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Rotary Christmas Tree Sale

The Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Club will hold its tenth annual Christmas Tree Sale on Saturday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday, December 4, from 9 a.m. to noon at Maine Bucket, 21 Fireslate

Place in Lewiston. Join Rotarians on Saturday for a day of fun when participants may cut down their own Christmas tree and kids may have their picture taken with Santa in his giant chair. There will also be crafts, Christmas goodies, raffle items, hot dogs, popcorn, hot chocolate and kindling seconds. On Sunday, there will be Christmas tree cutting and wreath and bough sales only.

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"Just Us" Family Christmas Show at Franco Center



"Just Us" are an eclectic group of family members and friends who have been performing great music together for generations.

The "Just Us" entertainers will present their 16th annual "Just Us" Family Christmas Show on Sunday, December 4, at 2 p.m. at the Gendron Franco Center. Led by Nel Meservier, formerly of the "C'est Si Bon" band, the group will perform non-traditional Christmas songs, along with old favorites.

The "Just Us" entertainers first performed at the Franco Center in the summer of 2000 to raise funds for the then Festival de Joie. Since then, this eclectic group of family members and friends who have been performing great music together for generations has performed at the center 38 times for various events. All of their music is performed live, where harmonies come from within the hearts of See Franco, page 4

Twin Cities Holiday Celebration set for Nov. 26



At last year's event, Ben Grenier accepts the window decorating contest trophy on behalf of Rainbow Bikes.

Get ready for a fun filled community event that is free and open to the public! Join the cities of Lewiston and Auburn for their Twin Cities Holiday Celebration! The planning committee has come together with local artists of the Union of Maine Visual Artists-LA Chapter to bring you this special two-part event on Saturday, November 26, including the

Festival of Art and Lights from noon to 4 p.m. and the Parade of Lights at 6 p.m.

Local businesses have

decorated their store fronts for a window decorating contest. Businesses will host artists and artisans. The Lamey Wellehan building on Lisbon Street will have student work from Wicked Illustrations, Lewiston Middle School and Tree Street Youth. Lewiston

Public Library will have activities. The parade will end in Lewiston with activities in Kennedy Park, such as a tree and menorah lighting, music, free photos with Santa from Photo Finish, free dental bags from major sponsor Center Street Dental, free mittens and gloves from the Auburn Business Association, free horse and wagon rides See Holiday, page 4

Community Little Theatre plans Holiday Spectacular

On Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10, Community Little Theatre will stage their annual

Holiday Spectacular fundraising event. This special family-friendly performance will feature songs and dance from many holiday favorites, and organizers have received confirmation from the North Pole that Santa Clause will be in attendance and available for photographs after the show.

"This program is not only a ton of fun to present, but it serves the important purpose of helping us raise money for our theater," said Holiday Spectacular director Kay Warren. "CLT is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization, and we rely heavily on the support of our community to keep our doors open."

The program's music director will be Rebecca Caron and the accompanist will be Stephen Saxon. Featured soloists will include Mitch Thomas, Jake Boyce, Cam

Ramich, Chris L'Hommedieu, John Blanchette, Brandon Chaloux, Dan Burgess, Stefanie Lynn, Renee Davis, Rebekah Leonard, Eileen Messina, Olivia Mayo, Maddie Leslie, Mia-Angelina Leslie, Nicole Chase and Kay Warren.

The children and teens ensemble will include Maxwell Draper, Zach Gagne, Dylan Miller, Kevin Staples, Andy Dolci, Mallory Haines-White, Olivia Dubois, Sophie Wood, Abigail Hart, Dominique Cyr, Chantal Cyr, Sophie Carson, Hayden Thomas, Sophie Messina, Danica Hemond, Maureen Brann, Connor Davis, Carlotta Dolci, Ian Lathrop, Maddie Dubois, Kathleen Dean, Ansley Watson, Makenzie Finnegan and Jack Des-

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

CMCC student earns Lumber Dealers Scholarship



Brian C. Thayer Memorial Scholarship recipient Eliza Robbins (third from r.), with David Gluck, regional director of the Northeastern Retail Lumber Association; RLDAM board member JoAnne Tarr of Lapointe Lumber in Augusta; and Don Varney, department chair of the Building Construction Technology program at CMCC.

Central Maine Community College student Eliza Robbins of Whitefield is one of five Maine Community College students who have been awarded the Retail Lumber Dealers Association of Maine Brian C. Thayer Memorial Scholarship.

Robbins is a student in the college's Building Construction Technology associate degree program. She has completed courses in Hand and Power Tool Safety and Building Concepts and is currently enrolled in Building Concepts II, Construction Site Surveying, and Construction Health and Safety.

The Retail Lumber Dealers Association of Maine was established in 1933 to foster the interests of those in the retail lumber and building materials industry. Affiliated with the Northeast Retail Lumber Association, the group provides educational and training opportunities for its members and scholarships for deserving students in the construction fields.

The BCT program at CMCC prepares students for successful employment in construction-related fields. Through a combination of classroom study, mock-ups, and live projects, students obtain hands-on experience and become broadly familiar with methods, standards, and codes commonly associated with the construction industry. The program offers students the opportunity to earn a certificate or an associate in applied science degree.

Kendra Thompson supports Humane Society



For her sixth birthday, Kendra Thompson, a student at McMahon Elementary School in Lewiston, asked birthday party guests to bring donations for the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society in place of birthday gifts. Her guests generously donated pet food, which will be used to help feed the thousands of unwanted animals the Humane Society cares for each year. For more information about the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society, see www. SavingPetsInMaine.org.

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Rylee Smith named RSU 16 Student of the Month



Rylee Smith, with Tri-Town Optimist Club President Jeff Gagnon

The Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland Tri-Town Optimist Club have named sixth grader Rylee Smith of Elm Street Elementary School as the RSU 16 Student of the Month for November. Smith's teacher describes her as an

amazing young woman and quiet leader who is always kind, soft and empathetic toward those around her. Her character and actions consistently demonstrate her desire to do her best in everything she does, from school to sports. Upon

hearing the news, Smith's family expressed their gratitude to the district for supporting programs such as The Daily 5 and Gifted and Talented, both of which have contributed to her love for reading. Congratulations, Rylee!

St. Dominic Academy teacher awarded \$10,000 grant

Saint Dominic Academy has announced that fifth-grade teacher and distance learning coordinator Peter Servidio has received a \$10,000 grant from the Foundation of Blended and Online Learning. The award is a result of Servidio's work on a blended learning partnership between the academy and Holy Savior School in Rumford. Blended learning combines proven teaching methods with the delivery of content via digital and online media. The pace and application of the material is adjusted on a student-by-student basis. Servidio leads the academy's curriculum oversight for the partnership.

"I am humbled to be among the handful of recipients to receive this grant, which will allow us to ensure that 21st-century learning is occurring in our classrooms," said Servidio.



Peter Servidio

"I hope that the work we are doing at Saint Dominic Academy and Holy Savior School will become a model that helps Catholic education thrive within our state and beyond."

Servidio has spent the past twelve years working as a librarian-media specialist, Virtual High School site coordinator, and part-time middle and high school teacher. Along with these roles, he was also the dean of student affairs at the academy's Auburn campus for eight years before returning full-time to the classroom this year to teach fifth grade.

The Foundation of Blended and Online Learning's Teacher Grant Program is designed to reward teachers and counselors who have demonstrated excellence in education in targeted areas in the blended and online setting. To capture emerging best practices and share these strategies with the broader community, the program recognizes individuals who want to make a difference with their students through the utilization of different mediums

Grant recipients must produce measurable outcomes to demonstrate the effectiveness of their programs and strategies. In its first year, the innovative program at Holy Savior School has already had a positive impact on students and teachers as they have utilized new technology and independent learning software in congruence with traditional classroom activities.

CCU plans Holiday **Lighting Celebration**

In preparation for the L-A Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 26, Community Credit Union will ring in the holiday season at its Lewiston branch at 144 Pine Street with a special Holiday Lighting Celebration from 6 to 7 p.m.

The public is invited to enjoy free pizza, hot chocolate, popcorn, a visit from Monty Moose, and holiday music, with the official lighting taking place at 6:15. For more information, see www.communitycreditunion.com.

Senior College: A Gem of a Resource in Our Community



The Senior College Dine Around Club enjoys an elegant dinner at Maurice's Restaurant in South Paris.

By Susan N. Donar

Are you aware of this amazing and versatile resource on the USM Lewiston-Auburn Campus and its many activities for community members 50 years of age and older? If so, then please continue to spread the word. If not, then I encourage you to call 753-6510, leave a message, and someone will call back to answer any questions you may have regarding our classes, programs, and special events for members only.

Yes, we offer a wide variety of interesting and fun on-campus classes in the fall, winter, and spring. But did you know we also have various clubs that only members may join? These clubs include Cross Country Skiing, Night at the Theater, Outdoor Adventure, and Monthly Dine Around. In fact, just last week the Monthly Dine Around gathered at Maurice's in South Paris for an incredible meal and a lot of friendly conversation. Those participating

in the event included John Hodgkins (coordinator), Eileen Fales, Joan Gellatly, Janice Plaude, Betty Campbell, Gail Nightinggale, Pat Vampetella, Janet Stenberg, Sue Donar, Betsy Way, Theresa Bazinet, Rae Hawk, Claire Gamache, and Cecilia

Recently the Outdoor Adventure Club hiked a portion of the Appalachian Trail and then dined at the Looney Moose! Later this month, the Theater Club will travel to Monmouth to see "Born Yesterday" and then dine at the Chickadee to talk about our evening.

Yes, Senior College is about learning, but it is also about socializing, fun, great friends, and experiencing as many aspects of life in Maine as possible. You receive a lot for your \$25 yearly membership that runs from September to September. Even if you join now, there is a lot that you can gain from your membership. Call 753-6510 for more information.

Deeley elected chair of canonical affairs committee

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has elected Bishop Robert P. Deeley, J.C.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Portland, as the new chairman-elect of the USCCB's Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance. The election was held as part of this year's USCCB Fall General Assembly in Baltimore, Maryland. Bishop Deeley will serve one year as chairman-elect before beginning a threeyear term at the conclusion of the 2017 USCCB Fall General Assembly.

The Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance assists the bishops by interpreting particular law and providing direction in the ongoing implementation of the 1983 Code of Canon Law and the



Bishop Robert P. Deeley, J.C.D.

1990 Code of Canons for the Eastern Churches. The committee also addresses issues from a canonical perspective related to the pastoral practices of the Church and provides a forum for the possible resolution of disputes that occasionally arise between or with regard

Bishop Deeley has a long record of dedication to the law of the Church in teaching, practice, administration, and pastoral assistance. Last month, he was named the recipient of the "Role of Law Award," the Canon Law Society of America's most prestigious honor. The award is given to an individual who has distinguished himself in the practice of canon law, serving God's people through the use of this law of the Church.

Bishop Deeley earned both a Licentiate of Canon Law degree in 1983 and a Doctor of Canon Law degree (summa cum laude) in 1986 from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. In 1978, with his appointment as secretary to the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Boston, he began a ministry in the Tribunal that would last for over 20 years, including eleven years as judicial vicar (1989-1999). From 2004

to 2011, he served at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Vatican City, which promotes and safeguards the doctrine on the faith and morals within the Church throughout the

The bishop has also lectured on canon law and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at many schools, including the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy; the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts; and St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts. He has also served as a translation editor for "The Code of Canon Law: Latin-English Edition," published in 1988.

In addition, Bishop Deeley assumed the presidency of the Canon Law Society of America from 2000-2001 and has served as the society's treasurer and on the board of governors.

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Only Steps Forward

Thankful for our public servants, local businesses, volunteers

By Jonathan P. LaBonté

MAYOR OF AUBURN

The week of Thanksgiving tends to quickly turn most people's attention to the Christmas season and the blitz of advertisements, gift wish lists and for many the stress of trying to keep up the Joneses. And in Lewiston-Auburn, where the decades of economic stagnation we are battling to turn around has left more families struggling in poverty than generations ago, the holiday season brings all sorts of added pressure.

Rather than let that consumerism get too much control over our thoughts this week, I'd ask you to join me in thinking about what you are thankful for in your

life, and in this community, and perhaps put on your "to do" list lending a hand to those in need.

With those challenges of poverty so real in the lives of families here, I'm thankful for the local nonprofits that provide that support for Thanksgiving and other meals during this season. Those groups include Hope Haven Gospel Mission, Trinity Jubilee Center, the High Street Congregational Church Food Pantry and many others. They often seek volunteers to help prepare or deliver meals and seek the treasure of local residents and businesses to keep the shelves stocked.

When each of us set-



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

tle in for our Thanksgiving dinners or to watch one of the football games comfortably with our families, I hope you'll join me in being thankful for our first responders here in Auburn and Lewiston. The firefighters, police officers and emergency communications staff make sacrifices,

beyond the daily risks inherent in their jobs, to work and be away from their families on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and other times that many of us find ourselves sitting behind a grill or by a fire

As we think about our public employees, we should all be thankful for the public works crews of both cities that help keep us safe as we go about our activities during this season by clearing sidewalks, crosswalks and streets of snow and ice. While at times I do hear the occasional grumble of a slow commute into town, the men and women of these departments work all hours of the day, any day

season by recruiting inter-

ested individuals. Tax-Aide

is an AARP Foundation

program that, during the tax

season, offers free tax filing

help to those who need it

most, especially adults ages

50 and older. Individuals do

not need to be a member of

AARP or a retiree to volun-

teer and/or use the program.

Tax-Aide volunteers receive

training and continued sup-

port in a welcoming envi-

ronment. There are a variety

of roles for individuals with

every level of experience who

want to make a difference

in someone's life. Volunteer

tax preparers complete tax

preparation training and IRS

certification prior to working

with taxpayers. There is also

a need for grass-roots leader-

ship, on-site greeters, those

AARP Foundation

they are needed, to make travel possible.

The day after Black Friday, I'm thankful for the many small business owners that we have here in our community that provide services and goods that make for great Christmas gifts. These businesses make up the heart of our local

And when they aren't in their businesses or thinking about their businesses, many of those owners and their employees are busy volunteering their time, talent and treasure to the many groups that add to the quality of life in our community. These range from arts and cultural groups, to business-to-business and

marketing organizations, to youth programs. I'm thankful that so many in our community see the value in offering to serve others and improve this place.

Whether it's public employees or private business owners, long-time residents or those new to Lewiston-Auburn, this community is blessed with many people willing to give of themselves to improve the fortunes of others. And given the need here, there's always the opportunity for each of us to do more. If you haven't already found a way to give back during this season, I hope you reach out to connect with an organization that can put your talents to use.

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tacular is presented in partnership with Edward Little High School's Chorus and Drama Departments, Ninth Tone Vocal Studio and Surefire Records. The show will begin on both evenings at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased by calling the box office at 783-0958 or online at www.laclt.com.

One of the oldest continuously running community theaters in Maine, Community Little Theatre is a local, non-profit, volunteer-driven organization whose members contribute a wide variety of personal talents to provide education and personal exposure to quality live entertainment in

County Republicans meet Nov. 28

The Androscoggin County Republican Committee will meet on Monday, November 28 at 7 p.m. at its headquarters at 120 Center Street in Auburn. All registered Republicans are invited to come celebrate campaign victories over

the form of both musical and non-musical productions.

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from Stillbrook Acres and free refreshments from Dunkin Donuts. Info areas on the day of the event will be Wicked Illustrations, LA Arts, The Studio and

Thanksgiving pie. Please bring pies to share. A guest speaker will be announced. For more information, contact committee secretary Joanna Said at 897-4824 or committee chair Patti Gagne at 576-9096 or pattigagne@allstate.com.

The Hive. These locations, primarily on Lisbon Street, will have maps. For more information, visit the UMVA LA Facebook event page or see www.lewistonmaine.gov.

Kotary

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Trees under eight feet will be \$35, those over eight feet will be \$50, wreaths with bows will be \$12, and boughs with berries will be \$5. Credit cards will be accepted. Those who can't attend the event are invited to call Doug or Autumn at 784-6700 or Lee Upton at 740-8510 regarding pre-sales. All proceeds will support local charitable causes of the Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club.

Franco

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AARP Foundation is who can provide technical looking to expand its team assistance and interpreters who can provide language of volunteers in Maine for the upcoming tax filing

AARP seeks volunteers for Tax-Aide program

Last year, in Maine, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers helped more than 25,000 taxpayers with their tax questions and return preparation for both federal and state of Maine income tax returns. The program is offered at 70 locations throughout Maine, including senior centers, libraries and other convenient locations. The program is totally free to all eligible taxpayers, including free electronic filing.

"Many older, low-income taxpayers miss out on the credits and deductions they've earned because they cannot afford to pay for professional tax preparation" said Joan Jagolinzer, former Maine State Coordinator for AARP Tax-Aide. "AARP Foundation Tax-Aide addresses this community need with volunteers who are not only helping their neighbors, but also learning new skills and giving their mind a workout

Offered in coordination with the IRS, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has grown remarkably since it fielded its inaugural team of just four volunteers in 1968. The program now involves nearly 35,000 volunteers and serves 2.7 million taxpayers annually at more than 5,000 locations nationwide. Taxpayers who used AARP Foundation Tax-Aide received \$1.41 billion in income tax refunds and more than \$240 million in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITCs).

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Girl Scouts host new member sign-ups

As a part of a new recruitment initiative, Girl Scouts of Maine will host sign-up events for potential new members and volunteers at various locations throughout the area this week. These events, for girls from kindergarten through fifth grade and their parents, will illustrate how Girl Scouting contributes to the development of girls, how it relates to the success of young women today, and how adult volunteers play an important role.

"Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full potential," says Girl Scouts of Maine CEO Joanne Crepeau. "When a girl becomes a Girl Scout, she grows into a young woman who is self-confident, strong and compassionate. She learns how to build and maintain healthy relationships. She becomes more aware of the world around her and uses her skills and talents to make her world a better place."

New member sign-up events will take place on Monday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m.

in Chelsea; on Tuesday, November 29 at 5:45 p.m. at Lincoln School in Augusta; on Wednesday, November 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Norway Memorial School in Norway: on Thursday, December 1 at 5:45 p.m. at Lillian Parks Hussey School in Augusta; and on Saturday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m. at Auburn Public Library in Auburn. For more information about Girl Scouting or how to get involved, call 888-922-4763 or visit girlscoutsofmaine.org.

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Enough is Enough

Put politics away; Project Healing Waters helps vets

By Robert E. Macdonald Mayor of Lewiston

Today is Thanksgiving Day. A time for family gatherings. A time to reflect and be thankful for the grace and blessings we have received from the Lord.

We should observe the day in a jubilant, positive manner in order to prepare ourselves for the season of peace, Christmas, which will shortly follow.

This week is time to lock crazy Grandpa and his political rantings deep in a soundproof cellar. The elections are finally over. Television has returned to commercials ranging from the cars we drive to the clothes we wear to the medications that will prevent us from soiling our cars and

Finally, it is time to put aside your political views

and opinions. Relegate them to the dustbin of history. Your family is your family and will remain so now and after future elections. Politics is not an issue that should cause division in anyone's family.

Last week Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonté and I had the honor and pleasure of having lunch with Marine Col. Todd Desgrosseilliers (for the rest of the column he will be referred to as Col. D), which for me was a humbling experience. Col. D is an Auburn native, the son of Edward and Sheila Desgrosseilliers of Auburn.

Col. D first came to my attention about three years ago when he was the feature story in Leatherneck Magazine. Col. D is a Marine's Marine, following in the footsteps of Ma-



Mayor Bob Macdonald

rine legend General Lewis "Chesty" Puller. Similar to Puller, when the shooting started Col. D was with his men being exposed and facing the same danger faced by the lowliest ranking man on the battlefield.

His caring about the health of his men extended from the battlefield to stateside, where he visited many of his hospitalized men. He is a leader who you would follow into the Gates of Hell.

What was most impressive was he has never forgotten his humble beginnings or how he rose from a private to a colonel in the Corps. During his time in combat, he suffered several wounds and is currently scheduled to retire in a few weeks due to balance problems caused by injuries from IEDs (improvised explosive devices).

But true to the can-do spirit of military men, rather than withdraw from life, he has set a course that will help fellow veterans overcome their temporary setbacks. Col. D is now the new CEO of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing.

The program was started at Walter Reed

Meals Program, Food Pantry,

Day Shelter, Resource Cen-

ter, and Refugee Integration

Program. Since its founding

in 1991, the center has of-

fered homeless families a

hospitable place where their

children can have a snack,

Army Medical Center in 2005. In 2006, an official name for the program was established and in 2007 the organization was incorporated in the State of Maryland. Over 205 operational programs are now located in all 50 states and Germany serving disabled veterans and disabled military per-

PHWFF is a volunteer-run organization governed by a board of trustees and elected officers, supported by six full-time employees and one part-time employee at their Maryland headquarters. They are associated with 61 international federations of fly-fishing clubs, 80 Trout Unlimited chapters and 49 independent clubs, all supplying volunteers that keep the program running.

run around, and be kids;

where parents without work

or hope can find solutions to

the issues they're facing; and

where those suffering from

mental illness can get a hot

meal, served with dignity, in

a place where they feel safe

whelmed by all of the bad

"It's easy to be over-

and respected.

Healing Waters is a program that teaches the art of tying flies and fly fishing to wounded vets with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and wounds affecting balance. This enables the veteran to focus and concentrate on the task at hand, pushing aside the horrors of war.

In 2015, more than 200,000 hours were donated by over 3,500 volunteers. This enabled 7,400 disabled vets and disabled military service personnel the ability to participate in the program. For more information on this program, go to www.projecthealingwaters.org.

Next week we will resume political discussions. But until then, have a Happy Thanksgiving and please don't fight with the relatives.

communities strained to the

breaking point," said board chair Don Hinkley. "But at

Trinity, we also hear stories

of triumph, perseverance,

and hope. This is what mat-

ters most, and what keeps

us energized and moving

forward." The center is lo-

cated at 247 Bates Street in

Lewiston. For more infor-

Leavitt Ski Team plans Bottle Drive

The annual Leavitt Ski Team Bottle Drive will take place on Saturday, December 3, beginning at 8 a.m., when members of the ski team will fan out across Turner, Leeds, and Greene to pick up bottles. Those donating bottles will be entered into a raffle for a stay at the Inn by the River at the Forks. Those donating cash will be entered into a separate raffle to win two tickets to one Boston Celtics game, two tickets to one Boston Bruins game, and two tickets to one Red Sox game.

The drive helps raise money for the school's ski team, which incurs travel expenses to be able to work out on snow, and parts of which require specialized equipment and waxes. The drive also raises money for college scholarships of \$500 each for graduating team members. For more information about the bottle drive, contact Mark Evans at 314-1769 or find the Leavitt High School Ski Boosters on Facebook.

YWCA offers youth Intro. to Archery program

The YWCA of Central Maine will offer a new six-week Introduction to Archery program for girls and boys ages 8-17. Program participants will learn proper form and the basic skills that will get students safely shooting. The health benefits of archery include improved balance and coordination and increased upper body strength.

Archery is also known to improve focus and concentration, selfconfidence and teaches the benefits of patience.

All equipment will be provided. Classes will be taught by instructor Simeon Gray of the Back to Creation Outdoor School, who holds a Level 1 certification through USA Archery and is also certified by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Classes will be held Tuesday evenings November 29 through January 3. The program will be divided into two age divisions, 6 to 7 p.m.

for those ages 8-12 and 7 to 8 p.m. for those ages

The cost of the program is \$90 per person. Space is limited. For more information or to register, call the YWCA of Central Maine at 795-4050.

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Trinity Jubilee Center of Lewiston will celebrate 25 transformed by programs

an opportunity to celebrate the positive impact we have made together over the past 25 years," said Executive Director Erin Reed. "It is also a time to acknowledge that many in our community are still affected by hunger, homelessness, and unemployment, and to reaffirm our commitment to act as a safety net for those people, catching them before they

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Ladies of St. Anne host Christmas Dinner



Providing the entertainment will be Adrien Leclair, Gerry Dube and Lorraine Ouellette, aka the Lorraine Ouellette Trio.

The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality of Holy Family Parish will host their annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 7 at 6 p.m. at the Green Ladle at 156 East Avenue in Lewiston. Doors will open at 5:30. A buffet dinner will be served December 1.

and entertainment will be provided by the Lorraine Ouellette Trio. There will be door prizes, cash raffle tickets and a 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$18 and may be purchased from any board member, or by calling Anita at 782-4516, no later than

Maine Oxy acquires Lynox Welding & Cleaning Supplies

Maine Oxy, headquartered in Auburn, and Lynox Welding Supply & Cleaning Systems, based in Presque Isle, have announced their newly formed partnership, effective November 1. Maine Oxy will continue to operate in all current locations, including the Lynox locations in Presque Isle, Hermon and Portland, under the Maine Oxy name. This partnership will bring the company's total number of employees to more than 200.

"We are very pleased to combine these two companies and look forward to providing customers of both organizations the same great products and customer service to which they have become accustomed," said Dan Guerin, Maine Oxy President and CEO. "We are excited to offer our customers a new product base

Former local reporter to discuss new novel



Paul Paré

Former Lewiston newspaperman Paul Paré will discuss his latest novel, "Road Kill," on Thursday, December 1 at 6 p.m. at Auburn Public Library. The event is free and open to the public. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Paré was a reporter for the Lewiston Evening Journal in the late 1960s and into the 1970s and was one of the founders of the

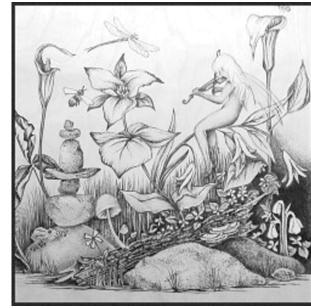
Franco-American Festival. He later worked in radio and television, receiving an Emmy for his work at NH Public TV.

His novel Road Kill gives homelessness a face. A seriously noir account, the book includes among its New England characters a school principal caught in a sex sting operation and a visionary who sees evil and death in people's faces. They make their way to Florida, where they encounter a group of squatters in a hurricane-devastated trailer park, along with dumpster divers, drag queens and church ladies on a mission. The book was published last year by Piscataqua Press of Portsmouth, NH. His first novel, "Singing the Vernacular," published in 2008, was set largely in Lewiston, as will his next book, tentatively titled "The Obituary Girl."

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Pyrographic Artist Laurie Babineau is L/A Arts' current exhibitor in the Art & Ale Window at Gritty's for the month of November. A Hartford resident, Babineau has been a long-time artist in many different media.

Two years ago, she rediscovered pyrography, the art of wood burning, after seeing some amazing work by another

local artist.

Inspiration for her subjects stems from history, fantasy, and classical and current events. She holds a BFA in sculpture from Maine College of Art and uses some sculptural aspects in her wood burnings. Her work can be found at many local fairs and festivals around the



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RSU 16 Adult Ed. offers Santa Baby Quilt workshop

cation of Mechanic Falls will present a Santa Baby Quilt workshop over three evenings in December. The class will be taught by Cathy Corbett, owner of the Oxford End Mill Store, who has a wealth of knowledge and resources for quilting, sewing and crafting.

Participants will create a "Santa Baby" project resulting in an 84x84" country look quilt of Santa and Trees. The class will meet Thursdays, December 1 through 15. Participants will need to bring a sewing

House Democrats fill leadership posts

House Democrats recently chose Assistant Majority Leader Sara Gideon (Freeport) as their nominee for Speaker of the House and Reps. Erin Herbig (Belfast) and Jared Golden (Lewiston) as House majority leader and assistant House majority leader.

"Maine people spoke loud and clear," said Gideon. "They want government that is working together and working for them. They are demanding a fair economy that works for everyone, from Madawaska to Kittery. Now it's time for Maine's leaders to come together to work on smart policies that can move our state forward." Gideon is known for her work to lower energy costs, promote renewable energy and grow Maine's clean-energy economy, as well as to increase access to naloxone, a lifesaving opiate overdose reversal medication also known as Narcan. Now entering her third term, Gideon served on the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee in her first term and as the House Democratic caucus' assistant majority leader in her second.

"Economic stability for working Maine families will be our priority," said Herbig, "We will achieve that by growing jobs with strong wages and good benefits. We will promote smart economic development and policies that are best for Maine families. Mainers are going to know that House Democrats are fighting for what is important to them." Herbig has served as House chair of the Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development Committee for the past four years. She is entering her fourth term.

"I'm honored to be selected by my colleagues to be part of the House Democrats' leadership team," said Golden. "I look forward to working See Dems, page 11

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Sometimes School Complaints Shouldn't Be Ignored

By the American **Counseling Association**

Most children will occasionally complain about school. Every student has days when things don't go quite right. But when complaints are frequent, and go beyond the "I don't like school" or "Math is too hard" variety, it may be time to listen more carefully.

There are many ways in which a child may try to express deeper problems and that he or she needs help. Children find it hard to say "I'm confused" or "I feel inadequate." Preteens and teenagers especially may have trouble admitting that they're struggling. Instead of saying, "I need help

with my schoolwork," they say, "I hate school" or "My teacher is out to get me."

These comments, when frequent, and when combined with other behaviors, are often an indicator that serious school-related problems may exist. Such behaviors may include being reluctant to discuss school and suddenly exhibiting a lack of motivation or confidence.

A child may be angry and hostile about homework and studying, or very defensive or afraid of criticism. A child may start to be withdrawn, avoiding any school-related questions, or perhaps act self-condemning by saying things like "I'm stupid" or "I just can't do it."

When these signs are combined with declining or failing grades, it's a red flag that prompt action

is needed. Ignoring the problem can affect a child's well-being as self-esteem declines and negative behaviors may begin to in-

A first step is to let your child know you understand and empathize with the difficulties being faced. Try talking about your own school struggles, offering academic assistance and complimenting their cooperation and progress to rebuild confidence. If you find you can't effectively assist with homework or studying, and many parents can't, consider a qualified tutor to help overcome the academic problems.

You should also talk with your child's school counselor. He or she will

have seen similar situations and has the training and experience needed to offer advice on how best to help your child. They may even have alternative explanations, from the school's perspective, on why your child is struggling.

School can and should be a positive and enjoyable experience for your student. Being alert for when a child is asking for help, even though indirectly, can bring not only better academic success, but a happier, better balanced child.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. For more information, visit the ACA website at www. counseling.org.

Local Elks Lodge distributes dictionaries



Miss Massey's third grade class at Park Ave. Elementary School in Auburn



Miss Rowe's third grade class at Park Ave. Elementary

Lewiston Elks Lodge #371, with funding contributed by Don't Panic Consulting, participated this fall in the Elks' nationwide Dictionary Project by purchasing dictionaries to distribute to over 600 third graders in Lewiston and Auburn ies at the schools during the elementary schools, includ-

ing St. Dominic Academy and Central Maine Christian Academy. Karen Staples, Past Exalter Ruler of Lodge #371, and Justin Donnaruma, CEO of Don't Panic Consulting, have been distributing the dictionarmonth of November.

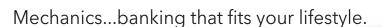


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Chamber presents "Creating and Promoting your Employer Brand"

The next seminar in the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce's Mind Your Business series on business development will be "Creating and Promoting your Employer Brand" on Thursday, December 1 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Whether you are trying to connect with prospective employees, clients or customers, the ability to express, and even exude, your personal and organizational brand is vital. Developing a brand story and using solid networks, such as LinkedIn or personal and professional websites, are important ways to expand your network and strengthen your brand.

Discussing these issues

will be Art Boulay of Strategic Talent Management and Nancy Marshall, aka "the PR Maven." Boulay and Marshall have been coaching individuals and companies in Maine since 1991. Together, they have a wealth of knowledge about how to unearth your unique promise of value as an individual or an organization and how to express your brand to your targeted audiences.

The workshop will take place in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. The cost will be \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. Registration is available at www.LAMetroChamber. com.

Bonney Staffing manager to address Rotary Club

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, December 1, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston will be Bonney Staffing Center, Inc. District Manager Tracey Chase. Guests are welcome to attend.

Chase has been with Bonney since 2008, when she started in the Lewiston location as part of a team of three. That team, which



Tracey Chase

What's Going On

Local churches to serve up Thanksgiving dinners

Church will host a free

Thanksgiving dinner at

noon in its parish hall at

32 Paris Street in Nor-

way. To make reservations

to attend, area residents

should contact the parish

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Church will offer a free

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Volunteers at several churches of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland will gather on Thursday, November 24 to provide free Thanksgiving dinners to those less fortunate.

Local churches participating include St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Norway and St. Francis Xavier Church in Winthrop.

In partnership with Christ Episcopal Church, St. Catherine of Sienna

moved to Center Street in Auburn three years ago, now includes ten recruiters and is planning to add another staffing professional. As District Manager, she supervises two branches in Auburn and Windham which staff for a wide variety of positions, from light industrial to office day-to-day to direct hire placements

For more information about this or other Rotary programs, contact Monica Millhime at 753-9040 or monica.millhime@maine.gov.

CMO offers seminar on total joint replacement

Central Maine Orthopaedics, a division of Spectrum Medical Group, and the Orthopaedic Institute of Central Maine will host a free community seminar focused on Total Joint Replacement set for November 29th at Topsham Family Medicine.

The discussion will be led by orthopaedic surgeon Jeffrey L. Bush, MD, and will cover how the procedure is done, what to expect and when to call your physician.

Bush is a board-certified, fellowship trained orthopaedic surgeon who practices with Central Maine Orthopaedics (CMO) in Auburn, and is the current Medical Director of the Orthopaedic Institute of Central Maine (OICM). He specializes in hip and knee replacement surgery and arthroscopy, performing surgeries at OICM. Bush has been with CMO since 2006, and works alongside his brother, Matthew Bush, also a CMO physician, to



Jeffrey L. Bush, MD

carry on the family tradition as third-generations of orthopaedic surgeons.

This free community seminar will be offered on November 29th from 6-7pm at Topsham Family Medicine, located at 4 Horton Place, Suite 101, in Topsham, Maine.

The presentation is being sponsored by the Orthopaedic Institute of Central Maine, a partnership of Central Maine Medical Center and Central Maine Orthopaedics.

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Historical Societies present author duo



Retired Game Warden John Ford, Sr. and retired State Trooper Mark Nickerson will recount stories from their careers on Tuesday, November 27 at the West Minot Grange Hall.

The Hebron and Minot Historical Societies will present retired Maine State Game Warden John Ford, Sr. and retired Maine State Trooper Mark Nickerson, who will recount tales of law enforcement "back in the day" on Tuesday, November 27 at 7 p.m. at the West Minot Grange Hall.

A pot-luck supper at 6 p.m. will precede the program. Both events are open to the public. Donations will be accepted. Those attending the pot-luck supper are asked

to bring a dish or dessert to share. Books by both authors will be available for purchase and signing.

Ford has added "Deer Diaries - Tales of a Maine Game Warden" to his previously published books, "The Cider Didn't Taste So Good" and "This Cider Still Tastes Funny." Nickerson is the author of "Blue Lights in the Night" and "Behind the Blue Lights." The two are known for captivating audiences with their humorous stories.





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Wesleyan Singers and the Auburn Bell Ringers, as well as several local soloists and musicians. Refreshments of deserts, coffee, punch and cookies will be served after each event. The church located at 439 Park Avenue.

Soul Sensations bring Motown Christmas to Bath



The Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath will usher in the holiday season with a Motown Christmas Concert by Pat Colwell & the Soul Sensations on Saturday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. Complete with female backup singers and a full horn section, the Soul Sensations are Maine's #1 Soul Revue. This special concert will include versions of classic Christmas songs inspired by such Motown greats as the Temptations, the Supremes, Otis Redding, Booker T and the

MG's, and the Jackson 5. Last year's show sold out and had audience members dancing in the aisles, so don't miss your chance to celebrate the holiday season with soul.

Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in festive, downtown Bath. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the box office at 442-8455 or online www.chocolatechurcharts.

Connie Francis tribute returns to Franco Center



Krista Johnson plays the chart topping singer in Reindeer Productions' "Among My Souvenirs."

The Gendron Franco Center will present two performances of Reindeer Productions' "Among My Souvenirs," a musical tribute to chart topping female vocalist Connie Francis, on Saturday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 27 at 2 p.m. Featuring performers Krista Johnson and Louis Philippe, this multi-media show, which sold out last season, is a line-up of popular Connie Francis hits performed live, interspersed

with a narration of her life, career and personal struggles. The doors and bar will open one hour before each show. There will also be concession and bar sales during intermission.

Reserved seats are \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors; students will be admitted for free. The center is wheelchair accessible and parking is included in the price of the ticket. For more information or to buy tickets, call 783-1585 or see francocenter.org.

Chocolate Church to hold auditions for "On Golden Pond"

Chocolate Church Arts Center will hold auditions for its upcoming production of Ernest Thompson's "On Golden Pond" on Sunday, December 4 at 2 p.m. and Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m. Available roles will include one male and one female ages 60+, two males ages 45-ish, one female age 45-ish, and one

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male age 13 or 14. The play will be directed by Thom Watson and will run in the Curtis Room February 17 through 19 and 24 through 26. Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath. For more information, call 442-8455 or email info@chocolate-church.com.





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Theater at Monmouth seeks actors for 2017

The Theater at Monmouth is seeking energetic and dynamic non-AEA performers for its 2017 Summer Repertory Season. Contracts run 10 weeks from June 13 through August 20 and include housing (for non-residents of Maine), meals, and a weekly stipend. Resumes must demonstrate experience in Shakespeare and Theatre for Families.

The 2017 Summer Season will include Mo-

liere's "Learned Ladies," directed by Sally Wood; Shakespeare's "Macbeth," directed by Dawn Mc-Andrews, and "Othello," directed by Catherine Weidner; Lolita Chakrabarti's "Red Velvet," directed by Jennifer Nelson; Richard Greenberg's "Three Days of Rain," directed by Carmen-Maria Mandley, and "My Father's Dragon," directed by Adam Blais. The first performance will be on June 24 and the season will

close on August 20.

Each actor in the summer company plays three or four roles; all shows are rehearsed and performed in repertory. The summer season operates on an LOA to LORT contract with Actors' Equity and union rules followed for Equity and non-Equity actors. Internships are also available. For more information, see www. theateratmonmouth.org.

To be considered for NY auditions, email a head-shot and resume (with website, if applicable) to boxof-fice@theateratmonmouth. org by December 1.

Crowds come out for Brunswick Bed Races



Wendy Herrick Floral Designs



Coast Bar & Bistro

Hundreds of people lined the race course recently to watch 14 decorated beds on wheels race down Park Row in downtown Brunswick in the Brunswick Downtown Association's sixth annual Rolling Slumber Bed Races.

Teams consisting of four runners and one rider competed to win trophies and bragging rights for the fastest bed, most creative bed and best team spirit. The participating teams represented Atlantic Federal Credit Union, Byrnes Irish Pub, Coast Bar & Bistro,

Cool as a Moose, Curtis Memorial Library, Fleet Feet Maine Running, The Independence Association (2 beds), Maine State Music Theatre, Saco Main Street, Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine, The Times Record, Wendy Herrick Floral Design and the Brunswick Downtown Association.

Taking first place for speed was Wendy Herrick Floral Designs, which just outpaced a BDA entry widely referred to as "The Beast." Winning for Best Overall Bed was Coast Bar & Bistro, with Curtis Memorial Library named runner up. Winning for Best Team Spirit was Byrnes Irish Pub, with Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine named runner up.

The bed races followed the Brunswick Downtown Association's Early Bird Sale, which started at 6 a.m. at most businesses. Shoppers hoping to get the highest discounts arrived early, some in their pajamas, to wait outside shops and restaurants well before the 6 a.m. opening time. Twenty-three businesses participated in the event.



Byrnes Irish Pub

Twin City Nights

Portland's Victoria Mansion opens for holiday season

One of America's leading historic house museums and a National Historic Landmark, Portland's Victoria Mansion will re-open for its 33rd annual Christmas celebration starting November 25. During the Christmas season, visitors will enjoy dazzling decorations by local florists and designers highlighting the mansion's beautiful interiors.

This year, designers will evoke the nostalgia and colloquialism of famous late 19th- and early 20th-century print makers Currier & İves. The mansion will be open to the public daily (except on Christmas and New Year's Day) from Friday, November 25 to Sunday, January 8. Doors will open at 11 a.m., with last admission at 4:30 p.m. Special evening hours are offered on Mondays, when last admission is at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13.50 for seniors and AAA members, \$7 for students with a college ID, \$5 for children ages 6 through 17, and free for children under 6. Victoria Mansion members always enter free of charge. Once again this year the Mansion will offer a slate of holiday events:

Saturdays at 10 a.m. throughout the season - Stories on the Staircase. Every Saturday during the Christmas season children ages 3 through 5 are invited to attend a free story hour and a tour tailored just for them.

Wednesday, November 30 at 6 p.m. - Annual Christmas Gala. Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres amid the glittering decorations enhancing the Mansion's interiors. Speak

with this year's designers and be inspired for your own holiday decor.

Friday, December 2 at 5 p.m. - Five Dollar First Friday. For one night only, Victoria Mansion will open from 5 to 8 p.m. (last admission at 7:30) with just a \$5 admission charge. Reservations are not required. A free gallery exhibit highlighting art and crafts created by Victoria Mansion volunteers and staff will be open upstairs over the Carriage House Museum Shop adjacent to the Mansion.

Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18, at 5:30, 6, 6:30, and 7 p.m. - Nights of the Nutcracker. Victoria Mansion and Portland Ballet present this event filled with holiday wonder. Children are invited to bring their parents to see the Mansion, decorated for the Christmas season,

Dems

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with the entire Legislature in a bipartisan way to improve Maine's economy and provide opportunities for all Mainers." Golden is heading into his second term. A Marine Corps veteran, he co-chaired the Commission to Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine Veterans

and meet dancers dressed for Portland Ballet's Victorian Nutcracker. There will be music, dance performances, and every child will leave with a special treat.

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and was a member of the Veteran and Legal Affairs Committee and the Transportation Committee.

The House Democratic caucus selected Gideon, Herbig and Golden by secret ballot. The tallies were not disclosed. The full House of Representatives will elect the speaker on Wednesday, December 7, after members of the 128th Legislature are sworn in.







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Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Dinner. 1 p.m. Sportsmen's Club, 2782 Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. Turkey, potatoes, gravy and beverages provided; bring a side dish or dessert. A music jam will follow. All welcome. No reservations required. Free. 536-9647.

Theater: "Every Christmas Story Ever Told." 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth. Three actors transform Dickens' "Christmas Carol" into a madcap romp through the holiday classics. \$10. Bring non-perishable food items for Monmouth Food Pantry. 933-9999 or see www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Friday, November 25

ExTRAINaganza. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill St., Auburn. This family holiday event features six permanent model train layouts, kids' activities, sale items, refreshments and prizes. Cont. 11/26 (10-4). \$3 (kids 11- free).

Theater: "Every Christmas Story Ever Told." Theater at Monmouth. Three actors transform Dickens' "Christmas Carol" into a madcap romp through the holiday classics. \$25. Again 11/26-27, 12/1-4. For show times, see www. theateratmonmouth.org.

Saturday, November 26

Twin Cities Holiday Celebration. This two-part event includes a Festival of Art and Lights from noon to 4 p.m. and a Parade of Lights at 6:00. For complete activities schedule with locations, see www. lewistonmaine.gov.

Baked bean Supper. 5 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Baked beans, casseroles, hot dogs, coleslaw, bread, beverages and pies; entertainment from 4:15 by Park Avenue Pickers. \$8; ages 6-12 \$4; ages 5- free. 782-3972.

Holiday Lighting Celebration. 6 to 7 p.m.

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Community Credit Union, 144 Pine St., Lewiston. Enjoy free pizza, hot chocolate, popcorn, a visit from Monty Moose, and holiday music; official lighting at 6:15.

Lady Black Bears Hockey. 7 p.m. Norway Savings Bank Arena, Auburn. The UMaine Lady Black Bears face off against NCHA Division I foes UNH. \$7.333-6688; www. norwaysavingsbankarena. com.

"Among My Souvenirs." 7:30 p.m. Franco center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This multi-media tribute to singer Connie Francis intersperses live performances of her hits with narration about her life. Again 11/27 (2 p.m.) \$18/15 (students free). 783-1585; francocenter.org.

Motown Christmas Concert. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Pat Colwell & the Soul Sensations perform versions of classic holiday songs inspired by Motown greats. \$18 at door, \$15 advance. 442-8455; www. chocolatechurcharts.org.

Sunday, November 27

Country Christmas Show. Noon to 5 p.m. Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, 2261 Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. Live entertainment, bake sale, raffles, concessions. Bring new, unwrapped present for Toys for Tots. Pres. by the ME Country Music Assoc. \$8 (MCMA members \$6; kids 12- free). 377-8035.

Yuletide Harp Concert 3 p.m. St Michael's Church, 78 Pleasant St., Auburn. Folk duo Castlebay and members of the Maine Harp Circle perform Celtic holiday music. \$10; kids free. 529-5438.

Potluck Supper-Author Visit. 6 p.m. West

Minot Grange Hall. After the supper at 6 p.m., retired Game Warden John Ford, Sr. and retired State Trooper Mark Nickerson discuss their popular books. Bring a dish or donation.

Monday, November 28

County GOP Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. Committee Headquarters, 120 Center St., Auburn. All registered Republicans invited to celebrate campaign victories over Thanksgiving pie; please bring pies to share. 576-9096; pattigagne@allstate.com.

Tuesday, November 29

Total Joint Replacement Seminar. 6 to 7 p.m. Topsham Family Medicine, 4 Horton Place, Suite 101, Topsham. Orthopaedic surgeon Jeffrey L. Bush, MD discusses how the procedure is done, what to expect, and when to call your physician. Free. Register at 835-2860 or josea9@ spectrummg.com.

Thursday, December 1

Mind Your Business Workshop. 8 to 9:30 a.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Art Boulay of Strategic Talent Management and Nancy Marshall, aka "the PR Maven," discuss "Creating and Promoting your Employer Brand." \$50 (members \$25). 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Rotary Club Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Tracey Chase discusses her work as the local District Manager for Bonney Staffing Center, Inc. Guests welcome. 753-9040; monica. millhime@maine.gov.

Open House. 5 to 7 p.m. Trinity Jubilee Center, 247 Bates St., Lewiston. The center celebrates

its 25th anniversary. 782-5700.

Author Visit. 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Former Lewiston newspaperman Paul Paré discusses his latest novel, "Road Kill." Copies avail. for purchase, signing. Free.

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Saturday, December 3

Leavitt Ski Team Bottle Drive. Starts at 8 a.m. Team members fan out across Turner, Leeds and Greene to pick up your returnable bottles and/or cash donations; donors will be entered into raffles. FMI call Mark Evans at 314-1769.

Rotary Christmas Tree Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Maine Bucket, 21 Fireslate Place, Lewiston. Cut your own tree and get a photo with Santa; refreshments, crafts, wreaths and bows. Tree, wreath and bough sales only on 12/4 from 9 a.m. to noon. 784-6700; 740-8510.

Holiday Craft Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Minot Consolidated School, 23 Shaw Hill Rd., Minot. Crafters, artisans, food, raffles, and giveaways. Hosted by Minot Community Club. Free admission. 266-5033; russella3@gmail.com.

Christmas Concert. 2 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn.The Wesleyan Singers, Auburn Bell Ringers, and local soloists and musicians perform; refreshments follow. Again at 7 p.m.

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Sunday, December 4

"Just Us" Family Christmas Show. 2 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The "Just Us" entertainers perform non-traditional Christmas songs and old favorites. \$12/10 (students w/. ID free). 689-2000; www.francocenter.org.

Wednesday, December 7

Christmas Dinner. 6 p.m. Green Ladle, 156 East Ave., Lewiston. The Ladies of St. Anne of Holy Family Parish host a buffet dinner; entertainment by the Lorraine Ouellette Trio. \$18. Buy tix by Dec. 1 at 782-4516.

Thursday, December 8

YMCA Hall of Fame Celebration & Annual Meeting. 5 to 7 p.m. Martindale Country Club, Auburn. The Yinducts new members Stephen B. Austin, Muriel Bureau, James Lawler and Pennell Woodard. Free. Register at 795-4095 or www.alymca.org.

Friday, December 9

Holiday Spectacular. 7 p.m. Great Falls Theater, Auburn. Community Little Theatre's family-fun fundraiser features songs and dance from many holiday favorites; Santa will be available for photos after the show. Again 12/10. \$15. 783-0958; www.la

Tuesday, December 13

Shoulder Pain Seminar. 6 to 7 p.m. ABC Conf. Rm., Central Maine Medical Center, 12 High St., Lewiston. Dr. Paul R. Cain, MD discusses various types of shoulder pain and treatments. Free. Refreshments. Register at 835-2860; josea9@spectrummg.com.



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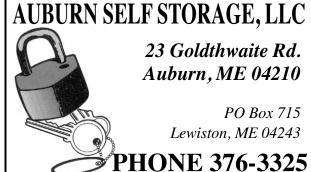
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What's Going On

MainStreet Foundation awards third quarter grants

For the third quarter of 2016, Androscoggin Bank's MainStreet Foundation awarded three grants totaling \$12,500 to Good Shepherd Food Bank of Auburn, Oxford Hills Community Gardens of Norway, and Tri-County Literacy of Bath. The foundation awards impact grants four times each year to organizations actively working to help kids thrive. The grants vary based on need and are awarded in amounts of up to \$5,000.

Good Shepherd Food Bank of Auburn received a \$5,000 grant to support its Backpack Program at Washburn Elementary School in Auburn for the current school year. The Backpack Program is a school-based food distribution program targeting school-aged kids identified as food-insecure.

Oxford Hills Community Gardens of Norway received a \$2,500 grant to support the development of a Library & Research Center for its Youth Leadership Program, which provides at-risk students with opportunities to learn real-life skills in the areas of gardening, healthy eating, cooking, and com-

munication. The center will serve hundreds of youth each year and will be open to the entire community.

Tri-County Literacy of Bath received a \$5,000 grant to support "Read with Me," a program dedicated to improving the literacy of at-risk, economically disadvantaged youth. This program intervenes during preschool years by educating and supporting parents, distributing free high-quality children's books to participants and supporting activities that create a solid foundation of literacy experiences and practices at home and at school.

The mission of Androscoggin Bank's \$1,000,000 MainStreet Foundation is simple, focused and essential: to help keep at-risk kids in Maine safe, healthy, active, happy, educated, and nourished. Four times each year, the foundation awards grants of up to \$5,000 to non-profit agencies actively working to help at-risk kids thrive. These grants vary based on need and typically total over \$50,000 per year. For more information, see www. mainstreet-foundation.org.

Rainbow FCU raises \$21,500 for hunger relief



Rainbow FCU President-CEO Mark Samson (far r.), Rainbow FCU CFO Kevin Joler (r. front), and ME Credit Union League VP of Governmental Affairs Jon Paradise (r. rear) present donation checks to representatives of local hunger relief agencies.

Rainbow Federal Credit Union of Lewiston helped raise funds for the Maine Credit Union League's 2016 Campaign for Ending Hunger, recently distributing checks totaling \$21,500 to local hunger relief organizations

The funds were distributed on November 15, when leaders of those organizations were invited to the Credit Union to receive donations.

Checks ranging in size from \$1,500 to \$3,500 were given to twelve local agencies, including Rural Community Action Ministry, Trinity Jubilee Center, St. Martin de Porres, St. Mary's Food Pantry, Poland Community Church Food Bank, Oxford Helping Hands Food Pantry, Hope Haven, New Beginnings, The Root Cellar, Mannafed, Seniors Plus, and Good Shepard Food Bank.

How to Add a Unique Twist to Your Holiday Décor this Season



We all love our holiday traditions, and that includes the way we deck the halls -- from special ornaments to favorite festive wreaths. However, you may be looking for ways to revamp the tried-and-true look, especially when entertaining friends and family.

Here are some unique ideas for adding a twist to your usual holiday decorating routine.

Mix and Match – Add dynamism and vitality to your home by infusing older, vintage elements that you've had and enjoyed for years with more modern pieces that speak to you today.

You can also breathe new life into these items by using them differently this year -- for example, moving your favorite garland from the bannister to the mantel, or hanging a wreath on a wall instead of a door.

Think Scent - Use

candles to add a finishing touch to a holiday gathering. They also make for a great host or hostess gift.

Check out the new holiday fragrance lineup from Yankee Candle, which offers both classic favorites, as well as new modern takes on traditional themes. Fragrances include "All is Bright," a blend of citrus on warm musk, "Bubbly Pomegranate," a mix of juicy berries, pomegranate and citrus, "Alpine Martini," a tart concoction spiked with mountain berries and fresh snipped pine, and "Christmas Thyme," a lemongrass and thyme scent that's mingled with sandalwood and musk. For holiday inspiration, visit www.YankeeCandle.com.

This season, add fragrance, beauty, and brightness to your home with unique twists on traditional holiday themes. (StatePoint)

