

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Feel compelled to support Katz

To the editor:
We seldom feel compelled to publicly express our feelings toward those running for political office. However we are pleased to do so now for Roger Katz in his District 24 State Senate bid. He was born and raised in Augusta in a home where excellence and integrity were expected and Roger has certainly shown that in all that he has done for his community and profession. We have no doubt he will exhibit those same qualities as our State Senator and wish him all the best in this coming election.

Don and Christa Pauley
So. China

His dad would be proud

To the editor:
I'd like to add my voice to the chorus supporting Roger Katz for election to the Maine Senate.

I've watched him perform from the time he was a Cony High School basketball player through his days as a two-term mayor of Augusta. He is exceptionally bright and articulate and brings great energy, imagination and enthusiasm to his responsibilities as mayor of Maine's capital city. The last Republican to hold the Senate seat that Roger Katz pursues was none other than Bennett Katz who served our city and state very well. Roger's father, from whom Roger gets his delightful sense of humor, would have been proud.

Milton F. Huntington
Augusta

Ready for change in Augusta

To the editor:
As Roger Katz's campaign chair, I am very honored to be assisting him in his effort to secure a senate seat in District 24 of the great state of Maine. I don't know about you but I personally am ready for some serious change at the state level.

When I say great state, I am talking about our state's resources both in human capital, ie. the working people of this state and the natural resources; our forests, lakes, rivers and coastline to name a few.

I sincerely believe we need a drastic change in leadership that rewards hard work, risk taking, and people who are trying to better themselves while contributing to the overall well-being of our state (paying taxes). We have a class of working poor who receive little or no assistance while others who are capable but unwilling to contribute are taken care of through programs that are bankrupting all.

We have some serious challenges facing us and they must be hit head on. I have known Roger for 30 years and his honesty, integrity and straightforward approach will help this great state move forward. This election we need candidates who will forget the party lines and represent the best interests of all people. Roger is the one I trust - how about you?

Norm Elvin
Augusta/China

Cotta has earned our vote

To the editor:
Our representative, David Cotta, has been an excellent member of the Maine State House of Representatives for District 55. He has shown himself to be a hard working, dedicated representative in our interests and his decision to keep us informed of all the happenings in the legislature via e-mail has been a valued innovation, an option we did not have before.

He completed two combat tours as a US Army helicopter pilot, amassing over 9,000 hours in his career. He has been a regular participant at the China Board of Selectmen's meetings as well as taking part in many other town functions. He has served his country and town well and it would be to the advantage of this district to continue his service.

Don and Chris Pauley
South China

Open letter to gubernatorial candidates

To the editor:
An open letter to all those running for governor of the state of Maine.

May I be allowed to tell you a tale I heard years ago when people from another state were running for governor. It applies to Maine, too.

A person running for governor with his name and aspirations displayed on a car, was driving to an important meeting when all of a sudden, the front wheel of the car fell off, including all the nuts. He made an emergency stop right in front of a hospital for the mentally challenged (to be politically correct).

He got out and surveyed the damage, and didn't know what to do. A patient who noticed what was going on came over and asked if he could be of any help. Of course, the car owner figured what harm could there be in listening to him. He appeared to be a harmless patient anyway. He told the patient how he had lost a wheel off his car along with all the nuts and was late for a very important meeting. What ever could he do?

The patient thought long and hard and then said, "do you have a spare tire?" The driver said yes, but didn't have any nuts because they all fell off with the wheel. The patient then said, "Why don't we take a nut off each of the other wheels and use them to secure the spare tire on your car. Then you can make your meeting and later buy some nuts and another wheel."

Help needed to install roof at yurt

Hidden Valley Nature Center began its fundraising efforts to replace the leaking roof at the yurt with a delicious chowder supper in April. Raffle tickets are still being sold for a cord of HVNC wood, a picnic table, a night at one of HVNC's cabins or one of 22 hiking sticks.

In anticipation of a busy summer season, the roof has been ordered and has now arrived. On Thursday, June 3, from 8 a.m. until finished, Retired But Not Tired volunteers will help replace the old roof for the new one.

Anyone can join the RBNT program; just give Gary a call to tell him you can help.

The raffle winner will be drawn on June 6 at the HVNC volunteer appreciation barbeque. Past, present, and future volunteers are invited to attend. Please call ahead to reserve a place and join in the festivities.

Hidden Valley Nature Center, located in Jefferson. For more information visit www.hvnc.org or contact Gary at 586-6752 or waywards@hotmail.com.



Mike and Amy Preston at the yurt. Contributed photo

Ye Female Society to hold 192nd meeting

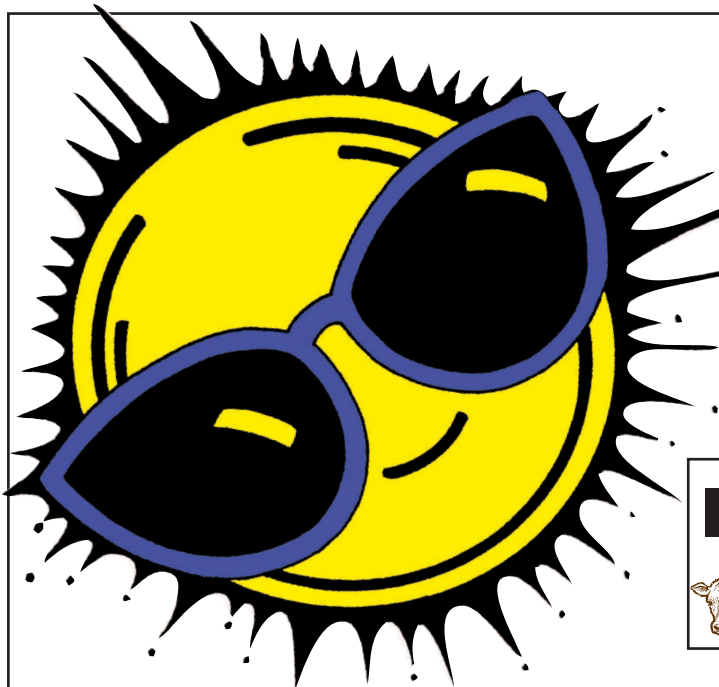
June 15th, Tuesday, will be the 192nd meeting of Ye Female Society for the Support of the Gospel. The gathering will be in the 'church parlors' (Fellowship Hall), Winslow Congregational Church, Lithgow Street, on the Kennebec, at 2 p.m. This year's program is unique; Suzanne Gunston will present "Oh, Sweet Lavender", creations made from old linens. These linens - many found in antique shops, attics, flea markets - represent a craft and a wisdom of Maine women from years gone by. Some items will be on display, others will be for sale.

This society first met 1819 some 9 years before the founding of the Winslow Congregational Church. Women originally met to assure funds were available to hire a pastor. Dues were and still are 25 cents. It is believed this society is the oldest continuously meeting group for this purpose in the United States.

The driver looked in amazement at this patient and said, "Boy, they have the nerve to call you crazy." The patient, looking at all the ads on the car then said, "Well gov, I may be crazy but I'm not stupid."

The moral of this tale is "be careful when running for office, about what you say and what you do, or you could end up like the governor wannabe, and look and act a lot less intelligent than you really are. Hope not!"

Jack Slason
Somerville



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