

AHCH names new physician team leaders



The new leadership team includes (from left) Shauna McElrath, D.O., Medical Director for Palliative Care; Elizabeth Hart, M.D., Director of Medical Services; and Elizabeth White, M.D. at the Hospice House.

Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice has named new leaders of its medical team and an addition to its hospice medical staff.

Elizabeth Hart, M.D. has been named the organization's Director of Medical Services. In this position, she will provide leadership and oversight of all programs, including medically necessary health care at home, home hospice, and the Hospice House. Hart joined AHCH as a hospice physician in February. She has many years of experience as a medical director, leading geriatrics and extended care, hospice, and rehabilitation programs.

Dr. Hart earned her M.D. at Dartmouth (N.H.) Medical School. She completed a family practice

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City of Auburn selects 2017 Christmas tree

The City of Auburn has found its "perfect" Christmas tree! The Auburn Public Services Department installed the city's 2017 Christmas tree at Festival Plaza on Monday, November 13. Donated by Catrina Bonney, the tree was transported from its location on Alderwood Road to Festival Plaza on Main Street, with help by Cote Crane and Rigging of Auburn.

The tree will be illuminated on November 25 at the conclusion of the Twin Cities Festival of Lights

Holiday Parade, officially kicking off the holiday season in downtown Auburn. It will remain at Festival Plaza throughout the holiday season. For more information on this year's Twin Cities Festival of Lights, see www.auburnmaine.gov.

Change of Command at Maine Air National Guard



Brig. Gen Douglas Farnham, Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard, passes the colors to Brig. Gen. Scott A. Young, symbolizing Young's new role as commander of the organization.

Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Farnham, Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard, presided in Augusta recently over a Change of Command Ceremony for the top Maine Air National Guard officer. Brig. Gen. Scott A. Young assumed command of the Maine Air National Guard from Brig. Gen. Gerard F. Bolduc, who is retiring after 35 years of distinguished service.

"I am truly grateful and privileged for the chance to serve the command and members of the Maine Air National Guard," said Young. "I also want to thank



Young assumes command from Brig. Gen. Gerard Bolduc, who retires after 35 years of distinguished service.

General Bolduc. I look at his career and see a career full of accomplishment."

Bolduc joined the Maine Air National Guard

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

New surgeon at Central Maine Surgical Associates



Chia-jung Karen Lu, MD
Chia-jung Karen Lu, MD, has joined the staff at Central Maine Surgical Associates, located at 12 High Street, Suite 401 in Lewiston. Lu completed

her undergraduate studies at the University of California Berkeley in Berkeley, Calif. She earned her medical degree at Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in Hershey, Pa. She completed her general surgery residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Ark. and a fellowship in surgical critical care at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. Lu is a member of the American College of Surgeons and the Eastern Association for the Surgery

of Trauma. “I believe in treating my patients how I would want my own family members to be treated,” said Lu of her healthcare philosophy. “Listening and keeping an open communication is the best way to connect with my patients.” Part of Central Maine Healthcare, Central Maine Surgical Associates consists of a team of board-certified surgeons who, supported by management, clinical, and clerical staffs, provide care for general surgery and trauma patients. They can be reached by calling 795-5767.

Collins hires Augusta native to D.C. office



U.S. Senator Susan Collins has hired Augusta native Cameron O'Brien as a Legislative Assistant in her Washington, D.C., office. O'Brien previously served as an intern in Senator Collins' Augusta and Bangor offices and as a Legislative Correspondent in her Washington, D.C. office. “Cameron demonstrated a strong work ethic,

a deep understanding of the legislative process, and a devotion to the State of Maine that made him a valuable member of my team,” said Senator Collins. “I am delighted to welcome him back to my staff, where I know he will continue to work hard to serve his fellow Mainers.” As a Legislative Assistant, O'Brien will

work on policy matters pertaining to agriculture, forestry, fisheries, science, transportation, and infrastructure. The son of Mark and Julie O'Brien of Augusta, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Sigma Alpha from the Honors College at the University of Maine at Orono, where he majored in political science.

Belair named CFO of Spectrum Healthcare Partners



Norman Belair
Spectrum Healthcare Partners has added Norman Belair to their Executive Leadership Team in the role of Chief Financial Officer. He joined the physician-owned, multispecialty practice in October. As CFO, he will oversee all aspects of the company's financial health. Belair is a Certified Public Accountant with an extensive background in leadership and healthcare finance. He has served as CFO and VP for several organizations in the healthcare sector, including Southern

Maine Health Care, Eastern Maine Medical Center, and MaineGeneral Health. He has a degree in Business Administration with a major in Accountancy from the University of Florida in Orlando. “Norm brings many years of expertise to our organization and a proven track record in leadership and financial success,” said Spectrum CEO David Landry. “In addition to his professional proficiency, he has a solutions-focused and results-oriented mindset that will be an invaluable addition to our team.” “Spectrum Healthcare Partners has afforded me with an exciting opportunity to work with a physician-led group that is in a state of growth and redevelopment,” said Belair. “I look forward to working closely with our leaders to strategize and plan for our success in the future.” Spectrum Healthcare Partners is a Maine-based, physician-led organization that combines strong physician leadership with expertise from a multidisciplinary management team. Spectrum is comprised of over 200 board-certified physicians in Anesthesiology, Critical Care Medicine, Diagnostic Radiology, Interventional Radiology, Neurology, Pathology, Radiation Oncology, and Orthopaedics who serve patients and communities throughout Maine and northern New England. Spectrum is dedicated to excellence in the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of illness; lifelong learning; and supporting the communities it serves.

Lotus presents \$10,000 check to Good Shepherd Food Bank



At its “Feed the Hungry” event on September 25, Lotus offered free meals to everyone who entered the restaurant, asking customers to consider donating to Good Shepherd Food Bank in return.

they needed help accessing healthy, nutritious food,” said Jimmy Wu, owner of Lotus Restaurant. “So, while our intent was to gather donations and make a long-term difference by providing resources to Good Shepherd, we were also able to accomplish a short-term goal by helping to Feed the Hungry on that day.” Around \$4,000 was

collected in donations, which was matched by the owners and rounded up to an even \$10,000 cash donation for Good Shepherd. Lotus also donated the day's expenses toward the overall fundraiser, including paying employees and the cost of food, which added about \$20,000 as an in-kind contribution. “Nobody in this country

should have to go hungry,” said Wu. “This community and this state has meant a lot to me and my family. Giving back through food donations and the good work of the Good Shepherd Food Bank is important.” Located at 279 Center Street in Auburn, Lotus is a family-owned restaurant specializing in Japanese and Chinese cuisine that offers a full buffet with Asian and American options, as well as a full menu. Originally opening in 2013, it became one of Auburn's busier restaurants due to the value and quality of its food. Lotus is open Sunday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, see www.LotusAuburn.com.

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Governor's Address: We Must Not Be Fiscally Irresponsible in Implementing Medicaid Expansion

It took a lot of work to balance Maine's budget, bring fiscal responsibility to state government and restore our rainy day fund. Expanding Medicaid must maintain a balanced budget, protect our reserves and not raise taxes on hard-working Mainers.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

For seven years, I have made very tough decisions to move Maine from poverty to prosperity. My administration has always put forth budgets that provide services to hard-working taxpayers at an affordable cost.

The Legislature's

budgets are driven by special interests, and they just push costs down the road. We shut down state government this summer to negotiate a budget Mainers could live with. But some programs are not funded in the second year, and the Legislature doesn't know how fill those gaps.

On top of that, we now must fund Medicaid expansion. The referendum did not specify how to pay for the state's massive share of the costs. Remember, before the federal matching dollars come to Maine, we must pay our share first.

In order to implement Medicaid expansion, the Legislature has to find



Governor Paul R. LePage

the money to pay the bill. DHHS estimates the cost of expansion will be about \$63 million next fiscal year, then \$82 million the next and about \$100 million each year thereafter—that's

nearly \$500 million from Maine's taxpayers in 5 years.

Unlike governors before me, I refuse to take money away from our nursing homes or put vulnerable people on waitlists to pay for Medicaid for able-bodied adults who should be working. I refuse to raise your taxes. And I don't have another liquor bond to sell.

Maine is a poor state. We cannot count on our economy to generate enough new revenue to cover expansion, and we must be prepared to pay for it in a recession—what goes up always comes down.

The credit ratings

agencies are watching us. They saw the disastrous results after Maine expanded Medicaid in 2002. With another expansion, Moody's stated that Medicaid expenditures "will force the state to cut spending in other areas, raise revenue or look for other budget-balancing measures." Credit agencies know Legislatures have poor track records of making tough choices.

Expansion will put 24 percent of our population on Medicaid—one quarter of our people will be getting 100 percent of their healthcare paid for by the taxpayers.

Such high usage means a big bill. If—and

when—the federal government chooses to cut or eliminate its share, Moody's explains that we "would face budget pressure if it decides to maintain similar levels of coverage." In other words, expanding Medicaid will take us back to 2002 and result in annual budget shortfalls, higher taxes, unpaid bills to hospitals and cuts to services for our most vulnerable Mainers.

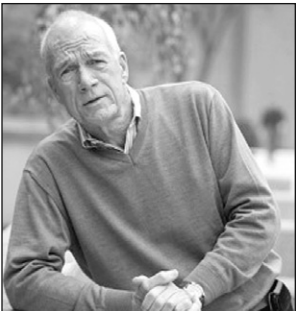
Taking the time now to fund this properly can mitigate some of these risks. We must get this right.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

News panel asks: "Is the Press Fair to President Trump?"



Katherine K. Lee is the city editor of the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram.



Editor-at-large of the Boston Globe, Walter V. Robinson led the Globe's Spotlight Team from 1999 to 2006.

A distinguished group of newspaper editors from across the country will tackle the question "Is the Press Being Fair to President Trump?" in a panel discussion sponsored by the Camden Conference on Friday, November 17, at 7 p.m. in Hannaford Hall, on

the campus of the University of Southern Maine in Portland. USM is co-sponsoring the event, which is free and open to the public.

Walter V. Robinson, editor-at-large of the Boston Globe; Greg Moore, former editor of The Denver Post; Keith C. Burris, editorial page editor of the (Toledo) Blade; and Katherine K. Lee, city editor of the Portland Press Herald, are expected to bring a range of views to the panel. The discussion will be moderated by Matthew V. Storin, vice president of the Camden Conference and former editor of the Boston Globe (1993-2001).

Walter Robinson led the Boston Globe's Spotlight Team from 1999 to 2006, most notably in its investigation of sexual abuse by Catholic clergy, for which the paper won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service in 2003. The team's courageous reporting was the basis of "Spotlight," the film that won the 2015 Academy Award for Best Picture. Robinson has held various editing positions at the Globe and has reported from 30 foreign countries and all 50 states. He was White House correspon-

dent for the Globe during the presidencies of Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, served as Middle East Bureau Chief from 1990-91, and covered the Persian Gulf War. Robinson has also served as a professor of journalism at his alma mater, Northeastern University.

Katherine Lee is the city editor of the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram, and was previously the city editor at the Tuscaloosa (Alabama) News, where she led a team of reporters to a Pulitzer Prize in Breaking News in 2012 for their coverage of a deadly tornado. Prior to that, she served in reporting and editing positions at the Tuscaloosa News, Tampa Bay Times, and Birmingham Post-Herald. A California native, Lee received her bachelor's and master's

degrees in journalism from the University of California at Berkeley.

Greg Moore, a native of Ohio, held various editing positions at the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Boston Globe before being named editor of the Denver Post in 2003. During his tenure, the Post won four Pulitzer Prizes. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, Moore is a former member of the board of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and served on the Pulitzer Prize Board for nine years, ending in 2013.

Keith C. Burris brings 30 years of journalism experience to the panel and has written widely on politics, government, culture, and the arts for publications ranging from Commonweal to the New York Times. He was

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in June 1982 and was trained as a Navigator. Over the course of his 35-plus year career, he flew more than 3,300 hours and achieved the rating of Master Navigator. He assumed command of the Maine Air National Guard in March 2013 and served as the acting Adjutant General.

Bolduc relinquished command to Young, who had been serving as the Assistant Adjutant General

for the Air National Guard. Young joined the Maine Air National Guard in January 1982, and spent the bulk of his career leading Airmen at the 101st Air Refueling Wing in Bangor.

"Brigadier General Bolduc has led the Maine Air National Guard during an unprecedented time," Farnham said. "He has continued our proud heritage and history, and I am confident that Brigadier General Young will extend the legacy of MAINEiac excellence into the future."

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residency and a geriatric fellowship at Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency. In addition, she was one of 10 people nationwide who were selected for a two-year Practice Change Fellowship supported by the Atlantic Philanthropies and the John A. Hartford Foundation. Dr. Hart is a graduate of Harvard-Radcliffe Colleges, with a concentration in psychobiology and studies in the humanities. She is certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Geriatrics, and Family Medicine by the American Board of Family Medicine and is a board-certified Hospice Medical Director.

Shauna McElrath, D.O. has been named AHCH's Medical Director for Palliative Care. Dr. McElrath is a graduate of Rutgers University and earned her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of Medicine & Dentistry in Strafford, N.J. She completed a family medicine residency and a hospitalist fellowship at Central Maine Medical Center and is certified in Hospice and Palliative Care by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Medicine.

Elizabeth White, M.D., has rejoined AHCH as a hospice physician, providing home and long-term care hospice support and leadership while also spending time at the Hospice House. Dr. White previously served as the organization's Medical Director. She has a diverse background in hospice, geriatrics, and palliative care leadership. She earned her M.D. at the University of Hamburg in Germany, completed a family practice residency at Maine Medical Center and Mercy Hospital, and a fellowship in geriatric medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She is certified by the American Board of Family Practice, with an added certificate of qualification in Hospice and Palliative Care. She also holds a Master of Science in Adult Education from the University of Southern Maine.

"The experience of this medical team is well-rounded and impressive," said AHCH President and Chief Executive Officer Ken Albert. "Our physicians embrace our organization's desire to meet our patients wherever they are and to improve their quality of life in strong collaboration with them and their families. They will help us continue to deliver the very best care, while also providing an opportunity for continued leadership in the growing area of palliative care."

For more information about AHCH, including employment and volunteer opportunities, call the Marketing and Development Office at 777-7740, ext. 1407 or see www.ahch.org.

Enough is Enough

Sports teams, coworkers and Somali candidates are all Lewistonians

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

While serving as mayor of Lewiston over the past six years there were two issues, always locked in my mind, that caused anxiety.

The first and foremost was the death of a city worker on the job, especially a death that was extremely violent or cause by unusual circumstance. How do you console a grieving family? Just a few hours before, the family had probably said what would be the final goodbye to their loved one.

Then there are the coworkers of the deceased. A short time earlier, these coworkers had been yucking it up with the deceased, making plans for the end

of their shift or possibly an upcoming weekend. Some may have been present and witnessed the death. What do you say to console them?

My other fear was a breakout of racial violence.

I had experienced this while living in Boston during the 1970s. It tore our city apart. Self-proclaimed community leaders, community organizers and outside agitators from the suburbs blew into Boston by day, but come nightfall they fled back to the safety and comfort of their suburban homes—homes miles away from the scene of battle.

And who suffered? The City of Boston, black and white working people and terrified school children who boarded school



Mayor Bob Macdonald

buses daily driving through a gauntlet of hate. This hate was brought on by unelected community organizers who teamed up with liberal activist judges telling neighborhood residents they could no longer send their young children to the

public school across the street. This was the result of some liberal feel-good policy that furthered their attempt to control societal behavior.

Last week I received a call from a reporter with the Lewiston Sun Journal. The reporter asked me to comment on the prospects of three American citizens of Somali descent living in Lewiston and seeking election to the Lewiston School Board. The reporter further asked what I felt the impact the boys' state championship soccer team would have on both the Somali community and the rest of our community.

Having been burned by the Sun Journal on previous occasions, I took the

prudent route. I did not return the call. I will, however, answer both questions.

What is the big deal? Since becoming mayor, I have appointed one U.S. citizen of Somali descent to the Lewiston School Board. The other was duly elected. I also appointed an American citizen of Vietnamese descent to the same school board.

Again, I ask you, what's the big story here?

As to the boys' soccer team, those players invested a lot of time and sweat all year round to get the skills they needed to be the best. Also, they never ignored their studies. But our state championship hockey team does the same.

If we want to see an

even higher accomplishment, let's look no further than the Lewiston regional championship girls' cheering team. All these teams and terrific kids brought honor to our entire community.

Instead of breaking Lewiston into a bunch of micro groups, don't you think we should look at these accomplishments and label them Lewistonian?

Finally, I am going to take the opportunity to thank former senator/state representative Peggy Rotundo for her continued presence each year at our November 11 Veterans Celebration at the Lewiston Armory. It is refreshing to see a politician who actually walks the walk.

Absentee ballots now available for Runoff Election

The City of Lewiston's Mayoral Runoff Election will take place on Tuesday, December 12, and absentee ballots are now available for Lewiston residents who would like to vote early. Registered voters needing an absentee ballot may call the City Clerk's Office, mail in an application form which can be downloaded from the City's website, or pick one up at City Hall. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The deadline to request an absentee ballot for this election is Thursday, December 7.

The Runoff Election is between Shane Bouchard and Benjamin Chin, the candidates who placed in the top two positions from the November 7 election. According to the City Charter, the Mayor must be elected by a majority vote. Since neither candidate received a majority during the recent election, the Runoff Election has been scheduled.

"Absentee voting is increasingly popular with each election," noted Lewiston City Clerk Kathy Montejo. "Voters are interested in absentee voting because they can avoid the crowds

at the polls or simply enjoy the convenience of voting by mail or voting early. And, due to a December election, many voters will want to avoid going out in bad weather if it's snowy or cold on election day."

Voters are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office at 513-3124 with any questions they may have regarding the election process. The city's website also contains a sample ballot, absentee ballot application form, and other information that voters may find useful. The address is www.lewistonmaine.gov/elections.

Maine Public adds Mid-Coast signal to its Classical FM Network

Maine Public has added a sixth FM frequency to its new classical broadcast radio network. WBQA (96.7), originating from Boothbay Harbor, will reach over 350,000 people in Mid-Coast Maine, including many of the coastal communities from Thomaston to Brunswick. The signal will also provide strong coverage in Maine's capitol region, including Augusta, Gardiner, and Hallowell. Other areas that may be able to access the signal, depending on specific lo-

cation and terrain, are Lewiston-Auburn and the Rockland, Rockport, and Camden region.

"We are really excited to have found a classical solution for areas of Maine's mid-coast," said Maine Public President and CEO Mark Vogelzang. "The 96.7 is a very powerful signal that will reach a large part of the coast and interior of Maine. We have a great number of very loyal classical listeners in that area - both permanent residents and summer visitors - and the new signal should serve them quite

well."

The new signal joins 99.7 in Waterville, 106.1 in Bangor, 91.5 in Fryeburg, 93.7 in Bar Harbor/Ellsworth, and 104.1 in Portland as part of the Maine Public Classical network. Maine Public will continue to add additional frequencies across the state as signals become available and they meet Maine Public's purchase criteria. In the meantime, Maine Public Classical is also available over Maine Public's HD radio network and digitally through computer streaming at mainepublic.org.

Republican Tax Plan = 3% Maine Surtax After All

By Bryan M. Dench, Esq.

Remember the plan to add a 3% surtax on Maine incomes that the voters approved last fall? The voters approved it, but the Legislature eliminated it. Under the recently released Republican tax plan, however, the 3% surtax could effectively come back, but Maine won't get the money. This is because, under the plan, the deduction for state income taxes would be eliminated.

How can this happen? Bear with me for some arithmetic. At present, the top income tax rate in Maine is 7.15%. For a taxpayer who pays federal income taxes, though, the "effective" Maine rate is less. This is because the Maine income tax is deductible on the federal tax return. How much of a difference this makes depends on the person's income for federal taxes.

But to make it simple, the highest federal rate is 39.6%. If the taxpayer deducts his or her Maine income tax, that reduces the effective rate to 4.32% (.396 X .0715), or a reduc-

tion in the effective rate of 2.83 percentage points. So, the funny thing is, if the federal tax laws change as proposed, we will have the 3% surtax after all, only it'll be going to Washington!

Bryan Dench is a business and tax lawyer at Skelton, Taintor & Abbott in Auburn.

Following the vote to defeat the consolidation of the two cities, the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce has pledged to help move the community forward in its continued efforts for joint planning.

"As a leadership organization, we are prepared to keep our membership informed and provide op-

portunities for the community to work together," said board chair Robin Robbins. "The board recognizes that, while a merger of the Twin Cities did not pass, engagement from businesses, organizations, civic leaders, and residents - all working in unison - is still essential to developing a more vibrant Central Maine economy."

"Now that the merger initiative has failed, we want the commitment for increased collaboration to be successful," added Chamber president Beckie Conrad. "As a regional business organization serving a membership from both cities, as well as the surrounding towns, our mission is to be an engine for economic

vitality and enhanced quality of life. We are encouraged that, during the campaign, voices on both sides of the issue expressed a renewed commitment for our community to build, lead, and thrive. The Chamber is well positioned to promote our entire region with new programs in tourism and economic development."

Chamber issues statement on merger vote

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What's Going On

Rotary Club plans Boston trip



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Members of the Lewiston Auburn Rotary Club are planning a bus trip to Boston on Saturday, December 2. Departure from the Park and Ride lot at Lewiston Turnpike Exit 80 will be at 7 a.m. Arrival time in Boston will be approximately 9:40 a.m. The bus will depart from Boston at 6:20 p.m. and arrive back in Lewiston around 9 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each for the round-trip. To purchase tickets, contact Giselle St. Amand at gbagushinski@hotmail.com or Cheryl McKeone at afsauburnme@aol.com.

Franco Center's Chef John offers holiday pies

Franco Center Chef John Pulsifer and his staff will bake homemade pies for pick-up on the days before Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Orders can be made by calling the center for an order form or by stopping in any day between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Available varieties include fruit pies (apple, blue-

berry, blackberry, cherry, and strawberry), soft filling pies (lemon meringue, Boston cream, various custards, and pumpkin), several cream pies, and savory pies (ground pork, fresh red salmon). For a complete list, call 783-1585 or see FrancoCenter.org.

Prices range from \$12 to \$16 (sales tax includ-

ed). Gluten-free crusts and "no sugar added" fillings are also available for an additional \$5 per pie. All pies will be made to order and must be paid for at the time of order. The deadline for ordering for Thanksgiving is Saturday, November 18; the deadline for ordering for Christmas is Saturday, December 16.

WHA Art Gallery features painters Nichols and Lavallee



"Two Quilts with Bistro," by Annette Lavallee



"Little Long Pond," by Julia Nichols

Now on display at the Woman's Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery are paintings by Julia Nichols and Annette Lavallee. The gallery is located at the main entrance to Central Maine Medical Center at 60 High Street in Lewiston. The exhibit is on display through November.

Julia Nichols draws her inspiration from the beauty of quiet places, especially the woods and marshes of Yarmouth, Freeport, and Acadia National Park, where she paints on location. Her passion for painting led her to leave the paper industry after 24 years

to paint full-time. Nichols is a member of the Sebasticodagan Artists Gallery in Harpswell.

"I choose to work in oils because the feel of the paint is a big part of the whole experience," she says. "It's a process involving all the senses, and I like to compare it to playing with your food. I hope all the things I feel, smell, and hear while outside painting are available to anyone who looks at my work."

Annette Lavallee, a long-time Auburn resident, chose to venture back to the "art world" upon her retirement. She enjoys exploring and using much of today's new technology. The recipient of three "Best in Show" awards and multiple other accolades, she is also proud of her commercial work. Her current paintings feature watercolors and acrylic on canvas.

"I want to dedicate this show to all of my family who supported and believed in me," said Lavallee. "The future will be filled with my art and my family. I am a very blessed woman."

Works on display 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.

Santa's Workshop Christmas Fair

North Yarmouth Congregational Church will

present a Santa's Workshop Christmas Fair on

Saturday, November 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature a chicken pie luncheon, silent auction, cookie walk, and gift basket raffle, along with shopping in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere for unique country crafts, hand-knitted items, vintage and antique items, extra-sharp cheese from a wheel, baked goods, candies, fresh greens, ornaments, jewelry, and plants. For children, there will be face-painting. The church, located at 3 Gray Road in North Yarmouth, is wheelchair accessible. For more information, contact the church office at 829-3644 or nycc@maine.rr.com.

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Norway Savings donates new floor to Trinity Jubilee Center



Erin Reed, Executive Director of Trinity Jubilee Center (2nd from r.), receives a check from representatives of Norway Savings Bank, incl. bank President & CEO Pat Weigel and Commercial Loan Officers Ian Pullen (l.) and Donnie Hinkley (r.).

Norway Savings Bank recently donated \$1,012.00 to Trinity Jubilee Center in Lewiston to be used for building materials as it renovates its space. On a recent tour, bank President Pat Weigel and Commercial Lender Donny Hinkley saw the dire need for a new floor for the center’s busy multi-purpose space. Hinkley, who is also the Treasurer of the Trinity Jubilee Center’s Board of Directors, noted that a crew of volunteers was ready to help lay the floor, but several grant applications to pay for flooring materials had gone unfunded.

Erin Reed, Executive Director of Trinity Jubilee Center, was surprised when, a week later, Donny, Pat and Ian

Pullen, another Commercial Lender, delivered a check in the exact amount needed for the building materials. “This is the busiest room in our center,” said Reed. “People use this space to create resumes, apply for jobs, and meet with counselors who help with their financial futures. It’s imperative for our clients to

have a functional work space for these purposes.”

“We saw the incredible work that Erin and her team do for the people of Lewiston,” said Weigel. “They not only help with finding jobs and housing, but also provide hot meals and healthy groceries. I’m proud that we were able to help.”

Museum volunteer at work



Navy Veteran Tom Jarvis, a volunteer with Museum L-A, hangs a World War II parachute in preparation for the museum’s current exhibit “The Work of War: Honoring Veterans and the Ones They Left Behind.” The exhibit is on display at the museum through December 31. For more information, call 333-3881 or see www.museumla.org.

NEWS

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named editorial page editor of The Blade in March of 2016. He served previously as the Blade’s metro columnist. Prior to this, for 21 years he was editorial page editor of the Manchester Journal Inquirer in Connecticut. While in Connecticut, he won the Allen B. Rogers Award for best single editorial in any newspaper regardless of size in New England in a single year. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh and has taught at a number of American colleges and universities.

The panel discussion, which will include questions from the audience, is held in anticipation of the 31st annual Camden Conference, “New World Disorder and America’s Future,” to be held February 16 through 18 at the Camden Opera House. The event will also be live-streamed to the Strand Theatre in Rockland, the Hutchinson Center in Belfast, and the USM campus in Portland. Registration is now available for members and will begin on November 27 for the general public.

The mission of the Camden Conference is to foster informed discourse on world issues. For more information, call 236-1034 or visit www.camdenconference.org.

What’s Going On

Audit finds Diocese in compliance with Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

An independent, on-site audit has found the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, which encompasses the entire State of Maine, to be in full compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The audit, which reviewed the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, was conducted by StoneBridge Business Partners of Rochester, New York.

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People calls for an effective response from the diocese to any report of sexual abuse by church personnel. Approved by the U.S. Catholic Bishops in June 2002, revised in June 2011, and reviewed regularly, the charter mandates: removing clergy who have sexually abused minors; reaching out to victims and their families with patience and compassion; reporting all allegations of sexual abuse of minors to civil authorities; investigating all complaints of abuse in a timely, thorough manner; implementing safe envi-

ronment programs, which include abuse prevention training and awareness for all personnel and volunteers; and completing background checks on all personnel.

Under the audit, 100% of all diocesan employees and active clergy were found to have had background checks. Auditors also reviewed the implementation of the Think First, Stay Safe Prevention Program for children in Catholic schools and those that participate in religious education offered through the parishes, and the implementation of the Protecting God’s Children Program for those working and volunteering in the Diocese of Portland.

“The diocese is pleased that the results of this thorough, on-site review reflect our commitment to ensuring that the Church is a safe environment for children and all those who seek a place to draw near to God,” said Bishop Robert P. Deeley. “It is the collaboration of many people, including our independent review board and those who oversee the safe environment program in our

parishes and institutions, that helps to ensure we remain vigilant and faithful to our commitment to overcome this evil.”

Bishop Deeley encourages anyone who may have information about any case of sexual abuse of a minor by a church representative to contact civil authorities as well as Michael Magalski, Director of the Office of Professional Responsibility for the Diocese of Portland, at 321-7836 or michael.magalski@portlanddiocese.org.

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Teams test local knowledge at LYAC’s “What Do You Know About Lewiston?”



The event was organized by the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council.



LYAC members engage the crowd



A team works on their answer.



Another team brainstorms



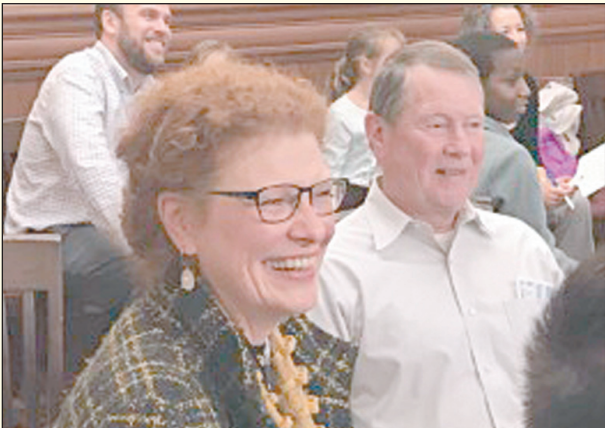
Jeanne Raymond receives an LYAC shirt for supporting the group since 2001.



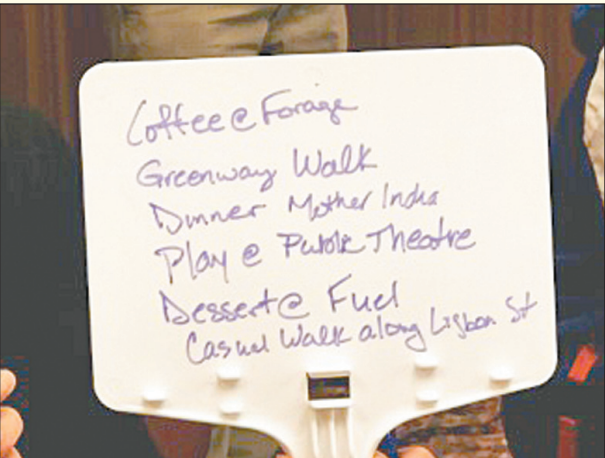
Could you answer this question?

Four teams and numerous onlookers gathered in the Council Chambers at Lewiston City Hall recently to test their knowledge about their home city, past and present. “What Do You Know About Lewiston?” was organized by the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council to help debunk old stereotypes and misconceptions the group feels don’t reflect the “New Lewiston. LYAC members led the teams through several group activities, including Trivia Questions, Categories, Hat Talk, and Surprise Pick. Topics included Lewiston businesses, the arts, parks, restaurants, history, schools, and colleges. The teams displayed their answers by paddle, with answers known to some in attendance and a learning experience for others. The groups were also

asked to plan an “Evening Out in Lewiston,” which the council referred to as a “date night.” The evening ended with “Open Mic,” when anyone attending was invited to answer the question: “If someone said to you, ‘Lewiston has a high crime rate, is run down, and there’s nothing to do there,’ how would you respond?” “I have loved this city from the time I came,” said Penny Goodwin, in a response that echoed many others. “My husband lived here, and this is where we chose to live after we were married. To see the things that have gone on to make it better through the years has really been wonderful. I just applaud every step that has gone to lower the crime rate, the police department, the medical community, the youth groups that have done so much, the immigrants who have come and made us better and stronger. There is no end to what could be said about how well we have done and how much we have



Chamber President Beckie Conrad and former City Councilor Ed Plourde enjoy the evening.



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to be proud of. As far as I’m concerned, it was always a nice place to come to.” Prizes for the evening were donated by Ben’s Burrito’s, Mother India, Boba, the Chickadee, Jade Garden, the Italian Bakery, Sea 40, EllieAnna Gift Shop, the Public Theatre, Baraka Store, the Calvary United Methodist Church Bean Supper. The grand prize was an evening for two at the Inn at the Agora. The LYAC asked prize winners, when utilizing their gift certificates, to take photos they could post on their Facebook page in a montage of what Lewiston has to offer.



Attendee Penny Goodwin shares why she loves Lewiston.

Also during the evening, LYAC Chair Emma Williams presented Lewiston resident Jeanne Raymond with an LYAC shirt for her support of the group since 2001.

The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council was established by the Lewiston City Council in 2001 and is funded annually by the Lewiston Firefighters Association. The 2017-18 members are Emma Williams (chair), Hunter Steele (vice chair), Isho Mohamed (treasurer), Carolyn Adams (secretary), Hunter Landry, Emma Wolverton, Gabrielle Wilson, and Amino Aden. Their advisor is Community Relations Coordinator Dottie Perham-Whittier and their City Council Liaison is Councilor Isobel Golden. For more information about the LYAC, see www.lewiston-maine.gov/lyac.

Austin Assoc. receives Workplace Wellness Mini-Grant

Austin Associates, P.A. has received a Workplace Wellness Mini-Grant from Healthy Androscoggin and the L-A Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. Austin Associates will use the award to purchase resistance bands for every employee to use in conjunction with predesigned fitness challenges provided by the wellness committee. The committee believes that if they make it easier and more convenient for company employees to exercise during their work day, they will be more likely to enjoy and complete the challenges.

“We are very excited to receive this grant,” said Managing Partner Phil Doucette. “In a busy work environment, it is easy to let our health and wellness end up on the back burner. Our wellness committee continues to come up with engaging and fun ways to remind us that it is always important to take a moment or two for ourselves.”

To support their joint missions of creating healthier communities and enhancing quality of life, Healthy Androscoggin and the Chamber of Commerce offered businesses and organizations in Androscoggin County the opportunity to

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CNA Training Program graduates five



Pictured here (l. to r., from front) are graduates Loise Lageux, Jennifer Duchette, Kristie Jones Hannah Plummer, Instructor Susan Hamann, RN, and Judy Keenan-Bower.

The MSAD 52 Adult Education CNA Workforce Training Program celebrated the graduation of five Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) recently at Marshwood Center, a Genesis Healthcare facility in Lewiston. Four of the students had already accepted positions prior to graduation and will be working in local healthcare facilities. The ceremonies included the conferring of completion certificates, the pinning ceremony, and a presentation of awards. Receiving an award for highest class scores was Valedictorian Loise Lageux; receiving the Nightingale Award as the person fellow students would most like to have care for their family and friends was Hannah Plummer.

The CNA work force training course is a challenging program; candidates are required to be hardworking, reliable, dedicated, compassionate, and to show an interest in health care and human service work. CNA careers are also a stepping stone to other avenues of health care. The next class is scheduled to begin in early 2018. For more information about the program or to receive an application, call 225-1010.

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Franco Center launches French film series



The first two showings of an eight-part French film series will take place on Mondays, November 20 and December 18 in the Gendron Franco Center's Heritage Hall. All shows will start at 6:30 p.m. and the doors and bar will open at 6:00. Light concessions will be sold. Admission is free.

The series, "TV5MONDE Days," will kick off in November with "Le Temps d'Anna," a 2015 feature film drama from Switzerland in which Jean and Anna are passionately in love, but Anna develops a strange illness which gradually worsens.

The series will contin-

ue in December with "Sous le figuier," a 2012 comedy in which Nathalie, Christophe, and Joelle, caught up in an existential crisis, rent a house beside the river Moselle to spend their summer holiday with 90-year-old Selma.

The series is sponsored by TV5MONDE USA, the global French language entertainment network, broadcasting programs from France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Canada without commercial interruption. TV5MONDE can be viewed locally on Spectrum Cable's Channel 71.

The Franco Center is located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 783-1585 or see www.francocenter.org.

Theater at Monmouth presents "Santaland Diaries"

The Theater at Monmouth will present the cult holiday hit "The Santaland Diaries," adapted by Joe Mantello from David Sedaris' best-selling book "Holidays on Ice," in performances November 24 through December 3. A special Thanksgiving Day preview performance will take place on Thursday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m.

This modern holiday classic, made famous when it aired on National Public Radio, recounts the tale of Sedaris' stint as a Macy's Department Store elf named "Crumpet." This off-kilter, witty, and often sentimental holiday memoir (not suitable for children) will have audiences laughing into the New Year.

The Santaland Diaries features TAM favorite Mike Anthony as Crumpet, the quintessential elf-gone-bad, as he relates a series of merry misadventures in this antidote for holiday hav-

oc. Spend some time with one of Santa's little helpers during Macy's Christmas shopping rush as he handles the hordes of insufferable shoppers and their kiddos with whacked out wisdom and wicked humor.

"You know that old saying when something goes terribly wrong: 'Someday we will laugh about this'?" said producing Artistic Director Dawn McAndrews. "Well, that's exactly what David Sedaris has done; he's taken the memory of an awful job during a rough year in his life and turned it into a delightful funny and deliciously decadent lesson for us all."

David Sedaris made his NPR debut in 1992, when he read his essay "The Santaland Diaries" on the show "Morning Edition." Since then, Sedaris has gone on to publish multiple bestselling books, including "Me Talk Pretty One Day" and "Let's Talk Diabetes with Owls," and

has been a frequent contributor on NPR's popular radio show "This American Life," all contributing to his reputation as one of America's top humorists. Sedaris' story was adapted for the stage by Joe Mantello and premiered on November 7, 1996 at the Atlantic Theatre Company in New York City.

Please note that The Santaland Diaries is for mature elves only. Non-perishable food items will be collected at all performances for distribution by the Monmouth Food Pantry. Tickets for the Thanksgiving Day preview performance are only \$10. Tickets for all other performances are \$25.

Performance dates are November 23 at 7:30 p.m. (preview); November 24 at 7:30 p.m. (opening); November 25, 30, December 1, 2 at 7:30 p.m.; and November 25, 26, December 2, 3 at 1 p.m. For tickets, contact the TAM Box Office at 933-9999 or see www.theateratmonmouth.org.

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The Bates College Museum of Art will host a Family Printmaking Workshop for those ages 5 and up on Friday, November 17, from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Participants will learn about the aesthetics and history of block printing through examples from the museum's collection. They will also learn how to handle printmaking tools, carve or cut their own design into a print block, and make prints

from that block.

The workshop will take place in the college's Benjamin Mays Center at 95 Russell Street in Lewiston. The fee is \$5 per person. Space is limited and registration is required. To make a reservation, call 786-8212.

"We want this to be a fun, creative experience for parents and children," says Abigail Abbott, the college's Museum Education Fellow.

"Participants will take home prints in the form of note-cards, which they can use to share their creativity with friends and loved ones."

Relief printing is one of the world's oldest print techniques. Anthony Shostak, education curator at the museum, describes printmaking as "a multistep technique that challenges the artist to use abstract thinking from the beginning of the process to the final product."

Gingerbread Fair at First Universalist



The event will feature its signature themed gift baskets and homemade pies.

First Universalist Church of Auburn will present its annual Gingerbread Fair on Saturday, November 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature their signature themed gift baskets and homemade pies. A silent auction will

offer art, antiques, and gift certificates from local salons, restaurants, and Orphan Annie's. There will be handmade crafts, custom wreaths, baked goods, jewelry, books and CDs. A luncheon with gingerbread dessert and Phil House at the

piano will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. House's CDs will be on sale. Located at 169 Pleasant Street, the church is accessible from the Spring Street parking lot. For more information, call 783-0461 or see www.auburnuu.org.

Model Railroad Club opens doors for Christmas "ExTRAINaganza"



Younger children may use the Brio layout and age-appropriate trains in the children's play area, while older children may become Guest Engineers to run trains on the extensive HO layout.

The Great Falls Model Railroad Club will present their annual Christmas "ExTRAINaganza" on November 18, 19, 24, and 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at their clubhouse at 144 Mill Street in Auburn. At this family fun event, model trains will operate under the Christmas trees on the club's five permanent layouts throughout their wheelchair-accessible two-story building.

Older children will have an opportunity to become Guest Engineers to run trains on the extensive HO layout downstairs, where the scenery includes Bates Mill Building #5 and Lower Lewiston as it might have looked 60 years ago. Parents may enjoy light refreshments while watching younger children use the Brio layout and age-appropriate trains in the children's play area. Other activities in this

room will include cookie decorating, creating Christmas tree ornaments to take home, and playing the club's original railroad games.

"Train Time" videos, produced by the club and seen on many local cable channels, will be shown throughout the day and will be available for purchase. The club's store also has individual locomotives and rolling stock in a variety of scales, along with books,

hats, whistles, and other train-related items that would make special Christmas gifts for children and adults.

Tickets for decorating cookies and ornaments and for the games with prizes may be purchased at the door for \$1 each or seven for \$5. Admission is \$3 for adults; children 12 and under will be admitted free of charge. For more information, see www.greatfallsmodellrrclub.org.

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apply for a mini-grant to support their workplace wellness initiatives.

Applications were evaluated on program description and structure, successes, future goals, sustainability, and how they would use the funding. Grant awards were available in the \$200 to \$500 range. Healthy Androscoggin presented the awards at their Annual Meeting at Auburn Public Library on November 2.

Twin City Nights

Final weekend for "My Mother's Clothes Are Not My Mother"



The Public Theatre presents an exciting new version of Elizabeth Peavey's heartfelt and humorous story about loving and letting go, which has been resonating with baby boomers and performed to standing ovations for the past six years. There will be a free pre-show wine sampling courtesy of Rails Restaurant on Friday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. and a post-show discussion with playwright Elizabeth Peavey on Sunday, November 19. For show times and ticket info, call 782-3200 or see thepublictheatre.org

Fall Showcase brings comedians to Franco Center



Dawn Hartill

Five of Maine's funniest comedians will present a night of stand-up comedy on Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolard and Priscilla Gendron Franco Center at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. Lewiston comedian Dawn Hartill will host the center's Fall Comedy Showcase featuring

Colby Bradshaw, Ryan Gorman, Mike Levinsky, and Nick Gordon. The show will take place in the center's Heritage Hall; please enter through the Oxford Street entrance. Admission is \$5 at the door. For more information, call 783-1585 or see www.francocenter.org.

Colby Bradshaw is the 2017 Winter Couch Comedy Classic Champ. His clever observations and dead-pan delivery make him a crowd favorite. New Hampshire comedian Ryan Gorman is truly one-of-a-kind and has gained a following on social media with his #DanceScaping videos. Mike Levinsky

is the founder and producer of the Portland Comedy Showcase, Maine's longest running stand-up show. He has performed in Boston, Chicago, and at a Laundromat in Biddeford. New Gloucester's Nick Gordon will have the audience laughing and thinking with his unique observations and odd points-of-view.

Hartill is the 2016 winner of the Strand Cup Comedy Competition and was a finalist in the Last Comic Laughing Competition. She hosts the weekend morning show on WOXO, the Mighty Ox, and Saturday afternoons on Maine's Big Z

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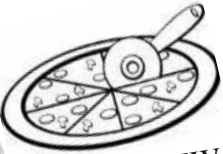
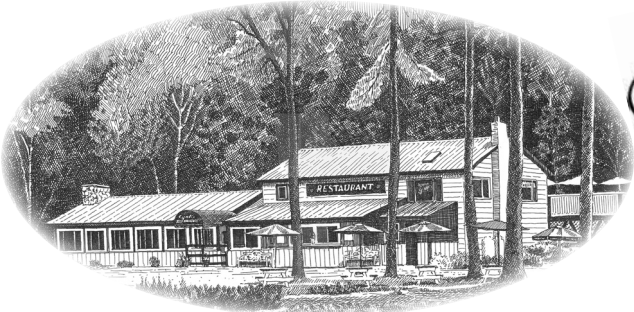
Artist Kenneth Harvey, with his “View of Lewiston from Auburn Riverwalk”

Kenneth Harvey’s “View of Lewiston from Auburn Riverwalk” was voted “Best in Show” among the responses to the L-A Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce’s recent call to Maine artists for a new, 2017 iconic image of the LA Metropolitan region. The contest was part of the festivities to celebrate the Chamber’s 130th anniversary. The painting has been reproduced in 100 limited-edition prints that are for sale for \$100 each at the Chamber, located at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

Kenneth Harvey of Sabattus is a self-taught watercolorist. After working for a major corporation for 32 years, he retired to follow his lifelong dream of becoming a full-time artist and paints primarily en plein air, mostly in the coastal Boothbay area of Maine.

Auburn Middle School Craft Fair

Auburn Middle School will host its fifth annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school’s gymnasium and cafeteria, located at 38 Falcon Drive. Take in the sights and smells of the season as you explore over 40 crafters’ tables featuring holiday decor, wooden toys and decorative items, specialty foods, jewelry, textiles, pottery, and more. There will be concessions, a bake sale, a 50/50 raffle, and other raffles all day long. All proceeds will benefit educational activities for students at the school.



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L/A Arts board chair addresses Rotary Club today



James Parakilas

The next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary

Club will feature guest speaker James Parakilas on Thursday, November 16, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Parakilas recently retired as the James L. Moody, Jr. Family Professor of Performing Arts at Bates College, where he served terms as chair of the Music Department and Humanities Division while teaching music for 37 years. He regularly gives classical piano performances and has written several books on music, including a cultural history of the piano (“Piano Roles: 300 Years of Life with the Piano,” 2000) and an undergraduate textbook on opera (“The Story of Opera,” 2012). In 2015, he joined the board of directors of L/A Arts, becoming board chair this past March.

Guests are welcome and no reservations are required. Lunch will be available at the restaurant. For more information, call 753-9040 or see www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

Women Entrepreneurs plan showcase at Friday Art Walk

During the LA Arts Art Walk on Friday, November 17, from 5 to 8 p.m., join the Women Entrepreneurs of LA as they present their inaugural “She Means Business” showcase at Kimball Street Studios, located at 191 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. You’ll find out about

the group, learn about its members, and maybe even walk away with a prize!

At the event, this newly formed group of women business owners will showcase their talents in such areas as painting, hair design, creating an outfit, and creating peace within. There will also be raffles, contests, and giveaways from various businesses throughout the evening. The group’s exhibit will be on display through November. For more information, check out the event page on Facebook or email wickedillustrations@gmail.com.

Local dental assistant program offers tours, open house

If you or someone you know has ever considered becoming a dental assistant, or if you want to learn more about working in this growing field, VIP Dental Assistant Training of Maine invites you to attend its Career Open House on Friday, November 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. They are located at 10 Forest Falls Drive # 7 in Yarmouth.

All are welcome; coffee and dessert will be provided. Those attending will hear from graduates about their experiences and job prospects, tour the classroom and operatory, and learn more about becoming a dental assistant. If you bring along a friend or family member who completes enrollment in the spring semester, you’ll be entered to win a \$100 gift card.

Forbes has consistently ranked dental assisting as a top career prospect in four categories, calling it one of the “15 best jobs,” a “fastest growing job” for women and young adults, and a “best job for young people.” The average salary for dental assistants is \$35,000, which is well above the state

median.

VIP Dental Assistant Training of Maine was launched in 2014 by Maine dentist Dr. Brian Boynton and his wife and business partner, Marcy Boynton. The program, which offers high school graduates and GED holders the opportunity to start a career in the dental field, takes only 11 weeks to complete and meets only on Fridays to accommodate those who have existing work and/or family commitments. For more information, see www.VIPmaine.com.

Christmas Fair at St. Michael's

St. Michael’s Church at 78 Pleasant Street in Auburn will host a Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendor tables will feature children’s articles, Christmas crafts, knitted crafts, candies, jellies, baked goods, jewelry, books, and white elephants.



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Thursday, November 16
Great Falls Forum.
Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Martin O’Brien, President and Founder of Grace Street Services, with a talk entitled “Placemaking and the Foundation of Identity.” Free. Bring bag lunch. 513-3135.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is James Parakilas, retired Bates College prof. of music and current L/A Arts board chair. No reservation required. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Information Session. 5 to 6 p.m. Maine College of Health Professions, 70 Middle St., Lewiston. Learn about the college’s new RN to BSN nursing program, now accepting applications for Jan. 2018. www.mchp.edu.

Author Visit. 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Author Laurie Chandler discusses her book “Upwards: The Story of the First Woman to Solo Thru-Paddle the Northern Forest Canoe Trail.” Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Third Thursday Comedy Showcase. 7 p.m. Bear Bones Beer, 43 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Tonight’s show features Boston comedian Liam McGurk, Brendan Williams, Cindi Brown, James Theberge, and host Nick Gordon; a comedy open mic follows. Free admission. Ages 21-plus. 513-0742.

Friday, November 17
Career Open House. VIP Dental Assistant Training of Maine, 1 to 3 p.m. 10 Forest Falls Drive #7, Yarmouth. Come learn about the career of Dental Assisting and VIP’s 11-week training course; refreshments. Free. www.vipmaine.com.

French Sing-Along. 1:30 p.m. Rm. 170, L-A College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. Les Troubadours lead participants in singing favorite French and Franco-American songs. Everyone welcome; song-books provided. Free. 576-4109.

Family Printmaking

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Workshop. 3:15 to 5 p.m. Benjamin Mays Center, Bates College, 95 Russell St., Lewiston. The Bates College Museum introduces participants ages 5 and up to the ancient art of block printing. \$5. Space limited; reserve at 786-8212.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. LAVA Fondue Restaurant & Show Lounge, 34 Court St., Auburn. Help welcome the area’s newest and most unique restaurant, offering fondue-style cheeses, desserts, and creative cabaret shows every weekend. 200-8057.

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 details, see laarts.org.

“She Means Business” Showcase. 5 to 8 p.m. Kimball Street Studios, 191 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Join the Women Entrepreneurs of L/A as they showcase their talents in areas incl. painting, hair design, creating an outfit, and creating peace within; raffles, prizes. Free. wickedillustrations@gmail.com.

Maine Event Comedy. 7 p.m. Baxter Brewing, 130 Mill St., Lewiston. Comedians Brian Brinegar, Joe Flynn, Arty Przychodzki, Janet McNamara, and Danny Jordan perform. Free. Ages 21-plus. 513-0742; maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

Panel Discussion. 7 p.m. Hannaford Hall, Univ. of So. Maine, Portland. The Camden Conference gathers four distinguished newspaper editors from across the country to discuss: “Is the Press Being Fair to President Trump?” Free. 236-1034; www.camdenconference.org.

Fall Comedy Showcase. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Lewiston comedian Dawn Hartill hosts Colby Bradshaw, Ryan Gorman, Mike

Levinsky, and Nick Gordon. \$5 at door. 783-1585; www.francocenter.org.

Theater: “My Mother’s Clothes Are Not My Mother.” 7:30 p.m. Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. Elizabeth Peavey’s popular play takes a daughter backward and forward through time as she sorts out the contents and memories of life without her mother. Again 11/18, 19 (Sun. at 2 p.m.) \$20/17/5. 782-3200; thepublictheatre.org.

Saturday, November 18

Gingerbread Fair. 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St., Auburn. The event features their signature themed gift baskets and homemade pies, plus a silent auction, a luncheon with Phil House on piano, and gifts, crafts, and treats. 783-0461.

Shop on Park Avenue Fair. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Country store with homemade delights, baked goods, candy, craft items, jewelry, books, white elephants. Orders taken for wreaths; luncheon served.

Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. High Street Congregational Church, 106 Pleasant St., Auburn. Handmade candies, jewelry, knit, crocheted, and sewn goods, Christmas gift items, Cabot’s Private Stock cheddar cheese, concessions.

Christmas Fair. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Michael’s Church, 78 Pleasant St., Auburn. Children’s articles, Christmas crafts, knitted crafts, candies, jellies, baked goods, jewelry, books, and white elephants.

Craft Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Auburn Middle School, 38 Falcon Drive. Holiday decor, wooden toys and decorative items, specialty foods, jewelry, textiles, pottery, concessions, bake sale, and raffles.

Christmas Craft Fair. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holy Trinity Parish, 67 Frost Hill Ave., Lisbon Falls. Crafters, bake and Slovak food sales, raf-

fles (incl. a \$500 L.L. Bean gift certificate and a \$479 rocker-glider donated by Furniture Superstore), concessions.

Santa’s Workshop Christmas Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Congregational Church, 3 Gray Rd., No. Yarmouth. Chicken pie luncheon, silent auction, cookie walk, gift basket raffle, and shopping for gifts, crafts, and treats. 829-3644.

Author Visit. 9:30 a.m. Auburn Public Library. Author Kristin Krause discusses her book “Last Voyage of the Hornet,” about Maine native and Captain Josiah Mitchell. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill St., Auburn. This family event features model trains operating on the club’s five permanent layouts, plus train-related games and fun. Again 11/19, 24, 25. Game tix \$1 ea.; admission \$3 for adults, free for kids 12 and under.

Fundraising Concert. 8 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Singer-songwriters Don Campbell and Jon Pousette-Dart perform to benefit Community Concepts. \$35 (w/ gourmet 5-course dinner \$85). Community-Concepts.org.

Sunday, November 19
“Give Thanks” Concert. 4 p.m. Court Street Baptist Church, 129 Court St., Auburn. This holiday kick-off event features pianist Phil House, vocalist Kathy Haley, and

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Monday, November 20

French-Language Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The center screens the 2015 Swiss feature film “Le Temps d’Anna.” Doors and bar open at 6:00; light concessions. Free admission. 783-1585; www.francocenter.org.

Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving Dinner. 1 p.m. Sportsmen’s Club, 2261 Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. Turkey, potatoes, gravy, and beverages provided. No charge, no RSVP, no sign up for food; just bring a side dish or dessert to contribute to the meal. All invited.

Theater: “Santaland Diaries.” 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth, 796 Main St., Monmouth. This cult

holiday hit was adapted from David Sedaris’ best-selling book; for mature elves only. Tix for this special preview only \$10. 933-9999; www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Friday, November 24
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill St., Auburn. This family event features model trains operating on the club’s five permanent layouts, plus train-related games and fun. Again 11/25. Game tix \$1 ea.; admission \$3 for adults, free for kids 12 and under.

Theater: “Santaland Diaries.” 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth, 796 Main St., Monmouth. This cult holiday hit was adapted from David Sedaris’ best-selling book; for mature elves only. \$25. Again 11/25, 26; 12/1, 2, and 3. For show times, tix, call 933-9999 or see www.theateratmonmouth.org.

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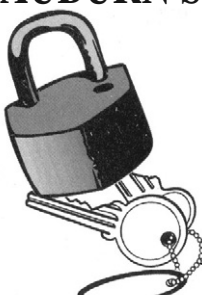
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What's Going On

Subaru of America donates new 2018 Outback to local Meals on Wheels



Pictured here l. to r. at the unveiling of the new service vehicle are Jonathan LaBonte, outgoing Mayor of Auburn; Ben Tucker III, Regional Representative for Senator Angus King; Bill Bergeon, Subaru Of New England District Sales Manager; Holly Zielinski, Nutrition and Community Services Director, SeniorsPlus; Richard Theriault, Board Chair, SeniorsPlus; Erin Doughty, Regional Representative, Office of Congressman Bruce Poliquin; Doug Weisz, Managing Owner/President, Evergreen Subaru; Beckie Conrad, President/CEO LA Metropolitan Chamber; Carlene Tremblay, Regional Representative, Office of Senator Susan Collins. TCT Photo by Millie Kidd

In celebration of its 50th anniversary, and in keeping with its commitment to support local communities nationwide, Subaru of America, Inc., in partnership with Meals on Wheels America, has donated a new Meals on Wheels delivery vehicle to SeniorsPlus.

The new 2018 Subaru Outback was unveiled at a ribbon cutting event at Martindale Country Club in Auburn, immediately following the November Breakfast Meeting of the LA Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. In attendance were Holly Zielinski, Nutrition and Community Services Director at SeniorsPlus; Bill Bergeon, Subaru of New England District Sales Manager; Doug Weisz of Evergreen Subaru in Auburn; and representatives from the offices of Senator Susan Collins, Senator Angus King, and Congressman Bruce Poliquin.

“This Subaru Outback with all-wheel drive is the perfect vehicle for deliveries of Meals on Wheels on our routes in remote, rural, non-heavily populated areas, especially once the



2018 Subaru Outback by Subaru of America, Inc. TCT photo by Millie Kidd

snowflakes begin to fly,” said Betsy Sawyer-Manner, President and CEO of SeniorsPlus. The new vehicle will enable staff and volunteers of Meals on Wheels to reach 75 more seniors and serve 1500 more meals each month.

This fall, Subaru donated 50 new 2018 Subaru Outback vehicles to select Meals on Wheels programs throughout the country, to be used in the delivery of an estimated 53,000 meals to an additional 3,700 seniors across 39 states. Subaru has supported the national Meals on Wheels network for the last nine years through its annual philanthropic event, Share the Love. During that time, it has contributed more than \$12 million to Meals on Wheels America, providing more than 1.7 million nutritious meals, friendly visits, and safety checks to seniors.

“Subaru’s ‘50 Cars for 50 Years’ vehicle donation program will enable Meals on Wheels programs like SeniorsPlus’ to expand their reach to many seniors in need,” said Ellie Hollander, president and CEO of Meals on Wheels America. “This latest act of care and kindness further underscores Subaru of America’s long-standing commitment to giving back to communities large and small.”

The Subaru and Meals on Wheels partnership is part of Subaru Loves to Help, a pillar of the automaker’s larger Subaru Love Promise Community Commitment effort dedicated to making a positive impact on local communities across the country. Each 2018 Subaru Outback donated will be delivered to local retailers wrapped with

Meals on Wheels America and Subaru Loves to Help co-branding.

“We wanted to celebrate our 50th anniversary in America in a way that is appropriate for our brand and are delighted to donate vehicles that will support local communities by combating threats of isolation and hunger affecting seniors across the country,” said Thomas J. Doll, president and chief operating officer of Subaru of America, Inc. “At Subaru, we believe in providing safe and reliable vehicles for all of life’s journeys. We are honored to partner with Meals on Wheels to help people live more nourished lives.”

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