

Fighting Spirit supports Dempsey Challenge



Top fundraisers in the Dempsey Challenge Shootout, Braden Gagnon, Isaac Bellemore and Ryan Bellemare pose with Mary Dempsey and the captains of the L/A Fighting Spirit.

The L/A Fighting Spirit held two fundraisers recently in support of this year's Dempsey Challenge. The team's Charity Jersey Auction raised \$5426, while the junior team's Shootout raised \$888.

The auction featured

special purple team jerseys in honor of Valerie Goneau, who passed away in 2011 from a rare form of cancer. Valerie was the sister of Eric Goneau, who played for the Fighting Spirit that season, and served as an inspiration for the team as she battled

her illness. The team played in the jerseys on October 17 and then presented them to the winning bidders after the game.

Thanks to Positive Tracks, the Fighting Spirit's donation to the Dempsey Center will be doubled.

Twin Cities Holiday Celebration expands for 2015

The annual Twin Cities Holiday Celebration on Saturday, November 28 will expand into a daylong event this year, with activities expected to run from noon to 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by Center Street Dental

of Auburn, the celebration's growth is due to the involvement of the L-A chapter of the Union of Maine Visual Artists, who stepped forward to help longtime organizers, the Lewiston Downtown Holi-

day Celebration Committee and the Auburn Business Association, expand the usual evening event into one encompassing afternoon activities. All event details will be posted as they are finalized at www.downtown-lewistonassociation.com.

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Mechanics Savings donates to YWCA



MSB Mortgage Lender Nancy Richard (l.) presents a \$750 donation check to YWCA Executive Director Kathy Durbin-Leighton (c.) and Social Justice & Advocacy Manager Natalie Bornstein.

Mechanics Savings Bank recently donated \$750 to the YWCA of Central Maine in Lewiston. The donation will

be used to fund programming that fulfills community needs.

"By supporting YWCA programming,

Mechanics Savings Bank is helping more community members receive the support they need," said

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Model Railroad Club presents "ExTRAINaganza"

The Great Falls Model Railroad Club will present its seventh annual Christmas "ExTRAINaganza" on November 21, 22, 27 and 28. The club's handicapped-accessible clubhouse, located across from Barker Mill at 144 Mill Street in Auburn, will be buzzing as model trains of various sizes operate on its five permanent layouts, some under Christmas trees, throughout the decorated two-story building.



Ken Nettleship, Dave Kierstead and Rita Vatter check the details on the Thomas the Tank Engine layout as they prepare for the club's four-day ExTRAINaganza, beginning on November 21.

The large G-scale layout at the building entrance features an interactive winter scene with multiple tracks passing through tunnels into the next room, while the smaller N- and Z-scale layouts offer interesting new details. Younger children will operate trains that include Thomas the Tank Engine and Percy, while older children will become Guest Engineers to run trains on the extensive HO layout downstairs, which includes special new features representing Bates Mill Building #5 and the lower section of Lewiston as it might have looked 60 years ago.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

St. Mary's welcomes new surgeon

St. Mary's Surgical Associates has added Thomas L. Moore, MD to its team of general surgeons.

Dr. Moore has an extensive clinical and military background, having served as an Attending Surgeon in the U.S. Army, Blanchfield Army Community Hospital in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

He earned his medical degree at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and completed his General Surgery Residency and Surgical Internship at Walter Reed Medical Cen-

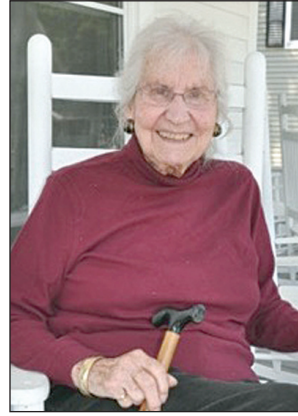


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ter in Washington, D.C. For more information about St. Mary's Surgical Associates, call 777-8650 or see www.stmarysmaine.com.

Mu celebrates Barbara Randall's birthday

Mu, the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International, hosted a reception recently to honor longtime member Barbara Randall as she celebrated her 90th birthday. Randall has been a member of Mu since 1961, chairing many committees and serving as the group's president from 1966 to 1968. She has also served on several state committees and was president of Maine's Alpha Psi State from 1969 to 1971. She was recognized with the Alpha Psi State Achievement Award



Barbara Randall

in 2012. Guests at the event included members of many organizations Randall has served with. She is a past president of the Androscoggin Retired Teachers Association, a founding member of USM L-A's Senior College and Auburn's Women's Literary Union, and has served on the boards of Seniors Plus and the United Way.

Randall graduated from Bates College, returning to serve as Dean of Women in the late 1960s. She taught English at Edward Little High School, where she also served as the girls' ski coach. A published poet, artist and world traveler, she has been a mentor and inspiration to many.

Skelton Taintor & Abbott welcomes Jordan Payne

Skelton Taintor & Abbott has announced that Jordan Payne has joined the firm as an associate attorney. She will practice in the areas of employment law, labor law, family law, commercial litigation and civil rights litigation. She is licensed to practice in Maine and is a member of the Maine State Bar Association.

Prior to joining Skelton Taintor & Abbott, Payne worked as a legal intern for the United States Attorney's Office Civil Division in Portland, Maine, and as Judicial Intern for the Honorable Norman H. Stahl of the United States



Jordan Payne

Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. She has also worked as a McKen Fellow for the Maine Volunteer Lawyer's Project.

Originally from Kansas City, Missouri, Payne received her B.A. in Government and Sociology

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Carbonite's Customer Care team wins three Stevies

Carbonite, the Boston-based provider of cloud and hybrid business continuity solutions for small and mid-sized businesses, which has a customer support center in Lewiston, announced recently that its Customer Care team has been honored with three International Business (Stevie) Awards.

Carbonite's Customer

Care team was recognized at the team and individual levels for its ability to solve complex issues for its increasingly technical audience, resulting in high customer satisfaction rates. The team received a Gold award for Customer Service Department of the Year (Computer Software), a

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Governor's Address: Paris Attacks Unite Allies, Creates Concern about Syrian Refugees Entering U.S.

President Obama said he will allow 10,000 Syrian refugees into our country within the next year, and his staff is confident in the federal government's screening process.

In the wake of the terrorist attacks in Paris, the President's actions are irresponsible.

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

Several Governors have already stated concerns about Syrian refugees resettling in the U.S. Unfortunately, we do not know for certain if Maine has any Syrian refugees at this time.

While the President has expressed confidence in the U.S. screening process, some have pointed out the gaping holes in his immigration policy. Rep. Mike McCaul of Texas is chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee. He says there is no way to vet refugees because there are no databases to do such a thing. McCaul said the Obama Administration lacks the names of 5,000 or more foreign fighters around the world—these are very dangerous people who pose serious threats on a global scale.

One of the first actions I took as Governor



Governor Paul R. LePage

was to ensure Maine is no longer a sanctuary state that harbors illegal aliens. It's important to follow federal law, and we work with law enforcement and other agencies to assist the

federal government on immigration matters.

As a free state and country, we are always vulnerable to attack. The safety of our citizens comes first. We need responsible immigration policies to protect not only Americans, but all people.

The terrorist attacks in France are a tragic reminder of the dangerous world we live in. It is my responsibility as Governor to protect the people of Maine with the resources I have available.

Staff from my office has reached out to the Consulate General of

France in Boston to offer any assistance on behalf of the State of Maine. The Maine Department of Public Safety and Maine Emergency Management Agency are working with the FBI, Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies to monitor any possible threats.

This is not a time to incite panic or fear. But I remind Mainers to stay alert to your surroundings and to report any suspicious activity. You can make a report

by calling 877-786-3636. That's 877-786-3636.

On behalf of all Mainers, we offer our deepest condolences to the victims and their families in Paris. An attack on our allies in France is considered an assault on the United States, and we stand together in condemning all acts of terrorism in friendly nations and around the world.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

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YWCA Executive Director Kathy Durgin-Leighton. "Their generosity and caring makes a real difference in these people's lives."

Over the past decade, the bank has donated more than \$1 million to local causes. Year-to-date, the bank's 75 employees have collectively volunteered over 3,300 hours of their time to support non-profit organizations that are critical to the health and well-being of our community.

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Railroad

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Parents may enjoy light refreshments from conveniently located tables and chairs overlooking the play area, which features age-appropriate trains for younger children and activities that include decorating cookies, creating Christmas tree ornaments, and playing the club's original railroad games.

"Train Time" videos, produced by the club and seen on Time Warner Cable Channel 9 and many other local cable channels, will be shown continuously each day and will be available for purchase. The club's store also has model railroad sets, individual locomotives and rolling stock in a variety of scales. Other train-related items for sale will include railroad hats, whistles, cookie cutters, T-shirts, books and train-themed Christmas cards.

Scheduled to coincide with the annual FEZtival

of Trees at the Kora Shrine Center in Lewiston, giving families an opportunity to enjoy both holiday events on the same or alternate days, the ExTRAINaganza is a four-day event with different times each day. Hours are Saturday, November 21 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, November 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, November 27 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, November 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On the event's final day, winning tickets will be drawn for the train sets under the Christmas trees and on the club's Raffle Layout.

Admission is \$3, free for children under 12. For

more information, or photos of the event from previous years, see www.greatfalls-modelrrclub.org.

Payne

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from Bowdoin College and her J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law. While in law school, she served as the Managing Editor of the Northeastern Law Journal and was a Lawyering Fellow with the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition in Boston.

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UMVA's contribu-

tion, called "The Festival of Art and Lights," will include a "Most Creative Use of Light" window decorating

contest, a crafters sale of unique high-quality gift items, discounts at downtown businesses, and carolers

strolling the streets. These activities will take place in the downtowns of both Auburn and Lewiston. The

day of the event, November 28, is also "Shop Local Day." In addition, the 2015 film version of "Cinderella"

will be shown in Auburn Public Library's Androscoggin Community Room at 1 p.m., while "Festive Hip Hop" with Ryan Morrill, an interactive program for those ages 8 to 18, will take place in Lewiston Public Library's Callahan Hall from 3 to 4 p.m.

The annual Parade of Lights will kick off at 6 p.m. The event route will run from Park Street in Lewiston to Festival Plaza in Auburn. At the Plaza, there will be free snacks, free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, free wagon rides, and free dental bags provided by Center Street Dental. Music will be provided by Dionne Entertainment.

"We've wanted to expand the Twin Cities Holiday Celebration for a couple of years now, but we didn't have the manpower," said Lewiston Community Relations Coordinator Dottie Perham-Whittier. "UMVA has been a tremendous asset in enhancing the celebration this year and helping us highlight L-A as a holiday destination place. It's really impressive how the new activities have fallen into place so nicely. It's going to be a great afternoon and evening."

Public Supper

The Paris Fire Department Auxiliary will present a Public Supper featuring roast pork, potatoes, veggies, mac & cheese, salads, bread and homemade desserts on Saturday, November 21 at 5 p.m. The cost will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids ages 4 to 12, and free for those 3 and under. The Fire Department is located on Western Avenue in South Paris.

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Holidays in a different time with different values

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

It was a sad sight last Wednesday to see another reduced number of people turn out for Lewiston-Auburn's Annual Veterans Day Celebration.

Many of the people attending were retirees. People that had been directly and personally affected by some past war are looked upon by today's generation as ancient history.

Being brought up in Boston in the 1950s and middle '60s, I remember Veterans Day as a day of a great parade up Tremont Street in Downtown Boston. The parade lasted two to three hours and included military bands and various units of each branch of

our military. Also included were floats, civic and church groups, all marching by to the cheers of thousands of people.

It was a day in which the community turned out in force to truly show their appreciation for the personal sacrifices made by those who served in both peace and war time.

But this was over two generations ago, a different time with different values. The "Blue Laws" were in effect, laws that prohibited many businesses from opening on Sundays and certain national holidays. This allowed families to gather together and be a family.

These laws allowed families to join with other families to fill the city streets



Mayor Bob Macdonald

during holiday parades, attend the yearly battle of rival football teams or just relax and enjoy a warm extended family get together. But that's all gone.

It has been replaced by a scene out of Dickens's "A Christmas Carol," where an

overwhelming emphasis is placed on commerce over a day of happiness and enjoyment by struggling families. Is the quest of the almighty dollar so critical that businesses must open an extra two or three days a year? Is this the price we are willing to pay for the eventual destruction of our families and eventually society?

The family gathering itself has been changed by modern technology. Once a gathering of warm conversation and abundant laughter, where family members would catch up on their happenings since their last get-together, the occasion has now morphed into an almost eerie silence.

Laughter and cheerful

conversation has been replaced by addiction to video games, the texting and cell phone calls to friends who, unlike those gathered for the festivities, are texted or spoken to several times a day every day by many of the family members present. This behavior will eventually lead to a steady loss of individual emotion and subsequently will result in isolation.

I am a capitalist. I believe that capitalism is what has made our country great, strong and the envy of the world. But is our country's economy so fragile that it would collapse with the stopping of commerce three days a year?

Lastly, although the turnouts continue to dwindle

at various Veterans Day festivities, there is one event that year after year the numbers continue to increase. That event is a prayer service at Holy Family Church in Lewiston.

This service honors each of the five branches of the military (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard). It honors those that never came back (MIAs) and those that spent time in captivity (POWs). It honors our country.

But most of all, it is a time of reflection, healing and thanking God for the blessings he has bestowed upon those present. Thank you Msgr. Marc Caron for continuing this yearly, non-denominational service.

College for ME celebrates with luncheon, free coffee

College for ME Androscoggin will celebrate "College Day" in Androscoggin County - as well as its own tenth anniversary - at its annual luncheon on Friday, December 4 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn Riverwatch of Auburn. The event will feature testimonials, award presentations and the launching of College for ME's new website.

Members of the community may submit nominations for awards of excellence in support of higher education in the following three categories: Corporate, Advocate, and Student, through November 20. To submit a nomination or to register for the event, see College for ME's Facebook page or visit www.collegeformeandroscoggin.org.

In addition, many local establishments will mark "College Day" on December 4 by giving free, small hot coffees to patrons wearing their college garb or a College for ME sticker honoring their own or a family member's col-

lege. Participating establishments include Forage Market at 180 Lisbon Street in Lewiston, She Doesn't Like Guthries at 115 Middle Street in Lewiston, the Italian Bakery at 225 Bartlett Street in Lewiston, Cafe L-A at 49 Spring Street in Auburn, Rolly's Diner at 87 Mill Street in Auburn, Grant's Bakery at 525 Sabattus Street in Lewiston, The Cupcakery at 97 Lisbon Street in Lewiston, and Storehouse Café at 150 Mill Street in Lewiston.

College for ME stickers may be picked up at Lewiston City Hall at 27 Pine Street (Administration Office, first floor), Auburn City Hall at 60 Court Street (Information Window, lobby), Lewiston Public Library at 200 Lisbon Street, Auburn Public Library at 49 Spring Street, the Androscoggin County Chamber at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston, and College for ME-Androscoggin at 150 East Avenue in Lewiston.

"College for ME does tremendous county-wide

outreach to help empower and encourage folks of all ages who wish to pursue a college education," said Lewiston Mayor Robert E. Macdonald. "For ten years, C4ME has cheered on countless individuals in their educational journey, and I am so proud that they are part of our community."

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What's Going On

HHRC presents "Transgender Maine" exhibit

The Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine is currently displaying "Transgender Maine," an exhibit focusing on Maine people who identify as transgender, those who support and advocate for them, and efforts in Maine to get equal rights and recognition for transgender

people. The exhibit runs through December 18 at the Michael Klahr Center on the campus of the University of Maine at Augusta, 46 University Drive. Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment on weekends and evenings.

Transgender Maine features stories of transgender people, as well as some of the history of the issues relating to gender in Maine. HHRC Program Director David Greenham led the process of researching the project, partnering with more than 50 groups and individuals to identify and access the photos, film, audio recordings, documents and artifacts in this educational and informative exhibit.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the HHRC will host an event commemorating the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance on Friday, November 20 at the Klahr Center. The event will begin at noon with a free lunch and learn, followed by a ceremony and reading of the names of those transgender people who have been killed in the U.S. during 2015. To date, the list includes more than 20 people.

Transgender Maine was made possible by support and contributions from the UMA Diversity Committee, Maine Transnet, Equality Maine, the Maine Transgender Lobby, Safe Space Radio, the Trans

Youth Equality Foundation, the Maine State Archives, the Whitefield Historical Society, the Maine State Museum, the Sampson Archives at USM, the Maine Women's Lobby, the USM Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity, the Maine People's Alliance, the Schlesinger Library at Harvard, the Transgender Archives at the University of Victoria, B.C., Canada, SAGE Maine, the Maine People's Alliance, GLSEN, and numerous individuals throughout the state.

For more information, or to schedule a visit, call the HHRC at 621-3530 or visit hhrcmaine.org.

Santa's Workshop Christmas Fair

North Yarmouth Congregational Church will host its Santa's Workshop Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature a chicken pie luncheon, silent auction, Cookie Walk and gift basket raffle. Those attending may shop in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere for unique country crafts, hand-knit items,

On Wednesday, November 25, members of the Saint Joseph's College community will gather for the Great Thanksgiving Bake Off, a competition that will have teams race to be the first to complete 20 pies and have their names immortalized on the winner's plaque. In total, the College hopes to build 200 pies in under three hours, sending the constructed pastries to the Standish Town Hall for baking before they are packaged into Thanksgiving baskets at Catherine's Cupboard and distributed to families in need.

This year's contest, a nod to the congenial BBC reality show "The Great British Bake Off", represents a new twist on the College's annual tradition of baking pies for the community during the holidays. Last year's event involved teams working in shifts to assemble 1,548 apple pies and then line them up end to end, resulting in enough pies to stock the food banks of Standish and other neighboring towns.

extra-sharp cheese from a wheel, baked goods, candy, fresh greens, ornaments, jewelry and plants. For children, there will be face-painting. In support of Maher ('Mother's Home') in India, their crafts

Teams must consist of three to six people, and while the College will supply all the ingredients to make a classic apple pie, participants must come armed with their own peelers, rolling pins, and any other supplies needed to swiftly construct a pie from scratch. For more information about the bake off or to participate, contact Stuart Leckie of Pearson's Cafe at 893-6683 or sleckie@sjcme.edu.

If Saint Joseph's completes this year's goal of 200 pies, the College will have helped supply families with more than 2,700 pies since 2008, when it first started donating pies in the spirit of Thanksgiving.

Saint Joseph's College is Maine's only Catholic college. From its 474-acre campus on the shore of Sebago Lake, the College offers undergraduate degrees to on-campus students and certificates, undergraduate, and advanced degrees for working adults through online programs. For more information, see www.sjcme.edu.

will be available for purchase. Located at 3 Gray Road in North Yarmouth, the building is wheelchair accessible. For more information, contact the church office at 829-3644 or nycc@maine.rr.com.

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Andro. Bank Chief Resource Officer David Pease presents a donation check to United Way Executive Director Joleen Bedard. Also pictured (l. to r.) are Melissa Runstrom of Andro. Bank, Julie Sprague of the United Way, and Terri-Ann Boisvert, Joan Derocher-Gamache and Michael Letourneau of Andro. Bank.

The employees of Androscoggin Bank recently donated \$11,103 to the United Way of Androscoggin County's annual fund-raising campaign. Funds raised by the campaign are invested back into the community through programs touching people of all ages in the areas of early educa-

tion, financial literacy, food security, rides to medical appointments and many others.

"Androscoggin Bank employees have continued to show their support for what community means by volunteering, serving as board members and donating more than \$164,000

over the past seven years," said United Way Executive Director Joleen Bedard. "This year alone, employees from the bank increased their overall giving by 65%."

"Androscoggin Bank is proud to be a supporter of United Way," said Chief Resource Officer David Pease. "We believe that, in addition to creating and providing jobs, it is important as a Maine bank to support our local communities financially and with volunteer time. United Way is a great partner and has an outstanding record of success in providing essential programs and services to our most vulnerable citizens."

"United Way's focus on prevention and proac-

What's Going On

Gathering of the community

The local Christian Science church will host a gathering of the community at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The event, featuring scriptural texts, music and thankful remarks, will last an hour. The church is located at 79 Lake Street in Auburn. For more information, call 782-0012 or see cschurchauburn.org.

tive approach aligns with Androscoggin Bank's vision to empower our employees, clients and citizens through education. Together, we are making a meaningful impact on our community."

Safe Voices needs donors for holiday "Adopt a Family" program

Safe Voices is seeking donors for its holiday Adopt a Family program, which assists families who are struggling because of domestic violence. For parents and children who have had to flee a dangerous situation at home, or who have started over and are struggling to make ends meet, donors can help provide a happy holiday in difficult times.

The Adopt a Family program matches donors with families to provide holiday gifts they otherwise wouldn't have. The generosity of donors is needed more than ever this year as the difficulties families face

due to domestic violence are compounded by tough economic times.

Anyone, including individuals, businesses, and community organizations, can be a donor. If you would like to participate, or if you know someone who would benefit from this program, call Steve of Safe Voices at 795-6744 ext. 210 or complete the participation form under the "Get Involved" tab at their website.

Safe Voices is the domestic violence resource center serving Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties. For more information about Safe Voices, see www.safevoices.org.

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St. Philip's hosts Christmas by the Lake

St. Philip's Church will host its 41st annual Christmas by the Lake on Saturday, November 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Extended shopping hours for any leftover items will be available on Sunday, No-

vember 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. St. Philip's is located on Turner Road (Route 4) across from Lake Auburn.

This popular fair is known for its quality goods, festive atmosphere and friendly parishioners. Among

the many booths, shoppers will find woodcrafts, jewelry, quilted, sewn and knit items, gift baskets, baked goods, homemade candies, jams, jellies and other preserved food products, balsam wreaths, Christmas decorations and crafts. There will be a children's activity room, baked beans for eating in or take-out, and a lunch counter.

Another popular spot at the fair are the "hidden treasure" rooms. This year, one room will be reserved for upscale, more valuable items that will be reasonably priced for sale. Many nice donations are coming in. Another change will affect the Silent Auction, which this year will feature blind bidding. Articles will have a minimum bid amount displayed. Shoppers will fill out their bidding ticket, indicating their bid and the maximum amount they would pay in a tie, and then deposit their ticket in a container. Bidding will close promptly at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, with winners posted as soon as possible after the end of the fair that day. Items will need to be picked up and paid for that afternoon or Sunday morning between 10:30 a.m. and noon.

Many booths at Christmas by the Lake offer choice articles for raffle, and this year's Large Raffle will feature a first prize of \$1,000, a second prize of \$500 in gift certificates for Mac's Grill of Auburn, and a third prize of a Christmas lap quilt made by the St. Philip's quilting group. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for a book of six. To purchase tickets in advance, call Tina St. Pierre at 577-7373. Drawing will take place at the close of the fair on Saturday, November 22; you need not be present to win.

Holiday Fair at St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church will present a Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 78 Pleasant Street

in Auburn. The event will feature jewelry, Christmas items, a Kids Korner and county kitchen, attic treasures, crafts and more.

First Congregational presents Holly Fair

First Congregational Church of Gray will hold their annual Holly Fair on Saturday, November 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish House, located behind McDonald's in Gray Center. The fair will offer an abundance of handmade gifts to please everyone on your list, and crafters may find some new ideas. Also available for purchase will be Cabot's Private Stock cheddar, whoopee pies, freshly made wreaths and delicious

baked goods. Fill a can with cookies from the Cookie Trail or stock up on your favorite Rada knives.

Children may attend a movie and decorate cookies while parents shop. Early shoppers will enjoy Thompson's donuts and coffee. The Women's Fellowship will offer haddock chowder, corn chowder and a variety of sandwiches for lunch. For more information, contact the church office at 657-4279.

"Shop on Park Avenue" Fair



Among those preparing for this year's event are (l. to r.) Barbara Jamvog, Sue Deroche, Donna Manson, Gladys Chapman, Gail Theberge, Shirley Keene, Cherie Downing, Nancy Beatrice and Pam MacDonald.

Located at 439 Park Avenue, the United Methodist Church of Auburn will present its annual "Shop on Park Avenue" fair on Saturday, November 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fair will feature a Country Store with homemade food items, baked

goods, candy, craft items for the home and family, holiday items, books, jewelry, and several white elephant rooms. There will also be a children's room, where children may make or buy items. A luncheon, including lobster rolls, will be served.

Lisbon Rec. offers wreath-making workshops

Lisbon Parks & Recreation will continue its holiday tradition this year by presenting four wreath-making workshops at Beaver Park on November 20 and 23 and December 1 and 4, all from 6 to 9 p.m. Boughs cut fresh from the park and decorating supplies, such as

bows and pine cones, will be provided.

The cost will be \$15. Space is limited, so register early. The workshops will take place in the lodge at Beaver Park, located at 37 Cotton Road in Lisbon. For more information or to register, call 353-2289.

Litchfield Plains Baptist Christmas Fair

Litchfield Plains Baptist Church will present their annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature hand-crafted items, homemade preserves and baked goods.

There will be muffins, coffee cake and coffee for early shoppers and home cooked soup, chowder and sandwiches for the lunch time crowd. The church is located at 56 Plains Road in Litchfield.

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What's Going On

Haley and House plan youth benefit concert

Local musicians Kathy Haley and Phil House will present a "Give Thanks Concert" at Court Street Baptist Church on Sunday,

November 22 at 6 p.m. to benefit the church's youth groups. The concert will feature solos, duets and an audience participation

hymn sing.

Haley has performed throughout Maine as a pianist, church organist and vocalist, folk singer, and

lead singer for "Good and Plenty" and "The Girls of LA." She is a member of the new vocal group "My Mother's Daughter," minister of music at Court Street Baptist Church and, during the school year, serves as the accompanist for the Edward Little High School and Auburn Middle School choral groups.

House is the organist of First Universalist Church of Auburn. Known for employing all 88 piano keys while performing in his unique style, he has recorded many CDs of his piano and organ music and has performed all over the world. As a duo, Haley and House often present concerts at such venues as All Souls Chapel at Poland Spring, Sawyer Memorial in Greene, and Court Street Baptist Church.

A free will offering will be received. The church is located at 129 Court Street in Auburn.

Dempsey Center dedicates two spaces

The Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope & Healing recently dedicated two of its spaces: the demonstration kitchen, sponsored by the Hannaford Charitable Foundation, and Leisa's Place, a lending library named in memory of Leisa Crane and gifted by her husband, Charlie, and her friends who love to read.

The Hannaford Charitable Foundation Demonstration Kitchen is a state-of-the-art space featuring a fully-equipped kitchen for

Auburn Middle School Craft Fair



All proceeds from this event on Saturday, November 21 will support academics at AMS.

Auburn Middle School will present its annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will feature over 30 local crafters and vendors, a 50/50 raffle, gift basket raffles, a book fair, baked goods, lunch offerings, children's games, face painting and more. Crafts available for purchase

will include baby bibs and blankets, ornaments, wind chimes, photographs, jewelry, mittens and scarves, sculptures, pet supplies and sweet treats. Vendors represented will include Scentsy, Pampered Chef and American Girl. The school is located at 38 Falcon Drive in Auburn. All funds raised will support academics for the students of AMS.

Ladies of St. Anne host Noel Gala

The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality of Holy Family, Prince of Peace Parish, in Lewiston will present a Noel Gala on Saturday, November 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall (use back entrance) at 607 Sabattus Street. The event will feature various vendors and crafters for your holiday



Jacqueline Sawyer chairs the planning committee for this year's event on November 21.

cooking classes, demonstrations and other gatherings. Hannaford Supermarkets has been a longtime partner of the Dempsey Challenge, providing event sponsorship and donated product for the Hannaford 5 & 10K Café for participants. In 2015, the partnership expanded as Hannaford provided \$10,000 in gift cards for the Center's Maine See Dempsey, page 15

shopping. There will be a bake sale table, "gift" and 50/50 raffles, and lunch offerings including Italian sandwiches and hot dogs. Author Mark Griffin will be on hand to sign copies of his book, "A Hundred or More Hidden Things: The Life and Films of Vincente Minnelli." Vendors and crafters may sign up until one week before the event. For more information, call 782-8125.

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The Franco Center will once again produce one of the area's more unique and magical program events with the seventh edition of its Medieval Feast on Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, beginning at 6 p.m. This event harkens back to the medieval tradition of royalty inviting guests to a feast to watch knights compete on horseback. The Medieval Feast is meant to recreate just such a gathering, excluding only the horses. Guests may imagine themselves in the center of a medieval courtyard awaiting the arrival of the king and queen, who they will join, along with an assortment of knights, minstrels, friars, squires and wenches, in the Great Hall for an evening of colorful entertainment and a banquet. The meal will be a five-

course affair of carrot cream soup with parsley, a beef turnover, romaine lettuce with dipping sauce, "rustic" sausage and chicken, and hermit cookies for dessert. By order of the king, all will eat their meal without utensils. The meal will be accompanied by pageantry, competition and merriment. Alcoholic beverages will be available at the king's cash tavern throughout the evening. For the occasion, the Medieval Players will perform an original script called "Fractured Fairytales," a comedic romp chronicling the misadventures of several favorite characters from ancient but familiar literature. The players will include Stan Spilecki as the king, Jenn McClure-Groover as the queen, and Sean Wallace, Dan Kane, Jason Pel-

letier, Jay Barrett, Genevieve Hering, Heather Marichal, Tony Morin, Lynn O'Donnell, Mary Randall, Christine Doucette, Jennifer McLean, Jane Mitchell, Sophie Wallace, Jennifer Fox, Kay Warren, Erica Jordan, Debbie Mansur and Ken Mansur. The costume designers for the production are Joyce Coyne, Patti Gray and Debbie Mansur. After the feast, guests may remain for more social conversation and drink. Those who arrive in medieval fashion (optional) may participate in a prize contest, to be judged by the king and queen, and will receive discounts of a few farthings on their grog. The event will provide unique, discretionary family entertainment. Guests are encouraged to arrive by 5:30

French Sing-Along features Louis-Philippe Gagné

The next French sing-along session at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College will take place on Friday, November 20 at 1:30 p.m. Joining the Troubadours who lead the song sessions this month will be local musician Louis-Philippe Gagné, who will sing a few songs.

"Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun p.m., when squires will open the castle "gates" and all will descend into a world of whimsy and merrymaking for the evening. Ticket are \$35 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 689-2000 or see www.francocenter.org.



Surrounding pianist Jeannette Gregoire are Troubadours Juliann Baumer, Mary LeClerc, Rita Gosselein, Irene Mercier, Madeleine LeBlanc, Gail Lawrence and Alette Couturier.

afternoon," says Jeannette Doucette of the Troubadours. "Song books are provided so those who are not familiar with the songs or are less than fluent in French can follow and sing along." The session will take

place in its usual setting, Room 170 at Lewiston-Auburn College, located at 51 Westminster Street in Lewiston. Admission is free. For more information, call Jacynthe Jacques at 576-4109.



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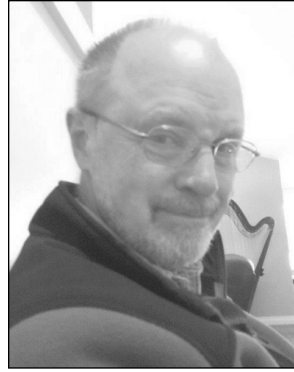
William Hiss, now retired after a long and distinguished career at Bates College, will be the presenter at the next USM Lewiston-Auburn Senior College “Food for Thought” luncheon on Friday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m. His topic will be “Shiloh: Frank W. Sanford and The King-

dom.” The public is cordially invited.

Hiss, who has written an extensive independent history of The Kingdom, will present an illustrated overview of the movement and its work over the decades up to the present. His research has led to close personal friendships with

many members of the families who for generations have been committed to this work.

By the middle 1890s, Rev. Frank W. Sandford, an 1886 graduate of Bates College, had created a uniquely American religious movement to “evangelize the world in our generation.” By the early years of the twentieth century, he and his hundreds of followers had built a remarkable religious



William Hiss has conducted extensive research on Frank Sanford’s controversial evangelical movement, which started in Central Maine at the turn of the twentieth century.

community on the sand hill-top that came to be known as “Shiloh.”

The last verse of the Old Testament, in Malachi 4, says: “Before the great and terrible day of the Lord, I will send you Elijah the Prophet again...” Coming at this symbolic Biblical location to close the Old Testament, this prophecy of a second Elijah figure as a precursor to the return

of the millennial Jesus has attracted much thought from Christians. In Auburn, Maine, during the first years of the twentieth century, Frank Sandford announced that he was the Elijah of Malachi 4. From that moment on, his Shiloh movement attracted both hundreds of loyalists and much public hostility.

Through much of the next twenty years, Rev. Sandford and his closest followers were at sea, following the commandments they had received to take the gospel and the evangelization of the world to every continent. Through inexpressible spiritual joy, and also some periods of great suffering and conflict with the civil authorities, Shiloh lasted as a religious community preparing evangelists until 1920, when it was formally dissolved. The Kingdom still exists today as an evangelical movement, and the original Shiloh sanctuary building in Durham is still used for Christian services.

Hiss retired in 2013 after 35 years as a dean, vice-president and lecturer in Asian Studies at Bates. He earned a BA in English from Bates, an MTS in Ethics and American Church History from Harvard Divinity School, and an MA and Ph.D. from Tufts. He is the Moderator of the West Auburn Congregational Church, a beekeeper, gardener, soccer referee, and the principal researcher on a national study of optional standardized testing in college admissions.

Now in its 18th year, Senior College presents its monthly luncheon program in Function Room 170 at Lewiston-Auburn College, 51 Westminster Street in Lewiston. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$7 with advance reservation or \$8 at the door. Reservations must be made by noon on Wednesday, December 9 by calling 753-6510. Any late callers will be considered “at the door.”

King surveys conservation measures at Maine Machine Products

Senator Angus King recently toured precision manufacturer Maine Machine Products Company in South Paris, where he surveyed newly-completed energy efficiency upgrades that are expected to save the company approximately \$100,000 per year. In remarks delivered at the event, Senator King emphasized how such energy conservation projects can help Maine businesses reduce energy consumption, protect the environment and save money in the process.

The energy efficiency project at Maine Machine Products, which was completed with the help of Thayer Corporation of Auburn and Efficiency Maine, is expected to save the plant over \$100,000 per year in electricity expenses, improve temperature control, reduce maintenance and repair expenses, extend the life of HVAC equipment, and better illuminate work spaces in all areas of the building. Changes at the plant include



Sen. Angus King at Maine Machine Products Company in South Paris

the installation of LED lighting technology and a new, more efficient HVAC system. These developments reflect a broader trend in which businesses and homeowners are evaluating how they can make long-term investments in technology to reduce energy costs.

“Energy bills in Maine are too high, and this hurts families whose budgets are stretched and businesses that can’t grow or create jobs as a result,” King said. “The single best way to reduce those bills is to reduce consumption, because the

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Great Falls Forum. Noon to 1 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Penobscot Nation Chief Kirk Francis discusses “Penobscot Tribal Sovereignty and the Maine Environment.” A Q-&-A follows. Bring a bag lunch. 513-3135.

Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Reps. from Linnell, Choate & Webber discuss “The Legal Environment of Business in Maine: Resources for Small Businesses and Start-Ups.” \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Friday, November 20

Toy Drive. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Center Court, Auburn Mall. The rambunctious Red Hatters seek donations of unwrapped toys for distribution to local children by the Salvation Army. Sing-along, raffles. 345-9047.

Holiday Stress Workshop. Noon to 1:15 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Learn what you can do when the holidays don't feel so merry. Free. 783-2249. Register at www.androscoggincounty.com.

Transgender Day of Remembrance Event. Noon. Klahr Center, Univ. of Maine at Augusta. In conjunction with its current exhibit, “Transgender Maine,” the Center hosts a free lunch and learn event, followed by a reading of the names of the 20 transgender people who have been killed in the U.S. in 2015.

French Sing-Along. 1:30 p.m. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. Local musician Louis-Phi-

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lpe Gagné joins Les Troubadours for this month's session. All are welcome; songbooks provided. Free. 576-4109.

Medieval Feast. 6 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Join fellow knights, minstrels, friars, squires and wenches for a five-course meal (without utensils), entertainment and pageantry. Costumes optional; cash bar. Doors at 5:30. Again 11/21. \$35. 689-2000; www.francocenter.org.

Wreath-Making Workshop. 6 to 9 p.m. Lodge, Beaver Park, 37 Cotton Rd., Lisbon. Fresh cut boughs from the park and decorating supplies such as bows and pine cones will be provided. Again 11/23, 12/1 & 4. \$15. Space limited; register at 353-2289.

Journey Retreat for Teens. 6:30 p.m. St. Dom's Academy, Auburn. This weekend event for Catholic teens will feature discussions, prayer, fellowship and music; cont. through Sunday. \$100; incl. lodging and meals. www.journey-maine.org.

Saturday, November 21

Gingerbread Fair. 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St., Auburn. Gift baskets, homemade pies, wreaths, crafts, baked goods, sale tables, silent auction, luncheon. Enter from Spring St. 783-0461; www.auburnnuu.org.

Noel Gala. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parish Hall, Holy Family Church, 607 Sabattus St. (enter at rear), Lewiston. Vendors and crafters, bake sale, raffles, lunch offerings, book signing with author Mark Griffin (“The Life and Films of Vincente Minnelli”). 782-8125.

Craft Fair. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Auburn Middle School, 38 Falcon Dr., Auburn. Over 30 local crafters and vendors, raffles, book fair, baked goods, children's

games, face painting, lunch offerings. Proceeds support academics at AMS.

Holiday Fair. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 78 Pleasant St., Auburn. Jewelry, Christmas items, Kids Korner, County Kitchen, attic treasures, crafts and more.

Christmas by the Lake. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Philip's Church, Rte. 4, across from Lake Auburn. Crafts, baked goods, preserves, children's activities, treasure rooms, silent auction, raffles, lunch counter; shop for leftovers Sun. 10-11:30.

Shop on Park Avenue Fair. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Food items, baked goods, candy, crafts, holiday items, books, jewelry, white elephants, children's room, lunch offerings.

Holly Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. First Congregational Church, Parish House (behind McDonald's), Gray Center. Handmade gifts, baked goods, Cookie Trail, children's activities, morning coffee, lunch offerings. 657-4279.

Santa's Workshop Christmas Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Congregational Church, 3 Gray Rd., No. Yarmouth. Chicken pie luncheon, silent auction, Cookie Walk, gift basket raffle, craft and food items, face-painting. 829-3644.

ExTRAINaganza. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill St., Auburn. This family holiday event features five permanent model train layouts, kids activities, sale items, refreshments and prizes. Cont. 11/22 (10-4), 27 (10-8), 28 (10-4). \$3 (kids 11- free).

Country Show & Dance. Noon to 5 p.m. Am-Vets Post, Rte. 4, Jay. Great live music from a variety of performers; 50/50 drawing, concessions, raffles. \$5. 897-4745.

Bean & American Chop Suey Supper. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Church, corner of Minot and Western Ave., Auburn. Hot dogs, cole slaw, bread, dessert, beverage. \$7 (\$3.50 ages 12-).

Public Supper. 5 p.m. Paris Fire Department, Western Ave., So. Paris. Roast pork, potatoes, veggies, mac & cheese, salads, bread, homemade desserts; pres. by Dept. Auxiliary. \$8 (\$4 ages 4-12; free ages 3-).

Sunday, November 22

Fall Concert. 2 p.m. Studzinski Hall, Bowdoin College. Under the direction of John P. Morneau, the Bowdoin College Concert Band presents a program of Scottish music. Free.

Concert: Kathy Haley and Phil House. 6 p.m. Court St. Baptist Church, 129 Court St., Auburn. Vocalist Haley and pianist House perform solos and duets to benefit the church's youth groups. Free will offering.

Thursday, November 26

Gathering of the Community. 10 a.m. Christian Science Church, 79 Lake St., Auburn. This one-hour service will feature scriptural texts, music and thankful remarks. 782-0012; cschurhauburn.org.

Thanksgiving Dinner. 1 p.m. Sportsmen's Club, 2782 Hallowell Rd., Litchfield. Turkey, potatoes, gravy and beverages provided;

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bring a side dish or dessert. A music jam will follow. All welcome. No reservations required. Free. 536-9647.

Friday, November 27

ExTRAINaganza. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill St., Auburn. The club's annual family holiday event features five permanent model train layouts, kids activities, sale items, refreshments and prizes. Again 11/28 (10-4). \$3 (kids 11- free).

Saturday, November 28

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 entered into raffles. FMI call Mark Evans at 314-1769.

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Twin Cities Holiday Celebration. Noon to 8:30 p.m. Various locations, downtown Auburn and Lewiston. Activities include a “Festival of Arts and Lights,” children and youth programs at both libraries, and the annual Parade of Lights at 6 p.m. See complete listing at www.downtownlewistonassociation.com.

Thursday, December 3

YMCA Hall of Fame Celebration. 5 to 7 p.m. Martindale Country Club, Auburn. As part of its annual meeting, the YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston inducts the first four members to its new Hall of Fame. Free. Register by Nov. 23. 795-4095; www.alympca.org.

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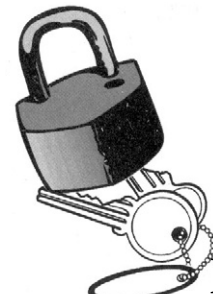
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King

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LaPointe joins Maine Music Society board

The Maine Music Society has announced the appointment of Gilbert J. LaPointe to its executive board. A native of Lewiston and a graduate of St. Dominic High School, LaPointe earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell in 1972 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in June of that year. His Air Force specialty was Communications and Computer Systems. He

earned a Master of Science in Systems Management and a Master of Business Administration from the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1978. He served in the Air Force until his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in January, 1995.

LaPointe then converted a life-long wood-working hobby into a wood-working business, which he operated from 1996 to 2002. He then served as Chairman of the Basilica Restoration Committee from 2002 to 2007 and subsequently

served as Business Manager for a variety of local Catholic organizations, including Saints Peter & Paul Parish from 2002 to 2009, Holy Cross Parish from 2005 to 2009, St. Joseph's Parish from 2006 to 2009, St. Patrick's Parish from 2006 to 2009, Holy Family Parish from 2007 to 2009, Trinity Catholic School from 2007 to 2011, and Prince of Peace Parish from 2009 to 2014. He retired in 2014 and brings his financial expertise to the Maine Music Society.

Dempsey

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Fund for Cancer Patients, which provides immediate, direct financial assistance for cancer patients in Maine who are currently in or just post-treatment.

"We are grateful to Hannaford for supporting our mission in all of these impactful ways," said Wendy

Tardif, Executive Director of the Dempsey Center. "The sponsorship of the Hannaford Demonstration Kitchen will allow us to continue offering nutrition education for those on their cancer journey, as well as those wishing to learn about ways their nutrition habits can help prevent cancer."

"The Hannaford Charitable Foundation

is proud to present the Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope & Healing with a \$100,000 donation to support facilities that provide nutrition education to those impacted by cancer and to the broader community," said Hannaford spokesman Eric Blom. "Hannaford is deeply committed to supporting health through partnerships such as this one and by helping individuals make healthy choices. Together, we can build an even stronger community."

Leisa's Place, a lending library featuring more than 1,000 books, DVDs, CDs and periodicals on a wide range of cancer care, nutrition and wellness topics, is available to anyone in the community.

"Leisa loved to read and loved libraries," said Charlie Crane. "For her, being surrounded by shelves full of books was bliss. I like to think that guests who visit here looking for a book will feel Leisa's hand gently guiding theirs and hear a kind voice saying 'I think you'll like this one'."

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UU Auburn Gingerbread Fair



The fair on Saturday, November 21 will feature their famous themed gift baskets and homemade pies.

First Universalist Church of Auburn will hold its annual Gingerbread Fair on Saturday, November 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 169 Pleasant Street. The fair will feature their famous themed gift baskets and homemade pies. Also available will be custom wreaths, handmade crafts, baked goods, jewelry, gingerbread houses and cookie kits, books and CDs, and a silent auction. A luncheon with gingerbread dessert will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with Phil House at the piano. Copies of Phil's new CD will be on sale. Enter from the Spring Street parking lot. For more information, call 783-0461 or see www.auburnuu.org.

Sportsmen's Club to serve Thanksgiving dinner

The Litchfield Sportsmen's Club will serve Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and the meal will be served at 1:00. Turkey, potatoes, gravy and beverages will be provided. There is no charge for dinner, but the remainder of the meal will be made up of side dishes and desserts contributed by those attending.

2015 will mark the sixth year that Thanksgiving dinner has been served at the LSC. Singles, those without family in the area, and entire families who don't have enough room in their homes have attended in the past. Everyone is welcome and every year new friendships are made.

You do not need to RSVP and there is no sign up for food. Just show up with your favorite Thanksgiving dish or dessert. If participants bring 42 green bean casseroles, they will laugh and eat them. No one will go hungry and all will have a great time.

Following dinner there will be a music jam, so musicians are invited to bring their voices and instruments. Those who don't sing are welcome to sit back, enjoy the music and have another piece of pie. Litchfield Sportsmen's Club is located at 2782 Hallowell Road in Litchfield. There is plenty of free parking and the club is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 536-9647 or 377-8035.

Bean & American Chop Suey Supper

The Andy Valley Knights of Columbus, Council 8742, will present a Bean & American Chop Suey Supper on Saturday, November 21 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, on the corner of Minot and Western Avenue in Auburn. The supper will include hot dogs, cole slaw, bread, dessert and a beverage. The price will be \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for kids ages 12 and under.

Country Show & Dance in Jay

A Country Show & Dance will take place on Saturday, November 21 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Am-Vets Post on Route 4 in Jay. A great lineup of music has been scheduled for the afternoon, including the Wildwood Band, Off The Hill, Paul Bright, Lenny Boucher, Patrick Libby, Chuck Duran and many others. There will be a 50/50 drawing, food concessions and raffles. The admission fee will be \$5. For more information, call Paul at 897-4745.

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