This year, Kennebec Savings Bank is celebrating the 200th anniversary of Augusta’s Tappan-Viles Mansion on State Street, where the bank is headquartered. This stately building — designed with a combination of Federal, Italianate, and Colonial Revival architectural styles — was completed at its prominent location in November of 1816 for the Rev. Benjamin Tappan. Tappan was a graduate of Harvard University and a student of Dr. Benjamine Rush at the College of Philadelphia. He later served as the state forest commissioner.

The mansion was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969 and was bought by Kennebec Savings Bank two years later. At the bank, we take great pride in the history and legacy of our headquarters. There have been many notable families involved with the building and many of Maine’s greatest leaders have left their mark in its walls. It is due, in part, to Chamberlain because King is a historian who came to serve as the pastor of the South Parish Congregational Church in 1847.

Chamberlain was the first governor of the state of Maine. In 1862 he was appointed governor by President Abraham Lincoln to fill the unexpired term of President Abraham Lincoln, who was assassinated earlier that same year. Chamberlain served as governor of Maine from 1863 to 1865. During this time, he oversaw the state’s efforts in the Civil War, including the recruitment and training of Maine’s regiments. He was later appointed to the U.S. Senate and served from 1881 to 1887.

Chamberlain is best known for his leadership during the Civil War. He was a major general in the Union Army and served in several key battles, including the Battle of Gettysburg. He was also known for his political acumen and his success in raising funds for the Union cause. He was later appointed to the U.S. Senate and served from 1881 to 1887.

Chamberlain believed in the value of education and was a strong advocate for the public schools. He believed that education was the key to success in life and he was a strong supporter of programs that would help students achieve their goals.

In addition to his work in politics and education, Chamberlain was also a strong advocate for the arts. He was a member of several arts organizations and was known for his support of the arts in the community.

Chamberlain lived in the town of Searsport, Maine, where he was born on September 18, 1828. He died on September 24, 1914, and is buried in the town cemetery.

Chamberlain was a man of many talents and he is remembered today as one of America’s greatest leaders. His legacy continues to inspire us today and we are proud to celebrate the 200th anniversary of his birth.

Kennebec Savings Bank celebrates 100 years of service to Maine.

By Andrew Silsby

President and CEO
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Downtown Diner: A success story in revitalization efforts

“We’re very proud of the Downtown Diner. Any business that questions whether they can relocate (downtown) and thrive and do well should look to them as an example.”

MICHAEL HALL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AUGUSTA DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE

The Downtown Diner is located in a renovated storefront that was part of a former hardware store. There is an emphasis on serving fresh food made from scratch and great coffee and tea from a local company. During the summer months, customers can eat at outdoor tables overlooking the Kennebec River.

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Head of Kennebec Guns teaches responsible ownership  
Beales in business for four decades

BY VALERIE TUCKER

Julian Beale, who has owned Kennebec Guns in Augusta for six years, said he’s backed in the business.

Early on, after a stint in the U.S. Navy, the young entrepreneur saw an Obi Bill education benefit to get training in the gunsmith trade. Meanwhile, he made plans to move to Augusta, where he had been stationed. He learned his trade and returned to Augusta.

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Incidentally, he’s also been a gunsmith for many years. Beale remained a student and continued his training.

Beale is a friendly, business-like individual who is knowledgeable about the business he’s in.

The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday. July 4th and Memorial Day are exceptions. Call 207-430-2105.


New businesses, new residences and a new program promise to see Augusta flourishing in the years ahead

New Businesses to Downtown Augusta

A new year has brought new businesses to Water Street in downtown Augusta. The following businesses have relocated or opened since New Year’s Day in the near completion of 12 market-rate residential units in the old Family Market building at 180 Water Street. The units are expected to be completed by this fall.

Water Street is the home of the Downtown Augusta Economic Development Program. The program is designed to attract and retain businesses, as well as to encourage the development of new, quality residential units and businesses in the downtown area.

Tipping Point Small Business Development Program

To drive this economic engine even further, ADA, along with Kennebec Savings Bank and Tipping Point, launched the Tipping Point Small Business Development Program.

The program is designed to help small businesses get started, grow and thrive. The program includes a variety of services, including access to capital, business coaching, marketing assistance and more.

The program is open to small businesses located in the downtown area of Augusta. To learn more about the program, visit TippingPointMaine.com.
Augusta’s East Side boasts a bonanza of businesses

By BETH F. McGINNIS

Augusta’s East Side is home to a surprising number of local businesses that offer a variety of goods and services. They share a common emphasis on customer service and attention to detail.

In some cases these businesses have been serving clients and their families for generations — while some businesses have yet to discover those genes and what they’ve been missing.

**Towing Service**

**End Zone Pizza & Deli**

Almost directly across Eastern Avenue, and aptly located at the corner of Cony Road is End Zone Pizza & Deli. The business is “a dream come true” for Cory Lucas and his wife, Brenda. Its Route 17 location also makes Rebecca’s a popular dining spot for VA boundaries who opened End Zone last May.

**Swain Travel Center**

At Swain Travel Center located at the intersection of Route 1 and Eastern Avenue, world travel expert Carol Swain can help you and your family or friends.

“With our new grill and deep fryer, our customers can enjoy our expanded menu of specialty burgers and dogs, French fries, and more,” said Swain.

**Hercules Restaurant**

Back in 1990, Nancy and her late husband Leon transformed a former pizza and grocery on upper Eastern Avenue into Rebecca’s “---since opened.”

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**Caron’s Collision Repair Center**

For kitschy cowbell, wooden Masks, rustic corner, looking out for you,” says Swain.

JMG serves more than 6,500 students annually through more than 30 programs that range from basic skills, college and career readiness, to policy reform, and advance disability policy reform, and advance disability policy reform, and advance disability policy reform, and advance disability

When you invest in the Maine Children’s Alliance, you are helping to protect Maine’s children, families and communities. In Augusta and Manchester, these small local enterprises.

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