

Public Theatre's "Christmas Carol" opens Friday



Michael O'Brien as Scrooge in Christopher Schario's inventive adaptation of Dickens' holiday classic, playing this weekend only at the Public Theatre. Performances take place Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. For ticket information, call 782-3200 or see www.thepublictheatre.org.

Macdonald easily defeats Chin

Despite a massive campaign effort by Democratic challenger Ben Chin, which was funded by more than \$90,000—nearly all of it from out-of-state liberal organizations, Lewiston voters turned out to reelect Mayor Bob Macdonald by a wide margin, 53% to Chin's 47%.

The election on Tuesday was a runoff because no candidate got

more than 50% of the vote in the November election.

Chin, a liberal activist with the Maine People's Alliance, ran an aggressive, well-funded campaign, but Macdonald had a very low-key campaign, raising just \$5,800. Macdonald won 4,398 votes, while Chin got 3,826. A total of 8,229 Lewiston voters cast ballots in the election.

Norlands offers 19th century Christmas fun



Take a ride in a horse-drawn wagon.

On Saturday, December 12, the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Liver-

more will open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for its annual holiday event, "Keeping Christmas: A 19th-Cen-

Lisbon Officer earns promotion



Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) 3rd Class Morgan Reeves of Lisbon has his second class collar devices pinned on by Naval Aircrewman (Mechanical) 2nd Class Rickey Foster (l.) and Yeoman 1st Class Alonte Horn during a frocking ceremony at Naval Air Facility Misawa in Japan. (U.S. Navy photo by Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan C. Delcore)

tury Winter Celebration."

The program will feature a variety of living history activities centered around Christmas and rural life in 19th-century Maine. Guests may tour the decorated 1867 Washburn mansion and enjoy wagon rides, period crafts, popcorn stringing, storytelling, parlor games, cooking in the farmer's cottage and visiting the one-room schoolhouse. Dramatic readings of "The Night Before Christmas" and other poems will take place throughout the day

and there will be caroling in the ladies' parlor of the mansion. Soup, maple cookies, and mulled cider made fresh on the woodstove will be available while supplies last.

Two fundraising activities will benefit the Center's new barn raising. First, in the popular Cookie Walk, guests may fill a bag of delicious fancy cookies made by Norlands' volunteers for a cost of \$5. This event begins at 11 a.m. and quickly sells out, so plan to arrive promptly. Also, Norlands will raffle off a Harriet Beecher Stow quilt, made and donated by Betsy Plumber of Farmington. This beautiful quilt is made of Civil War-era reproduction fabrics and contains quotes by Harriett Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Tickets for the quilt raffle are \$1 each or \$5 for ten. The drawing will take place at 3:30 p.m. You do not need to be present to win or buy tickets, which can be purchased by calling 897-4366 or visiting Norlands' gift shop.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Dollar General opens in Lisbon



Celebrating the grand opening of Dollar General's new store at 167 Lisbon Street in Lisbon recently are (l. to r.) Dollar General Corporate Events Coordinator Lyndsey Bartlett; Lisbon Town Manager Diane Barnes; Lisbon Town Council Vice-Chair Roger Bickford; Store Manager Garrett Feix; Economic & Community Development Director Tracey Steuber and Assistant Store Manager Kara Libby.

L-A Optimist Club names new officers



New York-New England Optimist Club District Governor Peter Stutz (l.), with new Lewiston-Auburn Optimist Club officers (l. to r.) Joan Godbout (treasurer), Doug Stone (president) and Sheryl Mathews (secretary). Not pictured is new club vice president Gordon Kingdon. For more information about the L-A Optimist Club, find them on Facebook.

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Walsh addresses Optimist Club



L-A Optimist Club President Doug Stone (l.) presents guest speaker Donald Walsh of the Salvation Army with a copy of the Optimist Creed at a recent club meeting. Walsh updated the club, which plans to volunteer for bell ringing again this year, on the many projects and needs of the Salvation Army during the holiday season. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact the Salvation Army at 786-3956.

CCU hires Birkbeck

Community Credit Union has announced the hiring of Kirstyn Birkbeck as a member representative. Birkbeck has a year's work experience at another financial institution locally. She is enrolled at Central Maine Community College and lives in Sabattus. In her free time, she enjoys being with friends and family, singing, and anything involving the holidays.

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Kirstyn Birkbeck

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CMCC students attend national conference



CMCC Precision machining technology students Gregory Manocchio and Ian Munsell discuss the college's Regional Advanced Machining Partnership project with an attendee at the ATE Conference in Washington, DC.

Central Maine Community College students Gregory Manocchio and Ian Munsell participated in the Advanced Technological Education Principal Investigators Conference recently at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC.

Manocchio of Vassalboro and Munsell of Auburn, graduates of the Precision Machining Technology program at CMCC, are currently enrolled in the Advanced Certificate Program in Precision Machining.

Hosted by the National Science Foundation and the American Association of Community Colleges, the conference theme was "Preparing the Technical Workforce through Innovation, Creativity and Practice." The two CMCC students were invited to attend by the AACC and were joined by other students, ATE alumni and program lead-

ers, and representatives from industry and government. Also attending from CMCC were Dean of Corporate and Community Services Diane Dostie and PMT instructor Richard Bolding.

During the conference, the two students participated in a project showcase with a display related to CMCC's Regional Advanced Machining Partnership project, which is funded by an NSF grant. The goal of RAMP is to develop a curriculum that will address industry needs in high-end skills that are directly applicable to the precision manufacturing environment.

The project has also developed the advanced certificate in machining that supports regional and national manufacturers by creating hybrid on-line curricula for graduates of associate degree programs in machining.

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Governor's Address: Maine Leads Wreaths Across America Journey to Honor America's Heroes

Dear Maine Taxpayer,

The first week of December marks a special time for Mainers as a caravan of volunteers makes its way from Washington County to Washington D.C. to lay thousands of wreaths on the graves of America's heroes at Arlington National Cemetery.

Morrill and Karen Worcester, who own Worcester Wreath in Harrington, began this tradition with just a few wreaths in 1992. Today, the wreaths are on their way

to more than 11-hundred locations across the Nation.

It has become an annual pilgrimage to Arlington National Cemetery for dozens of Maine people, Gold Star families, the Patriot Guard Riders and the Maine State Police.

In each state along the way, stops are made for wreath-laying ceremonies at memorials, visits at veteran's homes and education programs at schools.

On Monday, I watched with pride as my lovely wife Ann once again joined the convoy, which



Governor Paul R. LePage

she has been a part of for the past four years.

She has become

a leading voice in raising awareness and appreciation of our military and veterans, which in return has been an incredible experience for both of us.

Wreaths Across America expects to reach its goal of placing 750,000 wreaths on veterans' graves this year. With each wreath we help to honor our veterans and active military, as well as their families.

On the convoy, there are 11 trucks filled with wreaths. Over 50 trucks will arrive Saturday at Arlington National Cemetery to be

ready for the wreath laying by thousands of volunteers.

However, not all trucks head to Arlington. There are more than 1,000 participating locations where wreaths are trucked all over the country.

The First Lady and I would like to say thank you to all of the professional drivers and the trucking companies that support this mission.

This trip helps to show our nation what it means to be from Maine. This Maine-led commemorative convoy, now known as

the world's largest veteran's parade, makes Ann and me proud to call Maine home.

I look forward to joining her at Arlington National Cemetery this weekend for the wreath-laying ceremony.

As we celebrate the holiday, please remember the true spirit of the season, which shines in Wreaths Across America and those it pays tribute to. It is not just giving a gift, but giving of ourselves.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Letter to the Editor

Inaccuracies about resettlement of refugees

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the inaccuracies written regarding the work of Catholic Charities Maine by the Mayor of Lewiston, Bob Macdonald in his November 26 column, as well as to respond to a question he specifically asks "Catholic Charities: How can you morally justify relocating refugees into a struggling city such as Lewiston, knowing that these resettlements will lead to either higher local taxes or a decrease in municipal services, including layoffs?"

I can best answer his question by using his own statements from that same column where he describes quite accurately the value of the refugee population here in Maine. He states, "Our one-time refugees have now assimilated into our community. They are productive citizens, owning homes and businesses. They are gainfully employed and contribute to both our local, state and federal government through taxes. Their children have brought our graduation rate up to 70%."

In addition to agreeing with the mayor on those points, I want to clarify a few other points that help answer the question he raises. First, the actual

resettlement of refugees is a shared responsibility that involves the federal government, many non-profits, state and local governments and thousands of supportive and concerned people throughout our great state as volunteers, donors and supporters. The decision to resettle a refugee is not done in isolation and is not the sole decision of Catholic Charities.

Secondly, the vast majority of refugees in Lewiston came as secondary migrants. They are people that were initially resettled in other states, but decided to move to Maine (and Lewiston) for reasons similar to why other Americans decide to move to Maine (a safe place to raise a family). Once resettled, a refugee is free to move to anywhere in the country, and it is not a decision by Catholic Charities that determines that part of the resettlement process.

The mayor also inaccurately stated that when we are involved in resettling refugees, we do so without notifying state and local officials. We pride ourselves on our rich tradition and history of working side by side with both the local governments and the state government includ-

ing under the current administration's Office of Multicultural Affairs of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Catholic Charities chooses to participate in the collaborative effort to resettle refugees with our federal, state and local governments as partners because we believe in the principle of solidarity with our neighbors in need. In following the gospel of Matthew and the words of Jesus, we "welcome the stranger."

I encourage those with questions about the Refugee Resettlement program to visit our website

Bean, Hot Dog and Casserole Supper

Give yourself a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season when Calvary United Methodist

(www.ccmaine.org/ris) and explore the vast array of information including frequently asked questions as there are a lot of myths about the program similar to the inaccuracies and contradictions that were evident in the article from Mayor Macdonald.

Stephen Letourneau
CEO, Catholic Charities Maine

Church presents a delicious Bean, Hot Dog and Casserole Supper on Saturday, December 12 at 4:45 p.m. The meal will include salads and vegetarian dishes

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Only Steps Forward

New education model could sow the seeds of success

By **Jonathan P. LaBonté**
MAYOR OF AUBURN

Many of us have likely heard the parable of the farmer and his seeds. As he scattered his seeds they fell in various locations. The seeds along the path never sprouted, as they were quickly eaten up by birds.

The seeds in rocky areas never took hold because there wasn't much soil. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the plants grew but were choked out by the thorns. And lastly, seeds that fell on good soil produced an abundant crop.

As we look around our community, where do we see the successful seeds that have found good soil?

Where do we see seeds that are struggling along the path or rocky land? And how might we nurture that soil to support the growth we all want to have.

Over the last few years, I've listened to some very difficult stories about the challenges our young people face even before they reach our teachers in the classroom to learn during the school year.

Some children find themselves on the second bus run to a local elementary school because there is not sufficient funding for all students to be bused and arrive at the same time. That second bus run arrives as the bell



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté

to start the day rings. Now, the challenge: do those students who qualify for free breakfast take the time to eat their meal and lose instruction time or head right to class with an empty stomach?

You can argue about how the parents should be feeding them or how their family likely receives some benefit that should pay for groceries. But we need to stop rolling the dice when it comes to ensuring that all of our young people are given equal access to opportunities to learn.

So how do you improve those soil conditions? In the near term, we need to focus at the neighborhood and community level to support

our families and young kids in need.

As I was taking the opportunity to meet with our newly elected officials, I learned from Faith Fontaine how the Pathway Church was stepping up to provide weekend food backpacks for children at Fairview School. I mentioned the identified need at Auburn Middle School I recently heard about. Within days, Faith had the commitment of Pathway Church to also make backpacks available there.

While talking about transportation expenditures in the city budget has never yielded a discussion about students coming to school hungry, it's clearly an example of how we need to continue to evolve our discussion about community away from the cold debates and theatrics of council chambers and come to better understand where and how the city can support people and where and how the community can do the same.

By the time we reach budget discussion each year, the quantified needs at our schools have been

aggregated into one big number that has typically begun the backlash of taxpayer advocates and the arbitrary setting of budget caps by the city council without understanding the need.

I have proposed to the city manager, our superintendent and school committee chairman, as well as others I've met with, that over the next two months, we engage in town hall-style meetings at each of our Auburn schools.

At our neighborhood elementary schools, not only should we hear from educators their about opportunities and challenges about their students, but also from citizen neighborhood groups, such as neighborhood watches, residential property owners and even businesses in the neighborhood.

The conversation at Auburn Middle School and Edward Little High School will serve to deepen our collective understanding of existing programs and resources linking our students to career pathways.

I know, having spoken with our superintendent

and other school leaders, that the motivation to innovate is there. And in researching some of the programs, the roadblock of insufficient funds is often hit.

With the transition of economic development leadership in Auburn comes a time to restructure. I suggest the economic development and school department created a shared aspirations and business liaison position.

In addition, I propose a shift in our budgeting for use of Tax Increment Finance (TIF) revenues. At present, after all agreements with businesses and debt service are paid, Auburn has a net of \$750,000 in revenues into our TIF accounts.

Under state law, we may create training programs that support business development. In fact, if we were to partner with Central Maine Community College and existing early college programs, we could use these resources to guarantee that any qualified Auburn student could earn up to an associate's degree as part of our local school funding.

Becoming the first city in Maine to offer that, and knowing that existing resources could allow it, would be a major step forward in thinking about the future of Edward Little. It would not only become an attractor for families to choose Auburn, but create one of the most important tools to break the cycle of poverty in Auburn: great training toward a solid job.

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Enough is Enough

Reflections on the mayoral election

By **Robert E. Macdonald**
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

As I pen this column, it is a few days prior to the mayoral run-off election. Not knowing if I won or lost, I thought this would be a good time to reflect upon the election.

During the last few years, I have had a good time helping Lewiston grow and being a thorn in the side of our progressive legislators. I enjoyed calling out Southern Maine liberals who nastily pointed their fingers at Lewiston, condemning us for our treatment of refugees while barricading

their communities to keep them out.

I also enjoyed being attacked by local community organizers who work for less than a living wage in order to secure a business card and a title.

I was supposed to feel honored that "The Gray Lady," a.k.a The New York Times, sent a reporter to Lewiston to cover the run-off. Instead, I felt anger that they thought I would be star struck and talk with them. Apparently they thought I had just fallen off the turnip truck.

I believe the reporter



Mayor Bob Macdonald

got the message when I told her, "The only New York paper I would talk with is The Post."

Then there was "The Big Lie" told by my opponent, Ben Chin, who claimed I voted to force residents to pay \$2 per bag for trash bags. I voted to appropriate money to educate residents on the trash bag issue so they could cast an educated vote when it appeared on the ballot.

Strangely, the reason I voted on this issue was that Ward 5 Councilor Kristen Cloutier was coincidentally absent that night. She supported Chin. The readers can come to their own conclusions.

Then there was

Councilor Cloutier's attack on me while endorsing Chin during a rally that included her and our three new incoming councilors. Cloutier stated my "understanding of his role as Mayor is somewhat limited." Her criticism was probably aimed at me because, unlike her, I don't dance to the beat of the liberals who employ her at Bates College or the Maine People's Alliance.

I helped bring Argo with 300 jobs, historic tax credits for the downtown, and secured a state waiver enabling construction to start immediately on needed

classrooms at Farwell School. What tangible items can she point to?

UPDATE: I have just learned that I won the election. I would like to sincerely thank all of those who came out to vote. Voting is one of our most sacred privileges, and elections like this show that every vote really does count. Your vote matters.

It also shows that no amount of money can buy an election. It's the issues that decide elections, not how many dollars are raised. Again, thank you for your support.



The \$5 cookie walk sells out early, so arrive for its start at 11 a.m.

Norlands

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Norlands' memorabilia such as t-shirts, hats, and water bottles.

Admission to the event is \$10 per person, \$6 for ages 12 and under, or \$25 for the entire family. Washburn-Norlands Living History Center is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore.



This Harriet Beecher Stow quilt, made of Civil War-era reproduction fabrics, will be up for raffle.

If the weather on the day of the event is questionable, please check for a cancellation notice on Norlands' Facebook page or outgoing

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Mayor LaBonté Inaugurated in Auburn



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Cross Country Skiing. For youth ages 4 to 13. Ski leasing is available and all ability levels are welcome. Registration is now open. The program runs January 3 through February 14.

Youth Swim Lessons. This seven-week session is for infants through age 12. Multiple class times are available. Registration opens December 14; session begins January 4.

Home School Exercise. Home schooling families can stay active while making new friends. For ages 4 to 15. Mondays and Wednesdays, starting in January. Registration opens mid-December, TBA.

Weigh to Go. The YMCA's supportive weight management program returns in January, just in time for your New Year's resolution. Registration opens mid-December; program starts January 6.

Group Exercise. A variety of classes for all ability levels and intensities. Classes are free and unlimited with a YMCA membership. Guest fees are \$8 per day. For a complete schedule, see www.alyymca.org.

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Bank seeks "Greater Giving" grant applications

Androscoggin Bank is accepting applications for its second cycle of Greater Giving program bi-annual grants through December 31. Launched earlier in 2015, Greater Giving is the Bank's new community impact program to provide support to nonprofits and organizations that benefit the community in three specific areas: economic development, education and the arts. It accepts grant applications twice each year, due June 30 and December 31.

In June, the program's awards committee approved first cycle grants totaling \$7043 to four organizations, Community Concepts Finance Corporation, A Company of Girls, Literacy Volunteers-Androscoggin and Museum L-A. Its philosophy is that "community impact through partnership" is not only an exercise in volunteer hours and money donated, but is an emphasis on community partnerships and funding in strategic areas where the bank can make the biggest difference.

"We are excited to share the strategy behind Greater Giving, because we believe that targeted and focused efforts offer the biggest return for our community partners," said Melissa Rock, VP of Marketing and Client Relations at Androscoggin Bank. "An important part of the See Giving, page 8

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College for ME hosts Annual Luncheon



Jan Phillips and Joan Macri were honored at College for Me-Androscoggin's 10th Annual Luncheon on Friday December 4. Jan Phillips received the Visionary Award and Joan Macri received the Aspirations Champion Award.



Mary Lafontaine, College for ME-Androscoggin's Board President awards Zark VanZandt with a Special Pioneer Award for being a founding visionary of CAME-A at the 10th Annual Luncheon.



Timothy Stretton was honored at College for ME-Androscoggin's 10th Annual Luncheon for his tremendous Student Achievement.

Craft and Vendor Fair

A "Ho-Ho-Holiday" Craft and Vendor Fair will take place on Sunday, December 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston. Over 50 crafters and vendors will be on hand. This year's proceeds will

benefit the Trinity Soup Kitchen. Please bring a non-perishable food item to help "stuff the truck." Cash donations will also be gratefully accepted.

Public Supper

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

Andro. County Republicans

The Androscoggin County Republican Committee will meet on Thursday, December 17 at 7 p.m. at Ricker Memorial Library, 1211 Maine Street in Poland. All county committee members and interested, registered Republicans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Send all items for

What's Going On

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Deadline is **Friday by five.**

Introducing the coaches of the L/A Fighting Spirit

By Steven Palian
GREENE

The L/A Fighting Spirit Junior "A" Hockey program is determined to become a leader among hockey programs, to help grow hockey in Lewiston-Auburn, as well as the State of Maine, and be an educational and inspirational program that meets the needs of all its participants.

Based at the Colisée in Lewiston, the Fighting Spirit will accomplish this by providing qualified, enthusiastic coaches, the most progressive teaching techniques and specialized training programs. The Spirit will foster the will to compete in all our athletes and prepare them to become contributing members of society.

Coach Rod Simmons attended Binghamton University, where he played his college hockey and pursued a career in law enforcement. After college, he worked as a New York State Corrections Officer and played hockey for a junior Canadian team in South Grenville, Ontario. He spent 20 years as a corrections officer before retiring and deciding to spend his time teaching kids how to skate and compete on the ice.

Coach Simmons recently renewed his Elks Lodge membership, recruited four new members and wants everyone to consider becoming a part of this organization. He has a personal connection with the Elks club. When he started working as a corrections officer and playing hockey, he needed food and shelter and they stepped up and provided that for him until he was able to get to a position to support himself. For this, he will be eternally grateful.

Since forming the Fighting Spirit hockey club, Simmons has compiled an impressive record of 141-20. He has an eye for talent and knows how to motivate his players to excel in the sport. But he isn't just about hockey. He has a deep desire to help people in need. For example, he and his team were recently at "Rockin T Rescue," a last-stop non-profit organization that rescues discarded animals and allows them to live out the rest of their lives in a caring environment. The key word is "non-profit." If there is a non-profit organization out there that needs help, Coach Rod and his team will be there in a big way. Just ask!

Rod's wife, Lisa, attended Ottawa University, where she pursued a business degree. After college, she was employed by the Ottawa Senators, the New York Islanders and the Ottawa 67s in the OHL. She is the team's power skating coach. Don't be fooled because she is a woman. She trained Ryan Spooner and Dustin Brown how to skate, and still stays in contact with them both.

Lisa's assistant's name is Veronica. She handles the program co-coordinating and helps with the power skating. She has been with Rod and Lisa since the age of 8. Lisa also trained her how to skate.

Rounding out the staff are coaches Ty Simmons and Cam Robichaud, who usually have the players warmed up and ready for Rod to put them through game situation drills.

Rod and Lisa have goals they hope to achieve in this community. First, they want to teach every kid to skate to the best of their ability. The other thing the couple has discussed is starting a hockey academy.

One big hurdle they faced in coming to Lewiston was finding housing for their players and coaches. Housing wasn't easy to find for so many and came to a whopping cost of \$2,800 per month. The building needed work to be ready by August 1, so they jumped through hoops and got the job done.

Rod and Lisa like the community and the Colisée. They want to make this community their final stop. A few things need to happen to make this a reality. One is local fan support. The Simmons' pride themselves in leading a team that can skate with anybody, handle the puck and check with ferocity, but without support from local hockey fans, the venture will fail.

The other obstacle concerns the living arrangements for their dream academy. Rod and Lisa are not wealthy, and their initial start up at the Colisée was a costly one, as anyone in business will understand.

I hope that some benevolent hockey fan will have a desire to step up and help Rod and Lisa in a big way to further their quest to start a hockey academy in this community. They can be reached at the Colisée at 783-2009 ext. 212.

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Pettengill Academy holds Ribbon Cutting



Pettengill Academy hosted a ribbon cutting and grand opening at their new location at 1 Atlantis Way in Lewiston on December 4th. Pettengill Academy has expanded their Premier Early Learning Child Care Center in Lewiston allowing them to offer high-quality childcare to more families in the Lewiston-Auburn area. The new facility has a natural outdoor playground and a Maine Indoor Cedar Works Playground. They are L/A's only Certified Eco-Healthy Childcare center. For more information visit pettengillacademy.com or call them at 207-241-0046.

CMCC offers Microsoft "Boot Camp"

The Corporate and Community Services Division at Central Maine Community College will present a Microsoft "Boot Camp" series on Mondays and Wednesdays, December 28 to January 13, from 4 to 9 p.m. The series is designed for professionals who need a short, intensive review and test preparation session before sitting for the following certification exams: Microsoft Networking Fundamentals (MTA 98-366); Microsoft Server Administration Fundamentals (MTA 98-365); and Microsoft Security Fundamentals (MTA 98-367). Registration for the boot camp series includes a voucher for these three Microsoft Technology Associate exams.

Those interested may register for the prep classes individually or for all three as a series. The cost for single-class registration is \$169. The cost of the three-course series, which includes 30 hours of guided instruction, all course materials, six-month access to a practice exam (valued at \$80) and an exam voucher for each Microsoft certification (valued at \$345) is \$499. The exam vouchers must be scheduled and taken at CMCC no later than January 29.

Registration is open and ongoing, but space is limited and the deadline to register is December 21. Online registration is available at the following address. For more information, email training@cmcc.edu or see www.cmcc.edu/ccs.

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Giving

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“\$25K for Kids” grant goes to Longley Elementary School

Androscoggin Bank's MainStreet Foundation has named Longley Elementary School the 2015 recipient of its annual \$25K for Kids grant. The award was presented at the Foundation's annual meeting recently at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center of Lewiston. Focused on its mission of providing the three essentials of life - food, shelter and security - to as many children as possible, the \$25K for Kids award was presented to Gov. James B. Longley Elementary School to help it maintain and expand its afterschool programming for students in grades pre-K to 6.

Longley Elementary School employs 80 full-time staff members and currently serves over 400 students from downtown Lewiston, all of whom live within walking distance and almost all of whom live in poverty.

“Afterschool program-

ming is particularly important for Longley students for several reasons,” said Principal Kristie Clark. “For many students living in poverty, additional academic support is necessary for students to catch up to their peers.

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Comedy Fix XXVI to feature Will Green



Will Green (Photo by Kevin Neales)

They host a weekly Monday show at Blue and spent the summer on a 17-show tour spanning Maine, the Midwest and Canada in "Aharon and Will's Comedy Odyssey: Beer Run." Green, a Michigan native, recorded his debut album "Feed People" in 2014.

Angle is a comedian with more than just fantastic hair; she's crass but charming and was a recent selection of the Boston and Cleveland Comedy Festivals. The former Maine resident was a host and participant in the Women in Comedy Festival and serves as a monologue writer for the Steve Katsos Show.

Pilapil recently completed a comic-in-residence stint at Boston's legendary Comedy Studio and was a guest on Nerdist's Competitive Erotic Fan Fiction Podcast.

Johnson, originally from East Greenbush, NY, performed in Indianapolis' Crossroads Comedy Festival and is a frequent guest of the Portland Comedy Showcase. He is also co-founder of the web comedy group Brainfox.

The show is for those ages 21 and older and will contain adult language and content. Doors will open at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at maineeventcomedy.com.

For more information, call 513-0742 or email maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

A handful of Boston and Portland's top comics will head to Auburn for Comedy Fix XXVI. This stand-up comedy fundraiser will take place Friday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Sapphire Nightclub and Event Center (formerly Club Texas), 150 Center Street. Comedy Fix founder and host Mark Turcotte will welcome Portland's Will Green and Aharon Wil-

lows, along with Boston's Jere Pilapil, Phoebe Angle and Brett Johnson. All net proceeds from the show will benefit Good Shepherd Food Bank, which feeds over 36,000 Mainers in all 16 counties each week.

Green and Willows are founding members of the Portland Comedy Co-op, a group of comedians dedicated to bringing the best comedy to Portland.

Corrie marks ten years as MMS Artistic Director



John Corrie will direct the Maine Music Society in a program called "A Heritage Christmas" December 12 and 13 at the Franco Center in Lewiston. For more information or to buy tickets, call L/A Arts at 782-7228 or see www.mainemusicociety.org.

John Corrie and the Maine Music Society are celebrating Corrie's ten-year anniversary as MMS Artistic Director. In addition to the MMS Chorale, formerly known as the Androscoggin Chorale, MMS includes the MMS Chamber Singers and the MMS Orchestra. Corrie directs all three groups. Since his arrival in 2006, the MMS Chorale has more than doubled in size to eighty singers, and the MMS Chamber Singers was formed in 2013. His ten-year anniversary coincides with the 25th anniversary of the MMS. A full schedule of four concerts will be presented in the 2015-16 season.

When asked what has changed in ten years, Corrie emphasized that the quality of the music performed has improved, and audience numbers have grown. Collaboration with high school choirs is an idea he has im-

plemented, giving local students a unique opportunity to perform with and learn from experienced musicians. The next such collaboration will be a Beethoven concert in April at the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul that will bring together the MMS Chorale, the Bates College Choir, the Edward Little and Lewiston High School Chamber Choirs and the Basilica Schola to perform "Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage" and "Missa Solemnis."

"This collaboration shows the strength of the singing arts in the Twin Cities," says Corrie. The Bates College and MMS Orchestras will provide the instrumental portion of this momentous work.

What is it about MMS that excited him in 2006 and continues to inspire him? Corrie says that, first and foremost, it's the exchange of ideas with the perform-

ers. No one can ever know enough, and each singer and orchestra member brings to the table experiences and skills that make the music-making possible. The quote, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts" is so appropriate to this process, he says.

What does he hope to see in the future? Corrie wants MMS to continue to strive to sing and perform at the highest level possible. He would like to continue collaborations with area high school choirs. And he would like to bring back an orchestra-only concert. "The need is there for the local arts community to hear music performed on that level once again," he says of this latter goal.

"John has the unique ability to set a tone for the optimum balance of camaraderie and professional musicianship," says Connie Hitchcock, President of the Maine Music Society Board. "This is key to creating a sense of cohesiveness among the singers and musicians, helping each to strive for perfection. His congenial manner, encouraging people to perform beyond what they thought was possible, has led to more singers and better music."

The second concert of the MMS 2015-16 season of celebration will be "A Heritage Christmas," presenting Christmas music from the British Isles, on December 12 and 13 at the Franco Center in Lewiston. For more information or to buy tickets, call L/A Arts at 782-7228 or see www.mainemusicociety.org.

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The Thread Theatre's next monthly appearance at the Franco Center in Lewiston will be on Thursday, December 17. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 7:30. Plays should be connected in some way to the evening's theme, "All I Want for Christmas..." There will be a \$5 entrance fee for everyone, including playwrights, actors, and spectators. The Heritage Café kitchen and bar will be open for Happy Hour, offering great suppertime munchies, including pizza,

sandwiches, and nachos, before and during the show.

For more information on how the program is presented, call or visit the Center's website. The event often includes adult themes that may not be appropriate for minors, who should be accompanied by a responsible adult or have permission if they attend. The Franco Center, located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston, is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 783.1585, see FrancoCenter.org or visit the box office Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

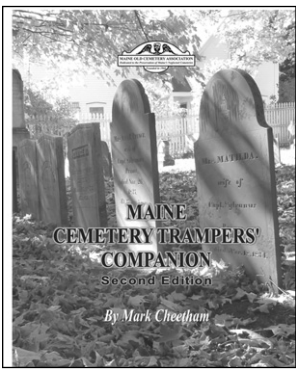
Country Sunday

Country Fest Maine will present its next Country Sunday on December 13 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club. Join them for an afternoon of great country music, dancing and food. Live entertainment will be provided by Second Wind, Shirley Jean Brackett, Brian Plato, Travis Pinkham, Gary and Victoria Harvey, Rina Van

Valkenburgh and others. Doors will open at 11 a.m.

Admission will be \$5, with children under 12 entering free. There will be door prizes, a 50/50 drawing and concessions. Located on the Hallowell Road in Litchfield, the club is wheelchair accessible and has plenty of free parking. For more information, call 536-9647 or 377-8035.

Cemetery Trampers' Companion gets update



35 cemeteries in their area. Mark self-published books detailing their work in those cemeteries. The Cheethams' contributions to the study and preservation of cemeteries were recognized in 2011 with the Oakley Award from the Association of Grave-stone Studies, a national organization.

The second edition of the Maine Cemetery Trampers' Companion has just been released by the Maine Old Cemetery Association. This spiral-bound book provides a wide sampling of cemetery related information, helping history buffs, researchers and genealogists to unravel the mysteries of symbols and shapes, military markings, war dates and the subject's place in history.

The first edition of the book was released almost eight years ago after a generous gift of data to MOCA by Mark and Donald Cheetham of Richmond and Brunswick. As volunteers and avid history buffs, the duo mapped cemeteries, repaired stones and transcribed data from nearly 20,000 stones in

In 2008, Mark Cheetham donated reference material he and his father, Donald, had gleaned from their work to MOCA for inclusion in a guidebook for cemetery researchers. The result was the Maine Cemetery Trampers' Companion. The book became an instant success, aiding MOCA members and other researchers across the state as they trekked through ancient burying grounds in their various quests for information.

The book details a variety of symbols used on stones in earlier times, lists abbreviations of fraternal and military organizations, explains types of artwork and designs and shapes, and includes an extensive timeline of history and various events that caused deaths. Trampers

Humane Society seeks homes for feral cats



Feral cats make great barn cats! Notice the ear is tipped, a universal sign of a spayed or neutered feral cat.

Throughout the month of December, the

Greater Androscoggin Humane Society's Alley Cats L/A program is working to find suitable homes for the community's feral cats. Abandoned or born without human contact and fending for themselves, these cats are abundant, may be seen in your neighborhood and are generally wary of humans.

Alley Cats L/A traps, neuters and returns feral cats to their colonies to live out their lives without multiplying. For cats who have no colony, the program finds suitable homes. Feral cats make great barn cats, and ideal homes for them

have dry shelter that is out of the wind and weather and a willingness to provide daily food and water. Prior to placement, all cats are spayed and/or neutered, assessed for health problems, wormed, vaccinated for rabies and distemper, and treated for fleas. In return, adopters can expect effective, poison-free pest control!

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society is located at 55 Strawberry Avenue in Lewiston. For more information about Alley Cats L/A, call them at 783-2311 or see www.SavingPetsInMaine.org.

Safe Voices of Auburn, an organization that supports those affected by domestic violence in Oxford, Franklin and Androscoggin Counties, were the other two finalists.

This is the third year that the MainStreet Foundation has awarded this annual grant. In 2014, the grant was awarded to the Androscoggin Childhood Advocacy Center (ACAC), a child-focused center that promotes the healing of victims of child sexual abuse. In 2013, Good Shepherd Food Bank's Backpack Program in Lewiston and Auburn schools received the grant.

Androscoggin Bank's \$1,000,000 MainStreet Foundation has a mission that is simple, focused and essential: to help keep at-risk kids in Maine safe, healthy, active, happy, educated, and nourished. Four times a year, the foundation bestows grants up to \$5,000 to excellent non-profit agencies actively working to help kids thrive. These grants vary based on need and typically total over \$50,000 per year. In 2011, Androscoggin Bank pledged to donate \$100K to the MainStreet Foundation in honor of outgoing Bank President Steven A. Closson. With this gift, the foundation has been able to offer four \$25K individual grants, one each year since November of 2013.

\$25K

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It's also critical that at-risk youth have support and mentorship after school hours. This provides a place where they can feel safe, express themselves and form bonds with their teachers and classmates."

In support of the district's commitment to the Campaign for Grade Level Reading, the funds will allow selected K-2 students to participate in an online iRead literacy lab, while students in grades 3-6 will participate in self-selected clubs focused upon learning through the

development of their multiple intelligences. The funds will also enable two Longley staff members to serve in the school's innovative "walking school bus" program to escort children safely home after the program.

"We chose Longley Elementary School as the 2015 \$25K for Kids recipient for its work enriching the academic experience of Lewiston's downtown students, many who have experienced difficult situations in their lives," said Melissa Rock, Vice President and Marketing Manager of Androscoggin Bank. "Longley's afterschool programs not

only provide students with opportunities for enrichment that they otherwise likely wouldn't have, but it also gives students a safe place to learn and the security of a safe walk home each night. These are the essentials of life, and we are honored to help Longley continue making an impact in the lives of its students."

Longley Elementary School was one of three finalists for the \$25k for Kids award. Chosen from a pool of numerous applicants, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick, a one-to-one mentoring service to over 300 at-risk kids, and

can decipher the symbols, date the war, epidemic or local disaster that may have claimed their ancestor, and understand the affiliations that counted in their lives.

In compiling and editing the original book, MOCA members Cheryl Patten and Enola Couture tried to create a quick reference guide to answer most questions about cemeteries. In updating the book, Patten and Carl McKenney added military information and updated the cemetery dictionary. The latest edition is available through the MOCA website at \$20 per copy plus \$5 for shipping. In person purchases may also be arranged. For more information or to buy a copy, see www.moca-me.org.



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Out & About with Rachel Morin

To Spain with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

By Rachel Morin

A few weeks ago, on Friday, November 13, I travelled to Sunny Spain with a group of senior college friends with AAA Travel of South Portland. We were 41 members on this OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at USM Portland trip. This is a first-hand account of our travel to Spain - noteworthy as we would board at Logan on Air France for Charles DeGaulle Airport in Paris for a connecting flight to Madrid.

As we neared Logan, I noticed our AAA travel guide, Randy Scott, and his assistant, Ellen Fogg, huddled in the front seat of our Motorcoach in whispered consultation. I thought nothing of it as guides do consult with each other frequently.

Upon arriving at Logan, Randy asked for our strict silence and attention, as he had important and sad news to convey to us. He told us calmly and briefly that Paris had been attacked by terrorists involving several venues in the city center. The De Gaulle Airport had not been affected. The attack had occurred within the hour. He continued in a calm and professional manner request-



TCT columnist Rachel Morin and Spanish Guide Barry Raven (photo by Mary Cafazzo)

ing we all remain together in the Coach while he went into Logan to get additional information. Would we "wait a wee minute together?" A resounding "yes" came quickly from everyone.

He returned later to reassure us DeGaulle was secure and had not been affected. Security and vigilance were increased and they were ready and waiting for us.

Later in Logan, a unanimous decision was made by the group to continue! I found it interesting and reassuring that there was no discussion on pros and cons from our group.

With the delay in securing additional information, our flight to DeGaulle

was delayed two hours. We learned upon arrival at De Gaulle that we had missed our connecting flight to Madrid. Our large number made it necessary that we divide into three groups. Re-boarding passes were issued twice. With the six-hour time advance in France, it was now

French Sing-Along at D'Youville Pavilion

Community members are invited to participate in a special holiday French sing-along session on Monday, December 14 at 2 p.m. at D'Youville Pavilion Chapel in Lewiston. Aliette Couturier, Jacynthe Jacques and friends will lead the singing of local Franco holiday favorites, such as "Il Est



Safe arrival in Madrid. Note the sign on a city building: REFUGEEES WELCOME (photo by Rachel Morin)

Saturday, November 14. We settled in for a long wait, cut off from any news updates. Our families, with updates, had more anxiety about the travel than we did.

The first group went with Randy as he had to do the check-in at Madrid and

be there to meet the later arrivals. The second group left a few hours later with Susan Morrow, a USM staff person on the trip, arriving in Madrid at 7 p.m. The third group, led by Ellen Fogg, left De Gaulle much later, arriving in Madrid at 11 p.m.

Everyone handled it calmly as if this were a regular occurrence. We all trusted Randy's competence. His calm, reassuring, professional manner made all the difference.

We enjoyed a great trip. The weather was warm and sunny every day. We had sightseeing tours of Madrid, Toledo, Seville and Barcelona. We visited historic museums, royal palaces, cathedrals, monuments, beautiful parks and gardens. We dined at upscale restaurants with lovely presentations of delicious food and wine, loved the Flamenco Dancers in their colorful costumes, and mixing in with the friendly local folks.

A travelogue on our Spanish trip with photos will appear in our Twin City TIMES in a later issue.

576-4109.

Organized in 2010 by the Maine Folque Co-op in collaboration with USM LAC's Franco-American Collection, this monthly series of sing-along sessions takes place from September through June, usually at the college, with occasional forays out to local retirement communities and nursing homes.



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Thursday, December 10
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Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Atty. Elliott Epstein of Andrucki & King discusses "Mental Illness in the Workplace." \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggin-county.com.

Friday, December 11
 Food for Thought Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Room 170, L-A College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. William Hiss discusses "Shiloh: Frank W. Sanford and the Kingdom." \$8/7 (incl. lunch). For adv. rate, call 753-6510 by noon on 11/10 to register.

Theater: "A Christmas Carol." 7 p.m. The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. Christopher Schario's acclaimed adaptation for six actors and a fiddler gives this classic holiday story new life; one weekend only. Again 12/12 (2 & 7 p.m.) and 12/13 (2 p.m.) \$20 (\$5 ages 18-). 782-3200; www.thepublictheatre.org.

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Open Mic & Poetry Slam. 7:30 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St., Auburn. Come and share the spirituality of music and spoken word; refreshments. Enter on Spring St., across from Dairy Joy. 783-0461; www.auburnnuu.org.

Comedy Fix XXVI. 7:30 p.m. Sapphire Nightclub (formerly Club Texas), 150 Center St., Auburn. Host Mark Turcotte welcomes Will Green, Aharon Willows, Jere Pilapil, Phoebe Angle and Brett Johnson. Ages 21+; doors at 7 p.m. \$10. 513-0742; maineeventcomedy.com.

Saturday, December 12
 19th-Century Christmas Celebration. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore. Tours, horse-drawn wagon rides, period crafts and games, storytelling, caroling and the popular Cookie Walk (11 a.m., \$5); gift shop. \$10/6 (family rate \$25). 897-4366; www.NORLANDS.org.

Bean, Hot Dog and Casserole Supper. 4:45 p.m. Calvary United Methodist Church, Bartlett St., Lewiston (please use garden entrance). Meal will also

include salads, vegetarian dishes. \$7.50 adults, \$3 children.

Public Supper. 5 p.m. Paris Fire Department, Western Ave., So. Paris. Turkey pie, potatoes, vegetables, mac & cheese, salads, bread, homemade desserts. Pres. by the Dept. Auxiliary. \$8 adults, \$4 kids 4-12, free kids 3-.

Heritage Christmas Concert. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Oxford St., Lewiston. The Maine Music Society presents a program of holiday music from the British Isles; silent auction. Again 12/13 (3 p.m.). \$20/18/10 (kids 11- free). 782-7228; www.mainemusicsociety.org.

Sunday, December 13
 "Ho-Ho-Holiday" Craft and Vendor Fair. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. Over 50 crafters and vendors. Proceeds benefit Trinity Soup Kitchen; please bring a non-perishable food item. Cash donations also welcome.

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Thursday, December 17
 Androscoggin County Republican Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. Ricker Memorial Library, 1211 Maine St., Poland. All county committee members and interested, registered Republicans are welcome.

Thread Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This month's theme is "All I Want for Christmas..." Food, drinks in Heritage Cafe from 6:30 on. \$5. For more info about how the program works, see www.francocenter.org.

Sunday, December 20
 Lewiston Winter Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Mary's Nutrition Center, 208 Bates St., Lewiston. Open first and third Sundays through January; Market Café. Credit cards, SNAP accepted. 513-3848.

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Tuesday, January 12
 Legal Advisory Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Reps. from Brann & Isaacson discuss "Legacy Planning for the Sandwich Generation." \$50 (members \$25). Register at www.androscoggin-county.com.

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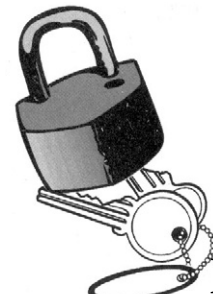
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This past spring, UNE was named CMCC's 2015 Partner of the Year. The award acknowledged UNE's role in providing curriculum development for CMCC's new associate degree pro-

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UNE President Danielle Ripich and CMCC President Scott Knapp sign an official agreement to expand access for CMCC Life Sciences students to 15 bachelor's degree programs at UNE.

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