

Stanton Bird Club plans September events

The Stanton Bird Club of Lewiston and Auburn has three events planned for the month of September. The two Wednesday Bird Walks at various locations and the Saturday at Thorncrag event at Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary in Lewiston are free and open to all, regardless of birding skills. Walks are approximately two miles in length over mostly smooth trails and trip leaders identify and comment on birds seen and heard. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather.

The Wednesday Bird Walk on September 6 will take place at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester. Park and meet by the Welcome Center at the entrance from Morse Road, off Route 231, by 8 a.m. Pineland Farms is a 5,000-acre working farm and recreational venue that welcomes visitors to enjoy its beautiful rural landscape. It includes over 18 miles of trails through its striking woodlands and fields. Participants will be on the lookout for fall migrants, such as the Hermit Thrush and the Grey Catbird.

The Wednesday Bird Walk on September 20 will visit the Whitman Spring Trail in Auburn. Park and meet on Holbrook Road (not



A year-round resident often seen on Stanton Bird Club field trips, the Pileated Woodpecker is commonly found in forested areas even near cities. (Photo by Dan Marquis)

in the Land Lab driveway) at North Auburn Road by 8 a.m. This easy trail is mostly flat, goes through a wooded area, and offers views of Lake Auburn. Possible sightings will include the Common Loon and the Belted Kingfisher.

Both Wednesday Bird Walks will be led by Stan and Joan DeOrsey and will end by 11 a.m. For more information, contact them at

406-4741 or jsmd@att.net.

The Saturday at Thorncrag event on September 16 will be a walk from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Park and meet in the parking lot at Thorncrag Nature sanctuary on Montello Street, across from Highland Spring Road, in Lewiston. With its areas of open meadow, forest, and brushy edges, Thorncrag provides a nearby wilder- See **Bird Club**, page 4

United Way stuffs 900 backpacks for local kids

The United Way of Androscoggin County recently wrapped up its annual Backpack Project. Volunteers from the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Club and Mechanics Savings Bank came in to the United Way office and filled 900 backpacks with school supplies to give to local school children in Androscoggin County. The backpacks will be donated to the Auburn, Durham, Lewiston, Lisbon, Poland, Sabattus, and Turner school districts. This year's effort set a record for the number of school supplies and backpacks donated to the project.

United Way of Androscoggin County collected school supplies at various location sites from mid-July through mid-August. Supplies were collected at the Uplift LA August Business After Hours, the TD Bank call center in Auburn, Auburn Savings, and Mechanics Savings Bank. The Backpack Project was also sponsored by the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Club, Auburn Savings, WalMart, and BGA Financial. Many businesses and individuals



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"The Backpack Project fills a big need in our community," said Joleen Bedard, Executive Director of United Way of Androscoggin County. "Lewiston ranks first and Auburn ranks fifth in the state for kids living in poverty. We're happy to do what we can to help our kids be ready to learn when school starts."

United Way of Androscoggin County is part of a worldwide movement of nearly 1,800 commu-

nity-based United Ways in 41 countries and territories. It advances the common good by focusing on education, income and health - the building blocks for a good quality life. The United Way movement mobilizes millions to action - to give, advocate and volunteer - to improve conditions in their local community. For more information about United Way of Androscoggin County, see www.unitedwayandro.org.

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Community Concepts receives 700 books for Head Start and Home Visiting families



Community Concepts' Children's Service workers sort through books donated by the Molina Foundation.

The Molina Foundation has donated 708 books to Community Concepts, which will give them away to families through its Head Start Early Learning Centers and Home Visiting program. The book donation is part of the Molina Foundation's Books Across Maine campaign, which seeks to bolster the State of Maine's goal to increase literacy. The California-based nonprofit's book donation aims to benefit low-income and at-risk children by providing resources to encourage reading and sharing stories.

Community Concepts will organize a book give away in early September to mark the beginning of the new school year. Children in Head Start and Home Visiting programs, from infants to age 4, will receive the free books.

"We are honored to receive this generous donation of books," said Shawn Yard-

ley, CEO of Community Concepts. "These books will help support the success of the children and families we serve. We know that literacy is the key to progress for our community, and every book is another step in that direction."

Community Concepts operates Head Start centers in Oxford and Franklin counties and a Home Visiting program in Oxford County. The programs provide support for families and educational programs for children from birth to age 4. Anyone can qualify to have a Home Visitor come into the home to answer questions about parenting and being your child's first teacher. Head Start is open to low- and moderate-income families. Community Concepts is always accepting applications. Community Concepts' programs for children and families can be reached at 739-6536 or EarlyLearning@Community-Concepts.org.

Local Veteran's Outreach Specialist named Amvets Commander of the Year



Veteran's Outreach Specialist Jerry Dewitt of Tri-County Mental Health Services was honored at the National Amvets Convention in August with the Department Commander of the Year award. Dewitt, Commander of the AMVETS Department of Maine, was part of a group who transported silhouettes from "The Silhouette Project" for viewing at the conference and was otherwise attending on normal business as he does each year. The announcement of his name as the winner of the national award at the annual Commanders Banquet was a surprise to Dewitt, who was in the audience.

Area students named to Bates College Dean's List

The following area students have been named to the Dean's List at Bates College for the winter semester ending in April 2017. This is a distinction earned by students whose cumulative grade point average is 3.71 or higher.

Audrey Burns of Topsham. Burns, the daughter of Mr. H. Jay Burns and Mrs. Jennifer H. Burns of Topsham, is a 2013 graduate of Mount Ararat High School. She is majoring in rhetoric and theater at Bates.

Fatima Saidi of Auburn. Saidi, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramazan Ali Saidi of Auburn, is a 2013 graduate of Northfield Mount Hermon School. She is majoring in politics and religious studies at Bates.

Declan Chu of

Winthrop. Chu, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sing Chu of Winthrop, is a 2013 graduate of Winthrop High School. He is majoring in politics at Bates.

Brianna Wilson of Lewiston. Wilson, the daughter of Nicole D. Wilson of Lewiston, is a 2014 graduate of Lewiston High School. She is majoring in biological chemistry at Bates.

Dylan Thombs of Monmouth. Thombs, the son of Mr. Norman R. Thombs and Ms. Katherine L. Perless of Monmouth, is a 2014 graduate of Monmouth Academy. He is majoring in environmental studies at Bates.

Sam Pierce of New Gloucester. Pierce, the daughter of Sarah C. Pierce of New Gloucester, is a 2015 graduate of Maine Coast Waldorf School. She is majoring in environmental studies at Bates.

Clio Barr of Hallowell. Barr, the daughter of Mr. John A. Barr and Mrs. Marion R. Hylan Barr of Hallowell, is a 2015 graduate of Hall-Dale High School. She is majoring in politics at Bates.

Thomas Brown of Phippsburg. Brown, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Brown of Phippsburg, is a 2015 graduate of Morse High School. He is majoring in politics at Bates.

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United Way welcomes new Director of Community Engagement



Kim Preble

The United Way of Androscoggin County has hired Kim Preble, a native of Auburn, as its new Director of Community Engagement. In this newly created position, Preble will provide leadership, strategic vision, and direction to United Way of Androscoggin County in the areas of workplace campaigns, marketing, resource development planning, collaboration, and initiatives management.

Preble comes to United Way of Androscoggin County from United Way of Oxford County, where she worked for the past two and a half years. Prior to working at United

Way of Oxford County, she worked at Safe Voices. She is a graduate of Edward Little High School and studied Business Management and Marketing at the University of Maine at Orono. She is a member of the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Club, serves as an advisor for the Olympia Snowe Women's Leadership Institute, is the assistant swim coach for Edward Little High School, and coaches the Poland Regional JV Softball team.

"As a native of the Auburn-Lewiston area, I am very excited to work and give back to my local community," says Preble. "This is such a great area with a lot to offer its residents. It's great to be working for the United Way that serves the community I grew up in."

United Way of Androscoggin County works to improve the lives of all community members through a focus on education, financial stability and health. Its initiatives include the Backpack Project, Day of Caring, and program funding. For more information, see www.unitedwayandro.org.

University of Maine announces Dean's List

The University of Maine has recognized 2,303 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the spring 2017 semester. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 1,727 are from Maine, 533 are from 29 other states, and 43 are from 22 countries other than the U.S.

Listed below are students from Androscoggin County who received Dean's List honors for spring 2017, completing 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Names of students who have requested that their information not be released are not included.

Auburn: Linnea Barnard, Abby Bellefleur, Liam Benson, Lucas Bourget, Cole Butler, Derek Caron, Sophie Charest, Cameron Dubay, Lilah Gagnon, Taren Giberti, Emily Hamel, Sarah Hammond, Taylor Landry, Jordan Lau, Holland Michaud, Kailey Norcross, Emma Paradie, Kaelina Perron, Evan Raymond, Hannah Thistle, Bryan Uwaechia, Hadley Wallace, Sophie Wallace.

Durham: Jamie Jeppson, Madeline Wilkes.

East Poland: Lauren Emery.

Greene: Callie Greco, Clifford Greco, Nicole Hoffer, Sierra Santomango.

Leeds: Trent Swengel.

Lewiston: Haley Bisson, Jessica Cote, Souban Doualeh, Leo Gaghan, Dyandra Labonte, Paige LeBlond, Matthew Melanson, Cameron Raymond, Jaymi Thibault, Spencer Ward.

Lisbon: Shane Cyr.

Lisbon Falls: Samantha Bolduc, Julia Bowen, Dillon Clifford, Loren Grant, Virginia Tolbert.

Livermore: Jacob Foss, Ben Greenwood, Jacob Sol.

Livermore Falls: Natalie Goding.

Mechanic Falls: Hope Kohtala, Gabrielle Smith.

Minot: Evan LaPointe, Shawn Mitchell, Lindsay Theriault, Marissa Zink.

Poland: Erin Brewer, William Foster, Tucker Jones, Jada Lamb, Chelsea Martin, Emily Whittemore.

Sabattus: Kayla Gayton.

Turner: Anthony DeGone, Brianna DeGone, Julia Dillingham, Emma Fournier, Nathanael Goulette, Zachary Goulette, David Hersom, Hannah LaClaire, Noah Lovejoy, Chad Morin, Taylor Ouellette, Emily Shaw, Hannah Varney.

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Former President George H.W. Bush named first recipient of Spy Museum honor



Former President George H.W. Bush (seated left) holds up the International Spy Museum's first award. He is joined in the photo by (clockwise) Lynda Webster, International Spy Museum President and COO Tamara Christian, the Honorable William H. Webster, ISM Founding Executive Director Peter Earnest, ISM VP of Development and Membership Rebecca Diamond, and former First Lady Barbara Bush. (Photo by Evan F. Sisley)

The International Spy Museum recently presented the first ever William H. Webster Distinguished Service Award to former President George H.W. Bush, 41st president of the United States and former Director of Central Intelligence, for his extraordinary leadership and contributions to the Intelligence Community.

Chosen by a committee of highly regarded former intelligence leaders, honorees demonstrate extraordinary contributions to the Intelligence Community at the national or international level. They embody the values of Judge William H. Webster, the only person to serve as both Director of Central Intelligence and Director of the FBI, including honor, integrity, probity, and fidelity to the law.

"I can think of no other person who should be the first recipient of this award," said Judge Webster. "President George H.W. Bush is beloved for his leadership in the CIA and broader Intelligence Community. As president, he was an avid consumer of intelligence... By accepting this award, every awardee going forward will know that they are following in the footsteps of one of the greatest international leaders of our time... And, on a personal note, I might add that they are following the leadership of the most decent and honorable

human being in public life I have ever known."

"President Bush's legacy in the intelligence world is one of integrity and authority," said Peter Earnest, founding executive director of the International Spy Museum. "He was a pioneering, instrumental force in restoring confidence in the community and prioritizing education about the role and significance of intelligence. He embodies this award and inspires us at the Spy Museum to continue to build and grow public understanding of the role intelligence plays every day."

President Bush accepted the award in Kennebunkport, Maine alongside former first lady Barbara Bush. The honor was presented in advance of the first annual William H. Webster Distinguished Service Award Dinner, which will take place at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington, DC on November 29. The dinner theme will be "Real Spies. Real Stories."

"It's such an honor to be the first recipient of this award, first because of my great respect for a great man, Bill Webster," said President George H.W. Bush. "He is a true patriot who has made this country we love safer and better for all of us; and second because of my great respect for the men and women of the Intelligence Community who put

their lives on the line every single day so we can live safe and free. By accepting this award, I hope I honor all of them."

The International Spy Museum is the only public museum in the United States solely dedicated to the tradecraft, history, and contemporary role of espionage and intelligence. Open since July 2002, the museum features the largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display. The mission of the International Spy Museum is to educate the public about espionage and intelligence in an engaging way and to provide a context that fosters understanding of their important role and impact on current and historic events. The museum's collection chronicles the history of espionage, from its inception, to the modern-day challenges facing intelligence professionals worldwide in the 21st century. For more information, see spymuseum.org.

Poliquin launches district-wide Veteran Advisory Panel



Congressman Bruce Poliquin introduces members of the new panel in Bangor.

Congressman Bruce Poliquin, a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, recently launched a Veteran Advisory Panel consisting of Maine veterans who will assist him in hearing from and conveying the interests of veterans across Maine's 2nd District to Congress.

Poliquin's Veteran Advisory Panel is a new body that will serve as a grassroots, bottom-up tool to hear and better understand issues affecting Veterans in local communities across Maine's expansive and rural 2nd Congressional District. The panel will consist of chairpersons representing each county in Maine's 2nd District. Each county chairperson will assemble their own county panel of two to five members who will engage with local resources networks within their own communities.

The following Veterans have been named to the panel as chairpersons or members: John DeVeau, Aroostook County Chair; Shawn Goodwin, Washington and Hancock County Chair; Jerry Ireland, Waldo County Chair; Joy

Asuncion, Waldo County member; Matt Leonard, Androscoggin County Chair; Brad Farrin, Somerset County Chair; Doug Damon, Penobscot County Chair; Norman Rossignol, Penobscot County member; Nichi Farnham, Penobscot County Co-Chair; and Peter Johnson, Piscataquis County Chair.

The panel will meet quarterly in different lo-

cations throughout Maine. The assembly will also hold monthly conference calls to discuss policy initiatives and issues that Congressman Poliquin should be aware of and engage on in the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. In addition, the panel will have regular inter-communication. Congressman Poliquin will join panel meetings in-person. See *Veteran*, page 5

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AHCH schedules hospice, general volunteer training sessions

Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice has scheduled its next session of specialized training for volunteers who wish to provide companionship and support to hospice patients and their loved ones at the Hospice House in Auburn, Togus Veterans Affairs Hospital in Augusta, or patient homes and nursing facilities. The eight-week hospice volunteer training session will run from 4 to 7 p.m. each Thursday from September 14 through November 2 at AHCH's Lewiston location

at 15 Strawberry Avenue. This training program leads to additional opportunities as well. For example, a team of hospice-trained volunteers provides a unique weekly phone check-in with home-based hospice patients and their caregivers. Hospice volunteer training is also the first step for those interested in assisting with Camp Dragonfly, AHCH's day-long camp for grieving children and their families.

In addition, a day-long training for more generalized volunteers is slated for

Friday, September 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lewiston office. Volunteers are sought to help with many tasks, including transporting patients to medical appointments, picking up medications or groceries, assisting with meal preparation at the Hospice House, welcoming visitors to the Hospice House, and various office tasks.

Anyone interested in either training needs to call 795-9580 or 1-800-482-7412, ext. 1280 to schedule a brief phone screening

and begin the application process. Those interested in hospice training need to call by August 25, and those interested in the more generalized training must call no later than September 1. The training, background check and TB testing are provided at no cost to volunteers. AHCH asks that volunteers commit at least two hours per week over the next year.

Volunteers are needed for placement throughout the agency's service area, which includes all of Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties, Northern Cumberland County, and parts of Kennebec, Sagadahoc and Somerset Counties.

Local school supply lists available on TeacherLists.com

Parents of students attending several local schools have a new tool in their back-to-school bag of tricks this year as the schools' supply lists can now be found on TeacherLists.com. With just one or two clicks, parents can find their child's exact supply list and then click over to pre-filled shopping carts on the Target, Walmart, Jet.com, or Amazon.com websites to purchase their list and have it shipped to their home. Target and Walmart also offer in-store pick-up.

The site already includes lists for Holy Cross School in Lewiston, Lisbon Falls Christian Academy in Lisbon Falls, Poland Community School in Poland, Sabattus Primary School in Sabattus, Saint Dominic Academy in Lewiston, St Joseph's School in Lewiston, and McMahon Elementary School in Lewiston. "For decades, the supply list process has been a frustration for parents,"

says TeacherLists President John Driscoll. "Where to find the lists? When are they available? Forgetting the list on the counter at home. Hunting the aisles for the specific items their teacher has requested. All of those issues are solved with TeacherLists."

More than 50,000 schools now have lists posted on TeacherLists. Lists for more than one million classrooms are live on the site and include required and requested items, as well as specific notes and clarifications from teachers and school staff. Complete details and all the lists are available at www.teacherlists.com/parents.

Bates

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Abby Westberry of Readfield. Westberry, the daughter of Nicola C. Westberry of Readfield, is a 2015 graduate of Maranacook Community School. She is majoring in sociology and politics at Bates.

Josh Caldwell of West Gardiner. Caldwell, the son of Susan J. Caldwell of West Gardiner, is a 2015 graduate of Gardiner Area High School. He is majoring in environmental studies at Bates.

Maggie Phelan of Lewiston. Phelan, the daughter of Mr. and Ms. Michael J. Phelan of Lewiston, is a 2016 graduate of Lewiston High School.

Margaret Silverman of Brunswick. Silverman, the daughter of Lee B. Silverman of Brunswick and Margaret A. Butler of Brunswick, is a 2014 graduate of Brunswick High School. She is majoring in rhetoric and history at Bates.

Torri Pelletier of Topsham. Pelletier, the daughter of Troy D. Pelletier of Topsham and Cheryl L. Baggett of Topsham, is a 2016 graduate of Mount Ararat High School.

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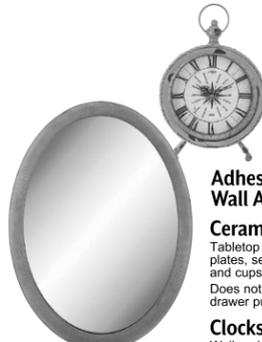
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ness respite for denizens of Lewiston and Auburn. Often seen this time of year are the Pileated Woodpecker and Yellow-Rumped Warbler. The walk will be led by Steve Reed. For more information, call him at 319-6630. As an environmental organization that seeks to inculcate a love of nature and create model bird sanctuaries, Stanton Bird Club manages the Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary in Lewiston and the Woodbury Nature Sanctuary in Monmouth and Litchfield. For more information, including photos from recent walks and trips, see www.StantonBirdClub.org.



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Enough is Enough

A neighborhood on the rise; Lewiston needs skilled workers

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Over the past five-plus years, Lewiston has seen a moderate growth in business and housing. Lisbon, Lincoln and Main Streets are again becoming the heart and soul of our city.

A variety of restaurants and eateries downtown are creating a cosmopolitan atmosphere in the area. We have large, small and Mom-and-Pop type businesses springing up throughout the downtown, providing much-needed services and local employment for our residents. Blight has been replaced by new business facades, Argo Marketing, a building soon to rise like a phoenix filling in a 15-plus year hole on Lisbon Street

and the recreation of Bates Mill No. 5.

We have also built a scenic Riverwalk. We have nature trails throughout the city. Simard Payne Park has been turned into a place where joggers and those on a lunch break can be found. It is a place to take leisure walks or sit and clear your head. It provides a venue for the Balloon Festival, concerts and other area events.

One area that has been transformed into a desirable place to raise a young family is the neighborhood that encompassed the former Pettingill Elementary School. Here the city has formed a partnership with the neighbors, creating what is slowly developing into a beautiful Class A park.



Mayor Bob Macdonald

The park is not only used as a playground for the local children, but also a venue that provides for neighborhood concerts and the Lewiston Police Department movie night. It also serves as a magnet for area parents to socialize

and, most importantly, get to know their neighbors.

Lastly, and most importantly, it allows us to recycle the neighborhood. The Geiger Elementary School has replaced the beloved Pettingill School. This, along with the new park, provides a selling point for the older families in the area who now find their homes overwhelming. Their need to downsize offers young families the opportunity to reside in a well-established neighborhood.

But Lewiston, we have a big problem.

Over the past year I have participated in many business ribbon cuttings, the latest being the L.L. Bean Manufacturing Plant on Lexington Street. One

complaint that comes up over and over is the lack of a work force with skill sets needed to fill these jobs.

A majority of the skill sets needed can be obtained at Lewiston High School's extraordinary technical school. In order to hone these skills, a variety of hands-on courses are offered at a reasonable cost at Central Maine Community College. The cost of these courses pale when compared to what it would cost you for a state college degree—never mind the exorbitant expense of some costly, over-rated private college or university. In addition, costs related to these technical courses may end up being paid for by the Veterans Administration or

an employer.

The bottom line is that these skills are not going to bury you with a large debt as you start out on your life's journey. The salary you earn will allow you to start a family and live the American Dream.

This is a major problem that will have to be solved if we want to continue to grow as a city. As for those who see this as an opening to advocate for non-skilled, non-English speaking individuals, forget about it. We have an immediate need for English-speaking individuals with skills. We don't have the luxury of time to teach them a new language and train them. We need people with these skills right now.

Collins, King encourage Maine high school students to apply for U.S. Senate Youth Program

U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King are encouraging Maine high school students to apply for the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP), which has begun its state-wide selection process for the program's 56th Annual Washington Week. Senator Collins is an alumna of the program, and Senator King is the 2018 USSYP Independent Co-Chair.

The USSYP brings two students from each state, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity to Washington to experience an intensive week-long educational program about the workings of the Senate and the federal government. Maine's two selected students will join 102 other delegates March 3 through 10, 2018.

"I have the honor of being the first delegate to the U.S. Senate Youth Program to have been elected to the

Veteran

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at least once a year and by Skype when he is in Washington, D.C.

"Maine is home to tens of thousands of veterans who have served and sacrificed for our nation and deserve the care, support and services they need," said Congressman Poliquin. "Since I first began serving in Congress, one of my top priorities has been working on behalf of our veterans throughout our state. I am grateful I was able to join the House Veterans' Affairs Committee earlier this year, giving Maine veterans a direct seat at the table in Washington on the issues that are most important to them."

U.S. Senate," said Senator Collins. "As a senior in high school, this incredible program strengthened my commitment to public service. I strongly encourage Maine students to apply for this opportunity to develop their leadership skills and learn about our legislative process first-hand."

"The U.S. Senate Youth Program is an excellent way for hardworking students from Maine to gain valuable experience, further develop their leadership skills, and learn about our country's history and government," said Senator King. "I strongly encourage Maine students to apply for USSYP so they can build upon their experience and

help make a difference for their communities and for our country."

Each of the 104 student delegates will receive a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship in addition to the all-expenses paid trip to the nation's capital, where they will visit Capitol Hill, the White House, the Pentagon, the State Department, the Supreme Court, and other historic sites in Washington. They will meet with senators, cabinet officers, government leaders, policy-makers, and participate in a meeting with a Justice of the Supreme Court. The USSYP is fully funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. More than 5,500 students

Optimist Clubs offer copies of U.S. Constitution

A federal law passed in 2004 requires all schools that receive federal funding to provide instruction to all students on the Constitution of the United States each year on Constitution Day, September 17, which is the day the Constitution was ratified in 1787. The law was passed with the urging of the late Senator Robert Byrd (D-W. Va.), who is remembered for always carrying a copy of the Constitution with him in his pocket.

To celebrate Consti-

tution Day, the Optimist Club of Lewiston-Auburn and the Tri-Town Optimist Club of Minot, Poland, and Mechanic Falls are making available to any interested schools or students free pocket-sized Constitutions that can be used in the classroom or for home studies. Quantities are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. To order a copy, contact any Optimist Club member or call 783-5269.

have participated in the leadership program since its creation in 1962.

The delegate selection is administered by each state's chief school officer in cooperation with high school principals. Delegates must be juniors or seniors and elected student officers for the 2016-17 academic year, and they must reside in the state where they

attend school. Eligibility considerations may also be made for student representatives elected or selected (by a panel, commission, or board) to district, regional, or state-level civic or educational organizations.

The Maine selection deadline is October 20, 2017. Interested students should contact their high school principal or

the state-level selection administrator at: Mr. Joe Schmidt, Social Studies Content Specialist, Maine Department of Education, (207) 624-6828, Joe.Schmidt@maine.gov.

The 2018 program brochure with detailed rules, selection process, and the annual yearbook may be accessed at www.usseyouth.org.



In March 2017, Senators Collins and King met with Lily Tedford of South Portland and Katie Waeldner of Yarmouth, Maine's 2017 delegates to the 55th Annual USSYP.

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What's Going On

Geiger donates computer monitors to Lewiston Public Library

Lewiston Public Library recently received a donation of 45 computer monitors from Geiger of Lewiston. The gift was presented to the library by Peter Geiger, Executive Vice President. The computer monitors will replace aging and broken monitors on computers used by the public and library staff.

"We are thrilled to accept this truly generous donation that will improve

the accessibility and quality of computer access that we are able to offer the community," said Library Director Marcela Peres.

Lewiston Public Library is open 50 hours a week and provides over 30 public-use computers, as well as wireless access throughout the building. Library cards are free to Lewiston and Auburn residents and can be used to access computers for job

searching, school work, general learning, or entertainment. The library also offers many digital services, such as language learning, ebooks, and digital audiobooks, and free access to computer learning programs.

For more information on planned giving and other ways to support Lewiston Public Library, contact the director's office at 513-3119 or LPL@LewistonMaine.gov.

MCCS announces tuition freeze for 2017-18

Tuition and fees at Maine's seven community colleges will remain unchanged for the coming academic year. Tuition for Maine students will remain at \$92 a credit hour. For a full-time student taking 30 credits, the annual cost of tuition and fees will average \$3,600.

Tuition and fees at Maine's community college have been the lowest in New England for several years and on par with the national average. "Maine has the lowest per capita income and the lowest college attainment rate in New England," noted MCCS President Derek Langhauser in making the announce-

ment. "Our Board of Trustees and our colleges are committed to keeping our institutions as affordable as possible so more Maine people can access higher education and acquire the skills they need to build a brighter future."

This year's freeze was made possible by increases in FY18 state appropriations to the MCCS budget, as requested by the MCCS Board of Trustees.

Registration remains open for students interested in enrolling in classes and programs of study for the fall 2017 semester. Most classes begin between August 28 and September 5.

However, many sections of community college classes start later in the fall to accommodate the needs of those who work in industries such as hospitality and construction or whose schedules do not align with the traditional fall semester. More information about registration and flexible course scheduling is available by contacting the admissions offices at the colleges.

The Maine Community College System is Maine's comprehensive two-year college system. Additional information about the MCCS and its seven colleges is available at www.mccs.me.edu.

National Weather Service scientist to lead APL discussions on climate change

Climate change is a complicated topic which continues to be, no pun intended, hotly debated. Thanks to a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Science Foundation, Auburn Public Library will partner with NOAA scientists to

provide a series of interactive events to examine climate trends in the State of Maine. The first of the monthly hour-long programs will take place on September 7 at 6 p.m., with follow-up programs on October 5 and November 9.

Pushing the Limits, or PLACE, consists of pro-

grams designed to engage community discussion with professional guidance provided by NOAA scientist. Nikki Becker of the National Weather Service in Gray will be the facilitator for what are sure to be some fascinating discussions. The events are something of a science café and book club hybrid, with each organized around a different theme: community, change, and strategy. Issues to be raised will include: What is climate change? What extreme weather trends are

Maine State Chamber, Educate Maine announce strategies to grow career and technical education

This summer, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce and Educate Maine announced joint strategies for achieving the Maine Department of Education's goal of doubling Maine career and technical education (CTE) participation by 2020. The ambitious strategies and actions they outlined are designed to best serve Maine students who benefit from hands-on, technical, and career-focused educational experiences while benefiting Maine employers who often cannot find the skilled workers they need to succeed and grow.

"Doubling the number of students with career and technical education experience by 2020 will give Maine students the skills they need for the good-paying jobs and careers they want, while helping to close the problematic 'skills gap' so many Maine businesses are facing," said Deanna Sherman, President & CEO of Dead River Company and chair of the Educate Maine Board of Directors. "These strategies and actions will help Maine businesses find the workers we need - who are ready for the job on day one - so we can succeed and grow."

CTE schools improve outcomes for many Maine

students, but are underused. Only 14 percent of Maine high schoolers - 8,505 students - are currently enrolled in Maine's 27 CTE high schools. The 23 programs offered in Maine's CTE schools prepare students well for their careers and/or college as students choose their own career paths and learn skills that make education relevant and rigorous. Participating students have a higher high school graduation rate and the programs are especially beneficial to those from low-income families who often face an opportunity gap.

The strategies outlined for doubling participation in CTE schools by 2020 include updating the public perception of today's CTE by promoting CTE education through a public-private partnership; exposing more parents and young children to CTEs; offering a one-day course on CTE at CTE schools around the state; and adding a CTE experience to required guidance counselor training. Strategies also include connecting more education foundations, businesses of all sizes, and business groups to CTE schools and programs. Also expected to improve engagement are plans to expand CTE pre-apprenticeship offerings, strengthen college and CTE partnerships, eliminate logistical, policy and regulatory barriers, and create CTE experiences for elementary and middle school students.

"CTE has changed dramatically in the last 10 years," said Margaret Harvey, CTE Director, Maine Department of Education. "CTE programs are now using mandated industry standards and assessments, which allow students to enter the workforce ready and trained. The perception that CTE is not a viable option for any student is the biggest roadblock. Students choose their own pathways to careers that are sustain-

ing and fulfilling, both for them and for Maine. New legislation will allow more students the opportunity to participate in CTE."

"An educated and skilled workforce is essential to the prosperity and success of Maine people, Maine businesses, and Maine's ability to compete regionally, nationally, and globally," said Maine State Chamber President Dana Connors. "We are committed to the ambitious goals of growing participation in career and technical education to help close both the 'skills gap' and the 'credential gap' to meet the workforce demands of Maine's economy today and in the future."

The policy brief on strategies to increase participation in CTE in Maine is a partnership between Educate Maine and the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, with support from the John T. Gorman and Nellie Mae Education Foundations. For the full report, visit www.educate-maine.org or www.maine-chamber.org.

As the state's most influential business advocate, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce works to create a business climate in which its members large and small can compete successfully in the local, regional, national, and world marketplaces. As the "Voice of Maine Business," the Chamber represents a network of 5,000 businesses of all sectors, sizes, and regions, advocating on their behalf before the Legislature, state departments, and various other levels of state government.

Educate Maine is a business-led education advocacy organization whose mission is to champion college and career readiness and to increase the educational attainment of all Maine people. Educate Maine believes that all Maine students should graduate from high school prepared to succeed in postsecondary education and the workplace, and the number of Maine people with a college degree, a postsecondary certificate, or a professional credential must increase to meet the demands of the economy.



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St. Dom's opens school year with special Mass, awards ceremony



Receiving this year's Anne Elizabeth Murphy Lampal Scholarship were seniors Madison Leslie, Janelle Bryant, and Amelie Crowe.

Hundreds of students, teachers, parents, and community members gathered inside the gymnasium of Saint Dominic Academy's Auburn campus on Thursday, August 24, as Bishop Robert P. Deeley celebrated a special afternoon Mass to offer his blessings upon the Saint Dominic Academy family at the start of a new school year. Among the concelebrants were Fr. Timothy Nadeau, Pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston, and Fr. Seamus Griesbach, Academy Chaplain and Director of Vocations for the diocese. Students from the academy's Lewiston campus were bussed to Auburn for the Mass.

After earning a large round of applause for giving the students an extra day off later in the year ("The bishop gets to do things like that!"), Bishop Deeley gave the students a couple of other things to think about as they return to school.

"Be honest. Speak the truth in all of your relationships. If you don't, then people who want to help us, can't help us," said the bishop. "They won't really know what's on your mind. Be honest about who you are and acknowledge who each person is. Be honest with each other and find our common good in each other. St. Dom's is a community."

The bishop reminded the students that focusing on what is good about one another instead of differences will help to create a healthy school environment. "Gos-

siping is harmful. Remember, by characterizing people for reasons like the size they are, or the height they are, or the race they are, we take away from the truth that makes us a community."

He characterized living in truth in the way students speak to and about each other as a part of strengthening that community. "People will come in and say 'Wow, people in the St. Dom's community get along so well. They all take care of each other. They all truly love each other,'" he continued. "Love is not just a word. Love is a reality which requires us to work, to make love happen. Enter the school year determined to be honest and truthful and to treat each other in the way that God calls us to."

At the end of the Mass,

Academy President Donald Fournier and Marjorie Clifford presented the Anne Elizabeth Murphy Lampal Scholarship, created by Mrs. Clifford in honor of her daughter, Anne, a 1984 graduate of Saint Dominic Academy who died from cancer in 2008. The scholarship is awarded each year to St. Dom's students who excel in the classroom and display a commitment to enriching the academy community. This year's recipients were seniors Madison Leslie, Janelle Bryant, and Amelie Crowe.

During their visit, Bishop Deeley and Jim King, Superintendent of Maine Catholic Schools, were presented with 2016-17 Saint Dominic Academy yearbooks by representatives of the yearbook staff.



The Bishop asked the students to be honest and speak the truth in their relationships with each other.

What's Going On

Forbes recognizes Maine-based company for potential to transform local food industry

Who do the technology elite consider to be the new movers and shakers of the industry? According to the Forbes Technology Council made up of leading CIOs, CTOs, and executives, one of them is Forager, a Maine-based company focused on making locally sourced food more widely available to all. Forager is recognized as a top technology startup poised to transform the rapidly emerging local food sourcing market and become a household name.

"Forager is going to make waves," states the Forbes post. "This company changes the way we source food, making locally grown options more readily available. The technology that Forager implements will transform a billion-dollar industry that affects every one of us."

The news builds on earlier recognition for Forager from Fast Company magazine in its May

"United States of Innovation" issue, highlighting the company for its entrepreneurial leadership within the State of Maine and the potential for its technology to have a national impact.

Forager's online and mobile procurement-to-payment platform radically simplifies the local food sourcing process, thereby enabling grocers, food co-ops, and farmers-producers to offer more local products to consumers.

"Despite the increasing demand for local food, only three percent of the food we consume is local," said Forager CEO and founder David D. Stone. "By removing the complexity, friction, and considerable costs in the local food sourcing process through our digital B2B procurement application, we are witnessing increased purchasing by grocers and distributors through more than 100 independent farmers using Forager. As adoption grows,

we plan to ignite the local food economy to improve our health, create more jobs, reduce our carbon footprint, and help preserve our environment. It is an honor to be recognized by Forbes for our innovative technology that is already transforming the local food industry."

Forager launched its platform in March 2017 after completing a successful regional pilot with farmers, grocers, food co-ops, and wholesalers from Maine. The company, which now has more than 100 farmers and 16 grocers, food co-ops and wholesalers using the platform, is now rolling it out throughout New England and New York State. For more information about Forager, see goforager.com.

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At the museums on the grounds of the Poland Spring Resort, on Route 26 in South Poland, ME!



George H.W. Bush, the 41st president of the United States, played a round of golf at the resort. His golf bag can be found in the Maine Golf Hall of Fame inside the Maine State House museum. (Tsukroff photo)

In fact, the entire resort is a living museum, preserving buildings and history from America's past while offering guests

and visitors modernized facilities for enjoyable week or weekend during Maine's summer season.

Starting with a new

way of doing business at the destination resort in the early 1970's, owners Mel Robbins and wife Cyndi updated the resort from a tired and run down group of buildings to the dynamic and fascinating facility that greets guests today.

The classic architecture remains as the historic buildings have been renovated and the hotels updated with new furniture, WiFi, flat-screen TVs, and other amenities for a comfortable stay for guests.

And all this at pricing that is geared toward the Mainer's pocketbook. The value pricing for overnight and weeklong stays attracts guests from all of New England and across the country, whether to play rounds of golf or celebrate a wedding.

Cyndi, who took over operation of the resort when her husband died in 2007, said the reduced pricing that her husband introduced in 1973 is what saved the resort. Mr. Robbins had leased

the resort a year earlier and lost money with the traditional pricing. The reduced pricing attracted a new wave of guests, including families with children, and the resort has grown and prospered ever since.

A stay at the Poland Spring Resort – whether at the Maine Inn, the Presidential Inn, the Lodge, or any of the 13 cottages – is a chance to see living history.

The Maine Inn is built in a classic antebellum style with soaring columns framing a spacious front veranda. While it is very young, having been built in 1963, the inn maintains the look of the buildings that greeted guests starting during the presidency of George Washington.

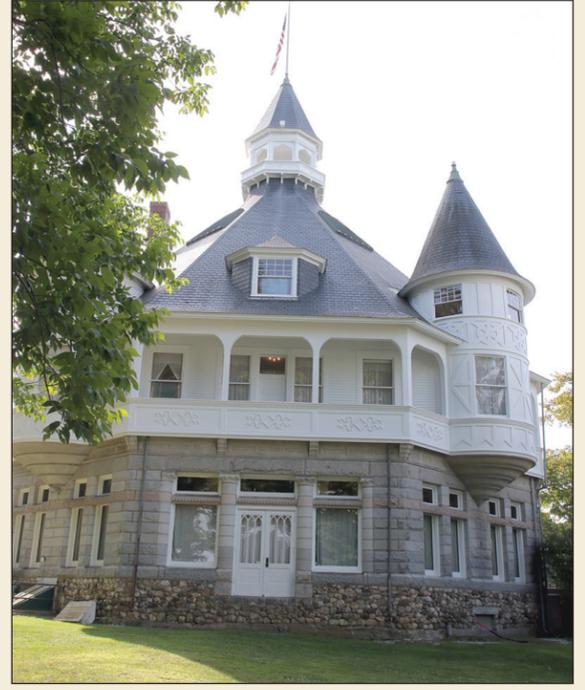
A Short History

What is now the Poland Spring Resort began back in the late 1700s when Jabez Ricker traded property in Alfred, ME, with the Shakers to settle in what is now the town of Poland. Some travelers knocked on the Ricker's door, looking for a place to stay, and the Rickers soon built the Wentworth Ricker Inn, which opened for business in 1797.

In 1844, Hiram Ricker decided the spring water bubbling up on the property had medicinal qualities after he drank the water and was cured of his dyspepsia. By 1859, the family was selling the water commercially, and the Rickers started marketing the resort as a country getaway with medicinal waters. The road that is now Route 26 running through Poland was originally created by the Ricker family to transport their cases of water to market.

The Rickers opened the huge Poland Spring House inn in 1876. The building eventually boasted 350 guest rooms and large dining facilities, along with a barber shop, a bowling alley, and a dance studio and photography studio. An outdoor swimming pool was built beside the building, and is still in use today.

A none-hole golf course, designed by Arthur Fenn, opened in 1895, the first resort golf course in America. Fenn stayed on as the golf pro at the resort for many years. His house is now the anchor of Fenn Park, across Route 26 from the main entrance to the resort, and home to a 330-yard driving range, mini-golf, disc golf, and



The front and rear of the Maine State House, first erected for The Columbian Exposition in Chicago, IL, in 1893 and transplanted to Poland, ME, in 1895. (Tsukroff photo)

an ice cream parlor.

The golf course was redesigned to its current 18 holes by Donald Ross in the early 1900s.

The Ricker family suffered financially in the Great Depression, and the resort continued to decline following World War II. Sales of Poland Spring water declined as well.

The property was controlled by banks until Saul Feldman purchased the buildings and grounds in 1962. He built the Maine Inn in 1963, eventually leasing the buildings to the Job Corps from 1966 to 1969.

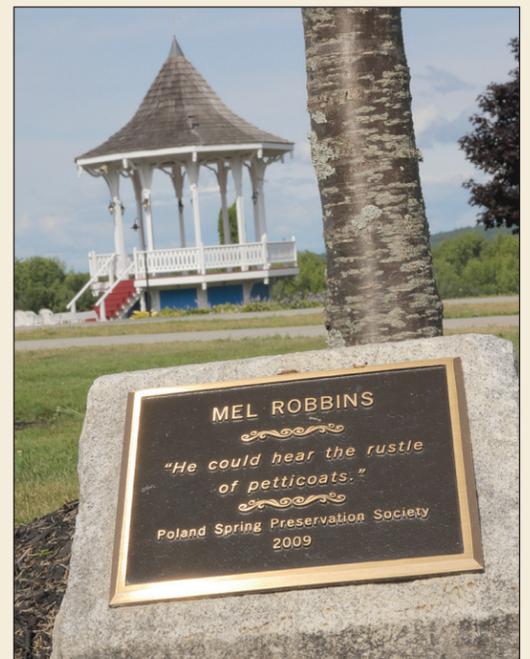
Mel Robbins leased the property from Feldman in 1972, where he met Cyndi. They were married in 1975, with Mel overseeing the direction of the resort and Cyndi running the day-to-day operations. Mr. Robbins loved the history of

the resort, saying he "could hear the rustle of petticoats" of long-past guests.

The Poland Spring House burned to the ground in 1975, with only the steam heating plant behind the building surviving the blaze. The Mansion House fell into disrepair and was in the process of being demolished when it, too, was consumed in a fire in the fall of 1978.

The Robbins refurbished the remaining buildings. The only new building on the property is the gazebo that sits in front of the Maine Inn. It is a centerpiece of outdoor weddings at the resort. This year, the gazebo was the site for the weekly concerts at the resort, moved from the All Souls Chapel. Lots of local groups visited the resort for the concerts this year.

Mrs. Robbins said her



A plaque dedicated to the memory of Mel Robbins sits near the gazebo that stands near the front of the Maine Inn, the main hotel building at Poland Spring Resort. Mr. Robbins purchased the property with his wife and current owner, Cyndi, in 1982, after leasing the resort for 10 years. (Tsukroff photo)

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Owner Cyndi Robbins stands beside a sign erected by her husband, Mel, at the entrance to the Poland Spring Resort. The Maine Inn can be seen in the background. (Tsukroff photo)

husband was never afraid of change. He adjusted operation of the resort several times over the years, continuing to increase business to return the resort to a solid foundation. She has continued to change with the times, inheriting the resort when her husband died at 80 years old in 2007.

While guests no longer stay for the season as they did in the "Gilded Age" over 100 years ago, they continue to enjoy the beautiful scenery and challenging golf course that brought visitors from across the country so many years ago.

The Maine Inn, with its spacious dining room, the Presidential Inn and the cottages are open from mid May to Mid October, while The Lodge and Cyn-di's Dockside Restaurant are open year round.

Maine State House
Members of the Poland Spring Preservation Society "just try to promote the history of Poland Spring and keep it alive," said Laura Brown, who is on the board of the Preservation Society and has worked at the resort for years. Several years ago, she created the ice cream parlor at Fenn Park as part of a college project.

The Preservation Society own and maintain the Maine State House and All Souls Chapel on the grounds of the resort.

Directly behind the Maine Inn is the Maine State House, which now enjoys life as a museum open to the public daily. The small entrance fee is waived for military members and their families.

The Maine State House was originally assembled on the grounds of The Columbian Exposition, the first World's Fair in Chicago in 1893. After the fair, the building was purchased by the Ricker family, disassembled and moved by train and ox cart to Poland where it was rebuilt. The building uses Maine granite, slate, and other materials that are found locally.

The building has seen several renovations over the years. Originally a soaring two stories, the top of the building was made into a third floor without changing the height of the building. Skylights were added and an ornate ceiling replaced the original interior glass ceiling.



One of the signature "Moses Bottles" that were given to guests at Poland Spring Resort starting in 1895. (Tsukroff photo)

The Poland Spring Preservation Society was founded in 1976 at the behest of Jim Aikman, a news director for the WMTW television station, which was leasing space on the first floor of what is now the Presidential Inn.

Feldman passed ownership of the Maine State Building and the All Souls



The All Souls Chapel that sits across the roadway from the Maine State House. The chapel was dedicated in 1912 as a place for guests and staff at the resort to worship, along with Poland residents. (Tsukroff photo)

Chapel to the Society in 1977.

Thanks to donations and various fund raising projects, the Society has expanded the exhibits in the museum to include the Nettie Ricker Art Gallery, the Maine Golf Hall of Fame, a display of the history of the Poland Spring Resort, a history of the building and the Columbian Exposition, and displays about the history of Maine and the United States.

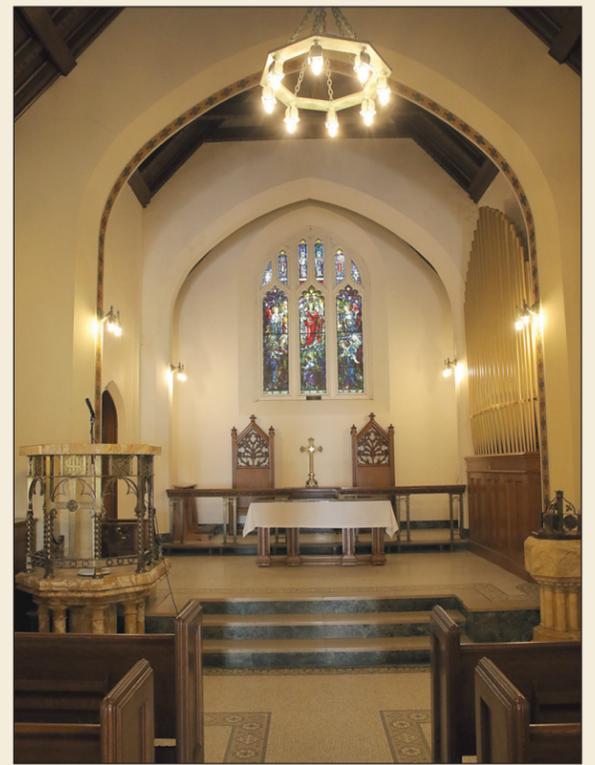
George H. W. Bush, the 41st president of the United States, played on the course and donated a hat and a golf bag to the museum. Other famous players, history, and photographs are displayed in the Golf Hall of Fame.

In another of the rooms, there is a photograph of the Spirit of St. Louis, flown by Charles Lindbergh. He had hoped to visit relatives on July 25, 1927, but the owners would not allow him to land his plane on the golf course, so he dropped a note to his family and flew on.

In one of the rooms on the second floor, visitors can find a giant model of Lindbergh's plane suspended over a hand-built



The Mansion House is depicted in a hand-built model that is displayed in the Maine State House museum. (Tsukroff photo)



Hand-painted stained glass windows bring color to the altar of the All Souls Chapel. (Tsukroff photo)

introduced this summer for visitors, explaining the history and stories of the displays in the rooms throughout the museum.

All Souls Chapel

The All Souls Chapel was built in 1912 after years of planning by local families

and employees who first enjoyed religious services in a resort dining room in 1885.

The walls and arches are built with Maine granite and the interior has wood fittings made of oak from trees in Maine.

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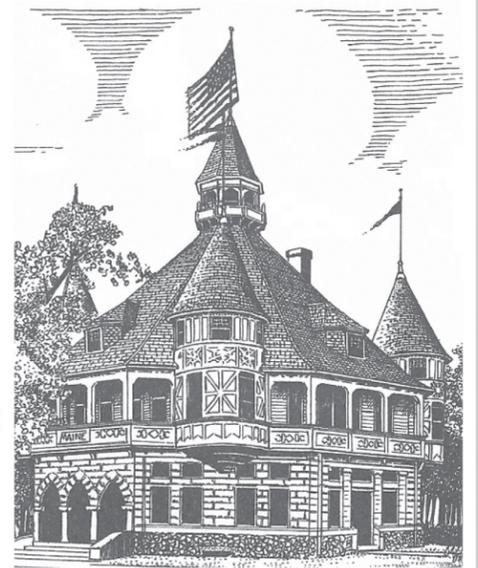
Poland Spring Museums

Step back in time.....

The Maine State Building was originally built in 1893 for the Chicago World's Fair also known as the Columbian Exposition. "Made in

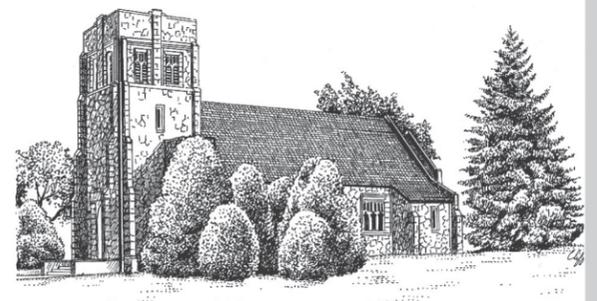
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Today, the museum offers guided tours, Poland Spring museum, home of the Maine Golf Hall of Fame, Gift Shop.



The All Souls Chapel, open in 1912 as a place of worship, and today it's used for weddings and musical concerts.

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“Early Evening Show” this weekend at Celebration Barn



Dawn Hartill

Celebration Barn Theater of South Paris will present a new episode of Mike Miclon’s “The Early Evening Show” on Saturday, September 2 at 7:30 p.m. The show will feature stand-up comic Dawn Hartill, juggling sensation Michael Menes, and show regulars Fritz Grobe, Tom Murphy,

and the Early Evening Show Orchestra.

Dawn Hartill of Lewiston is a mom to three teenage boys. She draws humor from her observations on life, marriage, and the experiences of trying to excel at motherhood. She has performed throughout Maine, most notably with Maine Event Comedy, at

Portland’s Laugh Shack, at Lewiston’s Thread Theater, and as part of the Portland Comedy Showcase. She was the 2016 winner of the Strand Cup Comedy Competition and was a quarter-finalist in the Couch Summer Comedy Classic in Portland, Maine.

Michael Menes is a contemporary vaudevillian. His work, featuring nimble antics and high-flying comedy, has been seen by over 200 million people through appearances on international TV specials like China Central TV’s “International Humor Festival” and “Le Grande Cabaret du Monde” in Paris, France. He has also performed for Cirque du Soleil, Royal Caribbean, at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and at the Shanghai International Comedy Festival. He got his start at Celebration Barn Theater, where he studied theater, mime, and improvisation with director-teacher Tony Montanaro.

Maine’s longest-running live variety show, the Early Evening Show is a spoof of late-night talk shows featuring wild improvisations, surprise guests, and audience interactions that built its reputation with a 14-year run at Oddfellow Theater in Buckfield.

Celebration Barn Theater is located just off Route 117 at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris. The lobby



Michael Menes

September program highlights at SeniorsPlus

Highlights from the September program calendar at SeniorsPlus Education Center are listed below. Unless otherwise noted, classes are free of charge and take place at SeniorsPlus, 8 Falcon Road in Lewiston. For more information or to register, call 800-427-1241. To view their complete program calendar online, see www.seniorsplus.org.

Using a Kindle Fire. Tuesday, September 5, 9 to 11 a.m. Instructor: Tim Verrill. An introduction to all the different kinds, plus making the most of your Amazon device. Limit 24.

Scrapbooking. Mondays, September 11 through September 25, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Instructor: Corinne Saindon, local artisan. \$5 for materials per session. Create a simple 24-page mini scrapbook that holds 4x6 pictures, or use as a recipe book. The first of three sessions will focus on cutting papers for pages and inserting them in the book. The other sessions will include inserting pictures, embellishments, and journaling. Limit 8.

Legacy Storytellers. Tuesday, September 12, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Alzheimer’s Association. Want to make an important difference in the life of a college student? Consider becoming a participant in the Legacy Storytellers Program, which begins in October. Through

and concessions will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for this show are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors (ages 60+), and \$10 for kids ages 17 and under. All tickets are general admission and members receive priority seating. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at 743-8452 or see www.CelebrationBarn.com.

this program, college students interview and write the life stories of people living with dementia or memory challenges. For further details, contact Mark Pechenik at 772-0115 or mpechenik@alz.org.

Jewelry Making: Memory Wire Bracelet. Tuesday, September 12, 1 to 4 p.m. Instructor: Kathryn Beausang. \$12 for supplies. Memory wire wrap bracelets are in fashion and feature simple construction with a fabulous result. Participants will select a color pack, then easily arrange a pattern for a four-wrap design. The wire will be pre-cut so you will only need to “close” the ends when complete. Limit 12.

Medicare Basics. Saturday, September 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Instructor: SeniorsPlus Staff. Learn the basics and timelines of this complex system, when you need to sign up for what, and ways to save money.

Consumer Fraud Protection. Tuesday, September 19, 10 a.m. to noon. Instructor: Alan Elze. Have you ever bought something and it just stopped working a few months later? Ordered something you never received? Had a home or vehicle repaired and it wasn’t right? Alan Elze has worked in the Attorney General’s Office as a mediator for 13 years. Learn what recourses you may have.

Work for Yourself at 50+. Wednesday, September 20, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Instructor: Karleen Andrews, New Ventures Maine. Have you ever dreamed of being your own boss? This program for people aged 50 and older will discuss how to explore your options, find your focus, make a plan, connect with resources in your community, and watch out for trouble.

Safe Driving. Thurs-

day, September 21, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Instructor: Elwood Beach, AARP. \$20 (\$15 for AARP members), payable to AARP. Drivers 55+ who complete this class are eligible for discounts on their auto insurance for three years. Bring your driver’s license, AARP membership card, and lunch.

Balance & Strength Screening. Friday, September 22, 9 a.m. to noon. Instructor: Staff at Richard Bader Physical Therapy. Location: 1399 Main Street in Poland. Come to Richard Bader Physical Therapy for an individualized balance and strength screening, including the following: balance assessment, strength assessment, blood pressure check, medication review, and some resources that fit you.

Heart Health After Retirement. Tuesday, September 26, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Instructor: Dr. Lynette Weeman, St. Mary’s. Heart health is always important, but as we age, it’s even more important that we pay attention to our bodies and recognize cardiovascular changes. Discuss the seven steps to ideal cardiovascular health and ways to keep your heart healthy after retirement and into your “golden years.”

Facebook for Newbies. Thursday, September 28, 2 to 4 p.m. Instructor: Tim Verrill. Are you new to Facebook and just don’t understand it? Or are you thinking of making an account? Facebook is a great way to keep in contact with friends and family or stay up-to-date on current news and local happenings. This class will walk you through the steps of creating an account, posting pictures, sending messages, how to set up your preferences, and more. Limit 24.

Medicare Basics. Thursday, September 28, 6 to 8 p.m. Instructor: SeniorsPlus Staff. Location: Adult Education, Elm Street School, Mechanic Falls. Learn the basics and timelines of this complex system, when you need to sign up for what, and ways to save money. Please register with RSU 16 Adult Education at 345-3217.



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Androscoggin Historical Society announces 2017-18 program schedule

Beverly Robbins, chair of the program committee of the Androscoggin Historical Society, has announced that the society will present ten programs during its 2017-18 season. Topics will include men's fashions through history, civil war medicine, and the Littlefield murder mystery of Paris, Maine.

Most of the programs will be presented at the Society's headquarters, located in the Androscoggin County Courthouse at the corner of Turner and Court Streets in Auburn. A genealogy workshop will take place at Auburn Public Library. Unless otherwise noted, programs take place on Tuesday evenings. There is no admission charge for the programs, but donations are welcome. The programs are:

September 26: Maine's Waterfalls. Author of a guidebook about 177 Maine waterfalls, Patricia Hughes will explore some for their photographic qualities and historical significance. 7 p.m. at AHS headquarters.

Saturday, October

7: Tour of Kora Temple. Come to see the interior and the stories about the murals at Kora Temple, 11 Sabattus Street in Lewiston. 1 p.m.

October 24: Splendid Decorations. Polly Bartow, Honorary Maine State Regent of the DAR, will speak on wall stencils and wall murals in Maine and New England from 1790 to 1840. 7 p.m. at AHS headquarters.

November 14: Civil War Medicine, Myths, and Minie Balls. Carolyn Lawson, president of Washburn Norlands and a seasoned Civil War re-enactor, will take on the part of a Civil War nurse. 7 p.m. at AHS.

Saturday, February 10: Genealogy Conference. President Helen Shaw of the Maine Genealogical Society will discuss "Genealogy: Starting at Home," and Thomas Reynolds, Register of Probate for Androscoggin County, will examine "Probate Records: Why, What, How." 2 p.m. at Auburn Public Library.

February 27: Antique Chests and their Stories. Churchill Barton, dealer in antique trunks, will discuss

the role of these essential containers in the history of travel. 7 p.m. at AHS.

March 27: The Littlefield Mysteries. Retired Trooper Percy Turner will recount a who-done-it in which two people were convicted for the same crime, the murders of Dr. James and Lydia Littlefield of Paris, Maine. 7 p.m. at AHS.

April 24: They Called it Macaroni. Men are fashion conscious, and we don't dress as our ancestors did. Lew Alessio will present a look back at men's fashions through history. 7 p.m. at AHS.

Saturday, May 5: Lisbon Cemetery Tour. Charles Plummer and Merton Ricker will tell the stories of inhabitants of the Hillside Cemetery on High Street in Lisbon Falls. 2 p.m.

May 22: Western Maine Paper and Heritage Museum. Sherry Judd will bring stories and artifacts illustrating the cultural heritage of paper-making towns and mills along the Androscoggin River. Annual Meeting with dinner. 5:30 p.m. Location to be announced.

Pinpoint of Light presents Spirit Artist



Spirit Artist Coral Ryder links with spirits and, under their influence, draws images of one's loved ones in the spirit world.

Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp will offer a public presentation on Sunday, September 3, from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Town Hall at 1190 Main Street in Hartford. Since events at Pinpoint this summer are open to the public by donation, there is no charge to attend. Those attending are welcome to stay for any or all of the day's events.

The proceedings will begin with a presentation by Spirit Artist Coral Ryder from 10 a.m. to 11:30, followed by a potluck lunch. After lunch, there will be a demonstration of spirit drawing. Spirit Artists link

with spirits and, under their influence, draw images of one's loved ones in the spirit world.

Presenter Coral Ryder of the United Kingdom was the first medium to receive recognition as a Spirit Artist by Spiritualist National Union. She is the daughter of medium Ann Robson. Both Ryder and Robson will offer private readings for

\$40 from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. Reservations at strongly suggested.

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Twin City Nights

Rogers returns to Food for Thought to discuss historic Halifax explosion

One hundred years ago in December, the greatest explosion known to man before the atomic age occurred in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Why has no one ever heard about it? At this year's first Food for Thought luncheon on Friday, September 8 at noon, Lewiston-Auburn Senior College will welcome back historian and author Dr. Steven B. Rogers, who is currently writing a novel on the subject, to share his research about the event.

Steven B. Rogers is originally from Chicago and has lived in the Washington, D.C. area since 1976. His teaching credentials include courses in German language, literature, and culture. He has specialized in the teaching of Holocaust courses, including one taught at Bates College.

Previously, he has appeared at L-A Senior College's Food for Thought luncheon to discuss his appointment as the first historian for the Office of Special Investigations in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, which assumed full juris-



Dr. Steven B. Rogers

diction for the investigation and prosecution of Nazi persecutors residing in the United States. He retired from the U.S. Department of Justice in March 2010 after 31 years of service.

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

essays, literary criticism, poems, translations, and other publications have appeared in several journals and magazines. He and his wife, Sally Ann, divide their time between historic Mount Rainier, Maryland and New Gloucester, Maine.

This is the first of six Food for Thought luncheon programs planned for 2017-18. The programs take place in Function Room 170 at USM's Lewiston-Auburn College at 51 Westminster Street in Lewiston. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. The lunch is available for \$8 by advance reservation only. Reservations must be made by noon on Wednesday, September 6 by calling 753-6510. Those without a reservation may purchase a lunch at Cafe LA and listen to the speaker.

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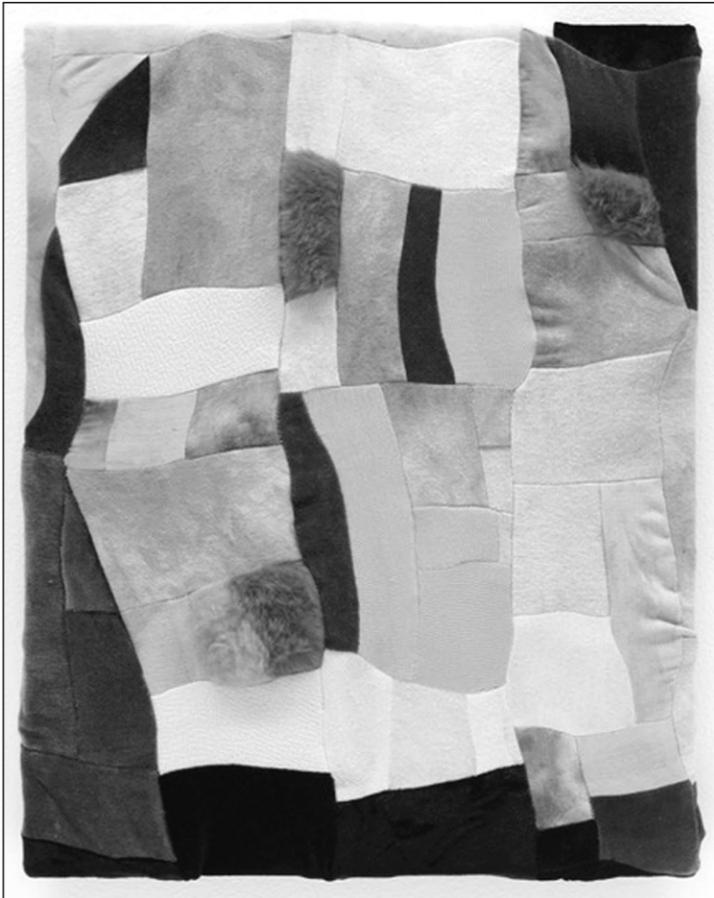
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Twin City Nights

Textile arts exhibit features diverse materials



"Blush Clift," by Isabelle O'Donnell

Curated by mother-daughter duo Nika and Salley Knight, "Feel the Weight" is the whimsical and thought-provoking end-of-summer art exhibit now on display at the Chocolate Church Art Gallery in Bath. The exhibit features three Maine-connected textile artists exploring the weight of personal memory, history, culture, and identity through a wide and eclectic assortment of materials.

On the floor, sculptures by Veronica A. Perez combine often overlooked or maligned items, such as fake flowers, wig hair, and concrete, to create inventive, thought-provoking new forms. "I take inspiration from drag queens, chachkies, flamingoes, wearing your heart on your sleeve, late nights on the Jersey shore, construction zones on the highway, the color pink, fake flowers, and other things that

society deems unimportant or untraditional," says Perez, who was born in New Jersey and is currently based in South Portland. "I find sincerity and power in that."

On the walls, Portland-based textile artist Isabelle O'Donnell uses a variety of cloths and dyes to create intricate, considered textile works inspired by the colors, patterns, and textures of the materials at hand. "I situate myself as an artist within a growing lineage of painters whose work deals with the intrinsic connection of painting to textiles and craft, exploring conceptual implications regarding feminism and labor, process and material, and pattern and ornamentation," explains O'Donnell.

Finally, an expansive, hand-dyed silk wall installation and colorful silk paintings by artist and co-curator Salley

Knight explore memories of childhood in Maine and Virginia. Like O'Donnell and Perez, Knight derives inspiration from her materials. "My art is about color: color as it first appears as light, washing over everything; color as it randomly and playfully is ascribed to children's illustrations; color as it is altered in the artwork itself according to how the light illuminates the fabric," Knight says. "Color as something that is named but never fixed."

In "Feel the Weight," the limitations and potential of physical materials - their colors, patterns, and textures - inspire wild, beautiful, and entertaining artworks. The exhibit is on display through September 23. The Chocolate Church Art Gallery is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath. For more information, call 442-8455 or see www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Chocolate Church announces 40th anniversary performance season



Celtic music ensemble Còig, who have sold out four consecutive holiday-themed concerts at the center, kick off the season on September 8.

Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath will kick off its 40th anniversary performance season with a concert by fiery Celtic music ensemble Còig - who have sold out four consecutive holiday-themed concerts at the center - on Friday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Hailing from Cape Breton, where much of the music is Celtic in nature and celebrates the sea, seafaring, fishing and other primary industries, this talented four-person unit easily shifts between traditional century-old tunes and contemporary compositions. The band consists of Chrissy Crowley on fiddle, Rachel Davis on fiddle, viola and vocals, Jason Roach on piano, and Darren McMullen on guitar, mandolin, mandola, banjo, bouzouki, whistles, flute, and vocals. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$23 at the door.

Other concerts scheduled for 2017-18 include "Home Again: A Carole King Tribute" on October 21, a performance by Dave Mallett on March 24, and a performance by Jonathan Edwards on April 20.

The center's theater offerings for the season begin next week with a production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's beloved musical "Oklahoma." The center's annual holiday-themed theater production will expand this year to include performances over two weekends in December. A winter production will be presented in the annex in late February, and a production of Shakespeare's "MacBeth" will conclude the season's

theater offerings in June.

Family entertainment planned includes an all-ages show with Master illusionist Vitaly on October 8, a "Christmas is Magic" show on December 2, and the one-

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The chapel has a series of hand-painted windows and an Ernest M. Skinner Opus 564 pipe organ. There is a large memorial window in the alcove behind the altar, with three large panels that show angels and Jesus Christ over the words, "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost".

The chapel is open to visitors, and is often used for weddings or special memorials.

Next to the chapel is a memorial garden in recognition of Hartwell L. Pratt, a benefactor of the Preservation Society. The garden is named in honor of his mother, Grace Pulitzer Pratt. Memorial bricks are centerpiece of the garden, and supporters of the Preservation Society may place a brick in the garden with a donation of \$75.

Bottling Plant and Spring House

The Hiram Ricker and Sons Co. built a new bottling plant and spring house in 1906 and 1907 on the site of the original spring. Built in a Spanish architectural style, the buildings had walls made from opaque Carrara glass to keep the facility as clean as possible. A large tower in the bottling plant building helped to create positive pressure so pollen and dust wouldn't enter the building when workers came through the outside doors.

Sheets of glass were erected to protect the bubbling spring, and water still runs from the spring house to the far corner of the bottling plant. Bottles were filled at one end of the huge room, then packed into shipping crates and placed on a conveyor belt at the opposite end of the room to travel through an underground tunnel to the shipping area.

Visitors can see the original spring still bub-

bling up in the spring house, and view a large mural of the bottling operation on the wall of the bottling plant's main room. The bottling plant and spring house were eventually purchased by the Nestle Waters North America, and the refurbished buildings enjoy a new life as both a museum and a facility for weddings and other gatherings.

Upstairs in the bottling plant, visitors will find a shower area that had been built for the workers, who were required to wear special clothing and shoes to ensure the bottling plan stayed clean and sanitary.

The floor of the spring house is inscribed with the Latin words "Sapientia Donum Dei", which means Wisdom is a Gift of God, and the Ricker family crest.

Guests at the resort were served fresh water from the spring in specially designed "Moses Bottles", which they were allowed to keep. The bottles were made in various iterations from 1895 through the 1970s.

Cemetery
Just to the side of the driveway at the entrance to the resort is small family cemetery where members of the Ricker family as still laid to rest.

The cemetery is also the final resting place for one of only two Confederate soldiers who are buried in Maine. Robert Cheever, from New Orleans, LA, died in Poland Springs in 1878 and local citizens buried him in the Ricker cemetery. The other soldier is an unknown man whose body was sent to Gray, ME, by mistake, and buried in Gray's cemetery near the center of that town.

The Robbins have created a special section for their family next to the Ricker's plots, and Mel Robbins and Cyndi's parents are buried there. Mrs. Robbins said she has a place waiting for her beside her husband. She said the resort, "is my future. I'm going to be here for the rest of my life and beyond."

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Thursday, August 31

Informational Meeting. 10 a.m. Theater, Building 210, Togus VA Medical Center, Augusta. VA staff provide detailed information on VA healthcare and other benefits/services and answer questions. Free. 430-6004.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. Public Relations Committee co-chair Chris Martel discusses the club's website and social media apps. No reservation required; lunch avail. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Marine Corps League Meeting. 6 p.m. Lewiston Armory, 65 Central Avenue. Central ME Detachment 810 holds its monthly meeting; all Marines, FMF corpsman and Navy chaplains invited, along w. anyone interested in the Marines Helping Veterans program.

Saturday, September 2

Yard and Bake Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Church vestry, Sixth Street Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Bake goods, white elephant table, books, children's toys. 782-7517.

Early Evening Show. 7:30 p.m. Celebration Barn Theater, 190 Stock Farm Rd. (just off Rte. #117), So. Paris. Mike Miclon's late-night talk show spoof presents stand-up comic Dawn Hartill and juggling sensation Michael Menes. \$15/13/10. 743-8452; www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Sunday, September 3

Spirit Artist Presentation. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Pinpoint of Light Spiritualist Camp, Town Hall, 1190 Main St., Hartford. Spirit Artist Coral Ryder discusses how she links with spirits to draw images of one's loved ones in the spirit world. Free. 515-1016; pinpointoflightcamp@gmail.com.

Tuesday, September 5

Auburn Farmers' Market. 4 to 7 p.m. Happy Days parking lot, 67 Mill St. (park at Rolly's Diner). Local farmers and artisans are on hand to sell a variety of fresh, seasonal or homemade products. 320-1969.

Wednesday, September 6

Wednesday Bird Walk. 8 to 11 a.m. Stan and Joan DeOrsey (406-4741) of Stanton Bird Club lead this walk at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester. Park and meet by the Welcome Center at the entrance from Morse Road, off Route. 231. All welcome. Free.

Thursday, September 7

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Tom MacDonald, Executive VP, Chief Risk and Operations Officer at Mechanics Savings Bank in Auburn. No reservation required; lunch avail. 753 9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

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Ribbon Cutting and Open House. 2 to 4 p.m. Reveal Salon and Day Spa, 20 Union St., Auburn. Come experience Revel's newly remodeled look and relaxing feel while learning more about what they offer. Free. (207) 333-3535.

Friday, September 8

Food for Thought Luncheon. Noon. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. L-A Senior College welcomes Dr. Steven B. Rogers to discuss his research on the historic Halifax explosion of 1917. Lunch is \$8 and must be reserved by noon on Sep. 6. 753-6510.

2nd Friday Brunswick. 4 to 7 p.m. Downtown venues along Maine St. This monthly Artwalk event features live performances, extended shopping hours, and over 40 artists' displays. Free. brunswickdowntown.org.

Concert: Còig. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. This Celtic music ensemble from Cape Breton has sold out four consecutive holiday performances at the center. \$20/23. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Saturday, September 9

Baked Bean and Caserole Supper. 4:45 to 6 p.m. Parish Hall, Holy Trinity Church, 67 Frost Hill Ave., Lisbon Falls. Dessert and beverage included; pres. by Knights of Columbus. \$8/4 (\$18 family rate).

Sunday, September 10

Central Maine Heart Walk. Simard-Payne Park, Lewiston. The largest American Heart/Stroke Assoc. fundraising event in Central Me features a one- or three-mile walk, 5K Fun Run, and Kids Zone. 289-2397; www.centralmaineheartwalk.org.

Second Sundays Art Workshop. 2 to 4 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St., Hallowell. Mathew Scease leads this session on creative

writing. Open to all ages, experience levels. Free; no registration required. 622-3813.

Tuesday, September 12

Auburn Farmers' Market. 4 to 7 p.m. Happy Days parking lot, 67 Mill St. (park at Rolly's Diner). Local farmers and artisans are on hand to sell a variety of fresh, seasonal or homemade products. 320-1969.

Wednesday, September 13

Intro to Self-Employment. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Lewiston Public Library. Learn about the pros and cons of owning your own business, steps needed for start-up, elements of a business plan, and avail. resources. Pres. by New ventures. Free. Register at 557-1885 or newventuresmaine.org.

Thursday, September 14

Community Engagement Seminar. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Brunswick Hotel and Tavern, Brunswick. This day-long session for community leaders is pres. by the Community Institute. \$100. <https://jblafleurconsultants.com>.

Friday, September 15

Art Walk L/A. 5 to 8 p.m. Happening every third Friday through Dec., this event converts over 20 downtown L-A businesses and storefronts into public arts spaces. For more info., call 782-7228; for event schedule, see laarts.org.

Saturday, September 16

Saturday at Thorncrag. 8 to 10:30 a.m. Steve Reed (319-6630) of Stanton Bird Club leads this walk at Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary in Lewiston. Park and meet in the Thorncrag parking lot on Montello St., across from Highland Spring Rd. All welcome. Free.

Lisbon High Golden Reunion. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. For all who graduated from Lisbon H.S. 50 years ago or more, this event

features a reception at 11:00, buffet lunch at noon, and music from the 1940s, '50s, and '60s. \$25. Register by 9/1. 353-8013.

Monday, September 18

Exploring Careers. 10 a.m. to noon, Lewiston-Auburn College. Learn about how to choose a career path, education and training options, and avail. resources. Pres. by New Ventures. Free. Register at 753-6531 or newventuresmaine.edu.

Tuesday, September 19

Auburn Farmers' Market. 4 to 7 p.m. Happy Days parking lot, 67 Mill St. (park at Rolly's Diner). Local farmers and artisans are on hand to sell a variety of fresh, seasonal or homemade products. 320-1969.

Wednesday, September 20

Wednesday Bird Walk. 8 to 11 a.m. Stan and Joan DeOrsey (406-4741) of Stanton Bird Club lead this walk along the Whitman Spring Trail in Auburn. Park and meet on Holbrook Rd. (not in the Land Lab driveway) at No. Auburn Rd. All welcome. Free.

Work for Yourself @ 50+. 1:30 p.m. Seniors Plus, Falcon Rd., Lewiston. This AARP Foundation workshop helps adults ages 50+ make informed decisions and take the right steps toward successful self-employment. Pres. by New Ventures. Free. Register at 888-339-5617. aarpfoundation.org.

Membership Meeting. 6 p.m. Parish Hall, Holy Family Church, 607 Sabattus St., Lewiston. The Ladies of St. Anne host their annual meeting, which includes a meal. \$10. Purchase ticket by 9/10. 782-4516.

Tuesday, September 26

Discover Girl Scouts. 4 p.m. Mechanic Falls Library, Mechanic Falls. These events for girls in grades K-3 and their adult caregivers will review what Girl Scouting offers for girls and young woman today. 888-922-4763, girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Budgeting Basics. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. MSAD 52 Adult Education,

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Sunday, October 8

Second Sundays Art Workshop. 2 to 4 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St., Hallowell. Louise Poirier Stickney leads this session on quilting. Open to all ages, experience levels. Free; no registration required. 622-3813.

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Monday, October 23

Discover Girl Scouts. 4 p.m. Auburn Public Library, Auburn. These events

for girls in grades K-3 and their adult caregivers will review what Girl Scouting offers for girls and young woman today. 888-922-4763, girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Sunday, November 12

Second Sundays Art Workshop. 2 to 4 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St., Hallowell. Janice Norton leads this session on "The Art of Colored Pencils." Open to all ages, experience levels. Free; no registration required. 622-3813.

Friday, November 17

Art Walk L/A. 5 to 8 p.m. Happening every third Friday through Dec., this event converts over 20 downtown L-A businesses and storefronts into public arts spaces. For more info., call 782-7228; for event schedule, see laarts.org.

Sunday, December 10

Second Sundays Art Workshop. 2 to 4 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St., Hallowell. Participants will use beads left by the late Ken Linaberry to work on a project or make gifts. Open to all ages, experience levels. Free; no registration required. 622-3813.

Friday, December 15

Art Walk L/A. 5 to 8 p.m. Happening every third Friday through Dec., this event converts over 20 downtown L-A businesses and storefronts into public arts spaces. For more info., call 782-7228; for event schedule, see laarts.org.

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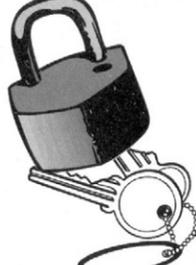
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Ladies of St. Anne Membership Meeting

The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality of Holy Family Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston will hold their annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, September 20 at 6 p.m. at the Parish Hall at 607 Sabattus Street. The event will include an installation of officers and counselors and an introduction of honorary mem-

bers. A meal will be served. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased by Sunday, September 10. To buy tickets, contact any board members or call Anita at 782-4516.

APL to host bi-monthly Home Schoolers Meet-Up

Starting in September, Auburn Public Library will host a bi-monthly Home Schoolers Meet-Up led by

local home schooler Betty Marchesseault. The group will meet on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 1 p.m. in the library's Maggie Trafton Program Room.

The theme of the group's first meeting on September 8 will be "Hot Air Balloons." Kids will learn about the subject and make a hot air balloon craft to take home. The theme on September 22 will be atoms and molecules. The group will do a safe, simple science experiment to demonstrate the existence of unseen molecules and kids will build a marshmallow model of a molecule to take home. The program is designed for students in grades K through five.

For more information, call the library at 333-6640, ext. 3.

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What's Going On

Mechanics Savings VP to address Rotary Club

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, September 7 at noon will be Club Treasurer Tom MacDonald. The event will take place at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn. Guests are welcome and no reservations are required. Lunch is available at the restaurant.

MacDonald is Executive Vice President, Chief Risk and Operations Officer at Mechanics Savings Bank in Auburn. He has over 30 years of banking experience, primarily in the areas of commercial credit analysis, credit policy administration, and enterprise risk manage-



Tom MacDonald

ment. Throughout his career, he has been actively involved in staff development, including designing internal training programs. Since he joined Mechanics Savings Bank in 2006 as its Chief Risk Officer, the bank has grown from \$230 million in

assets to now over \$850 million in assets managed via Maine Community Bancorp (Holding Company).

MacDonald earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Finance, and Marketing from the University of Maine at Orono and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern Maine. He resides in Scarborough with his wife, Joelle, and two children, Caleb and Lydia.

For information on future Rotary speakers, contact Club President and Program Chair Monica Millhime at 753-9040 or see www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

CCU supports Greene Baptist Church Food Pantry



As part of the Maine Credit Union League's annual Campaign for Ending Hunger, Community Credit Union this spring presented the Greene Baptist Church Food Pantry with a check in the amount of \$250. The Food Pantry is located within the Baptist Church on Main Street in Greene. They serve 85 to 95 families per month and give out about 25 Thanksgiving Baskets each November. The food pantry is open to residents of Greene on the first and third Thursday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. Pictured here (l. to r.) are Christina Carter and Jennifer Hogan of Community Credit Union and Eugene Ridley and Kenneth Smith of Greene Baptist Church.

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