

Out and About with Rachel Morin: Performance by Three Russian Pianists

Story and photos by
Rachel Morin

Schooner Estates residents were treated to a lovely classical concert by Russian Pianists, Tamara Poddubnaya, Vassily Panteleev and Ilya

Ishchenko Saturday afternoon, December 14, in the Camden Living Room.

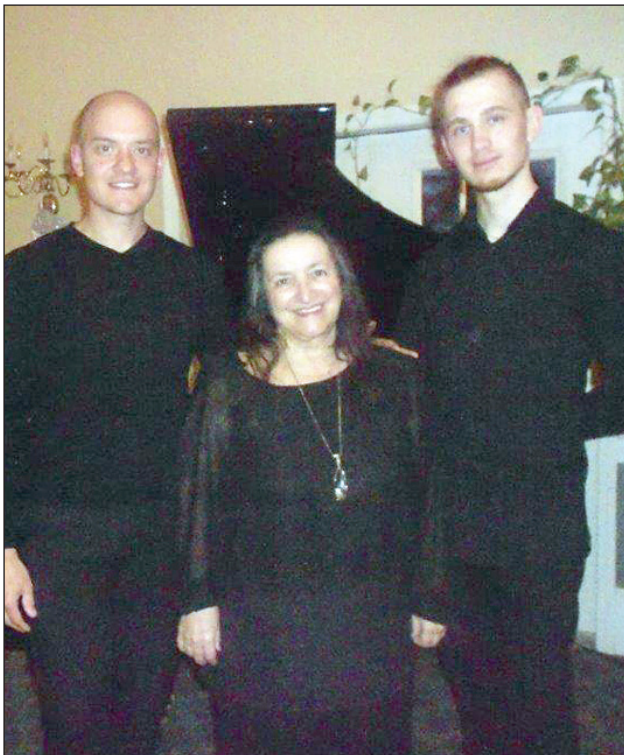
Vassily Panteleev opened the program with W. A. Mozart's Fantasy in D minor, K. 397 and Franz Schubert's Moments Musicaux, Op 91. I. Moderato in C major; II. Andantino in A-flat major.

Ilya Ishchenko followed with Six Preludes, Op.11 by

Alexander Scriabin and Virtuoso Etudes on a Theme of Gershwin by Earl Wild, The Man I Love and Embraceable You.

Tamara Poddubnaya concluded the concert with Klavierstück No. 1, D. 946 by Franz Schubert and Franz Liszt's Consolation in D-flat major.

Poddubnaya is a distinguished graduate of St. Petersburg's Rimsky-Korsakov



Vassily Panteleev, Tamara Poddubnaya and Ilya Ishchenko

State Conservatory and has performed to great acclaim in Europe, Asia, and the United States. In 2007, she brought her Music without Borders International Piano Festival to the Gould Academy campus in Bethel, where the 14th Festival season returns in July 2020. She is Professor of Piano at the Long Island New York

Conservatory.

Panteleev, 30, from Saratov, Russia, came to the United States in 2014 to study with Professor Poddubnaya and won first prize in the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival in Glen Cove, Long Island. He received the Grand Prix of the competition at the 10th Season

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own glass and use our tools to complete your work. The instructor is Erin Schlicher. The class takes place on Saturday, January 4, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Community Arts Center, 34 School Street, Gorham. Cost is \$59 (materials included).

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

MaineHealth accountable care organization taps chief operating officer to be its new president

The Board of Directors of the MaineHealth Accountable Care Organization has named Jennifer Moore as the next president of the organization. Moore replaces Betsy Johnson, MD, who is leaving in February to pursue a physician leadership opportunity in Massachusetts.

Moore is currently the chief operating officer of the MaineHealth ACO, a position she has held for the past 20 years, dating to the earliest days of the constituent organizations that evolved to form the ACO as it is today. The MaineHealth ACO works with insurers and providers to improve the quality and value of health care. It includes providers from both within the MaineHealth system as well as others offering care in the MaineHealth service area.

In her time as a leader of the ACO, Moore has overseen all activities associated with the ACO's Medicare Shared Savings Program and numerous commercial ACO contracts, including payer contracting, network management, data operations and analysis, performance improvement programs and practice support activities.

Moore is also responsible for developing and managing the ACO budget and the annual financial distribution model.

"Jen is highly regarded among her colleagues not only for her acumen as a health care executive, but as an effective and supportive manager of people," said Mark Foure, MD, the president of Pen Bay Medical Center and Waldo County General Hospital and also chair of the MaineHealth ACO Board.

Moore holds a master's in business administration from the Southern New Hampshire University and received her bachelor's degree from New York University. She is a board member of the National Association of Accountable Care Organizations.

"The MaineHealth ACO Board is very excited to leverage Jen's considerable talents in the role of president of the ACO. Not only do we get a national leader in the field to run the ACO, but her transition will provide continuity for an organization already performing at a high level," said Foure.

The MaineHealth Accountable Care Organization is a network of 10 hospitals and more than 1,600 health-care providers dedicated to measurably increasing the quality and decreasing the cost of the care they deliver to more than 200,000 patients in Maine and northern New Hampshire. It has a team of more than 90 employees working directly with healthcare professionals, community partners and health plans to advance patient-centered, coordinated care. The goal of coordinated care is to ensure that patients, especially the chronically ill, get the right care at the right time while avoiding duplication of services and preventing medical errors.

MaineHealth is a not-for-profit integrated health system consisting of eight local hospital systems, a comprehensive behavioral healthcare network, diagnostic services, home health agencies, and more than 1,500 employed and independent physicians working together through an Accountable Care Organization. With more than 19,000 employees, MaineHealth is the largest health system in

northern New England and provides preventive care, diagnosis and treatment to 1.1 million residents in Maine and New Hampshire. It includes Franklin Memorial Hospital/Franklin Community Health Network in Farmington, LincolnHealth in Damariscotta and Boothbay Harbor, Maine Behavioral Healthcare in South Portland, MaineHealth Care at Home in Saco, Maine Medical Center in Portland, Memorial Hospital in North Conway, N.H., NorDx in Scarborough, Pen Bay Medical Center and Waldo County Hospital in Rockport and Belfast, Southern Maine Health Care in Biddeford and Sanford, Spring Harbor Hospital in Westbrook, and Stephens Memorial Hospital/Western Maine Health Care in Norway. MaineHealth Affiliates include Maine General Health in Augusta and Waterville, Mid Coast Hospital in Brunswick, New England Rehabilitation Hospital in Portland and St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Lewiston. It is also a significant stakeholder in the MaineHealth Accountable Care Organization in Portland.

\$25 million for northern border regional commission signed into law

U.S. Senator Susan Collins announced that \$25 million for the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC), \$5 million more than last year, was signed into law as part of the appropriations package.

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Collins worked to secure this \$5 million increase in the final bipartisan appropriations agreement. The funding includes \$4 million for initiatives that seek to address the decline in forest-economies through the region and \$750,000 for the State Capacity Grant Program, which was included in legislation led by Senator Collins that was incorporated in the 2018 Farm Bill.

"The Northern Border Regional Commission serves as a critical resource for northern and central Maine, making investments to help increase job growth and boost local economies," said Senator Collins. "As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought to include this \$25 million investment, which will support some of the most economically disadvantaged areas of Maine and neighboring states."

NBRC provides grants

for projects throughout northern and central Maine, as well as northern New York, New Hampshire, and Vermont, spurring economic and community development. In 2019, NBRC awarded more than \$6 million to projects in Maine.

The NBRC was a key partner in the multiagency Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) – originally requested in March 2016 by Senators Collins and Angus King (I-ME) – supporting economic development strategies and efforts that help pave the way for job growth in a region experiencing economic distress. The January 2017 EDAT assessment highlighted the importance of the NBRC and its potential to leverage federal resources to support the viability of impacted mill communities and help grow Maine's rural economy.

Since its creation in 2008, Senator Collins has advocated for the NBRC and introduced a bill to reauthorize it in March 2018 with Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Angus King (I-ME), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), and Maggie Hassan (D-NH).

Hebron Academy middle school fall 2019 honor roll

Hebron Academy Middle School (HAMS) is pleased to announce the 2019 Fall Trimester Honor Roll. Students earned a place on the Honor Roll with a combined GPA of 3.0 or above. Highest Honors are for students who achieved a GPA of 3.7 or above. High Honors are for students who achieved a GPA of 3.3-3.69. Honors are for students who achieved a GPA of 3.0-3.29. Congratulations everyone!

Highest Honors: Quin Doyle, Bethel; Anna Frumiento, Auburn; Oscar Gronros, Hebron; Mason Hatfield, Minot; Tucker Kenney, Lewiston; Ronan Newell, Minot; Sophie Simard, Auburn; Jacob Small, West Paris; Louisa Strong, Lewiston; Hannah Sullivan, Minot; Caden Violette, Windham. High Honors: Sophia Brown, Auburn; Avery Cologna, Auburn; Lucy Diffin, Minot; Caden Dufour, Turner; Jenni Flynn, Hebron; Justin Gibbons, Bridgton; Elizabeth Madden, Lewiston; Ryan Mileikis, Auburn; Maja Mulley, Albany Township; Liam Newell, Minot; Gavin Steidel, Lewiston;

Evie Willer, Poland. Honors: Kate Dilworth, Norway; Eduardo Nunez, Mexico City, Mexico.

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How TD Bank used job recruitment events to raise donations for local food banks



They say a dollar can't buy a whole lot these days, but when it comes to supporting your local food bank, that couldn't be further from the truth.

In fact, various food banks that work with TD Bank can turn a dollar into four or five meals, after buying ingredients in bulk, enlisting volunteers and using other donated items.

TD Bank recently held a recruitment drive at three U.S. Contact Centers looking for quality talent, but also looking to give back. With every candidate interviewed during the event, the Contact Centers also donated a preset amount to a local food bank.

The Bank ended up with 67 new employees in all and donated \$900 to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry in New Jersey, \$700 to Harvest Hope in South Carolina and \$700 to Good Shepherd Food Bank in Maine.

This Unexpectedly Human act comes on the heels of other pay-it-forward gestures from TD regional stores and lines of business, including a store manager who paid off customers' layaways at a local Walmart and awarding grants worth \$3 million through The Ready Challenge to four U.S. healthcare organizations.

Jason Hunt, Vice President of Talent Acquisition at TD Bank, was one of the drivers behind the effort and said the three sites got twice as many applicants as they normally do for these positions due to the drive.

"We were able to give back and hire some really great people, as well," he said. "It just felt good to see it come together like this."

Managers at the Contact Centers involved were also inspired by the outcome.

"I think this was a brilliant idea," said Hubert Rivera, Senior Contact Center Manager in Mount Laurel, New Jersey. "It embodies TD's purpose to address business needs in unique and innovative ways that also support the local communities we serve."

Larissa Wells, Senior Contact Center Manager in Greenville, South Carolina agreed, adding: "I am so proud of our Contact Center family for the creative ways we drive our business forward while putting our Customers and communities at the center of all we do."

Erin Fogg, Vice President at Good Shepherd, said they often help families dealing with food insecurity, who aren't necessarily homeless, but living paycheck to paycheck.

"Many parents are working two or three different jobs, many times without benefits," she said. "These are working families, paying for housing, daycare and heat in the winter."

Fogg said more than 13.6% of the populations they serve struggle with food insecurity, while they give out or distribute almost 25 million meals a year. "The dollar for us does go quite a long way," she said.

Amy Bell, Emergency Food Pantry Manager at Harvest Hope, said her site alone served over 900 families during Thanksgiving last month. Things will continue to be busy into the new year.

The holidays are a time of being together with families and friends, and the same goes for residents battling food insecurity.

"You have more family events with more people around," she said. "Kids are also out of school, so those who normally get free or reduced meals are now at home."

Bell said what some people don't realize is they cater to a lot of seniors as well.

"They too want to provide that nice meal to their family, be that host for the holidays," she said. "At some point, we all need help."

UMaine Extension receives grant to recycle agricultural greenhouse plastic

University of Maine Cooperative Extension has been awarded \$38,764 by a one-year State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection Waste Diversion Grant to develop a statewide pilot program to recycle agricultural greenhouse plastic.

The grant proposes that a voluntary recycling program can achieve a high percentage of grower participation, and affordably divert and recycle a significant percentage of waste greenhouse plastic.

The target material for recycling, low-density polyethylene (LDPE #4), is a clear film used to cover greenhouses, high tunnels, hoop houses and other agricultural structures. It is estimated that Maine annually disposes of 30.1 tons of this waste greenhouse plastic, primarily destined for landfills, with expectations for an increase in volume due to Maine's interest in season extension technologies, USDA NRCS funding for new high tunnel construction, and the production of hemp and cannabis.

The program's goal is to collect at least one-third of Maine's annual waste greenhouse plastic, and partner with an end-user who can convert the collected plastic into resin feedstock used in the manufacture of new plastic products.

Collection of the waste plastic will run from May through September 2020. Participation will be free of charge and open to all growers who register for the project. Registration for participants opens March 1.

Affiliated partners donating additional time and resources include Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Maine; and the Maine Resource Recovery Association in Newport.

Co-investigators for the research include Extension professor Richard Kersbergen; Extension ornamental horticulture specialist and assistant professor of horticulture Matthew Wallhead; MOFGA organic crop and conservation specialist Caleb Goossen; and program manager David McDaniel.

For more information contact program manager David McDaniel, 207.342.5971; agplasticrecycling@maine.edu.

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What's Going On

Bishop Deeley honors Christmas card contest winners and families with dinner and gifts



Cezarie's card.

Bishop Robert P. Deeley welcomed the winners of the Diocese of Portland's Christmas Card Art Contest, conducted by the diocese's Office of Development, to the diocesan offices in Portland on Monday, December 16 (winners, winning artwork, other pictures, and captions below and at www.portlanddiocese.org/ChristmasCardWinners2019).

The winners, joined by their families, enjoyed an Italian dinner with the bishop provided by Maria's Restaurant in Portland. All Catholic school and faith formation students throughout the diocese were invited to participate in the contest. Over 300 submissions were received for the contest, each featuring original creations by the artists

reflecting a passage from Scripture. This month, the winners' creations are appearing on the Christmas cards that have been sent to 2019 Catholic Appeal donors. The contest winners are Audrey Le, Seamus Dolan, Elizabeth Merrill and Cezarie St. Jean. To thank them for their efforts, the bishop gave each

winner a framed display of their artwork, a book, rosary bracelets, and 50 Christmas cards featuring their artistic creations.

"These pictures capture the beauty of our faith. You did a wonderful job, and I'm very, very grateful for that," said the bishop.


"Thank you for the work you've done, and thanks to you, their families, for passing on the faith to the children."



Grades 9-12, Cezarie St. Jean, Saint Dominic Academy, Auburn. "There were so many Bible verses to choose from so I just chose two and combined them as well," said Cezarie. "This is how it came out."

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Kindergarten-Grade 2, Audrey Le, St. John's Catholic School in Brunswick. "I chose to draw this picture because I thought about Jesus Christ in my heart and started drawing this picture," said Audrey.



Audrey's card.



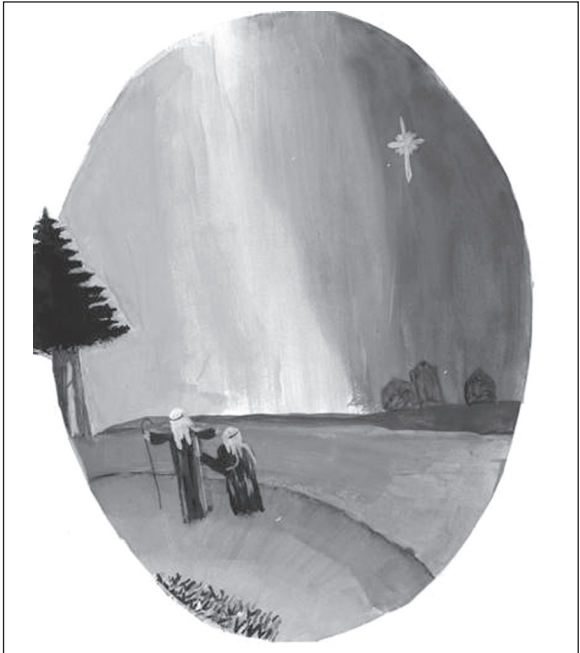
Seamus's card.



Grades 3-5, Seamus Dolan, St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Scarborough. "I drew a lighthouse because my dad is in the Coast Guard and I've always wanted to go to the top of a lighthouse and I got to do it a few weeks ago," said Seamus. "It was pretty cool."



Grades 6-8, Elizabeth Merrill, Holy Cross School, South Portland. "My art teacher laid out a bunch of Christmas cards and I picked a couple and just kind of combined them," said Elizabeth. "It's some of the shepherds looking up at the star."



Elizabeth's card.

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'Introduction to Phlebotomy Techniques' course offered at Central Maine Community College

The Center for Workforce & Professional Development at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) will offer a 12-week Introduction to Phlebotomy Techniques course on Wednesday evenings starting January 29 from 5 to 9 p.m.

A combination of lecture, lab and hands-on practical experience, this course is aimed at developing skills needed to work in medical facilities as a phlebotomist. Coursework includes selecting and preparing the skin puncture site, collecting specimens, adhering

to the proper health and safety guidelines, patient/technician relationship, and clerical duties associated with proper record keeping of laboratory tests.

Although certification in phlebotomy is not required in the state of Maine, it is important to both prospective employers and to patients. Successfully obtaining certification is also valuable to the phlebotomist as it shows that they care about their career choice. At the end of the 12 weeks, students will be eligible to sit for the exam to become a certified phlebotomy technician.

nician.

This course is open to the public and is intended for anyone looking to gain entry-level employment in a lab at hospitals, clinics, and many other healthcare settings. The cost of the class is \$799 and includes all instructional 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 January 22.

Maine Event Comedy presents Paul Landwehr at Craft Brew Underground

Maine Event Comedy presents the neurotic hilarity of Paul Landwehr at Craft Brew Underground, Friday, January 3 at 8 p.m. The show will also feature Sean Duffy and Chris Gagne.

It didn't take Landwehr long to figure out comedy is cheaper than therapy. He's learned to harness his OCD, ADHD, and anxiety while sharing hilarious stories about his personal and professional life. He's performed at Caroline's on Broadway, Dangerfield's, and the CBS Comedy Scene. The New Hampshire native was also a finalist in the New York City Comedy Contest and was featured on NPR.

Duffy is one of the fastest rising comics in the Boston scene. He won the 2019 March Comedy Madness contest at Laugh Boston and sharpens his skills at the world-famous Comedy Studio.

Gagne hails from Methuen, Massachusetts and is a regular at Curlies Comedy Club. He recently showcased his acting skills in the short film 'Last Caress' and commercials for WordStream Online Advertising.

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



Paul Landwehr

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Community potluck at East Sumner church

The Congregational Church of East Sumner will have a Community Potluck lasagna and spaghetti supper on January 4 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to

share. Donations accepted for the meal. Raffle of food and household items will follow the meal. All proceeds benefit the outreach work of the Church. The

Church is located at 50 Main Street, Rte. 219 in East Sumner Village. For more information call Bill at 388-2263 or Cyndy at 388-2667.

Humane Society announces "Cold Paws, Warm Heart" raffle winners

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society announces the winners of their "Cold Paws, Warm Heart" Annual Raffle. With over \$10,900 in tickets sales the winners were: Sharon Griffith of Harpswell winning \$500 of home heating assistance and a handmade quilt, Susan Mancine of Jay with \$300 of home heating assistance, Kim Bright of Mechanic Falls with \$200 of

home heating assistance and Elaine Doucette of Benton with \$100 of home heating assistance. All proceeds from the raffle directly benefit the Humane Society.

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society provides a safe haven for over 3,500 sick, homeless and abused animals in the greater Androscoggin area per year. The primary support for the shelter comes from

fundraising events and donations of concerned citizens.

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society is located at 55 Strawberry Avenue in Lewiston. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering at the Shelter or adopting an animal call 783-2311 or visit the website at www.SavingPetsInMaine.org. You can also join them on www.facebook.com/GAHumane.

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Tickets go quickly and must be purchased in advance. Prices vary by day of event. No one under 21 years of age will be admitted. This is always a sold-out event.

Event dates are January 23, 24 and 25, 5 to 9 p.m. at the Portland Har-

bor Hotel, 468 Fore Street, Portland. Tickets prices are \$35 on January 23 and \$40 on January 24 and 25. Please purchase via brown-papertickets.com. Portion of proceeds will benefit local charities yet to be announced.

Overnight package available with rates starting at \$159/night and include overnight accommodations for two adults, two tickets to the Ice Bar, and two cocktail tickets. For more information or to book hotel reservations, please visit portlandharborhotel.com or call 207.775.9090.

Tucked in the heart of Portland's historic Old Port district one block from the waterfront, the Portland Harbor Hotel is known for its distinctive design and exemplary service. A case

in point is the doorman who meets and greets guests as they arrive and offers thoughtful insights on exploring Portland. Portland's only AAA Four Diamond Hotel, the property, with 101 rooms and 16 suites, recently underwent an extensive renovation. Highlights include navy, khaki, and white nautical décor, custom-made Thomas Moser furniture, hardwood floors, individual pantries on each floor offering Starbucks touch screen machines, a gracious lobby with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking Portland's Fore Street, and original artwork by Maine artists. The Blue-Fin North Atlantic Seafood restaurant located within the hotel offers a varied menu of locally-caught seafood and seasonal dishes.

Maine securities administrator announces top investor threats for 2020

Maine Securities Administrator Judith Shaw announced the top five investment products or schemes likely to trap Maine's investors in the new year and recommended steps they can take to protect themselves from investment fraud.

The list was developed by surveying members of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), of which the Maine Office of Securities is a member, to identify threats investors are likely to see in 2020. The following were most frequently identified by NASAA members as the top five areas of concern for the coming year: Promissory Notes; Ponzi Schemes; Real Estate-related Investments; Cryptocurrency-related Investment Products; Social Media/Internet-based Investment Schemes

"It is important for investors to understand what they are investing in and who they are investing with. Don't fall for promises of guaranteed high returns with little to no risk, or deals pitched with a false sense of urgency or limited avail-

ability," said Administrator Shaw. "Before you ring in the New Year, make a resolution to protect your money from fraudulent investments and those who may be trying to fleece you."

Investment offers that sound "too good to be true" often share similar characteristics. The most common telltale sign of an investment scam is an offer of guaranteed high returns with no risk. All investments carry the risk that some, or all, of the invested funds could be lost. "Anyone who says their investment offer has no risk is lying," Administrator Shaw said. "No one can guarantee an investment return. Remember if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is."

Many of the threats facing investors involve private offerings, which are exempt from federal securities registration requirements and are not sold through public stock exchanges. "Unregistered private offerings generally are high-risk investments and don't have the same investor protection requirements as investments

sold through public markets," Administrator Shaw said.

Investors should always ask if the salesperson and the investment itself are properly licensed or registered. This information can be confirmed by the Maine Office of Securities. Working with a properly licensed investment professional affords investors certain legal protections. "For the same reasons you wouldn't go to an unlicensed doctor or dentist, you should avoid unregistered investment salespeople and their products. Anyone offering to sell a security without a license is breaking the law and should be avoided," Administrator Shaw said.

Administrator Shaw urged anyone who has questions about investing to contact the Maine Office of Securities. Information about advisers, salespersons and investing is available at www.investors.maine.gov, by calling 1-877-624-8551 or writing to the Maine Office of Securities, 121 SHS, Augusta, Maine 04333-0121.



L-A Rotary to welcome Robert Brainerd



Robert Brainerd

On Thursday, January 9, Robert Brainerd, will be the featured guest speaker of the Lewiston-Auburn

Rotary Lunch Club from noon to 1 p.m. at The Village Inn, 165 High Street, Auburn.

Brainerd is the owner of Central Maine Conditioning Clinic and has over 30 years of Occupational Health & Wellness & Rehabilitation experience. He received his BS in Physical Education, Exercise Science at the University of Maine. He studied at the United States Sports Academy in post-graduate studies at the University of New England for Athletic Training. Brainerd is presently the professional running-triathlon coach to over 100 athletes. He founded the Moving Me Forward Fitness Friends in 2016 and was the co-founder of Lake Auburn Half Marathon in 2011. L-A Rotary meets every Thursday 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 Club President Celeste Yakawonis, at 713-7111.

Bean supper at Calvary United Methodist Church

Bean Supper at Calvary United Methodist Church, 59 Sabattus St., Lewiston. Saturday, January 11 at 4:45 p.m. Calvary United Methodist Church holds a bean supper every second Saturday! The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Homemade baked beans, hot dogs, salads, casseroles, biscuits, beverages and pies. Accessible via Bartlett St. entrance. Please call if the weather is "iffy". 782-3221.

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Pianist

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of Music without Borders. In addition to his classical music performances, he is an interpreter/translator of Russian, English and Chinese for international commerce.

Ishchenko, 24, began his piano playing career at 8 years old in his home city of Buzuluk, Russia. He graduated from Buzuluk Music College and started his studies with Professor Poddubnaya in the U.S. He graduated from the Long Island Conservatory where he is now instructor of piano. In 2013, he won first prize in the Valery Gavrilin Competition in Vologda, Russia, and the Savshinski International Music Competition in St. Petersburg. In 2015, he won the Gold Medal at the Forte International Competition in New York and first prize in the LISMA International Competition also in New York.

The three pianists continue their busy schedule of performances in the United States and Schooner always looks forward to their return as can be seen by some of the residents in the photos.



Vassily Panteleev and Ilya Ishchenko



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Nancy Hurd, Marylou Hurd, Bob Hurd and Yvonne Elliott



Jeanne Cook, Lorraine Higgins and Rose Sanders



Tamara Poddubnaya, Ilya Ishchenko and Vassily Panteleev play an impromptu selection together.



The Peanut Gallery: a favorite spot from the second floor level to view the musicians below at the Grand Piano in the Camden Livingroom--Mac Brackett, Doris Ham, Mitsie Livermore and Susi Warschauer



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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Rumford Whitecap was a perfect ten



A hiker negotiates switchbacks on Rumford Whitecap

A modest peak, Rumford Whitecap was a test. Old age had delivered another surprise visit in the form of a new knee problem. Where do these aggravations come from? I'd been taking all the recommended supplements. Reluctant to depress readers with the gruesome details; suffice to say it was a few days after my latest cortisone injection. Outdoor exercise and confidence that I'd be in the game for winter-mountaineering and Nordic skiing was needed; otherwise I'd be packing bikes and kayaks and pointing the RAV towards Florida. Of course, that assumes She Who Must Be Obeyed, otherwise known as my lovely wife Nancy, agrees.

Scheduled to lead a Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society mountain hike, Rumford Whitecap seemed the ideal experiment; moderate in difficulty, wonderful views, and an expedition that would appeal to a multitude of Chowderheads. Alas, only my friend Brent and Nancy signed on. Brent was forced to cancel so it became a family affair. Not a problem, we'd successfully climbed many peaks

together without difficulties. Well, maybe a couple of minor issues. For the record, Nancy is not an alpine debutante, having ascended the one hundred highest peaks in New England, including about 60 in the winter.

Possessing perhaps the most extensive views of any mountain in western Maine, Rumford Whitecap at an elevation of 2,214 feet is a very appealing outing. We've been hiking there for over thirty years. Early on, informal traditional itineraries to upper reaches were badly eroded and worsening. Mahoosuc Land Trust has been a vehicle for positive change. Rerouting paths and completing substantive trail work where necessary, they have created an exceptional hiking environment.

Arriving at the trailhead on East Andover Road in North Rumford, the small parking area was covered with ice. Nearly falling when stepping from the car, it was apparent micro spikes were a necessity. Avoiding injuries has become a priority. For the old and infirm, compounding physical problems is too often a disagreeable reality. We need a remedy. I suggest a

new vaccine. It's worked with shingles.

Whether or not snowshoes would be required at higher altitudes was a concern. An inspection of the trail indicated previous hikers had packed a well-defined route. Since carrying snowshoes would add weight and instability to our packs, leaving them behind was the preference. This was a dilemma both of us had faced many times before; sometimes unnecessarily carrying snowshoes for an entire journey and exhaustingly post-holing in deep snow without them on others. Someone had to make a decision; and accept blame if wrong. Contemplating my knee, I suggested foregoing the hopefully inconvenient winter accessories. I know how to live on the edge.

Initially, hiking conditions were superb with a hardened track perfect for micro spikes. A compacted layer of snow over rocks and other obstacles produces a benign smooth "highway" that is particularly forgiving on elderly joints. Experienced hikers will affirm there is no better walking surface in any season.



A hiker approaches the summit of Rumford Whitecap



Spectacular views while descending Rumford Whitecap

Persevering steadily upward on Orange Trail with a moderate gradient, considering the alternative Yellow Trail loop was an early decision. Longer but more gradual, it offered a tantalizing option. The choice was easily resolved as Yellow Trail wasn't packed when reached. Perfection was not to be squandered so Orange remained our choice. Continuing for about a mile, we reaped the benefits of the land trust's trail improvements. Relatively new switchbacks in a dense conifer forest provided a more measured but steady climb essentially absent troublesome erosion. Shortly after the final switchback, the path angled left emerging on partially exposed snow covered ledges with sporadic views. Persisting on, the upper end of Yellow Trail loop was achieved. Signage at the junction indicated we had traveled 1.9 miles from East Andover Road, and it was an additional .6 to our destination.

Most of the remaining passage was predominantly exposed and glorious. Savoring almost continuous impressive views, we followed cairns approaching the barren slightly rounded summit. The hard-packed

trail had extended for the entire trek, validating our sanguine election to travel without snowshoes. Light winds, moderate temperatures, and partial sunshine provided a phenomenal above tree-line experience.

A prolonged respite at the top was followed by a casual blissful descent. The journey ended with the gratifying realization that my knee had remained pain-free throughout. The marvels of medical science

have at least temporarily provided the opportunity for additional winter exploits. I'm not packing the RAV yet, but let's get to work on that vaccine! Where have you gone Jonas Salk?

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



A picturesque view near the summit of Rumford Whitecap

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Mere Point Oyster Company decision will be appealed in court

In what is a precedent-setting case for Maine, the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has approved the Mere Point Oyster Company lease despite significant opposition.

DMR Commissioner Patrick Keliher confirmed the hearing officer's earlier decision approving a 34.52 acre lease in Maquoit Bay. The oyster lease will be among the largest in the state. Dozens of lobstermen testified that they fished in the area, some for generations. Pogy fishermen added their opposition to landowner concerns about the site selection and permitting rules for aquaculture in Maine.

Despite significant lease site conflicts and fisherman concerns, the DMR discounted public testimony and approved the draft lease. Lobstermen and fishermen have said the large area of the lease will inhibit their catch and reduce their incomes. In filing the written appeal to the hearing officer's initial draft lease approval, fishermen stated, "DMR points out the specific testimony of Mr. Walker stating that Maquoit Bay is not a "hotbed" of lobstering activity, yet does not point out that Mr. Walker also stated that he has no actual first-hand knowledge of this. DMR also did not note the testimony of one of its own Zone Council members, Donald Ulrickson. Mr. Ulrickson has lobstered inside the lease site for more than 60 years and testified that at times it's a very good spot. DMR's referencing passersby and using their testimony to support this decision and not referencing Mr. Ulrickson's testimony based on 60 plus years of direct lobstering in this area is tantamount to calling Mr. Ulrickson a liar, along with all of the other fishermen who testified. DMR's position on this point is transparent in its clear effort to do whatever was necessary and boost up the most useful testimony to be favorable to granting this lease."

In testifying against the lease, residents repeatedly stated Mere Point Oyster Company (MPOC) did not communicate its expansion plans adequately and eluded public input. No one from the public was aware of or attended the public scoping session.

Mere Point Preservation Group member Peter Vaughn added, "We are disappointed about the recommended approval of this lease, which essentially gives exclusive access to acres of ocean to those who will profit by their use or sale, while keeping away those who fish, boat, or just live beside those waters. We will continue to oppose the decision."

In addressing the conflict of interest situation, legal briefs filed by intervenors spoke extensively to the issue with one of the two MPOC's owners and Harbor Master Dan Devereaux. In the filing intervenors added, "These types of violations could result in a lease revocation of an existing lease and should therefore result in denial of this pending application. Daniel Devereaux used his position as the Town of Brunswick's Harbormaster to improperly advance his own pecuniary interests. In addition, each LPA required the signature of the municipal harbormaster, and for all of the Brunswick LPAs, Daniel Devereaux signed in his public capacity as harbormaster."

Spokesperson Crystal Canney said, "The group of concerned citizens and those who make their living in the fishing community met the unreasonable interference criteria to have this application denied – but DMR favored aquaculture at the expense of the traditional fisheries. The 99% marine aquaculture application approval rate and this recommended decision make it clear the permitting process is severely broken and aquaculture rules are outdated. The filing to stop the MPOC application demonstrated unreasonable interference for denial but DMR ignored the permitting rules and will of the people in favor of two individuals."

Protect Maine's Fishing Heritage will continue to work with fisherman to communicate their concerns and protect the ocean for all stakeholders. For aquaculture to be successful and sustainable the ocean must be available for all to enjoy not merely a select few individuals.

Visit Protectmaine.com to learn more.

Senator Collins secures more than \$4 billion for heating assistance, weatherization programs

U.S. Senator Susan Collins, a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, announced that \$3.74 billion for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and \$305 million for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) were signed into law as part of the fiscal year 2020 appropriations package.

Senator Collins strongly advocated for this funding and secured an increase of \$50 million for LIHEAP and \$51 million for WAP compared to the previous fiscal year. Earlier this month, Senators Collins and Jack Reed (D-RI) sent letters to the leadership of two Appropriations Subcommittees urging them to provide robust funding for LIHEAP and WAP.

"The LIHEAP and Weatherization programs are essential to helping thousands of Mainers keep warm during the cold winter months," said Senator Collins. "This funding will help ensure that low-income families and seniors do not have to make the impossible choice between paying for heat and paying for food or medicine."

In October, Senators Collins and Reed led a bipartisan coalition of Senators in sending a letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to release funds for LIHEAP as quickly as possible under the continuing resolution. In April, Senators Collins and Reed joined Senators Chris Coons (D-DE) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) to introduce legislation that would reauthorize WAP through 2024.

In 2018, nearly 28,000 Maine households received assistance benefits through the LIHEAP program.

Since 2010, Maine has received \$22.1 million in WAP funding and has been able to successfully weatherize nearly 2,500 homes and rental units across the state, according to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Senator Collins also secured report language encouraging the Department of Housing and Urban Development to continue coordinating its weatherization projects with its efforts to remove lead-based hazards from homes.

Local healthcare workers saving lives

Meryl Ryan, Vice President of Member Care at Grand Rounds, has hundreds of examples to share. Her team of care coordinators has done everything from saving people from medical bankruptcy to avoiding life-threatening health emergencies. This is part of the services that employers like the State of Maine, Home Depot and Comcast tap Grand Rounds for, helping their employees navigate a wide range of healthcare needs.

Here's a clinical example:

A man with a history of blood clots was recently taken off his meds and developed some discomfort in his calf. He scheduled a PCP visit for 9 days out and called Grand Rounds to help him move in the appointment. Despite his resistance to sharing the reason for the appointment, Grand Rounds care coordinator's, Jill, spidey-senses went up. She dug a little more and, based on these warning signs, strongly advised him to obtain urgent care if his PCP could not see him sooner. The PCP could not move up the visit, the patient went to see urgent care and, sure enough, he had a new blood clot. If Jill didn't push him and the clots were not caught, they could have travelled to the

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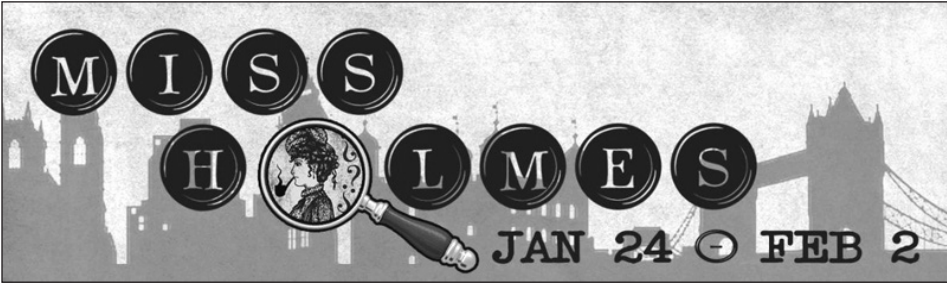
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In a time and place where gender roles are rigidly defined, Miss Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Dorothy Watson dare to challenge societal norms by providing an unusual, but necessary, service. When an anonymous note sends a newly-wed wife looking for help, Miss Holmes and Dr. Watson work together to uncover the secrets surrounding a corrupt police inspector whose wives have a habit of turning up dead. But this Holmes and Watson face far greater challenges than bringing the cunning criminal to justice. Miss Holmes possesses one of the greatest deductive minds of her generation, but she chafes at the restraints imposed upon her by society and family. Dr. Watson struggles to make a difference at the only hospital in London that will hire female doctors.

Join the Waterville Opera House and go on the hunt for a killer with Miss Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Dorothy Watson, and an all-star local cast of memorable characters. With murder, mystery, mistaken identities, and plot twists that you won’t expect, Miss Holmes is an exciting and thought-provoking mystery with a positive message. Reserve your tickets today!

Miss Holmes Showtimes are January 24, 25, 31 and February 1 at 7:30

p.m. and January 26 and February 2 at 2 p.m.

The talented cast of community actors performing in Miss Holmes are Miss Sherlock Holmes: Phoebe Sanborn; Dr. Dorothy Watson: Maggie Wachtl; Edwin Greener/Passerby: Erik Hyatt; Superintendent/Passerby: Joe Blackwell; Mycroft Holmes/Vagrant: Bart Shattuck; Dr. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson/Peggy/Martha: Jeralyn Shattuck; Mrs. Hudson: Eve Blackwell; Eudora Featherstone: Marie Cormier; Inspector Geoffrey Lestrade/Orderly #1: John DeWitt; Lizzie Chapman: Hannah King; Thomas Chapman/Orderly #3: Tim Croce; Dr. Michael Stamford/Passerby: Melvin Morrison; Reginald/Orderly #2: John Buys. Production Team, Written By: Christopher M. Walsh; Director: Debra Susi; Scenic and Lighting Designer: Tony Gerow; Sound Designer: Ben David Richmond; Costume Designer: Candace Chase; Stage Manager: Isaac Tardy

Miss Holmes runs January 24 through February 2 at the Waterville Opera House. Tickets range from \$21 to \$24. Groups of 10+ receive a 10% discount. WOH’s 19 through 20 season programming is made possible through the generous sponsorship of the Harold Alfond Foundation, Colby College, Golden Pond Wealth Management, Maine General Health, Kennebec Savings Bank, Central Maine Motors, Northern Light Inland Hospital, GHM Agency, Granite Hill Estates, Central Maine Newspapers, Marie Cormier, JS McCarthy Printers, and Woodlands Senior Living. Miss Holmes is presented through special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing. For more information or to reserve tickets call 873-7000, visit our website at <http://www.operahouse.org> or our Box Office at 1 Common Street!

The Waterville Opera House has been Central Maine’s cultural center since 1902, treating audiences of all ages to the magic of the performing arts. The 810-seat venue has been host to theatrical productions, ballet performances, concerts, vaudeville and comedy acts, touring shows, as well as a variety of community celebrations and special events. Each year, the Opera House draws 30,000 patrons, reaches 4,000 students through its education performances, and features 250 youths in their theater camps and productions. From the classics to new releases the Waterville Opera House has a seat for you. For more information, visit <http://www.operahouse.org/>

Governor honors two MDIFW employees at Blaine House Ceremony

Governor Janet Mills honored two Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife employees last week, MDIFW online license supervisor Angela Vo and wildlife management section supervisor Ryan Robicheau, recognizing them for their outstanding service to the State, its citizens and the department.

“Both Angela and Ryan are exemplary in their work and attitude, they lead by example, have earned the respect of many, and have been an asset to the department and our customers,” said MDIFW Commissioner Judy Camuso. “These honors are well deserved.”

Angela Vo, in addition to her regular duties, was praised for going above and beyond her job responsibilities in assisting with MDIFW’s Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation program (R3). R3 is a nationwide initiative with a focus on hunters and anglers. Angela helped with the implementation, planning, and follow-up of two new hunting workshops and was an integral part of the R3 technical committee meeting.

Ryan Robicheau was lauded for his leadership skills as he oversees staff in 7 regional offices scattered across the state, each with its own unique wildlife management challenges. Ryan’s work and style has earned the support and trust of his staff and others across the Department through his dedication, integrity and professionalism. It also was noted that he constantly identifies development and growth opportunities for his staff.

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries of Wildlife (MDIFW) preserves, protects, and enhances the inland fisheries and wildlife resources of the state. Established in 1880 to protect big game populations, MDIFW has since evolved in scope to include protection and management of fish, non-game wildlife, and habitats, as well as restoration of endangered species like the bald eagle.

In addition to its conservation duties, MDIFW is also responsible for enabling and promoting the safe enjoyment of Maine’s outdoors—from whitewater rafting to boating, snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, and wildlife observation. The agency’s constituents include the fish, wildlife, and people who call Maine home, as well as the visiting outdoor enthusiasts and ecotourists who call Maine Vacationland and contribute hundreds of millions of dollars each year to the state’s economy.

Rep. Carney’s bill to ensure proper closure of oil terminal facilities will be sent to the Legislature

The Legislative Council has voted to send a bill sponsored by Rep. Anne Carney (House District 30) to the Legislature for consideration. The legislation would ensure that oil terminal facilities have the financial resources to safely close, remove tanks and other infrastructure and clean up contamination.

“This year the Legislature passed aggressive goals to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase renewable energy. Requiring oil terminal facilities to have the financial resources to properly close when they are no longer needed benefits of our state and our communities. The financial burden won’t fall on taxpayers, cities and towns or the state. And this land can be developed for commerce residences and parks,” Rep. Carney stated.

Before the second session of each Legislature, the Legislative Council reviews all bills submitted by members and votes on whether to consider them as emergency measures. The 129th Legislature reconvenes for its second regular session in January.


Carney, a member of the Labor and Housing Committee, is serving her first term in the Maine House of Representatives. She represents House District 30, which is part of Cape Elizabeth.

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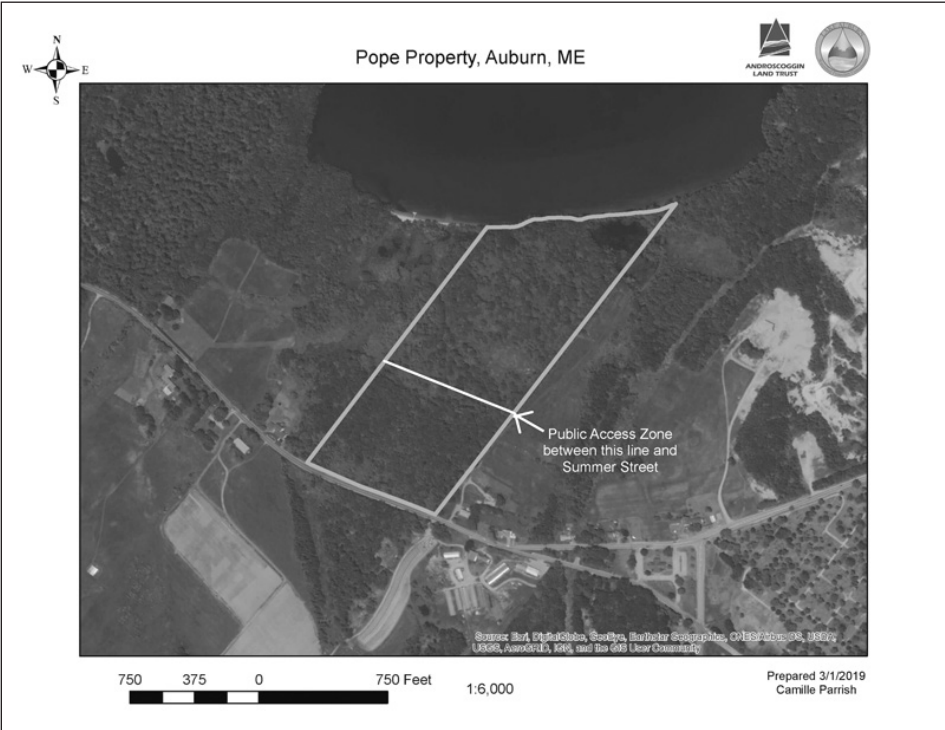
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35 acres preserved in Lake Auburn watershed



The Androscoggin Land Trust (ALT) and the Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission (LAWPC) recently announced the forever-conservation of a 35.6-acre property in Auburn with 0.2 miles of frontage on Lake Auburn known as the Pope Conservation Area. The property will forever help protect public drinking water quality for the Lewiston and Auburn area and provide other important natural services, including wildlife habitat, access to low-im-

compact public recreation and education. This conserved land is provided for public enjoyment and to protect water quality by Dr. Katherine S. Pope, in memory of her grandparents Harold S. and Marion W. White—this parcel, having been part of Whiteholm Farm, a dairy farm which they owned and operated from 1915 to 1973. She said, “this property has been in our family for a very long time, and we hope that people who visit will appreciate its history and the

importance of protecting the watershed. My grandfather, Harold Sewall White, was a conservationist himself and would be pleased that this parcel is being preserved.” The property is now owned by LAWPC, and ALT holds the conservation easement on the property as of May 2019. LAWPC ensures clean drinking water for the Lewiston and Auburn area (the second-largest metropolitan area of Maine) by maintaining the quality of the Lake Auburn watershed through education, outreach,

and watershed management efforts. Forests, fields, and other natural areas within a watershed play critical roles in keeping water clean by naturally absorbing water and trapping sediments. “For drinking water sources, it is especially important to ensure that land near the source is not overdeveloped so that the land can still provide vital natural filtration services,” said Erica Kidd, Watershed Manager at LAWPC. “ALT partners with LAWPC to monitor and steward their other conservation easements in the Lake Auburn watershed, and ALT is pleased to expand its partnership with LAWPC with the conservation of the Pope property,” said ALT Executive Director, Shelley Kruszewski. “Lake Auburn is the drinking water source for a large portion of the population that ALT serves, and it drains to the Androscoggin River via Bobbin Brook, placing this property squarely within the mission of ALT.” The property is located off Summer Street, on the right shortly after passing Whiting Farm when headed west. There is a designated

Public Access Zone located in the southwesterly area of the property that abuts Summer Street. LAWPC has plans to build a low-impact public recreation trail across the property, more details about which should be available in Spring 2020. Low-impact outdoor recreation and education, as defined by the easement includes walking, hiking, nature observation and study, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, picnicking within a designated picnic area, and nature-based outdoor education. The section of the property closest to the



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shoreline, due to water quality and habitat protection, is restricted from public access. The Androscoggin Land Trust is a 30-year-old membership-supported non-profit organization dedicated to protecting, through land conservation and stewardship, the important natural areas, traditional landscapes, and outdoor experiences within the Androscoggin River watershed.

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Thursday, Jan. 2
L-A Rotary welcomes Debra York, executive director for An Angel's Wing 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@my-fairpoint.net or Club President Celeste Yakawonis, 713.7111.

Friday, Jan. 3
A Resurgence Dance Company Contemporary Ballet in The Annex, at the Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington Street in Bath, 7:30 p.m. Regular tickets are \$12 Advance, \$16 at the door. Student tickets are \$8 in advance and \$12 Door. For more information visit www.chocolatechurcharts.org or call 207-442-8455.

Saturday, Jan. 4
A Resurgence Dance Company Contemporary Ballet in The Annex, at the Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington Street in Bath, 7:30 p.m. Regular tickets are \$12 Advance, \$16 at the door. Student tickets are \$8 in advance and \$12 Door. For more information visit www.chocolatechurcharts.org or call 207-442-8455.

Community potluck at the Congregational Church of East Sumner, 50 Main Street, Rte. 219 in East Sumner Village, 5:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the outreach work of the Church. For more information call Bill at 388-2263 or Cyndy at 388-2667.

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Twelfth Night Celebration at the Woman's Literary Union, 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. To order tickets, call 207-333-3386 or go online to www.womansliteraryunion.org. Satellite parking is available at Community Little Theatre (corner of High and Academy Streets). The snow date is Sunday, January 5, at the same time.

Seagrass at Village Coffeehouse, 19 Gloucester Hill Road, New Gloucester, 7:30 p.m. Seagrass specializes in upbeat traditional, classic rock and contemporary music. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information Julie Fralich at

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Sunday, Jan. 5
A Resurgence Dance Company Contemporary Ballet in The Annex, at the Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington Street in Bath, 2 p.m. Regular tickets are \$12 Advance, \$16 at the door. Student tickets are \$8 in advance and \$12 Door. For more information visit www.chocolatechurcharts.org or call 207-442-8455.

Monday, Jan. 6
Stanton Bird Club of Lewiston and Auburn meeting in room 285 at the University of Southern Maine Lewiston-Auburn College, 55 Westminster Street, Lewiston, at 6:30 p.m. The topic is Death Valley as seen by the photographer Dan Marquis. The meeting is free and open to the public

Lewiston's Mayoral Inaugural & Elected Officials Oath of Office Ceremony at The Gendron Franco Center (46 Cedar Street, Lewiston), 6:30 p.m. The Franco Center is handicapped accessible and parking is available across the street in the Continental Mill lot. For more information, please contact City Clerk Kathy Montejo at 513-3124.

Wednesday, Jan. 8
Annual USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Local Working Group meeting hosted by Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District at USDA office, 254 Goddard Road Lewiston, in the conference room from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be free coffee, refreshments and snacks. Registration is required by Friday, January 3 and can be done by calling the Conservation District at (207) 241-5374.

Thursday, Jan. 9
L-A Rotary welcomes speaker Robert Brainerd at The Village Inn, 165 High Street, Auburn, from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch is \$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, at 713-7111.

Friday, January 10
Food for Thought first meeting of 2020 at the Lewiston Auburn Campus of USM, 51 Westminster Street, Lewiston, 12 noon. The speaker will share the story of Mike Brooks, a 33-year career firefighter. The lecture is free and open to the public, but we will no longer be offering the option of purchasing a meal. Every-

one is invited and welcome to bring a bag lunch. The doors will open at 11:30.

The Harlow exhibit opening reception and meet the artists (Keri Kimura and Jan Ter Weele), at The Harlow, 100 Water Street in Hallowell, 5 to 7 p.m. The Harlow is a membership based 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to connecting and celebrating art, artists and community in downtown historic Hallowell since 1963. For more information please visit harlowgallery.org or call 207-622-3813

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Saturday Jan. 11
Bean Supper at Calvary United Methodist Church, 59 Sabattus St., Lewiston. Saturday, at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$8/Adults, \$4/Children. Call 782-3221 for more information.

Stanton Bird Club first walk of the year on Marginal Way Ogunquit, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meet at Staples in Lewiston at 8 a.m. to carpool. For more information call Steve Reed at 207-319-6630.

UUCB Concerts for a Cause: Tricky Britches, at Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick, 7:30 p.m. as part of the Concerts for a Cause series to raise money for 2 local charities.

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Sunday, Jan. 12
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Friday, Jan. 24
The Waterville Opera House presents Miss Sherlock Holmes, 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$21 to \$24. Groups of 10+ receive a 10% discount. For more information or to reserve tickets call 873-7000, visit our website at <http://www.operahouse.org> or our Box Office at 1 Common Street!

Saturday, Jan. 25
The Waterville Opera House presents Miss Sherlock Holmes, 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$21 to \$24. Groups of 10+ receive a 10% discount. For more information or to reserve tickets call 873-7000, visit our website at <http://www.operahouse.org> or our Box Office at 1 Common Street!
Introductory abstract art workshop at The Harlow Gallery, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Open to ages 15 and up. All materials included. Tuition: Members \$40, non-members \$55. No prior experience necessary. Beginners welcome. Registrations are due by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22. Register online at harlowgallery.org/intro-to-abstract-art-workshop.

Sunday, Jan. 26
The Waterville Opera House presents Miss Sherlock Holmes, 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$21 to \$24. Groups of 10+ receive a 10% discount. For more information or to reserve tickets call 873-7000, visit our website at <http://www.operahouse.org> or our Box Office at 1 Common Street!
Shana Youngdahl book signing at Webster Library in Kingfield at 2 p.m. Shana Youngdahl, University of Maine at Farmington assistant professor of English is author of "As Many Nows As I Can Get".

Friday, Jan. 31
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Saturday, Feb. 1
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Sunday, Feb. 2
The Waterville Opera House presents Miss Sherlock Holmes, 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$21 to \$24. Groups of 10+ receive a 10% discount. For more information or to reserve tickets call 873-7000, visit our website at <http://www.operahouse.org> or our Box Office at 1 Common Street!

Thursday, Feb. 20
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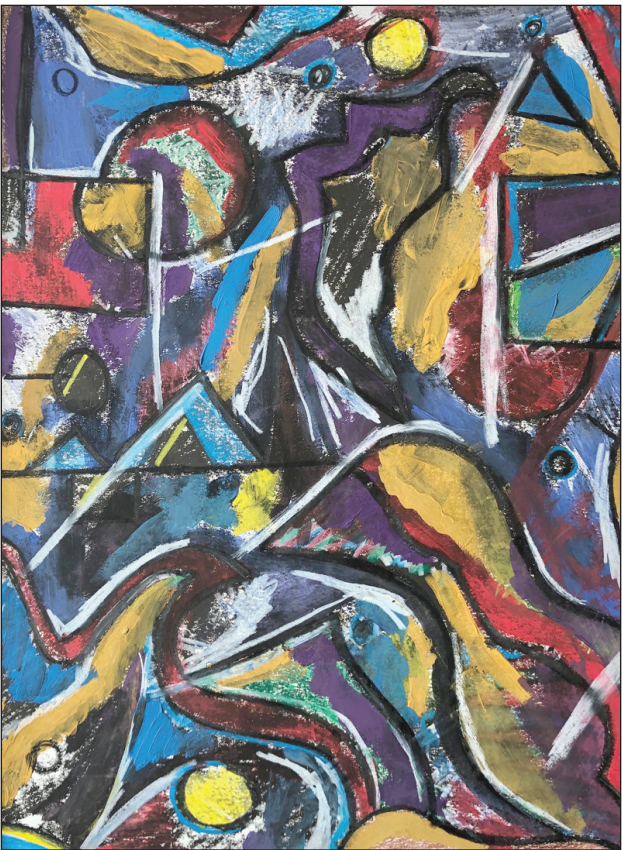
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The Harlow opens registration for introductory abstract art workshop



Registration is now open for an introductory abstract art class with Rachael Wilson at The Harlow on Saturday, January 25, 10am-1pm

Curious about learning how to make abstract art? Registration is now open for an introductory class with local artist and educator Rachael Wilson at The Harlow, 100 Water Street in Hallowell. During the class, students can get inspired by The Harlow’s exhibition featuring abstract paintings by Keri Kumura which is on view January 10 to February 8. (harlowgallery.org/keri-kimura/) The workshop will be on Saturday, January 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registrations are due by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22.

The workshop will cover topics such as: abstract art vs. non-objective art, the elements of art, principals of design, effects of color, types of composition, and examples such as Kindinsky, Alexander Rodchenko, Alexander Calder, Picasso, and others. This workshop will be hands on and students will be able to create and take home their own piece of original abstract art. It will be a small class with lots of opportunity for one on one instruction and questions.

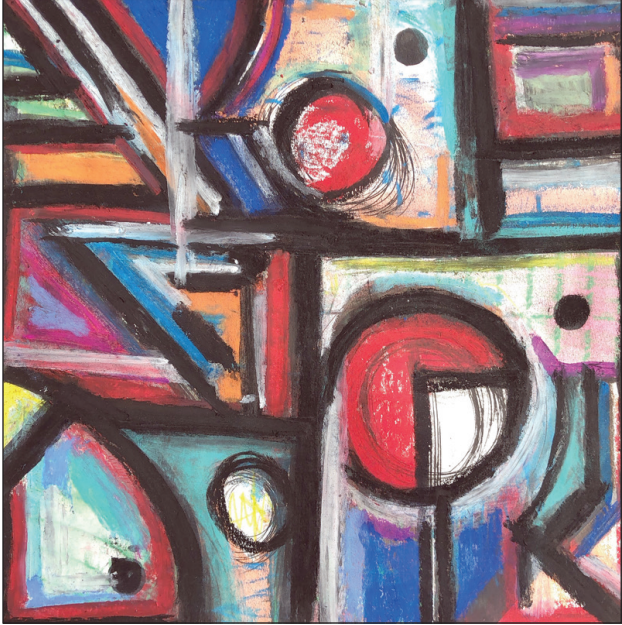
This workshop is limited to 10 students and requires at least 3 registrations in order to run so sign up early in order and reserve your space.

Open to ages 15 and

up. All materials included. Tuition: Members \$40, non-members \$55. No prior experience necessary. Beginners welcome. Register online at harlowgallery.org/intro-to-abstract-art-workshop.

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