

City hosts outdoor screening of "Gone with the Wind"



Do you remember where you were when you saw "Gone with the Wind" for the first time? Come and experience it all over again when the Auburn Recreation Department presents a special outdoor screening of the classic film on Sunday, September 6 at dusk (approximately 7 p.m.) at Lake Grove Park, located on Route

4 across from the Lake Auburn boat launch.

The event is free and open to the public. Those attending are invited to come early to enjoy Lake Grove Park (also formerly known as the Municipal Beach, the Outlet and the Gatehouse) for the day. The park provides swimming, BBQ grills, picnic tables and a playground for young children. Local non-profit

organizations will sell concessions from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Seating for the movie will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring your own blankets, pillows and low chairs to sit on. The rain location will be Hasty Auditorium in Pettengill Park.

"Gone with the Wind" is the classic 1939 film based upon Mar-

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Quit for Life at Dempsey Center

The Dempsey Center, in collaboration with Healthy Androscoggin, will present the Quit For Life tobacco-cessation program starting on Wednesday, September 9. Participants will meet for five consecutive

Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the fifth floor at 29 Lowell Street in Lewiston. The program is free and open to the public.

Designed to teach smokers how to become tobacco-free, Quit for Life

covers topics including preparing to quit, getting through the first few days, and avoiding triggers to start smoking again. For more information or to register, call 795-8250 or see dempseycenter.org.

Saint Dominic Academy welcomes new students



The staff and faculty of Saint Dominic Academy welcomed new students recently at an orientation designed to acclimate them to the school's Auburn campus. Students met their teachers and Fr. Seamus, who led them in Mass, found their lockers and ended the day with a barbecue.

Mohamud receives CMMC Sunshine Award

Zam Zam Mohamud, a certified nursing assistant at Central Maine Medical Center, has been named the latest recipient of the hospital's Sunshine Award for providing compassionate and exceptional care.

Mohamud was recognized for her commitment to patients and the extra care she provides to them on the inpatient rehabilitation unit. According to her co-workers, she routinely adds special touches to her list of responsibilities, such as washing and braiding women's hair and shaving men. According to her award nomination, composed by colleagues and former patients, she is a calm



Zam Zam Mohamud

and skillful care provider with a positive attitude, evidenced by the "smile on her face every day when she comes to work."

One former patient spoke about Mohamud's compassion towards those in the rehabilitation unit.

"When I first came to the rehab floor, I could not walk and was pretty down about it," she said. "Zam Zam came in and just started talking to me and telling me that if I want it, I can do it. She then said, 'Let's make you feel like a person.' She helped me clean up, brushing my hair and making sure my bed had clean linen. She just makes sure you feel good."

Mohamud is well known in Lewiston. In 2013, she became the first Somali-American citizen to serve on the Lewiston School Board. A mother of two, son Jama and daughter Hanan, she was nominated by Mayor Robert Macdonald and approved by the City Council after former superintendent Robert Connors

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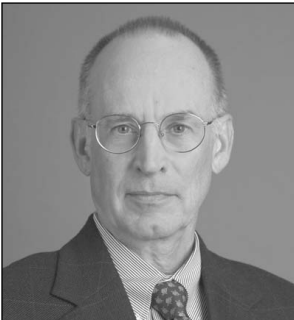
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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Managing director retires from Berman & Simmons



John Sedgewick

John Sedgewick, a longtime lawyer and managing director at the Berman & Simmons law firm, retired on July 3. Sedgewick played a key role in transforming Berman & Simmons from a small general practice trial firm into the leading personal injury and medical malpractice firm in Maine.

Along with law partners Jack Simmons, Steven Silin and Julian Sweet, Sedgewick is credited with developing the supportive environment and collaborative approach to lawyering that have become hallmarks of the firm.

A graduate of Tufts University and the University of Maine School of Law, Sedgewick joined Berman & Simmons in 1979. He built a successful practice in the areas of personal injury, products liability and workplace injury. He became known statewide for his expertise in automobile accident reconstruction, product design and defect, construction site safety and other complex cases. He has

Minot United Methodist awards scholarships

The Board of Trustees of the Minot United Methodist Church has named the recipients of this year's Hartwell Pratt Scholarship Grants.

Eight grants of \$1000 each were awarded to Tyler Sturtevant, Emily Parisi, Olivia Foster, Elizabeth Callahan, Cullen Lajoie, Savanna Pat-

enaude, Sarah Choroszy and Develan Abbott.

The grant program was established seventeen years ago to honor Hartwell Pratt, a supporter of education who left a part of his estate to the church.

The program accepts applications from church members and their immediate families each spring.

SeniorsPlus hires new Finance Director



Brian LaCroix

SeniorsPlus has hired Brian LaCroix as its director of finance. LaCroix has more than seventeen years of professional experience, includ-

ing eleven years in healthcare finance. Prior to joining SeniorsPlus, he served as chief financial officer for Harbor Family Services, a community mental health organization based in Northport, Maine, which was united with Sweetser in 2014.

Lacroix has served as president of the board of Healthfirst Federal Credit Union in Waterville and as a board member of the Maine Primary Care Association in Augusta. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Maine.

Auburn taps D'Auteuil for Assistant City Manager

Auburn City Manager Howard Kroll has hired Denis D'Auteuil to fill the role of Assistant City Manager.

D'Auteuil was hired by the City in May of 2010 as Deputy Public Works Director. In July of 2012, following the retirement of long-term employee Robert Belz, he was promoted to

Public Works Director. In that capacity, he guided the reorganization of the Public Works Department, Parks Maintenance Division and Engineering Division into a new Public Services Department with a staff of over 60 employees and a budget of \$8 million. In January of 2015, he was appointed Acting Assistant City Manager by Howard Kroll.

D'Auteuil is a longtime resident of the Lewiston-Auburn area and is a graduate of St. Dominic's High School. As an avid hockey player and fan, he was the logical choice to serve as the interim General Manager of the Norway Savings Bank Arena while recruiting the permanent GM. He currently lives in Lewiston.

organization supports the youth of Lewiston-Auburn through academics, the arts and athletics.

"John's contributions are beyond measure," said Craig Bramley, who assumed Sedgewick's role as managing director. "He mentored attorneys, connected with our staff, provided strategic vision and managed major transitions, See Sedgewick, page 3

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resigned from the board for health reasons.

In 2011, she was one of three residents who ran as write-in candidates for an open, at-large school committee seat, finishing a close second to the man she would later replace. According to a profile published by the Sun Journal in 2013, she was always in her children's schools, frequently volunteering as they attended Longley and Montello Elementary School, Lewiston Middle School and Lewiston High School.

Mohamud has also served on the Lewiston Police Department's Civil Rights Team, the Lewiston Public Library's Board of Trustees, the Downtown Neighborhood Task Force convened by Lewiston Mayor Larry Gilbert, at school-based health centers, and with social groups such as Welcoming Maine, which works to forge strong, supportive relationships between new Mainers and their native-born neighbors.

In the 2013 Sun Journal article, Mohamud explained the motivation behind her commitment to improving her community and helping those around her. "My kids went to school here and got the best education," she said. "This is my way to give back to this community and to support the community."

Mohamud moved to Lewiston from Atlanta in 2001. She fled Somalia because of civil war and spent 10 years in Kenya before coming to the United States. Once in Maine, she began attending school, ultimately graduating from the Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professionals. She has been a United

States citizen since 2006. Her dutiful and skillful work, compassionate and thoughtful nature, attention to detail, and desire to enhance the lives of those around her, whether at the hospital or in her community, exemplify the criteria for the Sunshine Award.

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garet Mitchell's Pulitzer Prize-winning 1936 novel. The film traces the tragic events of the American Civil War and Reconstruction era through the romantic and personal tribulations of Scarlett O'Hara, the strong-willed daughter of a rich Georgia plantation owner. The leading roles are played by Vivien Leigh (Scarlett), Clark Gable (Rhett), Leslie Howard (Ashley) and Olivia de Havilland (Melanie). Rated G, the film was shot in beautiful Technicolor and has a running time of 238 minutes.

For more information, contact the Auburn Recreation Department at 783-1468 or Auburn City Councilor Tizz Crowley at TizzCrowley@auburn-maine.gov.

Sedgewick

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all while running a successful practice of his own. Without John's wisdom, guidance, and steady leadership, the firm would not be where it is today."

Chamber's Legal Advisory Series launches Sep. 8

The first session in the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce's upcoming L-A Law: Legal Advisory Workshops Series will take place on Tuesday, September 8 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

In "Proven Legal Strategies to Avoid and Handle Employment Discrimination Claims," presenters Thad Zmistowski and Sarah Newell of Eaton Peabody will discuss employment discrimination laws that cause business owners and managers to lose sleep at night. They will outline what you need to know to ensure that your business is following the law and using good judgment in hiring, managing and termi-

nating employees.

Topics addressed will include hiring practices, employee discipline and the mechanics of a proper termination. The program will also help businesses of every size develop a plan for handling, defending and, when appropriate, settling discrimination claims.

The series will continue through June of 2016. All sessions will take place at the Chamber, located at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The cost for each workshop will be \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information, including a complete list of workshops in the series, or to register, call 783-2249 or see www.androscoggincounty.com.

Quick Start series outlines small business start-up

In September, Community Concepts, in collaboration with the Maine Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE), will offer a Quick Start workshop series for those who have recently started, or are thinking of starting, a new business. The six sessions will provide all the essential information and materials needed to start a new business, from forms for registering a business name and applying for an EIN number to guidelines for creating a

business plan, forecasting cash flow, marketing services and managing finances.

The series will be offered on different days in two different locations: on

Thursday evenings, starting September 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Community Concepts, 240 Bates Street in Lewiston; and on Wednesday evenings, starting September 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Community Concepts, 17 Market Square in South Paris.

Participants may register for the entire series or for individual sessions. The six sessions will cover the following topics: an overview of the series content and materials and a discussion of what it takes to start a business; the importance of marketing and branding; business planning and cash flow management; key legal issues, such as business entities; financial management, including record keeping, tax obligations and business banking; and a panel discussion of resources for technical assistance, financing and more.

The workshop instructors will be Steve Veazey, John Huffman and Charlie Peabody, plus an attorney, accountant, and loan officer. The cost to register is \$35 for the whole series or \$10 for an individual workshop.

For more information about the Lewiston workshops or to register, contact Moe Dube at 333-6445 or mdube@community-concepts.org. For more information about the S. Paris workshops or to register, call 739-6543 or email: mpurcell@community-concepts.org.

The series is sponsored by AVCOG; the Bethel Area, River Valley and Oxford Hills Chambers of Commerce; the Fryeburg Business Association; the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development; the Maine Small Business Development Centers; Women Work and Community; and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

DAR Meeting

The Mary Dillingham-Burnt Meadow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet on Wednesday, September 9 at 11 a.m. at Hope Haven, 209 Lincoln Street in Lewiston. Bring a bag lunch. Prospective members are welcome. For more information, call 783-9541.



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Only Steps Forward

An inspiring week in our learning community

By Jonathan P. LaBonte
MAYOR OF AUBURN

As the calendar turns to September, it makes sense that much of my time serving the city last week was tied to the start of the school year.

While it wasn't formally school-related, the city's recreation department co-hosted a movie night at Sherwood Heights on the field hockey field. A neighbor provided the power supply, the neighborhood group grilled up some hot

dogs, along with popcorn to promote the Marshall's popcorn truck restoration project, and the PTO and Women's Literary Union joined in to help raise money for their causes.

The event drew well over 100 people to enjoy a beautiful summer night. There were some interested neighbors that stopped by, but most of the guests were young families enjoying quality time at their school—without the stress of the schoolwork! The only stress



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

might have been if they wanted the mayor to fetch them a brown or red hot dog. The cooperation

between school and city staff to pull off this shared event creates the start of a model. And with upcoming open houses at all of our schools, I'm excited that we will have more city staff joining to support and meet families.

Our neighborhood schools, if they are an active part of neighborhood activities, will be the building blocks of growing Auburn and encouraging more people to choose our community.

As I have nearly every six months since I became

mayor, I joined in on the new faculty and staff orientation at Bates College. After a little bit of time comparing notes about what they enjoyed about Lewiston-Auburn and what questions they had about the community, my role was to help root them in the history of this place, something I love to do. Hearing the stories of our community generations ago from my grandparents was part of my inspiration to enter public service, so passing it along is a lot of fun.

Of course, it's not just about appreciating the past. Linking how those early strengths have come full circle to help grow Auburn and Lewiston again is part of this presentation. These new faculty and staff are not only new employees of Bates, but we should also engage them as ambassadors and ask them to join us in moving forward.

Before the event, I had a quick lunch at the Commons on campus and was pleased to see that our sister city, Lewiston, was using Bates facilities for high school staff to enjoy a lunch together as they prepared to start a new year.

And last but not least, I welcomed a group of new student athletes to Central Maine Community College over the weekend. For the majority of those young people, their key to college—and to be the first in their family to attend—was athletics. It's not necessarily a step to a Division 1 school or professional athletics, but their hard work,

team-building skills and perseverance has opened a door to a better education and the start of a career.

Since I was on campus, I had to check out the new building constructed during the summer and being completed just in time for fall classes. With modern lecture halls, 21st century chemistry labs and classroom space built to foster team-based learning, it's no wonder CM has become one of the top colleges for enrollment in the state.

A liberal arts college sitting at the center of the Lewiston-Auburn community, drawing some of the young to the classroom and faculty and support staff for careers; a community college that thrives on preparing men and women to enter high-demand jobs and helping those pursuing bachelor's degrees save money on those first two years; and local schools that form the foundation of attracting families and growing the value of our city: it was an inspiring week connecting with those in our learning community.

There will be more to come on how we can work more closely together to improve programs for people in Auburn (and Lewiston) and link those efforts to improved facilities, like our high school. Stay tuned.

Should you have ideas or questions about education, I'd love to hear from you and to talk about them. I can be reached at 782-1174 or jlabonte@auburnmaine.gov.



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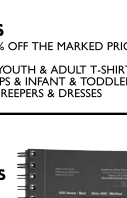
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Enough is Enough

Energy costs, immigration laws and drug addicts

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

How many more mill closings will it take before union millworkers realize they are backing the wrong horse?

How many mill towns and surrounding towns are experiencing tax hikes and dwindling revenues as they stand on the cusp of becoming ghost towns?

How many elderly will freeze in their homes this winter? How many will go without food and medicine in order to keep warm?

Finally, what three-words create these conditions? High. Energy. Costs.

We have a Governor in the Blaine House whose self-appointed mission is to drastically bring down energy costs. With all the jobs lost, you would

think that lowering energy costs would be a common ground and easily fixed. But our progressive friends in Augusta want no part of this. They dance to the tune played by environmentalists.

Immigration laws, what are they? While employable people—people who are professional, self-supporting and would add to our tax base—wait for years to enter our country legally, those who possess little or no skills illegally stream into our country looking for a better life.

The care provided by our tax dollars to house, clothe, feed and provide healthcare to them puts a burden on our young and middle-aged couples with children, our single young professionals and our elderly by forcing them to pay



Mayor Bob Macdonald increased taxes. How long will it be before politicians put these three classes of people on par with our unwelcome guests?

We are expected to help the poor. But for those of us who work, our definition of poor is in stark contrast to reality. While advocates for the poor point

their finger at society and blame us for making these people societal victims, I would argue that it is the other way around.

It is we, the taxpayers, who are the real victims. In Lewiston, we are forced to pay a minimum of \$11,000 per pupil per year in order to provide them with an education. Depending on the student's needs, many of our domestic students could cost us in excess of \$100,000 per pupil.

While the majority of students from working families go to school and learn, too many of our impoverished students and their families have little or no appreciation for education. These pupils run up our absentee and tardy figures. They disrupt classes. Approximately half do not graduate.

In short, they make little or no effort to take advantage of the gift they are being given by Lewiston property taxpayers.

This lack of education brings with it an inability to read, write and do math, severely restricting their employment opportunities. Their financial decisions seem to be made around tattoo-laden bodies and Allen's Coffee Brandy, all the while being enabled by Maine Equal Justice Partners, the Maine People's Alliance and progressive legislators that occupy Maine's State House.

Meanwhile, the working people and elderly struggle to make ends meet.

Now we have a new expense on our doorstep: drug addicts. In Augusta there are two viewpoints on how to deal with this problem. Governor Paul R. LePage wants to step up enforcement in order to severely restrict and arrest those bringing this poison into our state. I believe this is the best bang for the taxpayer's buck.

Then we have the state's most progressive

liberal leaders, Senator Justin Alford and Speaker of the House Mark Eves. They feel counseling and addiction programs are the answer. In a few cases, it is.

But in most cases, once a person has successfully completed a program, they will return in a short time to using drugs. These programs have poor success rates; that's why you never see statistics.

It also appears that there is a move to declare drug addiction as a disease. No, it's a lifestyle! It's brought on by people who—even after seeing the devastating results of drug addiction—readily embrace these lethal drugs. The question now becomes, should we the taxpayers be forced to pick up the tab for a condition consciously brought on by an individual?

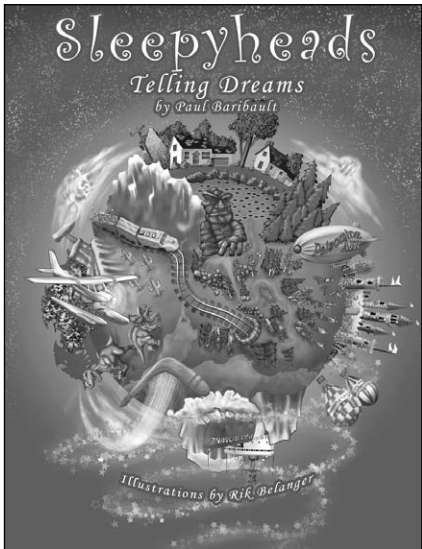
This comes at the expense of funds needed to help the elderly and God's children: the severely mentally retarded.

Local children's author launches website

Inspiring kids to become eager writers and not just avid readers is the goal of a new website launched recently by Lewiston writer and playwright Paul Baribault. The site's mission statement, "Inspiring a child to love writing is as easy as... telling dreams," is drawn from the title of the site's featured work, Baribault's new book "Sleepyheads: Telling Dreams."

The book features eye-popping cover and chapter illustrations by local artist and teacher Rik Belanger, along with plot twists that will leave readers of all ages delighted at the surprises one hopes to experience in all storytelling. It is now available as a Kindle reader at amazon.com. The website can be viewed at Sleepyheadbooks.com.

"Our dreams are a rich source of imagery and story potential," said Baribault. "Energetic writing can paint images that engage children through to a book's finish. We hope these ten connected tales will inspire young readers to think of their own dreams as a wonderful start-



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What's Going On

September programs at YMCA

The YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston will offer the following programs for children and adults in September.

With the exception of gymnastics and field hockey, all programs take place at 62 Turner Street in Auburn. Pre-registration is required for most events and programs.

Some fees apply, and financial assistance is available for qualifying individuals and families. For more information, call 795-4095 or see www.alympca.org.

“Weigh to Go.” Shape up and slim down with certified Y trainers and nutritionists in this eight-week program for those ages 18 and up. Registration opens Sept. 21; program begins Oct. 7.

“Gymnastics.” For children ages three and a half through teens. Registration opens Aug. 31; sessions start Sept. 14.

“Field Hockey.” For girls in grades K-8. Begins early September. Locations and practice times TBA. Contact Chris Shea at 795-4095.

“Fall Dance Classes.” Nationally acclaimed dancer Jessica Trammel offers ballet, jazz, jazz funk, and tumbling for children and adults. Daily drop-in rates available. Registration opens Aug. 31; sessions runs Sept. 14 through Dec. 18.

“Youth Swim Les-

sons.” This seven-week session is for infants through age 12. Multiple class times available. Sessions begins Sept. 14.

“Exercise for Home Schoolers.” Home schoolers can stay active while making new friends. For ages 4-15. Mondays and Wednesdays, Aug. 31 through Oct. 21.

“Lunch & Learn.” “Get Out, Get Active, Get Connected” with the Maine Alzheimer’s Association. Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

“Tabata.” New to the group exercise rotation, Tabata is a high-intensity interval workout featuring elements of strength and cardio. Wednesdays at noon, starting Sept. 14.

“Yoga for Athletes.” Athletes may enhance their performance in multiple sports with this tailored yoga program. Mondays at 5:15 p.m., starting Sept. 14.

“Pilates/Barre.” Get a long and lean dancer look with this full-body workout. Mondays at noon, starting Sept. 14.

“Y Wellness Walkers.” This year-round social walking group explores local parks and neighborhoods. Meets Mondays and Wednesdays, starting Sept. 14.

“Open Family Swim.” For current Y members. Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Sampson AFB veterans

The September meeting of the Southern Maine Squadron of Sampson Air Force Base veterans will be at noon on Thursday, September 10 at Governor’s Restaurant in Lewiston. This in an informal monthly luncheon get-together for veterans who served at

Sampson AFB, also called Sampson Naval Training Center, and their guests. All veterans are welcome to attend. Governor’s is located at 1185 Lisbon Street.

For more information, contact Bob Sawyer at 657-4909 or Roy Tassinari at 784-5691.

Ladies of St. Anne

The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality of Holy Family, Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston will hold their general membership meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New members are very welcome.

The event will begin with a mass, followed by a chicken pot pie dinner and installation of officers, counselors and new members. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased before September 10. To buy tickets, contact any board member or counselor or call Anita at 782-4516.

Humane Society offers \$10 spay-neuter program

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society has received a \$17,750 grant from the Belvedere Animal Welfare Fund of the Maine Community Foundation to spay-neuter 550 privately owned and free-roaming cats in the next year.

The program specifically targets pets of low-income cat owners in Androscoggin County whose felines are in need of spaying or neutering. Starting September 1, eligible cat owners can visit the shelter for a voucher

to have their cat spayed or neutered for just a \$10 co-pay. The cat will also receive a rabies vaccination. Pet owners must show proof of state assistance when they sign up for the program.

Thanks to funding from foundations like the Maine Community Foundation, the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society has sterilized over 5,800 cats in Androscoggin County since 2010 – an investment of more than \$200,000 that has led to a 49% decrease in the num-

Next AREA meeting September 9

The first fall meeting of the Androscoggin Retired Educators Association will take place at the Ramada Inn on Wednesday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m. The meal will be a plated turkey dinner at a cost of \$11. The speakers will be George and Pat Jacobs, who will discuss their photographic safari in Kenya. For the Day of Caring on September 11, the Executive Committee decided to donate \$300 to a school food pantry that will be named at the September meeting.

Payable in September, dues this year are \$10 for retired educators, \$6 for their spouses, and free for honorary members (ages 85 or older). All retired educators are invited to join. Members are asked to bring to each meeting a non-perishable food item or a small cash donation to be donated to a local food pantry. Reservations for the September 9 meeting must be made by September 4 by sending a check, made out to AREA, to Ruben and Susan Cornelius, 23 Crowley Road, Sabattus, ME 04280.

Sunday School at Auburn United Methodist

Sunday School and youth classes will begin at Auburn United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 13. Registration for all interested youth will begin at 9:30 a.m. and refreshments will be served.

Come and bring a friend, meet the teachers and learn about the activities for the year. The church is located at 439 Park Avenue. For more information, contact the church office at 782-3972.

New website provides local tick info

Where in Maine are you at greatest risk for tick bites? How can you protect yourself? What’s the proper way to remove a tick? How can you remove ticks from your property? Did you know that deer ticks in the state are now infecting people with at least four diseases?

To help Mainers stay informed about the dangers of tick-borne illness, the Maine Medical Center Research Institute’s Vector-borne Disease Laboratory or “Tick Lab” has launched a website to answer these questions and more. Information provided is based on the lab’s 26 years of research on ticks, their hosts, habitats and disease transmission in the State

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on School Street in Lisbon Falls. Parking and entrance are at the rear of the building.
For more information, call Dorothy Smith at 353-8510 or email LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

Women’s Network meeting features Nancy Marshall
The next meeting of the Androscoggin Chapter of the Maine Women’s Network will take place on Wednesday, September 9

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The cost is \$21 (\$17 for members) and includes lunch. Members are encouraged to register their guests in advance for the membership rate. Online pre-registration is required by September 8. For more information, email Rebecca Webber at rwebber@sta-law.com. To register, click on the "Event Registration" link at www.mainewomensnetwork.com.

A statewide organization with multiple chapters, including Portland, Androscoggin, and Midcoast, MWN's mission is to increase women's professional growth and leadership skills through networking and education. Membership is open to all, regardless of gender. For more information, see www.mainewomensnetwork.com.

City receives \$32,096 dividend

City officials have announced that Lewiston has received a \$32,096 dividend check from the Maine Municipal Association as a result of its loss experience positive history and loss prevention programs.

The Maine Municipal Association offers three self-funded pools for municipal and quasi-public entities in Maine: the Workers Compensation Fund, formed in 1978; the Property & Casualty Pool, formed in 1987; and the Unemployment Compensation Fund, formed in 1978.

The programs are overseen by governing boards of elected and appointed municipal officials. Each year, the boards review the programs' loss experience to determine if dividends may be paid. Patricia Kablitz, MMA's Director of Risk Management Services, notes that more than 78% of program participants received a dividend this year for their good risk management practices and loss experience.

This year, the Workers Compensation Fund has distributed almost \$650,000 in dividends to participants, while the Property and Casualty Pool has paid nearly \$550,000, for total payments of just under \$1.2 million returned directly to MMA members. Since 1997, the three programs have returned over \$18.8 million in dividends to participating members.

The Maine Municipal Association is a voluntary membership organization offering an array of professional services to municipalities and other local governmental entities in Maine. For more information about any of the MMA Risk Management Services programs, call 1-800-590-5583 or see www.memun.org.

Class of '55 has 60th Reunion



Classmates attending the 60th Reunion of the LHS Class of 1955 were (l. to r., from front) Roger Verreault, Rachel Gilbert Morin, Eloise Lafontaine O'Neill, Connie Moreau Gauthier, Althea Smith Willey, Norm Bilodeau, Fran Dumais Poliquin, Elaine Pushard Campbell, Frank Welch, Bob Mathieu, Robert Desbiens, Jeanne Hormann Blatchford, Carlene Mower Maloney, Fred Hall, Stanley Lepage, Richard Cummings, Pauline Poirier Parker, Rev. Fr. William Gahagan, Beverly Valento Clark, Marcel Dagneau, Ray Charest, Connie Gladu Traynor, Joanne Pauze Bergeron, Dorothy Lapointe Lecompte, Bob Clifford, Charlene Cyr Hall, Norm Laplante, Sandra Fisher Fournier, Janice Goudreau Plourde and James Wood. (Photo by Rachel Morin)

The Lewiston High School Class of 1955 had its 60th Reunion recently at the Ramada Inn. Those attending enjoyed a buffet dinner and musical entertainment by the "Just Us" vocal group. Five ea-

sels displayed color photos depicting changes in the Lewiston-Auburn area since graduation, while a Memorial Board displayed photos of the class's 88 deceased members. A Memory Book containing clippings from classmates' activities since graduation and the obituaries of deceased members was available for perusing.

Classmate Rev. Fr. William Gahagan delivered the Invocation. Reunion Chair Norm Laplante served as emcee. Class president Fred Hall addressed the group. Songs from the 1950s were featured and "Elvis Presley" and "Roy Orbison" made surprise appearances. The evening concluded with the group's singing of the Lewiston High School song.

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The Court Street Baptist Church will host its annual Summer Keyboard Concert on Sunday, September 13 at 6 p.m. The featured performers will be Mark Thallander, Glenda Winkle-Morrow and Kathy Haley.

Mark Thallander's successful career as an organist, music director and minister was abruptly interrupted twelve years ago when, while on vacation in the Pine Tree State, he was involved in a horrific automobile accident that resulted in the loss of his left arm. Rather than despairing, he responded by retooling his skills to play the organ with his feet and right arm and by arranging music to be played successfully in this

way at the concert level.

Thallander is the subject of the book "Champions" and has received many honors, including the "Life's Not Fair, But God Is Good" award bestowed by the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists and the president of the Mark Thallander Foundation.

A Missouri native, Brenda Winkle-Morrow earned her undergraduate degree at Missouri State University and her Master of Music Degree in Piano Performance at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. She is a professor emerita of Central Bible College in Springfield, Illinois;

a nationally certified teacher of music with the Music Teachers National Association; past president of the Mid-America Performing Arts Association; an executive board member of the American Guild of Organists; and a council member of the Mark Thallander Foundation. A life-long church musician, she continues to write and arrange music.

Celebrating a half century as a church musician, beginning as a young teenager at the Danville (Maine) Union Church, Kathy Haley is the choir director-organist of Court Street Baptist Church. After studying music at the University of Southern Maine, she sang professionally with several bands in southern Maine and was the assistant director for Delta Heart, a nondenominational regional

Comedy Fix returns to Fireside Inn

Comedy Fix, the stand-up comedy fundraising series, returns to the Auburn Fireside Inn with a great lineup of comedians for Comedy Fix XXIII on Friday, September 11 at 8 p.m. Comedy Fix founder and host Mark Turcotte will welcome performers Josh Ramirez, Louie Martinez, Elena Jawitz, Trent Wells and Randy Williams. Net proceeds will benefit the Good Shep-



Josh Ramirez

herd Food Bank.

Josh Ramirez has been entertaining crowds throughout New England since 2008. He's performed at Mohegan Sun, Catch a Rising Star and Jokers Wild. The Worcester, Mass. native has also worked with nationally touring comedians Gary Gulman, Eugene Mirman and Kelly MacFarland.

Louie Martinez, who hails from Lawrence, Mass. and is affectionately known

as "Grizzly," recently competed in Last Comix Standing at Foxwoods Resort Casino. He produces weekly comedy shows in Manchester, NH and Salisbury, Mass.

Elena Jawitz hosts the annual Pride RI event and is a regular at the Comedy Studio. Trent Wells was a finalist in New England's Funniest Comic Contest and Randy Williams has performed at clubs throughout the country, including the San Jose Improv.

This show for those ages 21-and-older will contain adult language and content. Doors will open at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$10 and may be reserved at comedyfixlive.com.

The Fireside Inn is located at 1777 Washington Street. For more information, call 513-0742 or email comedyfixlive@gmail.com.

"Food for Thought" luncheon resumes for fall

Steven B. Rogers, Ph.D. will be the presenter at the USM Lewiston-Auburn Senior College's "Food for Thought" luncheon on Friday, September 11 at 11:30 a.m. in Function Room 170 at USM-LAC. Rogers will discuss his long career as a research analyst for the Special Litigation Unit of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service, a task force established to investigate allegations that individuals who assisted in Nazi-sponsored persecution had entered the United States after World War II.



Steven B. Rogers, Ph. D.

Rogers was hired in 1979 as the first historian for the newly-created Office of Special Investigations [OSI] in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, which assumed full jurisdiction for the investigation and prosecution of Nazi persecutors residing in the United States. During his tenure at OSI, he served as case historian on several cases involving Nazi atrocities in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

Rogers also served on special task forces investigating the post war fugitives Klaus Barbie and Josef Mengele, Nazi Gold and other Holocaust-era assets, for which he received the Deputy Assistant Attorney General's Award for Special Initiative. He was OSI's point man on the review of millions of pages of declassified records released by federal agencies to the Na-

tional Archives and Records Administration. He retired from the Department of Justice in March of 2010 after 31 years of service.

Rogers is originally from Chicago and has lived in the Washington, D.C. area since 1976. He holds degrees in German, German Literature, and Germanic Studies from Florida Southern College (1974), the University of Arizona (1975) and the University of Maryland (1984). He also studied at the Pädagogische Hochschule and the Albert Ludwig Universität in Freiburg, Germany. He has taught courses in German language, literature, and culture at the University of Arizona in Tucson, the University of Maryland at College Park, the University College of Maryland, and Prince George's Community College. For several years, he served on the summer faculty teaching Holocaust-related courses sponsored by the Center for Holocaust Studies at the University of Vermont and by the Human Rights and Holocaust Center of Maine at Bates College.

Rogers has written and lectured extensively on the investigation of Nazi war crimes and related topics. His historical

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The biggest names in bluegrass will make their way to the southern Maine coast this weekend for the annual Bluegrass Special at Thomas Point Beach. Taking place September 3 through 6, the four-day festival features performances by some of the country's most honored Bluegrass musicians, along with many younger up-and-coming talents.

This year's event will be headlined by the Del McCoury Band of Nashville, who have been honored with 31 awards (the most of any artist) from the International Bluegrass Music Association, plus the 2006 Grammy Award for Bluegrass.

Other bluegrass legends on the bill include Marty Stuart and his Fabulous Superlatives (Tennessee), the Gibson Brothers

(New York), the Earls of Leicester (Tennessee), Doyle Lawson and Quick-silver (Tennessee), Della Mae (Massachusetts), the Larry Stephenson Band (Tennessee), Karl Shiflett and Big Country (Texas), Leroy Troy and the Tennessee Mafia (Tennessee) and Special Consensus (Illinois). Half a dozen other bands, including regional artists from across the country and some of the brightest newcomers to the national bluegrass scene, will also perform.

Various performers will take to the main stage from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday. After the main stage shuts down, off-stage performances begin at the big campfire and continue into the wee hours, while dozens of informal performances and jams among festival

musicians and attendees - known to aficionados as "field picking" - take place at campsites throughout the night.

Since Thomas Point Beach hosted the first major gathering of national bluegrass talent in the northeast in 1979, this event, which combines the seaside splendor and salty air of the Maine coast with the sweet harmonies and pick-and-twang sounds of Southern Appalachian music, has been the state's largest gathering of bluegrass artists and fans. It was honored with the International Bluegrass Music Association's Event of the Year award in 2008.

Four-day, three-day, two-day and single-day tickets are available at the festival gates. Single-day ticket prices are \$35 per person on Thursday and \$55 per person (\$50 after 5 p.m.) on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Weekend tickets, which include free camping, are \$165 per person for four days, \$150 per person for three days, and \$130 per person for Saturday and Sunday.

Children ages 12 and under will enter for free, while those ages 13 to 16 will pay half the adult rate when accompanied by an adult. A one-day camping area ticket costs \$20 per night. Visitors can expect a festival atmosphere, with gift vendors and food wagons on site. Workshops and children's activities are scheduled. For complete event information and policy details, call toll-free 877-TPB-4321 or see www.thomaspointbeach.com/special.

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lead the sessions and recent graduates and more experienced dancers will be on hand to help the beginners. The lessons will take place from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., followed by workshops at various levels from 7:45 to 9 p.m.

The cost will be \$4 per person per lesson (after the first three lessons) and \$4 per person per workshop. Oxford Hills Middle School is located at 100 Pine Street in South Paris.

To register for the lessons or workshops, call 782-4050.

For more information about the club, see swinginbears.squaredanceme.us.

Take-Out Bean Suppers resume

The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Council 12652 will resume their Take-Out Bean Suppers on Saturday, September 5 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the Holy Cross church hall, located at 1080 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Menu items will include the group's special-recipe beans, coleslaw, buns, ham, bologna and desserts.

Food offerings can be purchased as package meal deals or "A La Carte" single items at a variety of prices.

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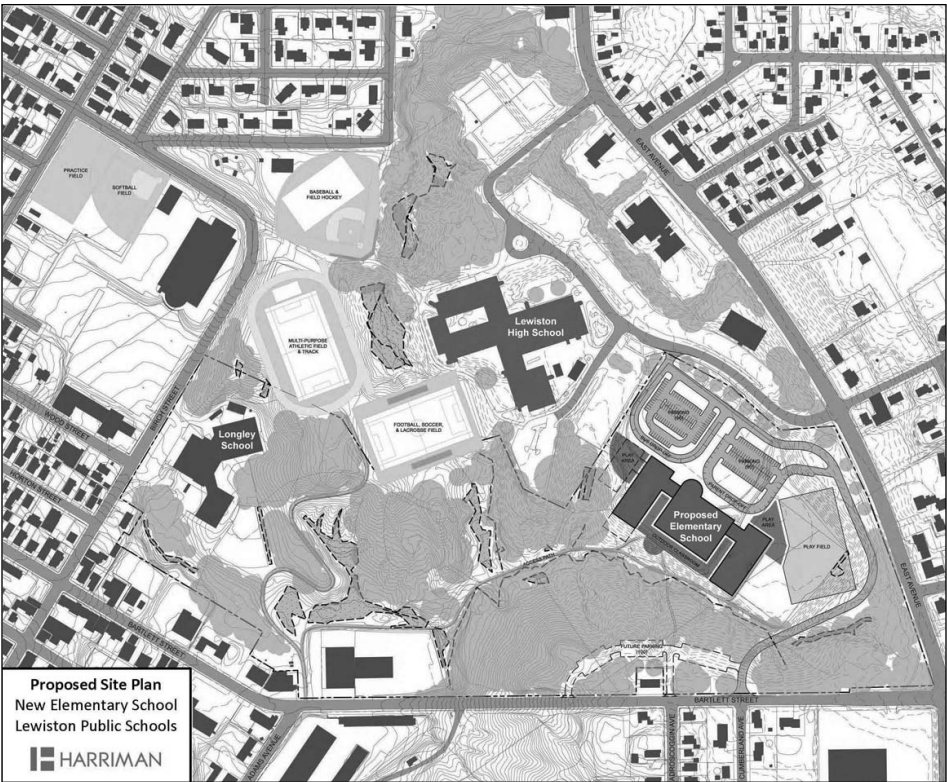
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What's Going On

Committee recommends Franklin Pasture for new elementary school



After six months of intensive work, a Site Selection Committee has recommended that Lewiston's new elementary school be built in Franklin Pasture. This new school will combine the present Martel Elementary School and Longley Elementary School. The unanimous recommendation was

presented to the Lewiston School Committee at a recent meeting. If the site is supported by the School Committee, a formal site application will be submitted to the Department of Education. The process will include a public presentation and straw poll in October and needed ap-

proval by the Maine State Board of Education as early as November. The tentative project schedule includes a public referendum vote in June of 2016 and completion of construction by the summer of 2019. Seventeen sites in or adjacent to the existing Martel and Longley school

districts were considered by the Site Selection Committee. Sites were assessed using multiple criteria provided by the Department of Education. Discussions were held with owners of the most highly ranked sites about availability and cost, with environmental assessments conducted on the top available sites.

Two sites rose to the top of the list: Franklin Pasture and a parcel on old Lisbon Road, approximately three miles from the existing Martel School. Advantages noted for the Franklin Pasture site included proximity to the existing two schools and the majority of the student population, the expectation of no additional transportation costs and proximity to community partners and Lewiston High School to increase options for educational programming.

If approved, the new elementary school will be located on the existing main Franklin Pasture Sports Complex, near Lewiston High School. This option is available because the state-funded project will fully cover the cost of relocating the existing playing fields as proposed on the related

concept plan. This solution is similar to an earlier school construction project in Falmouth, where the state covered the cost of relocating the high school fields.

The expectation is that the state-funded relocation, when combined with funds already raised to upgrade Franklin Pasture, will result in a superior main stadium with an all-weather field immediately behind Lewiston High School. The track would be separated from the main field and relocated to the existing softball field with a practice field in the interior. The combined baseball-hockey field would be placed in Marcotte Park.

A related proposal would use local funds to purchase Drouin Field from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland for the relocated softball and practice field. The committee is in discussions with the Diocese about the proposed sale.

If the site selection is approved, the next phase of the project will include building design. The project will be fully state-funded, except for any additional features that may be added locally to the project. As a recent example, Geiger Elementary School was about 95% state funded and 5% locally funded because of the purchase of additional land and a larger gym than the state supports. The exact amount of state and local funding for this

project will be determined during the next phase.

The 18-member Site Selection Committee was chaired by School Committee member Tom Shannon and included School Committee member Linda Scott, community representatives Elizabeth Eames, John Butler, Marnie Mournault, Rob Ullrich, Ronnie Paradis, Stacey Laflamme and Zam Zam Mohamud, City employees Dave Jones and Jeff Baril, Planning Board member Bruce Damon and School Department employees Butch Pratt, Elaine Runyon, Joe Perryman, Steve Whitfield, Kristie Clark and Bill Webster. The Committee was assisted by Jeff Larimer, Frank Crabtree and Mark Lee of Harriman Associates of Auburn.

Food

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essays, literary criticism, poems, translations, and other publications have appeared in journals and magazines. He and his wife, Sally Ann, divide their time between historic Mount Rainier, Maryland and New Gloucester, Maine. The cost of the event, which includes lunch, is \$7 with advance reservation or \$8 at the door. Reservations must be made by noon on Wednesday, September 9 by calling 753-6510. Any late callers will be considered "at the door."

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“Sports Concussions.” 6 p.m. Classroom 4, Maine College of Health Professions, 70 Middle St., Lewiston. Sports medicine specialist Peter Sedgwick, M.D., discusses this common injury. Free; register at 795-8448 or www.cmmc.org.

Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. LPL & APL continue their “Muslim Journeys” film and book series with a showing of the film “Koran by Heart.” A discussion follows. Free.

Saturday, September 5
Gem & Mineral Show. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nat’l Guard Armory, Western Ave., Augusta. Displays, demos, and door prizes; fun and games for the kids; pres. by the Kennebec Rocks and Minerals Club. Cont. Sun. 10-4. 873-6270.

Take-Out Bean Supper. 3 to 5:30 p.m. Holy Cross church hall, 1080 Lisbon St., Lewiston. K. of C. Council 12652 offers its special-recipe beans, coleslaw, buns, ham, bologna and desserts for take-out. Purchase as package meals or single items. Call 212-5163 after noon to order.

Sunday, September 6
Lewiston Farmers’ Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Municipal parking lot, corner of Lincoln and Main Sts. Fresh, seasonal products from over 20 local growers and crafters; music, activities, raffles. Cash, credit, SNAP and WIC accepted. Every Sun. thru mid-October.

Movie in the Park. Dusk (approximately 7:30 p.m.). Lake Grove Park. The Auburn Rec. Dept. screens the classic movie “Gone with the Wind” (rated G) outdoors on a cinema-style screen. Bring blankets, pillows, low chairs. Free.

Tuesday, September 8
Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Reps. from Eaton Peabody discuss “Legal Strategies to Avoid and Handle Employment Discrimination Claims.” \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggin-county.com.

Film Screening. 2 p.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. The library presents the classic 1951 musical “An American In Paris,” starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. Free. 333-6640 ext 4.

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Wednesday, September 9
AREA Meeting. 10:30 a.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. The Andro. Retired Educators Assoc. welcomes George and Pat Jacobs to discuss their photographic safari in Kenya. \$11 (incl. meal). Send check by 9/4 to Susan Cornelius, 23 Crowley Rd., Sabattus, 04280.

Maine Women’s Network Meeting. 11:30 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. Nancy Marshall, of Nancy Marshall Communications, discusses “Personal Branding from the Inside Out and the Outside In.” \$21 (\$17 members); incl. lunch. Register by 9/8 at www.mainewomensnetwork.com.

DAR Meeting. 11 a.m. Hope Haven, 209 Lincoln St., Lewiston. The Mary Dillingham-Burnt Meadow Chapter convenes. Bring a bag lunch. Prospective members welcome. 783-9541.

Book Discussion. 1 p.m. Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss Harper Lee’s recently published novel “Go Set a Watchman.” Free. 333-6640 ext. 4.; www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Lisbon Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. Archive Room, MTM Center, School St., Lisbon Falls. Merton Ricker discuss some of the unique social and civic clubs that once thrived in the Lisbon area. 353-8510; LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

Thursday, September 10
Constituent Outreach Hours. Staff reps. from the office of Sen. Angus King are on hand at the city halls of Lewiston (10 a.m. to noon) and Auburn (2 to 4 p.m.) to meet with area residents about specific problems, legislative issues, or concerns about federal govt. agencies. No appt. necessary. FMI call 1-800-432-1599.

Sampson Veterans Luncheon. Noon. Governor’s Restaurant, 1185 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Veterans who served at Sampson Naval Training Center/AFB and their guests meet for this informal monthly luncheon get-together. All veterans welcome. 657-4909.

Friday, September 11
Food for Thought Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. Steven B. Rogers, Ph.D. discusses his career as a Dept. of Justice investigator of former Nazis in the U.S. after World War II; pres. by L-A Senior College. \$7/8. 753-6510.

Concert at the Basilica. 7:30 p.m. Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 122 Ash St. Lewiston. The Basilica’s summer concert series continues with this performance by organist Ray Fielding. Free. Donations gratefully accepted. www.princeofpeace.me.

Comedy Fixx. 8 p.m. Fireside Inn, 1777 Washington St., Auburn. Mark Turcotte welcomes comedians Josh Ramirez, Louie Martinez, Elena Jawitz, Trent Wells and Randy Williams; proceeds benefit Good Shepherd Food Bank. 21+; doors at 7 p.m. \$10. 513-0742; comedyfixlive.com.

Saturday, September 12
5K Trail Run-Walk. 8 a.m. Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane, No. Yarmouth. Start No. Yarmouth Fun Day with two laps around the farm’s woods and field trail; prizes. \$20 in advance, \$25 day of. 415-6830; www.running4free.com.

Sunday, September 13
Central Maine Heart Walk. L/A Trails Riverwalk. Participants embark upon a one mile or 5k walk or a 5k fun run to raise funds to support the American Heart Assoc. Register at www.centralmaineheartwalk.org.

Lewiston Farmers’ Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Municipal parking lot, corner of Lincoln and Main Sts. Fresh, seasonal products from over 20 local growers and crafters; music, activities, raffles. Cash, credit, SNAP and WIC accepted. Every Sun. thru mid-October.

Summer Keyboard Concert. 6 p.m. Court St. Baptist Church, 129 Court St., Auburn. The church presents this annual event featuring performers Mark Thallander, Glenda Winkle-Morrow and Kathy Haley. Free-will offering; ice cream social follows.

Tuesday, September 15
Great Falls Forum. Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Former Senator George J. Mitchell discusses his recent memoir, “The Negotiator.” A Q-&-A session, book sale and book signing follow. Bring a brown bag lunch. Free. 513-3135.

Wednesday, September 16
General Meeting. 5 p.m. Parish Hall, Holy Family Church, Sabattus St., Lewiston. The Ladies of St. Anne install officers and welcome new members with a mass and chicken pot pie dinner. \$10 until 9/10. 782-4516.

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Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Community Health Options CEO Kevin Lewis discusses “Moving Beyond Coverage Towards Reducing the Total Cost of Care.” A Q-&-A session follows. Bring a brown bag lunch. 513-3135.

Sunday, September 20
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Tuesday, September 22
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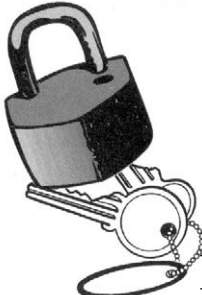
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Bates College names new librarian

Bates College has announced that Katie L. Vale, director of digital learning at Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health, will become the school's vice president for information and library services and librarian effective September 1.

As a member of the college's senior staff, Vale will work closely with faculty and staff across the college to align ILS priorities and resources with the college's larger institutional goals. An experienced organizational leader and manager, she will oversee 65 staff members in five library and IT departments at Bates: Ladd Library, the Edmund S. Muskie

Archives and Special Collections Library, User Services, Network and Infrastructure Services, and Systems Development and Integration.

Vale brings to her new position almost 30 years of IT and library experience at Brown University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and, most recently, Harvard University, where she has held leadership roles since 2008.

In 2014, Vale received the Rising Star Award from EDUCAUSE, a national organization that advances higher education through the use of information technology, for work that «epitomizes service to the academy and leadership in the field of information technology» and for her contributions to «some of the most influential educational technology projects of the past few decades.»

As director of digital learning at the T.H. Chan School of Public Health since 2014, Vale has managed a team of learning designers and educational technologists on academic support, curriculum design, assessment, e-learning materials, learning space design and faculty development initiatives.

From 2008 to 2014, as director of academic technology for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard, Vale provided

vision and strategy for in-person and online teaching and learning across the undergraduate and graduate programs. She led major instructional design projects and directed IT efforts in areas including scholarly technology, academic platforms, academic administration, curriculum support, video production and software development, and she oversaw budgeting and a number of administrative technology projects, including the creation of a Harvard College committee to prioritize IT projects. Vale also played a key role in planning and launching the Harvard Initiative on Learning and Teaching and HarvardX, and served on numerous committees focused on the work of the libraries, including the planning group that led a major reorganization and new strategic direction for the Harvard Library.

From 1992 to 2008, Vale held positions at MIT that supported faculty teaching and scholarship. As assistant director of the office of educational innovation and technology, she led the university's Educational Technology Consulting group, which included specialists in geographic information systems, software development, instructional technologies and multimedia development.

«I very much admire colleges that have merged their library and information technology organizations,» Vale said. «What I see at Bates are librarians and IT staff who are invested in helping to deliver a highly personal liberal arts education. I am excited to help this organization build on its strong reputation and to support Bates as the roles of technology and libraries in higher education continue to evolve.»

Active in professional organizations, Vale has authored a number of publications and been a frequent presenter at the EDUCAUSE, SXSWedu and NMC conferences. She received A.B. degrees in cognitive science and anthropology-archaeology from Brown University and earned master's and doctoral degrees in education from Boston University.

Vale's appointment follows a national search overseen by a committee consisting of faculty, students and staff that was chaired by Associate Professor of History Karen Melvin. Vale succeeds Eugene Wiemers, who retired June 30.



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