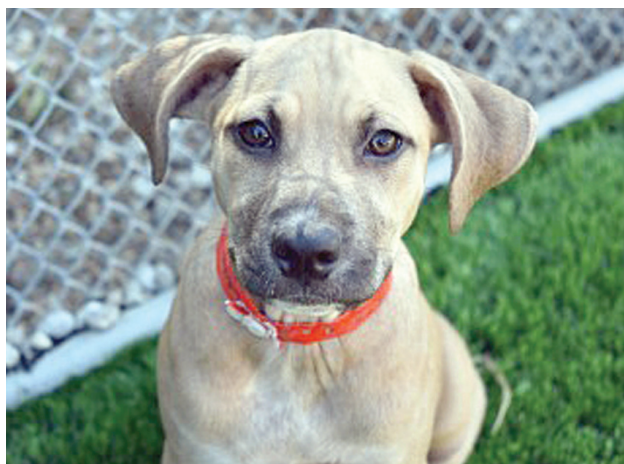


Petco, GAHS team up for weekend adoption event



Leda is one of the many puppies who will be available for adoption at the Discover Love adoption event at the Auburn Petco on September 9 and 10.

If you've ever shared your life with a pet, you know that love changes everything, which is why the Petco Foundation and Greater Androscoggin Humane Society are teaming

up for a "Discover Love" pet adoption event this weekend at Petco. On Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., GAHS will have adoptable pets on hand at Petco for you

to meet. Petco is located at 105 Mount Auburn Avenue in Auburn.

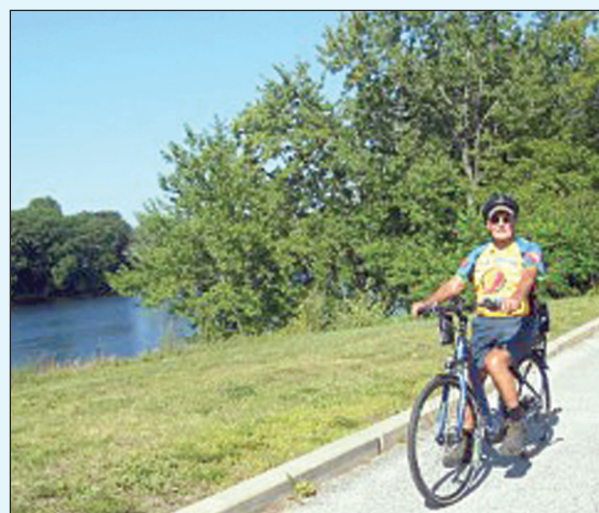
All pets will be spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, and up to date on vaccinations before going to their new homes. Many kittens will be available with a special adoption fee of \$100. Adopters will be able to name their own adoption fee for all adult cats and dogs over one year of age.

For more information about the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society or the Petco Foundation, see www.SavingPetsInMaine.org or www.petcofoundation.org. Join the conversation on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gahumane or on Twitter and Instagram by using the hashtag #DiscoverLove.

Local bicyclist rides from Fort Kent to Kittery

Don Robitaille hears the call of the open road, the lure behind each bend and he just has to hop on his bike to explore. Don celebrated his 86th birthday on August 25 and decided to mark the occasion with a bike ride from Fort Kent to Kittery travelling Route 1 all the way.

He will be riding the new bike he got in May, a blue Felt electric model. He pedals but it has pedal assist. He says he gets power from the battery which goes to the gearbox and he travels twice as fast as he did with his former bike. He recalls decades ago when he logged over 150,000 miles on his old TREK Mountain bike. He has been through many bikes since then and has



Don Robitaille, Biker (Photo by Rachel Morin)

racked up 2,600 miles on his new bike.

On Labor Day, Don and his wife Jeannine brought his bike to Fort Kent, his starting point. They enjoyed dinner

and stayed overnight in a motel. The next morning, Tuesday, after breakfast, Jeannine headed home to Lewiston, and Don set out on Route 1 for Kittery. See *Bicyclist*, page 4

Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sep. 16

The Lewiston and Auburn City Councils are proclaiming September 16 to be the Lakes & Mountains Area Walk to End Alzheimer's Day of Recognition. Their proclamations urge citizens to honor those who face the daily challenges of living with Alzheimer's, to remember those taken by the disease, and to support

those actively fighting to find a cure.

On Saturday, September 16 at 8 a.m., participants in the 2017 Lakes & Mountains Area Walk to End Alzheimer's will gather in Simard-Paine Memorial Park for a 2.5-mile fundraising walk around Lewiston. Prior to the walk, they will join in a meaningful tribute

ceremony to honor those affected. The event will also provide an opportunity to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and the various advocacy opportunities and support programs and services provided by the Alzheimer's Association.

Donna Manson of Auburn has volunteered with the Alzheimer's Association

for five years. "My husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in February of 2013 and passed away on July 1, 2014," she says. "I feel that it is so important to reach out to the people of Lewiston and Auburn to make them aware of resources that are available and to diminish the stigma of Alzheimer's."

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, the

sixth-leading cause of death in the U.S. and the only disease among the top 10 causes that cannot be cured, prevented, or even slowed. Additionally, more than 15 million family and friends provide care to people with Alzheimer's and other dementias in the U.S. In Maine alone, there are more than 27,000 people living with the disease and 69,000 caregivers.

The Alzheimer's Asso-

ciation Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association has mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk; today this work continues with the Walk to End Alzheimer's. For more information, call 272-3900 or visit alz.org/walk.

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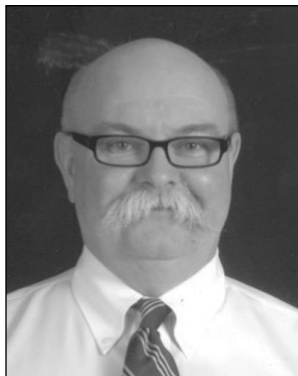
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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Museum L-A welcomes new board members



Steven Huber

Museum L-A has announced that Steven Huber and Mark Tanous have joined its Board of Directors. Huber is the Private Practice Owner and Clinician at Huber Associates Physical Therapy and Orthotics in Auburn. Tanous is the Managing Partner at Synergy Search Group, a boutique search firm based in Maine.

Steve Huber has worked in the Lewiston-Auburn community for more than 30 years and volunteers with many local, state, and national organizations. He has also authored numerous works and taught courses throughout the United States. He brings to the board relevant experience in small business management, strategic planning, and fundraising. He resides in Turner.

Mark Tanous has more than 20 years of experience in professional services and business management. Before joining SSG, he served as Director of Client Services at Career Management. He has also held senior-level positions at Financial Institution Services Corp., Executive Search



Mark Tanous

Group, Auburn Group International, Management Recruiters International, and International Insurance Services. He brings extensive knowledge of Human Resources best practices along with experience in fundraising. He resides in North Turner.

"These individuals bring valuable knowledge and expertise in management, relationship building, and leadership that will help lead Museum L-A to a new level," said Board Chair John Cleveland. "On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, we welcome them and look forward to working with them to move our Museum into its exciting future."

Museum L-A is currently located in the Bates Mill Complex at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston. Open hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. For information about volunteer opportunities, including open Board and committee positions, call 333-3881 or email rachel@museumla.org.

Community Credit Union supports Leeds Food Pantry

As part of the Maine Credit Union League's annual Campaign to End Hunger, Community Credit Union presented the Leeds Food Pantry with a donation check of \$500 this spring. Located within the Leeds Community Church, the pantry serves close to 150

people per month and works with the local schools to provide a weekly backpack program for 11 students.

For more information about the pantry, Leeds residents are invited to contact the church or call the Leeds Town Office at 524-5171.



Pictured here (l. to r.) are Christina Carter and Ashley Ward of Community Credit Union and Leeds Town Clerk Joyce Pratt.

Nurse Practitioner joins Central Maine Internal Medicine

Renee Fagone, N.P. has joined the staff at Central Maine Internal Medicine. Fagone received her Bachelor of Arts in English and Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Southern Maine in Portland. She is certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

"My great-grandmother was the 'medicine woman' in her village in Italy, my grandmother was a healer, and my mother still has a

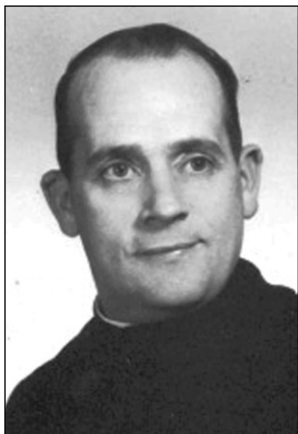


Renee Fagone, N.P.

keen interest and practices in herbal remedies and alternative medicine," said Fagone. "I believe healthcare is in my bloodline. I also grew up in a multi-generational home where taking care of others was modeled for me."

Part of Central Maine Healthcare, Central Maine Internal Medicine is located at 12 High Street, Suite 400 in Lewiston. They can be reached at 795-5700.

St. Dom's names Hall of Fame inductees for 2017



Brother Gerard (Aubin) Laflamme, who served as the school's athletic director and coached hockey, soccer, football, and tennis, will be posthumously honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Saint Dominic Academy has announced this year's inductees into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame, honoring former players and coaches who achieved athletic excellence throughout their academic careers at the school.

The Lifetime Achievement Award will be given posthumously to Brother Gerard (Aubin) Laflamme,

who will be recognized for his years of service as a dedicated teacher and a coach of hockey, soccer, football, and tennis. He also served as athletic director.

The other inductees for 2017 are Audrey (Pleau) Sundqvist '03, Joe Dumais '01, George Charest '65, and Bert Jalbert '64. Two teams will also be recognized: the 2000 girls' championship cheering team and the 1999 boys' hockey team.

"We look forward to honoring these men and women for their contributions to Saint Dominic Academy athletics," said President Donald Fournier. "St. Dom's has a rich history of academic and athletic excellence among our students, and this group of inductees is no exception."

The banquet and awards will take place on Saturday, September 16 at the academy's Auburn campus, located on 121 Gracelawn Road. A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner catered by Mac's Grill at See St. Dom's, page 6

Androscoggin Bank names Chief Lending Officer

Androscoggin Bank has announced that Ben Geci has joined its commercial lending team as Chief Lending Officer and Executive Vice President. Prior to joining Androscoggin Bank, Geci served as Director of Southern Commercial Banking and as Senior Vice President for Cumberland and York Counties at Camden National Bank. In that role, he oversaw the successful merger of Bank of Maine and Camden National Bank with a focus on customer transition. He also supervised the commercial banking team and was influential in growing the bank's presence in Southern Maine.



Ben Geci

Geci's career in banking has also included leadership roles within the commercial lending departments of Bank of Maine and TD Bank. He is a 1992 graduate of Bowdoin College and resides in Falmouth with his wife and three children.

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Governor's Address: Join the fight to lower taxes and help Maine families prosper

It is so refreshing to have a President in the White House who truly understands what it takes to create jobs and grow the economy.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

From his long and successful career in business, President Trump knows firsthand that a burdensome tax code doesn't create jobs, it kills them. When he outlined his vision for tax reform last week, I was pleased to see it will help Maine families keep more of their hard-earned paychecks.


Americans now spend 6 million hours and more than \$250 billion

preparing taxes each year. Small businesses incur between \$15 and \$16 billion on tax-compliance costs.

Imagine if even a fraction of that money was spent investing in our economy, creating jobs, taking family vacations or raising wages. Imagine doing your taxes on a single sheet of paper.

The U.S. tax code is inefficient, bureaucratic and does not promote a competitive economy. It stifles companies and prevents job creation. I agree with President Trump that Americans deserve a tax system that is simple, fair and easy to understand.

As a businessman, I



Governor Paul R. LePage

know what it takes to create jobs. Tax relief is absolutely critical to creating more jobs and providing higher wages for middle-class American families. Congress needs to act quickly to jumpstart our economic engine. We must make

America the most competitive country in the world for businesses to invest and grow.

Despite what the media will tell you, tax relief works. I have spent nearly seven years fighting for tax relief for Maine families. We now have the highest number of private-sector jobs ever. Our unemployment rate is the lowest since World War II. Just this year, Maine ended its fiscal year with a \$111 million surplus.

Liberals want to tax you more so they can spend more of your money on bloated government programs. President Trump and I believe Mainers and all Americans

deserve to keep more money in their paychecks. You know how to spend your money better than any government does.

Tax relief is certainly important for our country, but it's even more vital for Maine. We've taken a business-like approach to strengthening Maine's economy, and we brought fiscal responsibility to Augusta. But more tax relief is crucial to becoming truly competitive and attracting new jobs.

Now that we have a President in the White House who is serious about helping our small businesses grow, we should not let this opportunity go to waste.

As your Governor, I will keep fighting for policies that put money back in your pocket, not in the hands of bloated government. We can continue to pursue the failed liberal policies of the past, or we can choose prosperity. I was fortunate—I lived the American dream. Now we must protect that dream for our kids and grandchildren.

Please join me in this fight to lower taxes and make Maine a better place to live and raise our families.

*Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor*

Op-Ed

Fear of L-A merger comes from long- and short-term costs

By Robert Reed
LEWISTON

Maura Murphy is right—those of us who are opposed to the merger live in fear. (Op-Ed: “Opposition to L-A merger seems to come from fear,” TCT, August 24, 2017).

But perhaps she should ask what our fears are, instead of assuming so much.

Eight years ago we went through a similar attempt while I served on Lewiston City Council, and it was by the efforts of a small group that we debunked the numbers provided and were able to stop what would have been a disaster. Today I find myself in a similar place, again having to analyze the numbers provided and place them in context and defend my actions. So what do I fear?

I fear significant tax increases, both long term and short term, should a merger pass. While the Joint Charter Commission report provided lots of hypotheticals of what the city could look like in terms of savings, they glossed over the costs associated with a merger, simply listing them without assigning any financial weight to them. As chairperson of the City of Lewiston Finance Com-

mittee, I see these costs often and was able to ask those who do the actual work what the costs might be for some of the expenses. Just taking the \$2.4 million the JCC indicates could be saved and reducing it by the leveling-up of management salaries totaling \$1.6 million leaves two cities combined only saving \$800,000 a year. But we must calculate the other costs.

Short-term costs include legal expenses, moving costs, new signage and letterhead, as well as severance to employees who are cut out. For Lewiston, a one-time re-assessment of property likely to cost

\$750,000, just to equalize with Auburn and only required if a merger passes. Reassessments are known to place more share of taxes on residential properties, not commercial. Then add in consultants, task force for transition and lots of other items, and the cost to simply make the merge occur is likely to be \$6 million, meaning over \$5 million in one-time costs to the taxpayers.

Long term: If management personnel are promised higher wages, as indicated in the report, won't staff expect the same? When we equalize labor contracts, will we see one side give up

anything or will we see them expect more? Just one dollar per hour per employee is an additional \$1.6 million annually not otherwise incurred.

The JCC also recommends bringing back LAEGC; in fact, it goes so far as to call it a city board when in reality it was a private entity—that's another \$350,000 annually. How about new school costs, given the JCC recommends expanding special ed when funding lacks for two years in every cycle? Transportation issues, coordination and equalizing curriculum and teacher contracts? Roughly \$2.7 million a year in added costs against the \$800,00 in savings.

It's a real fear of bad numbers too. The JCC simply asked the task groups what would it be like in an ideal world, then modeled their predictions around that. We know Princeton saw savings for less than three years and today has already hired people to more than offset the cuts made. Government loves to grow, and mergers are a time when best-case outcomes are promised—until the actual work needs to be done. Then we need more bodies, not less.

It's also a fear because the JCC used imaginary numbers to value homes in our community and over-inflated the values by 45% over what actually occurs. They have admitted it quietly, but the \$120 that a Lewiston taxpayer would save is more likely already cut to \$80, and that's before any of the costs I mention. There is no groundswell of support to merge; there is no proof that our economy will change; no one can say it will stop our children from leaving; and there is no guarantee we will have more power in Augusta. Those are simply wish lists that give you false hope.

My job on the finance committee is to look out for the taxpayers of this community. In my opinion, based on what I can reasonably analyze, this merger will be more expensive and not provide any of what has been promised. It is simply not feasible. That's likely the reason there is such a groundswell of opposition to it.

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This special fall term is advantageous for those who were unable start classes on August 28 or could not complete their admission application by the start of the regular semester.

Several classes will

meet twice a week on campus and others will be online. The following courses are among those being offered on campus during the 12-week term: Understanding Business; U.S. History to 1877; College Writing; and Introduction to Psychology. Online courses offered for the term include Introduction to Sociology; Developmental Psychology; Principles of Marketing; and Sports Management.

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AHCH accepting donations for Saturday event

Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice is accepting donations for its annual Yard Sale & Farmers’ Market to benefit Camp Dragonfly. The sale will take place on Saturday, September 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at AHCH’s Lewiston office at 15 Strawberry Avenue. Donations may be dropped off at the office on Friday, September 8 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Items sought for the farmers’ market include baked goods, produce, handmade crafts and canned items. For the

yard sale, the organization cannot accept donations of televisions, mattresses, used upholstered furniture, stuffed animals, clothing, or footwear. For more information, contact Kate Sicotte at 777-7740, ext. 1951.

All proceeds will benefit Camp Dragonfly, a free one-day camp that helps youth who have experienced a loss or are living with a family member who has a terminal illness, and helps families coping with terminal illness feel more comfortable having difficult conversations about death and loss.

Speaking Up for Us plans statewide conference

Speaking Up for Us, a statewide self-advocacy organization for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, invites those living with such disabilities to attend its statewide conference on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 26 and 27, at Sugarloaf Mountain Resort in Carrabassett Valley. The theme of this year’s conference will be “Freedom of Choice” and the keynote speaker will be Nancy Cronin, Executive Director of

the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council.

Through workshops and programs, the conference will provide those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities opportunities to discuss ways to make Maine a better place for people with such disabilities, to meet others who share this interest, and to have fun both inside and out at beautiful Sugarloaf Resort. For more information or to register, see sufumaine.org.

Bicyclist

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No stranger to biking solo, he’s made two long cross-country bike rides to California a half dozen years ago. This one will be different. He will take minimum equipment and supplies and wear a back pack. No saddle bags this time. He plans to cover 40 to 60 miles daily.

It will be more relaxed this time. Don will sight-see

and stop at local restaurants and places of interest along his journey. This trip will take 10-14 days or more as he pedals along. Overnights will be at a B & B or motel.

Don has been the oldest rider in the Annual Dempsey Challenge every year since its beginning as noted by Mary Dempsey, Patrick’s sister. He will participate again this year in the October 7-8 Dempsey Challenge.

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Enough is Enough

Progressives favor a Portland-style Democrat for Congress

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

“I am not a Portland Democrat!” bellowed Lewiston Democratic State Representative Jared Golden. But his actions and votes in Augusta would garner him an Academy Award for acting like one.

He is being urged to run for Congress by the progressive leadership of Maine’s Democratic Party, hoping that his combat service in Iraq and Afghanistan (for which I hold him in high regard) will mask his progressive political leanings in Augusta.

He has combined his legislative experience and his service in the Marine Corps to figuratively blow

a hole in Maine’s effort, which is overwhelmingly supported in Maine’s Second Congressional District, to deny benefits to undocumented illegal aliens. His vote has placed an unnecessary burden on Maine taxpayers and certain service cities (Lewiston being one) to bear the cost of these undocumented individuals so that Maine’s privileged progressives in the First Congressional District could ease their guilt.

Rep. Golden’s Lewiston legislative district is heavily populated with Bates College academics and other highly educated people who see and live in a different world—a world that is foreign to the greater



Mayor Bob Macdonald

majority of working-class people who live in Lewiston. Their world consists of getting up each morning and going to work to support their families.

These Lewistonians are villainized because

they believe in the Second Amendment, which protects their right to own and bear a firearm. They are made sport of because they choose life for all and oppose Margaret Sanger’s philosophy of killing those who are looked down upon and considered a drain on society. Progressives even go out of their way to mock those of us who worship and believe in God.

The progressive wing of the Democratic Party looks on us as “deplorables.” Howard Dean, former National Chair of the Democratic Party and one-time Presidential candidate, put it plainly and bluntly when he stated there was no place in the Democratic

Party for anyone who is pro-life.

The Lewiston Sun Journal reported on August 31 that Golden vows he “won’t hide his politics like our current Second District Republican U.S. Representative Bruce Poliquin.” Really?

During the prior legislative session, Maine legislators debated how to proceed with legislation to continue supporting and providing taxpayer-funded benefits to illegal aliens. Golden published a lengthy editorial in the Bangor Daily News, explaining why he favored it and would vote for the legislation. At the same time, nothing appeared in the Sun Journal, which

voters from Lewiston-Auburn and the surrounding towns depend on for their news, about his reasons why he voted for this legislation.

Why would Golden be explaining his reasons to vote for this legislation to the people of Bangor, who live 106 miles north of Lewiston? Why did his article not appear locally? These questions, I believe, he is obligated to answer.

One final note: this legislation passed. Former Rep. Peggy Rotundo joined Heidi Brooks and Jared Golden in voting for it. Senator Nate Libby and former Rep. Michel Lajoie voted against it. As a Lewiston taxpayer, who do you think cast the wisest vote?

Program will recount stories of local Civil War soldier



Charles Plummer

Local historian Charles W. Plummer will discuss “Pvt. William Berry’s First-Person Account of His Early Life and Civil War Experiences” on Wednesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. at Lisbon Historical Society. William Berry was born in Brunswick on October 18, 1841 and lived in Bangor, Lisbon Falls, Lewiston Falls, Minot Corner, Poland Corner, Welchville, and Greenwood. He served with two Maine regiments during the Civil War, and following his discharge from the Army in 1865, became a resident of Lisbon Falls, where he died on May 16, 1895 at the age of 53.

In 1872, he decided to write a detailed account of his early life and his Civil War experiences while serving with the 23rd Maine Infantry Regiment and the First Maine Heavy Artillery. He had been severely wounded in the war and eventually applied to the War Department for a disability pension, which he

received monthly until his death.

Plummer has a copy of Berry’s first-person account of his early life and Civil War experiences, a copy of his discharge from the Army, and copies of the applications he and his wife submitted to the War Department for pensions, which he will share along with Pvt. Berry’s stories at the event.

The Lisbon Historical Society is located in the MTM Center on School Street in Lisbon Falls. Please park and enter at the rear of the building. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 353-8510 or email LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

Multi-faith discussions resume at APL



Sessions will take place on October 3, November 7, and December 5.

This fall, Auburn Public Library will resume its series of multi-faith round table discussions, in which local clergy gather to discuss the perspectives of their respective faiths on pressing issues of the day. Clergy members participating in the series include Rabbi Sruli Dresdner of Temple Shalom, Pastor Roger Cousineau of East Auburn Baptist Church, Rev. Doctor

Jody Cohen Hayashida of First Universalist Church of Auburn, and Pastor Richard Waller of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. Free and open to the public, sessions will take place on October 3, November 7, and December 5 at 12:30 p.m. Coffee and cookies will be provided and there will be time for audience questions. For more information, call 333-6649, ext. 4.

Bates College names Museum Education Fellow

Abigail Abbott, a native of Rangeley and a 2017 graduate of Bates College, has been named the Museum Education Fellow at the Bates College Museum of Art. Abbott, who majored in studio art and psychology at Bates, will assist with community educational outreach work, such as school programs, parent-child art workshops, lectures, and social and cultural events. Last year, more than 3,000 participants took part in more than 100 educational programs provided by the museum.

“We’re thrilled to have Abbie join our staff,” said Museum Education Curator Anthony Shostak. “She’ll



Abigail Abbott

bring new energy and much-needed flexibility to existing K-12 programs like our Thousand Words Project, which uses artwork in our collections to teach writing skills, and to our family-oriented studio workshops.”

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What's Going On

Bug Maine-ia to infest State Museum on Tuesday



The event features 24 exhibitors offering interactive displays, fascinating discoveries, and bug-related fun for all ages.

Bug Maine-ia, the state's largest natural science education event, is coming to the Maine State Museum on Tuesday, September 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., when 24 exhibitors will be on hand to offer interactive displays, fascinating discoveries, and bug-related fun for all ages. Admission to the museum will be free all day for the

occasion. The museum is located at 230 State Street in Augusta, adjacent to the Maine State House. Those planning to bring student groups are urged to register in advance by completing a reservation form at www.mainestatemuseum.org. "Bug Maine-ia is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to explore the many ways

that bugs affect our lives, whether as pets, pests, or food," says the museum's Chief Educator, Joanna Torow. "The event allows visitors to interact with scientists and environmental educators, ask experts their most difficult insect questions, and participate in hands-on science."

Coming from throughout the state, event exhibitors will include the Maine Entomological Society, Master Maine Fishing Guide Sean McCormick, the Maine State Beekeepers Association, the Maine Department of Agriculture's "Agriculture in the Classroom," the Edible Insect Marketplace, the Maine Forest Service, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the Hudson Museum, the Maine State Museum, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, the Maine Art Glass Studio's Butterfly and Insect Museum, retired science teacher Jon Wallace, the Friends of Edith Patch, Modern Pest Control, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Maine State Library.

Norlands hosts Saturday Pie Social



The Merry Plinksters

Step back into the post-Civil War era against a backdrop of rolling fields and woodlands at a Pie Social hosted by Washburn-Norlands Living History Center on Saturday, September 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. History and music, along with the delicious aroma of fresh-baked homemade pies, will fill the autumn air at this seventh annual fundraising event for Norlands.

Whole pies will be for sale for \$12 and slices will be served with real whipped cream for a donation. Live music will be performed by singer-songwriter Phil Poirier at 1 p.m. and the Merry Plinksters Ukulele Group at 2:00. New for this year's event is a Pie Baking Contest. Adult and junior bakers are invited to enter pies for a chance to win Norlands-inspired prizes. Bakers may also win a special "Gold Medal" prize if they make the crust using Gold Medal Flour. For contest rules and entry forms, email norlands@norlands.org or see www.norlands.org/events.

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Phil Poirier

Livermore in 1818, Cadwallader Colden Washburn moved west and, at the age of 48, built a flour mill on St. Anthony Falls in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1880, he entered several types of flours in the International Millers' Exhibition in Cincinnati and they won the bronze, silver, and gold medal prizes. He then changed the name of his business and started the Gold Medal brand.

Visitors may hear much more about Cadwallader and the rest of the remarkable Washburn family during a tour of the Washburn family home. Guided tours to the home and the 1853 one-room schoolhouse will be available all afternoon for a \$5 admission fee (\$3 for kid ages 12 and under). Otherwise,

guests are welcome to enjoy pie and music by Phil Poirier and the Merry Plinksters on the front lawn at no charge. Activities will take place rain or shine; in the event of cold or damp weather, the music will be moved into the meeting house.

The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center is a multifaceted museum offering in-depth experiences in 19th century rural life. Its mission is to preserve the heritage and traditions of rural life from Maine's past, to celebrate the achievements of Livermore's Washburn family, and to use living history methods to make values, activities, and issues of the past relevant to present and future generations. The center is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore. For more information, call 897-4366 or see www.norlands.org.

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6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Laurie Servidio in the Alumni/Advancement Office at 782-6911, ext. 2109 or laurie.servidio@portlanddiocese.org.

The nomination committee for the Athletic Hall of Fame reviews nominations throughout the year. Once submitted, nominations are active for five years. The eligibility criteria and nomination forms are available at www.stdomsmaine.org.

Schedule for some of Veterans Post meetings

Thursday, September 7, L & A Veterans Council, 6 pm at the Lewiston Armory.

Tuesday, September 12, Franco American Veterans Post 31, 6 pm Lewiston Armory.

Monday, September 18, VFW Post 9150 of Lewiston, 6 pm Armory.

Thursday, September 28, American Legion Post 22, 6pm Lewiston Armory.

Trip to South Paris Veterans Home, date not yet decided.

For more information please contact: Bert Dutil, Advisor L & A Veterans Council, 786-2305

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Big Brothers Big Sister to host Androscoggin Golf Tournament



A silent auction will include autographed items donated by former New England Patriots quarterback Steve Grogan.

Big Brothers Big Sister of Mid-Maine will host its first Androscoggin Golf Tournament on Monday, September 25 at Martindale Country Club in Auburn. The event will include a light breakfast, grilled lunch, silent auction, and awards ceremony and reception. The tournament will be a four-player, 18-hole best ball scramble with course challenges. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the shot gun tee-off will take place at 10:00.

Items up for bid in the silent auction will include a foursome of golf at Boothbay Harbor Country Club, a custom jewelry piece crafted by a former BBBS manager now teaching jewelry design at MECA, a Pamper Me package, and autographed items donated by former New England Patriots quarterback Steve Grogan.

"The work Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Maine does for children facing adversity in Androscoggin County is so important," said Grogan, "Though I cannot participate in the tournament this year, I hope to be able to golf with the organization next year." Additional teams and sponsors are still needed, and BBBS invites businesses, individuals, and organizations to compete in the event, sponsor the event, or donate items or services

for the silent auction.

The tournament is part of the annual campaign to support and promote the programs of BBBS of Mid-Maine, which provides strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships between children facing adversity and older mentors. These relationships are proven to have a positive and dramatic impact on academic performance, attitudes, and life-long behaviors. Locally, BBBS of Mid-Maine pairs chil-

dren (called "Littles") from Washburn Elementary School in Auburn and Longley Elementary School in Lewiston with mentors (called "Bigs") from Edward Little High School and Bates College.

For more information on the golf tournament, to volunteer, or to learn more about how to help make a difference in the lives of local children facing adversity, contact Jennifer Cartmell at 653-3857 or jennifer@bbbsmidmaine.org.

Next Chamber Breakfast Sep. 14

The next Breakfast Meeting of the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will take place on Thursday, September 14 at 7 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn Riverwatch at 14 Great Falls Plaza in Auburn. This month's speaker will be Tom Rainey, Executive Director of the Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development, who will discuss the Top Gun Track Entrepreneur Development Program. The cost will be \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Registration is available at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

The Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is an organization of communi-

ty-minded businesses that serves Lewiston, Auburn, and the surrounding communities. Located at 415 Lisbon Street in Downtown Lewiston, the chamber offers networking events, professional development opportunities, educational scholarships, and practical resources to help professionals advance and grow their businesses of all sizes. The chamber also provides a collective voice to advocate for issues, influence ideas, and facilitate conversations in support of business, commerce, and community.

For more information, call 783-2249 or see lametrochamber.com.

What's Going On

SeniorsPlus receives grant to continue New Mainers nutrition program

SeniorsPlus has received a \$10,000 grant from the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation to continue to develop a dining site and cooking classes, with interpretation and written translation, for older adult refugees in downtown Lewiston. The program, which was launched this year, focuses on cooking and sourcing nutritious foods, including local farm foods, as well as creating a hub for social interaction. SeniorsPlus will continue to develop the program in partnership with St. Mary's Nutrition Center and Health Androscoggin.

This new grant will support the continuation of the "Healthy Food for Every Age" program, which SeniorsPlus launched last year with an initial grant from the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation. The program was one of 22 not-for-profit initiatives that Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation funded in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Created in 1980, the



From left, Hassan Olhaye, Fiston Mubalama, and Nsikidi Alberto enjoy lunch together at a dining site developed with funding from the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation.

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation supports Harvard Pilgrim's mission to improve the quality and value of health care for the people and communities it serves. In 2015, the foundation expanded its focus to

preventing childhood obesity by launching the Harvard Pilgrim Healthy Food Fund, aimed at increasing access to fresh, healthy food for families and communities in its five markets across the region.

Abbott

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Among other subjects, Abbott also studied education and art history at Bates. "My interest in museum education stems from these disciplines," she says. "I believe museum education will allow me to combine my love for the arts with my knowledge of education and

psychology to teach others... to appreciate the experience of different art media and the responses they evoke."

To schedule a school group tour or to host a museum educator in your classroom, call 786-8302 or email ashostak@bates.edu. For more information about the museum's program offerings, see bates.edu/museum.

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Out & About with Rachel Morin

High Street Congregational Church Food Pantry



Monte Wing serves free coffee, fruit cups, doughnuts or juice to anyone who comes to his kitchen window.

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

I visited the High Street Congregational Church's Food Pantry the past half-dozen Thursday mornings and have been very impressed with its streamlined operation under the leadership of Lee Upton and his pool of 40 dedicated volunteers. I came away thinking that it could be a model for other food pantries.

This O & A column comes to you today due to the gentle, but persistent persuading of my

friend Nancy Griffin, who for several weeks, told me about the Food Pantry and specifically how Lee Upton, the Coordinator, has made it what it is today. A strong advocate of the Pantry, Nancy thought it would make a good article for the Twin City Times.

So, several Thursdays ago, when the Food Pantry is in operation, every Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30, Nancy and I met with Lee Upton in the parish hall. Lee took me through the entire operation, starting with tables set up with fresh fruit, produce,



Rev. Stephen Carnahan, Pastor; left, and Lee Upton, Coordinator of the Food Pantry at the High Street Congregational Church, welcome people every Thursday to the Food Pantry gathering at 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The Church sign says it all: "All are welcome. Open and Affirming Congregation."



Bakery products from Auburn Hannaford Supermarket are on display as arranged by Bob Hayes, back to, at left, and David MacMahon.



Denise Tabet of Androscoggin Bank has two boxes ready for volunteer transport to vehicles for two families.

vegetables and racks of bakery products.

Next was a room off the parish hall with two huge chest freezers packed with individual family sized packages of cuts of meat and poultry. A large cabinet held shelves filled with hygiene and grooming products for men and women.

Lee showed how clients had a cardboard box, holding up to 50 pounds,

on a wheeled cart and could "shop" the tables for items they wanted. He emphasized the importance of giving clients the freedom to choose what they wanted and the volunteer would hand the selection to them or drop it in their box.

Once the shopping was done, boxes with the clients' numbers were placed on tables in the corridor leading to the exit. Volunteers were waiting to transport the boxes to the clients' vehicles if help was needed.

A final stop on the tour was the storage room which held shelves of canned goods, boxed cereals, pasta, cookies, crackers, bottled condiments, oils, dressings, etc., all neatly arranged in categories. Volunteers were busily unpacking boxes and stocking the shelves. These donations would fill the Thursday morning tables.

I attended the Pantry gathering each Thursday morning with my camera, taking photos of the set up and many of the volunteers. Volunteers, along with the Pastor, mingle with the clients coming in and exchange small talk. It is a wonderful camaraderie to see.

Rev. Stephen Carnahan, the Pastor, greets the Pantry arrivals every Thursday with a welcome, a story, a humorous



Bob Hayes is the Fresh Produce Man and sees that the containers are fully stocked.




Nancy Griffin, Pantry Advocate/Church volunteer, and Rose Stansfield, Office Administrator, review Pantry data showing how well it is serving the communities.




Gloria Dooley, Ruth Cannon and John Ellis are the Welcoming Committee. Each family is recorded and given a personal number ensuring they receive a monthly box of groceries.

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anecdote, or church news. Rev. Steven Bascom, Pastor at the Auburn United Methodist Church covers if Rev. Carnahan is unavailable.

A Welcoming Table registers the arrivals and gives each family a number to ensure they receive a monthly box of food. Data is entered into the computer for maintaining the Pantry records.

Monte Wing is at the kitchen window facing the parish hall serving free coffee, doughnuts, fruit cups or juice to folks who come to his window.

I learned a lot about the Pantry operation from Lee Upton during the Thursday morning gatherings. A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Lee retired six years ago. He has an impressive background of 44 years' experience in business, government and academia. He was looking for a new venture in his retirement--a community service type of thing.

Lee had joined the Church in 2011. When he visited the Food Pantry in the spring of 2012, he recognized a need and he knew he could fill it and make a difference. And this became his passion in retirement.

The rest is history. Lee looked at the Food Pantry and with his business background and working with people skills, he met with the Pastor and Food Pantry volunteers and methodically outlined and introduced new procedures and guidelines which greatly enhanced and improved the function and capability of the Pantry to serve the poor and

underprivileged in greater Lewiston Auburn community. The next thing he knew was he was the Pantry Food Coordinator. It has thrived ever since.

Over the following Thursday mornings, Lee and I had discussions about the Pantry. I learned how strongly he felt about accommodating Pantry recipients in a fair and respectful manner, the importance of having them shop and choose what they wanted at the Pantry and encouraging a social exchange between the clients and the volunteers. Lee felt the majority of clients had hit a significant difficulty in life and needed help. The Food Pantry allowed them to pursue jobs rather than focusing on food for their family.

Lee is detailed, organized, experienced and has a Leadership Team to help with coordinating the Pantry work: Leroy Brown, Eric Howes, Ingrid Kendall, Da-



Don Miville, Pastor Stephen Carnahan, Leroy Brown and John Crouch work at the Food Pantry every Thursday. They are in the church garden which is maintained by Edward Little High School students.

vid MacMahon, Mary MacMahon, Bonnie Miville and Don Miville. Lee himself is there every Thursday as are many of his volunteers. During the week, Lee and other volunteers drive to pick up food items called in by contributors at different locations.

The High Street Pantry is a collaboration with High Street Congregational Church, Auburn United Methodist Church, Unitarian Universalist Church, St.

Michael's Episcopal Church and West Auburn Congregational Church.

Most of the Food is purchased from Good Shepherd Food Bank with additional support from U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, U.S. Postal Service, Auburn Hannaford Supermarket, Maine farmers and individual contributors. Funding comes from Community organizations and businesses, individual contributions and church donations.

The Pantry serves an average of 240 area family units per month, distributing an average of 3,500 pounds of food each week, totaling over 175,000 pounds per year. Operating costs are about \$20,000 per year, not counting the donation of space, staff and volunteer hours.

The Food Pantry also offers many other benefits including Books for Kids,



Mary MacMahon, known affectionately as "The Book Lady," displays the donated books that children or their parents can select to take home and keep.



Bonnie Miville, left, and Cathy Croudis place the weekly donations on shelving in the Storage Room.

Thanksgiving Turkeys, Christmas Stockings for young children, January "Warm Hands and Hats for Kids," Easter Hams and the October Flu Clinic.

The Pantry has become part of Lee's daily life as it has with many of

the volunteers. He often speaks to groups about the Pantry with an audience of 1 to 300 (as a recent Rotary Conference in Quebec) he always ends his presentation with "We are making a difference in the lives of those in need."



Carrie Lacasse and Mary Michaud, from Androscoggin Bank, and Lee Upton show a sample of a Pantry monthly take home box. Ms. Lacasse ensures that Bank volunteers are available every Thursday morning. (Don Miville Photo)



Gladys Chapman, Auburn United Methodist Church, presents \$350 for the Food Pantry to Lee Upton. Ms. Chapman conducts the weekly Faith Journey Class where members drop their loose change into a container. When a sizeable amount is collected, they select a charity to receive it.



Mark Goldstein, Anthem Medicare Service Representative assists attendees who may need guidance with health insurance.



Donna Gardner and Carly Beaudin from Androscoggin Bank stocked the fresh produce this particular week.

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Mollyockett Chorus to perform at Sawyer Memorial



The group sings barbershop-style a capella harmony in four parts.

The Mollyockett Chorus women's barbershop group will perform at Sawyer Memorial in Greene on Friday, September 8 at 2 and 7 p.m. The group sings barbershop-style a capella harmony in four parts: tenor, lead, baritone, and bass. Both shows are free and open to the public.

Founded by a small core of singers from the Norway area in 1996 as a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, the world's largest non-profit musical education organization for women singers, the group has since grown to represent a much wider area of southwestern Maine. Their name honors Mollyockett,

a Pequawket Indian born sometime between 1730 and 1740, who was a healer, artisan, storyteller, and friend to settlers in the region.

The Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial is located at 371 Sawyer Road. For more information, call 946-5311 or see sawyer-foundation.com.

Art scholar to discuss Marsden Hartley's Maine landscapes

Modern and contemporary art scholar and curator Gail R. Scott will discuss "A Visible Fourth Dimension: Marsden Hartley's Landscapes of Maine" on

Friday, September 8 at 6 p.m. in Bates College's Olin Arts Center, Room 104, at 75 Russell Street in Lewiston. The event is free and open to the public, and a reception in

the Bates College Museum of Art will follow the lecture.

Scott began her career as Assistant Curator of Modern Art at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and has since been active as an independent scholar, curator, and lecturer. She has published extensively, including exhibition catalogues on modern and contemporary American artists Richard Diebenkorn, Chuck Close, Wallace Berman, and E. Ambrose Webster.

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WHA Gallery features works by Cain, Harvey

The Woman's Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery is featuring photographs and paintings by Kathy Cain and watercolor paintings by Kenneth Harvey through the month of September. The gallery is located at 60 High Street in Lewiston at the main entrance to Central Maine Medical Center.

Cain, a native New Englander and member of the Western Maine Art Group, has dedicated much of her life to art. With degrees in art education and nursing, she has had her medical illustration work featured in highly regarded medical journals and textbooks. Though her early works focused on painting and drawing, her models often came from photographs, leading her to develop a creative interest in photography. She has since taken a photography course and added photos to her exhibits.

"I find it rewarding to discover the 'every day' beauty that surrounds us, which is so often overlooked in today's busy lives," said Cain of her work. Her exhibit features landscapes and still lifes.

Harvey, a self-taught painter, has been in love with watercolors for more than 30 years. He is a member of the Midcoast Chapter of Plein Air Painters of Maine and can be found in the Boothbay area with his fellow painters every Wednesday from April



"Kayaks," by Kathy Cain



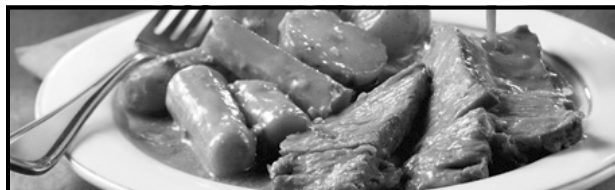
Watercolor by Kenneth Harvey

through November. He hopes his paintings share the joy he felt while painting the pieces.

"The first time I saw the incredible flow of the colors mingling on the paper and realized the endless creative possibilities that were available to me, I was hooked," said Harvey of his passion for watercolors.

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

The Woman's Hospital Association is a fundraising and service organization that helps Central Maine Medical Center meet the healthcare needs of people in the greater Lewiston-Auburn area. The WHA's major fundraising source is the gift shop on CMMC's ground floor and the on-line gift shop. The association also raises money with events throughout the year, including the Tree of Love, Holiday Bake Sale, Spring Bazaar, Art Show, and Memory MUMS project. Find out more at www.cmmc.org/wha.



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Park Ave. Pickers plan open Jam Session

The Park Avenue Pickers will host an open "Jam Session" for all interested musicians on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:15 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. The session is open to acoustic musicians of all experience levels, from beginner to advanced. Bring your instruments, voices, family members, friends, and whatever lyrics or music - Bluegrass, Gospel, Blues, etc. - you would like to play. For more information, call 783-5269 or 782-3972.

UUCB Concerts for a Cause
presents Lipbone Redding



An accomplished singer-songwriter, guitarist, voice-instrumentalist, and storyteller, Redding combines all these talents in his uniquely engaging performances.

The UUCB Concerts for a Cause series will present Lipbone Redding on Saturday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 1 Middle Street in Brunswick. Despite his humble beginnings as a New York City subway singer, Lipbone Redding is an accomplished storyteller, singer-songwriter, guitarist, and voice-instrumentalist who has released eight albums and over 20 live recordings. Today, he performs in festivals, theaters, and concert halls across America and Europe, teaches workshops, and collaborates with other musicians, dancers,

and performance artists. In concert, Redding has a remarkable ability to rev up a party with his original songs, inspired by a wildly eclectic mix of influences. He has spent the last 20 years traveling the world collecting and recounting exotic tales through music and performance art, and is perhaps most noted for his uncanny ability to vocally imitate brass, bass, and percussion instruments. When performing, he incorporates all these talents into a uniquely engaging show for all ages and musical tastes. A “typical” Lipbone Redding concert may fea-

ture Himalayan-style throat singing, catchy pop hooks, rapid-fire prose with groove accompaniment, and pin-drop moments during an astonishing tale. Audience members may find themselves inspired to sing along, make noise, and dance, and could even be invited to be part of the show. Proceeds from the Concerts for a Cause series support church programming and other local charities. Tickets are \$18 at the door, \$15 in advance, or \$8 for students and children. They can be purchased by calling the church office at 729-8515, at Gulf of Maine Books, or online at brownpapertickets.com.

LPL celebrates Ye Olde Shakespeare Week

Director and playwright Michael Levine will present a talk on “Foul Papers and Bad Quartos: Shakespeare’s Changing Texts” on Friday, September 8 at 6 p.m. in Callahan Hall at Lewiston Public Library. The program is part of the library’s Ye Olde Shakespeare Week, which also features children’s stories and crafts, along with free public performances of “Twelfth Night” by Gypsy Lew Theater Co. The play will be performed Thursday through Saturday, September 7 through 9, at 6 p.m. at Dufresne Plaza in Lewiston. Bring your chairs and blankets for this abridged production, which runs about 80 minutes. The talk and performances are free and open to the public.

Levine will discuss the various types of changes that exist in some versions of Shakespeare’s better-known plays and will examine several speeches from “Twelfth Night” to illustrate how the First Folio version differs from several modern editions. “Even the casual reader or theatergoer may notice small and sometimes large discrepancies between published and acting editions of most plays in the canon,” says Levine. “While many of these changes have been made by modern editors, even in Shakespeare’s time it was difficult, if not impossible, to know what Shakespeare intended, since

many of his plays in the best-known published version in the First Folio differ from the quartos and ‘foul papers’ that bear the playwright’s hand.” Michael Levine is the Artistic Director and Founder of the Naked Shakespeare series, a group currently performing First Fridays at Mechanics Hall in downtown Portland. He has acted and directed with the company since its inception in 2004, including performance installations of “Cymbeline Underground” and “All’s Well on the Waterfront,” as well as traditional productions

of “The War of the Roses,” (based on the Henry VI cycle), “King Richard II,” and “The Merchant of Venice.” He is also the co-founder of Oak Street Theatre and Acorn Productions, where has taught acting and playwriting in Portland for close to 20 years. He is a graduate of M.I.T., where he studied playwriting with A.R. Gurney and acting with Kristen Linklater and Shakespeare and Company. For more information about the events, contact the library’s Adult & Teen Services Desk at 513-3135 or LPLReference@Gmail.com.

Twin City Nights

Auburn Art Club meeting



The club’s officers are (l. to r., from front) Janet Sullivan, Vice-President; Kathryn Cutter, President; Elizabeth Bell, Publicist; Renee Bonin, Recording Secretary; Louise Reynolds, Treasurer; and Jeanne Laliberte, Corresponding Secretary.

The Auburn Art Club will meet on Monday, September 11 at 2 p.m. at the Park Avenue Methodist Church in Auburn. The

Hartley

Continued from page 10 She has also published on Maine artists including Carl Sprinchorn, Marguerite and William Zorach, Harold Garde and, most notably, Marsden Hartley. She has authored a definitive monograph on Hartley’s art and has edited a collection of his essays on art topics, “On Art by Marsden Hartley” (Horizon Press, 1982), and a volume of his poetry, “The Collected Poems of Marsden Hartley” (Black Sparrow Press, 1987). She is currently at work on a comprehensive study, “Marsden Hartley: The Complete Paintings.” In the course of her long involvement with and active research on Hartley, Scott has relied extensively on the Marsden Hartley Memorial Collection at the Bates College Museum of Art, which she first explored it in 1977 when the collection, not yet catalogued, was housed in a storeroom in the Treat Gallery.

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Homes of Wayne tour this Saturday

The doors to some of Wayne’s most charming and classic homes will be open for this year’s Homes of Wayne tour, “Windows on the Water,” on Saturday, September 9, from 10 to 4 p.m. This annual event to benefit two cherished town institutions, Cary Memorial Library and Wayne Community Church, offers rarely seen views of the town’s nineteenth-century architecture, lakeside camps, uniquely designed contemporary houses, fall gardens, and architectural landmarks, all within sight of several beautiful lakes. Participants will be inspired by enchanting vistas, welcoming interiors, and the charm of small-town rural life in Central Maine.

Each site will have



This watercolor by Jann Haynes Gilmore portrays Shepherd’s Knoll II overlooking Mill Pond.

volunteers on hand to answer questions and guide tour participants to other not-to-be missed experiences in Wayne. Lunch will be available for purchase at local eateries or may be enjoyed on the screened porch of the Yacht Club, where the Wayne Volunteer

Fire Department will serve up a BBQ. Also available to enjoy during the tour will be free refreshments and shopping at a “pop-up” boutique at the Androscoggin Yacht Club, a Traveling Brushes Art Show & Sale at the Williams House, and a classic wooden boat exhibit at the

Chocolate Church opens theatrical season with “Oklahoma!”

The Chocolate Church Arts Center will open their 2017-18 theatrical season with Rodgers & Hammerstein’s “Oklahoma!”, running in 7:30 p.m. performances on September 15, 16, 22, and 23 and 2 p.m. performances on September 17 and 24. The center is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath.

The musical score from this play is one of the most beloved of all time. When the original Broadway production opened on March 31, 1943, it was a box-office smash and ran



Curly (Chase Tomberlin) asks Laurey (Sharon Henderson) if she’ll be his date to the box social. (Photo courtesy of David Mention)

Shepherd’s Knoll II barn.

Tickets are \$28 on the day of the event or \$25 in advance. They may be purchased in advance at Cary Memorial Library, the Wayne Community Church, and Julian’s General Store in Wayne; D.R. Struck and Kennebec Savings Bank in Winthrop; and Longfellow’s Greenhouses in Manchester. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the event at Cary Memorial Library at 17 Old Winthrop Road in Wayne Center (follow the signs). The tour will take place rain or shine. For more information, call the library at 685-3612 or see waynehomewardentour.wixsite.com.

for an unprecedented 2,212 performances. The play later enjoyed award-winning revivals, national tours, foreign productions, and an Academy Award-winning 1955 film adaptation.

Rodgers & Hammerstein’s first collaboration remains, in many ways, their most innovative, having set standards and established rules of musical theater that are still being followed today. Set in Western Indian territory just after the turn of the century, the play spotlights the high-spirited rivalry between farmers and cowboys.

There’s a box social coming up, and Curly (Chase Tomberlin of Brunswick) asks Laurey (Sharon Henderson of Gardiner) if she’ll be his date. Trouble

is, Laurey thinks he’s waited too long, and in a fit of pique has accepted an offer from the boorish Jud (Iver McLeod of Bath) instead. Meanwhile, Laurey’s friend Ado Annie (Caitlin Paul of Gardiner) is also torn between two men: a cowboy named Will (Garret Coffey of Bath) and foreign peddler Ali Hakim (Rich Ellis of Brunswick). Both women struggle to know their own hearts before it’s too late.

The production is directed by Thom Watson, with music direction by Theresa Henderson and choreography by Ashley Steeves. Tickets are \$15 at the door or \$12 in advance, available by calling the box office at 442-8455 or visiting www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Comics-inspired “POW!” exhibit opens at Harlow Gallery

The next exhibit at Harlow Gallery in Hallowell will feature artworks inspired by comics and comic books contributed by 34 artists from across Maine and beyond. “POW!” will open with an opportunity to meet those artists at an opening reception on Friday, September 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. Both the reception and subsequent admission to the exhibit are free and open to the public. Harlow Gallery is located at 160 Water Street in Hallowell. Regular gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through October 21.

The participating art-

ists, listed alphabetically by town, are Amanda Kahl (Auburn), Anthony Austin (Augusta), Jodi Renshaw (Bangor), Howard Solomon (Bowdoinham), Ted Closson (Bristol), Stivo Zittel (Cape Elizabeth), Matthew Berry (Derry, NH), Neal J. Clark (Dresden Mills), August Rudy (East Winthrop), Rick Parker (Falmouth), Peter Buotte (Fort Hood, TX), Allison McKeen (Gardiner), Tyson Pease (Gardiner), Abby York (Gardiner), Becky Havens (Hallowell), Nancy Jacob (Hallowell), Bruce Mayo (Hallowell), Sam Hill Jr. (Hallowell), Suzanna Lasker (Jefferson), Bruce Armstrong (Manchester), Kathy Weinberg (Morrill), Sarah Winifred Searle (Perth, Australia, formerly Portland, Maine), Santiago Farias (Poland), Julia Durgie (Portland), Mort Todd (Portland), Becca Case (Richmond), K. Scott Davis (Richmond), Kitty Winslow (Rockland), Laura Barron (South Gardiner), Mili St. John (South Portland), Joshua Roberts (Unity), Lesley Schuman (Waterville), Brian Vigue (Waterville), and Justin Pierce (Weeks

Mills). The Danforth Gallery at the University of Maine at Augusta is also presenting a comic-themed exhibition, “Seven Cartoonists in a Gallery,” on view through October 6 at Jewett Hall, 46 University Drive in Augusta. As a presentation by artist Ted Closson of comics and cartooning work by himself and his peers in the comics’ community of New England, the show includes a traditional exhibit of works on the gallery walls, along with a reading space, live presentations, and a workshop for comic artists and those interested in the process of making comics. For more information about “Seven Cartoonists in a Gallery,” see www.artsuma.com.

Located in historic Downtown Hallowell, the Harlow Gallery is home to the Kennebec Valley Art Association, a membership-based 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to connecting and celebrating art, artists and community in Central Maine since 1963. For more information, call 622-3813 or see <http://harlowgallery.org>.

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Theater: “Twelfth Night.” 6 p.m. Dufresne Plaza, Lisbon St., Lewiston. For Lewiston Public Library’s Ye Olde Shakespeare Week, Gypsy Lew Theater Co. performs this abridged 80-minute production. Bring chairs and blankets. Again 9/8, 9. Free. 513-3135.

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; reserve by noon on Sep. 6. 753-6510.

Concert: The Mollyockett Chorus. 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. The group sings barbershop-style a capella harmony in four parts. Free. 946-5311; sawyer-foundation.com.

Second Friday Brunswick. 4 to 7 p.m. At downtown venues along Maine St. This monthly art walk features live performances, extended shopping hours, and over 40 artists. Free. brunswickdowntown.org.

Opening Reception. 5 to 7 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St., Hallowell. Meet the 34 artists whose works comprise “POW!”, the gallery’s new exhibit of comics- and comic book-inspired art. Free. 622-3813; http://harlowgallery.org.

Art Lecture. 6 p.m. Room 104, Olin Arts Center, Bates College, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. Art scholar and curator Gail R. Scott discusses “Marsden Hartley’s Landscapes of Maine.” A reception in the museum follows. Free. 786-8302.

Shakespeare Lecture. 6 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. For the library’s Ye Olde Shakespeare Week, director and playwright Michael Levine discusses “Shakespeare’s Changing Texts.” Free. 513-3135.

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 performances at the center. \$20/23. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Saturday, September 9
Pet Adoption Event. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Petco, 105

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Pie Social. 1 to 4 p.m. Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore. Come enjoy live music (free), guided tours (fee), and home-made pies for sale whole (\$12) or by the slice. 897-4366; www.norlands.org.

Bean Supper. 4:45 p.m. Calvary United Methodist Church, 59 Sabattus St., Lewiston. (Use garden entrance on Bartlett St.) Baked beans, hot dogs, salad, casseroles (incl. vegetarian), biscuits, homemade pies, beverages. Adults \$8, children \$3. 782-3221.

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

Concert: Lipbone Redding. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Middle St., Brunswick. UUCB Concerts for a Cause presents this versatile singer-songwriter, guitarist, and storyteller. \$18 (\$15 in adv.); students \$8. 729-8515; www.brownpaper-tickets.com.

Concert: Fiddler-violinist Jeremy Kittel and Band. 9 p.m. Historic Quad, College St. and Campus Ave., Bates College, Lewiston. Kittel is jazz-trained composer, Scottish-style fiddle champion, and frequent collaborator with the likes of Yo Yo Ma and My Morning Jacket. Free. 786-6135; olinarts@bates.edu.

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

Monday, September 11
Auburn Art Club Meeting. 2 p.m. Methodist Church, Park Ave., Auburn. Lutheran minister Marian Marks discusses her award-winning nature and wildlife photography. Free.

Tuesday, September 12
Bug Maine-ia. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. State Museum, 230 State St., Augusta. Exhibitors offer interactive displays, fascinating discoveries, and bug-related fun for all ages. Free. Groups should register at www.mainestatemuseum.org.

Auburn Farmers’ Market. 4 to 7 p.m. Happy Days parking lot, 67 Mill St. (park at Rolly’s Diner). Local farmers and artisans gather to sell their fresh, seasonal, or homemade products. 320-1969.

Open Jam Session. 6:15 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Open to acoustic musicians of all experience levels; bring your instruments, voices, friends, and whatever music you want to play. Hosted by Park Avenue Pickers. 783-5269; 782-3972.

Wednesday, September 13
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Lisbon Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. MTM Center, 19 School St., Lisbon Falls (park, enter at rear). Historian Charles W. Plummer discusses “Pvt. William Berry’s First-Person Account of His Early Life and Civil War Experiences.” Free. 353-8510; LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

Thursday, September 14
L-A Metro Chamber Breakfast Meeting. 7 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn Riverwatch, 14 Great Falls Plaza, Auburn. Tom Rainey, Executive Dir. of the ME Center for Entrepreneurial Development, discusses the Top Gun Track Entrepreneur Devel. Program. \$30 (members \$20). 783-2249; lametrochamber.com.

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. jblafleurconsultants.com.

Concert: Matt Loosigian’s Earth Jams. 10 a.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. This folk singer, guitarist, and

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Sampson AFB Veterans Luncheon. Noon. Governor’s Restaurant, 1185 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Those who took basic training at Sampson Air Force Base in the 1940s and ’50s host this monthly luncheon, open to all veterans and their guests. 577-1766; 657-4909.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. Claudia Frost, Assistant Governor of neighboring Rotary District 7780, discusses international service projects. Lunch avail.; no reservation required. 753 9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

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. 782-7228; for event details, see laarts.org.

Theater: Oklahoma! 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. The center opens their theatrical season with this Rodgers & Hammerstein classic. Again Sep. 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$15 (\$12 in adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

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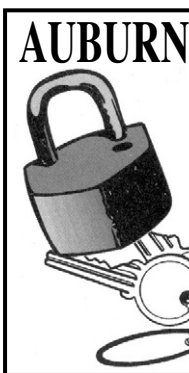
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Intro to Self-Employment. Wednesday, September 13, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Lewiston Public Library. Led by instructor Karleen Andrews, this workshop will help you decide if self-employment is the right choice for you. The class covers the pros and

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Exploring Careers. Monday, September 18, 10 a.m. to noon, Lewiston-Auburn College. Led by instructor Chris Davis, this workshop will cover what to consider when choosing a career path, education and training options, and available resources to help you succeed. For more information or to register, call Chris at 753-6531 or see newventuresmaine.edu.

Work for Yourself @ 50+. Wednesday, September 20, 1:30 p.m., Seniors Plus, Lewiston. Facilitated by Karleen Andrews, this AARP Foundation workshop will help low- and moderate-income adults ages 50+ gain the knowledge, support, and resources they need to make informed decisions and take the first steps toward successful self-employment.

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