

Patrick Dempsey, Joan Lunden at Dempsey Challenge in Lewiston



Patrick Dempsey, Joan Lunden, Kathryn West of Amgen, and Mary Dempsey. Photo by Beth Dimond Comeau. See more photos on pages 10 and 13.

CMCC cuts ribbon for new Academic Learning Tower



Betsy Libby, CMCC dean of academic affairs; Roger Philippon, CMCC dean of planning & public affairs; Ron Lebel, vice chair, CM Foundation Board of Directors; Barb Owen, CMCC dean of human resources & chief of staff to the president. TCT photos by Ashley Somma. See more photos on page 6.

Sea40 hosts Chamber after hours



Michelle Gosselin Tarr and Franki Tam from Sea40 at the Androscoggin County Chamber business after hours on October 15. (TCT photo by Laurie A. Steele)

Almost one year to the day after breaking ground, Central Maine Community College has formally opened "The Learning Tower," a four-story, 25,000 square foot academic building. The College hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, October 16 in front of what has become the new main entrance on campus. Connected to Jalbert Hall with an enclosed walkway, The Tower has quickly become the signature building on campus.

The first floor of The Tower consists of the new admissions suite, a lounge, and waiting area. A "Harvard-style" case study room,

with tiered seating to allow for greater visibility and ease of movement, is on the second floor. The case study room has a customized instructor lectern equipped with computer, AV, and other technology. Also on the second floor is the presentation room, designed for public speaking and related classes that require individual or group presentations. It is equipped with a built-in video camera to enable students and instructors to immediately review and analyze performance.

The third floor has a smaller case study room and a business simulation classroom. The simulation room

is equipped with group pods, each with a computer and screen, and moveable writing boards that are ideal for brainstorming sessions. Due to the room layout and maneuverability, class focus can easily switch between lecture and group work. The "Bull & Bear" student lounge is located just outside this room and adjacent to a wall-mounted electronic stock ticker.

The chemistry lab is located on the fourth floor. The addition of this lab has enabled the College to offer Organic Chemistry, a required course in the new Life Sciences Associate Degree Program. Students who earn this degree at CMCC will be able to transfer to the University of New England to complete their final two years in programs such as osteopathic medicine, dentistry or pharmacy. Also on the fourth floor is another student lounge and the Leadership Seminar Room, equipped with a conference table with built-in outlets, laptop hookups, etc.

The Tower was designed by Harriman, Architects & Engineers of Auburn, and the general contractor was Langford and Low of Portland. Prospective students and their families are invited to visit The Tower at the CMCC Open House to be held Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Winthrop family takes winning Fresh Air photo



The Drouins' photo, featuring Fresh Air visitor Korin, age 12 from Queens, New York, enjoying an adventurous kayak ride in Maine with host sibling Nathan, was the winning entry in the "Laketime Fun" category.

The Drouin Family of Winthrop celebrated the pure joys of summer this year with the Fresh Air Fund and were among the winners of Fund's 2015 photo contest. Winners were selected from the hundreds of pictures sent in by volunteer host fami-

lies across the Northeast, reflecting the memorable experiences they shared with their young New York City visitors. Contest categories included "Laketime Fun," "Summer Siblings," "By the Beach" and "Fresh Air Foodies."

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Brakey named to CLT board



Eric Brakey

Eric Brakey has been named to the Board of Directors of the Lewiston-Auburn's Community Little Theatre. Brakey, who serves in the Maine State Senate as a Republican representing Androscoggin County, will formally assume his position on the board at its meeting later this month.

He has acted in several of the theater's recent productions, including "The Odd Couple," "Arsenic and Old Lace," and "Monty Python's 'Spamalot.'"

"Serving in the legislature does not leave me much time to be on the stage, so I am excited to take on this new role to support this cultural gem of the Lewiston-Auburn area," said Brakey. "The vibrant arts

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Governor's Address: Strengthening Maine's Economy by Connecting Local Businesses Globally

Building relationships in business is one of the components to ensuring economic success.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

This week, I will lead a diverse group of Maine business professionals, academic recruiters and government representatives to Japan and China on a trade mission.

This mission is about jobs and economic

growth. The delegation includes several Maine businesses seeking to develop new export markets and secure new buyers to expand their sales in Tokyo and Shanghai.

Industries represented include: advanced materials, renewable energy, marine resources and some educational institutions looking to boost international student attraction. We have two high schools joining

the mission, along with the University of Maine and University of Southern Maine.

China is Maine's second largest export market, with \$184 million in exports in 2014. Japan is Maine's fourth largest export market at \$98 million. They are both critical markets for our Natural resource-based economy. For example, pulp and paper represents \$127 million and seafood

represents \$46.1 of Maine exports.

There has been tremendous growth in lobster exports to China, increasing from \$8 million to \$21 million in last 2 years. And there is room to grow. We can boost Maine's export trade by developing investment contacts and increasing business attraction.

In 2012, we lead the Administration's first visit to Mainland China, which

lead to International Grand Investment Corp. investing more than \$150 million in Woodland Pulp in Baileyville. The Chinese company last year added 2 paper machines, creating 80 new jobs in Maine.

The Chinese will also soon invest in the City of Auburn, where plans to renovate an old mill are underway for a medical tourism facility. This is expected to create another 100 jobs.

Trade missions are important economic drivers. We have opportunities to build up exports and bring in new sales, investments and connections. This mission is one more way our administration is working to provide more opportunities for more Mainers to achieve prosperity.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Letter to the Editor: Assistance for asylum seekers

In his "Enough is Enough" column in the October 8, 2015 issue of *TCT*, Mayor Robert Macdonald incorrectly credited me with supporting his position in opposition to temporary assistance for asylum seekers. I'd like to set the record straight.

Throughout the legislative session, I organized monthly meetings with the mayor and the Lewiston delegation to keep him apprised of bills moving through the legislative process and to inform him of the work the delegation was doing to advance our city's common interests. These were productive meetings for the most part, and while we do not share the same political affiliation, we did agree on the vast majority of pressing

issues facing our city.

At the end of the session, the Lewiston legislative delegation delivered. We secured: current levels of state aid to municipalities; increased state funding for public schools; increased state funding for general assistance to reduce the burden on property taxpayers; a doubling of the homestead property tax exemption effective in 2017; passage of my bill to help Lewiston deal with abandoned properties; and passage of several of my bills on behalf of the Lewiston School Department.

Where we disagreed was on certain changes to Maine's social welfare programs. LD 369 was amended to ban undocumented immigrants from receiving general assistance, but provide state

reimbursement to municipalities for general assistance for legal, documented immigrants for a limited period of time while they apply for federal work permits. Rep. Mike Lajoie and I, along with a majority of lawmakers—Republican and Democrat—supported this legislation, and the mayor opposed it.

LD 368 was amended to ban TANF recipients who reached their 60-month limit from qualifying for general assistance benefits, but the ban would not apply for those in extreme circumstances of need. Rep. Lajoie and I supported this legislation and the mayor did as well.

Many of us believe

that asylum seekers, who come to this country fleeing unimaginable violence, but themselves possessing incredible skills, work ethic and community pride, are a component of Maine's comeback story. The mayor disagrees, and that's okay.

But it's worth mentioning that for all the bluster around asylum seekers, the

average Lewiston homeowner will pay \$3.87 out of their property tax bill to support this program. Cuts to state aid, increasing municipal personnel costs, increasing road repair costs and flat property value growth should be of far greater concern to Lewiston taxpayers.

Sen. Nate Libby
(D-Lewiston)

New members at First Universalist



First Universalist Church of Auburn welcomed new members (l. to r.) Alley Smith of Lewiston, Judy and Bob Bishop of Yarmouth and Rebecca Pape of Auburn at a recent new member session, where they learned about the history of Unitarian Universalism and opportunities to minister within the church. New member sessions are offered by the Membership Committee several times each year. For more information, call 783-0461 or visit www.auburnuuu.org.



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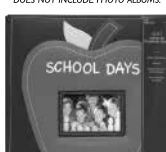
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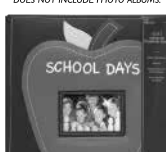
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By Robert E. Macdonald
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Of all the Founding Fathers, my favorite is Dr. Benjamin Franklin. This is not because, like Franklin, I too am a native Bostonian. It is not because we both attended The Boston Latin School.

No, it is because he was brilliant, an outstanding writer and an excellent judge of character.

Born in Boston on January 17, 1706, he attended The Boston Latin School and moved on to the Brownell School, where he excelled in writing and, interestingly, did poorly in math, a subject that in later life would lead to his international fame.

At the age of 10 he began working in his father's candle shop. Two years later he began an apprenticeship at his brother James' newspaper, The New-England Courant. Here in 1722 at the age of 16 he took on the persona of Mrs. Silence

Dogood, a middle-aged widow, writing 14 essays between April 2 and October 8, 1792.

The focus of this column is Essay No. 4, published in The New-England Courant on May 14, 1722. It deals with Massachusetts' most honored and revered institution of education: Harvard College. The description of the institution mirrors educational institutions found throughout the country today.

In this essay Dogood seeks the advice of her minister, "Reverend Clericus," on the education of her son, William. He suggests Harvard because, unlike the youth of the day who idle away their time, William spends his time studying.

Later, Dogood goes for a walk and falls asleep under an apple tree. She dreams about Harvard where the well-connected have no problems getting in



Mayor Bob Macdonald

and graduating, while the less well-to-do find it hard to gain entrance and even harder to graduate.

Many of the well-to-do students who were accepted at Harvard were not Mensa candidates. Studying was foreign to them, and they preferred to remain ignorant and idle. Fellow students helped them in their studies, and many eventually graduated almost as dumb as when they came in. But now they could live off the fame of

the institution. Graduation equated to success or at least a perception of success.

This sense of entitlement still struts the halls of many of our current higher educational institutions today. If you are from a pedigreed legacy family, once you're in, you will surely graduate regardless of your academic prowess or lack thereof.

In many states, we have created a new privileged class. It's called the Legislature. It runs from the smart and powerful to the well-meaning dolts who are not expected to think but to religiously follow their leaders (no heavy lifting here).

For your loyalty, you will be referred to as the "Honorable" John or Jane Doe. You will receive a special license plate that will note that you are a Legislator and elevate your stature in the community. It will be your ticket to selected perks, such as allowing you to speed up the Turnpike without fear of getting a ticket if the Legislature is in session.

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what you're told, the world is your oyster. Upon reaching your term's limit—or if the unthinkable happens, you lose your re-election bid—your loyalty will translate, if needed, to securing a job. After being voted out of office, Neria Douglass of Auburn, a professional attorney, was made State Treasurer. This came after an extensive search in the halls of the State House. Apparently, being an out-of-office politician was the only qualification needed for the job.

Today Governor Paul R. LePage is finding out what happens when you try to upset the establishment's apple cart. Being a good steward of taxpayers' money, he allegedly threat-

ened to withhold funds from Goodwill-Hinckley's charter school after soon-to-be-former Speaker of the House Mark Eves, a staunch opponent of charter schools, was hired to run the school.

Now the Governor is feeling the wrath of both the Legislature and their lapdogs in the Maine media. Wouldn't it be nice if the public could see how the qualifications of the other candidates for this job stacked up against Speaker Eves, a marriage counselor?

But the Legislature isn't asking about the other candidates, and we the taxpayers will remain ignorant on the sidelines while this political fight is played out.

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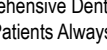
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Bean Supper

The Sixth Street Congregational Church of Auburn will present a Bean Supper on Saturday, October 24 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The meal will include two kinds of beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, American chop suey, brown bread and assorted desserts and beverages. The price will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5 through 12, and free for kids ages 4 and under. The church is located at 109 Sixth Street. For more information, call 782-7517.

Cancer Buddy Program seeks volunteers

Community members who have experience with cancer are invited to apply to volunteer with the Maine Buddy Program. This is a statewide service that pairs trained volunteers with individuals dealing with cancer in their lives, either through their own illness or the diagnosis of a friend or family member. Buddies provide emotional support, hope and encouragement to individuals moving through their own or a loved one's cancer journey or grief process.

Anyone who is a cancer survivor, has been a friend or caregiver to someone with cancer, or has lost a loved one to cancer is encouraged to apply. The program seeks potential volunteers from the greater Lewiston-Auburn area. In order to be considered for the next training session, which will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, November 4 and 5, at the Dempsey Center in Lewiston, applications should be submitted by October 26.

Molly Stewart, MSW, Mission Services Director at the Cancer Community Center in South Portland, who provides training, supervision and support for the program, stresses that there is currently a need for volunteers to serve friends and family members of people diagnosed with cancer. "If you have lost someone you loved to cancer or if you supported someone through cancer treatment and feel you could provide support to another person doing the same, we encourage you to become a volunteer Maine Buddy."

For more information or to access an application, contact Molly Stewart at the Cancer Community Center at 774-2200 or mstewart@cancercommunitycenter.org, or see CancerCommunityCenter.org.

Sabattus Runners continue through winter

Organizers of the Sabattus Rec Club's Running Program remind area runners, joggers and walkers that the club will continue to host its free, weekly open Group Runs throughout the fall and winter months. These are social, supportive runs that encourage runners, joggers and walkers of all ages and abilities to get out and exercise.

Barring severe or inclement weather, the group meets in the Mixer's parking lot at the Sabattus Mini Mall at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Participants are free to choose their own routes, distance and pace, but most are done within 30 to 45 minutes. A few minutes of stretching and socializing usually follows.

Anyone wishing to participate is welcome, and no cost or official membership required. Participants should dress accordingly in the fall and winter months; reflective gear, lights and layers are all highly recommended. For more information, see the Sabattus Rec Club Running Program's Facebook page, email running@sabattusrec.com or click on the running tab at sabattusrec.com.

Walk raises \$42k for Alzheimer's Assoc.

More than 300 Mainers joined the Alzheimer's Association in Lewiston recently for its annual Lakes & Mountains Walk to End Alzheimer's. Participants raised more than \$42,000 to fund Alzheimer's Association care, support and research programs. This is one of the association's eight walks across Maine and a major contributor toward its statewide goal of raising \$740,000. Fundraising efforts for the year continue through November 30, 2015.

"We are so appreciative of the community response to support Walk to End Alzheimer's in the Lewiston area," said Laurie Trenholm, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association's Maine chapter. "With funds raised, the Alzheimer's Association will be able to provide much needed care and support to people affected by the disease and to fund critically needed Alzheimer's research."

Walk to End Alzheimer's participants did more than complete the three-mile

walk at Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston. They learned about Alzheimer's disease and the Association's critical role in the fight against it, including the latest about Alzheimer's research and current clinical trials, how they can become more involved in advocacy efforts at home and nationally, and about the Association's support programs and services. The event also included a tribute ceremony to honor those who have experienced or are experiencing Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and the nation's sixth-leading cause of death. As baby boomers age, the number of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease will rapidly increase from today's more than 5 million Americans to as many as 16 million by 2050. In Maine alone, there are currently 26,000 people living with Alzheimer's, with an additional 68,000 people providing them with an estimated value of \$951,000,000 in unpaid care and support this year.

Turkey Dinner and Silent Auction



Committee members for the 2015 turkey dinner and silent auction.

The Calvary United Methodist Church of Lewiston will present their annual Turkey Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 24.

The home-cooked meal with all the trimmings will be served at 5 p.m. Auction viewing will begin at 4 p.m. and will continue after the meal. The auction will include gift certificates from local

businesses and one-of-a-kind items.

The dinner is available for a donation of \$10 per person, or \$1 per year of age for kids up to age 10. Seating is limited. To reserve your spot, call Judy at 783-4875. There is no cost just to attend the auction. Enter at the garden entrance on Bartlett Street. For more information, see www.calvarylewiston.org.

New name, same goals for New Ventures

Whether you are transitioning from school to work, have lost one job and are looking for another, or are interested in a new career altogether, preparing for work in today's ever-changing world can be a challenge.

New Ventures Maine has been helping individuals find a job, go back to school or start a business for 37 years. Formerly known as Maine Centers for Women, Work, and Community, the organization recently changed its name to better reflect the services it provides and to welcome a broad range of people with varying needs.

The name is new, but the programs remain the same: to help Maine people find success in their jobs, businesses and communities through tuition-free classes and workshops offered both on-site and online and through one-on-one coaching in four program areas: Build a Career, Start a Business, Manage your Money, and Become a Leader.

"Our purpose is to empower those thinking about change to take the next step towards a new career, a new business, a new approach, or a new life," said Executive Director Gilda Nardone. "We wanted a name that would help us reach people in today's fast-paced, Internet-oriented times."

New Ventures Maine's next offering, "Business Ba-

sics," is a three-session course covering the basics of business planning, marketing and cash planning. Suitable for those thinking about, or in the early stages, starting a new business, the course will help you assess the feasibility, desirability and viability of your business idea and start writing your plan.

Course session will take place on Thursdays, October 29, November 5, and November 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College, located at 51-55 Westminster Street in Lewiston. For more information or to register, call Karleen Andrews at 557-1885.

New Ventures Maine is administered by the University of Maine at Augusta and operates out of ten offices statewide. For more information or to find classes, call 1-800-442-2092 or see newventuresmaine.org.

Winthrop

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The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. For more information on hosting a Fresh Air child next summer, contact Jennifer Rackliff at 685-0087 or visit the Fresh Air Fund at www.freshair.org.

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Baked Bean Supper

The First Congregational Church of Gray will host a Baked Bean Supper on Saturday, October 24 at 5 p.m. The meal will include baked beans, casseroles, salads, homemade breads, desserts and beverages.

The price will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Located on Route 115 in Gray, the facility is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 657-4279 or, on the day of the supper, 657-3279.

L-A WPCA facility receives engineering award

The Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority and CDM Smith have been honored with an Engineering Excellence Award by the American Council of Engineering Companies for the new anaerobic digestion and energy recovery facility in Lewiston. CDM Smith accepted the award on behalf of the project team and shared it with L-A WPCA at a recent Board of Directors' meeting.

L-A WPCA provides water reclamation treatment in Lewiston, the state's second largest city, and the Auburn sewerage district in Southern Maine. The authority treats 13 million gallons of sewage every day at the district's 35-year-old plant and needed to better manage increasing costs for energy and bio-solids disposal. The facility lowers utility costs by breaking down biodegradable waste and creating energy and heat in the process.

CDM Smith partnered with LAWPCA to provide planning, design, and construction oversight for the new anaerobic digestion and energy recovery facilities, which were completed in 2013. The project saves the utility approximately \$600,000 per year, providing significant energy and environmental benefits. These include the reduction of solids produced at the plant by 45 percent and the lowering bio-solids management

costs by more than a third; the reduction of power used at the plant by half, cutting carbon emissions by 80 percent; and the use of biogas from sludge to produce approximately 9,600 kilowatt hours of electricity.

The \$14 million project is the largest single capital investment made by the L-A WPCA in 30 years and was funded through the state's revolving loan fund administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

Combining innovative solutions and available funding, L-A WPCA completed the facility without increasing costs to rate payers during the two-year construction period. Feasibility study projections estimate the facility will reduce annual operating costs by 40 percent, saving \$15 to \$25 million over the next 25 years.

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community of Lewiston-Auburn is vital for our overall economic success, attracting both short-term visitors who patronize local businesses and long-term residents who chose to make their new homes in our community."

A volunteer-driven membership organization, Community Little Theatre is one of the oldest continuously running community theaters in Maine.

APL program outlines Legal Services Food Hub

Do you dream of establishing a business in the agricultural field or the food market? If so, plan to visit Auburn Public Library on Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m., when staffers from the Legal Services Food Hub will discuss how they can provide free legal services for your venture.

Administered by the Conservation Law Foundation, the Legal Services Food Hub is an extensive network of experienced, pre-screened attorneys willing to provide free legal assistance to eligible Food Hub clients, including farmers, food entrepreneurs and the organizations that support them, on issues related to land acquisition and transfer, estates, taxes, contracts and corporate formation. The

goal of the organization is to help grow and support a local, sustainable food industry.

When a potential client contacts the Hub through their intake hotline or web form, CLF assesses their case for eligibility and then carefully matches them with a skilled lawyer who will provide them with free legal services. CLF then conducts routine check-ins with participants and attorneys to ensure that the representation is going well.

In addition to legal help, the Hub offers educational workshops for farmers and food businesses about common legal issues they may face as they grow their businesses. For more information about this program, call 333-6640, ext. 4.

Historical Society spotlights 1879 election

When the votes were counted on the night of the Maine election of 1879, the Republicans had apparently won majorities in both the State Senate and House of Representatives. Since no candidate for governor won the majority of votes as required at that time, the Legislature was expected to elect the Republican.

However, the Greenback and Democratic Parties, who had won the previous election, controlled the certification of the results. Through technicalities and outright fraud, they deprived enough Republicans of their seats to change control of the Legislature.

Retired professor Doug Hodgkin will describe the election and its aftermath as the featured speaker at a meeting of the Androscoggin Historical Society on Tuesday, October 27 at 7 p.m. The event will take place at the Society's headquarters on the third floor of the County Courthouse Building at 2 Turner Street in Auburn. An elevator is available. Admission is free,

but donations will be gratefully accepted. For more information, call 784-0586.

"This is the story of how two competing legislatures and governors were chosen amid threats of violence, and how it was resolved," says Hodgkin. "Important actors in the process included Democratic Governor Alonzo Garcelon of Lewiston, Republican U.S.

What's Going On

CCU supports Washburn School Backpack Program

Community Credit Union recently donated \$850 to Washburn Elementary School to help expand the school's Good Shepherd Food Bank Backpack Program. Each week, eligible children receive a discreet, resealable bag containing at least one source of grain, fruit, vegetable and protein meal items, breakfast foods, and healthy snacks to bring home with them over the weekend. The program costs approximately \$225 per year per eligible student. While many students at Washburn are eligible for the program, available funding doesn't allow each student to receive a care package each weekend.

Good Shepherd Food Bank's Backpack Program

provides school children who are suffering the effects of chronic hunger with nutritious, easy-to-prepare foods to eat during weekends and school vacations when crucial school meals are unavailable to them. If you would like to support this program, contact Shannon Coffin at 782-3554, ext. 1163 or scoffin@gsfb.org.

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Senator James G. Blaine and General Joshua Chamberlain." This presentation is drawn from Hodgkin's most recent book, "Lewiston Politics in the Gilded Age: 1863-1900," which will be available for purchase.

Professor Emeritus at Bates College, Hodgkin is the historical society's president and editor of its

newsletter. He has written eight other books on local topics, including the Lewiston Grange, the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad, Auburn Baptist churches, and Lewiston before the Civil War. A Lewiston native, Hodgkin graduated from Lewiston High School and has degrees from Yale and Duke Universities.

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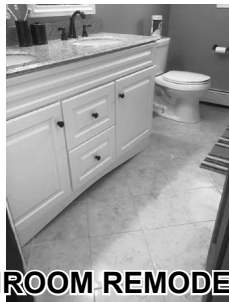
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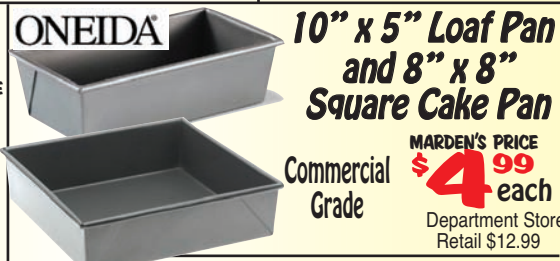
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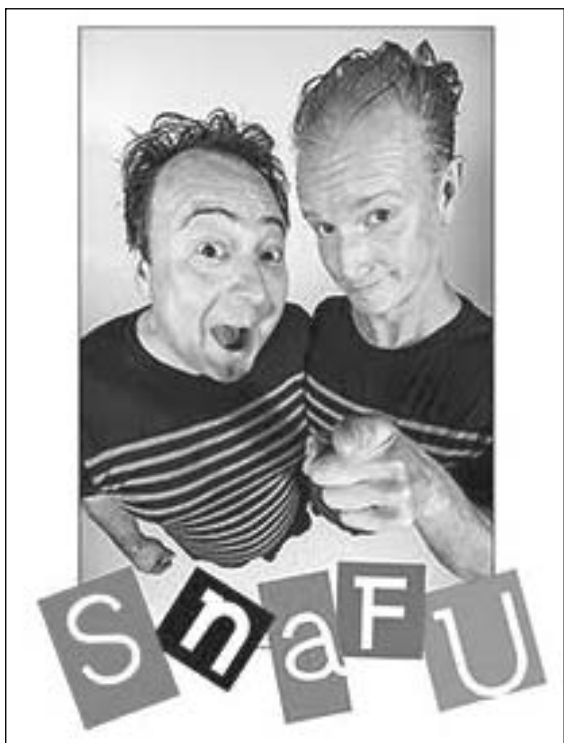


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Celebration Barn Theater will present the final show of its 2015 performance season on Saturday, October 24 at 8 p.m. Making its North American

debut fresh off of a tour of China, "SNAFU!" is a collection of innovative comedy sketches featuring hilarious characters, awe-some juggling, crazy gags,

slapstick and mind-boggling magic. Conceived by one of the most dynamic and creative duos in the business, Celebration Barn alumni Leland Faulkner and Michael Menes, the program is guaranteed to cross cultural boundaries to tickle the funny bones of people of all ages and nationalities.

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors (60+) and \$8 for kids (17 and under). All tickets are general admission and advance purchase is recommended. To buy tickets, call 743-8452 or see www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Founded in 1972 by renowned mime Tony Montanaro as a center for the physical performing arts, Celebration Barn is located just off Route #117 at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris.

Final weekend for "Wait Until Dark"



The Public Theatre's heart-pounding new adaptation of the classic thriller continues its run through Sunday. Remaining performances take place October 22-25, Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. A free, pre-show wine tasting sponsored by Marche Kitchen and Wine Bar will take place Thursday evening starting at 6:30. For more information or to buy tickets, call 782-3200.

Fiddle-icious plays Franco Center this weekend



The group is comprised of over 100 volunteer musicians on fiddle, piano, harp, guitar, banjo, accordion, cello, tin whistle, concertina and upright bass. (Photo by Luke Eder)

harp, guitar, banjo, accordion, cello, tin whistle, hornpipes, concertina and upright bass. Their repertoire draws from the Irish, Scottish, Québécois and Acadian traditions to include jigs, reels, marches, waltzes, songs and step-danc-

ing. Roy and his wife, Cindy, the group's pianist, grew up in French-Canadian families where music was an integral part of their lives. Fiddle-icious grew out of their desire to share their knowledge with others, foster community

through music and keep their musical heritage alive. CDs will be available for purchase at the show. Tickets are \$15, or \$13 seniors and students. For more information or to buy tickets, call 689-2000 or see francocenter.org.

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Ramey headlines Maine Event Comedy

Internationally touring comedian Louis Ramey, who recently completed a series of shows at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, will headline Maine Event Comedy on Friday, October 23 at 8 p.m. at the Fireside Inn, 1777 Washington Street in Auburn. The night will also feature comedy from Brian Brinegar, Anna Cranage Conathan and host Mark Turcotte.

Ramey, an Atlanta, Georgia native, first attempted stand-up while in college and has since performed on the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno," recorded a half-hour Comedy Central special and was a finalist on NBC's "Last Comic Standing."

He's toured England, Dubai, India, Australia, Hong Kong and entertained the troops for a USO Comedy Central special at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. His other television credits include ABC's "The View," NBC's "Showtime at the Apollo," CBS's "48 Hours" and Nickelodeon's "Nick at Nite."

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Louis Ramey

Best Comedian by the Portland Phoenix, Brinegar is originally from Los Angeles and has worked with Last Comic Standing winner Iliza Shlesinger. He was featured on the Comedy Time Network and has performed at the Comedy Store in Los Angeles and the Ice House in Pasadena.

An accomplished actress, comic and screenwriter, Conathan has worked

Los Angeles' Improv and Comedy Store as well as Gotham Comedy Club in New York City. She was featured as a "New Face" at the Montreal Comedy Festival and opened for Paula Poundstone at the National Organization for Women's annual conference.

Turcotte founded the Comedy Fix fundraising series and was recently selected to perform in this year's Boston Comedy Festival.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and may be purchased at maineventcomedy.com. Seating is general admission and doors open at 7 p.m. The show is for ages 21-plus. For more information, call 513-0742 or email maineventcomedy@gmail.com.

Cuban writer to discuss "Preserving the Revolution"

Ariel Dacal Diaz, a popular Cuban educator and writer, will discuss "Preserving the Cuban Revolution During 'Normalization'" on Monday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Bates College's Ed-

mund S. Muskie Archives at 70 Campus Avenue in Lewiston. Dacal Diaz will discuss U.S.-Cuban relations past and present, the changing nature of that relationship and the aspects

Museum L-A presents Dinner and Fun Auction

Museum L-A will honor several local people while celebrating "untold stories" of work, community, learning and economic development at a five-station Dinner and Fun Auction on Friday, October 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn.

Honored with an Outstanding Achievement Award will be Dr. Bernard Lown. After growing up in Lewiston, where he was deeply moved by injustices he saw perpetrated against working class factory workers, Lown went on to become Professor of Cardiology (Emeritus) at the Harvard School of Public Health; a cofounder of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985; and Senior Physician Emeritus of Brigham and Women's Hospital. He has authored "The Lost Art of Healing: Practicing Compassion in Medicine" and "Prescription for Survival: A Doctor's Journey to End Nuclear Madness"

of Cuba's economy and society that Cubans will seek to preserve.

Dacal Diaz was born in Camaguey, Cuba. He earned a doctorate in historical sciences, a master's degree in contemporary history and a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Havana. Since 2008, he has belonged to the popular education team at El Centro Memorial Martin Luther King, Jr. (the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center) in Havana, where he designs



Ariel Dacal Diaz



Among the items up for bid will be an antique rocker bought at Atherton's Furniture in 1917 and a beautiful new Harpswell Chair handcrafted by Thomas Mosher Furniture.

and is the inventor of the Cardiac Defibrillator.

Honored with Angel Benefactor Awards will be Mrs. Ann Geiger and the Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe. Geiger will be remembered posthumously for her major philanthropic support of the museum and her conviction of the need to provide diverse educational opportunities and experiences to children of the community, in which she saw an important role for Museum L-A.

The Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe, who consider the museum's goals to be in line with their own mission to open doors of care and opportunity for the sick, elderly and less fortunate, have been instrumental in helping the Museum leverage other major commitments to develop

and implements training for social activists in Cuba and abroad in the areas of participation, politics and power, community work, communications, gender, group work and group coordination. He has traveled to 22 countries throughout Europe, Africa and Latin America to conduct research and facilitate popular education workshops.

Presented by the Harvard Center for Community Partnerships at Bates, this

programs for nursing homes, Alzheimer's clients and mentally challenged groups.

The Fun Auction, to be conducted by nationally recognized auctioneer and storyteller James D. Julia, will feature both the old and the new. Items up for bid will include an antique rocker bought at Atherton's Furniture in 1917, a child's 1918 wood tricycle owned by a Bates Mill payroll master, and a beautiful new Harpswell Chair handcrafted by Thomas Mosher Furniture. Also up for auction will be twenty antique shoe lasts designed by members of the local arts community.

Tickets are \$55 per person or \$550 for a sponsored table for eight. For more information, contact Museum L-A at 333-3881, 240-6429 or see www.museumla.org.

Civic Forum event is free and open to the public. The Harvard Center supports Bates students, faculty and staff in realizing the college's civic mission through partnerships that connect the college and the community in mutually beneficial and transformative ways. The Center's Civic Forum Series invites audiences to contemplate civic, political and policy issues significant to Maine and beyond. For more information, call 786-6202.

Halloween Candy Buy-Back

Center Street Dental will host its fifth annual Halloween Candy Buy Back this year at an exciting new location: Norway Savings Bank Arena at 985 Turner Street in Auburn.

When your little ones stop by on Sunday, November 1 between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., not only will they receive \$1 for every pound of candy they turn in, but their school will receive 50 cents, and their

entire family will get to take part in a free public skate!

Also, if you need a place to bring those gently-used costumes your kids will never wear again, they'll take those, too.

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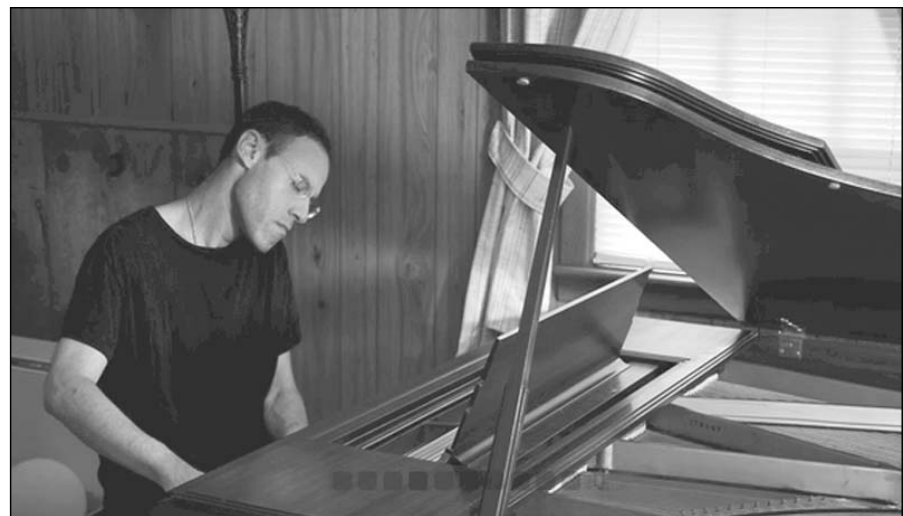
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Pianist to perform at U.U. Church of Brunswick



Jesse Feinberg

Pianist Jesse Feinberg will present a benefit concert on Saturday, October 24 at 3 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick. A virtuoso performer in a broad range of styles and a gifted composer and improviser, Feinberg will perform an eclectic program of popular and jazz standards, modern French pieces, and original compositions and improvisations that he will create on the spot. Proceeds from the event will be shared among local charities and the host church.

A resident of Maine since 2008, Feinberg has trained in New York City, at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and at the University of Maine at Augusta, where he is now on the piano faculty. His

work with theater and dance groups and his appearances, both solo and with jazz and blues groups, have made him a familiar and welcome performer on tours and in more local settings. The verve of his musical style garners captivated audiences wherever he plays.

The church is located on the corner of Pleasant and Middle Streets. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. They can be purchased at Gulf of Maine Bookstore at 134 Maine Street in Brunswick or at www.uuchfeinberg.brownpapertickets.com.

Wildlife Park presents Halloween Fest

The Maine Wildlife Park will present their popular and growing annual Halloween Fest on Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Adults and kids alike should wear their costumes to get into the spooky spirit of Halloween while enjoying a crisp fall evening, when park staff and volunteers will stop at

nothing to provide those attending with new thrills and chills.

Back by popular demand, but larger and more elaborate this year, will be the Haunted Woodchuck Tunnel for younger children. Parents may watch their kids at all times as they wriggle through this fun and not too scary activity. For older kids and adults,

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the Haunted Hay Rides will be bigger and scarier than ever this year, with three wagons running simultaneously and departing every 5 minutes from 6 to 9 p.m.

As they wander throughout the park by the light of dozens of jack 'o lanterns, guests may also take part in the new Masquerade Parade of Costumes, try to make it through the Quicksand Scuffle, attempt the Jack-o-Lope Ring Toss, and try some Halloween-themed games and activities like the Marshmallow Shooting Gallery, the Giant Serpent

Crawl and Aquatic Pumpkin Racing. Cider and donuts will be available at the Friends of the Wildlife Park Snack Shack.

Since there will only be a half moon, event organizers strongly suggest that those attending bring flashlights with fully charged batteries to light their way. The park will provide red cellophane to cover your flashlight beam to improve your night vision.

Located on Route 26 in Gray, the park has plenty of free parking. Regular park admission fees will be charged for this event.

Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$5.50 for kids and seniors, and free for those ages 3 and under. For more information, call 657-4977 or see www.mainewildlifepark.com.

Owned and operated by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Maine Wildlife Park has over 30 species of native wildlife on display and features wildlife gardens, nature trails, a fish hatchery and other interactive exhibits and displays. The park is open daily, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through November 11.



This popular annual event features a variety of fun and spooky activities for all ages.

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What's Going On

Shakers seek volunteers for Fall Work Day



Help a National Historic Landmark prepare for winter at the Shakers' Fall Work Day on October 24.

The Friends of the Shakers invite the public to take part in the Make a Difference national day of community service on Saturday, October 24 by helping the Sabbathday Lake Shakers and Shaker Museum ready the historic Shaker Village for winter on their Fall Work Day.

The Friends of the Shakers hold multiple work days at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, where they spend the day volunteering at various assignments suitable for all ages. These work days entail chores but also fellowship, as everyone shares in the noon meal, conversations and laughter.

On Fall Work Day, members will help ready the

Village for the upcoming winter months by putting many hands to work raking leaves, preparing herbs, prepping the Shakers' gardens, clearing brush, picking fruit and more. Chores will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to lend a hand for an hour or the day. Limited space is available for the public, so advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call Jamie at 926-4597 or see www.friendsoftheshakers.org.

The Friends of the Shakers are a non-profit organization made up of volunteers of all ages from around the world and all walks of life. Founded in 1974 to assist Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village

Local firefighters distribute smoke detector batteries

Smoke alarm failures usually result from missing, disconnected or dead batteries. All too often, fire crews find smoke detectors with missing batteries when a simple installation would have provided lifesaving early notification of the need to evacuate a home and call 911.

Lewiston firefighters are adamant about the importance of functioning smoke detectors and believe that no home should be without one because of inability to provide a replacement battery. Through a donation from the Lewiston Firefighters Association, all Lewiston fire apparatus are now equipped with 9-volt batteries that will be provided and installed, free of

charge, to any resident in need of a replacement.

People are most likely to remove or disconnect batteries from their smoke detectors because of nuisance activations or that "chirping sound" to warn of a low battery. Local 785 warns that three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no working smoke alarm.

Ninety-six percent of U.S. households report having at least one smoke alarm, but Local 785 stresses that alarms must be in working order to be life-saving. The risk of dying in reported home structure fires is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms, which often alert a sleeping occupant.

in New Gloucester, Maine, the Friends contribute to the Village through direct donations, fund-raising for restoration and maintenance of its historic buildings, and volunteering. For more information about the Friends of the Shakers, see www.friendsoftheshakers.org.

Sabbathday Lake

Shaker Village is located at 707 Shaker Road in New Gloucester. One of Maine's most important and intact cultural landscapes, this National Historic Landmark is the only place of its kind where farming, forestry and tourism sustain an active Shaker Community. The 1,800-acre property is a key

Lisbon Business Breakfast Forum

The Lisbon Economic & Community Development Department will host a Business Breakfast Forum on Thursday, October 29 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Lisbon Town Office. This will be an opportunity for Lisbon businesses to network and meet with Diane Jackson, Account Executive with the Department of

Economic & Community Development, who will answer questions about State of Maine programs and resources available for businesses. To attend or for more information, RSVP by calling Economic & Community Development Director Tracey Steuber at 353-3000, ext. 122 or ts-teuber@lisbonme.org.

Spook Walk

The Litchfield Sportsmen's Club will host its first annual "Spook Walk" on Saturday, October 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. The interior of the club will be transformed for the event into a haunted Halloween retreat filled with ghosts, ghouls, witches and other spooky sights and sounds.

Open to all ages, the walk will be "spooky" rather

than "horrifying" to accommodate younger visitors. Admission will be by donation only and all kids will receive a treat at the end of their visit. Located at 2782 Hallowell Road in Litchfield, the club has plenty of free parking and is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call Tom at 268-9271 or Connie at 536-9647.

heritage tourism destination and is listed in the National Park Service's guide to Shaker Historic Trails. The Village has 18 historic buildings and structures dating from the 1790s to

the 1930s, including the only active Shaker Meeting House. For more information about Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village Museum and Library, see www.maine-shakers.com.

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Fall Mixer. 5:30 p.m. Martindale Country Club, Auburn. Safe Voices presents their annual Community Partner Awards honoring community members committed to battling domestic violence. Cash bar. \$20, includes heavy appetizers. 795-6744.

Public Workshop. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Lisbon Town Office. The Lisbon Planning Board hosts this informational program on issues pertaining to developing "Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinances."

"Preserving the Harvest" Workshop. 6 to 8 p.m. Lewiston High School, 156 East Ave., Lewiston. The UMaine Cooperative Extension presents "All Things Herbs!" Samples to take home. \$29, incl. all materials. Register at extension. umaine.edu.

Pride Film Festival. 7 p.m. Klahr Center, UMA campus, 46 University Dr., Augusta. This celebration of LGBTQ films continues with "Transamerica" (2005). Discussion follows. Free. 621-3530; www.hhrmaine.org.

Theater: "Wait Until Dark." 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. A blind woman trapped in her apartment with a sinister group of con-men must rely on her wits to survive. Again 10/23-25. For times, tickets, call 782-3200, see thepublictheatre.org.

Thread Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Actors (drawn at random) perform 10-minute scenes (drawn at random) on a different theme each month (check website). Food, drinks in Heritage Cafe from 6:30. \$5. 783-1585; www.franco-center.org.

Friday, October 23

Downtown Lewiston Trick-or-Treat. 4 to 6 p.m. Dufresne Plaza, 72 Lisbon Street. Pick up your map and trick-or-treat bag, visit over 20 merchants handing out treats, and check out the Argo Marketing Haunted House. Sponsored by the Andro. County Chamber.

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Free. 783-2249.

Dinner and Fun Auction. 5:30 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Museum L-A honors local achievement with awards, a five-station dinner and a benefit auction led by James D. Julia. \$55. 333-3881; www.museumla.org.

Halloween Fest. 5:30 to 9 p.m. Maine Wildlife Park, Rte. 26, Gray. Wear your costumes to this fun and spooky event for all ages. Flashlights strongly recommended. Cont. October 24. Park admission \$7.50, 5.50 (free ages 3-). www.mainewildlifepark.com.

Autumn Night Out. 5:30 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, Poland. This annual event to benefit Andro. Home Care & Hospice features a cocktail hour, meal, silent and live auctions, and a performance by the Poland Players and Comm. Little Theatre. \$65. RSVP by 10/16. 795-9469; www.AHCH.org.

Lady Black Bears Game. 7 p.m. Norway Savings Bank Arena, Auburn. The Black Bears take on Brown University in an NCAA Division I women's regular season hockey game. \$5. 333-6688; www.norway-savingsbankarena.com.

Maine Event Comedy. 8 p.m. Fireside Inn, 1777 Washington St., Auburn. Louis Ramey headlines; also Brian Brinegar, Anna Cranage Conathan and host Mark Turcotte. Ages 21+; doors 7 p.m. \$12 (\$10 in advance). 513-0742; maineventcomedy.com.

Saturday, October 24

Fall Open House. 9 a.m. to noon. Central Maine Community College, 1250 Turner St., Auburn. Prospective students and their families are invited to learn more about the school and tour the campus. 755-5273; www.cmcc.edu/openhouse.

Paper Crafting &

Scrapbooking Day. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holy Cross Church Hall, Lisbon St., Lewiston. New, seasoned crafters welcome; snacks, raffles, lunch avail. for purchase. Proceeds benefit Coats for Kids. \$15. Pre-register at 784-5307.

Concert: Jesse Feinberg. 3 p.m. Unitarian Univ. Church, 1 Middle St., Brunswick. The pianist performs pop and jazz standards, modern French pieces, and original compositions. \$10/12. www.uucbfeinberg.brownpapertickets.com.

Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sixth Street Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Two kinds of beans, hot dogs, coleslaw, American chop suey, brown bread, desserts, beverages. \$5 (\$3 ages 5-12, free ages 4-). 782-7517.

Turkey Dinner & Silent Auction. Calvary United Methodist Church, Lewiston. Dinner at 5 p.m.; auction viewing before and after. \$10 (no charge for auction only). Enter on Bartlett St. Call 783-4875 to reserve your spot. www.calvarylewisston.org.

Baked Bean Supper. 5 p.m. First Congregational Church, Rte. 115, Gray. Baked beans, casseroles, salads, homemade breads, desserts and beverages. \$8 adults, \$4 kids 11-. Wheelchair accessible. 657-4279 or, day of supper, 657-3279.

Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Program includes music by Mozart, Haydn and Tchaikovsky. \$20; college students, youth free. Buy at 846-5378, online or at door (cash or check).

Moonlight Masquerade. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Freeport Community Center, 53 Depot St. The Freeport Players celebrate Halloween with this dance and costume-optional party; prizes,

music by the Delta Knights, cash bar. Space limited. \$30 (incl. food). www.fcponline.org.

"SNAFU!" 8 p.m. Celebration Barn Theater, 190 Stock Farm Road (just off Rte. 117), So. Paris. Leland Faulkner and Michael Menes unveil this production featuring awesome juggling, crazy gags and mind-boggling magic. \$14/12/8. 743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Sunday, October 25

Author Visit. 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. The library's Sunday Author Series continues with former Congressman Barney Frank, discussing his autobiography "Frank: A Life in Politics, from the Great Society to Same-Sex Marriage." Free. 513-3135.

Concert: Fiddle-icious. 2 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This popular fiddle-based orchestra comprised of over 100 volunteer musicians plays jigs, reels, marches, waltzes and songs. \$15/13. 689-2000; francocenter.org.

Monday, October 26

"Preserving the Harvest" Workshop. 6 to 8 p.m. Gardiner High School, 40 West Hill Rd., Gardiner. The UMaine Cooperative Extension presents "Make Your Own Herbal Vinegars." Samples to take home. \$25, incl. all materials. Register at extension. umaine.edu.

Civic Forum. 7:30 p.m. Muskie Archives, Bates College, 70 Campus Ave., Lewiston. Popular Cuban writer Ariel Dacal Diaz discusses "Preserving the Cuban Revolution During 'Normalization'." Pres. by the Harward Center. Free. 786-6202.

Tuesday, October 27

Andro. Historical Soc. Meeting. 7 p.m. Third floor, County Courthouse Building, 2 Turner St., Auburn. Bates College Professor Emeritus Doug Hodgkin discusses "Stealing the 1879 Election." Copies of his new

book available for purchase. Free; donations welcome. Elevator available. 784-0586.

Wednesday, October 28

Author Visit. 6:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Authors Helen Peppe (Pigs Can't Swim) and Chris Lombard (Land of the Horses) discuss their connection to horses. Refreshments, doors prizes; books avail. for purchase. 333-6640 ext. 4.

Cemetery Tour. 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. Woodlawn Cemetery, Freeport. Join Freeport Historical Soc. and the Freeport Players for appearances by notable past citizens of Freeport. 45 mins. Again 10/29, 30. Dress appropriately, bring flashlight. \$10/\$5 kids 11-. Reservations encouraged. 865-3170.

Thursday, October 29

Lisbon Business Breakfast Forum. 7:30 to 9 a.m. Lisbon Town Office. Network with other businesses while learning about state programs and resources. Free. RSVP to 353-3000, ext. 122.

Legal Advisory Workshop. 8 to 9:30 a.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. A panel of business, HR and legal experts discusses "Religious Accommodation in the Workplace." \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Legal Services Food Hub. 6:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Reps. from this organization describe how they provide free legal services to eligible farmers, food entrepreneurs and organizations that support them. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Pride Film Festival. 7 p.m. Klahr Center, UMA campus, 46 University Dr., Augusta. This celebration of LGBTQ films continues with "Wigstock: The Movie" (1995). Dress - or cross dress - up in your most fun outfit. Free. 621-3530; www.hhrmaine.org.

Friday, October 30

Film Screening. 2 and

7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. Sawyer Memorial screens Gray Warriner's "Lewis and Clark: Confluence of Bravery and Time." Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Nutrition Center Soirée. 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Nutrition Center, 208 Bates St., Lewiston. Talented area chefs present demos and hearty tasting plates of their creations. Proceeds benefit the center. \$125. 777-8863; www.stmarysmaine.com.

Saturday, October 31

Spook Walk. 6 to 9 p.m. Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, 2782 Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. This haunted Halloween retreat will be spooky, not terrifying, to accommodate younger visitors. All ages. Admission by donation. 268-9271.

Sunday, November 1

Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Mary's Nutrition Center, 208 Bates St., Lewiston. Open first and third Sundays through January; Market Café. Credit cards, SNAP accepted. 513-3848.

Author Visit. 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. The library's Sunday Author Series continues with local historian and Bates College Professor Emeritus Douglas Hodgkin, discussing his book, "Lewiston Politics in the Gilded Age: 1863-1900." Free. 513-3135.

Halloween Candy Buy-Back. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Norway Savings Bank Arena, 985 Turner St., Auburn. Get \$1 for every pound of candy you turn in - and your family skates for free! Pres. by Center Street Dental. 784-2211; www.centerstreetdental.net.

Organ Concert. 6 p.m. Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, 122 Ash St., Lewiston. Accompanied by the Basilica's Schola Cantorum, organist Richard Spotts performs excerpts from Charles Tournemire's seminal work



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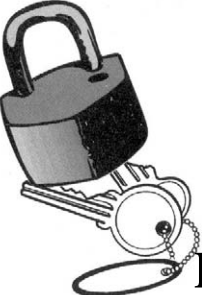
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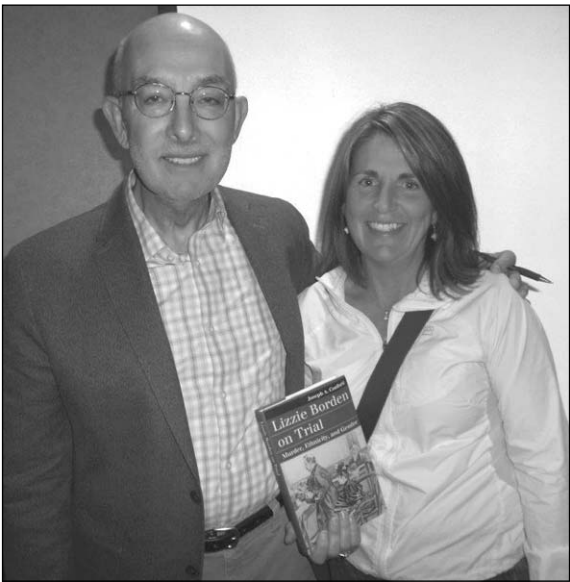


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Author discusses Lizzie Borden at APL



Author Joseph Conforti and Anne Allen are both natives of Fall River, Mass. and share a Portuguese heritage.



Longtime academic and historian friends Conforti, Christine Holden and Jim Leamon

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY RACHEL MORIN

“Lizzie Borden took an axe and gave her mother 40 whacks. When she saw what she had done, she gave her father 41.” Many of us grew up hearing this gruesome little jump-roping rhyme and were fascinated by the story. Did she or didn’t she?

I joined those who came to hear Joseph Conforti talk about his latest book, “Lizzie Borden on Trial: Murder, Ethnicity and Gender” on October 8 at Auburn Public Library. People milled around, exchanging views about what they had read and

eager to hear what Conforti might add to the story.

The room hushed as the author started his presentation by saying that it was in his home town of Fall River, Massachusetts, that the murders took place. The notorious crime had been a national media sensation and filled newspapers across the country. As a child growing up and hearing the story endlessly referred to by family members, neighbors and townspeople, his curiosity was aroused.

In this small New England mill town, on the summer day of August 4, 1892, Lizzie Borden, her sister out of town at the time, found her father bludgeoned to death in the living room of their home. She let out a piercing scream and alerted Maggie, a household maid who was washing windows outside, to summon a doctor. The police swarmed to the scene and soon found the body of Lizzie’s stepmother, also bludgeoned, lying in pools of blood in a bedroom upstairs.

While at first sympathetic and comforting to



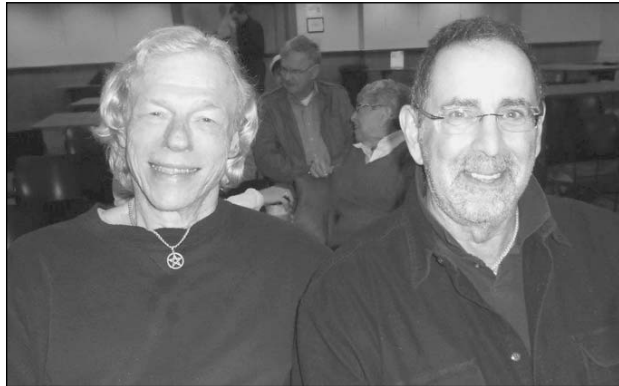
Anne Allen, Grace and Hugh Keene, and Bertha Bodenheimer



Joline and Beverly Fortier

Lizzie, the police had to ask questions. Who would do such a thing? Any enemies or squabbles? Where was she at the time? Did she hear anything or see anyone? The interrogation took place in Lizzie’s bedroom, which Conforti noted was highly irregular for the time and would have made a modest, demure young woman of the era very uncomfortable. Certainly, these policemen were the only males ever to enter this private space.

Conforti related that, while there were huge amounts of blood in the living room and bedroom, nowhere else in the house was there a trail that an assailant might have made while escaping. There was no blood on Lizzie. It was later discovered that she had burned the dress she had worn on the day of



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The next event in the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce’s L-A LAW workshop series, “Religious Requests and Accommodations in the Workplace,” will take place on Thursday, October 29 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in the Chamber’s conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

The Chamber and the Central Maine Human Resource Association will co-sponsor this program to assist businesses of all sizes in handling religious accommodation issues in the wake of the Abercrombie & Fitch case.

The panelists, Fred

Frohardt of Central Maine Health Care, Sahil Sanan of Androscoggin Bank, and Rebecca Webber of Skelton Taintor & Abbott, will address issues including requests to pray at work, take time off for certain events, not work certain shifts, or not perform certain types of work; religious garb, including hairstyles or other forms of dress; preparations for prayer, such as cleansing; fasting; and proselytizing.

The goal of the program is to increase attendees’ knowledge about religious practices, what is a reasonable accommodation under the law, and what work practices create barriers as op-

posed to solutions. Questions from the audience will be welcome. Those attending may also ask that particular topics be addressed; to do so, please email them in advance to Rebecca Webber at rwebber@STA-law.com.

The cost of the workshop is \$25 for Chamber and CMHRA members and \$50 for non-members. Sign in and networking will begin at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call the Chamber at 783-2249. To register, or for a complete listing of upcoming L-A Law workshops, see www.androscoggincounty.com.

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Pictured here with Food Pantry Volunteer Coordinator Mike Garrett are Christina Carter (l.) and Kerry Wood (r.) of Community Credit Union.

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the murder in the kitchen stove. She explained that she had stained it while painting inside the house.

Conforti quickly dispelled the notion of the forty whacks in favor of much lesser numbers. His tireless combing through behind-the-scenes newspaper accounts, police records and medical reports points to less than half that number for the stepmother and 10 for the father, but each victim was assaulted with brutal, forceful blows.

The author gave us a view of the Bordens' family history and what Fall River and its residents were like in those days. Fall River was a community undergoing changes; many immigrants, Irish and French Canadians looking for work in the mills, were moving in. The Reverend Adams, Pastor of the First Congregational Church, was moved to write an essay on "The Spiritual Problems of the Manufacturing Town." The Borden neighborhood bordered the mills and the modest homes of the mill workers and incoming immigrants.

Lizzie's birth mother had died when she was four years old and her sister, Emma, was around eight. A few years later, Andrew Borden married spinster Abby Gray. The young girls never accepted her. Relations were strained and they called her "Mrs. Borden." The relationship with their father soured because they felt he favored their stepmother. The sisters were close and Emma was very protective of Lizzie

Lizzie dreamed of a house on the hill where the mill bosses and those with greater means lived and enjoyed social events. The Borden household could have lived more comfortably; while Andrew Borden was a successful business man and employed two household servants, he was frugal with his money. He allowed Lizzie a pittance of an allowance, but it didn't go far.

As Lizzie grew older, she took comfort in the Congregational Church, where she taught Sunday School and was secretary of its Fruit and Flowers Mission. She visited the sick, served on the Fall River Hospital Board and joined a Young Women's group.

A week after the interrogation, Lizzie, an upright, church-going young woman and respected citizen of Fall River, was arrested for murder and placed in jail to await trial. Emma and Lizzie offered a \$5,000 reward for information on the murders of Andrew Borden and his wife, for whom no name was provided on the notice.

The trial came. The jury was selected. Women were excluded, as were French Canadians, due to the language barrier. The Irish were largely excluded,



Gene and Lydia Gilbert

except for one 34-year-old man who became the youngest person on the jury. The remainder of the jury was comprised of business and family men.

Lizzie's lawyer counseled her to dress in black and contrive to look frail

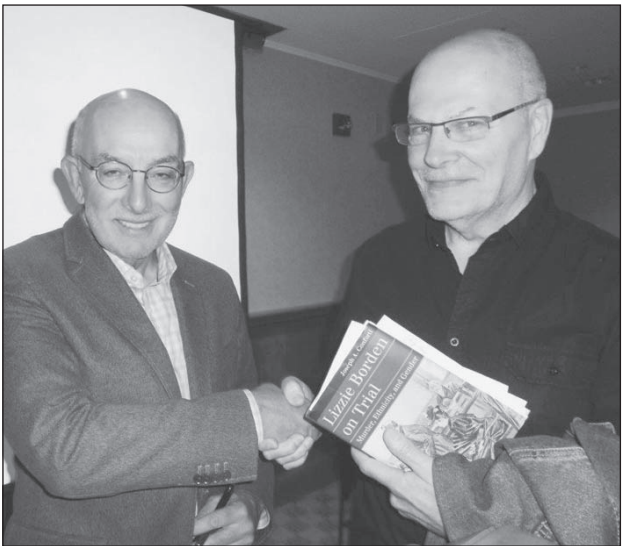
and weak. She mastered the art of portraying a delicate, demure lady of impeccable character. A groundswell of support for Lizzie built up among the women of the town. The men clung to the beliefs of the time that women were virtuous, deli-

cate, socially dignified and lacking physical strength.

The District Attorney did not want to prosecute her. Conforti noted that he apologized three times for doing so. But he couldn't back out. He was trying for a hung jury, while Lizzie's lawyer pushed hard for an acquittal. Lizzie was acquitted.

With the sisters' inheritance from their father's estate, Lizzie Borden later fulfilled her dream of buying a house on the hill, where she lived for the rest of her life under a cloud of suspicion.

Even today, over a century later, Conforti found in talking with the residents of Fall River that they remain fascinated by the story. While the overriding



Conforti with William LaRochelle

consensus is that Lizzie was guilty, Conforti's book offers more elucidation. What does he think? You'll have to read the book!

Conforti taught

American and New England studies at the University of Southern Maine for 24 years before retiring as Professor Emeritus in 2011.

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These products may now be disposed of at the following locations. Environmental Projects, Inc. provides collection services at the Household HazWaste Depot at 424 River Road in Lewiston (open 8 a.m. to noon on the first and third Saturday of the month from May through November, closed on holiday weekends), and at 664 Washington Street in Auburn (open for waste paint disposal Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.). For more information, call 786-7390.

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