own, brown-bag lunch. Coffee, tea and bottled water will be available. For more information contact the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3135 or LPLReference@gmail. com.

Friday, Nov. 22

Craft Brew Underground free Improv Comedy show, 34 Court Street, Auburn at 8 p.m. For more information, visit Craft Brew Underground on Facebook or by calling (207) 241-8520.

Come out Swinin' musical at the Franco, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 and available online at http://www.francocenter.org/events/come-out-swingin-2/. For more information, please call the Franco Center Box Office at (207) 689-2000.

Saturday, Nov. 23

Gingerbread Fair at First Universalist Church, Auburn 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information call 783-0461 or visit www.auburnuu.org.

Holiday Vendor/Craft Fair at Warriors Ports Club, 17 Madison Avenue, Oxford, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information contact Emma at (207) 330-5330

Public Office Hours at Couture Room, Lewiston Public Library, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lewiston's delegates to the Maine Legislature answer questions and provide an update of the current legislative session. To RSVP, see http://bit.ly/lewistonofficehours.

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Christmas Craft Fair at Auburn United Methodist,439 Park Avenue, Auburn, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Besides the hundreds of craft items available, there will also be books, jewelry, children's gifts, all types of miscellaneous gifts and lots of food.

Annual Holly Fair & Chowder Luncheon at First Congregational Church of Gray, Paris House, 5 Brown Street, Gray, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cookie Trail, RADA Cutlery, crafts, pet items, white elephant room, Vermont Cabot Chedder Cheese, Crossroads coffee baked goods, donuts and free coffee. There will also be \$100 gift card for which you receive an entry ticket when you make a purchase from a vendor.

Sunday, Nov. 24

Wreath Making Class at Beaver Park, Lisbon, 12 p.m. Fresh cut greenery, pinecones and other decorations provided. Cost is \$15. For more information and to register call Lisbon Parks and Recreation, (207) 353-2289.

Monday, Nov. 25

Wreath Making Class at Beaver Park, Lisbon, 6 p.m. Fresh cut greenery, pinecones and other decorations provided. Cost is \$15. For more information and to register call Lisbon Parks and Recreation, (207) 353-2289.

"Meet a Franco Author" presenter Susann Pelletier at USM's Lewiston Auburn College, Room 170 at 7 p.m. Event is open to the public.

Monday, Dec. 2

Wreath Making Class at Beaver Park, Lisbon, 6 p.m. Fresh cut greenery, pinecones and other decorations provided. Cost is \$15. For more information and to register call Lisbon

come-out-swingin-2/. For Parks and Recreation, (207) more information, please 353-2289.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Wreath Making Class at Beaver Park, Lisbon, 6 p.m. Fresh cut greenery, pinecones and other decorations provided. Cost is \$15. For more information and to register call Lisbon Parks and Recreation, (207) 353-2289.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Wreath Making at RSU Adult Education, 129 Elm Street, Mechanic Falls 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$27. Registration may be completed online at http://mechanicfalls.maineadulted.org, by mail at PO Box 129, Mechanic Falls ME 04256, in person at 129 Elm Street, or by calling 345-3217.

Winter Clothing donations Needed

The Auburn United Methodist Church is asking for donations of clean, warm winter coats, jackets, boots, mittens, hats, and blankets. Our community has many needy families and homeless who depend on us to help where we can. Please drop off any donations you can spare to the Church, at 439 Park Avenue, or call the office at 782-3972 for additional information

Hamilton

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Wayne Hamilton, a Searsport native, has been on the water most of his life. He lobstered before opening his first "store" in his Searsport garage in 1977 selling commercial fishing supplies. Shortly afterward he moved to Route 1 and was joined by his (late) wife, Loraine and her siblings. "We're still family owned and operated," said Hamilton, "and try to keep a family feel to the place even though we now have over 150 employees."

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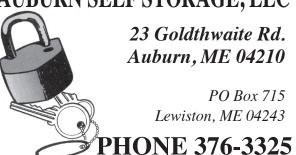
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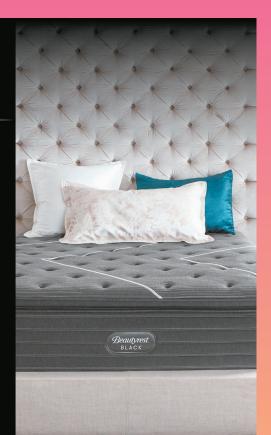
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