

Chamber of Commerce selects new President and CEO

After a three-month search process that generated over 50 applicants from across the country, the board of directors of the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce has selected Rebecca Swanson Conrad as the agency's next President and CEO, effective March 27.

Conrad is currently the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Maine College of Art in Portland, where she has worked since 2006. With her husband, she was co-owner of Austin's Fine Wines and Foods for 20 years, and for three years owned and operated Rysen Home Garden & Antiques, a retail gallery promoting local art and products that supported international women's economic development. Both shops were located in Downtown Auburn.

Prior to Rysen, Conrad's career spanned 21 years in higher education administration at Bates College, including the four years from 1999-2003 when she served as executive director of LA Ex-cels, the college's non-profit community partnership focused on the development of leadership, arts, educational aspirations and economic revitalization in Lewiston-Auburn.

She served on the Maine Arts Commission for seven



Becky Conrad has a track record of experience in the community's business, education and nonprofit sectors.

years, four as vice-chair. Her leadership positions on volunteer boards have included chair of the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council, past chair of L/A Arts and Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice, and vice chair of the Maine Association of Nonprofits. She has also served on the boards of Advocates for Children, the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce, and the advisory boards of USM/LA College and Central Maine Community College.

Conrad received her

BA in English from Bates College and studied in the New England Studies MFA Program at the University of Southern Maine. She lives in Auburn with her husband, Austin Conrad, Jr. and her cat, Charles Mingus.

Conrad was selected through a rigorous search process that was led by an 11-person selection committee, assisted by former board chair Art Boulay of Strategic Talent Management. The group conducted extensive testing of the applicants, See **Chamber**, page 4

Opportunities to give blood in March

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to join in its lifesaving mission by giving blood. The Red Cross depends on blood donors across the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide. Donors of all blood types, especially type O, are needed to help those who rely on blood products.

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coming blood donation opportunities include:

Auburn: Monday, March 6, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Edward Little High School, 77 Harris Street.

Brunswick: Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lowes Brunswick, 250 Bath Road.

Freeport: Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shaws Freeport, Route 1.

New Gloucester: Wednesday, March 15, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pineland Farms, 59 Pineland Drive.

Augusta: Friday, March 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., MaineGeneral Medical Center, 35 Medical Center Parkway; Thursday, March 9, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ME Department of Labor Augusta, 45 Commerce Drive,

118 State House Station; Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Chateau Cushnoc, 36 Townsend Street; Tuesday, March 14, 7 a.m. to noon, ME Dept. of Transportation, 24 Child Street.

Winthrop: Thursday, March 9, 1 to 6 p.m., Saint Francis Church, 130 Route 133.

Bath: Tuesday, March 7, noon to 5 p.m., YMCA, 303 Centre Street.

Bowdoin: Wednesday, March 15, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., FHC Inc., 1201 Main Street.

Richmond: Tuesday, March 14, 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., Richmond American Legion, 10 Carding Machine Road.

Bird Club plans March meeting, field trip

The Stanton Bird Club of Lewiston and Auburn will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 285 at the USM's Lewiston-Auburn College at 55 Westminster Street in Lewiston. This month's program, "The Spring Arrival of Migratory Birds," will be presented by Herb Wilson. A birding field trip to Plum Island, Massachusetts is also planned for



The Common Yellowthroat is one of the small, colorful Wood-Warblers commonly found in Maine from late April to early October, generally in brush near damp or wet areas. (Photo by Dan Marquis)

Saturday, March 25. The club's meetings and field trips are free and open to everyone.

Herb Wilson's talk on the patterns of spring-time arrival of migratory breeding birds will be timely since

March is the month when spring arrivals to this part of Maine begin. Wilson, a Professor of Biosciences who has taught at Colby College for over 25 years, has been tracking the arrival dates of See **Stanton**, page 2

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Augusta attorney takes on new partner

Attorneys Daniel Stevens and Avery Day have established a partnership in the new Augusta law firm Stevens & Day, LLP. The business officially opened its doors on January 1 of this year, taking the place of the Law Offices of Daniel J. Stevens, LLC, the boutique practice founded by Stevens in 2015.

The partners will maintain the prior firm's office location and staff, while expanding its range of services and capacity to take on new work. Stevens, a Winthrop resident and a former partner at Maine's largest law firm and leader of its Augusta practice group, will focus his efforts on representing individuals and families who have been seriously injured or suffered a death as a result of an accident. He will also continue to provide counsel for clients involved in business, real estate, and will and trust disputes.

Day will complement

Stevens with a general practice that includes matters such as wills and trusts, real estate transactions, corporate formation, and counsel for small businesses. He will also handle the firm's administrative law matters, practicing before various state agencies and regulatory boards.

Day comes to the partnership having most recently served as Chief Legal Counsel to Governor Paul LePage and as Acting Commissioner of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. He has previously served Senator Susan Collins as a Legislative Assistant in Washington, D.C., leaving that role to attend Harvard Law School, where he earned his J.D. in 2009. He then joined Maine's largest law firm, where he worked for five years alongside Stevens in the firm's Augusta office.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Avery Day to our practice" said Stevens. "He is bright, hardworking, and easy to deal with. He will be a terrific asset to the firm and a wonderful counselor to his clients." The firm is currently accepting new clients. For more information, see stevensdaylaw.com.

CCU donates \$5k for local hunger relief



Pictured here (l. to r.) are John Murphy, Matthew Shaw, Jennifer Hogan, Jessica Buchanan and Jim Lemieux.

In 2016, Community Credit Union raised and donated over \$5,000 to local hunger-relief organizations, including the Turner Food Pantry, Trinity Jubilee

Center, Leeds Community Church Pantry, the SeniorsPlus Meals on Wheels Program, St. Mary's Nutrition Center, and the Carrie Ricker, Washburn and Lon-

gley Elementary Schools through Good Shepherd Food Bank.

The effort was part of the Maine Credit Union League's statewide Cam-

paign for Ending Hunger, which raised a total of \$674,193 in 2016. At the end of each year, the money raised by each participating credit union is given back to that credit union to be distributed to hunger organizations in their community. Since it was established in 1990, the campaign has raised and distributed more than \$7.2 million to local food pantries, shelters and organizations.

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

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over 100 Maine breeding birds for over 20 years. His research also provides insight into the timing of arrivals over different parts of the state, variations over the last 100 years, and the effect of changes in spring-time temperatures.

Although the migration commences very slowly in Maine, climaxing in May, bird watchers

eagerly look forward to its beginning, when arrivals of the Red-winged Blackbird and American Robin bring some color and cheer to the drab and lingering winter season.

The March 25 field trip to Plum Island will meet at 7 a.m. in the Promenade Mall parking lot in front of Staples in Lewiston. Carpooling will be arranged. Participants should dress warmly and bring a lunch. Plum Island, two-thirds of which is protected by the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, derives its name from the beach plum shrubs that grow on its dunes. The island is on a migratory route for a wide variety of special winter birds, such as the Snow Bunting, Common Eider, White-winged Scoter and Red-breasted Merganser. Last year's attendees also saw the Northern Harrier, Gadwall and American Widgeon. The trip will arrive back in Lewiston at about 4 p.m. For more information, call trip leader Steve Reed at 319-6630.

Next Chamber Breakfast March 9

The LAMetro Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Breakfast Meeting on Thursday, March 9 at 7 a.m. at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston. Presenters Ed Barrett, City Administrator of Lewiston, Jonathan LaBonte, Mayor of Auburn, and Shelley

Kruszewski of the Androscoggin Land Trust will discuss the topic "A River Runs Through Us: Best Use of the Mighty Androscoggin." The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Registration is available at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Way to Grow!



Annabell Blais, a student at Winthrop Grade School, was selected by the Maine Department of Agriculture as the state winner of the National Bonnie Plants Cabbage Program Contest for this beautiful 26.2-pound cabbage she grew last season. The contest is designed to inspire a love of vegetable growing in third-graders across the country. As her prize, Annabelle will receive a \$1,000 savings bond towards her education from Bonnie Plants.

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Governor's Address: Bad tax policy forces Maine families to flee to other states

As your Governor, I want all Mainers to prosper. Providing opportunities for people to help themselves is the best pathway to success.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

Unfortunately, liberals believe a bigger government, higher taxes and more spending is going to help Mainers prosper. For decades, they spent millions of taxpayer dollars on welfare programs with no accountability. They increased the tax burden on families and businesses, driving them out of state.

Now Maine has the

second-highest income tax in the United States. Some folks have told me they can no longer afford to live here. In a time when we need to attract people into our state, we are driving them away with bad tax policies.

I received a letter from a 67-year-old man in Westbrook. His name is Robert. In 1973 he and his wife Marti moved to Maine. They both started with low-paying jobs, but they worked very hard to become successful. They raised a family with two children and put them through college—one at Bates, the other at University of California-Berke-



Governor Paul R. LePage

ley.

Now, after 44 years in our great state, Robert and his wife are being forced to leave because of high taxes. They must decide whether

to stay here or buy a home in Florida or Texas, both of which have no income tax.

Living in either one of those states for six months and a day would save them thousands of dollars a year because they would pay no income tax. Even if they kept their home in Maine, the other home would essentially be free. Eliminating their Maine income tax is enough to pay the ownership costs for their home down south.

Robert and Marti are not alone. They are just two of many Mainers like them who feel they have no other choice but to leave. These are real people who

want to stay in Maine, but they are being forced out by high taxes.

Robert said he is grateful the only thing standing between the Legislature and his bank account is me. I appreciate it, but he has it backwards. The State of Maine should be very grateful to have good, successful people like Robert and Marti.

Our tax policies should encourage them to stay here, invest here and create jobs here. We must show successful people we want them to stay. My budget tells them we are cutting taxes, we welcome professionals and small

businesses, and we want people to keep more of what they have earned.

Whatever decision Robert and his family make will largely be influenced by the upcoming budget. Legislators have a choice: they can lower taxes to help Mainers prosper. Or they can enact the second-highest income tax in the nation and chase other good people away.

I encourage folks like Robert to share their story with legislators before it's too late.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Letters to the Editor

Charter Commission's Report Lacking in Facts

To the Editor:

I am an Auburn City Councilor and a member of the executive board of the Coalition Opposed to Lewiston-Auburn Consolidation (COLAC-maine.org.) I have reviewed the recent consultant's report presented by the Lewiston-Auburn Joint Charter Commission and am stunned by the lack of depth and any meaningful information in the report.

On the very first page of the report, the consultant states that a merger of Auburn and Lewiston "could" result in annual savings of between \$2.3 million to \$4.2 million for the cities. Having participated in several budget cycles in Auburn, I can assure you that this "estimate" is pure nonsense. We have cut our budgets to the bone.

We were even forced to take the devastating step of laying off city employees this past year. The City of Lewiston has likewise been forced to cut its budgets drastically and has likewise cut over 30 city positions in recent years.

The commission's savings "estimates," pro-

duced by a New York-based consultant group at a cost well over \$100,000, are based on fantasy. We do agree with the consultant, however, that a merger would result in an "upward leveling" of union contracts.

As new collective bargaining agreements are negotiated, pay structures will level upward to the higher scale of whichever city is paying more for a particular department's contract. The commission estimates this will cost the cities upwards of \$1.1 million more per year to fund union contracts under a merger. We believe the figure is even higher than that, likely closer to \$1.5 million.

There are many reasons why a merger of Lewiston-Auburn is a bad idea for both cities. Nobody should be under the illusion, however, that the consultant's report provides any real guidance. Its conclusions are based on pie-in-the-sky estimates and assumptions that have absolutely no basis in reality.

Leroy Walker, Sr.
Auburn City Councilor
Ward 5

Ratepayers would pay a premium for solar power

To the Editor:

I'd like to respond regarding the cost of solar power that Governor Paul R. LePage was speaking about in his recent address ("PUC decision confirms ratepayers pay twice," TCT, Feb. 27, 2016). I looked into buying a solar power setup for my home during the summer of 2016. My home is already geothermal heated, and I wanted to double down on the "green life."

During discussions with the solar power company, it was determined that I spent about \$2,000 per year in electricity (a large portion of that runs the geothermal heat pump). To replace 100 percent of the expended electrical costs, the entire system would cost me just over \$52,000. When you figure in the anticipated half-percent degradation of the panels annually, it would take just about 28 years for the panels to "break even."

If you factor in the tax credit—and let's be clear here, that means legally forcing everyone else to help pay for your solar electrical system—that break-even point is about 19 years.

From a purely finan-

cial outlook, this type of system simply is not a sound investment. It costs money to be green, and it's something only the affluent can truly afford, yet the tax credit forces everyone to pay for it.

I am all in (with my own money) and support green energy. But I do not believe we should be forcing everyone to pay a premium for it. It should be a good enough prospect that it should stand on its own merits, not its inflated pricing.

As I heard someone once say, if the govern-

ment was guaranteeing payment, wouldn't you raise your rates? The government effectively paying 30 percent means there is little incentive toward this industry lowering prices and making itself competitive and more effective.

Robert McQueeney
Bryant Pond

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Only Steps Forward

School spirit can connect community to civic activity

By Jonathan P. LaBonté
MAYOR OF AUBURN

Last spring, I was provided an opportunity to visit Edward Little High School for a day to visit with students as part of an effort to connect students with community. My role was to connect the civic activity of Auburn Hall with their daily life.

How to make the position of mayor and what happens in city government relevant to these students, I

found, depended on the particular group in front of me and where their questions led.

As they walked in, I recall one particular group of students talking about the baseball team and how the season was going. It was the perfect lead in to speak to this group of students about the role of sports in Auburn's economic development (as I've highlighted in previous reports). But it also allowed me to talk to them about how



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté
their efforts, and often their success, can play a large role

in developing community, not just purely the dollars and cents of the economy.

I'm reminded of that day because of what I saw and experienced last Friday night at the Augusta Civic Center as our young men of Edward Little took on the Portland Bulldogs for the Class AA North basketball championship.

Besides the flashy throwback pinstripe warm-up suits worn by the Eddies,

what had to strike anyone walking into that court was the overflow crowd of both families and fans and students. At the Augusta Civic Center, each of the four teams playing in a session are assigned a quarter of the seats for their fans. The Auburn faithful clearly outnumbered any of the other teams and easily encroached on their sections to make room for them all.

The student section was packed full of EL youth, decked out in red, white and blue. What I learned during the lead up to the game is that a group of students organized a theme for these games, and they rally students to attend, even by offering a van pool program, by promoting it on social media and elsewhere.

The student excitement was so catchy I found myself needing to get in on the action and wager with Portland Mayor Ethan Strimling that the losing mayor had to buy the other breakfast in their city. While I had hoped to lure Mayor Strimling to Rolly's Diner for crepes, I will be traveling to Becky's Diner instead to buy him some pancakes.

The community support shown by the thousands of fans and the school spirit shown by the full crowd of students—those are assets a city cannot buy. They are built through relationships, and they are built over time.

These young athletes and their competitions become an important way for community members of different backgrounds, different experiences and different neighborhoods to connect around a common theme. The positive energy is contagious and has so much potential to spread to other areas of community.

The same goes for the young men on the team and their coach, Mike Adams. I have not had to travel far in this community to hear

about coaching he offers these young men, both on the court and off. And for many, his mentorship has helped to set them on a positive path in their life with other influences could bring it the other way.

In the most recent city budget, when the city council voted to allocate a small amount of funds to improve the playing conditions at the basketball courts at "The Gully," it was Coach Adams who reached out to share how excited kids in that neighborhood were that they were getting new hoops.

A group of young athletes come together as a team and compete. The community and school spirit help pack a gym to cheer them on. And then that same community makes an investment directly in them, and not just in an outdoor court, but also opportunities to hopefully build a life in Auburn and continue the tradition.

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thorough reference checks, and three rounds of interviews, the last of which was before the entire board.

The Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is an organization of community-minded businesses that serves Lewiston, Auburn and the surrounding communities. Located at 415 Lisbon Street in the heart of downtown Lewiston, the Chamber offers networking events, professional development opportunities, educational scholarships, and practical resources to help professionals advance and businesses of all sizes grow. The Chamber also provides a collective voice to advocate for issues, influence ideas, and facilitate conversations in support of business, commerce, and community. For more information, call 783-2249 or see lametrochamber.com.

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Enough is Enough

Lewiston voters to face push for socialist policies again

By **Robert E. Macdonald**
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

He's back!
Just when you thought he was gone, he has been resurrected from the dustbin of political has-beens. Yes, Ben Chin will again attempt to rally enough of Bates student voters hoping to attain his dream: changing Lewiston into a liberal clone of Massachusetts.

It was interesting to see the placement of his mayoral announcement in Lewiston Daily's City Section, Page 1, above the fold. I can't remember a mayoral announcement getting this type of coverage. Such fanfare is surprising for a job that is defined by city charter as nothing more than a position whose duties include cutting ribbons, running Lewiston City Council meetings and voting to

break a tie.

The article starts off stating that Chin was narrowly defeated in 2015. Don't you just love it! If a liberal progressive wins by 7%, it's either a resounding victory or a landslide. When a conservative wins by the same margin, it is referred to as narrow. In the 2015 mayor's race, Chin lost by 572 votes. In order to win, he needed an additional 32% of Bates student voters.

Reading the article I almost choked when I read, "The decision to run was difficult because of his young family." Poppycock! Chin is a political animal, often seen prowling the halls of the State House. His eyes are on political office where he hopes to become a mover and a shaker. Does anyone think he is content to remain the political engagement di-



Mayor Bob Macdonald

rector of the Maine People's Alliance?

Lewiston is a city where our everyday residents earned their Ph.D.'s in the mills and the shoe shops through hard and demanding physical labor, not thumbing through a book in the local college library. In Lewiston, people work for what they have acquired.

We find Bernie Sanders Socialism repugnant. If you want something, like a college education, earn and use your own money—don't confiscate ours.

Chin's mantra of "overcoming the interest of the wealthy and powerful" is getting old and worn. Who is the "wealthy and powerful" in Lewiston he is referring to? With all those advanced degrees you would think that he and his followers could come up with something new. Better yet, instead of sitting around contemplating socialism, maybe they could transition from planning and thinking to actually contributing.

Over the past five-plus years, we (city staff and council) have invested large amounts of time and money trying to correct the straits that were thrust upon

our city over the last few decades. Five years ago a tone was set when HUD officials were told that we no longer wanted any further Section 8 housing, as this had placed our city in a state of disrepair. Since then, over 100 unlivable buildings have been removed from our landscape.

While it is easy to place the blame on the building owners, the real culprit in our demise are the policies championed by groups such as the Maine People's Alliance, which are responsible for state legislation that puts up barriers and makes it hard for landlords to collect money that is owed them and needed to make repairs.

Over the last five years, we have pushed for welfare reform only to have it fiercely opposed and defeated by pro-welfare

groups such as the Maine People's Alliance.

A bill that would have relieved Lewiston taxpayers from the responsibility of supporting asylum seekers (illegal aliens) was fought and killed in Augusta due in part to the Maine People's Alliance. Chin and the Maine People's Alliance are in favor of using local taxpayers' dollars to provide General Assistance for asylum seekers and allowing illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses. They are now pushing to allow non-citizens to vote in local elections.

Chin says he wants "Lewiston to be 'America's great comeback story.'" But with these policies, Lewiston will become known as Maine's socialist haven for welfare recipients and asylum seekers.

T.A.L.K. Campaign plans community workshop



Bates College Associate Professor of Rhetoric Stephanie Kelley-Romano will lead the interactive workshop on March 9.

On Thursday, March 9, members of the community will have an opportunity to participate in a positive communication workshop hosted by the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council as part of their recently launched T.A.L.K. (Treat All Listeners Kindly) Campaign. Facilitated by Stephanie Kelley-Romano, Associate Professor and Chair of the Rhetoric Department at Bates College, the interactive workshop will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the YWCA at 130 East Avenue in Lewiston. The event is free and open to the public.

"LYAC wants to encourage individuals to communicate with each other in a respectful manner," says LYAC Chair Jazy Dumas.

"Whether the conversation is at school, at home, out in the community, or in political discussions, we are asking people to share their perspective, not their attitude. In today's world, we all hear it and see it: put-downs, bullying, insults, and hateful words on social media. Words are powerful, and we hope more people will start using them in better ways."

Stephanie Kelley-Romano has worked at Bates College since 1999. She has a BA and MA from Emerson College in Boston and a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. Her research interests include feminism, television criticism, politics, conspiracy, narrative, and myth. Her work has been published in research

journals including "Journalism Studies," "Southern Communication Journal," and "Communication Quarterly."

Kelley-Romano is particularly interested in understanding how people come to believe certain things and, in her teaching, strives to inform students how to create and critique arguments that advance social justice in the public sphere. When asked by the LYAC to lead the interactive T.A.L.K. workshop, her response was "Yes, Yes, Yes!"

Long-time employees purchase Maine Source Realty

Maine Source Realty, the real estate arm of Auburn-based Maine Source Homes & Realty, is under new ownership. Long-term employees Jon Mercier and Mark Turner purchased the realty portion of the company in early 2017, with plans for amplified growth and a renewed focus to better serve customers.

"We believe in a simplified home-buying and selling process," said Jon Mercier, designated broker and new co-owner of Maine Source Realty. "So, no matter what a customer wants to do - sell a home, build a home, buy an existing home for sale, or get advice on lenders and loan options - Maine Source Homes & Realty can help. We cut out the red tape and offer a one-stop-shop for home buyers."

"This purchase allows us to stay ahead of the curve," continued Mercier. "With Mark's expertise in new home construction, and my real estate know-how, we're able to do more for our customers by streamlining the home-buying, selling, and building processes even further."

"Working together, Jon and I can help with all as-

pects of a deal," agreed Mark Turner, who co-owns the company with Mercier. "To put it simply, we take pride in being able to do it all."

Both Mercier and Turner have been integral to Maine Source Homes & Realty's growth over the past decade, something that hasn't gone unnoticed by Founder Bill Turner and acted as an impetus of sorts for the purchase.

"After over 40 years running Maine Source Realty, it is with great pleasure that my son Mark and long-time employee Jon Mercier have stepped forward to take charge and take the business to a new level," said Maine Source Homes & Realty Founder Bill Turner. "Although I will work part time, the concerns of management will be in their capable hands, I look forward to seeing the business grow in the coming years."

With an eye on the future, Mercier and Turner plan to concentrate efforts in assisting retirees and Baby Boomers who may be considering downsizing into a smaller bought or built home and who may need to sell their existing home to

do so. The new owners feel they are uniquely positioned to help with exactly these sorts of home selling-buying experiences, given the knowledge and expertise they've gained throughout their years at Maine Source Homes & Realty. They look forward to serving the Lewiston-Auburn community and having Maine Source Homes & Realty remain a trusted source for anyone looking to sell, buy, or build a home.

Jon Mercier joined Maine Source Homes and Realty in 2007. He is a licensed Maine Broker-Realtor, meaning he is both a listing and buyer's agent, is an expert in market analysis and financials, and has an impressive knowledge of financing options for home buyers on all levels and budgets.

Mark Turner joined the company in 2006 after earning a degree in engineering from the University of Maine at Orono. As President and Project Manager of Maine Source Homes & Realty, he has been responsible for overseeing new home projects, home orders, and site plans. He is also a licensed Maine Broker-Realtor.

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What's Going On

Post 135 hosts Community Breakfast

The American Legion Harry J. Conway Post 135 of Sabattus will host their monthly Community Breakfast on Sunday, March 5, from 7:30 to 10 a.m. The meal will include scrambled eggs, eggs to order, French toast, chipped beef, pan-

cakes, sausage, ham, baked beans, two types of country fries, toast, muffins, orange juice, coffee, tea and milk.

The cost is \$7 per adult and \$3 per child ages 10 and under. Proceeds support community and veterans' programs in the areas of

veterans' rehabilitation, national security, Americanism and children and youth. The post is located at 40 Island Road in Sabattus. This monthly event takes place on the first Sunday of the month in March, April, May and June. Mark your calendar!

Next Chamber Breakfast March 9

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Breakfast Meeting on Thursday, March 9 at 7 a.m. at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston. Presenters Ed

Barrett, City Administrator of Lewiston, Jonathan LaBonte, Mayor of Auburn, and Shelley Kruszewski of the Androscoggin Land Trust will discuss the topic "A River Runs Through

Us: Best Use of the Mighty Androscoggin." The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Registration is available at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Gorman Foundation accepting applications for Direct Services Grants

The John T. Gorman Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2017 Direct Services Grant Program. The program is open to nonprofit organizations working in Maine to address the immediate needs of disadvantaged people in three areas: mental health; cancer support for patients, survivors, and affected families; and support for basic needs. The latter would include work done by organizations to ensure that the economic, educational, health, housing, energy, transportation, or other related basic needs of low-income Maine residents are being met.

The Foundation, which seeks to fund direct service activities for existing

programs over a 12-month period, will support grant requests for amounts of up to \$25,000. It will provide funding for both programmatic work and general operating support, and will consider requests from a broad spectrum of nonprofit organizations, such as clinics, community-based organizations, hospitals, schools, and Indian tribal governments, provided that the applicant have a track-

record of success in providing direct services in at least one of the program's focus areas.

The 2017 Direct Services Grant Program will accept applications through Wednesday, March 30. For more information about the program, contact Lauralee Raymond at lraymond@jtgfoundation.org. To access a link to the online grant application portal, see www.jtgfoundation.org.

"Citizens Police Academy" starts March 21

The Lewiston Police Department's "Citizens Police Academy" provides a unique opportunity to

engage with the department to learn about the services it provides, discuss current issues taking place both within and beyond Lewiston, and ask questions related to law enforcement. The next session of this 10-week program will meet at the department every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. from March 21 through May 23. For more information or to receive an application, contact Officer Joe Philippon at 513-3010 or (preferred) jphilippon@lewistonmaine.gov.

Governor's next Town Hall Meeting

Governor Paul R. LePage will hold his next Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, March 8, from 6 to 7 p.m. at AMVETS Post 2 at 148 North Road

in Yarmouth, where he will deliver remarks and answer questions from residents. Free and open to the public, the meeting will focus on the Governor's budget proposal,

protecting the elderly and strengthening Maine's families and economy. Seating will begin at 5:30 p.m. Bags, beverages and signs will not be allowed in the forum.

Holocaust and Human Rights Center program features new Mainers

The Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine will present a Lunch & Learn program called "This is ME, Too: From Everywhere to New Mainer" on Monday, March 6 at the Michael Klahr Center on the campus of the University of Maine at Augusta. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the program will start at noon.

Presented by the HHRC in partnership with the Mid-Maine Global Forum, the program will feature three new Mainers, Somali refugee Abdi Iftin, Iraqi refugee Nawar Al Obaidi, and Cambodian refugee Makara Meng, who will answer questions about and discuss their experiences coming to Maine and misconceptions about their home countries.

Lunch will be a sandwich and salad buffet for \$10 per person. Payment can be made the day of the event by

check, credit card or cash. The panel discussion is free to attend, but seating is limited; please RSVP by Wednesday, March 1 to HHRC office administrator Jordan Bannister at 621-3530 or jordan.bannister@maine.edu.

The Mid-Maine Global Forum contributes to the local community's understanding of issues of global significance by organizing and disseminating informed public presentations

and discussion. For more information, see midmaineglobalforum.wordpress.com

The Michael Klahr Center, home of the HHRC, is located at 46 University Drive in Augusta and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment. The center features permanent and rotating exhibitions and there is no admission fee. For more information, call 621-3530 or visit hhrcmaine.org.

Women's hygiene products needed

The United Methodist Church of Auburn is supporting the Center for Wisdom's Women by helping to collect hygiene products for the women they serve. Items needed include shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, body wash, disposable razors,

lotion, chap-stick, and feminine hygiene products.

Donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the church, located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn.

For more information, call the church office at 782-3972.

WinterKids fundraiser brings skiers under the lights at Sugarloaf

The only event where skiers and snowboarders can ski under the lights at Sugarloaf each year raises money to support WinterKids, a nonprofit organization that encourages children to develop healthy lifelong habits through education and fun, outdoor winter activities.

The fifth annual WinterKids Downhill 24 will take place Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Presented by Darling's Auto Group, the WinterKids Downhill 24 is a 24-hour team ski challenge and fundraiser where teams raise money to support WinterKids by competing to see who can clock the most runs

in 24 hours.

The event was originally hosted at Mt. Abram, where it raised \$168,000 in its first three years. Last winter, the event moved to Sugarloaf and raised \$222,000. Fundraising for this year's event has already passed the \$110,000 mark, halfway to this year's goal of \$220,000.

Registration is open to the first 500 participants. Individual team members may sign up for \$50 with a \$200 fundraising minimum. Kids ages 12 and under may register for \$50 with a \$100 fundraising minimum. Corporate teams may register up to 12 people for a fee of \$2,500.

In addition to 24 hours of skiing, the event will feature live music, prizes, free food, and an abundance of other fun activities around the clock. Each individual will have their own unique fundraising web page, and there will be prizes awarded for those who raise the most money. To register, visit D24.org.

"We are very pleased with the level of support we are receiving from our participants and donors," says WinterKids Executive Director Julie Mulkern. "Revenue from this event will help to get over 23,000 kids, teachers, and families in Maine and New Hampshire outside and active."

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Owner of Barresi Financial to address Rotary Club

The next meeting of the LA Rotary Club on Thursday, March 9, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston will feature guest speaker Scott Boucher, owner of Barresi Financial, Inc. Guests are welcome to attend and reservations are not required. Lunch is available for \$10 in the Ramada's Fusion Restaurant.



Scott Boucher

In his business, Boucher focuses on developing employee benefit plans that maximize the cost-effectiveness of the investment by employer groups. Actively marketing for new business in both the group and individual financial service sectors, he works with employers of various

sizes across the state to ensure that these businesses are in compliance with labor laws and the Affordable Care Act. He graduated Cum Laude from the University of Maine at Presque Isle with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management.

Boucher currently

serves as the Polio Plus Co-Chair for Rotary District 7790, from which he travels across the state to educate clubs on Rotary's efforts in the eradication of polio and the importance of supporting the Rotary Foundation. He also serves as the Assistant Governor Coordinator for the Maine side of District 7790 and is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Bangor. He is married to his wife Dena and has a seven-year-old daughter named Claire.

For more information on future Rotary speakers, contact President-Elect and Program Chair Monica Millhime at 753-9040 or monica.milhime@maine.gov.

Conference on Problem Gambling coming to Auburn

Against the backdrop of March Madness and ongoing discussions about expanding gaming in Maine, three agencies will mark National Problem Gambling Awareness Month by hosting the state's annual Conference on Problem Gambling. The event will take place on Monday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn of Auburn.

Presented by the Maine Council on Problem Gambling, the Maine Centers for Disease Control, and the AdCare Educational Institute of Maine, the conference will feature presentations by two of the nation's leading experts on gambling addiction.

Julie Hynes, MA, CPS, is the Problem Gambling Prevention Coordinator with PreventionLane and a faculty member of the University of Oregon. She will discuss how rapid growth of the gaming industry online impacts those vulnerable to developing a gambling addiction. Attendees will see how gambling today looks very different than it did even just a decade ago.

Shirley Hoak, JD,

IGCC-II, CPRS, is an Internationally Certified Gambling Counselor and a Case Manager III with the Better Choice program of the Connection, Inc. in Middletown, Connecticut. She will discuss how to encourage a friend or loved one who may have a gambling disorder to get treatment, best practices in treatment, and how to provide support for those in recovery from a gambling disorder.

Data from the National Council on Problem Gambling indicates that there are between six and eight million Americans who meet the criteria for having a gambling addiction. National estimates suggest that an individual's gambling addiction can impact the lives of 10 others in many different ways, including affecting relationships with friends and families. While gambling addiction is a public health issue like other addiction issues, the good news is that effective treatment is available here in Maine.

"As Maine contemplates expanding gaming options in the state, it's important that gambling addiction be part of the

conversation," says Scott Gagnon, Board president of the Maine Council on Problem Gambling. "Most adults can gamble without issue, but we need to make sure we have accessible prevention, treatment, and recovery services for youth and adults who are at risk of developing a gambling addiction. With the rapid growth of fantasy sports, eSports, and other forms of online gambling, this conference will offer needed, cutting-edge learning opportunities for those in the behavioral health field."

The conference is open to anyone who has an interest in problem gambling prevention, intervention, treatment, or recovery services. To register, contact AdCare at 621-3615 or see <http://samhs.adcareme.org>.

The Maine Council on Problem Gambling is a gambling neutral advocacy group that aims to reduce the impact of problem gambling through education and collaboration. If you or a loved one needs help with a gambling problem, dial 2-1-1 in Maine to learn about the services available in your area.

What's Going On

Free money management class starts March 7

Are you ready to become more comfortable and confident with your money? If so, New Ventures Maine is offering a free four-week class called "My Money Works." The class will meet at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College on Tuesdays, March 7 through 28, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

In the class, you will explore your attitudes and beliefs about money, look at your current financial situation, discuss wise use of credit, and create both short- and long-term financial goals. You will then learn money management tools and budgeting ideas to help you meet those goals.

The class is free and open to the public. Lewiston-Auburn College is located at 51-55 Westminster Street in Lewiston. For more information about the class or to register, call Chris Davis at 753-6531.

New Ventures Maine is a statewide non-profit organization committed to improving the economic lives

of Maine men, women and their families. The organization works with individuals "where they are" to provide them with the support, guidance, and tools they need to take the next steps toward a more promising future.

New Ventures Maine

provides individual assistance and group training in building careers, starting and growing businesses, planning for financial security, and becoming community leaders. For more information, see www.newventuresmaine.org.

Free webinars spotlight reduced tillage practices for organic farmers

Registration is open for a three-part webinar series on reduced tillage practices for organic vegetable farmers that begins on Thursday, March 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. Then final two sessions will take place on March 16 and 23. Topics will include using permanent bed systems to manage weeds and increase productivity, integrating cover crops and controlling disease, and cultivation techniques in reduced tillage crops. The series is taught by staff and faculty from Cornell University, Michigan State University and the Univer-

sity of Maine Cooperative Extension.

The webinars are free, but online registration is requested. The series is made possible by a USDA OREI grant, 2014-2018. For more information contact Mark Hutton at 933-2100 or mark.hutton@maine.edu.

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Out & About with Rachel Morin

At the first book signing of Doug Hodgkin's new Edward Little biography



Edward Little House at 217 Main St., Auburn, is on the National Registry of Historic Landmarks. The historic home was open to visitors for a tour during the book signing.



Robert Grieshaber, left, owner of the Edward Little House, and author Douglas Hodgkin, at the first book signing for "Dear Parent: A Biography and Letters of Edward Little."

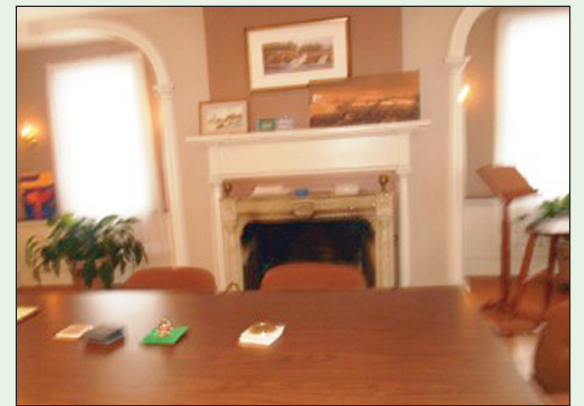
Story and photos by Rachel Morin

I, along with many Lewiston-Auburn residents, and those from neighboring towns, attended the first book signing of Douglas Hodgkin's book entitled "Dear Parent: A Biography and Letters of Edward Little" held at the former home of Edward Little, 217 Main St., Auburn.

Many took this unique opportunity to tour the historic home of Edward Little now owned by CPA Robert Grieshaber who graciously opened the house to the visitors and allowed me to take photos for this article.

Douglas Hodgkins is Bates College Polit- See EL, page 9

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ical Science Professor Emeritus and President of Androscoggin Historical Society and is the author of several books of local history.

The book contains two parts. Part I is an interesting full length biography of Edward Little's life. Part II is a treasure trove of letters written by Little to his father Josiah Little on the business transactions he was conducting for him. His letters always began with "Dear Parent." These letters were transcribed by Everett Bertrand of Poland, a dean's list student at Wheaton College.

The back cover has two color photos taken by the author of the Statue of

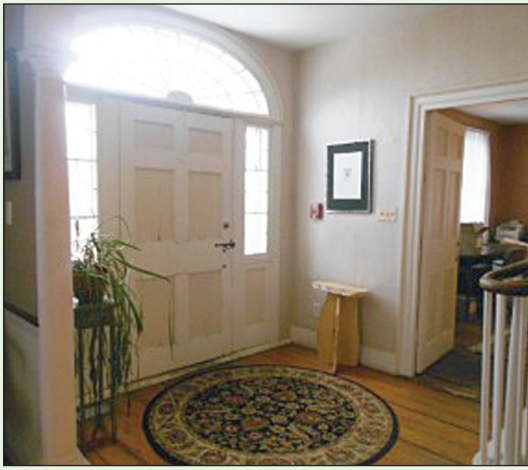


The Hodgkin Family with the author seated, and his sisters-in-law, Elise and Marge, and brothers, Brian and Clyde.

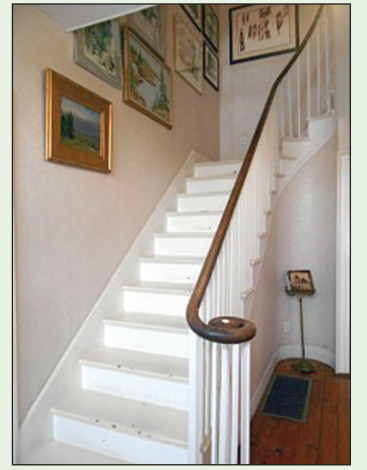
Edward Little by Franklin Simmons and the stained glass window for Edward Little in the High Street Congregational Church in Auburn. It also has these

two paragraphs describing the book.

"This full-length biography of Edward Little (1773-1849) details his early career See **EL**, page 11



The spacious front entrance



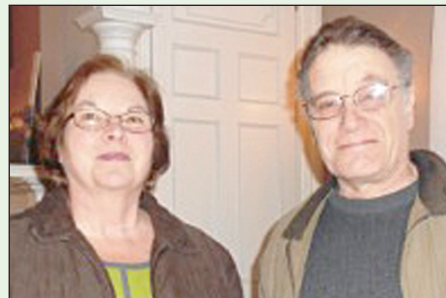
Front hall staircase



One of two alcoves in conference room



Dot Bowyer, left, and Lucy Peck enjoyed an exchange with author Douglas Hodgkin.



Sue and Bob Beaulieu are local history enthusiasts.



Peter Rubins, left, and David Rogers bought the Edward Little home in 1978 and did the restoration work. It is on the National Registry of Historic Landmarks.



The author with his Aunt Aletha Blackmore, left, and Cousin Julia Rathbun.



Bethel Shields and Dr. Thomas Shields were interested in the author's latest book.



Keith and Grace Fleeman were looking forward to touring the house as well as purchasing the book.



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Filmmaker to screen civil rights documentary at APL

Film producer Craig Dudnick will be at Auburn Public Library on Monday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. to present an exclusive screening of his documentary "Alice's Ordinary People." Using first-hand accounts of historical events, the documentary chronicles the contributions of Alice Tregay, a coura-

geous figure in the civil rights movement whose role has been often overlooked.

Tregay's life story reads like a history of the movement. Early on, she fought the "Willis Wagons." In 1966, when Dr. Martin Luther King came to Chicago and formed Operation Breadbasket with the Reverend Jesse Jackson

and the Reverend James Bevel, she and her husband, James Tregay, marched with them, often at great personal risk. The months that Alice and her "ordinary people" spent picketing led to real change. But it was through her Political Education Class that she had her most significant impact.

"On the Spot Comedy" returns to Franco Center

What do you get when you combine the improvisation style of the television show "Whose Line Is It, Anyway?" with a Maine-based comedy troupe that loves the art of improvisation? The answer is "On the Spot Comedy" with Mainely Improv, a professional troupe that has been entertaining audiences since 1995.

The group special-

izes in making up comic situations entirely from suggestions provided by the audience. Their next performance will be a return visit to the Gendron Franco Center on Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30. The bar in Heritage Hall will be open throughout the evening.

"Every show is different and we have no idea what will happen", said the troupe's leader, Dan

Marois. "Join us for an evening of fun, comedy, and the unexpected."

All tickets are \$12 and can be reserved by calling the Box Office at 783-1585 or at FrancoCenter.org. The price of the ticket includes on-site parking at the Continental Mill on Oxford Street. Located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston, the Dolard and Priscilla Gendron Franco Center is wheelchair accessible.

Auburn native to screen documentary at Temple Shalom

Auburn native Jonathan Lee, director-producer of the 89-minute documentary film "Paul Goodman Changed My Life," will present a special screening of the film on Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m. at the Temple Shalom Synagogue-Center at 74 Bradman Street in Auburn.

Paul Goodman was a major figure in modern American art. The author of the legendary best-seller "Growing Up Absurd" (1960), Goodman was also a poet, a 1940s out queer (and family man), and a pacifist, visionary,

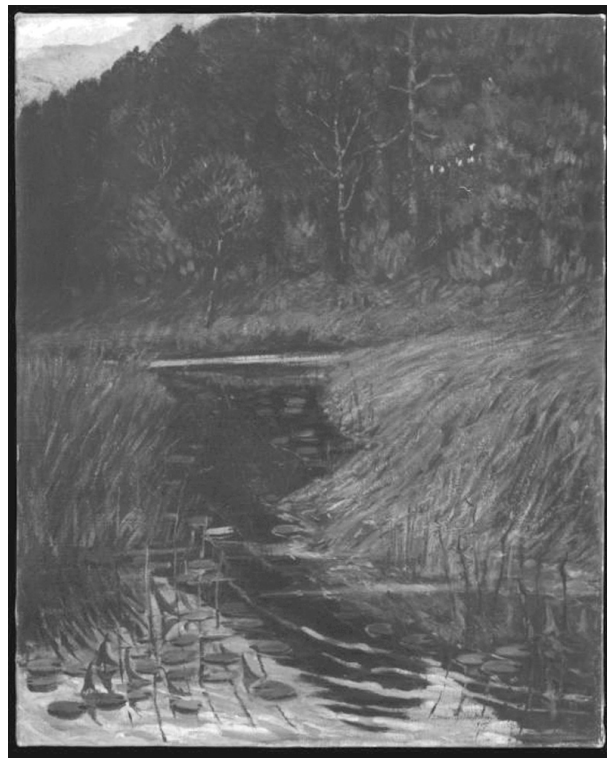
co-founder of Gestalt therapy, and moral compass for many in the burgeoning counterculture of the 1960s.

"Paul Goodman Changed My Life" immerses the viewer in an era of high intellect - the heady, cocktail-fueled era that Mad Men has so effectively exploited - when New York was peaking culturally and artistically and ideas and those who propounded them seemed to punch at a higher weight class than they do now. Using a treasure trove of archival multimedia, including selections from Goodman's poetry read by Garrison Keillor

and Edmund White, quotes from Susan Sontag, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Noam Chomsky, plentiful footage of Goodman himself, and interviews with his family, peers and activists, Lee and producer-editor Kimberly Reed (Prodigal Sons) have woven a rich portrait of an intellectual heavyweight whose ideas are long overdue for rediscovery.

Lee will lead a discussion following the movie. The program is free and open to the public, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call the Temple office at 786-4201.

LPL painting goes on loan for major Hartley exhibition; co-curator to speak at library March 7



The oil painting "Shady Brook" will soon be on display in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art as part of a major exhibition of works by Lewiston-born artist Marsden Hartley.

In advance of the opening of a major new exhibition of works by Lewiston-born artist Marsden Hartley at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on March 15, Donna Cassidy, a co-curator of the exhibit, will present a program called "Marsden Hartley's Maine at Home and Abroad" on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Lewiston Public Library's Callahan Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art will include Hartley's oil painting "Shady Brook," which is currently on loan from Lewiston Public Library, where it has been on view over the years since the artist donated it in 1907.

Hartley began and ended his artistic career in Maine. In the first decade of the 20th century, he created dazzling landscapes

of the western mountains that brought him into the avant-garde circle of Alfred Stieglitz; decades later, he concluded his career by producing roughly rendered paintings of Maine's landscape, coast, and fisher folk that garnered him fame as "the painter from Maine." In the intervening years, when he made only brief visits to the state, spending most of his time in Europe and other parts of North America, Maine was always with him. As he wrote in his autobiography: "I had remembered my own country - never a time that I haven't remembered - never a time that it has been ever more to me than when I have been out of it."

In her discussion, Cassidy, a Professor of Art History and American & New England Studies at the University of Southern Maine, will explore the different

ways that Hartley's Maine was an integral part of his cosmopolitanism, from the influence of international modernism on his early paintings like LPL's "Shady Brook," to the exhibition of his Maine *paysages* in Paris in 1925.

The program will especially focus on how Hartley saw profound connections between Provence, Germany, Nova Scotia and Maine - for example, how his early Maine landscapes shaped his depictions of southern France, and how his Bavarian mountain paintings echoed in his later Katahdin works. What we see in Hartley's art, despite its local subjects, is a sense of place that was formed by the travel routes that defined his career. Hartley rendered Maine, not provincially, but as a place of the world.



Donna Cassidy will discuss "Marsden Hartley's Maine at Home and Abroad" in the library's Callahan Hall.

Those who would like to take a first-hand look at "Shady Brook" will be able to do so again when the painting returns to its permanent home at the library later this year. Following its close at the Met on June 18, the exhibition will travel to the Colby College Museum of Art in Waterville, where it will be on view from July 8 through November 12. The painting will then return to Lewiston in November. In the meantime, 5 x 7-inch notecards of the painting are available at the library's Lending Services Desk for a donation of \$2 each or \$7 for a packet of six cards.

For more information on the March 7 event, contact the library's Adult and Teen Services Desk at 513-3135 or LPLReference@Gmail.com.

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Olin Concert Series resumes with jazz trombonist



Known as a brilliant soloist, sideman and leader, Michael Dease brings his quartet to Bates College on March 3.

The Olin Concert Series at Bates College will present a performance by the Michael Dease Quartet on Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the college's

Olin Arts Center Concert Hall at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston.

A jazz trombonist equally esteemed as a soloist, sideman and leader, Dease is touring in support of his fourth album for Posi-Tone, "Jazz with All These Hands," comprised of original pieces representing the major destinations and "homes" of jazz. Admission is \$25.

For more information, call 786-6135 or email olinarts@bates.edu. To buy tickets, see www.eventbrite.com/o/olin-arts-center-4643338427.

Lisbon Historical Society to spotlight Eloise Jordan

Julie-Ann Baumer will discuss the life and career of Lewiston Evening Journal writer Eloise Jordan on Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Lisbon Historical Society, located in the MTM Center at 18 School Street in Lisbon Falls. Her talk, "Six Degrees of Eloise," will include a historical overview of Jordan's life and writings, as well as several short, dramatic readings from her work.

"Eloise Jordan found something interesting to

write about every day," Baumer says. "In addition to her regular weekly column, she also frequently wrote lengthy feature articles for the Lewiston Evening Journal's Saturday magazine. Her output was impressive, as was the array of local topics she tackled. I don't know how she found time to have lunch at the DeWitt Hotel as often as it is rumored she did."

Baumer, a Lisbon Falls native and resident, is a freelance writer, blogger, and sentimental memory collector. She's served her

community with work on the Moxie Festival, the Green Thumb Gang's community gardens, and other local projects. She currently serves on the board of directors of the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston.

The event is free and open to the public. Parking and entrance are at the rear of the MTM building. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 353-8510 or email LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

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as a business man, lawyer, and politician in Newbury, Massachusetts, until two disasters resulted in massive debt. He then went to Portland, Maine, to manage the business affairs of his father and of the Pejepsco Proprietors' land company. Finally, at the age of fifty-three, he settled in Danville, now Auburn, Maine, where he founded what became Edward Little High School. Less well known is the role of the Little family in founding bridges, railroads, and the mills at the falls, until the latter were taken over by Boston-based investors. This is the story of a remarkable life.

This book also contains the letters that Edward Little addressed to "Dear Parent," his father, Josiah, that are owned by the Androscoggin Historical Society. They depict the early conditions in the development of the Androscoggin Valley, relations between the Littles and the settlers, and the relations among the Little family themselves. This provides a fascinating look at life in a rural Maine settlement."

While the author was greeting the steady stream of arrivals and signing his books, I toured the home which now has a kitchen, office and a large conference room on the first floor and three offices on the second floor.

I spoke with David Rogers and Peter Rubins who bought the building in 1978 and restored it. Their photo album was displayed on the conference room table documenting the restoration with photos of the work in progress. The Edward Little House is on the National Registry of Historic Landmarks.

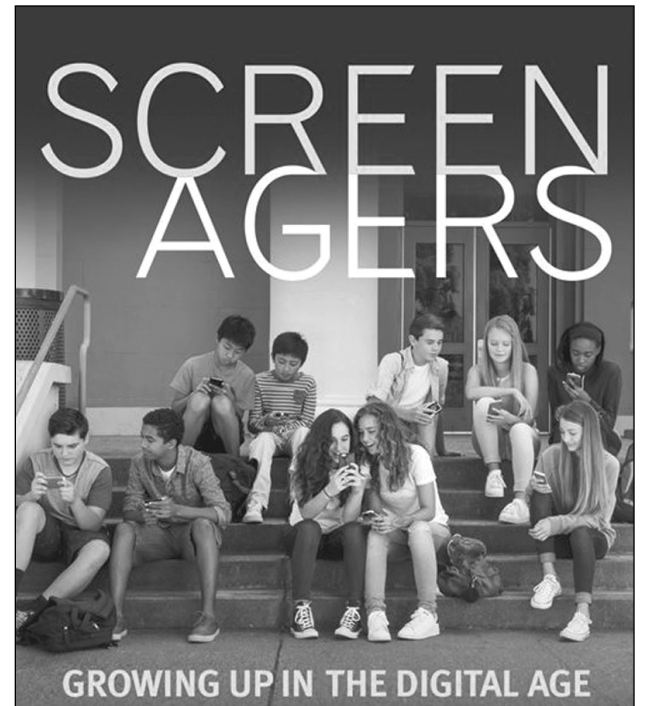
The book may be purchased at the AHS office on the second floor of the Androscoggin County Building, Auburn, local stores, including Victor News, 59 Park St. and Bates College Book Store, 65 Campus Ave., both in Lewiston; and Gulf of Maine, 134 Maine St, Brunswick. FMI, call AHS at 784-0586.

Twin City Nights

APL to show documentary on teens and visual media

Auburn Public Library will present a special free screening of the documentary film "Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age" on Thursday, March 9 at 6 p.m. in its Androscoggin Community Room. Directed by Delaney Ruston, a physician and parent of teenagers, the film "takes a deeply personal [look]... into the vulnerable corners of family life... to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, Screenagers reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance." (screenagersmovie.com)

Following the movie (runtime 68 minutes), there will be a short 20- to 30-minute panel discussion featuring Anita Charles, Director of Secondary Teacher Education at Bates College, Justin Richardson, Auburn



Police Department School Resource Officer at Edward Little High School, and Luke Douglass, Interim Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at Bates College.

This free screening is open to tweens and teens, their parents, and anyone who works with this age group. The event is made

possible by a grant from the Maine Public Libraries Fund, which is funded by an optional check-off on your State of Maine Income Tax Return, and the Psychology Department at Bates College. For more information, contact Teen Librarian Donna Wallace at 333-6640, ext. 2009 or see www.screenagersmovie.com.



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Carriage Museum presents "Horse & Sleigh Days" exhibit



This Crescent Sleigh and Phaeton are among the wide variety of rare sleighs that are currently on display.

The Carriage Museum at Skyline Farm in North Yarmouth is currently displaying the exhibit "Reollections: Horse & Sleigh Days." The exhibit features rare sleighs, many of which are new additions to the collection, in a wide variety of styles and configurations. These include wicker, brougham, hooded, crescent, speeding, postal, funeral, school bus, Flying

Dash, milk, Canadian, country, commercial, primitive, Portland, and Albany. Also on display will be wheeled vehicles that would have been used along the coast, where snow was generally not as prevalent, including a lovely Rockaway that is also new to the collection. Providing context to the exhibit are quotes from real people who recall living the wintry horse-drawn life in bucolic

New England.

Skyline Farm is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization. Admission to the museum is free of charge, but donations are appreciated. Located at 95 The Lane in North Yarmouth, the museum is open for public viewing on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. through March 26. For more information, contact Greg Cuffey at 892-0188 or info@skylinefarm.org.

Auburn Schools staffer to discuss TV experience at next Food for Thought luncheon

At the next session of LA Senior College's Food for Thought luncheon on Friday, March 10, Auburn School Department Computer Technician Tanya Vanesse will present a program called "My Fear Factor Live Reality TV Experience," in which she will discuss her recent appearance in the studio version of "Fear Factor Live" at Universal Studios.

Vanesse thought the odds were against her when, as a 38-year-old mom, she found herself trying out for the show against 20-year-old military enlistees and other much-younger participants. Much to her surprise, however, not only did she make it onto the show, but she won the competition. In her program, she will share what was going through her mind during such ordeals as "The Endurance Hang," "The Walk of Shame," "The Swinging Pendulum Octopus Throw," and "The



Tanya Vanesse not only beat out competitors half her age to make it onto "Fear Factor Live," but she won the entire competition!

Stuntman's Challenge."

Vanesse strives to be a role model for her son and to instill in him the attitude that it is never too late to finish something you've started. Along those lines, she returned to college full-time in 2014 to earn a Bachelor's degree in Social and Behavioral Science from USM while

working two part-time jobs and being a full-time single Mom. While she has lived in several states and traveled abroad through school, she has always returned to Maine. She is excited to talk about her experience and the inspiration she continues to derive from having taken a chance to participate in this unusual and challenging event.

Senior College, now in its 19th year, presents this monthly luncheon program that is open to the public in Function Room 170 at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins promptly at noon. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$7 with an advance reservation or \$8 at the door. To make your advance reservation, call Senior College at 753-6510 by noon on Wednesday, March 8. Reservation calls received after this time will be considered "at the door."

Pretty Girls Sing Soprano to "Kill the Chill" in Bath

The Pretty Girls Sing Soprano, whose vocal harmonies continue to wow audiences, will perform on Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the "Kill the Chill" Winter Concert Series in the Curtis Room of the Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath.

Since their inception, Pretty Girls Sing Soprano have engaged audiences with their tight, clever and original harmonies. Ingrid Ayer-Richardson, Susan Mathews and Shelly Kirkpatrick combine voices to share their love of acoustic and a cappella music, while newest member Deana Gurney adds piano and percussion to the mix. Taking their inspiration from Joni Mitchell, the Wailin' Jennys, Allison Krause, and Crooked Still, the group has developed a mid-coast audience after their show-stealing performances during the



Deana Gurney, Susan Mathews, Ingrid Ayer-Richardson and Shelly Kirkpatrick, aka Pretty Girls Sing Soprano, will perform Friday, March 3 in the Curtis Room of the Chocolate Church Arts Center.

Hot Chocolate Jubilee, followed by a full-length main stage concert at the Chocolate Church. They will perform songs in a variety of genres, including bluegrass, folk, traditional, country and rock-n-roll.

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Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in Downtown Bath. Ticket are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 442-8455 or online at www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

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Thursday, March 2

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. The guest speaker is Ken Albert, President and CEO of Andro. Home Care and Hospice. Guests welcome; no reservation required; lunch avail. at Fusion Restaurant for \$10. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

AARP Work for Yourself@50+ Workshop. Noon to 2 p.m. Androscoggin Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Find out if self-employment is right for you through this five-step process; pres. by New ventures Maine. Free. Register at 888-339-5617.

Friday, March 3

WinterKids Downhill 24. Starts 9 a.m. on 3/3; ends 9 a.m. on 3/4. Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Resort, Carrabassett Valley. Teams raise money for Winterkids by competing to see who can clock the most runs in 24 hours. See registration info at D24.org.

Concert: Michael Dease Quartet. 7:30 p.m. Bates College, Olin Arts Center, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. Equally esteemed as a soloist, sideman and leader, the jazz trombonist tours in support of his latest album "Jazz with All These Hands." \$25. 786-6135; olinarts@bates.edu.

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Concert: Pretty Girls Sing Soprano. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This folk-acoustic group performs songs in a variety of genres, including bluegrass, folk, traditional, country and rock-n-roll. \$12/15. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Saturday, March 4

Kids' Ice Fishing Derby. Range Pond State Park. This event provides a free trap and bait for the

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first 500 kids who register, along with pre-drilled holes, a learn-to-fish station and a clean-your-fish station. Door prizes, concession. Free for kids ages 12-; all others \$1.50.

MagnoPackard Memorial Ski Race. 10 a.m. Lost Valley Ski Area, Auburn. Known for its emphasis on family participation, this event includes both Alpine and Snowboard races for age categories from 3 to 73. \$20, includes lift ticket. Register onsite from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

Public Supper. 5 p.m. Paris Fire Station, Western Ave., So. Paris. The Paris Fire Dept. Auxiliary serves up corned beef and cabbage, ham, potatoes, vegetables, macaroni and cheese, bread, salads, and asst. homemade desserts. \$8 adults, \$4 ages 4-12, ages 3- free.

Sunday, March 5

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

"Blowin' in the Wind" Concert. 1 to 4 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Denny Breau, Anni Clark, Debbie Morin, Frank Coffin, Malinda Liberty, and legendary local folk group Chord Majority perform beloved folk songs of the 1960s to benefit Pettingill Park. \$15. www.francocenter.org.

Winter Gardening Workshop. 2 to 3:30 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner Pleasant, Union Sts., Brunswick. This week's topic is "Using Native Perennials in the Garden"; pres. by Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust. \$5 suggested donation. 798-

5899; www.btl.org/garden-ing-workshops.

Film Screening. 3 p.m. Temple Shalom, 74 Bradman St., Auburn. Auburn native Jonathan Lee presents his 89-minute documentary film "Paul Goodman Changed My Life," about the mid-century counter-culture artist and activist; a discussion follows. Free. 786-4201.

Monday, March 6

Lunch & Learn Program. Lunch 11:30 a.m. (\$10), program at noon (free). Holocaust and Human Rights Center, 46 University Dr., Augusta. New Mainers from different countries present "This is ME, Too: From Everywhere to New Mainer." RSVP by 3/1 to 621-3530 or jordan.bannister@maine.edu.

Auburn Art Club Meeting. 2 p.m. Park Ave. Methodist Church, Auburn. Speaker Rachel Robinov shows a slide presentation of her recent trip. The hostesses are Donna Manson, Joyce Campbell, Mary Goss, Judy Johnson, Marie Steele, and Carol Woodard. 782-4413.

Stanton Bird Club Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Room 285, Lewiston-Auburn College, 55 Westminster St., Lewiston. Herb Wilson, Professor of Biosciences at Colby College, presents "The Spring Arrival of Migratory Birds." Free.

Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Film producer Craig Dudnick presents his documentary "Alice's Ordinary People," about the long-overlooked contributions of Alice Tregay to the civil rights movement. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Tuesday, March 7

"Marsden Hartley's Maine at Home and Abroad." 6:30 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public

Library. Donna Cassidy of the University of Southern Maine discusses the influence of Maine on the Lewiston-born artist. Free. 513-3135; LPLReference@Gmail.com.

Wednesday, March 8

Androscoggin Retired Educators' Assoc. Meeting. 10:30 a.m. Village Pizzeria, 16 Pleasant St., Mechanic Falls. Be ready to order from the menu following the business meeting. To reserve, write or call Josephine Dupal, 1 Patterson St., Lisbon 04250 (phone 353-6535) by March 3.

Town Hall Meeting. 6 to 7 p.m. AMVETS Post 2, 148 North Rd., Yarmouth. Governor Paul R. LePage delivers remarks and answers questions from residents. Seating begins at 5:30. Free.

History Program. 7 p.m. Lisbon Historical Society, MTM Center, 18 School St., Lisbon Falls. Julie-Ann Baumer discusses the life and career of prolific Lewiston Evening Journal writer Eloise Jordan. Park, enter at building rear. Free. 353-8510; LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

Thursday, March 9

Breakfast Meeting. 7 a.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This LAMetro Chamber of Commerce forum presents a panel discussion called "A River Runs Through Us: Best Use of the Mighty Androscoggin." \$20/30. www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. The guest speaker is Scott Boucher, owner of Barresi Financial, Inc. Guests welcome; no reservation required; lunch avail. at Fusion Restaurant for \$10. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Film Screening: "Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age." 6 p.m. Androscoggin Room, Auburn Public Library. Funny, poignant, and useful, this documentary explores the relationships between social media, video games, academics and internet ad-

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diction; panel discussion follows. Free. 333-6640, ext. 2009.

Community T.A.L.K. Workshop. 6:30 to 8 p.m. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Pres. by the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council, this interactive positive communication workshop is led by Bates College Assoc. Prof. of Rhetoric Stephanie Kelley-Romano. Free.

Friday, March 10

Food for Thought Luncheon. Noon. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. Auburn School Dept. Computer Technician Tanya Vanesse discusses her recent experiences on the "Fear Factor Live" TV show. \$7/8, incl. lunch. For adv. price, register by noon on 3/8 by calling 753-6510.

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.

Sunday, March 12

Banding Together for Nick. 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Local bands and musicians, including the original Terry and the Telstars, gather to raise funds for legendary local singer Nick Knowlton's cancer treatment. \$15. 783-2009; https://ticketing.thecolisee.com.

"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.

Monday, March 13

State Conference on Problem Gambling. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. Two of the country's leading experts address different facets of the issue; pres. by ME Council on Problem Gambling, ME Centers for Disease Control. Free. Register at 621-3615 or http://samhs.adcareme.org.

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.Historic-Freeport.org.

Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This "Pops at the Opera" program features light and familiar music from operas. Students through college enter free; others \$20 (cash or check) at door, or call 846-5378, see www.midcoastsymphony.org.

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Friends and family "Banding Together for Nick" with gala fundraiser



Those planning the event include (l. to r., from front) Brie Knowlton, Nicholas Jr., Krista Knowlton, Elaine Poulin, Gini Haines, Doug Haines, Louis Philippe, Pete Nadeau, Debbie Morin, Bill Moraldo, Denny Breau, Ed Boucher, Jeannie Martin, Bette Sanborn, Jolinen Eyck and Danny DiBiase.

A fundraising gala for popular singer Nick Knowlton, who was recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer, will take place on Sunday, March 12 at 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston, where Knowlton performed for many years as a DJ and with various bands. "Banding Together for Nick" will bring together many of the talented friends Knowlton has made across the country over his five-decade career to pay tribute to the local music legend and help raise money for his hospital and medical

expenses.

Bette Sanborn has known Knowlton since the late 1980, when she sang in local bands, including the popular Good & Plenty, at the Ramada, where Knowlton also worked with many groups. In 1996, the two created "The Nick & Bette Show," from which developed a long-lasting bond and friendship. Sanborn, who continues to guide hospitality and entertainment offerings at the Ramada today as its Dining Room Manager, is looking forward to "a big,

big event."

"With Nick being such a champion for causes he strongly believes in, this is going to be an outpouring of support from musicians and friends who want to give back after all he's done for so many in the community," said Sanborn.

Ed Boucher, who managed Knowlton's early bands and whose EAB Recording productions catapulted the local singer to regional and national status, sees the event as a way to help a friend who is known for helping others



The event will reunite Nick Knowlton, who was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in December, with original Terry & the Telstars bandmates Danny Caron, Pete Nadeau, and Terry McCarthy.

in his own time of need. In the process, the event will provide an opportunity for generations of loyal music fans who have helped shape the L-A music scene to reconnect with and share memories of the great bands they followed and Knowlton fronted, including Terry & the Telstars, White Fluff, Poorboy, Katahdin, and Katfish.

"Expect the unexpected," Boucher says. "When old friends throw a celebration like this, magic happens, memories are made, and it shows that when we band together, we can make a difference. It's going to be a great time."

Boucher is advising folks to get their tickets early because he predicts a sellout event. "Nick knows everyone and everyone knows Nick," he explains.

A star-studded parade of musicians and singers who have contributed to L-A's historically rich music scene since the 1960s will join the many friends, family and fans expected to attend. Among the bands scheduled to perform are Terry & the Telstars, with their original line-up of Knowlton on vocals, Danny Caron on drums, Pete Nadeau on keyboards, and Terry McCarthy on guitar. Caron, who will fly up from Wilmington,

NC, is looking forward to the reunion. The last time the band got back together for a PAL HOP Reunion in 2010, he says, they enjoyed it so much they continued performing for several more events.

Other bands scheduled to play include Denny Breau & Friends, the Girls of L-A and Good 'N Plenty. Guest musicians and singers expected to perform include Billy Belskis, Roger Blais, Ed Boucher, Ron Bouffard, Danny Caron, Frank Coffin, Danny DiBiase, Bonnie Edwards, Bob Elie, Kathy Haley, Shawna Haley, Malinda Liberte, Jeannie Martin, Moe McKenna, Arthur Melendy, Debbie Morin, Paul Murphy, Pete Nadeau, Louis Philippe, Bette Sanborn, Laurie Sidelinger, Mike Willette, and Jeff Wright. Long-time Central Maine radio personalities Bill "BC" Cloutier and Dave Dean will emcee.

Tickets are \$15 and available by calling the Androscoggin Colisée box office at 783-2009 or online at <https://ticketing.thecolisee.com>.

Shortly after Knowlton's diagnosis last December, an online fundraising effort was launched to help with the financial burdens associated with his illness. As of this writing, almost half of the \$50,000 goal has been reached. To make a contribution, visit gofundme.com/nickknowlton.




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