

Out & About with Rachel Morin

Joshua Chamberlain visits Schooner Estates



Dr. Charles Plummer as Union Gen. Joshua Chamberlain arrives to share Gen. Chamberlain's thoughts on a divided nation during the Civil War.

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

Dr. Charles Plummer, well-known historian and living history presenter, recently visited Schooner Estates Retirement Community in the uniform of Union General Joshua Chamberlain to present a program on Gen. Chamberlain's "Thoughts and Memories of

the Civil War and a Message of Inspiration."

Residents arrived early to the Village Green to hear about a divided nation, the North and the South, and how a number of southern states had already seceded. Gen. Chamberlain recounted in a strong voice the sacrifices made by Maine volunteers who answered

President Abraham Lincoln's call.

Volunteers from Maine were not trained in war, but raised in peaceful living, farming and fishing amongst friends and neighbors. When the call came, they went forth from the state's farms, shores, stores, mills, shops, and mines to shoulder the knapsack and musket, despite the fact that they had not taken the first lesson in the science of war.

Gen. Chamberlain led us through vivid descriptions the volunteers leaving home and family, the terrible wounds and deaths suffered, and how the men served bravely and valiantly without complaint.

Meanwhile, those on the home front were not as courageous at times, bemoaning the futility of ever winning the long war and voicing thoughts about ending it by letting the South secede. But the Northern soldiers on the battlefields firmly believed in saving the Union and carried on unflaggingly.

During the war, money was raised by different groups to support the war effort. Auburn donated \$13,000 and Lewiston donated \$8,000. See *Schooner*, page 8

Central Maine Heart Walk names 2019 Leadership Committee



The 2019 event will take place on April 28 at Simard-Payne Park in Lewiston.

The American Heart Association has named its new leadership committee for the 2019 Central Maine Heart Walk, which will take place on Sunday, April 28 at Simard-Payne Park in Lewiston. The event will feature a choice of a one-mile or 5K walk, healthy snacks, and fun family activities.

The Executive Leadership committee for 2019 includes Beckie Swanson Conrad of the Lewiston Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Kate Carlisle of Central Maine Healthcare, Niki Morton of Casco Bay Food and Beverage, Amy Kivus-Rouleau of Spectrum Healthcare Partners, and Valerie Marshall of L.L. Bean. Dr. Dervilla McCann, Chief of Population

Health and Vice President of Provider Affairs with Central Maine Healthcare, currently serves as the Association's Board President for Maine.

The committee has set a goal of raising \$150,000 through corporate donations and walk teams. Dollars raised at the Heart Walk will fund innovative research, advocacy for stronger public health policies, and lifesaving tools and information to prevent and treat heart disease and stroke. The American Heart Association is the world's leading voluntary organization focused on heart and brain health, currently funding over \$1.3 billion in cardiovascular research at Maine institutions.

The event will begin with a celebratory kick-off at 8:30 a.m. at Simard-Payne Park, hosted by Channel 8 WMTW's Tracy Sabol and WPOR-FM's Courtney Ross. Activities will include Hands-Only CPR demonstrations, a survivor speaker, heart disease and stroke prevention information, and educational exhibits aimed at inspiring people to improve their health.

The Association is seeking additional volunteers to serve on the Executive Leadership Team and to volunteer in other capacities. For more information or to register online, contact Shelly Afthim at 289-2384 or Shelly.Afthim@heart.org, or visit CentralMaine-HeartWalk.org.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Community Credit Union supports Turner Food Pantry



Pictured here (l. to r.) are Betsy Sibley of CCU, Terri Ham and Martha Hodgkins of the Turner Food Pantry, Andrea Wessling of CCU, and Susan Cox of the Turner Food Pantry.

Community Credit Union recently presented the Turner Food Pantry with donation of \$750. Located within the Boofy Quimby Memorial Center in North Turner and staffed by volunteers from the North Turner Union Presbyterian Church, the pantry serves over 50

Turner families throughout the year. Turner residents seeking assistance are welcome to call the pantry at 395-5256 or the Town Office at 225-3414. Community Credit Union, which raised the funds through its participation in the Maine Credit

Union League's annual Campaign for Ending Hunger, has branches at 144 Pine Street in Lewiston, 40 Stanley Street in Auburn, and 1025 Auburn Road in Turner. For more information, see www.communitycreditunion.com.

Museum L-A director leads panel at NEMA conference

Challenges should not stop one from moving forward, even in the lowest of times. This was the message Museum L-A Executive Director Rachel Desgrosseilliers wanted to convey in a seminar she created for the annual New England Museum Association conference, which recently took place in Stamford, Connecticut. The conference's theme was "Museums on the Move."

Desgrosseilliers led a panel discussion called "It Can't Be Done" to "We Can Do It" with two other speakers who have had to grapple with major challenges while playing leadership roles at small museums.

Todd Smith, a consultant of corporate strategy and nonprofit leadership who just completed the difficult task of closing the American Textile History Museum in Lowell, Massachusetts, focused on sustainable outcomes, evaluating goals in the context of real world economics, and creating action plans with clearly defined financial targets.

Julie Hall Williams, Director of Development & Annual Giving for the Trustees of Reservations in Massachusetts, who previous served as Executive Director of the American Independence Museum in Exeter, NH, discussed how, after



Rachel Desgrosseilliers

a difficult reorganization, she led the development of a Strategic Plan, rebuilt volunteer and membership programs, added areas of strategic enterprise, and re-cultivated relationships with governance members, community leaders, and critical partners.

Desgrosseilliers discussed how, after being forced to scale back operations during a difficult economic downturn, Museum L-A accepted the challenges of not giving up, making hard decisions, and moving forward with new approach-

es toward the goals of vitality, sustainability, and the construction of a new home for the community museum.

Museum L-A is located in the Bates Mill Complex at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston. Its hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special tour requests and large group tours outside of these hours are available by appointment. For more information, call 333-3881 or email info@museumla.org.

Cooperative Extension offers free holiday business workshop for youth

University of Maine Cooperative Extension will present a free holiday business workshop for youth ages 6 through 18 on Thursday, November 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Kennebec County UMaine Extension office at 125 State Street in Augusta. Called "Money Can Grow on Trees," the program will cover how

to identify and sustainably harvest balsam fir, how to use that fir to make holiday swags, and the business basics for selling those swags. Extension associate professor Debra Kantor and nontimber forest products professional Dave Fuller will lead the workshop.

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to 15 youth; parents are welcome to attend. Advance registration is requested; please register online by typing "money can grow" in the search box at <https://extension.umaine.edu>.

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Governor's Address: Our Next Governor's Success is the Success of Our State

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

Last week, the Maine voters cast their ballot to elect Janet Mills as their next Governor, and the first female Governor of Maine. I wish her well in her new role.

I love Maine, and I have worked hard to leave the state in better shape than when I found it. My administration has been successful in doing so.


Over the past eight years, our administration has eliminated red tape, cut taxes, reformed welfare and created charter schools. We've improved Maine's infrastructure, created new trade relationships and re-

formed health insurance to lower costs, to name just a few of our accomplishments.

In 2018, Mainers are experiencing strong, record-setting economic growth.

Maine has a record-high number of employers, a record-high number of private-sector jobs, record-high revenues for the state, record-low unemployment, and the fastest net-earnings growth in New England.

Our poverty rate has declined to the lowest it's been since 2005, and we have the fewest number of children in poverty in the



Governor Paul R. LePage

past 17 years. Maine's economy is the best it has been in decades, and our people are benefitting.

This is the state and the economy that Gover-

nor-elect Mills will inherit upon her inauguration. I want to see this prosperity continue.

The rainy day fund is approaching \$300 million. That money is the state's safety net in an economic downturn or if an emergency befalls the state. If there is a decrease in revenues because of hard times, it helps avoid having to slash programs and use budget gimmicks to balance the books.

It will be very tempting to many new and returning legislators to spend this money. They will want to fund pet projects.

I urge the incoming

Legislature and the Governor-elect to avoid giving in to temptation.

Governor-elect Mills has stated that she plans on expanding Medicaid on day one of her administration. I note two cautions. First, the state must have federal approval of the state plan amendment before expanding.

Otherwise, the state is on the hook for 100 percent of the expansion costs - there won't be any 90/10 match.

Second, the state must find a sustainable way of paying the bill. I have suggested the hospital tax, which not only is how many

states have funded it, but hospitals will be reimbursed for a large part of the cost of that tax by the federal government. This is sustainable in the long term, and it protects our general fund and the rainy day fund.

If Janet Mills succeeds as Governor, all of Maine will be successful. But part of that success will require that the incoming officials maintain the fiscal sanity I brought to Augusta.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

MainStreet Foundation awards \$25K for Kids grant to New Beginnings



Pictured here (l. to r.) are Lacey Donle, Outreach Program Coordinator; Danylle Carson, New Beginnings Board VP and Attorney at Wilson & Associates; Julie Buffington, New Beginnings Board Treasurer and Chief Retail Officer, SVP Androscoggin Bank; Chris Bicknell, Executive Director; Connor Tamminen, Outreach Staff Member; Topher Balderas, Outreach Program Director; Sam Buhlig, Outreach Staff Member; Jessy Kendall, Outreach Staff Member; Rachel Spencer-Reed, Director of Development and Community Services; Steve Closson, MainStreet Foundation Chair; and Paul Andersen, CEO of Androscoggin Bank.

Androscoggin Bank's MainStreet Foundation has announced that the 2018 recipient of its annual \$25K for Kids grant will be New Beginnings. Aligning with the Foundation's goal of providing the essentials of life - food, shelter, and security - to at-risk youth, New Beginnings will use the \$25,000 award to increase the availability of food and housing resources to youth who utilize their programs.

Based in Lewiston, New Beginnings' Outreach Program is designed to find and build trust with youth living in unstable situations and at high risk for exploitation. The program helps prevent vulnerable youth ages 14 to 21 from becoming homeless and helps those who have experienced homelessness to become stable, healthy adults. Funding from the MainStreet Foundation will help New Beginnings provide greater access to food on a daily

basis at its Youth Drop-In Center and establish a new emergency client assistance project to eliminate barriers and help more young people access stable, independent housing.

"New Beginnings' outreach program serves more than 500 of Maine's most vulnerable young people each year, all of whom have experienced food insecurity and are at risk for homelessness," said Chris Bicknell, Executive Director of New Beginnings. "The \$25K for Kids award means that we will be able to more than triple the number of meals we can provide, as well as help up to 65 youth transition to permanent housing and stability in ways we couldn't have before.

"We are grateful to the MainStreet foundation for partnering with us to provide the opportunity to improve and expand the existing services and, with input from the youth themselves, try new strate-

gies to improve the health and well-being of those we serve."

"Food and shelter are what we consider to be the essentials of life, and we feel it is vital to our mission to ensure this funding helps provide those essentials to Maine youth," said MainStreet Foundation Chair Steve Closson. "New Beginnings has already partnered with the Good Shepherd Food Bank to stretch its food budget as far as possible, and the organization's goals of greatly increasing the number of meals served, as well as assisting with housing stability among homeless youth, make New Beginnings a very deserving recipient of this year's grant." For more information about New Beginnings, see www.newbeginmaine.org.

This is the sixth year that MainStreet Foundation has awarded this annual grant. Last year, the grant was awarded to St. Mary's

Nutrition Center, which ensures that children in the Lewiston-Auburn region have access to healthy, nutritious meals, as well as programs that encourage positive growth. In 2016, the grant went to Preble Street Teen Center, a statewide organization that provides accessible, barrier-free services to empower people experiencing problems with homelessness, housing, hunger, and poverty. In 2015, the grant was awarded to Longley Elementary School for its after-school programming, including an innovative walking school bus. In 2014, the grant went to the Androscoggin Childhood Advocacy Center, a child-focused center that promotes the healing of victims of child sexual abuse. In 2013, the award went to Good Shepherd Food Bank's Backpack Program in the Lewiston and Auburn schools.

Androscoggin Bank's MainStreet Foundation has a mission that is simple, focused, and essential: to help keep at-risk kids in Maine safe, healthy, active, happy, educated, and nourished. Four times a year, the MainStreet Foundation awards grants up to \$5,000 to excellent nonprofit agencies actively working in our communities to help kids thrive. These grants vary based on need and typically total more than \$50,000 per year. For more information, visit www.mainstreet-foundation.org.

City of Auburn names new Police Chief

City Manager Peter Crichton has announced that Jason D. Moen has been selected as Auburn's 22nd Chief of Police. Moen has been a police officer for the City of Auburn for twenty-three years and has held a variety of positions within the department, including Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, and Lieutenant in all three of the department's divisions. He was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police in December 2006 and was named Interim Chief of Police in August of 2018, following the retirement of Chief Philip L. Crowell, Jr.

Moen has been instrumental in securing multiple years of federal funding through the Homeland Security grant program. His work to align county-wide law enforcement agencies in the use of one public safety software came to fruition in August 2006.

A 2013 graduate of the 252nd Session of the FBI National Academy, Moen serves as an instructor at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, is a nationally-certified Police Ethics Instructor, and is a Team Leader and Gold Standard Assessor for the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. He served the Casco Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter for thirty-two years and as volunteer Fire Chief for six years.

"I am deeply impressed by Chief Moen's



Jason D. Moen

many accomplishments and by his commitment to Auburn," said Crichton. "The safety of our community is his highest priority and he is a talented leader who strives for professional excellence. The Chief is dedicated to the men and women of the Auburn Police Department and to this City, and I am looking forward to working with him."

"It is an honor to serve the citizens of Auburn as Police Chief," said Moen. "I work alongside the finest officers and civilians in the state, who epitomize our core values of honor, excellence, loyalty, and professionalism. I look forward to working with staff on this new journey as we work to ensure that Auburn remains one of the safest cities in New England."

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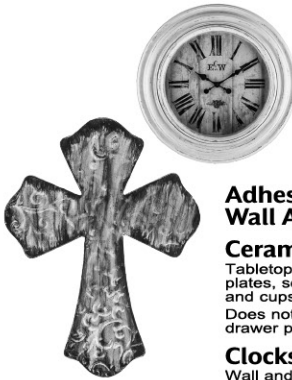
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Workshop topics will include why erosion control is needed, laws and regulations requiring erosion control practices, erosion and sedimentation, best management and planning practices for erosion control, erosion control plan design, pollution prevention at construction sites, and next steps in obtaining certification.

Due to the high rate of soil erosion that occurs on areas disturbed by construction, the use of effective erosion control practices is critical to protecting the quality of Maine waters. This workshop was developed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection as part of the Voluntary Contractor Certification Program, coordinated by DEP's Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center to help contractors and those involved with shoreland zoning comply with Maine's Erosion Control Law.

Registration is \$75, due by November 28. Mail the registration form and a check with payment to AVSWCD, 254 Goddard Rd. Lewiston, ME 04240. There will be no refunds. The snow date is December 7. For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact Jocelyn at 241-5374 or districtmanager@androscogginswcd.org.

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Veterans honored, remembered at Interfaith Prayer Service

Members of several faith communities gathered at Holy Family Church in Lewiston on Monday, November 12, to express their gratitude and to pray for those who have served our country in the Armed Services, as well as those who continue to serve today.

More than 200 people attended the 15th annual “We Remember and Give Thanks” community prayer service hosted by Prince of Peace Parish, including many veterans who rose and saluted as the flag of each of the five branches of service was carried forward during the Presentation of the Colors at the beginning of the evening.

“We gather today to

remember our military personnel,” said Father Matthew Gregory, temporary administrator of Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston. “We acknowledge that their service enables us to walk as free men and women in this great land of ours. May each of our veterans feel honored, not just today but every day.”

“I’m proud of my country, and I’m proud of what I’m wearing,” said Clifford Plourde, who served in the U.S. Marines in the 1950s and was among those who presented the Marine Corps colors. “I’m 83 years old, and I don’t intend to stop soon. I’ll be back next year.”

During the service,

those gathered joined the choir from Holy Family Church in singing songs of reflection, such as “Let There be Peace on Earth” and “God Bless America,” while the Kora Temple Highlanders, a pipe and drum band, played “Amazing Grace,” as well as the hymns of the Army, Navy, Marines Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

Throughout the service, leaders from area religious communities, including Reverend Annie Baker-Streevy of Calvary Methodist Church in Lewiston, Rabbi Sruli Dresdner of Temple Shalom Synagogue in Auburn, and Reverend Lloyd Waterhouse of Grace Fellowship Church in Ox-

ford, voiced their appreciation for veterans and led those gathered in asking the Lord to continue to bless them.

There were many other emotionally stirring moments during the service, including the Missing Man Table Ceremony, which remembers prisoners of war and those who remain missing in action.

“Those who have served and those currently serving in branches of the United States military have always been mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted with the bitterness of personal sacrifice,” said Lisa Schulze, a U.S. Army veteran. “We are compelled, then, to

never forget that, while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who have endured and may still be enduring the agonies of pain, degradation, or internment.”

Schulze explained the symbolism of the table, which was set up in a corner of the church. The table is round, a sign of everlasting concern for those missing. The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of the motives of those answering the call to duty. A single red rose in a vase is a reminder of those missing and those who care for them. A slice of lemon is a reminder of their bitter fate, while a pinch of salt symbolizes the tears of those captured and of their families. A Bible on the

table represents the strength gained through faith, while a candle is reminiscent of the light of hope. An inverted glass, however, symbolizes the inability of a POW or MIA to share in a toast, and a chair sits empty waiting for their return. The Missing Man Table Ceremony concluded with the playing of taps by Ivan Boudreau, a U.S. Navy veteran.

Those who attended the service, which is held annually around Veterans Day, said it is important to not forget the bravery and sacrifices of those who serve this country and defend liberty. “It makes people think,” said Irene Pomerleau. “Some people went through a lot to make us be able to be here.”



What’s Going On

HR Thursdays workshop focuses on leadership traits

The next HR Thursdays workshop presented by the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, Central Maine Human Resource Association, and Lewiston CareerCenter will be “Leadership Traits that Create a Winning Work Place.” The event will take place on Thursday, November 29, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the Chamber’s conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

We all would agree that workplaces have changed significantly over the past several decades. With these changes, the role of the leader has also evolved. In this workshop, attendees will learn about the leadership

traits that are necessary to create a successful workplace, both now and into the future. Participants will brainstorm together, assess their own leadership skills, and develop a plan for future success.

The workshop will be presented by Jackie Little, HR Director for the Maine Legislature. Little is a proud Maine native who is passionate about leadership. With two decades of human resources experience, both in the private and public sectors, a Master’s degree in Human Resource Leadership, and the benefit of remarkable mentors, she brings a fascinating perspective and thought-provoking

insights to a conversation about leadership. In her position as HR Director for the Maine Legislature, she has developed an in-house “Aspiring Leaders” program. She is a former president of the Central Maine Human Resource Association and a former Director for the SHRM Maine State Council. She holds the SHRM-SCP, SPHR and IMPA-SCP certifications.

The workshop is \$25 for Chamber members, \$50 for non-members, and free of charge for CMHRA members. For more information, call 783-2249; to register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

UMC Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert at the Auburn United Methodist Church will take place on Saturday, December 1 at 3 p.m. The free concert will feature the

Wesleyan Singers, the Park Avenue Pickers, and the Auburn Bell Ringers, as well as several local soloists and musicians. Refreshments of desserts, coffee, punch, and

cookies will be served after the concert. Seating will be on a first-come, first-seated basis. The church is located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn.

Allstate Agencies seek to hire military veterans and spouses

Veterans Day is a time to reflect on and recognize the impressive skill, sacrifice, and commitment of our military veterans, current service members, and their spouses. In celebration of these individuals, Allstate is reinforcing its commitment to hiring veterans or current service members and spouses, announcing recently that they are seeking to hire for agency staff positions in New England.

Allstate’s Joining Forces for Good Licensing Program offers the opportunity to build a solid career with an Allstate agency, and a good life to go with it. Through the free program, candidates undergo Property & Casualty licensing education, take their P&C exam, and have the potential for job placement with Allstate agency owners.

“Veterans are a highly skilled talent pool and they’ve demonstrated invaluable characteristics, like commitment, resourcefulness, and integrity, that Allstate agency owners like me look for when hiring new talent,” said Gene Weller, Allstate agency owner in State College, Pennsylvania.

“As a retired member of the U.S. Marine Corps and the Army Reserves, and an Allstate agency owner for 34 years, I know first-hand how transferrable military experience is in an insurance setting. For those who have served, service and protecting others is paramount. That’s exactly what we do at Allstate - strive to provide our customers with the highest level of service and protect them from the risks in their lives.”

Since Allstate was founded by a veteran in 1931, the company has placed a priority on military initiatives, including hiring opportunities, a military employee support and engagement team, and community involvement. Thanks to the company’s military and veteran programs, Allstate was ranked in September by G.I. Jobs, the premier organization for transitioning military members, as the number two Military Friendly Employer in the country.

“We’re proud to foster the careers of transitioning service members and veterans to ensure they can succeed,” said Joseph Pen-

nington, director of military programs at Allstate. “The programs we have in place to support veterans continue to grow, and we look forward to serving even more veterans in 2019 and beyond.”

Interested candidates can learn more about Allstate’s Joining Forces for Good Licensing Program by visiting www.allstateveterans.com. To learn more about agency staff positions, email NEROrecruiting@allstate.com or visit www.allstate.com/agencystaff.

In addition to military and veteran hiring programs, Allstate and the Allstate Foundation have partnered with the Marines Toys for Tots Foundation since 2017 to collect new, unwrapped toys for families throughout the Northeast. From now until Friday, December 7, select Allstate agencies throughout the region, including the Richard Moylan Allstate Agency at 791 Kittyhawk Avenue, Suite 5, in Auburn, are serving as donation drop-off sites. To schedule a drop-off at the Richard Moylan Agency, call 777-0050 or email RichardMoylan@allstate.com.

Local attorney selected for MSBA Leadership Academy



Jordan Payne Hay

Skelton Taintor & Abbott attorney Jordan Payne Hay has been selected to participate in the Maine State Bar Association’s bi-annual Leadership Academy. For each session, the MSBA aims to select a group of up to 12 attorneys from different backgrounds who have been practicing between two and 10 years in large and small law firms, the private and public sectors, different

practice areas, and different areas of the state.

The aim of the Leadership Academy is to promote and encourage leadership and professionalism by identifying present and future leaders who are members of the MSBA and providing them with a program designed to develop leadership skills, foster camaraderie, and expose them to leaders in the legal, business, and

government communities.

Hay’s practice areas at Skelton Taintor & Abbott include employment law, civil rights, human resources support, intellectual property and litigation, disputes and appeals. She is licensed to practice in both Maine and Massachusetts. She can be reached by calling 784-3200. For more information, see www.STA-Law.com.

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In midst of severe shortage, Red Cross issues call for blood donations and drives

The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage and urgently needs blood and platelet donors to give now to avoid delays in life-saving medical care for patients. Hosts for volunteer blood drives are also critically needed to prevent the shortage from worsening this winter.

During September and October, the Red Cross collected over 21,000 fewer blood and platelet donations than what hospitals needed. Blood donors of all blood types, especially Type O, and platelet donors are urged to make an appointment to donate by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or at RedCrossBlood.org.

Fewer blood drives in September and October, coupled with hurricanes Michael and Florence, which caused thousands of blood and platelet donations to go uncollected, were key contributing factors to the current blood shortage.

“This time of year, as many give thanks for family, friends, and good health, it’s important to remember that patients across the country cannot survive without your generosity,” said Cliff Numark, senior vice president, Red Cross Biomedical Services. “From traumas to ongoing cancer treatments, the need for blood doesn’t stop for the holidays. People can give back - and help those in need - by making a lifesaving blood or platelet donation now and hosting a blood drive in the weeks to come.”

An additional 4,300 blood drives nationally - and 210 blood drives in this area - are needed in December, January, and February to help stop the shortage from continuing throughout winter. Donations often decline during the winter holidays, when many groups postpone blood drives while regular donors are busy with holiday activities and travel. Severe winter weather may also cause blood drive cancellations, contributing to fewer donations than needed.

Eligible donors can find a blood or platelet donation opportunity and schedule an appointment to donate by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), using the free Blood Donor App, or visiting RedCrossBlood.org.

Donation appointments and the completion of a RapidPass are encouraged to help speed up the donation process. RapidPass lets donors complete the pre-donation reading and answer the health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, from the convenience of a mobile device or computer or through the Blood Donor App.

Those interested in hosting a blood drive can learn more and sign up to sponsor a drive this winter by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive.

Upcoming opportunities to donate blood include:

Lewiston: 11/26, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saint Mary’s Regional Medical Center, 99 Campus Ave.; 12/7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., CMMC, 12 High Street, Lower Level.

Mechanic Falls: 12/13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Town Hall, 108 Lewiston Street.

Sabattus: 12/11, 12 to 5 p.m., Town Hall, 190 Middle Road.

Turner: 12/13, 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Leavitt High School, 21 Matthews Way.

Freeport: 11/29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Freeport Community Center, 53 Depot Street.

Windham: 11/26, 2 to 7 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 909 Roosevelt Trail; 11/29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Windham Weaponry, 999 Roosevelt Trail.

Yarmouth: 12/15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Yarmouth Fire and Rescue, 178 North Road.

Manchester: 12/15, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Manchester Fire Department, 37 Readfield Street.

Winthrop: 12/6, 1 to 6 p.m., Saint Francis Church, 130 Route 133.

Cooperative Extension offers free holiday business workshop for youth

University of Maine Cooperative Extension will present a free holiday business workshop for youth ages 6 through 18 on Thursday, November 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Kennebec County UMaine Extension office at 125 State Street in Augusta. Called “Money Can Grow on Trees,” the program will cover how to identify and sustainably harvest balsam fir, how to use that fir to make holiday swags, and the business basics for selling those swags. Extension associate professor Debra Kantor and nontimber forest products professional Dave Fuller will lead the workshop.

Enrollment is limited to 15 youth; parents are welcome to attend. Advance registration is requested; please register online by typing “money can grow” in the search box at <https://extension.umaine.edu>.

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, call 622-7546 or email diana.hartley@maine.edu.

Send all items for **What’s Going On** to **Editor@TwinCityTimes.com**. Deadline is **Friday by five**.

What’s Going On

Rotary Breakfast Club meeting



Shelley Kruszewski

The next meeting of the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club on Wednesday, November 28 at 7 a.m. will feature speaker Shelley Kruszewski. The club meets every Wednesday at the United Methodist Church, located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. The cost for breakfast is \$10. All are welcome to attend.

Kruszewski has been the Executive Director of the Androscoggin Land Trust since 2016 and was recently named to the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce’s Uplift LA “40 Under 40” list. She has a master’s degree in Community Planning and Development, with a focus on land use and the environment, from the Muskie School of Public Service. She has also worked for the Association of State Wetland Managers, ReTreeUS (an organization that plants school orchards), and leading tours at a butterfly garden that included a leaf cutter ant colony and many other insects. She previously worked for several years in the legal field and in the admission office of a high school, where she coached a sports team. She enjoys exploring the outdoors, especially near any source of water. Born and raised in Maine, she lives in Auburn with her husband and their dog.

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nated \$25,750. State aid to wives and children from 1862-1864 showed Auburn helping 271 families (with a total of 730 family members) with \$10,950.84 and Lewiston helping 765 families (with a total of 1466 family members) with \$31,970.26. The State's total showed 45,130 families helped at a total expense of \$1,945,961.77

At the end of the presentation, Dr. Plummer stepped out of his role as

Gen. Chamberlain to announce that a special USM Lewiston-Auburn Senior College Award would be given to Schooner resident Hope Weston in recognition of her taking courses for many years, faithfully participating in senior college events, and being the college's oldest member at age 103. The afternoon ended in surprise, congratulations, and much applause for the lovely and gracious Hope Weston, who is known and loved by everyone at Schooner.



Special friend Judy Grover and Hope Weston, who never misses a performance by Charles Plummer, also came early for the event.



Early arrivals (l. to r., from front) included Tonie Ramsey, Irene Delorme, Roland Jean, Rachel Hayes, and Phyllis Dow.



Weston is congratulated by her long-time Sr. College instructor Charles Plummer; still in his Gen. Chamberlain uniform.



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Geraldine Call adds her thoughts on the presentation as Mark Prevost and Gen. Chamberlain listen.

Rachel Hayes, Aline Fournier, Del and Betty Hayes, Lorraine Sarrazin, and Mildred Parsons

Each Day is a Gift

Andrew was 58 years old when doctors at a different hospital discovered he needed mitral valve repair and coronary artery bypass to help improve his heart function. Unfortunately, that was not the end of the story. Shortly after being discharged, he developed severe shortness of breath and fatigue. This time, Andrew went to the Emergency Room at CMMC where he met cardiologists with the CMMC Heart and Vascular Institute. Drs. Mark Kolasa and Arun Thukkani suspected Andrew had developed cardiogenic shock, a serious condition that occurs when the heart does not pump well and can lead to organ failure and death.

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Hope Weston and Mark Prevost, Director of Resident Services



Tonie Ramsey rarely misses a living history presentation by her friend, Dr. Charles Plummer.



Hope Weston is totally surprised to receive a special USM-LA Senior College Award in recognition of her faithful attendance of classes for many years and her being the group's oldest member at age 103.



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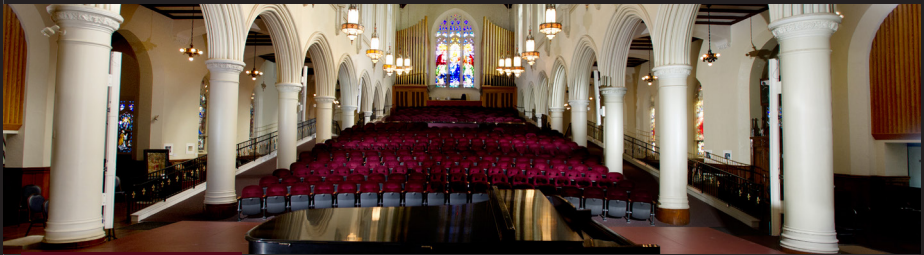
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TWIN CITY NIGHTS

Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Maine-ly Harmony presents "Christmas Memories"



Also performing at the event will be the Heart 'n Soul quartet: from l., Jan Flowers, Cathy Anderson, Anne Danforth and Sue Staples.

The Maine-ly Harmony women's barbershop chorus will present "Christmas Memories," a musical celebration of our lives, on Saturday, December 1 at 2 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church, located

at 209 Eastern Avenue in Augusta. Hosting the program will be Jay Wiley. Joining the chorus will be the Heart 'n Soul and Windsong quartets. Refreshments will be served following the performance, which is free

and open to all. Maine-ly Harmony is directed by Kathy Greason and consists of women of all ages from around the state who gather weekly at Emmanuel Church to produce the unique barbershop style a cappella harmony.

Maine Special Olympics seeks knitters to donate scarves and hats for 2019 Winter Games

Special Olympics Maine is reaching out to anyone who knits or crochets for contributions to the annual Special Olympics Scarf and Hat Project. For the past five years, people from across the state and country have made beautiful scarves and hats for everyone who attends the annual Special Olympics Maine State Winter Games at Sugarloaf.

The scarves are not just a way for the athletes and volunteers to keep warm: they are also an outward display of love and encouragement, a way to let the athletes know that someone out there was thinking of them.

Many scarves come

from elderly people who are no longer able to physically volunteer at the event but want to contribute in some way. Scarves also come from people who grew up in Maine, went to school in Maine, or used to vacation in Maine. They come from classrooms where teachers have taught their students to knit or crochet, women who have been incarcerated, church groups, and knitting clubs.

Special Olympics Maine hopes to receive 500 donated scarves and hats in time for the 2019 Winter Games at the end of January, enough so that every athlete, and possibly every volunteer and coach, will have a scarf and hat for their winter

competition.

This year's colors are purple, green, and blue. The design, pattern, and shades are up to you. The majority of athletes are teens and adults, so donated scarves and hats should be adult-sized.

If you would like to contribute a scarf or hat for the 2019 Winter Games, please mail or deliver it by mid-January to: Attn: Katheryn Wildes, 344 Old Orchard Road, Buxton, ME 04093, or to Special Olympics Maine, 125 John Roberts Road, Suite 5 South, Portland, ME 04106.

For more information about the Special Olympics Scarf and Hat Project, call Lisa at 879-0489.

Game schedule for Gipper's Basketball Tip-Off Classic

The Auburn-Lewiston Sports Hall of Fame will present the 11th annual Gipper's Basketball Tip-Off Classic on Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24. This year's tournament will take place in the Lewiston High School gymnasium, where local and area high school teams will compete in games scheduled for the afternoon and evening of both dates. Girls' teams will play on Friday and boys' teams will play on Saturday. Daily admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors.

Girls' games sched-

uled for Friday, November 23 are: 1 p.m. - Poland vs. Lewiston; 2:30 p.m. - Edward Little vs. Leavitt; 4 p.m. - Edward Little JV vs. Lewiston JV; 5:30 p.m. - Edward Little vs. Poland; and 7 p.m. - Leavitt vs. Lewiston

Boys' games scheduled for Saturday, November 24 are: 11:30 a.m. - Edward Little JV vs. Lewiston JV; 1 p.m. - Gorham vs. Edward Little; 2:30 p.m. - Poland vs. Leavitt; 4 p.m. - Gorham vs. Lewiston; 5:30 p.m. - Leavitt vs. Edward Little; and 7 p.m. - Poland vs. Lewiston.

The Auburn-Lewiston

Sports Hall of Fame has been part of the Lewiston-Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce since 1983. Over the past 35 years, there have been 150 inductees. The annual awards banquet takes place in late spring and features the Chamber President's Award for outstanding current achievement and the "Flashback to Fame" Award recognizing championship teams of the past. Hall of Fame inductee plaques can be viewed at Gipper's Sports Grill in Auburn. For more information, see <https://lametrochamber.com/initiatives/hof>.

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CLT “Holiday Spectacular” coming December 7-8

Community Little Theatre will celebrate the holiday season in song, stories, and laughs when it presents a “Holiday Spectacular” on Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Director Cody Watson says that the concept of the show is all about Christmas memories and the many emotions they bring. “A story will be told between each song, be it from a Christmas tale we all know or love, or from a cast member’s own memories,” said Watson.

“Those stories will remind us of what we know and love about the holiday season.”

Some of the featured songs will include “I’ll Be Home For Christmas,” “The First Noël,” “The Christmas Waltz,” “Silent Night,” and songs from “A Christmas Story: The Musical.”

Watson has assembled an impressive cast of CLT performers for the program, including Ansley Watson, Ethan Rombalski, Andy Dolci, Gregory Judd, Maxwell Draper, Sophie Wood, Danica Hemond, Jac-

ki Alquist, Mackenzie Richard, Jason Pelletier, Becca Tinkham, Brittany Anderson, Renée Davis, Emily Flynn, Cameron Ramich, and Kay Warren. The show will also include a special guest appearance by local drag superstar Chartreuse.

Great Falls Performing Arts Center is located on Academy Street in Auburn. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$10 for students. For more information or to buy tickets, call 783-0958 or visit LACLT.com.

Soul Sensations present Motown-inspired Christmas Revue



The group performs holiday classics with a full complement of backup singers, horns, and showmanship that will knock your socks off and onto the fireplace mantel.

The Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath will be filled with the sounds of Christmas music - rhythm and blues style - on Saturday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m., when Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations present their Motown-inspired Christmas Revue.

Maine’s #1 Soul Revue, Pat Colwell and

the Soul Sensations perform with a full complement of backup singers, horns, and showmanship that will knock your socks off and onto the fireplace mantel. Their Christmas repertoire includes R&B-inspired renditions of “Frosty the Snowman” and classic Christmas songs by the Temptations, Supremes,

Prince, Otis Redding, Booker T. and the MG’s, and the Jackson 5.

The Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 843 Washington Street in Bath. Tickets are \$17 in advance or \$20 at the door. For more information or to buy tickets, call 442-8455 or see chocolatechurcharts.org.

Holy Family Christmas Dinner



Performing at the event will be the Carol Bailey String Band, a lively group of seniors ages 65 and up who hail from the Area Senior Center in Litchfield

The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality of Holy Family, Prince of Peace Parish will host their annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 5 at 6 p.m. at the Green Ladle on East Avenue in Lewiston.

The event will feature a meal of pork tenderloin and holiday music and songs performed by the Carol Bailey String Band. Door prizes will be awarded and the winner of the group’s cash raffle will be drawn. Doors will open at 5:30.

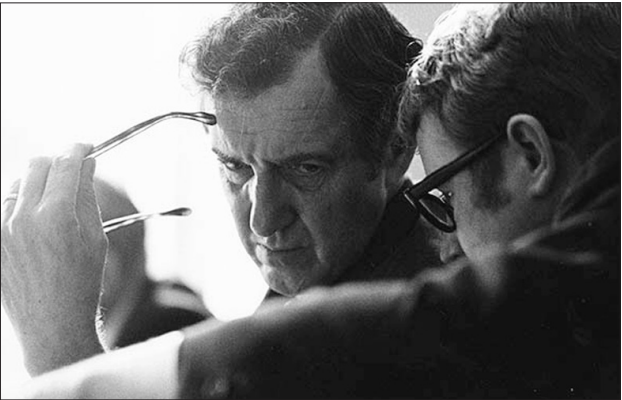
Hailing from the Area Senior Center in Litchfield, the Carol Bailey String Band is a lively group of seniors ages 65 and up. Led by Pat and Jon Bailey, the group has 35 members. They have entertained at nursing homes and many other community organizations and were featured on WCSH’s “207” program.

Tickets are \$18, available by contacting any board member or Anita at 782-4516. The deadline to purchase tickets is November 27.

Twin City Nights

Program explores Muskie’s role in pivotal 1968 presidential campaign

Bates College will host an event marking the 50th anniversary of the pivotal 1968 U.S. presidential campaign on Thursday, November 29 at 3:30 p.m. at the college’s Muskie Archives, located at 70 Campus Avenue in Lewiston. The program will explore the role played in the campaign by Democratic vice-presidential candidate Edmund Muskie, a member of the Bates College Class of 1936, and the campaign’s continuing relevance today.



U.S. Sen. Edmund Muskie confers with staffer Leon Billings during a congressional hearing circa 1970-71. (Barry M. Blackman/Courtesy of the Edmund S. Muskie Archives and Special Collections Library)

Opening the forum will be speakers Joel Goldstein, who is writing a book about Muskie’s political career, and Don Nicoll, once

a key Muskie staffer. They will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by political science professor John Baughman and includ-

ing former Muskie staffer Eliot Cutler. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, email jwebber@bates.edu.

RSU 16 Student of the Month



Laney Paradis, a sixth grader from Minot Consolidated School, is pictured here with club president Jeff Gagnon.

The Mechanic Falls, Minot, and Poland Tri-Town Optimist Club has named Laney Paradis, a sixth grader from Minot Consolidated School, as November’s RSU 16 Stu-

dent of the Month. Laney is described by her teacher as a hard-working, conscientious student who strives to produce high quality work. A natural teacher and role model, she is thoughtful

and caring to others, often lending her support and friendship to peers who are struggling or discouraged. She is pictured here with club president Jeff Gagnon.

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“Babysitter Certification.” Mia Comis, NRE-MT & AHA Instructor, will teach students ages 12+ about developmental stages, bottle-feeding, diaper changing, safety, and age-appropriate activities for babysitting. Includes Pediatric First Aid, CPR, and AED use for the adult, child, and infant. Saturday, December 1, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$75.

“Bath Fizzies.” Learn how to scent, color, and mold your own batch of bath fizzies with Julia Bundy. Thursday, December 6, 6 to 8 p.m. \$24.

“College Scholarship

Search.” Jessica Whittier of the Finance Authority of Maine shares information about where to find scholarships, how to maximize your applications, and tips for writing great essays. Thursday, December 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Free, but advance registration required.

“Computer Classes.” From computer basics, to Microsoft applications such as Word and Excel, to Google, they have a variety of computer classes designed to meet your personal and workforce needs. Call for details.

“Customer Service & Retail Fundamentals.” If you are involved in a customer service-oriented business and would like to work with us on an upcoming training session, learn more by emailing Jenny at jrose@rsu16.org or Suzette at smoulton@rsu16.org.

“Staying Home Alone.” In this popular favorite, Red Cross Trainer Judy Emch teaches those ages 8 through 11 the fun-

damentals of staying home alone for short periods of time. Saturday, December 1, 1 to 5 p.m. \$30.

“Tai Chi and Yoga Sessions.” Drop in at the Elm Street School gym Tuesdays through December 11 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. for Tai Chi (\$5 per class) or try Yoga on Mondays through December 3 from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. (\$8 per class). Bring a mat, water, and a blanket.

“TechHire Maine.” Call for more information about this great opportunity for qualifying high school graduates with an interest in computers who want to work in middle- or high-skilled, tech-based jobs.

“Wreath Making.” Amy Kohtala shows how to create a beautiful wreath for your front door or to give as gift. Fee includes greens, wreath ring, and wire for one wreath. Bring light gloves, cutters or pruners, and ribbons and/or bows. Tuesday, November 27, 6 to 8 p.m. \$27.

Maine and Togus: A Proud Record of Honoring and Caring for Our Veterans

By Sen. Susan M. Collins

Veterans Day is a solemn anniversary, a day set aside not to celebrate victory in a great battle, but to honor the sacrifices that brought peace. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 was not marked by the roar of cannon. Rather, it was the moment the guns of the First World War were silenced by courage, devotion to duty, and a commitment to freedom.

The virtues that brought about that silence echo throughout our history, so it is appropriate that Veterans Day now honors all who have defended our nation in all places and at all times.

We owe them a great debt. We repay that debt in part with the gratitude we express on Veterans Day, but only in part. Today, some 20 million Americans wear the proud title of “Veteran,” nearly 127,000 here in our great state of Maine. To put that in perspective, Maine has more veterans per capita than all but two of the other states in the country. We are proud of our state’s contributions to protecting our nation.

Mainers also should be proud of our state’s leadership in caring for our veterans. More than a century and a half ago, our nation’s first hospital for veterans was established at Togus.

On March 4, 1865, with victory in the Civil War close at hand, President Abraham Lincoln ended his second inaugural address with a commitment “to bind up the nation’s wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan...”

The day before, President Lincoln had taken action to care for those who had born the battle by signing into law a bill estab-

lishing a national network of hospitals for wounded veterans. In one of the last acts of a remarkable life defined by compassion, President Lincoln ensured that the patriots who saved our nation would not be forgotten. Instead, they would find care and healing through a national network of soldiers’ homes, which became the template for succeeding generations of our VA hospitals of today.

As more than 80,000 of those Civil War veterans were from Maine, it was fitting that the very first of those homes opened its doors in the state that had sacrificed so much.

The Togus property originally was a summer resort built by Horace Beals, a wealthy granite merchant from Rockland. The resort, Togus Springs, opened in 1859, but failed during the Civil War and closed in 1863. The federal government bought the property and converted it into what was called the Eastern Branch of the National Asylum.

The first veteran was admitted to Togus on November 10, 1866. The veteran population of the home remained under 400 until a building program two years later increased its capacity to 3,000. The home was organized much like a military camp, with the veterans living in barracks and wearing modified uniforms. President Ulysses S. Grant visited Togus in 1873 to review the soldiers who had served under him during the Civil War.

Maine continues to lead the way in caring for our veterans, not only at Togus, but also in clinics around the state. Last year marked the 30th anniversary of the VA’s first Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, which was established in Caribou. That pioneering

work has been a profound benefit to America’s 3.5 million rural veterans who now receive care close to home at more than 800 CBOCs throughout the country. As a former pilot site for the highly successful ARCH program, Maine continues to help more veterans receive the care they need closer to home.


As our population of veterans has grown, aged, and diversified, so too has Togus adapted to these changes to become a modern, multi-dimensional medical care facility that provides high quality health care from a dedicated staff. In 2014, we celebrated the opening of the Women’s Clinic at Togus. As more and more women serve in increasingly demanding roles, Maine’s leadership remains essential. In August, construction began on a new Fisher House at Togus that will provide a free and hospitable “home away from home” for the families of veterans receiving medical care here at the hospital. This allows them to be close to their loved ones at a stressful time, which aids the healing process.

And just this September, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs recognized the VA Maine Healthcare System with its top five-star rating, ranking it 16th out of 146 VA systems across the country. In quality of care, patient satisfaction, and ease of access, Togus - America’s first veterans’ hospital - continues to put veterans first.

When the men and women of our armed forces return home from war, we have an obligation to care for them and welcome them all the way home. Maine and Togus have a proud record of doing just that by honoring and caring for our veterans.


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Thursday, Nov. 22
Theater: “The Santaland Diaries.” 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth. Re-counts best-selling humorist David Sedaris’ stint as a Macy’s Department Store elf named “Crumpet.” Mature audiences. Again 11/23-25, 11/29-12/2 (Sat. at 2 & 7, Sun. at 7 p.m.). \$28. www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Friday, Nov. 23
Gipper’s Basketball Tip-Off Classic. Lewiston High School gymnasium. Pres. by the A-L Sports Hall of Fame, this annual event features a full day of games between local and area high school teams; girls play Friday and boys play Saturday. \$5/3.

ExTRAINganza. 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 activities. Again 11/24. Game tix \$1 ea.; admission \$5 adults, free for kids 12-.

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Bean Supper. 5 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Baked beans, casseroles, hot dogs, coleslaw, bread, beverages and pies; entertainment by the Park Ave. Pickers at 4:30. \$8/4 (kids ages 5- free). 782-3972.

Christmas Revue. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 843 Washington St., Bath. Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations perform Motown- and R&B-inspired versions of classic Christmas songs. \$20 (\$17 in adv.). 442-8455; chocolatechurcharts.org.

Sunday, Nov. 25
Lewiston Winter Farmer’s Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

“Happy Together” Concert. 1 to 4 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Six duos of various musical styles, including Denny and Ann Breau, Kathy Haley and Phil House, and Frank Coffin and Malinda Liberty, perform to benefit Friends of Pettingill Park. \$20. www.francocenter.org.

Monday, Nov. 26
Discover Girl Scouts. 6 p.m. Turner Primary School, 59 Cobb Rd., Turner. Girls in Kindergarten through Grade 3 and their caregivers are invited to come learn about Girl Scouts. 888-922-

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Tuesday, Nov. 27
Discover Girl Scouts. 6 p.m. Lillian Parks Hussey School, 12 Gedney St., Augusta. Girls in Kindergarten through Grade 3 and their caregivers are invited to come learn about Girl Scouts. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 28
Rotary Breakfast Club Meeting. 7 a.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. This week’s speaker is Androscoggin Land Trust Executive Director Shelley Kruszewski. All welcome; breakfast \$10. Discover Girl Scouts. 6 p.m. Helen Thompson School, 309 Spears Corner Rd., West Gardiner. Girls in Kindergarten through Grade 3 and their caregivers are invited to come learn about Girl Scouts. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

“Police Insider: True Blue.” 7 p.m. City Council Chambers, Lewiston City Hall. The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council hosts a panel discussion with Lewiston Police Department personnel to discuss the scope and nature of their work. Free.

Thursday, Nov. 29
HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Jackie Little, HR Director for the Maine Legislature, presents “Leadership Traits that Create a Winning Work Place.” \$50 (Chamber members \$25; CMHRA members free). 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

History Program. 3:30 p.m. Muskie Archives, Bates College, 70 Campus Ave., Lewiston. Speakers and a panel discussion assess the role of VP candidate Ed Muskie in the pivotal 1968 U.S. presidential campaign. Free. jwebber@bates.edu. Marine Corps League Meeting. 6 p.m. Lewiston Armory, 65 Central Ave. Central ME Detachment 810 needs members: all Marines, FMF corpsman, Navy chaplains, and those interested in helping local veterans’ organizations are invited to attend.

Discover Girl Scouts. 6 p.m. Agnes Grey Elementary School, 170 Main St., West Paris. Girls in Kindergarten through Grade 3 and their caregivers are invited to come learn about Girl Scouts. 888-922-4763; girlscoutsofmaine.org.

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Saturday, Dec. 1
Vendor Craft Noel Gala. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parish hall, Holy Family Church, 607 Sabattus St., Lewiston. Bake sale, raffles, snacks; light lunch avail. 782-8125. Shaker Christmas Fair. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shaker Village, 707 Shaker Rd., New Gloucester. Shaker baked specialties, unique gift and holiday items, White Elephant Room, 50/50 raffle, hot cider, homemade donuts, lunch plates while they last. 926-4597; www.maineshak-ers.com.

Christmas Memories. 2 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church, 209 Eastern Ave., Augusta. The Maine-ly Harmony women’s barbershop chorus, along with the Heart ‘n Soul and Windsong quartets, present a Christmas song showcase; refreshments follow. Free.

Christmas Concert. 3 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Music by the Wesleyan Singers, Park Avenue Pickers, Auburn Bell Ringers, and local soloists and musicians; refreshments follow. Free.

Public Supper. 5 p.m. Paris Fire Station, Western Ave., So. Paris. Baked ham, potatoes, vegetables, bread, mac & cheese, assorted homemade pies and desserts. Pres. by the Dept. Auxiliary. \$8/4 (free ages 3 and under).

Sunday, Dec. 2
Lewiston Winter Farmer’s Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 5
Christmas Dinner. 6 p.m. Green Ladle, Lewiston H.S., 156 East Ave., Lewiston. The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality present a meal of pork tenderloin and holiday music and songs by the Carol Bailey String Band; door prizes. \$18 (purchase by 11/27). 782-4516.

Friday, Dec. 7
Holiday Spectacular. 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Performing Arts Center, Academy St., Auburn. Community Little Theatre presents this holiday celebration in songs and stories. Again 12/8. \$20/18/10. 783-0958; LA-CLT.com.

Saturday, Dec. 8
Holiday Craft fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Minot Con-

solidated School, 23 Shaw Hill Rd., Minot. Over two dozen crafters, Kids’ Entrepreneur Area, free Fancy Clothing Boutique, raffles, concessions. Pres. by the Minot Community Club. 266-5033.

Sunday, Dec. 9
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Sunday, Jan. 6
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Monday, Jan. 7
Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss “A Fine Balance,” by Rohinton Mistry. Open to all; copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Sunday, Jan. 13
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Sunday, Jan. 20
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Sunday, Feb. 3
Lewiston Winter Farmer’s Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

Monday, Feb. 4
Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss “Future Home of the Living God,” by Louise Erdrich. Open to all; copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Sunday, Feb. 10
Lewiston Winter

Farmer’s Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

Sunday, Feb. 17
Lewiston Winter Farmer’s Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

Sunday, Feb. 24
Lewiston Winter Farmer’s Market. 10 a.m. to noon. YWCA, 130 East Ave., Lewiston. Vendors sell locally grown and produced goods. Harvest Bucks, Market Rewards; credit, debit, cash, and SNAP/EBT accepted. 513-3848; www.lewistonfarmersmarket.com.

Monday, Mar. 4
Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Local History Room, Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss “Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City,” by Matthew Desmond. Open to all; copies avail. through the library. Free. 333-6640, ext. 4.





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