

## Maine Family Snow Tube Park opens at Lost Valley



Representatives from LAEGC, the L-A Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Lost Valley and Maine Family FCU cut the ribbon to officially open the new park.

Officials from Maine Family Federal Credit Union and Lost Valley Ski Area in Auburn have announced that the credit union has signed a five-year commitment for naming rights of the three-lane, 600' long snow tubing park, which is completing construction and slated to open this week at Lost Valley Ski Area in Auburn. The park, to be named the Maine Family Snow Tube Park, will serve individuals, families,

large groups, corporate outings and birthday parties. For additional information, including open hours and pricing, see [LostValleySki.com](http://LostValleySki.com) or visit the Lost Valley Facebook Page.

"We are pleased to announce that we are continuing our commitment to the Lewiston-Auburn community in a very important way," said James Moreau of Maine Family Federal Credit Union. "Our

sponsorship of the Maine Family Snow Tube Park is a perfect way to show our dedication to being an active partner in the community we serve. We expect that people will enjoy and experience the feeling of family at the Maine Family Snow Tube Park for years to come."

"We're very excited about this partnership with Maine Family Federal Credit Union and are grateful," said Michael Krapovicky, LAEGC President. See **Snow**, page 4

## Auburn welcomes new Taco Bell



Pictured here (l. to r.) are Auburn's Director of Economic & Community Development Michael Chammings, Taco Bell's Director of Operations for Maine Hugo Cardenas, Auburn Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté, store manager Stephanie Trejo and Auburn Ward 1 City Councilor Jim Pross. (Photo by Brendan Fontaine)

The City of Auburn recently welcomed Taco Bell to 458 Center Street, in the former location of Tim Hortons. A ribbon cutting marked the official opening of the new restaurant, which becomes the

largest Taco Bell location in Maine, and may be the largest in New England.

The event was well-attended and hot fresh tacos, burritos and chalupas were enjoyed by all. Attendees included Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonté, Auburn

Ward 1 City Councilor James Pross, members of Auburn's Economic Development Staff and many other local Taco Bell fans.

See **Taco**, page 5

## Donors urgently needed to increase blood supply

The American Red Cross urgently needs blood donors now and throughout the winter to maintain a sufficient blood supply for

patients in need. To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or see [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

Auburn: Monday, February 27, from 1 to 6 p.m., at Hilton Garden Inn, 14 Great Falls Plaza.

Falmouth: Tuesday, February 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Falmouth Memorial Library, 5 Lunt

Road; Friday, February 24, from noon to 5 p.m., at Lunt Auditorium, 74 Lunt Road.

Freeport: Friday, February 17, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Freeport Community Center, 53 Depot Street; Monday, February 20, from 1 to 6 p.m., at Pine Tree Academy, 67 Pownall Road; Wednesday, February 22, from 1 to 6 p.m., at Casco Bay YMCA, 14 Old South Freeport Road.

Yarmouth: Monday, February 20, from noon to 5 p.m., at Yarmouth AmVets, 148 North Road.

Augusta: Tuesday, February 21, from 7 a.m. to noon, at Togus VA Hospital, 1 VA Center; Saturday, February 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Augusta Community Center, 1000 Broadway. See **Donors**, page 5

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Higgins promoted to Deputy Chief of LPD



Adam D. Higgins

Lewiston Police Chief Brian O'Malley has promoted Adam D. Higgins, a member of the department since January 1990, to the position of Deputy Chief. Higgins has served with the department as a Police Officer, Community Resource Officer, Agent on the Central

Maine Violent Crime Task Force, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Sergeant of Detectives, Lieutenant and, most recently, Interim Deputy Chief. He has also served as the department's Defensive Tactics & Taser Instructor and, for the last 27 years, has been a member of the Lewiston Police Honor Guard.

Higgins has an Associate of Science Degree in Law Enforcement Technology from Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute (now Southern Maine Community College) and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He has also completed the Staff & Command Training Program at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island.

## NSB Arena manager moves up to NHL

After one year and eight months in his position as General Manager of Auburn's Norway Savings Bank Arena, Marc Gosselin has been "called up" to the big leagues. In two weeks, Gosselin will leave NSBA for his new position in the front office of the Columbus Blue Jackets, a professional ice hockey team based in Columbus, Ohio.

"Breaking into the NHL has always been a dream of mine," said Gosselin. "This is an opportunity I just couldn't pass up."

Gosselin, who grew up in Lewiston, began his sports business career working for the Lewiston Maineiacs. In the years that followed, he worked for the Portland Pirates, Central Maine Community College, and before coming to Auburn, spent five seasons with the Maine Red Claws, Portland's professional minor league basketball team. He will be working for the Blue Jackets in their Corporate Partnership Department.

In his role as General Manager and Executive Director of Sports Tourism, Gosselin leaves the Norway Savings Bank Arena in better shape than when he was hired in July of 2015, according to Acting City Manager Denis D'Auteuil. "Marc has helped put us on the path to marketing Auburn as a sports tourism destination, and we couldn't be more excited about that," he said. "We will miss his enthusiasm, creativity and strong leadership, but we wish him the best in this new adventure. We have a very talented team in place and the arena will continue to thrive."

Assistant General Manager Jason Paquin will serve as Acting GM when Gosselin leaves for Ohio. "Jason is more than ready," said Gosselin. "He has a tremendous work ethic and a real passion for this place."

"I see only bright things ahead for Norway

Savings Bank Arena," said Gosselin. "There are so many people who care about it, who are committed to it: the staff, the people who use the facility, our corporate partners - we are moving in the right direction, with some good momentum."

While he is excited about the opportunities that lay ahead, Gosselin is thankful for his time in Auburn. "I'm very appreciative," he said. "I don't think this [NHL] opportunity would have crossed my path if it were not for this great position with the City of Auburn. From my staff, to the City Council, Mayor and City Manager - I have felt supported, and that has motivated me to strive for success for Norway Savings Bank Arena."

The Columbus Blue Jackets are members of the Metropolitan Division of the Eastern Conference of the National Hockey League. Founded as an expansion team in 2000, the Blue Jackets play their home games at Nationwide Arena in downtown Columbus. They qualified for the Stanley Cup playoffs for the first time in 2009.

## Auburn Fire Chief earns professional designation



Chief Geoffrey Low

The City of Auburn has announced that Fire Chief Geoffrey Low has earned the professional designation of "Chief Fire Officer (CFO)." The CFO credential, which was awarded by the Center for Public Safety Excellence, is a significant professional achievement, requiring a strong educational background, diverse participation in emergency services at the local, state, and national level, and demonstrated involvement in the broader community, all validated by emergency services peers.

Chief Low, who has Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees in Fire Science, as well as a Master of Business Administration with

a concentration in Public Administration, began his career in the Fire Service more than 30 years ago as a Junior Firefighter. Low, who is also a Paramedic, has spent 22 years with the Auburn Fire Department, serving as Deputy Chief before he was promoted to his current position. He continues his personal and professional development as a member of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer program, which he is just months away from completing.

"Finding a balance between training, experience and formal education is critical in the Fire Service," said Low. "I set this as a personal goal because I value education and I wanted to push myself. I believe that it makes me a better leader, and I hope it will inspire the rest of my team to consider a similar path; professional growth helps make our fire service better and stronger."

"Earning your CFO takes real commitment, talent and dedication," said City Manager Denis D'Auteuil. "We are so proud of Chief Low for achieving this impressive personal and professional milestone."

## Goodwill Industries VP to speak at Rotary Breakfast Club



Richard Cantz

The next meeting of the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club will take place on Wednesday, February 22 at 7 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. The guest speaker will be Richard Cantz of Goodwill Industries. For more information about the program, contact Jeffrey "Pete" Preble at 751-6281.

Since joining Goodwill in 2003, Richard Cantz has held various positions in the areas of advancement and public policy. In his current role as Senior

Vice President for Strategic Development and Public Policy, he oversees Goodwill's health care, workforce, and Good Clean Property services, as well as its public policy initiatives and innovation efforts.

He has a Bachelor's degree in Clinical Psychology from Springfield College, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1993. After graduation, he worked as a teacher at the YMCA of Greater Portland. He then spent five years at Opportunity Alliance (formerly Youth Alternatives, Inc.), providing case management services to youth in the Maine foster care system and to homeless youth.

Before joining Goodwill Industries of Northern New England as the Director of The Goodwill Fund, he was the Vice President of Resource Development at the United Way of Greater Portland. He is a past member of the Portland Rotary, where he served for over 10 years.

## Cabot Mill Antiques passes \$1 million per year sales mark



The popular antiques mall opened in 1996 with twenty dealers and a few cases; it now boasts 160 displays stocked by nearly 100 dealers in 16,000 feet of showroom space.

Cabot Mill Antiques, an antiques mall located in the historic Fort Andross building in Brunswick, has announced that, for the first time in the business's history, it has surpassed the one million dollars in sales mark for the year.

On December 31, 2016, customers William and Kristen Wing of Massachusetts purchased, among other items, an 1891 Stanley brass bound level, a mounted grinding wheel, and petite brass portholes, putting Cabot Mill Antiques over the one million dollars per annum in sales mile-

stone.

"This is a major milestone for our antique mall, which has sustained a strong and steady growth for twenty years," said manager Deborah Stufflebeam. "It puts us in a unique position among antique malls. It's a tribute to the quality of the merchandise our antique dealers provide to the public, the hard work and dedication of our friendly and knowledgeable sales team, and our innovative and consistent marketing."

Cabot Mill Antiques opened in 1996 with twenty dealers and a few cases in a

walled-off section of the Fort Andross building at 14 Maine Street in Brunswick. The business has expanded several times over the years and now boasts 160 quality displays stocked by nearly 100 dealers in 16,000 square feet of showroom space.

Cabot Mill Antiques is wheelchair accessible and open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until 7 p.m. on Fridays. All major credit cards and personal checks are accepted. For more information, contact manager Deborah J. Stufflebeam at 725-2855 or cabot@waterfrontme.com, or see [www.cabotiques.com](http://www.cabotiques.com).

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## Historical society publishes Edward Little biography



Those who would like a special peek into Edward Little's life while purchasing a copy of the book may do so at a special signing event at the Edward Little House in Auburn.

Androscoggin Historical Society has published a new book about Edward Little (1773-1849), one of the “founding fathers” of Auburn and Lewiston and the namesake of Edward Little High School. “Dear Parent: A Biography and Letters of Edward Little” was researched and written by Douglas I Hodgkin, who has written several works on local history.

While Little is best known for having founded Lewiston Falls Academy, which be-

came Edward Little High School, less well known is the role of the Little Family in founding what became High Street Congregational Church, as well as bridges, railroads, and the mills at the falls, until the latter were taken over by Boston-based investors.

“We decided that there should be a comprehensive biography of his life,” said Hodgkin, who currently serves as president of the Androscoggin Historical Society’s board. “Until now, his life has been summarized in articles, mostly concerning his local accom-

plishments, in the magazine section of the old Lewiston Journal.”

The book details Little’s early career as a businessman, lawyer, and politician in Newburyport, Mass., until two disasters resulted in massive debt. He then moved to Portland, Maine, to manage the business affairs of his father and the Pejepscot Proprietors’ land company. Finally, in 1826, at the age of fifty-three, he settled in Danville, now Auburn. There, his important contributions toward the development of Lewiston and Auburn, from an insignificant farming community to one primed for rapid industrialization, made his life story a remarkable one.

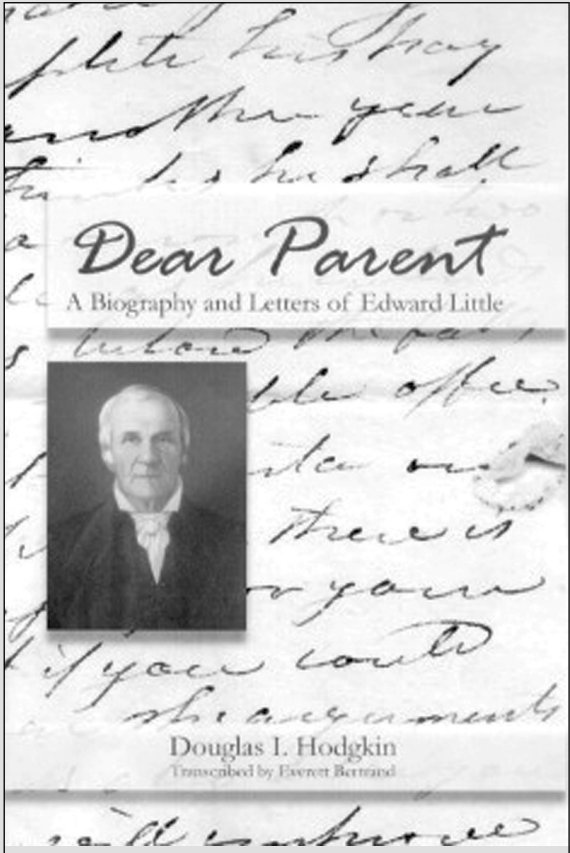
The book also contains the letters that Little addressed to his “Dear Parent,” his father, Josiah, that are owned by the Androscoggin Historical Society. These depict local conditions during the early development of the Androscoggin Valley, relations between the Littles and the settlers, and relations between members of the Little Family. The letters were transcribed by Everett Bertrand, a resident of Poland who is a student at Wheaton College, during

a summer internship at the Society in 2015.

Hodgkin, a retired professor of political science at Bates College, is the author of several books describing the history of Lewiston and Auburn. These include “Lewiston Memories,” “Historic Lewiston: The Grange at Crowley’s Junction,” “Frontier to Industrial City: Lewiston Town Politics 1768-1863,” “The Baptists of Court Street,” “Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company,” and “Lewiston Politics in the Gilded Age, 1863-1900.”

The book, a 262-page paperback, is available for \$20 plus sales tax. Those who would like to get a special peek into Edward Little’s life while purchasing a copy of the book will have a unique opportunity to do so on Tuesday, February 21, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., when Certified Public Accountant Robert Grieshaber, who maintains the Edward Little House as his office, will invite the public in to purchase a copy of the book and have it signed by the author. The house is located at 217 Main Street in Auburn.

“The Androscoggin Historical Society is delighted with Bob’s current



stewardship of the house and his willingness to open it for this event,” said Hodgkin. “He has been very supportive of our work on this project.”

The book can also be purchased at the Androscoggin Historical Society’s office in the Androscoggin County Building, where Society members will receive at 10% discount, Wednesday

through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m., and at Victor News (59 Park Street in Lewiston), the Bates College Store (65 Campus Avenue in Lewiston), Gulf of Maine Books (134 Maine Street in Brunswick), and online from the Maine Historical Society. For more information, call the Androscoggin Historical Society at 784-0586.

## Mechanic Falls sixth-graders participate in legislative process

Elm Street Elementary School’s entire sixth-grade class recently attended the public hearing of LD 35, otherwise known as “The Hedgehog Bill, as guests of Senator Eric Brakey. The bill, which was originally inspired by one of the students in attendance, would align Maine with most of the rest of the country in allowing the ownership of hedgehogs as pets.

“I think hedgehogs are really cute animals and, when I am older, I would like to have one,” said one of the students in testimony. “I don’t think it’s fair that people who want one can’t have one in Maine...”

“I was thrilled to have students from Elm Street Elementary School travel

to Augusta to participate in the legislative process,” said Sen. Brakey. “The Hedgehog Bill, which was suggested to me by a student during a visit to the school, has provided a great learning experience for the students.” A video from the hearing can be found on Senator Brakey’s Facebook page.

## Pine Tree Society promotes two

Pine Tree Society, a statewide organization serving Maine children and adults with disabilities, has announced two promotions on its Case Management Team.

Paula Schrank has been promoted to Team Leader of the Adult Case Management Team. She joined Pine Tree Society in 2010 and still enjoys the

“unexpected” nature of her job, never knowing what each day will bring.

Mike Bell has been promoted to Team Leader for the Children’s Case

Management Team. He has been working for Pine Tree Society as a Children’s Case Manager for over 8 years, and previously worked as a program coordinator overseeing a large early childhood program for children

with developmental disabilities. Pine Tree Society helps people in Maine with disabilities lead richer, more socially connected lives. For more information, call 443-3341 or see [www.pinetreesociety.org](http://www.pinetreesociety.org).

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# Only Steps Forward

## Transition at Norway Savings Bank arena bodes well for Auburn

By Jonathan P. LaBonte  
MAYOR OF AUBURN

As we hit a high point in the hockey season here in Auburn, and with the Lion’s Tournament, America’s longest-running youth hockey tournament, kicking off this weekend, an update on the status of the city’s Norway Savings Bank Arena (NSBA) is warranted. For anyone who follows city developments, or local hockey, you’ve likely

heard that the general manager of NSBA has given his notice and will be moving on. Marc Gosselin, who has served as GM of the arena and executive director of sports tourism for a little less than two years, announced last week he had accepted a front office position with the NHL franchise in Columbus, Ohio. While it is always difficult to manage transitions



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté of leadership at a city asset as important as the arena,

this new career opportunity for Marc is not only a dream come true for him (how many L-A kids growing up around hockey always wanted to get to the NHL), but also a reminder of how much Marc brought to the operation of the arena. Those spending the most time and treasure in and around the arena know the difference Marc made to the environment there, compared to what he inherited

from previous management of the facility. His support team is first class and have brought nothing but positive comments about everything from the quality of the ice surface for players to the improved customer service for fans attending games there. And most importantly for the taxpayers who hold much of the financial risk in operating an arena like this, Marc’s relationship building and customer focus helped

to restore the confidence of our many sponsors and brought new partners to the table. Marc brought a unique background to his role not only at NSBA, but also as the city’s first director of sports tourism. Having worked with professional sports teams like the Lewiston MAINEiacs and Maine Red Claws, Marc understood the culture you need to build within the staff team and with your community and corporate partners to make the whole thing work. Partnering with developer George Schott to build the arena wasn’t just about meeting an ice-time need for Maine’s largest youth hockey program or for five high school programs, it was about building an asset that could attract people and events to Auburn and the spending in restaurant, hotels and other area businesses that come with it.

The fact that we are now about to host our first trade show, Maine’s largest camping and RV show, and have hosted multiple NCAA Division I UMaine women’s hockey games, attracting three to four times their average home attendance in Orono, is a demonstration that we are diversifying revenues to operate the arena while continuing to grow the level of visitor spending in our community. The Auburn City Council and the public have gained a renewed confidence in the arena, thanks to Marc’s leadership and the work of the rest of the team their under his direction. The fact that our small-town arena had a GM who used that experience to launch a career opportunity into the NHL also bodes well for what comes next for the arena and the potential of sports tourism here.

I hope all of you will join me in thanking Marc for his tireless effort and commitment to improving the bottom line at the Norway Savings Bank Arena, as well as raising its profile as a hockey and event venue in the State of Maine. And I hope you join me in a vote of confidence for the team remaining at the arena, letting them know they have the community’s support as we work through this transition period.

### Snow

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ful for their support and vision to realize the opportunities that are available here at Lost Valley,” said owner Scott Shanaman. “It is because of the support of great community partners like Maine Family that we are able to continue to provide these kind of additional outdoor recreation opportunities to members of our community and folks from away.”

Originally named Sainte Famille Federal Credit Union, Maine Family Federal Credit Union was founded in March of 1938 when Rev. Vital E. Non-orgues was assigned to Ste. Famille Parish in Lewiston and founded the credit union to help his parishioners with their economic struggles. It was the first credit union

in Lewiston-Auburn and the first parish credit union in the state of Maine. Office hours were held after Sunday masses. In 1942, the credit union had 482 members.

Over the years, the credit union moved to different locations and grew. In 1957, Holy Family School partnered with the credit union’s youth program and received nationwide recognition for teaching youngsters about savings. In 1985, the present office at 555 Sabattus Street was built to better accommodate members. In 2002, Maine Family opened the Stevens Mills School building on the corner of Minot Avenue and Hotel Road and converted a historic structure into a first-class credit union branch office. Today, Maine Family has over 20,000 members.

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# Enough is Enough

## Influx of out-of-state liberal ideas threatens Lewiston

By Robert E. Macdonald  
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Over the past five-plus years, I have repeatedly warned readers of one of the biggest threats facing Maine and now Lewiston. It is the steady influx of out-of-state staunch liberals, especially from the state my brother and I fled from: Massachusetts.

Fleeing the liberal tyranny of what once was my beloved Massachusetts, I sought and was granted citizenship in Lewiston. The fact that New Hampshire stood as a buffer between Maine and Massachusetts provided me with a great comfort. But that was 40 years ago.

Since then this liberal enemy has slowly and deliberately secreted themselves into Maine's First Congressional District. They are currently in the process of trying to turn Maine into, as Governor Paul R. LePage

eloquently stated, "a socialist utopia."

Living in Maine's Second District where President Donald Trump rules, you may feel safe and secure from them. But you're not! Not only are they coming, they are already here.

Last week I received a letter from a very recent arrival to our fair city. The letter writer (who will be referred to as LW) has come to Lewiston from Boston. I feel I should share with you the context of the letter.

The LW begins by reminding me that "as a fellow former Bostonian, I am sure that you remember the wonderful diversity in your native city."

Yes, I do. Irish, Italians, Poles, Jews, Greeks, Armenians, African-Americans, Russians, Spanish and a cornucopia of others from around the world. We all had two things in common.



Mayor Bob Macdonald

We were all Americans, and we all shared and spoke the same language—English.

But now the LW liberal friends have transformed Boston into the Tower of Babel. Large portions of those living in Boston speak little to no English, placing a strain on municipal services, schools, hospitals and property taxpayers.

When exploring a move to Maine back in

September of last year, the LW was worried about living in the "whitest state," but came because "we have such diversity here." The LW went on to state that "having grown up in Boston and attended the Boston Public Schools, the idea of raising my children alongside children from a variety of cultures is very important to me." This was a "great part of the reason" that the LW moved to Lewiston.

This raises the question: Why did the LW leave Boston? Being enrolled in the Boston Public System, the LW's children would have been exposed to many more diverse cultures. Yet the LW chose Lewiston. I'm going to take a guess as to why.

Since the creation of school busing, the Boston schools have continued in a downward academic spiral. Poor test results, personal

safety issues and criminal behavior by students are daily occurrences. Most native-born Bostonians have fled to the surrounding suburbs.

Or perhaps it is a safety issue. Boston, like many Democratic-run cities throughout the country, has a major crime problem. What once were great neighborhoods have been reduced to gang-infested hell holes. The many outstanding citizens living in these neighborhoods have become prisoners in their own homes. Politicians stand by and do nothing, paralyzed by the thought of bad press, or God forbid, losing their seat.

I was elected handily by the voters of Lewiston, and as their mayor I think I can state with confidence that the majority of people in Lewiston neither want nor need unhelpful social suggestions from these lib-

erals. Perhaps you and your ilk should refocus your compassion on our community's elderly, veterans and the mentally retarded. Using our strained municipal funds to help them is much more morally correct than using precious dollars to support illegal non-citizens.

Congratulations to the Lewiston High School Cheerleading Team! They again reign as Maine State Champions for the fifth time in the last six years. Their continued success accurately portrays the outstanding work ethic and continual pride found throughout Lewiston.

This coming Sunday, February 19, is the 72nd anniversary of the landing on Iwo Jima. It would be nice if people put aside five minutes of their time and reflected on the sacrifices made by all veterans since 1775.

### City behind on meter readings

The City of Lewiston's Water Division has encountered problems over the past month, including harsh weather conditions and malfunctioning equipment, that have made the

process of reading customer meters slower and more challenging than usual.

As a result, some utility bills have been delayed for as long as two to three weeks beyond their normal read date. These bills will be larger than normal because they will cover a longer period of time.

Readings are being done as promptly as possible without risking injury to staffers in the field. The city is currently taking steps, including upgrading equipment and allocating an additional staff person, to get billing cycles back on track.

Those who experience a longer than normal billing period this time should have a shorter than normal one next time. City staffers thank residents for their patience and understanding.

### HR Thursday explores "Becoming an Employer of Choice"

Becoming an employer of choice is critical for recruitment and retention efforts. As we head further into the labor shortage, and the number of applicants decrease, what will you do to attract, train and retain the talent you need?

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host the HR Thursday workshop "Becoming an Employer of Choice" on Thursday, February 23 from noon to 1:30 p.m. The program will feature representatives from local employers, including InterMed, P.A., Geiger Brothers, Moody's Collision Center, SeniorsPlus, and Community Health Options, who will discuss changes they made to become an employer of choice and lessons learned in the process. Information will also be available on the "Best Places to Work" program.

Presented in partnership with the Central Maine Human Resource Asso-

ciation and the Lewiston CareerCenter, the workshop will take place in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The cost is \$50, or

\$25 for chamber members and free for members of MCHRA. For more information, call 783-2249. To register, see [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

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February 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Buker Center, 22 Armory Street.

Gardiner: Friday, February 24, from noon to 5 p.m., at Gardiner Lions Club, 10 Lions Avenue.

Manchester: Saturday, February 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Manchester Fire Department, 37 Readfield Street.


Topsham: Saturday, February 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at American Legion Post 202, 79 Foreside Road.

### Taco

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Taco Bell is hiring at the Auburn store and offering positions with competitive wages at all levels in new restaurants throughout Maine. "We are excited to serve our community and to bring the Taco Bell experience to the City of Auburn," said Hugo Cardenas, Director of Operations for Maine. "Stop in for lunch, dinner or a job application any time."

"Center Street in Auburn has long been the commercial center of Lewiston-Auburn, and I'm excited to see this example of a building along this corridor repurposed with significant new investment," said Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonté.




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## CMHRA meeting tackles stress in the workplace

At the next meeting of the Central Maine Human Resources Association on Tuesday, February 21 at the Carriage House in Lewiston, Dr. Cory St. Denis will address how HR professionals and business owners can reduce one of the leading causes of workers comp claims: stress in the workplace. Stress is everywhere in our fast-paced world. The human brain can only handle or manage so much of it before it starts to shut down. This high-energy workshop will bust many myths while



Dr. Cory St. Denis

providing key secrets about how to build and maintain focus and use momentum and brain science to stay on track. The techniques provided in this workshop can be applied to small businesses or large corporations. Dr. St. Denis will start by providing an updated explanation on how the human brain’s comfort zone can

create lower productivity levels. For HR professionals, it’s hardly simple to find interventions and solutions for companies and employees alike. Throughout this workshop, attendees will learn how to build a blueprint for addressing the varying types of stress in the workplace and keeping the people you support on track to reach their goals consistently, in the healthiest way possible. The Carriage House is at 1119 Lisbon Street. Sign in will begin at 7:30 a.m. and there will be time to network before and after the program. The event is free for CMHRA members and \$25 for non-members. Registration on line is preferred and available at [www.cmhra.org](http://www.cmhra.org).

## Maine home sales up 11.71 percent in 2016

A strong confidence in the economy has fueled sales of existing single-family homes across the state. According to Maine Listings, 17,507 homes closed across Maine’s 16-counties during the 12 months of 2016. The yearly statewide median sales price of \$189,400 represented a 4.93 percent jump. The MSP indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less. For the month of December 2016, statewide sales were up 11.06 percent, while the statewide MSP increased 4.08 percent to \$185,000, compared to December 2015. In comparison, the national sales increase for the month of December was 1.5 percent, and the national MSP rose 3.8 percent to \$233,500. Regionally, sales in the Northeast were up 2.7

percent in December, while the regional MSP decreased 3.8 percent to \$245,900. “The sales year of 2016 ended with the highest number of reported transactions (17,507) since we began compiling data 18 years ago,” said 2017 Maine Association of Realtors President Greg Gosselin, Owner-Broker of Gosselin Realty Group in York. “Coupled with continued favorable financing terms available to borrowers and confidence in the economy, the strong 2016 year-end gives good momentum for 2017. “I have spoken with Realtors from across Maine this month and they report steady calls from sellers preparing to market their properties, and buyers looking to take advantage of ‘for sale’ inventory coming into the marketplace after the holidays.”

## Holy Cross Knights of Columbus support “Free the Kids”



The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus, including (l. to r., from front) Larry Thibault, Rick Jensen, Paul Beaucage, Gerry Henault, Roger Nadeau, Claude Mailhot, and Tony Dube, recently held a Take-Out Bean Supper that raised \$1000 to support Fr. Marc Boisvert’s “Free the Kids” orphanage in Haiti. Their next Take-Out Bean Supper will take place on Saturday, March 4, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the Holy Cross church hall at 1080 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

**Send all submissions for What’s Going On to [Editor@TwinCityTimes.com](mailto:Editor@TwinCityTimes.com). Deadline is Friday by five.**

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

KEI (Maine) Power Management (III) LLC

Project No. 2808-017

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TENDERED FOR FILING WITH THE COMMISSION AND SOLICITING ADDITIONAL STUDY REQUESTS AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE FOR RELICENSING AND A DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF FINAL AMENDMENTS

(February 3, 2017)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: Subsequent Minor License
- b. Project No.: P-2808-017
- c. Date filed: January 31, 2017
- d. Applicant: KEI (Maine) Power Management (III) LLC
- e. Name of Project: Lower Barker Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On the Little Androscoggin River, in the City of Auburn, Androscoggin County, Maine. The project does not occupy lands of the United States.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a) - 825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Lewis Loon, Operations and Maintenance Manager, 37 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Suite 2, Lewiston, Maine 04240; (207) 786-8834.
- i. FERC Contact: Karen Sughrue at (202) 502-8556 or email at [Karen.Sughrue@ferc.gov](mailto:Karen.Sughrue@ferc.gov)
- j. Cooperating agencies: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
- k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 C.F.R. of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.
- l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: March 31, 2017.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2808-017.

- m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.
- n. The Lower Barker Project consists of the following existing facilities: 1) a 232-foot-long, 30-foot-high concrete dam with a 125-foot-long spillway with flashboards, a 46-foot-long non-overflow section with two waste gates along the left buttress, and a 61-foot-long non-overflow section with seven stop-logs adjacent to the intake canal; 2) a 16.5-acre reservoir with a storage capacity of 150-acre-feet; 3) a 60-foot-long, 20-foot-wide, 9.6-foot-deep intake canal on the right bank with seven stop-logs; 4) a 35-foot-long, 20-foot-wide gatehouse containing a single gate and fitted with trash racks; 5) a buried 650-foot-long, 10-foot-wide, 8-foot-high concrete penstock; 6) a 50-foot-long, 25-foot-wide concrete powerhouse containing a single semi-Kaplan-type turbine and generating unit with a rated capacity of 1.5 megawatts; 7) a tailrace; 8) a 250-foot-long, 4.2 kilovolt underground power line; (9) a substation; and 10) appurtenant facilities. The project produces an average of 5,087 megawatt-hours annually.
- o. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

- p. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency/Additional Information Letter	April 2017
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comment	June 2017
Hold Scoping Meeting	July 2017
Request Additional Information (if necessary)	July 2017
Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary)	August 2017
Issue notice of ready for environmental analysis	September 2017
Notice of the availability of the draft NEPA document	March 2018
Initiate the 10(j) process	April 2018
Notice of the availability of the final NEPA document	July 2018

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.



Snow depth provides ideal conditions for outdoor winter activities



A family enjoys recent snow conditions at Black Mountain in Maine.

The Maine Office of Tourism, in collaboration with Ski Maine Association and the Maine Snowmobile Association, is reporting that the abundance of snow that has fallen recently has produced some of the best winter recreation conditions Maine has experienced in years.

Even before this week’s snowfall, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s snow depth map showed that the majority of Aroostook County and Maine’s Lakes and Mountains Region already had more than two feet of snow. This week’s snowstorm, which dumped large amounts of snow over coastal areas from York to Calais, significantly raised snow depth totals across the state.

Both downhill and cross-country skiing conditions are currently, and should continue to be, ideal. “The snow continues to fall here in Maine, increasing the snow depth,” said Ski Maine executive director Greg Sweetser. “New snow, combined with ongoing snowmaking, has created all the ingredients for ex-

ceptional downhill and cross-country skiing as we enter the heart of winter.” In Auburn, Lost Valley owners have expanded their facility with the addition of the Maine Family Tube Park. Shawnee Peak is preparing for the weekend with plans to open all five ski lifts and a full calendar of activities, including Marmot Day, when kids will search the mountain for hidden items to redeem for prizes.

For cross-country skiing enthusiasts, there are well-groomed trails in all regions of the state. The Nordic Heritage Center in Presque Isle is fully grooming all trails in anticipation of the weekend. For snowmobilers, trail conditions are excellent. People planning to enjoy a lengthy ride during the upcoming long weekend for President’s Day will have no difficulty finding trails that are well groomed and offer incredible scenic views, such as the section of the Moosehead trail near the historic Pittston Farm.

Looking forward to the weekend, a range of activities throughout the state will enable people to

get outside and enjoy the season. For those looking for fun and friendly competition, Camden will host the annual U.S. National Toboggan Championships. At the Schoodic Institute in Acadia National Park, the third annual Acadia Winter Festival will celebrate winter and natural resources with birding, a winter ecology hike and a lumberjack show. Stratton and Eustis’ annual winter celebration, the Polar Blast, will feature a Rave X show, cribbage tournament, bonfire and more.

For more active winter adventurers, the seventh annual Snowshoe Festival in Norway and the Fat Tire Festival at Sugarloaf both have entertaining and packed schedules that last throughout the weekend.

Snow reports, released each Wednesday throughout the season, are posted on VisitMaine.com, where visitors can also find information about other winter activities and events.

Those enjoying the Maine winter are encouraged to share their photos on social media using #MaineWinter.

What’s Going On

Local venues team to host “For the Love of Art” show

On Saturday, February 18, from 4 to 7 p.m., the L-A chapter of the Union of Maine Visual Artists and the Downtown Lewiston Art District will present the second annual “For the Love of Art” show. The event will provide an opportunity to tickle your senses with five different themes at five downtown Lewiston venues, all within a few blocks of each other and some of the finest dining in L-A. Each venue will have refreshments and will be graced with floral designs from Sweet Pea Designs and Blais Flower Shop. The event is free and open to the public. The participating venues are:

Wicked Illustrations, with the theme “Petals.” Start by parking in their lot at 140 Canal Street and then go in to enjoy art by resident artists, chocolate from Ella’s Chocolates, roses from Blais, and a chair massage from Pelletier’s Healing Hands.

Right around the corner at 291 Lisbon Street you’ll find The Studio, with the theme “Pleasure” (includes adult content), where you’ll enjoy art by resident and local artists and artisans, massage by All 4 You Integrated Wellness, chocolate by Grayling and warm apple cider.

A short trot to 221 Lisbon will bring you to L/A Arts, with the theme “LOVE LA,” where you’ll enjoy the Sun Journal’s “LOVE LA: The Year in Scenic Images 2016” exhibit, the Maine Professional Photographers Association “The HeArt of Photography” exhibit, and chair massage by Rachel Larrivee and Megan Baril.



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Next at 191 Lisbon Street you’ll find Kimball St. Studios, with the theme “Remember,” where you’ll enjoy art from local artists, chocolate from Petites Bites, chair massage by Renew You, and massage and yoga with Sarah Goodrich, LMT.

Finally, across the street at 178 Lisbon you’ll

come to The Hive, with the theme “Sweetness,” where you’ll enjoy art from resident artists, massage by Joe Harrigan, music by Jonah Chasse, and chocolate from Bella’s Best Sweet Treats.

Art will be on display for the month of February. Please check each venue for hours outside of show time.



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# What's Going On

## Yarmouth student honored nationally for volunteerism

Kathleen Waeldner, 18, of Yarmouth was named one of Maine's top two youth volunteers of 2017 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. As a State Honoree, she will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip in early May to Washington, D.C., where she and fellow Maine honoree Bella Rossborough of Kennebunk will join the top two honorees from each of the other states and the District of Columbia for four days of national recognition events. During the trip, 10 students will be named America's top youth volunteers of 2017. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, now in its 22nd year, is conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Waeldner, a senior at Yarmouth High School, worked with a local community services agency and a nonprofit organization to

develop and then expand a summer meal program for at-risk children in her town. She was inspired to action when she saw video clips from a documentary about hungry children in America. "Learning about the problem of pervasive hunger in my own country was like a physical slap in the face," she said. As she left the auditorium in tears, her thoughts quickly shifted from "How can this happen?" to "I am going to help solve this!"

She was soon packing weekend food bags for a program that feeds students from low-income families on days when they do not receive subsidized school lunches. She wondered, though, how the kids managed during the summer, and was happy to discover that a summer lunch program was about to start in her town. She quickly signed on to help launch the new program and began recruiting other teens to serve meals. The program was scheduled to end three weeks before the end of summer, but Kathleen and another student worked

to extend it. The following year, Kathleen became co-coordinator of the program and helped expand it to include both breakfast and lunch, as well as activities such as playing games, going on field trips and making friendship bracelets.

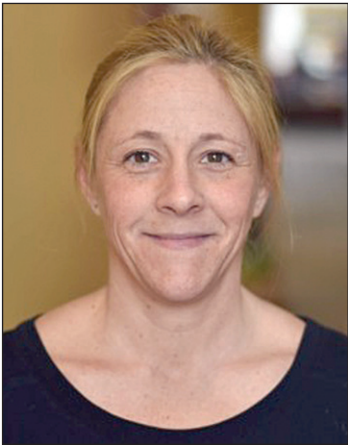
The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards represents the United States' largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service. All public and private middle level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and HandsOn Network affiliates, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award. These Local Honorees were then reviewed by an independent judging panel, which selected State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria including personal initiative, effort, impact and personal growth.

While in Washington, D.C., the 102 State

## CMCC announces scholarship winners



Jamie Lyn Cormier



Julie Davis

Central Maine Community College has awarded the 2017 Spaulding Memorial Scholarship to Jamie Lyn Cormier of Auburn and Julie Davis of South Casco. The College awards the scholarship in memory

of the late Jason Spaulding, who was a student in the Electromechanical Technology program at CMCC. A member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Jamie Lyn Cormier completed the General Studies

program with high honors last May and is now a student in the Nursing program. Julie Davis is an honors student in the Medical Assistant program and plans to pursue studies in nursing after she graduates in May.

Honorees – one middle level and one high school student from each state and the District of Columbia – will tour the capital's landmarks, meet top youth volunteers from other parts of the world, attend a gala awards ceremony at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, and visit their congressional representatives on Capitol Hill.

Since the program began in 1995, more than 115,000 young volunteers have been honored at the local, state and national level. The program also is conducted by Prudential

subsidiaries in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Ireland, India, China and Brazil. In addition to granting its own awards, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program also distributes President's Vol-

unteer Service Awards to qualifying Local Honorees. For information on all of this year's Prudential Spirit of Community State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists, see <http://spirit.prudential.com>.

## Senator Collins welcomes Yarmouth native she nominated to Senate Page Program



Samuel "Sammy" Holmes Potter is a junior at Yarmouth High School.

U.S. Senator Susan Collins recently met with Yarmouth native Samuel "Sammy" Holmes Potter, who has been selected for the United States Senate Page Program for the spring of 2017. Potter was nominated to the program by Senator Collins following a competitive selection process. He is the son of Ben and Dina Potter.

"I was proud to nominate Sammy to the Senate Page Program, and I know he will do an exceptional job in this important role," said Collins. "Sammy is a highly motivated student with an impressive record of academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular

activities. I am pleased that he will have this unique opportunity to become intimately familiar with how Congress operates."

Potter is a junior at Yarmouth High School, where he serves as the student body president. He is the founder of the Finance Club and the Table Tennis Club, and he participates in the Global Action Club, Be the Change Club, Student Newspaper, and Student Ambassadors. He is also a member of the varsity cross country team, varsity Nordic ski team, and varsity tennis team. He is highly involved in his community and has received awards for his leadership and community service.



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“Monhegan’s Red, White and Blue,” by Elisabeth Salberg

Now on display through February at the Woman’s Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery at Central Maine Medical Center are paintings by Elisabeth Salberg and photography by Lisa Parker. The gallery is located at the main entrance to CMMC at 60 High Street in Lewiston.

Elisabeth Salberg be-

gan painting four years ago after retiring from a career as a Registered Nurse. A resident of Auburn, she has had her work displayed in Portland, Kennebunkport, Belfast, Brunswick, Falmouth, and Lewiston. She is a member of Maine Women in the Arts and her work can be viewed at [www.oilpaintingsofmaine.com](http://www.oilpaintingsofmaine.com).

“I fell in love with the world of art many years ago when I studied art history at Duke University, but life took me down an altogether different path,” says Salberg. “It wasn’t until I retired that I allowed myself the luxury and hard work of striving to become an artist and work with oils. The beauty I see in Maine is a constant inspi-

Across Maine, Stories of the Affordable Care Act Helping People Access Health Care

By Senator Angus King

The Affordable Care Act is not a perfect law, but it makes a real difference in the lives of tens of thousands of Maine people. I am ready to sit down with anybody who wants to talk about addressing problems with the ACA and improving it, but ripping coverage away from people who desperately need it is not a responsible solution. So recently, as the Senate voted on a measure that sets the stage for repeal of the ACA without a plan to replace it, I went down to the Senate floor to share stories that Maine people have sent to my office explaining why the health care law has improved their lives - and why it would be a mistake to turn our back on those successes.

We have over 75,000 people in Maine who are enrolled in health insurance through the Affordable Care Act, and with all the debate surrounding the future of the law, it was important to make sure that Maine voices are heard. Voices like a young woman from Smithfield, Whitney, who was able to stay on her parents’ health care after graduating from college in 2013 - and who was eventually able to find affordable health insurance thanks to the ACA tax credit. Working in a seasonal, outdoor profession with its own dangers and limited access to health care coverage, Whitney felt “invisible” before the ACA, like she and her colleagues “fell through the cracks” of the system. But now, she can go to the doctor and get the care she needs.

And then there’s the story of Ryan from Hampden - and his family - who are working to grow their small business despite uncertainty about their health-care. Together, Ryan and his wife have pursued their dream and started an ice cream business - and were able to make that leap in part because of the subsidies provided under the Affordable Care Act. This is a little-discussed benefit of the ACA that allows people to innovate, take risks, follow their dreams, and contribute to our economy. However, the uncertainty about the ACA’s future has also caused uncertainty for Ryan, his family, and his business. If the subsidies disappear, he’s not sure how to afford health care for his family, including his two small children. The closing of the message that he sent me was particularly powerful, where he urged me to put politics aside and help people in his situation access affordable health care. “Please don’t let my family down,” he said, and those are words that all of us in Congress should take to heart right now.

I also received a message from Cindy in Caribou, a business owner with four employees covered under the Affordable Care Act. She is concerned that, if the ACA is repealed without a replacement, her employees aren’t going to be able to afford health care coverage moving forward.

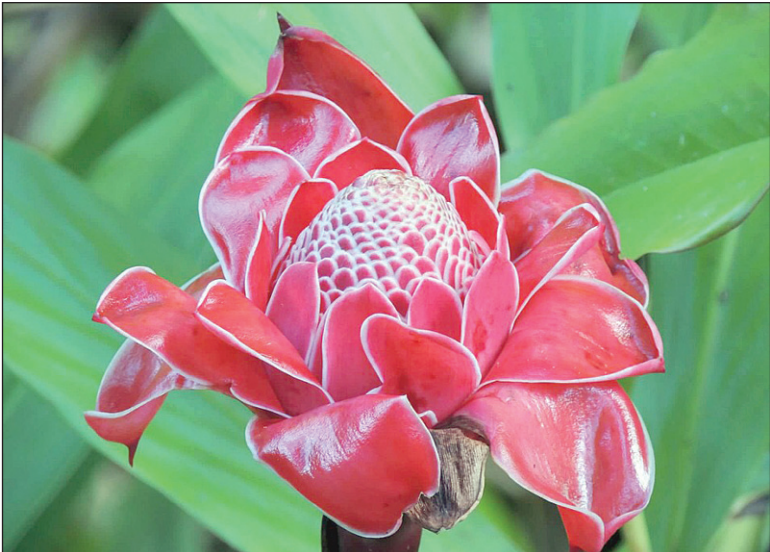
Perhaps the most heart-wrenching message I received came from a man

named Spencer in Ellsworth. He told the tragic story of his mother’s death after a long battle with health issues, many of which were considered “pre-existing conditions” before the Affordable Care Act. He wrote, “I don’t care about the ACA because of some theory or ideology. I watched my mom die, sooner than she needed to, because she couldn’t afford to get preventative care early enough. I watched my mom die because market solutions refused to solve her problems. An open insurance market actively refused to compete to cover my mom. The insurance market before the ACA is one of a number of factors that led to my mom’s death.”

The debate about the future of the Affordable Care Act shouldn’t be driven by a campaign promise. This isn’t a bumper sticker or a rally anymore; these are real people’s lives we’re talking about. So we need to come up with a different solution or modify the current system, that’s fine. I don’t care who gets credit for fixing it. We can call it whatever we want, but the fundamental principle here is that having health insurance is a life or death matter, and we need to protect it for the people in Maine and across the country who currently rely on the ACA for their coverage.

As Donald from Poland said to me about the health care law, “Better yet, improve it, don’t destroy it.” I couldn’t have said it better myself, Donald.

What’s Going On



Photograph by Lisa Parker

ration, and quite a challenge, as I try to transform my world of color, shape and light into a painting.”

Lisa Parker started her journey to photography as a hobby until a friend complimented her photos and suggested that she share her talent. In that moment, she realized that photography was more than a hobby for her. She hopes the audience finds as much pleasure in looking at her photos as she gets from taking them.

“I enjoy taking pictures of my adventures, the simplistic beauty of

my surroundings, and the intricacies of nature,” says Parker. “I have been fortunate to visit some incredible sites, from Maine to the Big Island of Hawai’i, and while it isn’t possible to capture the feeling I felt when in Hawai’i, I am able to share the beauty. When I see those photos, all of those feelings come back to the surface.”

The artists’ work may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop, located adjacent to the main lobby at Central Maine Medical Center. A percentage of sale proceeds benefits CMMC.

The Woman’s Hospital Association is a fundraising and service organization that helps Central Maine Medical Center meet the health-care needs of the people in the Lewiston-Auburn area. The WHA’s major fundraising source is their gift shops online and on CMMC’s ground floor. The association also raises money with events throughout the year, including the Tree of Love, Holiday Bake Sale, Spring Bazaar, Art Show and Memory MUMS project. For more information, see [www.cmmc.org/wha](http://www.cmmc.org/wha).

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# TWIN CITY NIGHTS

## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### "From Bandstand to Billboard" coming to Franco Center



Eileen Messina



Michael James Litchfield



Renee Mahon Davis

For the third year, a cast of summer cabaret performers from Poland Spring Inn, who also happen to be favorites at L/A Community Little Theatre, will warm up a cold February night in the Twin Cities by bringing an energetic musical program to the Gendron Franco Center.

Featuring heartfelt performances of fun and romantic hits from the 1960s and '70s, "From Bandstand to Billboard - Off the Record" will take place on Saturday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. The doors and bar will open at 6:30.

Most of the cast and some of the orchestra have been part of an ensemble of local talent that has performed in a series of very popular musical revues at Poland Spring Inn for several recent summers. This revised and expanded version of "From Bandstand to Billboard - Off the Record"

will feature local singers and actors Eileen Messina, Michael James Litchfield, Gerry Therrien, Duane Glover, Renee Mahon Davis and Sophie Messina.

The cast will be accompanied by a talented all-star band, including music director Paul G. Caron, Mike French on guitar, Shane Davis on bass, Mark Fredericks on percussion, Mike Plosay and Mike Truchon on trumpets, Bruce Theriault on trombone, Blaise Spath on reeds, Linda Vaillancourt on viola, and Alex Wong on cello. The show is directed by Eileen Messina and will be hosted by Franco Center Director Mitchell Clyde Thomas.

This popular mid-winter show sold out the past two years and probably will again. Reserved tickets are \$15 each, or \$12 for those ages 60-plus. Students will be admitted free of charge. The ticket price includes

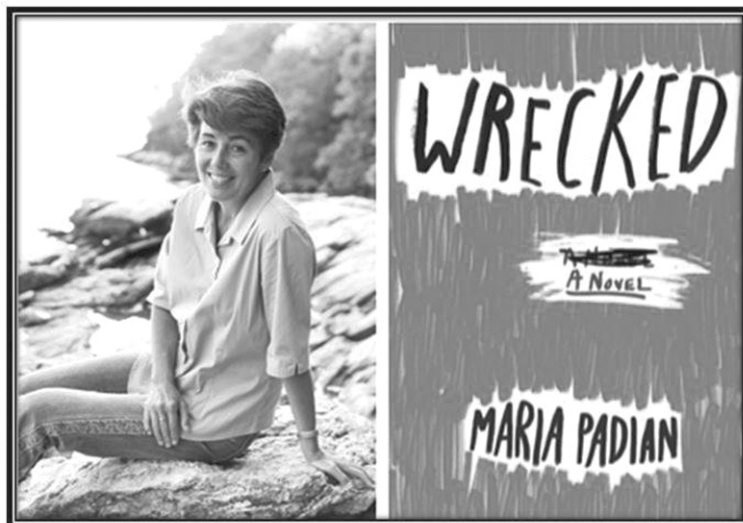
free on-site parking at the Continental Mill on Oxford Street. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 689-2000 or see [www.francocenter.org](http://www.francocenter.org).

### Maine State Music Theatre schedules auditions

Maine State Music Theatre, a professional summer theatre celebrating 59 years of Broadway-quality musicals at the Pickard Theater on the Bowdoin College campus in Brunswick, will hold local auditions for its summer season on Saturday, February 25, at 22 Elm Street in Brunswick.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. with an open call for boys (or girls willing to cut their hair in a boy's style) ages 3 to 12 for the theater's production of "The Who's

### Young adult author to lead discussion at APL



Maine author Maria Padian will visit Auburn Public Library on Thursday, February 23 from 3 to 4 p.m. to read an excerpt from her young adult novel "Wrecked" and to lead a discussion about the issues raised in the book. Free and open to teens and young adults ages 12 to 21, the event will take place in the library's Androscoggin Community Room.

A story of realistic fiction that takes place on the campus of McCallum College, "Wrecked" tells the story of freshmen room-

mates Tommy," to be staged for two performances on Monday, July 31. Auditions will continue at 11:30 a.m. with an open call for adults ages 18 and over for the following shows: "Guys and Dolls," in performance June 28 through July 15; "Grease," See **Theatre**, page 11

mates Haley and Jenny. After Jenny attends a party at Conundrum House, she arrives back at the dorm in a much different state than when she left. When Jenny accuses a resident of Conundrum House of rape, different versions of the incident are put forward by those involved. "A kaleidoscopic view of a sexual assault on a college campus, Wrecked will leave readers thinking about how memory and identity, what's at stake, and who sits in judgment shape what we decide to believe about the truth." ([maria-padian.com/wrecked.html](http://maria-padian.com/wrecked.html))

Joining in the discussion will be community educators Whitney Parrish of Safe Voices and Hannah Johnson of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services. Copies of the book will be available for sale (cash or check only) and a signing session will

immediately follow the discussion.

Maria Padian lives with her family in Brunswick. Before turning full-time to writing fiction, she worked as a news reporter, a congressional aide, a radio essayist and a freelance journalist. Her award-winning books include "Brett McCarthy: Work in Progress," "Jersey Tomatoes Are the Best" and "Out of Nowhere."

The program is part of Auburn Public Library's Teen Life Skills series, which in February features weekly discussions and activities focused on Dating Violence Awareness Month, with an emphasis on healthy relationships. For more information about the program or series, contact Teen Librarian Donna Wallace at 333-6640, ext. 4 or [dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org](mailto:dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org).

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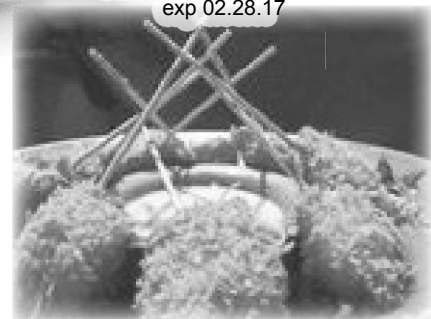
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Auburn parish gets act(s) together for Cabaret Night



The committee organizing the event includes (l. to r., from front) Jeannine Peyser, Production Coordinator Carol DeRoy, Gladys Galarneau, Diane Dennis, Ron Peyser, Stage Manager Pam Vaillancourt, Roland Bergeron, and Bonnie Stone.

Talented performers from Auburn’s Immaculate Heart of Mary community will shine on Saturday, February 18 at 7 p.m. as the parish presents a fun-filled “Cabaret Night” of music and laughter to raise funds for its pipe organ project.

A parade of talented performers from the parish will grace the stage for a show that host and guest entertainer Louis Philippe says will be “reminiscent of the old days, when parish halls were the center of social and family life, and talent and variety shows were regular events.”

The emcee and singer will present an array of his own trademark songs in the program, which will also feature a wide variety of individuals and groups who have stepped up to support the Sister Elizabeth Platt Pipe Organ Fund for Sacred Heart Church. Featured acts will include the Noddin Boys, Alana Gagnon, the Chicks With Sticks Steel Drummers, Ben Daigneault, Emma Daigneault, the Foothills Jazz Trio, Shelley Harris and Rita Gagnon, Mark Vaillancourt, Ernie Gagne, Lorraine Cote and Pam Vaillancourt, Tony Lajudice, George Harris and

Julie Chasse, and Neil Marchessault.

Carol DeRoy, who has led the creation and development of the pipe organ effort, cites the experience of working with so many musicians and singers willing to lend their talents for this cause as a high point. “The reception and excitement this event has stirred up in our community is truly amazing,” she says. “There is a demand for this type of entertainment, for an enjoyable and inexpensive evening filled with music, laughter and camaraderie.”

Another person who is excited about the event is Sacred Heart’s Music Director, Pam Vaillancourt, who began her journey in Music Ministry with the Children’s Choir in second grade. With her years of experience in music and theater, on-stage and backstage, she has been instrumental in developing the singing congregation. “Music is very important and helps elevates one’s thoughts,” she says. “I love how everyone gets involved and participates in the Mass, and I love hearing everyone singing along with the choir. I hope this will be the first of a series of events that will showcase the incredible talents we have here.”

The Sister Elizabeth Platt Pipe Organ Fund for Sacred Heart Church was established in 2015 to highlight the richness and significance of the church’s liturgical cele-

brations through sacred music and to inspire active participation within the community. At age 85, Sister Elizabeth Platt, C.O.C., currently serves as Pastoral Associate and has dedicated 30 years of service to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in religious education and the RCIA Program.

Proceeds from the event will go toward refurbishing and installing a used 1954 Casavant Opus 2277 Pipe Organ, which was acquired by the parish as a donation from the Sisters of Notre Dame in Toledo, Ohio, after their chapel closed, and toward providing education and training programs to parish organists, choirs and cantors, as well as subsidized organ lessons for deserving and talented young people.

“There’s a noticeably inspiring energy at the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish,” Philippe noted. “Having been involved with Music Ministry for over 40 years, I know how important good music is to the Liturgy, and I know that music can be filled with His anointing. So when a church invests in its music program, it opens the door for the Spirit to work.”

Sacred Heart Church is located at 8 Sacred Heart Place, on the corner of Minot and Western Avenue, in Auburn. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students. For more information, contact the IHM office at 782-8096.

Twin City Nights

Kevin Mannix to discuss depression at Bailey Library

Former TV weatherman Kevin Mannix will lead a discussion about the challenges of depression at the Bailey Public Library on Tuesday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Winthrop Public Library Foundation, the event is free and open to the public.

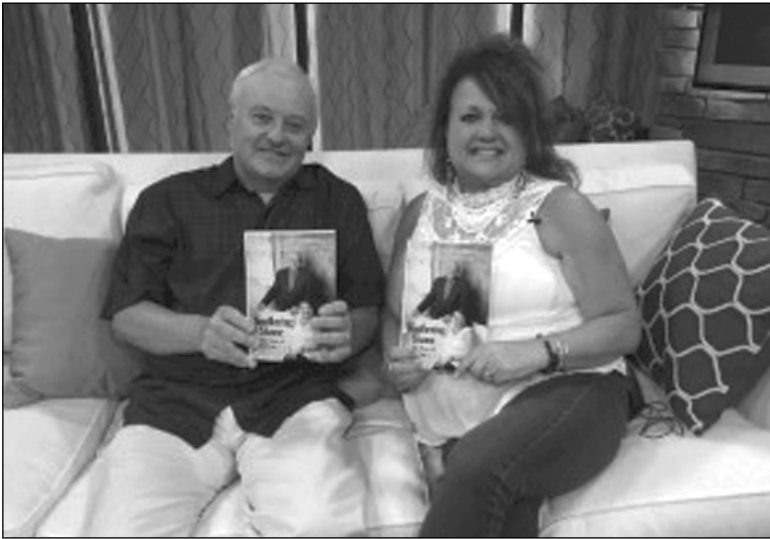
After delivering weather forecasts for over 25 years, Mannix began working on a non-weather segment called “Kevin’s

Story,” a series that addressed the shame often associated with mental health issues. The series drew over 4,000 responses from viewers and Mannix received calls from several people who called 2-1-1 after seeing the show.

Both Mannix and his wife, Linda Rota, have struggled with depression and the associated stigma of mental health issues. The couple coauthored the

book “Weathering Shame,” which is the story of their experiences growing up surrounded by alcoholism, depression and suicide.

A book signing will follow the talk and books will be available for purchase at the event. The Bailey Public Library is located at 39 Bowdoin Street in Winthrop. For more information, call 377-8673 or see [www.baileylibrary.org](http://www.baileylibrary.org).



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in performance July 19 through August 5; and “Disney’s Newsies,” in performance August 9 through 26. Those who want to audition should show up, sign in, and will be seen in the order in which they arrive. MSMT guarantees to see all individuals who show up before 3 p.m.

The theater is also seeking performance interns ages 18 and over for the full season, which runs May 29 through August 27. For more information, call 725-8769 or see [www.msmt.org](http://www.msmt.org).

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# Twin City Nights

## Slates to host benefit concert for Harlow Gallery

Slates Restaurant in Hallowell will host a concert to benefit the Harlow Gallery on Monday, February 20, beginning at 8:15 p.m. Part of Slates' Monday

Night Concert Series, the event will begin with singer-songwriter Anna Pillsbury, who draws inspiration from folk and pop genres, performing songs from her upcoming EP. Then local musicians and poets, including Jacob Allen, Robby Coffin, Katie Daggett, Marcia Gallagher, and Bruce Mayo, will pay tribute to the music of the late, great Leonard Cohen.

Tickets are \$25 each

and available by calling Slates, located at 169 Water Street, at 622-9575.

The Harlow Gallery is home to the Kennebec Valley Art Association, a membership-based nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting and celebrating art, artists and community in historic downtown Hallowell.

For more information, call 622-3813 or see <http://harlowgallery.org>.



## Chocolate Church presents "On Golden Pond"



Cast members Tracy Hall, Shirley Bernier and Peter Havas rehearse a scene from the Chocolate Church Art Center's upcoming production of Ernest Thompson's popular play about family ties and the forces that bind them. Performances will take place February 17, 18, 24, and 25 at 7 p.m. and February 19 and 26 at 2 p.m. in the center's Curtis Room at 804 Washington Street in Bath. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$17 at the door. Purchase by calling 442-8455 or online at [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).

## Professor Paddy-Whack launches Free Family Saturday events at State Museum

The Maine State Museum in Augusta will kick off February school vacation week with a free performance by Rick Adam as Professor Paddy-Whack and His One-Man Junk Band on Saturday, February 18 at 11 a.m. The museum will be open free of charge all day.

A 45-minute show for people of all ages, Professor Paddy-Whack's performance will include hand shadows, musical saw playing, juggling, magic, hat tricks, dancing, mime, comedy skits, marvelous object manipulation, and the most intricate and entertaining one-man band you ever saw.

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field, Rick Adam has been performing, teaching, and

inspiring people of all ages for over 20 years. He combines his extensive theatrical and musical experience to create original performances that both educate and entertain.

This is the first event in the museum's Free Family Saturdays programs, which will take place one Saturday each month from February through August.

The Maine State Museum is located in the Cultural Building, adjacent to the Maine State House at 230 State Street in Augusta. For more information, call 287-2301 or see the museum's website at [www.mainestatemuseum.org](http://www.mainestatemuseum.org).

## 5 Top Tips for Heart Health Month

Heart disease and stroke cause one in three deaths among women each year, killing approximately one woman every 80 seconds. While there are many risk factors involved that are beyond one's control, a healthy lifestyle can make a big difference.

February is American Heart Month and a great opportunity to adopt healthy habits that can reduce your risk for illness. Here are five to consider.

Move about: Exercise doesn't have to be daunting! Aim for 10-minute sessions,

three times daily. Movement sets your metabolism in motion, so make sure it's a consistent part of your life.

Get sleep: Sleeping fewer than seven hours a night can make you gain weight and have more trouble taking it off, according to Columbia University research. Another study found that people who get enough sleep have a five percent higher metabolism than people who don't. That means more calories burned while you're sleeping! Doesn't get much easier than that.

Eat small and well: "Studies have found that losing five to 10 percent of your body weight can lower the risk of a heart attack," says Dawn Zier, CEO of Nutrisystem and the 2017 Go Red for Women Campaign Chair in Philadelphia, a movement to help end heart disease and stroke in women.

Research suggests that eating smaller, balanced meals throughout the day promotes greater weight loss and maintenance, and can also be good for your heart. Schedule meals every two to three hours, six times a day. Programs designed to help you eat healthy portions can mean seeing quick results. For

example, Nutrisystem Lean13 is a new program designed to help you lose up to 13 pounds and seven inches in the first month. For more information visit [nutrisystem.com](http://nutrisystem.com).

Rise, shine, drink water. You'll burn more calories all day: A German study found that drinking 48 ounces (about six cups) of cold water increased calorie burn at rest by up to 50 calories per day. This alone could melt a pound in a little more than two months. And drinking it before meals could give you an added bonus, as a Virginia Tech study found that dieters who drank two, eight-ounce glasses of water before meals for 12 weeks lost 36 percent more weight than those who didn't down the water.

Put your phone away: Checking your email in the morning will just stress you out. Many productivity experts recommend waiting at least an hour once you get to work before checking your inbox, so you can tackle your most important priorities calmly without getting distracted.

This American Heart Month, take steps to improve your health and reduce your risk for serious illness. (StatePoint)

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**Thursday, February 16**  
Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Bates College business manager Edouard Plourde discusses the scope of food services at Bates. Guests welcome; no reservation required; lunch avail. at Fusion Restaurant for \$10. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

“The 1940s - When Radio Was King.” 7:30 p.m. This old-time radio-style program features vintage comedy routines, sketches and commercials - all including the sound effects. Again 2/17-19 (Sun. at 2 p.m.) \$14/12. (800) 838-3006; www.monmouthcommunity-players.org.

**Friday, February 17**  
Open Mic and Concert. Side Door Coffee House, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Middle St., Brunswick. Open mic at 7 p.m.; local musicians Kathleen McGee and Jerry Blodgett perform at 8:30. Doors open at 6:45. Suggested donation \$8. www.uubrunswick.org.

Theater: “On Golden Pond.” 7 p.m. Chocolate Church Art Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Ernest Thompson’s popular play explores family ties and the forces that bind them. Again Feb. 18, 19, 24-26 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$15/17. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

**Saturday, February 18**  
Field Trip. 8 to 11 a.m. Steve Reed leads

# Calendar

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this Stanton Bird Club Trip to Woodbury Nature Sanctuary in Monmouth for Winter Tracking. Meet at Staples parking lot in Lewiston for carpooling. Dress warmly; bring snowshoes or winter boots. All welcome. Free. 319-6630.

Free Family Saturday. Maine State Museum, Capitol Plaza, Augusta. This special free day at the museum features an 11 a.m. performance by Professor Paddy-Whack and His One-Man Junk Band. 287-2301; www.mainestatemuseum.org.

“For the Love of Art” Show. 4 to 7 p.m. Start at Wicked Illustrations at 140 Canal Street (park in their lot) in Lewiston before proceeding to enjoy art exhibits, live music, refreshments, and massage at four other nearby venues. Free.

Cabaret Night. 7 p.m. Sacred Heart Church, 8 Sacred Heart Place, Auburn. Host Louis Philippe and a variety of parish talents perform to raise funds for the Sister Elizabeth Platt Pipe Organ Fund. \$12/6. 782-8096.

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**Tuesday, February 21**  
Central ME Human Resources Assoc. Meeting. 7:30 a.m. Carriage House, 1119 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Dr. Cory St. Denis discusses methods for reducing stress in the workplace. Members free, non-members \$25. Register at <http://cmhra.shrm.org/events>.

Book Signing. 4 to 5:30 p.m., Edward Little House, 217 Main St., Auburn. CPA Robert Grieshaber, who maintains the house as his office, invites the public in to purchase a copy of the new Edward Little biography and have it signed by author Doug Hodgkin. \$20, plus sales tax.

Author Visit. 6:30 p.m. Winthrop Public Library, 39 Bowdoin St., Winthrop. Kevin Mannix, former TV weatherman and co-author of the book “Weathering Shame,” will lead a discussion about the challenges of depression. Free. 377-8673; www.

baileylibrary.org.  
**Wednesday, February 22**

Rotary Club Breakfast Meeting. 7 a.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. The guest speaker is Richard Cantz of Goodwill Industries. 751-6281.

**Thursday, February 23**  
HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. This month’s topic is “Becoming an Employer of Choice.” \$50 (Chamber members \$25; Central ME Human Resource Assoc. members free). 783-2249. Register at [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. The guest speaker is David Leach, Principal Consumer Credit Examiner, ME Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection. Guests welcome; no reservation required; lunch avail. at Fusion Restaurant for \$10. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Author Visit. 3 to 4 p.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library, 49 Spring St. Maria Padian reads from her new young adult novel “Wrecked” and leads a discussion of the issues raised in the book. Open to ages 12 to 21. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4; [dwallace@auburn-publiclibrary.org](mailto:dwallace@auburn-publiclibrary.org).

Opening Reception. 5 to 7 p.m. Freeport Historical Society, 45 Main St. The new exhibit “Stories of Freeport’s Past” showcases historic objects from the collection that are generally not on view but tell interesting stories about Freeport history. www.HistoricFreeport.org.

**Friday, February 24**  
Theater: “On Golden Pond.” Chocolate Church Art Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. 7 p.m. Ernest Thompson’s popular play explores family ties and the forces that bind them. Again Feb. 25, 26 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$15/17. 442-8455; www.choco-

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Sing (PG)	11:45	2:10	4:35	
Patriots Day (R)		7:00		
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**Saturday, February 25**  
Theatre: “The Vagina Monologues.” 7 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St. (across from Dairy Joy), Auburn. V-Day aUbUrn presents Eve Ensler’s play about the unity and multiplicity of female experience. Again 2/26 at 1 p.m. Admission by \$7-10 donation. 783-0461; [office@auburnuuu.org](mailto:office@auburnuuu.org).

“From Bandstand to Billboard.” 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Backed by a ten-piece band, a cast of local performers sing fun and romantic hits of the 1960s and ’70s. \$15/12. Reserve at 689-2000 or [www.francocenter.org](http://www.francocenter.org).

**Sunday, March 5**  
Winter Gardening Workshop. 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. Heather McCargo of the Wild Seed Project and Kathleen McNerney of the UMaine Extension Service discuss “Using Native Perennials in the Garden”; pres. by Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust. \$5 suggested donation. 798-5899; [www.btl.org/gardening-workshops](http://www.btl.org/gardening-workshops).

**Friday, March 10**  
Celtic Music Series. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center 804 Washington St., Bath. This

winter concert series concludes with Prince Edward Island guitarist Lennie Gallant. \$20. 442-8455; [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).

**Sunday, March 12**  
“Dialogue with Garden Experts Extraordinaire.” 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. Bring your questions for Bill Cullina of Coastal ME Botanical Gardens and Barbara Murphy of Gardeners Growing Healthy Communities. \$10. Benefits Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust. 798-5899; [www.btl.org/gardening-workshops](http://www.btl.org/gardening-workshops).

**Saturday, March 18**  
Ancestors in the Attic. Noon to 3 p.m. Freeport Historical Society, 45 Main St. Bring your objects that have a historical story you’d like to share with our staff and others. [www.HistoricFreeport.org](http://www.HistoricFreeport.org).

**Sunday, March 26**  
Winter Gardening Workshop. 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. Arborist Tim Vail demonstrates “Basic Pruning Techniques”; presented by Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust. \$5 suggested donation. 798-5899; [www.btl.org/gardening-workshops](http://www.btl.org/gardening-workshops).

## Solidarity with Refugees

**By Robert P. Deeley, Bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland**

The executive order approved by President Trump recently has left many refugee families in Maine, as well as their family members still seeking entry into the United States, filled with anxiety and fear about what will happen to them. This time of grave difficulty for some of our brothers and sisters calls us to show our concern and solidarity.

As it has for the past 40 years and in keeping with Catholic social teaching, the Diocese of Portland stands behind the Refugee & Immigration Services program of Catholic Char-

ities Maine, which helps individuals and families who flee from violence and come to America seeking compassion, care, stability, and peace. Extending ourselves to refugees is particularly important in Maine, where jobs and opportunities await their presence and contributions.

In this time of uncertainty and division, it is heartwarming to see our young people living their faith by enthusiastically striving to alleviate the suffering of many. For instance, during Catholic Schools Week, the students at St. Thomas School in Sanford “welcomed the stranger” by collecting supplies and donations for refugees re-

ceiving assistance from Refugee & Immigration Services. It is one of countless service projects and works of mercy presently on display throughout the state and country, inspiring and courageous efforts that truly define the greatness of our nation and answer our baptismal call to serve the most vulnerable among us, regardless of whether they are born in America or are new arrivals.

Please join me in asking God to protect all refugees in their travels. May they find a loving and welcoming people in our country, and may our kindness and care make us worthy of the refuge we all find in the Lord.

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# What's Going On

## Sam's of Sabattus St. wins fundraising competition



Pictured here (l. to r.) are St. Mary's Nutrition Center Operations Manager Mia Poliquin Pross, David MacArthur and Heather Pride of Sam's, and Food Pantry Advisory Committee member Bettyann Sheats.

Representatives from St. Mary's Food Pantry recently presented an award to Sam's Italian Sandwich Shoppe on Sabattus Street in Lewiston for their outstanding effort in raising money to end hunger in Maine.

Every fall, St. Mary's and Sam's locations state-

wide partner in a campaign to sell "cornucopias" to customers for \$1 each, with proceeds to benefit local food pantries. The campaign is also a competition among the 13 Sam's locations to see which store raises the most funds. Statewide, Sam's stores raised \$4,225. Sam's

Sabattus Street location won the competition with over \$1,000 raised. In total, the Sam's locations in Lewiston-Auburn raised \$3,000 for St. Mary's Food Pantry.

These types of partnerships help St. Mary's Food Pantry access needed resources at a time when the organization is seeing a significant increase in community need. In 2016, the Pantry provided food for over 580 people per week, representing a 54% increase since 2014. The Pantry provides quality food to those who visit, distributing over 150,000 pounds of fresh produce in 2016 in addition to shelf-stable items.

The campaign was also supported by Sparetime Recreation and Flagship Cinema, who donated bowling and movie passes for the winning store's employees as prizes for a job well done.

## Hebron Academy students recognized in Congressional Art Competition



"The Last Straw," by Lauren Rousseau



"The Story of the Banjo Man," by Dolphine Penzo

Three Hebron Academy students were recognized recently in the 2017 Congressional Art Competition for Maine's 2nd District. Junior Dolphine Penzo's work "The Story of the Banjo Man" was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up, and "The Last Straw" by Senior Lauren Rousseau of Auburn and "Repetition" by Eli Clein were selected for Honorable Mention.

"Every year, I am awestruck by the incredible talent and hard work of our high school students in Maine through this competition," said Congressman Bruce Poliquin.

The Congressional Art Competition started in 1982 to provide an opportunity for young people to demonstrate their artistic abilities and exceptional



"Repetition," by Eli Clein

talent. Students submit artwork each spring, and the winners' pieces are hung in the halls of the U.S. Capitol.

In Maine, the winners are chosen by jurors selected by the Maine Arts Commission.

## Lewiston Reverend visits Maine Senate



Rev. Harold Churchill (r.), retired pastor of the First United Pentecostal Church in Lewiston, with Sen. Nate Libby

Sen. Nate Libby, D-Lewiston, recently welcomed Reverend Harold Churchill of the First United Pentecostal Church in Lewiston to the State House. Reverend Churchill gave the opening prayer in the Maine Senate before the start of the day's legislative session.

Local clergy have offered blessings and inspi-

ration to legislators at the beginning of the day since the first days of the Maine Legislature in 1820. Once the prayers are offered, they are entered into the official Senate Record. Religious leaders who are interested in offering a prayer should contact Sen. Libby's office at 287-1515 or nathan.libby@legislature.maine.gov.

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