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The Androscoggin Readers Theater 11th season



Pictured left to right: front, Joel Goodman, High Keene, Director; Faith Towle, Curt Webber, Judy Webber; back, Christopher Lansley, Linda Jackson-Washburn, Nancy Daniels, Robert Gardner, Joanne Sabourin, Treasurer. Absent when photo was taken, Joanne Tetreault.

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

The Androscoggin Readers Theater (ART), now in its 11th Season, is continuing to visit senior housing facilities to present performances of its original, humorous scripts that explore the quirks, peculiarities and idiosyn-

crasies of senior life, all in good fun!

As requested, ART members returned to SeniorPlus, Lewiston, on November 11, Veteran's Day, for an afternoon performance, open to the public. Despite the big storm, loyal fans attended and expressed their appreciation of the

animated and fun-filled performance.

Hugh Keene, newly appointed as Director of the group, succeeding Naomi York, long time director, introduced the group and acknowledged our Veterans on their day. The skits are the creations of Nancy Daniels and Joel Goodman.

Gorham School System Awarded for Excellence



These are proud days for the Gorham School System, and all residents of Gorham. We have so many dedicated and talented members of the school family, and it makes us all so happy to learn of the recognition many of them have been awarded. If you see any of these happy faces be sure to congratulate them and thank them for everything they do

for our children.

Amy Cousins (left), Gorham Middle School Art Teacher received the 2020 Maine Art Teacher of the Year Award, Heather Whitaker, Gorham Middle School Alternative Education Teacher won the 2020 Maine Teacher of the Year Award, Susan Adolf, Narragansett Elementary Teacher was the 2020 recipient of

the Glen Nerbak Excellence in Teaching Award, Kathy Hamblen, Director of Special Education received the 2019 Maine Special Education Director of the Year Award, Adam Parvanta, Gorham High School Technology Teacher was the winner of the 2020 National Milken Award, and Dr. Chris Record is the 2020 Assistant Superintendent of the Year.

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Railroad Club to sponsor ExTRAINaganza



The Great Falls Model Railroad Club of Auburn will hold its annual holiday season “ExTRAINaganza,” a unique four-day family fun event with special activities for children, at 144 Mill Street in Auburn on the weekends before and after Thanksgiving. The handicapped-accessible club house, across from the Barker Mill, will be decorated for Christmas with trains of various sizes operating on five permanent layouts throughout the two-story building. The ExTRAINaganza will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 23; Sunday, November 24; Friday, November 29; and Saturday, November 30.

Long trains running on multiple tracks and through the tunnels of the large G-gauge layout greet visitors as they enter the building. The interactive ski slope is a special feature of the attractive winter scene. In the main room, guests will see brightly decorated Christ-

mas trees, railroad games, and craft tables. Around the corner, young children can enjoy Thomas the Tank Engine on a separate layout in the G-gauge room, with other engines from the Thomas series running on the upper trestle. Adults and children will discover that the G-gauge layout has many unique features that were hidden from the entrance. In the next room interesting details have been added to the club’s permanent layout for the smaller n-scale. Trains will also be operating on the new Lionel layout, which is still under construction in the hallway.

Older children can sign up to be “Guest Engineers” and operate one of the trains on the club’s extensive HO layout downstairs. Long-time residents of the area will recognize Bates Mill #5 and many of the 1950’s scenes reproduced in the Lewiston Lower section of the HO layout.

Children will enjoy

decorating and eating gingerbread boys and girls, creating Christmas ornaments to take home, and playing the special railroad games designed by the club. The younger children always have fun with the Brio set and age-appropriate trains in the children’s play area. While watching these activities, parents can enjoy light refreshments from conveniently located tables and chairs in the craft area. TRAIN TIME videos, produced by the Great Falls Model Railroad Club and seen on many local cable channels, will be shown continuously each day and are available for sale.

Tickets for decorating cookies, making ornaments, and playing games with prizes are \$1 a piece or 7 for \$5. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children 12 and under. For more details and photos of the ExTRAINaganza in previous years, see www.greatfallsmodelrrclub.org

Guest Column: The tide is beginning to turn on Maine’s lead crisis

By Sen. Nate Libby

The U.S. banned the use of lead paint in 1977. Yet, four decades later, hundreds of children and families in Lewiston-Auburn are still dealing with the harmful consequences. The rest of the state doesn’t fare much better as home to one of the nation’s oldest housing stocks.

Maine continues to grapple with not only preventing lead poisoning but also identifying and treating it. The most common source of lead exposure is old wooden windows covered in lead paint. Opening and closing the windows allows the lead paint to turn into a fine dust that settles into curtains and on to carpets where kiddos play and accidentally inhale the poison. For a long time, it was hard for everyone from parents to local officials to even know which children were in danger.

The good news is that the tide is beginning to turn. Between several newly enacted laws, substantial funding from the federal government, and the work of local public health groups and health providers on the ground, it seems we are finally reaching a turning point in this crisis.

For too long, Maine lagged behind all the other northeastern states in screening young children for lead. Over half of Maine’s one- and two-year-olds were going without the simple, cheap and easy pinprick blood test at their annual checkups. That’s why, this year, I introduced and enacted new legislation to require universal lead testing

in Maine. To treat children with lead poisoning and remove the toxins from their homes, we need to be able to identify them. Universal lead testing will help Maine children get the treatment they need earlier and make sure their home is safe for the entire family.

The new law builds on recent efforts to better identify Maine children with lead poisoning and take appropriate action. A 2015 law updated how Maine measures lead poisoning to reflect federal standards. Since that law took effect in 2016, more than 1,000 Maine children have been identified as having lead poisoning. Of that thousand, 92 percent of the children wouldn’t have been identified without this law. Consequently, those children wouldn’t have received the intervention necessary to protect them from further harm.

Every child we identify and treat for lead poisoning is a win. However, the cost of removing lead paint from old homes and apartment buildings can be enormous. With more children being identified due to increased screenings and stronger standards, more funding is needed to abate their homes. Lewiston City Officials estimate that it costs \$36,000 to abate the average 3 unit building. Fortunately, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has stepped up to help. Since 2002, Lewiston has received four grants totaling \$10 million in remediation funds. Last month, HUD announced that it would send an addi-

tional \$5.2 million funds. These funds are essential as we move forward with this work.

Between the headlines both locally and out of Flint, Michigan, public awareness about the dangers of lead is on the rise. The connection between early childhood lead poisoning and learning disabilities, lifetime earnings potential, and even our incarceration rates has become crystal clear. Prolonged lead exposure at a young age can interfere with brain development at the most critical stages. It can limit both a child’s ability to learn and the ability to regulate behaviors later on. While no amount of lead exposure is safe for children, catching and treating lead poisoning early is vital if we want Maine kids to thrive.

Every child deserves the chance to grow up healthy and thrive. With this new law in place, more kids will have that chance.

In 1991, my predecessors in the Legislature enacted what they believed was an aggressive series of programs with the stated goal of eradicating lead poisoning by 2010. Although former lawmakers meant well, it’s clear that people didn’t truly understand the size and scope of the problem. Now, largely thanks to hardworking health care providers, community organizations, public officials, and advocates, we have the facts, we have a plan and we’re starting to see results.

Nate Libby serves as Senate Majority Leader in the Maine Senate and represents the city of Lewiston.

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Governor's Address: I look forward to hearing your thoughts on how we can foster economic growth in Maine

This past week I had a great discussion up at Blair Hill Inn and Restaurant in Greenville with business owners, residents, development leaders and local lawmakers. We focused on ideas and strategies for economic growth in rural Maine, particularly Western Maine.

You know diversifying our economy, empowering innovators and attracting young, talented people to live and work in Maine is crucial to the future of our state.

That's why earlier this year, I directed the Department of Economic and Community Development to create the very first long-term statewide economic development plan in decades.

That plan, which will be finalized in the coming weeks, is being

written with input from government agencies, business leaders, educational institutions, private organizations and individuals like yourselves. It will focus on strategies to enhance economic growth, particularly in rural Maine, and address Maine's workforce challenges.

As we finalize that plan, I think it's important for me to hear the voices of business leaders and residents all over Maine, to understand their challenges and to learn how state government can help.

So, during our discussion up in Greenville, I heard about the issues that town faces, from funding local schools without increasing property taxes to repairing aging roads and bridges to health care and energy costs. I listened and I shared what my Administration has done to date to address those challenges.



Governor Janet Mills

In the biennial budget for instance, we invested \$115 million in K-12 education, we began raising the minimum teacher salary to \$40,000, and we allocated \$18 million to repair aging school infrastructure.

We also invested \$75 million in property tax relief for Maine seniors, families, and small businesses. That's money going back to you.

We fully funded the Medicaid expansion program and we restored Maine's Low-Cost Drugs for the Elderly and Dis-

abled Program. We enacted legislation to help lower the cost of prescription drugs, and we told the federal government that Maine will pursue its own state-based exchange to put us in the driver's seat when it comes to health care.

And don't forget to check www.CoverME.gov this week to find out what health insurance is available to you at the lowest cost and best coverage.

We also enacted—with the voters' approval—a \$105 million transportation bond to repair roads, highways and bridges, and to protect working waterfronts, and to restore commercial fishing wharfs.

Of course, we still have a lot to do. Every rural community has its strengths. For example, besides Greenville, I also visited Monson and Monson Arts which is located

in downtown Monson and which offers four-week residencies to artists and writers from all over the place as well as intensive workshops and programs for local school kids and community members.

I met resident artists and writers and learned about the program's work to spark educational growth, to attract people to rural Maine, and reinvigorate the economy of that town. I also visited Jemma Gascoine Pottery and Monson General Store on Main Street in Monson and talked about their experiences and their excitement about the future.

Undoubtedly the strategy to growing our rural economy will be multi-faceted, but one thing is clear. Supporting these rural communities as they build on their own strengths—as Monson and Greenville are doing—is critical.

Backing local businesses and organizations to attract talented people to live and work in rural Maine will expand our workforce, which is a key aspect of growing our economy statewide. There is a spot for everyone in Maine's economy, and we need everyone to participate.

I want innovators and entrepreneurs, families, and business owners to know that Maine has not only an unmatched quality of life, but also unmatched opportunity in new industries across our state.

I look forward to visiting more communities and hearing your thoughts on how we can foster economic growth in Maine in the coming months.

Thank You,
Janet Mills
Governor

'Basic Life Support' certification course offered at Central Maine Community College

The Center for Workforce & Professional Development at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) will offer the American Heart Association's Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers course on Friday, December 13 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This course is designed to provide healthcare professionals with the skills to keep people alive until they can be brought to a hospital or be treated with

more advanced lifesaving measures. This course covers adult and pediatric CPR, use of the bag-valve mask, airway obstruction, automated external defibrillation (with child AED update), stroke and cardiac arrest and other special resuscitation situations.

This course is open to the public and intended for physicians, nurses, paramedics, first responders, medical technicians, aids or assistants and anyone whose work brings them into con-

tact with members of the public such as school, hotel, fitness center and restaurant employees. The cost of the class is \$89 and includes materials.

For more information or to register, please contact CMCC's Center for Workforce & Professional Development at 207-755-5280, email workforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu or visit www.cmcc.edu/professionaldevelopment. Registration deadline is December 6.

Tri-Town Optimist Club



Pictured l to r: 6th grade teacher Holly Patenaude, student Chloe Helms and Principal Kaitlynn Brown

The Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland Tri-Town Optimist Club is proud to announce its November RSU 16 Student of the month recipient, Chloe Helms. A sixth grader from Minot Consolidated School, Chloe is recognized by teachers for being an exceptional role model who always comes to school with a smile on her face and ready to learn. She accepts challenges willingly, cares genuinely for others and always strives to do her best. Congratulations Chloe!

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Auburn Savings Bank presents donation to Safe Voices



Safe Voices Executive Director Elise Johansen accepts a donation from Auburn Savings Bank, presented by Auburn Savings Bank President and CEO Bill Tracy.

On November 5, Auburn Savings Bank presented a donation check in the amount of \$2,500 to Lewiston-based non-profit Safe Voices. Auburn Savings Bank President & CEO Bill Tracy presented Safe Voices Executive Director Elise Johansen with the donation on behalf of the bank.

Auburn Savings Bank is proud to support Safe Voices and the work they do to support and empower individuals and families affected by domestic violence

in Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin Counties. Safe Voices provides education, resources and support to those in need.

“We are honored to provide this donation to such a committed advocate for the community,” said Bill Tracy, President and CEO of Auburn Savings Bank. “Every day the staff and volunteers at Safe Voices work to ensure the safety of those in our community, and we’re proud to support their cause.”

Auburn Savings is a full-service bank with a heart. Auburn Savings has invested in the community of Lewiston-Auburn since 1887 and continues to work hard to provide convenient financial services for individuals, families, businesses, and the Lewiston-Auburn community. The bank has two branch locations, one on Court Street in Auburn, and another on Sabattus Street in Lewiston. For more information, visit auburnsavings.com.

Brad Marshall joins Fontaine Team as new agent

Fontaine Family – The Real Estate Leader is pleased to announce the addition of Brad Marshall to the team at their Auburn location.

Brad grew up in Mexico, Maine and graduated from Mountain Valley High School in Rumford. He then attended Thomas College, majoring in Business Management. He graduated as a member of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society and a Senator George Mitchell Scholar.

Brad’s previous employment at Verso paper Mill in Jay will allow him to present himself professionally to his real estate clients and offer them great customer service. Brad currently resides in Mexico and enjoys spending time with his dependable and supportive family. In his spare time, Brad loves to kayak and fish, play basketball and disc golf, and go hiking with his friends. He is also an avid Boston Celtics fan.

Brad comes to Fontaine with his Maine real estate sales agent license and looks forward to working with both buyers and sellers. Brad will be working out of our Auburn location and can be reached at 207-357-5322 or brad@fontaine-team.com.



Brad Marshall

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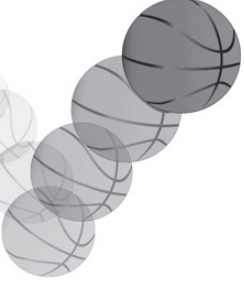
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Gippers 12th Annual Basketball Tip-Off Classic



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The Auburn Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame will present the Gippers 12th Annual Basketball Tip-Off Classic November 22 to 23. This year's tournament will be held at Edward Little High School Gymnasium, 77 Harris St, Auburn. Local and area high school teams will be competing in games scheduled for the afternoon and evening of both dates.

Daily admission will be \$5 for adults, and \$3 for students and senior citizens. The schedule for November 22, Girls Basketball: 3:30 p.m. Edward Little vs Gray - New Gloucester; 5 p.m.

Poland vs. Lewiston; 6:30 p.m. Gray—New Gloucester vs. Lewiston; 8 p.m. Edward Little vs. Poland

The schedule for November 23, Boys Basketball: 11:30 a.m. Edward Little JV vs. Lewiston JV; 1 a.m. Gorham vs. Edward Little; 2:30 a.m. Poland vs. Fryeburg Academy; 4:30 a.m. Gorham vs. Lewiston; 6 p.m. Fryeburg Academy vs. Edward Little; 7:30 p.m. Poland vs. Lewiston.

The Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame has been a part of the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

since March of 1983. Over the past 35 years, there have been 150 inductees to the Sports Hall of Fame. The annual awards banquet takes place in late spring and also includes the Chamber President's Award for outstanding current achievement, and the "Flashback to Fame" Team Award to the championship teams of the past. Over the years, the Auburn Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame has become a major community activity of the Chamber. The Hall of Fame inductee plaques can be viewed at Gippers Sports Grill in Auburn.

St. Dom's to hold open house and placement test next week in Auburn

Saint Dominic Academy invites all prospective school parents, students, and families to an open house on Thursday, November 21, at its Auburn campus on 121 Gracelawn Avenue.

The open house is from 2:30 to 6 p.m. Visitors can take a tour of the campus and meet coaches, teachers, and students to hear about the St. Dom's experience.

"If, as Jesus says, 'Where your heart is, there your treasure will be,' the heart of St. Dom's can most definitely be found in its people—its faculty, its students, its parents, its benefactors and supporters," said Timothy Gallic, president of St. Dom's. "That is where we find our treasure. From them come love and

compassion, stability, and welcome. These are the qualities of a successful school, and we look forward to having people observe our special community on November 21."

Two days later, a ninth-grade placement test will be held at the Auburn campus on Saturday, November 23, at 8:30 a.m.

The test is a standardized, timed test required of every eighth grader applying to attend St. Dom's (entering ninth grade for 2020-2021 school year).

It is not an entrance exam. It contains five sections that measure verbal ability, quantitative ability, reading comprehension, mathematics, and components of written language.

"By introducing this new placement test, we will make certain that students are placed appropriately in our school," said Gallic. "This test is used primarily for course placement to ensure that our upper grades are receiving challenging course work and given the best opportunities to be successful."

For questions about the placement test or to register for the test, contact Marilyn Beauparlant at (207) 782-6911 or marilyn.beauparlant@portlanddiocese.org.

If you can't attend the open house but wish to schedule a tour of either the Auburn or Lewiston campus, visit www.stdoms-maine.org.

Storybook Trail completed for Girl Scout Silver Award

Lorenza Piper a Girl Scout with Troop 1214 in Gray/New Gloucester completed her Silver Award project earlier this fall. She calls the project "Story Book Trail", having gotten the idea from visiting a similar trail when she was on a hike with her family. She worked hard, planning, budgeting, and building podiums to put pages of the children's book "Hold This", into. She then placed each podium along a Gray Rec trail behind the Henry Pennell Municipal offices; for children and their families to enjoy while out walking.

She would like to thank everyone who supported her along the way, Mel Craig (advisor), Ben Verrill (construction), Dean Bennett and Gray Trail Network, Gray True Value and Hardware (supplies and advice), Machino Lumber and LOWE's (Materials). "Lorenza, you did an outstanding job on this project and you should be proud of your community spirit. Once again, thank you!" said Dean Bennett, Gray Parks and Facilities Director.



Lorenza Piper

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What's Going On

Community Credit Union donates to St. Mary's Nutrition Center



Pictured l to r: Jo-Ann Jackson of Community CU, Patricia Cook of St. Mary's Food Pantry and Ashley Ward of Community CU.

Recently Community Credit Union presented the St. Mary's Food Pantry with a check in the amount of \$500. St. Mary's Food Pantry provides food for over 1,000 people per week. In addition, St. Mary's Nutrition Center supported over 130 households with their urban gardens located through the cities. They are located on Bates Street in Lewiston.

Community Credit Union participates in the Maine Credit Union

League's initiative known as the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger. Maine Credit Unions have raised over \$8.5 million since 1990 to help end hunger in Maine. At the end of each year, 100% of the money raised by each individual participating credit union is given back to that credit union to be distributed to hunger organization in their community. In 2018 alone, participating Maine Credit Unions raised a new record

total of more than \$792,901 for the Ending Hunger Campaign.

Community Credit Union is a member-owned, full service financial institution that has been serving its members and the community since 1945. Community Credit Union has branches located at 144 Pine Street, Lewiston; 40 Stanley Street, Auburn and 1025 Auburn Road, Turner. For more information, log onto www.communitycreditunion.com.

Town of Norway to benefit from \$3.8 million USDA investment in community infrastructure

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Donald "DJ" LaVoy has announced that USDA is investing \$394 million to improve critical community facilities in 28 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. USDA is making the investments through the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program. In Maine, the Town of Norway has been selected to receive a total of \$3.8 million in infrastructure improvements to benefit the community.

"Modern facilities for essential services such as schools, first responders, hospitals and health clinics are the bedrock to healthy and prosperous communities," LaVoy said. "Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue, USDA is committed to being a strong partner in building and modernizing facilities and creating jobs and educational opportunities, because when rural America thrives, all of America thrives."

USDA Rural Development State Director Timothy P. Hobbs said, "Investing in rural communities, like Norway, helps to ensure that Maine people have access to the infrastructure they need. The investment in upgrades to Norway's

municipal building will result in expanded space for first responders, while construction of a new highway building will help maintain roads. These projects deliver critical services that help build thriving rural Maine communities."

In Maine, the Town of Norway will receive a total of \$3.8 for two community projects:

The Town of Norway will receive \$3,120,000 in Community Facilities Direct Loan funds to fund the construction of a new 18,000 square foot highway building with an attached 1,800 square foot wash bay. The new building will include three maintenance bays, an overhead crane, six double drive-thru bays, staff offices, a locker room, two bathrooms, one ADA shower, a tools and parts room, a kitchen, and a utility room for the town of Norway. The existing highway building is undersized, structurally deficient, and needs numerous repairs. It is also inadequate to store all of the town's equipment. The new building will provide more room for the employees and adequate storage of the Town's equipment that needs to be kept under cover. This new highway building will meet the current and future needs for the town.

The Town of Norway will receive a Community Facilities Direct Loan in the amount of \$700,000 to provide funding assistance to complete the necessary renovations and upgrades to the municipal complex for the Town of Norway. This project will include the construction of a three bay, two-story garage for police cruisers, which will allow adequate storage for cruisers to be kept under cover. The garage will also have space for storage, evidence lockers and a police locker room. This project will also convert the community space, kitchen, and recreation space into the police department. The evidence/security safe will be

expanded and an additional IT room/office is also being planned. The public space flooring and 30-year-old diesel generator will be replaced and the phone wiring and windows for the facility will be upgraded. The renovations and upgrades to the municipal complex will meet the needs of today and future needs for the town.

More than 100 types of projects are eligible for Community Facilities program funding. Eligible applicants include municipalities, public bodies, nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Native American tribes. Projects must be in rural areas with a population of 20,000 or less.

The investments announced today will benefit 1.6 million people in Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Vermont and West Virginia.

Interested parties should contact Robert Nadeau, Community Programs Director, at (207) 990-9121 or robert.nadeau@usda.gov for information about funding, application procedures and eligibility details. Also see the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program Guidance Book for Applicants, a detailed overview of the application process.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

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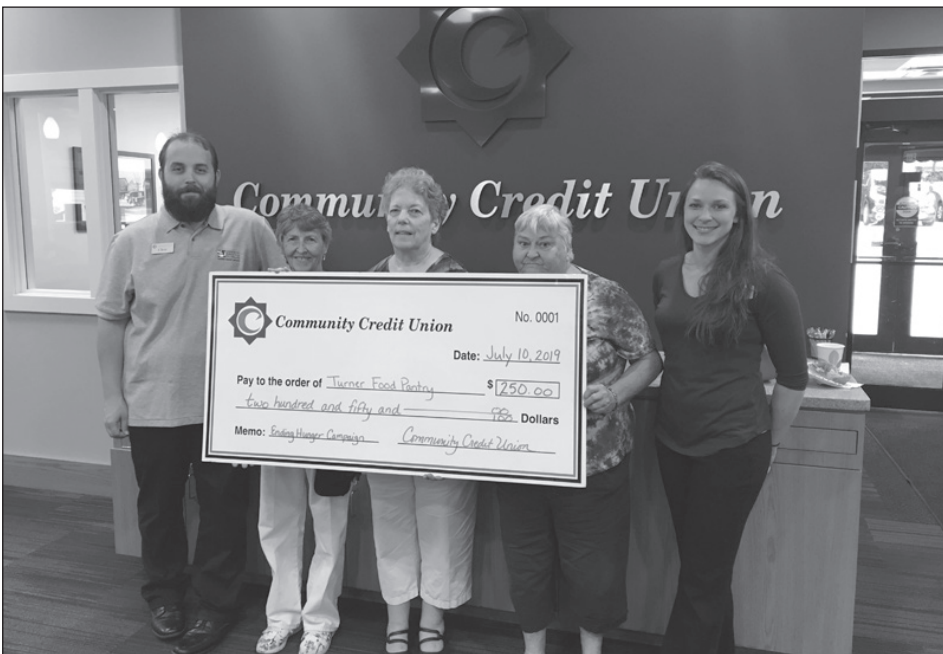
A breakfast meeting for all academic program advisory committees was held recently at Central Maine Community College (CMCC). Pictured here are members of the Human Services committee. From left to right are Jessica LeChance, Tri-County Mental Health; Dr. Jesse Morris, program chair;

Bonnie Iwans, Norway Rehab Center; Aurelie Bush, DHHS; Sondra Worthington, DHHS; and Donna Alexander, TRIO Retention/Tutoring Coordinator at CMCC and Human Services program graduate.

All programs at CMCC have an advisory committee consisting of representatives of those organizations

and businesses that employ graduates of the college. In addition to assisting with program planning and development, committee members provide helpful information about jobs and employment trends, educational opportunities, and serve as an important communications link between employers and the college.

Community Credit Union assists Turner area families with food insecurity



Pictured l to r: Chris Cote of Community CU, Terri Ham, Martha Hodgkins and Susan Cox of the Turner Food Pantry, Therese Raymond of Community CU.

Community Credit Union was proud to present The Turner Food Pantry a donation in the amount of \$250. The Pantry is located within the Boofy Quimby Memorial Center in North Turner and is staffed by volunteers from the North Turner Union Presbyterian Church. This year they served more than 50 Turner families throughout the year. Turner residents seeking assistance are welcome to call the Food Pantry at 207-395-5256 or they may contact the Turner Town Office by

calling 207-225-3414.

Community Credit Union participates in the Maine Credit Union League's initiative known as the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger. Maine Credit Unions have raised over \$8.5 million since 1990 to help end hunger in Maine. At the end of each year, 100% of the money raised by each individual participating credit union is given back to that credit union to be distributed to hunger organization in their community. In 2018

alone, participating Maine Credit Unions raised a new record total of more than \$792,901 for the Ending Hunger Campaign.

Community Credit Union is a member-owned, full service financial institution that has been serving its members and the community since 1945. Community Credit Union has branches located at 144 Pine Street, Lewiston; 40 Stanley Street, Auburn and 1025 Auburn Road, Turner. For more information, log onto www.communitycreditunion.com.

What's Going On

Orphans from war torn Ukraine coming to Maine



United Nations and international children's rights groups have reported on the growing number of children living in state-run orphanages in Ukraine, due to the ongoing war with Russia and economic collapse. Now, families in Maine can directly impact some of these children by providing respite from war and poverty with a four-week Christmas visit to the US.

Host Ukraine is bringing more than 100 children from Ukrainian orphanages to family homes this holiday season. From December 16 to January 12, these kids will enjoy housing, food, and the love of a family for the holiday season. Maine resident Gina Stearman describes this program as "a reverse mission trip that your family and community can participate in." The Stearman's have opened their home to several Ukrainian orphans over the past three years, and share, "it's been more of a blessing than we could have imagined seeing the transformation of these children during their time with us."

Approximately 25 host families are still needed to avoid leaving any child

behind. With a growing economic crisis and instability, orphanages are experiencing increases in the number of children abandoned to state care while budgets for food, medicine, clothing and other essentials continues to decline. The exact number of children in state care in Ukraine varies between government agencies, but it is estimated between 95,000 and 200,000 and is on the rise. Recent reports from

UNICEF and Disability Rights International highlight the dangers children face in institutions. Hosting provides a way to change the life of one child, in a tangible way, and transforms them from a statistic to a person.

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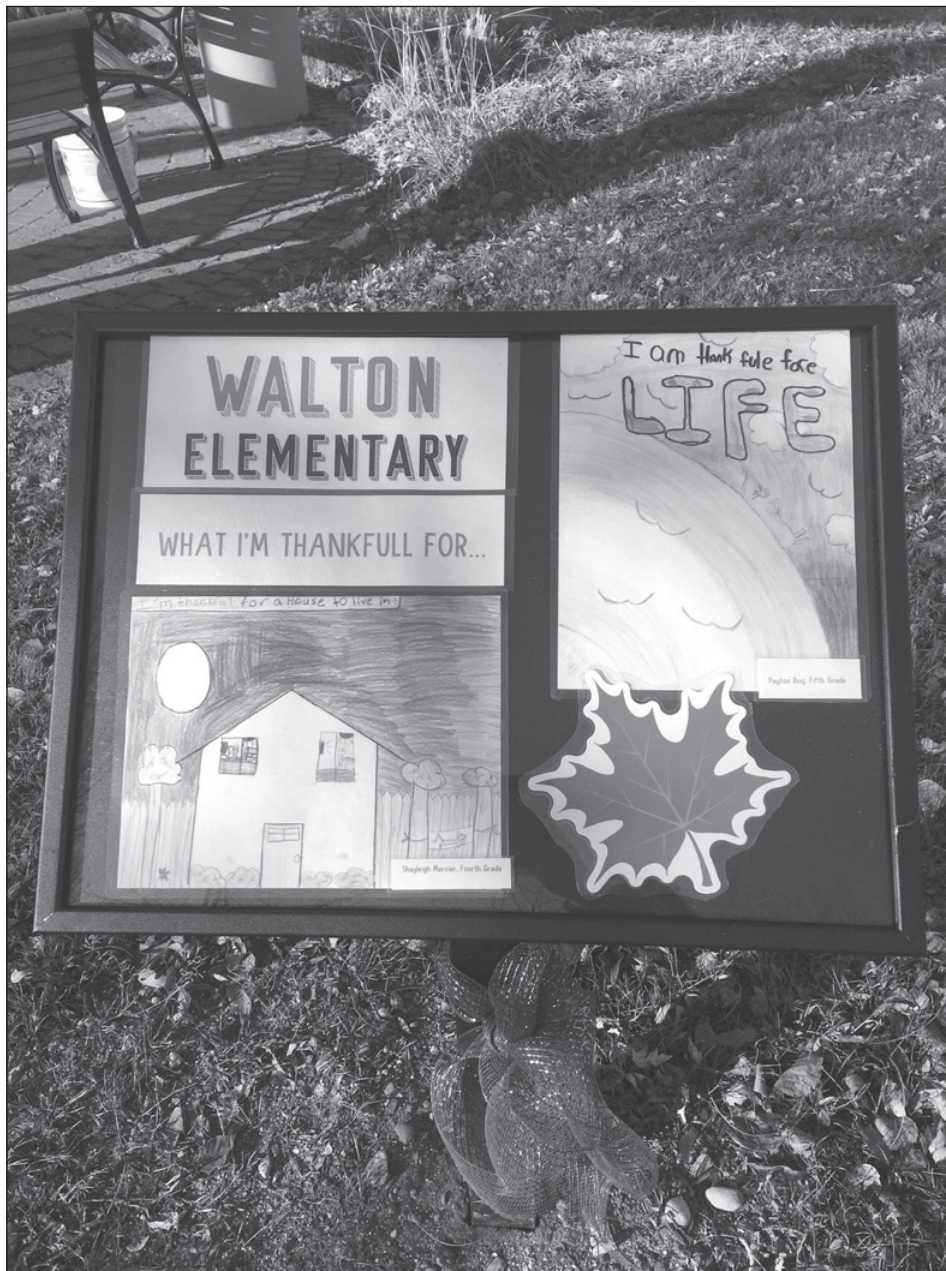
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During the month of November, our display cases will be featuring art and essays by Walton Elementary students about the importance of being thankful and

giving back.

For more information about Auburn's Storywalk, contact Sabrina Best, Auburn Recreation Director at sbest@auburnmaine.gov or 333-6611.

Rep. Fay receives "Champions of Change" award



Rep. Fay receives the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence "Champions of Change Award" from Andrea Mancuso.

Rep. Jessica Fay, D-Raymond, received the "Champions of Change" award from the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV). Fay received the award for her work on her bill to help victims of economic abuse.

"Although I am very grateful for this recognition, this was really a team effort. When I knocked on the door of a constituent in 2016, I had no idea that conversation would lead to such an important law being passed. A big part of the credit should go to Jeannine Oren," Fay said. "She first told me about this issue and has been a driving force behind it."

Many domestic abuse situations involve economic abuse, when an abuser uses access to money to control a victim. This control can

keep someone in an abusive relationship and make it harder to leave a dangerous situation. When survivors are able to separate, they often leave with their finances and credit history destroyed.

Fay's championing of the issue has resulted in the passage of a new law that provides a range of protections for survivors of economic abuse, and an increasing awareness that controlling finances is a common and devastating tactic used by abusive people.

Representatives from Maine's Federal Delegation also shared their congratulations.

"It is not possible to put words to the significant impact that this work has on our state...with your support, many victims have

found exceptional strength to tell their story, reclaim their safety and economic security and support others facing similar circumstances," wrote Sen. Angus King in a letter of congratulations read by his regional representative.

MCEDV is a Maine-based nonprofit organization that works to end domestic abuse, dating abuse, stalking, elder abuse and commercial sex trafficking. The award was presented at a ceremony at Maple Hill Farm in Hallowell last Monday.

Fay is serving her second term in the Maine Legislature and represents parts of Casco, Poland and Raymond. She serves on the Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee.



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'Come Out Swingin'!' opens this weekend



Pictured l to r: Cast members Erin Marengi (Boom Boom); Lucy Poland (Rita); Glenn Atkins (A "Visitor"); and Bre Allard (Germaine), react during a rehearsal for "Come Out Swingin'!" The musical will be performed at the Franco Center this weekend.

The premiere of the brand new musical comedy of "Come Out Swingin'!" by Brian Daly opens Friday, November 22 at the Franco Center in Lewiston. All about Lewiston hosting the Ali-Liston heavyweight title fight in 1965, it's a traditional Broadway-style show with original songs, lots of laughs, and plenty of heart.

It is May of 1965, just months after the assassination of Malcolm X. The controversial Ali-Liston bout has been moved at the last minute to Lewiston, the unlikeliest venue ever for a world championship fight. Lewiston City Hall staffer Mickey St. Pierre sees this as his hometown's big chance to take its rightful

place among the world's great cities. By dint of his boundless enthusiasm, he gets the colorful characters of Lewiston fired up to play host to celebrity jet setters and the world's top sportswriters. Controversy and problems ensue, especially after Mickey learns that a hit man may be on his way to Lewiston to assassinate Ali. This was truly history

in the making!

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



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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.

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Maine Event Comedy presents the Tightest Five semifinals

Maine Event Comedy will present The Tightest Five semifinals at Bear Bones Beer, Thursday, November 21 at 7 p.m. Tammy Pooler will be the evening's featured comedian.

Any stand-up comedian will tell you they have a tight five minutes, but who has the Tightest Five? Mark Turcotte will host 11 semifinalists as they perform their best five minutes of original material. Five will advance to the finals on December 19. Along with bragging rights, the winner's haul includes over \$200 in cash and prizes.

Semifinalists include Anita Alef, Chris Fritz, Joe Flynn, Al Ghanekar, Nick Gordon, Leonard Kimble, Mike Levinsky, Ian MacDonald, Dave McLaughlin, Tyler Morrow, and Nate Hamlyn.

Pooler was voted Maine's Best Comic by readers of the Portland Phoenix, featured in the Maine Comedy Festival, and provides the voice of "Betty"



Tammy Pooler

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 "hairapist," cosmetologist, wife, and mother, has given her plenty of stories to share.

The show is free and for ages 21-and-older. Bear Bones Beer is located at 43 Lisbon Street, Lewiston. For more information call 207-513-0742 or e-mail maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

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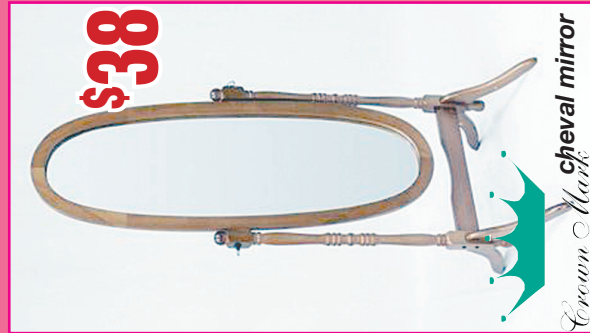
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“Giving Trees” to Sprout in Auburn Lewiston churches



Pictured (l to r): Pamela Kay, teacher and Key Club advisor; Robert Roberge, Knights of Columbus; Emma Wolverton, secretary of the Key Club; and Lucy Frenette, president of the Key Club.

From pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade, students at Saint Dominic Academy in Auburn and Lewiston are consistently involved in service, helping many in need around them while gaining a deeper understanding of community, generosity, and responsibility.

One of the prime examples of the academy’s commitment to educating its students on the importance of giving back is the “Giving Tree” initiative, organized by the St. Dom’s Key Club, a service organization that allows students to volunteer in the school and community for the good of all people.

“The ‘Giving Tree’ has been one of the Key Club’s community service projects for five years,” said Marilyn Beauparlant, enrollment director at the academy. “Community members, school families, and the Knights of Columbus help the club gather hats, jackets, and other holiday gifts for local families and organizations in need.”

The Key Club will oversee giving trees located at the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Holy Cross Church, and Holy Family Church, all in Lewiston, as well as trees stationed at the academy itself. Additional giving trees have been placed at nearby Our

Lady of the Rosary Church in Sabattus and Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon Falls.

Those who wish to help simply take a tag from the tree. Each tag lists a different item to be purchased and returned to the church for distribution to people in need. Depending on the particular tree, items range from personal hygiene products, blankets, and food supplies to gift cards, toys, and clothes.

Among the organizations that will receive the donated items this year are three Lewiston elementary schools, Tri-County Mental Health Services, St. Mary’s Health System, and others.

“Last year, the Key Club was able to help over 40 children, but this year they are planning on helping 150,” said Beauparlant.

The club will also provide food baskets for individuals and families in need this holiday season and recently helped the Knights of Columbus raise thousands of dollars in their Tootsie Roll Drive and worked at their bean supper fundraiser.

“Our success in these initiatives is due in no small part to the combined efforts of the Knights and volunteers from the St. Dom’s Key Club,” said Brian Labrecque, grand knight of the Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council #10019.

“They have provided tremendous support.”

Through the many service projects of the Key Club and other organizations at St. Dom’s, the students are spreading the Gospel and fulfilling a call to serve those in need.

“The best experiences, the most memorable lessons, occur when the students are full actors in what they do,” said Timothy Gallic, president of Saint Dominic Academy. “We want students filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit as they are taught to be leaders in our community. A school filled with joy and gratitude is a mark of good things happening, and we are so grateful for the impact of the Key Club and our other service initiatives.”

If you would like to participate in the “Giving Tree” initiative, stop by one of the churches listed above or St. Dom’s Auburn campus on 121 Gracelawn Avenue to pick up a tag. Items can be dropped off at the academy through Monday, December 16. For more information, call the academy at (207) 782-6911.

What’s Going On

WinterKids app memberships open for Maine & New Hampshire families to stay active this winter

The annual WinterKids App membership is now available. Families who purchase a membership and download the app will have access to offers on lift tickets, equipment rentals, gear, and much more at over 80 recreational areas and retailers around Maine and New Hampshire. New offers will be added to the app regularly throughout the winter, and in the off-season.

This is the second year of the WinterKids App, which replaced the Passport booklet last year. Users can register up to five family members for \$35. The app is available for all kids 18-years-old and younger. Offers vary within the app, and new offers are available regularly. Families will en-

joy new user-friendly features this year, including offline redemption, improved search features, and a visual update to help navigation and faster loading.

“The first year of the WinterKids App was a huge success. We are excited to offer even more opportunities for kids and families to stay outdoors and active this winter,” says WinterKids Executive Director Julie Mulhern.

There are three steps to gaining access to these wintertime deals. First, interested families should purchase their membership online at winterkids.org/winterkids-app. Next, they can create family profiles for their account, which can include up to four children and/or

other family members. Last, they can download the app to a mobile device.

WinterKids is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to help children develop healthy lifelong habits through education and fun, outdoor winter activity. This year, WinterKids will reach 29,000 Maine and New Hampshire children through our family programs, school programs, and community events. WinterKids’ Major Community Sponsor is Hannaford. WinterKids’ Supporting Sponsors are Agren, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Irving Oil, L.L.Bean, Portland Glass, WEX, and WMTW Channel 8. Learn more at WinterKids.org.

Banks and Credit Unions in L/A recognized for their support of civil legal aid

Governor Janet T. Mills recently hosted a tea reception at the Blaine House to officially acknowledge and express her appreciation to a group of Maine banks and credit unions that support legal aid for poor and vulnerable Mainers through the IOLTA program.

With the IOLTA program, small amounts of client funds, and client funds held by lawyers for a very short time, are placed in single, pooled, interest-bearing accounts and used for charitable purposes. Since 1986, IOLTA has provided over \$27.5 million in funding for poor and vulnerable Mainers who need legal help.

William S. Harwood, president of the board of the Maine Justice Foundation, said “We are so grateful to all the participating credit unions and banks for their support of this important program and for helping the Maine Justice Foundation advance our mission of equal access to justice,” Harwood said.

Founded in 1983 as the Maine Bar Foundation, the Maine Justice Foundation has collected and disbursed the state’s IOLTA funds since the program was created.

The Foundation grants IOLTA funds to six providers of civil legal aid in Maine: Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, Immigration Le-

gal Advocacy Project, Legal Services for the Elderly, Maine Equal Justice, Pine Tree Legal Assistance and Volunteer Lawyers Project. These six agencies serve more than 30,000 clients each year.

Financial institutions in Lewiston Auburn that participate in the IOLTA program include: Northeast Bank; Maine Federal Family Credit Union; Androscoggin Bank; Camden Bank; Mechanics Savings Bank; Auburn Savings Bank; Bangor Savings Bank; TD Bank

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Sen. Claxton hosts Auburn town hall to present the Fighting for Maine Agenda



Sen. Claxton addresses the crowd in the Auburn City Council Chamber.

Sen. Ned Claxton, D-Auburn, spent the day in New Gloucester and Auburn on Monday, October 28, meeting with local residents, touring small businesses and hearing from constituents at a town hall meeting.

Claxton, joined by Senate President Troy Jackson, D-Allagash, visited Planson International, which was recently named the best place to work in Maine in the small business category by MaineBiz, and

met with employees in the morning. Afterward, they met with residents at the New Gloucester Village Store. The third stop of the day was at Bell Farms, where the two met with the Bell family and toured their facility and farm.

In the evening, joined by Senate Majority Leader Nate Libby, D-Lewiston, and Rep. Bettyann Sheats, D-Auburn, the four legislators held a town hall to introduce the "Fighting for

Maine Agenda." The agenda reviewed successes in the 2019 session and lays out the Senate Democrats priorities for the coming session. Those include in-

creasing access to affordable health care, lowering property taxes and expanding the availability of highspeed internet access.



Sen. Claxton speaks with an employee at Planson International in New Gloucester.



Sen. Claxton and Senate Pres. Troy Jackson speak with residents at New Gloucester Village Store



Sen. Claxton speaks with India Bell, at Bell Farms in Auburn.

Send all items for **What's Going On** to **Editor@TwinCityTimes.com**. Deadline is **Friday by five**.

Hebron Academy celebrates successful first season of 8-man football

The Hebron Academy football program made the move to 8-man football for the 2019 season. By all accounts, it has been an exciting and successful transition. Hebron finished the season with an overall record of 5 -2 and a league record of 4 - 1. The team was anchored by a core of returning players and bolstered by new players who were drawn to the 8-man style of play. Long-time coach, Tom Radulski, was able to adapt the team to take advantage of the openness of the game and the emphasis on agility and speed.

The Hebron football team won multiple key games, including the Homecoming game against Holderness School and the 'Headmaster's Chair' game against their main rival, Kents Hill School, with whom Hebron has a history of football competition for over 100 years. The Lumberjacks advanced to the New England Prep School 8-man Football League Play-offs, where they were ultimately defeated by Pomfret School.

Team captains, Jack Kelley of Pembroke, MA and Andrew Airosus, of Quincy, MA were recent-

ly recognized by Athletic Director Leslie Guenther as Hebron Featured Fall Athletes. Andrew Airosus '20 had a strong football season on both sides of the ball, both as a top defensive player and as the team's leading receiver. Andrew also led the team in tackles and interceptions, and he had a kick-off return for a touchdown. As a second year player on the team, Jack Kelley '20 proved to be one of the top quarterbacks in the 8-man football league. He had a strong completion average, throwing a number of touchdown passes throughout the season. Jack and Andrew provided excellent leadership and helped in the development of players new to the team and to football.

"We had the right boys on the field for implementing 8-Man, a great attitude and strong work ethic. We have high expectations for our returning players, and look forward to seeing the program continue to develop in the next few years," says Radulski.

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age Serendipitous Escapades on Norumbega Mountain



Hikers ascend Goat Trail on Norumbega Mountain

On the first full day of the Penobscot Paddle and Chowder Society fall outdoor weekend on Mount Desert Island I was scheduled to lead a bike trip on the Carriage Trails. The problem was rain, fog, and wind. No one was interested in biking in those conditions except one truculent hold out, me.

Someone mentioned a short hike instead. Concerned with the prospect of losing a day playing in paradise and the realization that our remaining time on planet earth was fleeting, a group of us old folks responded with guarded enthusiasm. Another wannabee hiker suggested Norumbega Mountain. An epiphany, none of us had climbed it in years. A new plan was in place.

How Norumbega Mountain acquired its unusual name piqued my interest. According to Steve Pinkham in his book, *Mountains of Maine: Intriguing Stories Behind Their Names*, Norumbega was a mythological city of gold sought by early European explorers and reputed to be situated near what is now Down East Maine. Originally called Brown's Mountain, George Dorr, known as the father of Acadia National

Park, changed its name to honor the fabled location.

The first time I hiked Norumbega was about 35 years ago with my wife Nancy and our two young sons. The boys were quite small and a brief, uncomplicated hike seemed preferable. What we didn't anticipate was a Columbus Day weekend snow squall at the summit. Wearing low cut hiking shoes, our feet were soaked by the heavy wet snow. Determined to make lemonade out of a lemon, we built a snowman and engaged in a spirited snowball fight.

While I'd returned to Norumbega a couple of times since, my recollection was sufficiently obscured, so the trek was almost new except the expectation of encountering snow at high elevations. At my age, week old memories are often murky. Six of us met at a trailhead for Goat Trail on Route 3 just north of Upper Hadlock Pond. An ancient group, our median age qualified us for full Social Security benefits. The good news, rain had diminished. However, a gloomy day of light precipitation, fog, and wind was the prospect.

Whoever named Goat Trail clearly had mountain goats in mind. Climbing steeply for .6 mile to the 832

foot summit, slippery rocks and several precipitous ledge scrambles made for mildly treacherous conditions necessitating caution. A recurring conversation among my senior friends during outdoor activities; we're too old for injuries, no time for recovery.

A surprise for me, no snow on the summit! Fog impeded views of Some Sound below in the west and the surrounding peaks of Acadia National Park were shrouded in clouds. Stormy conditions have their own peculiar allure in the mountains. Exploring the huge anomalous boulders dominating the crest amidst swirling clouds, mist, and fog, provided unique exhilarating entertainment.

Departing from the top, we descended gradually south on Norumbega Mountain Trail to the southern terminus of Lower Hadlock Pond. Our original intent had been to complete a 3 mile loop by following the Hadlock Ponds and Norumbega Connector Trails north to the start. Spirits buoyed by the lack of rain, we decided to extend our adventure by hiking along the south shore of Lower Hadlock Pond and then traveling north adjacent the east side of the tarn to Norumbega

Connector Trail.

If that itinerary sounds confusing, it is. Or, at least we managed to make it mystifying. The signage south and east of Lower Hadlock Pond leaves something to be desired. Sketchy seems a fair characterization. On a more positive note, the trail along the pond is exceptionally scenic.

In retrospect, I'm still not sure the cause. Perhaps the continuous lively conversation was a distraction. We elderly trekkers occasionally talk about something besides our countless health issues, but not usual-

ly. Or maybe we were thoroughly lost in the outdoor moment. Regardless, six experienced hikers carrying maps somehow managed to miss the Norumbega Connector Trail returning to the south end of Lower Hadlock Pond; completing an unanticipated circumnavigation of the entire picturesque body of water.

We had acquired what a group of us hiking in the Alps several years ago termed "free mileage." Our excursion had evolved from a 3 mile loop to a 5 mile double loop.

There are no bad days

in paradise. Filling them with exciting adventures seemed a prerequisite. Rain-free after completing our extended journey, several of us finished the day with a bike ride on the Carriage Trails. Sea Kayaking was scheduled for the following day.

Author of "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals - New England," Ron Chase resides in Topsham. Visit his website at www.rochaseoutdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.



Hikers explore the summit of Norumbega Mountain in fog, mist and clouds.



Hikers arrive at the southern terminus of Lower Hadlock Pond for a second time on a recent Norumbega Mountain hike



Hikers approach the summit of Norumbega Mountain



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The Boxberry School hosts Maine Educating for Sustainability Conference



The Boxberry School Staff/EfS Conference Organizers left to right: Cassandra Harmon, K-2 Teacher, Deanna Fahey, Grade 3-6 Teacher, Seal Rossignol, Admin Coordinator



EfS Presenters and Participants pictured l to r: Lindsay "Fiskars" Cutting, Alaina Clark, Andrea Asken-Dunn, Sarah Otterson

On Saturday, October 19, The Boxberry School hosted the first Maine Educating for Sustainability Conference. The focus of the gathering was to share how local educators are helping to foster a sense of place by utilizing the lens of sustainability in their curriculum. Presenters included Sarah Kearsley and Alaina

Clark from Lake Region Middle School, Deanna Fahey and Seal Rossignol from The Boxberry School, Rob Ripley from Harrison Elementary School, Lindsay Cutting from Montello Elementary, and Keynote Speaker Joanne Alex from Stillwater Montessori in Old Town. Topics ranged from using the wisdom of

experiential education, to an introduction to educating for sustainability, to creating a sense of place through nature trail creation or local town study and immersion. The gathering was sponsored by Black Dog Timberworks of Norway, Killer Tech of Bridgton, and Vicki-Lynn Campground of Bridgton.



Rob Ripley presents his Nature Trail Project

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Who remembers how well they did on their state capital test in grade school? Can you find them in the word search below?

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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.net 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.

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

St. Dom's Open House, 121 Gracelawn Avenue, Auburn 2:30 to 6 p.m. If you can't attend the open house but wish to schedule a tour of either the Auburn or Lewiston campus, visit www.stdomsmaine.org.

Maine Event Comedy the Tightest Five semifinals at Bear Bones Beer, 43 Lisbon Street, Lewiston at 7 p.m. Show is free and is for ages 21 and up. For more information call 207-513-0742 or e-mail maineevent-comedy@gmail.com.

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

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

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>.

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.

Harvest Supper from the West Auburn Congregational Church, in the vestry located right next door to the church at 811 West Auburn Road, Auburn 4:30 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 5 to 12, 5 and under free. Take out dishes are available.

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 Cheddar 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.

ExTRAINaganza at the Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill Street, Auburn from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The club house will be decorated for Christmas with trains of various sizes operating on five permanent layouts throughout the two-story building. Tickets for decorating cookies, making ornaments, and playing games with prizes are \$1 apiece or 7 for \$5. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children 12 and under. For more details and photos of the ExTRAINaganza in previous years, see www.greatfallsmodelrrclub.org

Sunday, Nov. 24

ExTRAINaganza at the Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill Street, Auburn from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The club house will be decorated for Christmas with trains of various sizes operating on five permanent layouts throughout the two-story building. Tickets for decorating cookies, mak-

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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.

Friday, Nov. 29

ExTRAINaganza at the Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill Street, Auburn from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The club house will be decorated for Christmas with trains of various sizes operating on five permanent layouts throughout the two-story building. Tickets for decorating cookies, making ornaments, and playing games with prizes are \$1 apiece or 7 for \$5. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children 12 and under. For more details and photos of the ExTRAINaganza in previous years, see www.greatfallsmodelrrclub.org

Saturday, Nov. 30

ExTRAINaganza at the Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill Street, Auburn from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The club house will be decorated for Christmas with trains of various sizes operating on five permanent layouts throughout the two-story building. Tickets for decorating cookies, making ornaments, and playing games with prizes are \$1 apiece or 7 for \$5. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children 12 and under. For more details and photos of the ExTRAINaganza in previous years, see www.greatfallsmodelrrclub.org

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 Parks and Recreation, (207) 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.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Holiday Craft Fair by the Minot Community Club at Minot Consolidated School, 23 Shaw Hill Road, Minot, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more event information, contact: Aubrey Russell (207) 266-5033 Russella3@gmail.com.

Lewiston Municipal FCU celebrates 75 years

Lewiston Municipal Federal Credit Union is celebrating 75 years of service to the Lewiston-Auburn community and the employees of the cities and their families.

The credit union was organized and established as a not-for-profit cooperative on October 14, 1944 by Jean Charles Boucher, Julian Desbaies, Adrien Antil, Lucien Lebel, Albert Langelier, Rosario Giguere, and Cyprien Levesque, all of Lewiston at the time. The credit union initially operated out of what is affectionately described as a "nook at Lewiston City Hall" for many years. In 1986 the credit union purchased and moved to its current Pine Street location, with an expansion completed in 2006.

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Friday, Dec. 13

"Basic Life Support" certification course at Central Maine Community College from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost of the class is \$89 and includes materials. For more information or to register,

please contact CMCC's Center for Workforce & Professional Development at 207-755-5280, email workforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu or visit www.cmcc.edu/professionaldevelopment. Registration deadline is December 6.

"We would like to thank our loyal membership, which has been dedicated to Lewiston Municipal Federal Credit Union, through their membership, collaboration, volunteer service, and referrals to their families and co-workers over these 75 years," states Lewiston Municipal Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Piper. "Thank you to our hardworking, committed volunteers who have consistently focused on looking forward and supporting the credit union's long-term growth and success and to our outstanding employees who are at the heart of the credit union's mission and success."

Built on a foundation on trust, collaboration, and service, Lewiston Munic-

ipal Federal Credit Union is a full-service financial institution serving the City of Auburn and City of Lewiston employees and their families. The credit union is also a proud supporter of many local organizations and charities including the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger, high school senior college scholarships, donations to local food pantries, local classrooms, and The Store Next Door at Lewiston High School.

"While many things have changed over the past 75 years, the credit union's commitment to the employees, families, and communities of the twin cities remains constant," stated Financial Services Manager, Claudette St.Pierre.

Norway Savings Bank donates \$5,000 to install sculpture in honor of great black hawk

Friends of Deering Oaks announces that Norway Savings Bank is proud to donate \$5,000 to its effort to install a sculpture honoring a very special Great Black Hawk.

Last year, a lone juvenile Great Black Hawk, native to South America, travelled thousands of miles to settle in Deering Oaks Park in Portland, Maine. This was the first time such a bird had been spotted this far north. For several months, the hawk survived, hunting squirrels, pigeons and other wildlife.

Unfortunately, during a snowstorm on January 20, 2019, the hawk was found on the ground and rescued by a passerby. Ultimately, after 10 days of medical treatment at Avian Haven Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center, the hawk succumbed to severe frostbite and had to

be euthanized.

"While the hawk lived in Deering Oaks, birdwatchers from all over the country came to see him. We were devastated when he passed," said Anne Pringle, President of Friends of Deering Oaks Park. "To recognize this incredible event, we wanted to create a permanent reminder for future Park visitors. We decided an authentic, life-sized sculpture in the bird's likeness accompanied by an interpretive panel would accomplish this goal."

"This is a significant endeavor and we're assisting Friends of Deering Oaks in approaching several private companies to help," said Diane Davison, rescue volunteer and Board Member of Avian Haven. "We are very pleased that Norway Savings Bank stepped up to provide a generous donation

toward this project."

"When we heard about the hawk and efforts of Avian Haven to save its life, we knew we wanted to help," said Patricia Weigel, President and CEO of Norway Savings Bank. "Maine is full of unique stories like these and we want to be a part of commemorating them."

If you are interested in this story and would like to help, please visit <https://www.deeringoaks.org/gblh-2>

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memorial & monument tour, admission to Mount Vernon Estates.

A \$75.00 deposit is due when signing up. Price is \$759.00 pp double occupancy.

ITALIAN VISTAS TOUR- MAY 16-28, 2020-Trip includes 13 days and 17 meals. SPECIAL TRAVEL PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 8, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the Lewiston Senior Center. If interested, please come and hear and get detailed information.

MACKINAC ISLAND - JUNE 13 - 21, 2020. Trip includes 8 nights lodging and 14 meals, visit to Mackinac Island with a guided Carriage Tour during their Tulip Celebration. Also includes boat ride through Soo Locks, Sault Saint Marie and Makinaw

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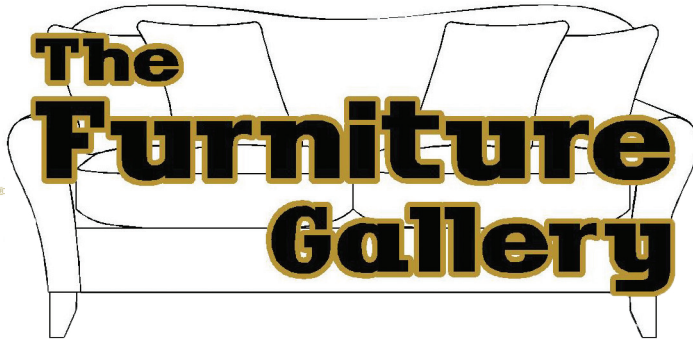
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