

Concerts for a Cause welcomes jazz trio for "A Charlie Brown Christmas"



The Heather Pierson Trio is comprised of Pierson on piano, Shawn Nadeau on bass, and Craig Bryan on drums.

UU Auburn's Concerts for a Cause will present the Heather Pierson Jazz Trio for a performance of Vince Guaraldi's "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on Friday, December 1 at

7:30 p.m. at the First Universalist Church, located at 169 Pleasant Street in Auburn. Tickets are \$15, cash or credit, at the door. For more information, call 783-0461 or see www.uu-concerts.org.

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Heather Pierson is a pianist, singer-songwriter, and performer based in Conway, NH. She is joined in the trio by Shawn Nadeau on bass and Craig Bryan on drums. Together they will perform the entirety of Vince Guaraldi's "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and other well-known and popular Christmas tunes.

Originally telecast in December 1965, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" was an instant hit with audiences who connected with Peanuts creator Charles M. Schultz's cast of characters, including Charlie Brown, his scrawny Christmas tree, and his dog, Snoopy. Vince Guaraldi's gentle, jazz-inspired musical score for the program, which includes the popular hit "Linus and Lucy," established musical

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MainStreet Foundation awards \$25K for Kids Grant to St. Mary's Nutrition Center



The foundation's Board of Directors presents the grant to St. Mary's Nutrition Center at an awards ceremony recently in Lewiston.

Androscoggin Bank's MainStreet Foundation has selected St. Mary's Nutrition Center as the 2017 recipient of its annual \$25K for Kids grant. Focused on using access to healthy food as an entry point to leadership development, community building, and long-term change, the Nutrition Center received the \$25,000 award to help strengthen its youth leadership programs to better support teens who have limited opportunities or are living in poverty.

St. Mary's Nutrition Center supports the Lewiston-Auburn region by strengthening community connections, addressing root causes, nurturing a sense of place, and facilitating a deeper commitment to equity across the community. They believe that everyone deserves access to healthy

food as a fundamental right and work to promote youth as leaders both at the Nutrition Center and in the community.

"It's hard to put into words the importance of MainStreet Foundation's efforts to fund vital programs that support the children of Maine who need them the most," said St. Mary's Nutrition Center director Kirsten Walter. "Their work helps ensure that Maine youth and kids remain safe, are provided with healthy meals, and have fair access to essential services, such as health care, counseling, and education. Investing in these essentials opens up much needed opportunity for kids, giving them a chance to dream, and the support and care they need to reach their

goals."

MainStreet Foundation's mission is simple, focused and essential: to help keep kids safe, healthy, active, happy, educated, and nourished. The foundation's annual \$25K for Kids award is even more focused on the three essentials of life - food, shelter and security.

"We selected St. Mary's Nutrition Center because we're committed to ensuring that children in the Lewiston-Auburn region... have access to healthy, nutritious meals, as well as programs that encourage positive growth," said MainStreet Foundation Chairman Steve Closson. "When we learned more about the Nutrition Center's desire to expand its leadership and

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Meals & Memories to help kids, teens remember loved ones

Something most people have in common is the love of food. Often, when a loved one passes away, people reflect fondly about meals they always looked forward to sharing and fam-

ily fun around the dinner table.

Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice has planned a unique event to help children, teens, and their families remember a loved one

during the holiday season by sharing favorite foods. "Meals & Memories" will take place on Saturday, December 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the L/A Metropolitan

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Auburn student honored for 4.0 GPA

Among those students honored at the annual Sarah and James Bowdoin Day ceremony held at Bowdoin College in Brunswick recently was Diego Villamarin of Auburn. Students designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars are in the top (highest GPA) 20 percent of

each class for the previous academic year. In addition, those who earned a GPA of 4.0 are designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Book Award winners. Villamarin, who is an undeclared major and member of the Class of 2020, was named a Book Award winner.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Community Credit Union honors employees

Community Credit Union has recognized several of its employees with annual awards. Financial Service Representative Jessica Blackwell has been named Employee of the Year; Branch Manager Natalie Michaud, who volunteered a

total of 56 hours, has been named Volunteer of the Year; and Payment Services Coordinator Kayleigh Ogden has been named Rookie of the Year. For more information about Community Credit Union, see www.communitycreditunion.com.



Volunteer of the Year Natalie Michaud, with VP of Financial Operations Jo-Ann Jackson



Employee of the Year Jessica Blackwell, with President and CEO Jen Hogan



Rookie of the Year Kayleigh Ogden, with Tucker Ogden and Executive Vice President Christina Carter

Collins recognizes Wayne combat veteran in Congressional Record



WWII combat veteran Richard Lincoln, with Mark Winter of Senator Collins' Augusta office

In a statement submitted to the Congressional Record recently, U.S. Senator Susan Collins recognized Richard Lincoln, a 91-year-old combat veteran of Wayne, Maine, for his leadership and bravery demonstrated during World War II. Mark Winter, Senator Collins' Augusta State Office Representative, pre-

sented the Congressional Record Statement to Lincoln on the Senator's behalf at a ceremony at the Augusta Maine Veterans Home.

"Showing courage, sacrifice, and devotion to duty, the all-draftee 88th Infantry Division played a significant role in the defeat of the German Army in Italy during World War II," said Senator Collins. "Mr. Lincoln truly embodies these patriotic values, and I thank him for the personal sacrifices he has made to preserve our freedom at home and to keep us safe."

At the age of 17, Lincoln served as a First Scout in the 88th Infantry Division in the pivotal battle of Anzio, which permitted the Allied capture of Rome. During this grueling assault in the Italian Campaign of World War II, he repeatedly risked his life on the front lines to illuminate enemy batteries and regularly endured enemy fire, earning the Bronze Star.

The 88th became the first draftee division to enter a combat zone in World War II. In 344 days of combat, the 88th Infantry Division lost nearly 3,000 men, with more than 9,000 wounded. See Collins, page 9

Student of the Month



Brianna Velilla, with club president Jeff Gagnon

The Mechanic Falls, Minot, and Poland Tri-Town Optimist Club has named Brianna Velilla as its RSU 16 Student of the Month. A sixth grader at Minot Consolidated School, Velilla received the honor for

being a great all-around student who is always cheerful and upbeat. As a diligent worker who helps others and always strives to do her best, she is a great role model for those around her. Congratulations, Brianna!

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Dear Maine Taxpayer, Generosity comes in many different forms. It can be donations of money or your time. Some people—including those who have very little to

give—will donate slightly worn coats or help serve meals or volunteer at a shelter.

Earlier this month, I joined the Salvation Army to kick off its Annual Kettle Campaign. Proceeds from the campaign help to provide food, clothing, utilities and emergency disaster aid.

They also help give children the opportunity to attend



Governor Paul R. LePage

The Salvation Army's Camp Sebago.

The Kettle Campaign helps to provide services and programs to over 40,000 men, women and children during the holidays and throughout the year.

So, the next time you hear the sound of a ringing bell and see the red kettle, please consider making a donation.

You'll be giving back to your community and perhaps even a neighbor in need.

While a donation can go a long way, your time can too. I have rung kettle bells on countless cold winter afternoons and served hot meals to seniors who are homebound.

Volunteering your time is as valuable as a dollar, and for me it is often

more rewarding.

Let us also remember that Mainers hit hard times, no matter the season. So, as the holiday spirit starts to fade, we should not forget the spirit of giving back is needed year-round.

The First Lady and I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Thank You,
Paul R. LePage
Governor

Windstorm, power outage don't slow disabled woman

During the recent widespread power outage, Jill Schneidewind did what daughters everywhere do. She called to check in with her mother. Then she walked to the nearest open store for a new flashlight and batteries so she'd have some illumination in her own apartment.

This story would be entirely unremarkable except that Jill, 47, is a client of Independence Association, a half-century-old local nonprofit organization supporting youth and adults with developmental disabilities. It is because of her assistance that Jill cannot be slowed down.

"Brunswick, Maine is the best town in the USA for people with disabilities to live in," mother Carol Schneidewind says. She bases that assessment on her daughter's over 30 years of success in the community. Carol and her late husband, Gil, decided on Maine after a school principal in another state told them that their daughter, then in first grade, would never learn to read.

"I knew he was

wrong," Carol says. The family had previously lived in Brunswick while Gil was stationed at the former Brunswick Naval Air Station, so they decided to target a return to the town. "We loved Brunswick, and we knew Jill and our other children could get a good education there."

Brunswick lived up to the family's expectations. Jill entered Coffin School as a second grader. With support from good teachers and, later, from excellent Literacy Volunteers, Jill succeeded in learning to read. She has subscribed for years to the Times Record and frequently calls to alert her mother to articles of interest.

Jill also loves to read books. Currently, she's reading her fourth book in the "Boxcar Children" series. During the power outage, she met with her Literacy Volunteers tutor, even though the library where they usually meet was closed. At Jill's suggestion, the two sat at a table outside the building for a 30-minute session.

"We're in the per-



Jill Schneidewind

fect place for Jill, living in Brunswick where people are accepted no matter what," Carol says. "I'm very proud of Jill and so pleased at how much she's matured and learned."

Jill lives in a downtown Brunswick apartment managed by Independence Association. She walks to the library twice a day to send and check emails, a skill she picked up by taking a class at the library, her mother notes. "Jill is very resourceful, partly because she's allowed to be,"

Carol says. "We couldn't be happier than to be in Brunswick and have Jill involved in Independence Association."

Jill's routines include volunteering weekly at Coastal Landing, where she was honored for 25 years of service in March 2016. "That was a surprise to me!" she says. "I thought we were going to play bingo!"

Jill began volunteering with older adults when Skolfield House, the predecessor to Coastal Landing, was located within walking

distance of her downtown home. She joined residents for outings, games, movies, and even the occasional meal.

When Skolfield House moved to Brunswick Landing, ceasing to volunteer was not an option for Jill. "Those are my people," she told her mother. "I have to go where they go." So, Jill worked out a weekly transportation plan with Independence Association community support staff to drive her to and from Coastal Landing twice a week.

Jill's community involvement has also included advocacy that resulted in two local nonprofits removing the word "retarded" from their names. Independence Association was one

of the two.

"Jill turned out to be a little ray of sunshine to everyone in Brunswick," her mother says. "So many people know Jill and are glad to see her smile as she greets them on the streets of our town."

Independence Association employs more than 200 people to serve 400-plus clients in five counties: Cumberland, Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, Kennebec, and Lincoln. They offer residential options, support for employment and daily living, case management, and other services essential to allow their clients the greatest possible independence in the communities of their choice.

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trademarks that continue to prompt smiles of recognition fifty years later.

Concerts for a Cause brings special concerts to the L/A community while raising money for area charities. This show will benefit the church, as well as Outright L/A. CFAC shows are produced by local musician and church choir director Dave Rowe and a dedicated group of church members.

“When I came to Auburn UU 14 years ago, Heather took over for me as choir director at the First Universalist Church of Norway,” said Rowe. “I have known and admired her music ever since.”

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Chamber of Commerce, located at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Those attending are asked to bring their loved one's favorite food or dish to share with others, a copy of a favorite photo of their loved one, and a recipe for a cookbook that will be created and shared after the event. There will be an opportunity for participants to share stories about the fond memories associated with their food, and special crafts will be created to commemorate loved ones in festive holiday style after dining.

This is a first-come, first-served event limited to 50 people. An adult must accompany all children and teens. There is no cost to attend, but you must register by November 27 by calling 795-9468.

St. Mary's

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development programs to empower the community's youth, we were moved to help." To learn more about the Nutrition Center, see www.stmarysnutrition-center.org

This is the fifth year that the MainStreet Foundation has awarded the grant. Last year, the grant was awarded to Preble Street Teen Center, a statewide organization that provides accessible, barrier-free services to empower people experiencing problems with homelessness, housing, hunger and poverty, and that advocates for solutions to these problems. In 2015, Longley Elementary School of Lewiston was awarded the grant for its after-school programming, including an innovative walking school bus. 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, the grant was awarded to the Good Shepherd Food Bank's Backpack Program in Lewiston and Auburn schools.

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Enough is Enough

This Thanksgiving, focus on the family, not the stores

By Robert E. Macdonald
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Thanksgiving is upon us. It used to be a time for family get-togethers around the dinner table where the enjoyment of eating, conversation, relaxation and the warmth of family resounded throughout the entire house.

There were also the high school football games played in the morning hours. Arch rival against arch rival. When the game ended, you were thankful if your team won, but even more thankful if you made it home without being pummeled by supporters of the losing team.

In many homes, dinners are scheduled so that football fanatics can maximize their intense passion

of the professional football games during Thanksgiving afternoon and early evening.

But throughout four-plus centuries, Thanksgiving has radically changed. Originally the day was set aside to thank God for the blessings he had bestowed upon his people and the abundance of produce harvested from the land.

With the passing years, more emphasis was placed on family get-togethers. I suspect that the high school games played on Thanksgiving morning may possibly have come about to limit the distractions faced by those preparing the holiday meal. With the coming of television, the market was right for the introduction of professional football.



Mayor Bob Macdonald

While one group sits around the TV set watching the game, another gathers around the table engaged in light conversation. Although there may be two groups, they are family and friends engaged in conversation, relaxing and enjoying each others company.

Yet even a family get-together can become a cold, lonely place, thanks to modern technology. Tweeting, Facebook, X-Boxes and video games, in which depravity is increased with each successive game, talking on cell phones and playing with invisible friends now supersedes real face time.

Now we have allowed Thanksgiving to change from a time of thankfulness to God for our blessings and a time where families put aside a day to relax and become reacquainted to nothing more than the day before Black Friday.

Black Friday, the day filled with retail bargains galore. Stores open at ungodly morning hours. Customers crowd outside the

doors, anxiously waiting for them to open in order to swarm through the store like a bunch of angry bees. Fighting may ensue over the last available sale item.

Once cashed out, they will return to their vehicles to press on to another store. Those in charge of the store will hope their business will surpass last year's sales figures. But at what cost?

The family's time together will be reduced, and in some cases there will be no gathering at all. Family members will have to forego either part or the entire day because of their job. Others will be more focused on the store sales than the day itself.

It seems the principles of Ebenezer Scrooge have overtaken the good-hearted

principles of old Mr. Fez-wink. All at the expense of the family.

Thankfully we are still providing places for the poor, destitute and the lonely to seek warmth, comfort, companionship and a meal. Soup kitchens, restaurants and Veteran Posts give them the chance to experience the original intent and meaning of Thanksgiving Day.

To those who will celebrate the day with your entire family, enjoy the day. I hope you will continue to be together on future Thanksgiving Days. To those who sit down at a table in which family members may be missing, let's hope next year everyone is there and to all a very happy Thanksgiving.

Volunteer opportunities abound at Viles Arboretum



The Arboretum offers interactive, creative, and hands-on educational programs that unlocks our innate ability to understand the natural world.

Did you know that Viles Arboretum in Augusta relies upon more than 180 volunteers to accomplish its extensive program of events, projects, exhibits, and land management? There are a wide variety of interesting areas where your help could make a big difference.

Here is a list of just a few of the volunteer activities they have to offer: Assembling mailings; Pruning trees and shrubs; Installing new blue bird houses and cleaning out existing ones; Preparing food for various events; Watering their collection of trees and other plants in the Visitors Center; Walking the trail system to greet hikers and dog walkers; Being a weekend ambassador and membership solicitor on key hours during the weekend; Helping organize and manage their indoor and outdoor farmers markets; Helping to organize their annual Super Bowl Sunday Table Tour fundraising event.

Viles Arboretum offers an ever-changing selection of programs for

schools and the general public. They focus on interactive, creative, and hands-on teaching of natural history that unlocks everyone's natural ability to understand the nature of our world through our own eyes and by using our own intellect.

For more information about the Arboretum and its volunteer opportunities, call 626-7989, visit their Facebook page, or see www.vilesarboretum.org.

Pine Tree Legal receives \$261,250 in technology grants

The Legal Services Corporation has announced that Pine Tree Legal Assistance will receive Technology Initiative Grants in the amounts of \$175,250 and \$86,000.

Pine Tree Legal Assistance will use the first grant to improve the design and content of StateSideLegal.org, the first national website focused exclusively on veterans' federal legal rights. The project will add new resources for veterans and military families, including best practices for veteran medical-legal partnerships between legal services providers and the healthcare sector.

The second technology grant will support improvements to its website based on recommendations made in LSC's Ford Foundation-funded evaluation of statewide legal aid websites.

Established in 2000, the Legal Services Corporation's Technology Initiative Grant program supports projects that develop and replicate technologies to im-

prove efficiency and provide greater access to high-quality legal assistance. A variety of initiatives receive grant funding each year, such as projects enhancing websites to make them more accessible to legal aid clients or adding artificial intelligence tools to online intake processes.

"LSC's Technology Initiative Grants expand access to justice for millions of Americans who cannot afford a lawyer," explained LSC President Jim Sandman. "The grants make legal information, court forms, video instruction, and practical tips available to people who otherwise would have to navigate the legal system without any help."

"My work with Pine Tree Legal almost half a century ago reinforced my understanding that justice isn't self-executing - it relies on proper representation," said Senator Angus King. "That is what Pine Tree Legal has provided to low-income people in

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CCU hires new Assist. VP of Member Services



Katrina Guignard

Community Credit Union has hired Katrina Guignard as its new Assistant Vice President of Member Services. Her primary responsibility in this position will be managing the Member

Services Department, underwriting consumer loans, and originating real estate loans.

Guignard comes to Community Credit Union with 10 years of financial services experience. A graduate of the University of Maine with a Bachelor's Degree in Natural and Applied Sciences, she resides in Turner with her husband Charles, Labrador Retriever Duke, and a flock of laying hens. She enjoys cooking, gardening, kayaking, and spending time with friends and family. She also plays French Horn in the Auburn Community Band and is a mentor with Junior Achievement.

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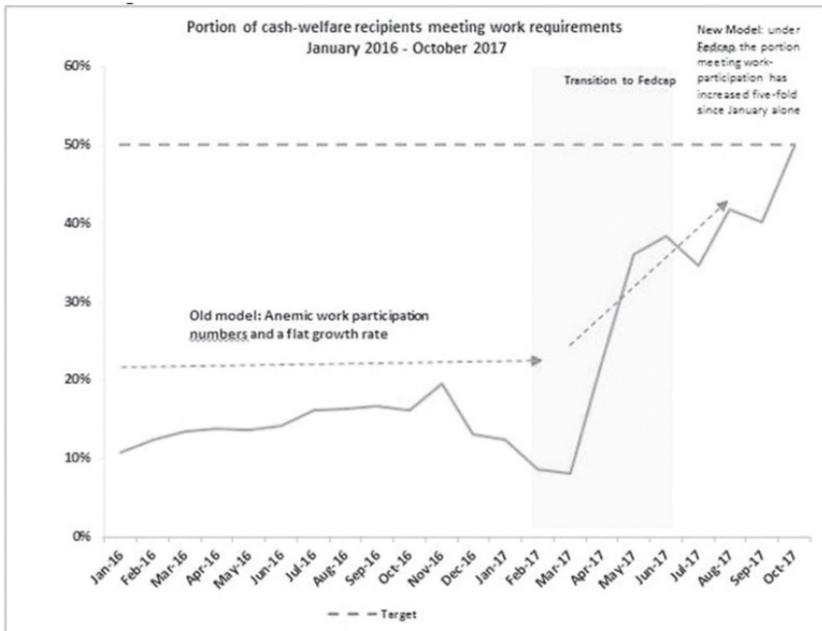
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What's Going On

Welfare-to-Work program is moving Maine families to employment



The number of TANF recipients meeting the required work hours has dramatically risen with the new program.

On January 30, 2017, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services partnered with Fedcap Rehabilitation Services to officially launch the “Breaking the Cycle” program in Maine. The program is intended to pro-

vide sustainable employment education and training for recipients of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF) through the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment (ASPIRE) program. In

just nine months, the TANF workforce participation rate has jumped to 50 percent, a significant increase from 16 percent prior to the partnership with Fedcap.

Fedcap has since opened the doors to sixteen communi-

ty-based Opportunity Centers across the state, recruiting, hiring, and training 140 staff members and Employment Specialists to serve TANF recipients. Through the program, individuals receive educational training and worksite experience to become professionally prepared job seekers in Maine’s workforce.

As its program’s four main areas of focus, Fedcap emphasizes education, workforce development, occupational health, and economic development, offering personalized case management services and employment plans to aid participants in their training and development. The program offers participants opportunities to overcome barriers to economic success while instilling the confidence and independence necessary to take on vocational responsibilities. Maine’s partnership with Fedcap highlights the philosophy that self-sufficiency through employment is critical in breaking the cycle of poverty.

“Through immediate engagement, accountability, and comprehensive case management, TANF recipients are able to move quickly back into the workforce,” said DHHS Commissioner Ricker Hamilton. “Our partnership with Fedcap has enabled our participants to rapidly gain the necessary skills needed to begin their pathway toward economic stability.”

USM to receive grant for Veterans Upward Bound Program

U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King have announced that the University of Southern Maine will receive \$263,938 through the U.S. Department of Education’s Veterans Upward Bound Program. This is the first time that Maine has received this grant, which is designed to help veterans who are the first in their family to attend college develop the skills necessary to succeed in postsecondary education programs.

“TRIO programs like Veterans Upward Bound provide vital assistance to low-income veterans seeking to become first-generation college students,” said Senators Collins and King in a joint statement. “We are pleased that this essential program that gives veterans the resources and support they need to succeed in postsecondary education will now be offered across Maine.”

“At the University of Southern Maine, we have nearly 350 student veterans - the highest number of any college or university in Maine - and we’ve made it our mission to help them achieve and excel in their academic goals,” said USM president Dr. Glenn Cummings. “I am pleased that

our University’s TRIO Program has been selected for this grant that will help 125 veterans each year prepare for higher education. It’s a life-changer, and we’re proud to be supporting and giving back to those who have given the highest level of sacrifice to our nation.”

The University of Southern Maine’s Veterans Upward Bound program will serve 125 low-income, first-generation veterans per year from across the State of Maine. The program provides assessment and enhancement of basic skills through counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and academic instruction in the core subject areas.

Of Maine’s 119,058 veterans, 7,954 are low-income and 89,179 do not have a bachelor’s degree and are highly likely to be potential first-generation college students.



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What's Going On

Safe Voices director to address Rotary Club



Victoria Stanton

The next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club will feature guest speaker Victoria Stanton

on Thursday, November 30, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Stanton is the Director of Development and Engagement at Safe Voices, the domestic violence resource center based in Lewiston. In her role, she helps corporate partners and community members connect to Safe Voices in meaningful ways, including through awareness-raising events, volunteerism, sponsorship, and philanthropy.

Prior to joining Safe Voices, Stanton worked as Chief Advancement Offi-

cer for the YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston and was an advancement writer at Bates College. She has been involved in anti-sexual assault and anti-domestic violence work for the last 11 years. She is a certified fundraising executive and received her bachelor's degree from Williams College. She currently lives in Lewiston.

Guests are welcome and no reservations are required. Lunch will be available at the restaurant. For more information, call 753-9040 or see www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

St. Bart's Christmas Fair set for Dec. 2

Shoppers looking for holiday gifts for friends and family will find hundreds of options at the 27th annual Christmas Fair at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church at 396 Gilman Road in Yarmouth on Saturday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wreaths, handcrafts, attic treasures, baked goods, gourmet soups, pet toys, books, DVDs, music and

more will be for sale at the fair, which will also feature a silent auction and a light lunch of soups, salads, and sandwiches. The event will take place in the church's bright, post-and-beam space about two miles from downtown Yarmouth on the way to Cousins Island. Admission is free, with sale proceeds benefiting St. Bart's community service programs.

Food offerings available at the event will include Gourmet Freezer, a line of pre-cooked, frozen soups created by St. Bart's skilled chefs. These delicious soups make excellent gifts and save time during the busy holiday season.

Other highlights of the 2017 Fair will include: a wide assortment of jewelry. See **St. Bart's**, page 16

Weeks promoted to Senior Director - Hospital Services

Spectrum Healthcare Partners has announced the promotion of Leslie Weeks to Senior Director - Hospital Services. Weeks joined the physician-owned, multispecialty practice in 2015 as a Senior Practice Manager for Spectrum's Southern Radiology Division and shortly thereafter assumed responsibility for the Radiation Oncology Division.

"Leslie has exceptional leadership skills and has proven herself to be an invaluable resource both to our physician leaders and our hospital partners," said Spectrum CEO David Landry. "She has played a key role in helping our organization to continue to grow and thrive."

Before joining Spectrum, Weeks was a clinical radiation therapist for 12 years at Maine Medical Center. She was promoted to Chief Therapist before beginning an administrative



Leslie Weeks

role as Oncology Business Manager for Maine Medical Center and MaineHealth.

In her new role as Senior Director for Spectrum, Weeks will continue to combine her clinical skills with strong business acumen to provide administrative leadership within the organization and build upon the many relationships that Spectrum has fostered with their hospital partners over

the years.

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Send Calendar listings to Editor@TwinCityTimes.com

CMP president to discuss proposed Quebec to New England transmission line

Sara Burns, President and CEO of Central Maine Power, will discuss the company's current "New England Clean Energy Connect" proposal at the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce's next Power Lunch Seminar on Tuesday, November 28, from noon to 1 p.m. The event will take place in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

Burns will provide an overview of New England Clean Energy Connect, a proposed transmission line capable of delivering up to 1,200 megawatts of renewable energy from Quebec to New England. CMP owns or controls all of the property and facilities for the portion of the project in Maine, including roughly 150 miles of new high

voltage, direct current transmission line from the Maine/ Quebec border to a DC/AC converter station located in Lewiston.

Power Lunch Seminars are sponsored by Community Health Options. This seminar is free, but registration is required. Lunch will not be provided. For more information, call 783-2249. To register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

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New St. Catherine of Siena Residence to open in Lewiston



The residence is located on Sabattus Street, in the former St. Andre Group Home.

In commemoration of World Day of the Poor (November 19), established by Pope Francis, Bishop Robert P. Deeley recently blessed the new St. Catherine of Siena Residence in Lewiston. The 10-bed shelter for women is expected to open in early December.

The new residence is a ministry of the St. Martin de Porres Residence, a shelter founded in Lewiston 26 years ago by Brother Irénée Richard, O.P. That shelter currently accommodates up to six male guests and four female guests, but there has been an increase in the number of calls, especially from women.

"I think it's a very big need in Lewiston," said Sister Monique Belanger, O.P., chair of St. Martin's board of directors. "There are a lot of women who need shelter. They've been going to St. Martin's, but they need

more space. I think we're going to be helping a lot of women get back on their feet and start living life the way they should, as much as they can."

The St. Catherine of Siena Residence is located on Sabattus Street, in the former St. Andre Group Home, which was affiliated with the Good Shepherd Sisters of Quebec. Brother Irénée says that, when he learned the property was available, he knew it was the perfect fit. "I visited the house and said, 'Oh my gosh, this is ideal. I wouldn't find anything else like this,'" he said.

The original asking price was \$145,000, but the Good Shepherd Sisters agreed to sell it for \$75,000. At around the same time, Brother Irénée received an unsolicited donation of \$50,000. With another \$3,000 in reserve, he needed just \$22,000 to buy the property, so he wrote to Sister Diane Beaudoin, S.C.S.H., superior general of the Sisters of Charity of Saint-Hyacinthe, who had been supporters of the residence since it opened.

"I said, 'Whatever you can do to help us, that would be great.' She sent \$30,000, so the home was paid for



Bishop Robert P. Deeley blesses the new residence

with some extra," Brother Irénée explained. "That's how it happened. When I say this was - and still is - a journey of faith, I mean that. I think when you're doing God's work, he takes care of it."

a no-nonsense place," said Brother Irénée. "We don't want to enable you; we want to help you. It works, but it's not for everybody."

Overseeing the St. Catherine of Siena Residence

where she was living at the time, helped her at a point in her life when she was threatened with homelessness, so she is excited to have the opportunity to give back.

Baker's living quarters are on the first floor of the residence, while the women will stay in four large bedrooms on the second floor. The home also includes a large kitchen, a dining

room with a piano, a living room with a fireplace, and a small sun room, which will be used as a quiet space for the women.

There have already been inquiries about when the residence will open. Brother Irénée says a few repairs still need to be made, and then the building will need final approval from code enforcement, both of which he expects to happen by the end of the month.

He knows the challenges won't be over, however. Neither residence receives any state or federal funding, relying solely on donations to operate. Thanks to an anonymous donor, a new endowment for the ministry has been established through the Catholic Foundation of Maine. If you would like to contribute, contact Elizabeth Badger, executive director of the foundation, at 321-7820 or elizabeth.badger@portlanddiocese.org.



In addition to bedrooms for the house mother and guests, the home includes a large kitchen, dining room, living room, and a small sun room.

The new residence will operate in much the same way as the St. Martin de Porres Residence. All guests must have a referral and must be interested in improving their situation. They will be able to share dinner together and stay overnight, but during the day, they must go to rehab, get counseling, or seek employment, depending upon their situation. "It's

dence will be house mother Misty Baker, who has a background in the mental health field. When she learned of the position, she was ecstatic. "This is something I always wanted to do," she said. "I, myself, am in recovery - I have been 33 years sober and clean. This is awesome. I couldn't be happier."

She said Catholic Charities in Minnesota,

Collins

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When they learned of Lincoln's story, former U.S. Secretary of Defense Bill Cohen and Current Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis both wrote him letters thanking him for his service, and Secretary Mattis delivered remarks regarding the Maine veteran's story in an address to the Association of the United States Army earlier this month.

At the ceremony in Augusta, Lincoln received a copy of the Congressional Record presentation and the letters from Secretaries Cohen and Mattis. He was also shown a video of Secretary Mattis' remarks. The ceremony was attended by more than two dozen Maine veterans from World War II through today, who congratulated him on his achievements and thanked him for his service.

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2017 Twin Cities Holiday Celebration Parade Route

Map showing parade route with markers for Float Parking (Great Falls Plaza), End Festival Plaza, and Staging (Near Parking Garage on Park St.).

TWIN CITY NIGHTS

Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Bates Gamelan Orchestra to perform Nov. 29



A prominent musician from the Indonesian city of Surakarta, Darsono is a visiting artist at Bates College.

The Bates College Gamelan Orchestra will present an evening of Indonesian music on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Mays Center at 95 Russell Street in Lewiston. The orchestra will be joined by special guest Darsono, a visiting artist in residence at the college who is one of the most prominent artists of Surakarta, a major Indonesian hub for the performing arts. The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited and tickets are required. For more information, call 786-6135 or email olinarts@bates.edu; for tickets, see batesconcerts.eventbrite.com.

Vendor-Craft Noel Gala

The St. Anne Sodality of Holy Family Church, Prince of Peace Parish in Lewiston will present their annual Vendor-Craft Noel Gala on Saturday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will take place in the Parish Hall at 607 Sabattus Street; parking and

entrance are at the rear of the church. There will be a bake sale, gift raffles, a 50/50, and a cash raffle to be drawn on December 6. A light lunch of Italian sandwiches or hot dogs with chips and drinks will be available. For more information, call Jackie at 782-8125.

Holiday offerings take center stage at Chocolate Church



MOTOWN Christmas

Pat Colwell & the Soul Sensations kick off the holiday season with a "Motown Christmas" concert on Saturday, November 25.

The Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath has a wide variety of Christmas music, theater, and community events lined up for the holiday season. Launching the festivities on Saturday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. will be a rhythm and blues-inspired "Motown Christmas" concert with Pat Colwell & the Soul Sensations. Tickets are \$17 in advance or \$20 at the door.

On Saturday, December 2, magician Scot Grassetto will present a "Christmas is Magic" show for all ages. Incorporating holiday themes, music and props, this event will feature an abundance of Christmas laughs, wonder, and excitement. Performances will take place at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$22 at the door.

On Friday, December 8

at 7:30 p.m., the Sweetback Sisters will present an evening of engaging Christmas favorites. Hands will clap and toes will tap as their down-home honky-tonk becomes a country-sing-along. Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$22 at the door.

On Saturday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m., Turning of the Year will present a spectacular holiday mini-fest of traditional and original music from Ireland, Scotland, and America. The group combines the talents of accordionist John Whelan, American roots band Low Lily, and Scottish-style fiddler Katie McNally. Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$22 at the door.

The Chocolate Church's production of "Scrooge!", a variation on the beloved Dickens classic with added songs and choreography, will capture the essence of the season for See *Motown*, page 16

Connie Francis tribute show returns to Franco Center



With Krista Johnson in the lead role, this multi-media show features a large number of the singer's hit songs performed live.

The Gendron Franco Center will present a return performance of Reindeer Production's popular show "Among My Souvenirs," a musical tribute to top-charting female vocalist Connie Francis, on Sunday, November 26 at 2 p.m. Produced by Louis Philippe and featuring Krista Johnson in the lead role, this multi-media show has sold out its past two engagements at the Franco Center. Along with nostalgic images of the star, the show features a large number of

Connie Francis' hit songs performed live, interspersed with a narration of her life, career, and personal struggles.

The doors and bar will open one hour before the show and there will be concession and bar sales during intermission. Reserved seats are \$18 and students will be admitted for free. The Franco Center is at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. For more information or to buy tickets, call the box office at 783-1585 or see francocenter.org.

Wreath making classes at Beaver Park

If you have ever wanted to make your own wreath, join Lisbon Parks & Recreation for their wreath making classes on Monday, November 27 and Thursday, November 30 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$15 and all materials, including fresh boughs cut in Lisbon's Beaver Park, as well as pinecones, moss, natural materials, ornaments, and

other decorations, are included. Space is limited and advance registration is required. To register, call Lisbon Parks & Rec at 353-2289. Payment will be accepted in cash or personal check made out to Lisbon Parks & Recreation. The classes will take place in the lodge at Beaver Park, located at 37 Cotton Road in Lisbon.

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Ladies of St. Anne host Christmas Dinner



Entertainment will be provided by the Lorraine Ouellette Trio. The Ladies of St. Anne Parish will host their annual Christmas Dinner on

Wednesday, December 6 at 6 p.m. at the Green Ladle at 156 East Avenue in Lewiston. Doors will open at 5:30 and a buffet dinner will be served. Entertainment will be provided by the Lorraine Ouellette Trio, with Gerry Dube and Adrien Leclair. There will be door prizes, a cash raffle, and a 50/50. Tickets are \$18 and may be purchased from any board member or by calling Anita at 782-4516 no later than November 30.

Twin City Nights

Holiday Pottery Shop now open

The Central Maine Clay Artists' 10th annual Holiday Pottery Shop is now open at 100 Water Street in Hallowell. Operating through Christmas Eve, the store provides a one-stop shopping experience where craft lovers and gift shoppers can find unique, high quality arts and crafts created by 13 clay artists and 11 guest artists from Maine. Meet the artists and buy local. In addition to pottery, the shop features personal care products, fiber art and wearables, fine jewelry, baskets, prints, photography, and more. The shop will be closed November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving, but will otherwise be open daily November 17 through December 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on De-



ember 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 582-1387 or see www.centralmaineclayartists.org.

Author to discuss debut novel at Bailey Library

The Bailey Public Library in downtown Winthrop will host local writer Laurie Graves on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. Graves will give a talk and reading from her debut book, "Maya and the Book of Everything." The event is part of the ongoing Lakes Region Forum sponsored by the Winthrop Public Library Foundation.



Laurie Graves' debut novel, "Maya and the Book of Everything," explores themes of truth and knowledge in a fantasy setting. French Heritage Women Create."

Graves is a Kennebec County native and fifth-generation Mainer and Franco-American. She writes essays and fiction from her home in Winthrop on her blog "Notes from the Hinterland," which features posts about nature, rural life, food, books, and people.

In her new book, Graves explores themes of truth and knowledge in a fantasy setting while delving into time travel, magic, and supernatural events. The book is the first in a new series, with the second slated to be released in late 2018.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 377-8673.

Graves was editor and co-publisher of the magazine "Wolf Moon Journal" for several years. Her essay, "On Being Franco-American," is used in a French study class at the University of Maine. She was featured in the anthology "Heliotrope -

Tree Lighting Ceremony in Brunswick

The Brunswick Downtown Association will present its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Town Mall in Downtown Brunswick on Saturday, November 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. Join neighbors and friends at this festive event. Horse and carriage rides on Park Row and Maine Street, hot cocoa and coffee, and Christmas cookies will be provided by the BDA.

At 3 p.m., a Brunswick fire truck will deliver Santa and Frosty the Snowman to the Town Mall near the gazebo. After greeting children and their families, Santa will take a seat in the gazebo to listen to their Christmas wishes. The Brunswick High School Chorus will lead a community singing-along from 4 to 5 p.m., when Santa will light the town tree.

The BDA invites donations of home baked cookies for this event. Cookies can be dropped off at the Brunswick Visitor Center on Station Avenue on Friday, November 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Saturday, November 25, before noon. The BDA is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. For more information, call 729-4439 or see www.brunswickdowntown.org.

Christmas Fair at Sixth St. Congregational Church

Sixth St. Congregational Church at 109 Sixth Street in Auburn will present a Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature baked goods of all kinds, including pies, squares, cookies,

Scottish shortbread, candy and fudge, breads, and fruit breads. There will be a white elephant table with dishes, Christmas items, and jewelry; a craft table with knit goods and other hand-crafted items; and a book table with both hard

covers and paperbacks. Raffles will include a 50-50 and drawings for a hand-made quilt and collectible dolls. Lunch items, including corn chowder, chili, hot dogs, brownies, hot beverages, and punch, will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Minot Community Club presents Holiday Craft Fair

The Minot Community Club will present a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Minot Consolidated School. The event will feature handmade items offered by two dozen area crafters and Minot Consolidated students. There will also be a Fancy Clothing Boutique, where kids can pick out a free dress-up

item for the holidays; raffles; and concessions provided by Poland Regional High School's Project Graduation Team.

Artists and crafters are invited to support Minot Community Club by showcasing their work at the event. Spaces (2x8 feet with two chairs) are available for \$30; tables and electrical access are also available for an additional

fee. Minot Consolidated School is located at 23 Shaw Hill Road. For more information, call 266-5033 or email Russella3@gmail.com.

Minot Community Club is a dedicated group of parents and teachers working to support the academic and extracurricular growth of the students at Minot Consolidated School in Minot. Go, Mustangs!

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Twin City Nights

Leavitt Ski Boosters plan Cash & Bottle Drive



Dave Berry of Turner was last year's winner of two tickets to watch the World Champion Chicago Cubs play the Boston Sox.

The Leavitt Area High School Ski Boosters will conduct their annual Cash and Bottle Drive on Saturday, December 2, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, when skiers from both the Nordic and Alpine ski teams will collect bottles and donations door-to-door. Funds raised will help support equipment

and training needs for skiers from both teams. Leavitt skiers have been past State and Conference champions and have gone on to participate in college athletics.

Donors of cash will be eligible to win a two-day cruise on a windjammer with schooner American Eagle during the

2018 summer season. The cruise will include whale and porpoise watching, island-side dinners, and below-deck accommodations for two. For more information, see www.schooneramericaneagle.com.

Donors of bottles or cans will be eligible to win a stay for two at the nationally recognized Inn by the River Bed and Breakfast Hotel in the Forks Region of Northwestern Maine. This award-winning inn is open all four seasons for hiking, fishing, snowmobiling, and winter trekking and features a full bar. For more information, see <https://innbytheriver.com>.

This drive is sponsored by the non-profit Leavitt Ski Boosters organization, which has supported Leavitt skiing for over fifty years.

Local churches provide free Thanksgiving dinners

Responding generously to the needs of those in the community who are not as fortunate, volunteers at several Maine churches, including in Winthrop and Norway, will gather together to provide free Thanksgiving dinners on Thanksgiving Day, November 23.

St. Catherine of Sienna Church and Christ Episcopal Church will host a free Thanksgiving dinner in the parish hall of St. Catherine

of Sienna, located on 32 Paris Street in Norway. Area residents are invited to gather for the dinner, which will begin at noon. To make reservations to attend, contact the parish office at 743-2606 or sign up on the sheets located in the narthex of St. Catherine of Sienna or Our Lady of Ransom Church in Mechanic Falls. There are also sign-up sheets for item donations and volunteer shifts.

St. Francis Xavier

Church will present a free Thanksgiving Day dinner in its parish hall, located on 130 Route 133 in Winthrop. All area residents in need are invited to join their neighbors and fellow community members at the dinner, which will run from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Take-out meals are also available. To sign up for delivery, call 377-7210. The event is organized by the Winthrop Rotary.

HR Thursdays covers

"Five Generations in the Workplace"

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, Central Maine Human Resource Association, and Lewiston CareerCenter will present their next HR Thursdays workshop, "Five Generations in the Workplace: Making Them All Work for You," on Thursday, November 30, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston.

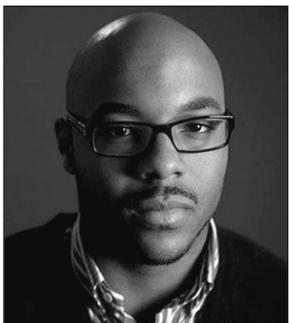
The workshop will be presented by Mary LaFontaine, Regional Director of the Southern CareerCenters for the Maine Department of Labor. She will share best practices for creating meaningful recruitment, training, and retention strategies for employees of all age groups. LaFontaine has thirty years of experience in the private and public sectors; prior to her current position, she managed the Lewiston CareerCenter. She teaches at USM-LAC and serves as chair of the Central

Maine Human Resources Association. HR Thursdays helps employers of all sizes gain the information they need, in the form of tangible, usable tools and resources, to survive the labor shortage. All workshops cost \$25 for LA Metro Chamber members, \$50 for non-members, and are free for CMHRA Members. For more information, call 783-2249. To register, see www.LAMetroChamber.com.

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Chicago poet to read at Bates College



Poet Nate Marshall reads from and discusses his work on Thursday, Nov. 30. (Photo by Steph Mazurek)

Bates College's Literary Arts Live series will

present poet Nate Marshall on Thursday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the college's Edmund S. Muskie Archives at 70 Campus Avenue in Lewiston. From Chicago's South Side, Marshall is also a rapper, teacher, author of the award-winning collection "Wild Hundreds," and an editor of "The BreakBeat Poets: New American Poetry in the Age of Hip-Hop." The event is free and open to the public. For more information, email lwardwel@bates.edu.

"Winter Wonderland" concert with Maine-ly Harmony

Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church (formerly Prince of Peace Church) at 209 Eastern Avenue in Augusta will present a "Winter Wonderland" musical program with Maine-ly Harmony on Saturday, December 2

at 2 p.m. Maine-ly Harmony is a women's cappella chorus that sings in the barbershop style. The event will feature favorite holiday songs, fellowship, and refreshments. A free-will offering will be collected.

CMMC offers Pre-Diabetes Lifestyle Change Program

Central Maine Medical Center will offer a free Lifestyle Change Program starting on Saturday, December 4 at 11 a.m. The PreventT2 curriculum, approved for the Center for Disease Control-led National Diabetes Prevention Program, features multiple sessions over 12 months covering healthy, long-term changes to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. Adults with a prediabetes diagnosis or who are at high risk for prediabetes or type 2 diabetes are invited to join the program.

Participants will meet

in a small group led by a specially trained lifestyle coach. The program will begin with weekly one-hour meetings for eight weeks. The group will then meet bi-weekly for eight sessions, followed by monthly meetings for six months as participants move toward a lifetime of healthy living. To learn more about the program, visit the Central Maine Healthcare DPP website at www.cmmc.org/diabetes-prevention.

To register, contact Louise Ingraham by November 22 at 330-7769 or preventdiabetes@cmhc.org.

Swimming lessons at YWCA



They have lessons for all levels, from parent-child through adult.

The YWCA of Central Maine's next round of American Red Cross swimming lessons begins the week of November 20. They have lessons for all levels, including Parent and Child; Preschool (ages 3 through 5) Levels 1, 2, and 3; Beginner Levels 1, and 2; Advanced Beginner Level 3; Intermediate Levels 4, 5, and 6; and Adult Beginner lessons. Drown-

ing is the leading cause of accidental death for children ages 1 through 4 and the second leading cause for kids under the age of 14. These six-week sessions will end in time for summer swimming. The YWCA of Central Maine's is located at 130 East Avenue in Lewiston. For more information, including lesson times and levels, call 795-4050 or see www.ywcamaine.org.

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Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Dinner. Noon. Parish hall, St. Catherine of Sienna Church, 32 Paris St., Norway. All area residents in need are invited; jointly presented with Christ Episcopal Church. Free. Make reservation by calling 743-2606.

Thanksgiving Dinner. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Parish hall, St. Francis Xavier Church, 130 Route 133, Winthrop. All area residents in need are invited; organized by Winthrop Rotary. Free. Take-out meals avail.; sign up for delivery at 377-7210.

Thanksgiving Dinner. 1 p.m. Sportsmen's Club, 2261 Hollowell Rd., Litchfield. Turkey, potatoes, gravy, and beverages provided. No charge, no RSVP, no sign up for food; just bring a side dish or dessert to contribute to the meal. All are invited.

Theater: "Santaland Diaries." 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth, 796 Main St., Monmouth. This cult holiday hit was adapted from David Sedaris' best-selling book; for mature elves only. Tix for this special preview only \$10. 933-9999; www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Friday, November 24

ExTRAINganza. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great Falls Model Railroad Club, 144 Mill St., Auburn. This family event features model trains operating on the club's five permanent layouts, plus train-related games and fun. Again 11/25. Game tix \$1 ea.; admission \$3 for adults, free for kids 12 and under.

Theater: "Santaland Diaries." 7:30 p.m. Theater at Monmouth, 796 Main St., Monmouth. This cult holiday hit was adapted from David Sedaris' best-selling book; for mature elves only. \$25. Again 11/25, 26; 12/1, 2, and 3. For show times, tix, call 933-9999 or see www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Saturday, November 25
Brunswick Tree Lighting Ceremony. 2 to 5 p.m. Town Mall, Downtown Brunswick. Santa arrives at 3:00, community sing-along at 4:00, tree lighting at 5:00. Carriage rides and refreshments provided by Brunswick Downtown Association. www.brunswickdowntown.org.

Twin Cities Holiday Celebration. Various Auburn and Lewiston venues. Santa lights Lewiston's Christmas tree in Kennedy Park at 5 p.m., travels through town on the "Parade of Lights" at 6 p.m., and lights Auburn's tree at 7:05. For parade route, complete event schedule, see Auburn's or Lewiston's website.

Calendar

See more Calendar at www.TwinCityTimes.com

Bean Supper. 5 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Baked beans, casseroles, hot dogs, coleslaw, bread, beverages, and pies; praise service at 4:00, entertainment by Park Avenue Pickers at 4:30. All welcome. \$8/4 (kids 4 and under free). 782-3972.

Motown Christmas Concert. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Pat Colwell & the Soul Sensations kick off the holiday season with their Motown-inspired flair. \$17 in adv. or \$20 at door. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Sunday, November 26

"Among My Souvenirs." 2 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This multi-media tribute to singer Connie Francis features a large number of her hit songs performed live. \$18 (students free). 783-1585; francocenter.org.

Monday, November 27

Wreath Making Class. 6 p.m. Lodge, Beaver Park, 37 Cotton Rd., Lisbon. The cost of \$15 includes all materials. Again 11/30. Space limited; advance registration required. 353-2289.

Tuesday, November 28

Power Lunch Seminar. Noon to 1 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. CMP President Sara Burns discusses the company's proposal to build a new transmission line from Quebec to New England. Free, but registration required at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Author Visit. 6:30 p.m. King Room, Bailey Public Library, Winthrop. Laurie Graves reads from and discusses her debut novel, "Maya and the Book of Everything." Free. 377-8673.

Wednesday, November 29

Indonesian Music Concert. 7:30 p.m. Mays Center, Bates College, 95 Russell St., Lewiston. The Bates College Gamelan Orchestra performs with special guest artist Darsono. 786-6135. Free, but tix required at batesconcerts.eventbrite.com.

Thursday, November 30

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Victoria Stanton, Director of Development and Engagement at Safe Voices. No reservation required. 753-9040; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

HR Thursdays Workshop. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce,

415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Mary LaFontaine of the ME Dept. of Labor discusses "Five Generations in the Workplace: Making Them All Work for You." \$50 (Chamber members \$25; CMHRA members free). 783-2249. Register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Marine Corps League Meeting. 6 p.m. Armory, 65 Central Ave., Lewiston. Central ME Detachment 810 holds its monthly meeting; all Marines, FMF corpsman, Navy chaplains, and those interested in Marines Helping Veterans are invited.

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Literary Arts Live. 7:30 p.m. Edmund S. Muskie Archives, Bates College, 70 Campus Ave., Lewiston. Poet, rapper, and teacher Nate Marshall reads from and discusses his work. Free. lwardwel@bates.edu.

Friday, December 1

Concerts for Cause. 7:30 p.m. First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant St. (across from Dairy Joy), Auburn. The Heather Pierson Jazz Trio performs Vince Guaraldi's "A Charlie Brown Christmas" in its entirety. \$15 (cash or credit) at door. 783-0461; uconcerts.org.

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Saturday, December 2

Boston Bus Trip. Departs from Park & Ride lot, Lewiston Turnpike Exit 80, at 7 a.m.; arrives back in Lewiston c. 9 p.m. \$40 round trip. Pres. by LA Rotary Club. For tix, email gbagushinski@hotmail.com.

Cash & Bottle Drive. 8:30 a.m. to noon. Members of the Leavitt Area H.S. Nordic and Alpine ski teams fan out through the district to collect donations.

Christmas Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sixth St. Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Baked goods; tables of white elephants, crafts, and books; raffles; and lunch items from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Vendor-Craft Noel Gala. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Parish Hall, Holy family Church, 607 Sabattus St., Lewiston (park, enter at rear of church). Bake sale, raffles, light lunch. 782-8125.

Holiday Craft Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Minot Consolidated School, 23 Shaw Hill Rd., Minot. Vendor craft tables, free kids' Fancy Clothing Boutique, raffles, concessions. 266-5033; email Russella3@gmail.com.

Christmas Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 396 Gilman Rd., Yarmouth. Wreaths, handcrafts, attic treasures, baked goods, gourmet soups, pet toys, books, DVDs, music, silent auction, light lunch.

Meals & Memories. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Andro Home Care & Hospice invites kids, teens, and their families to remember a loved one by sharing that person's favorite food item. Space limited; register by 11/27 at 795-9468.

Winter Wonderland Concert. 2 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church, 209 Eastern Ave., Augusta. Women's a cappella chorus Maine-ly Harmony performs favorite holiday songs; refreshments. A free-will offering will be collected.

Public Supper. 5 p.m. Paris Fire Station, 137 Western Ave., So. Paris. The Paris F.D. Auxiliary serves up a meal of ham, potatoes, vegetables, bread, mac & cheese, and homemade desserts. \$8/4 (ages 3- free).

Sunday, December 3

Community Breakfast. 7:30 to 10 a.m. American Legion Post 135, 40 Island Rd., Sabattus. Eggs to order, French toast, chipped beef, pancakes, sausage, ham, baked beans, country fries, toast, muffins, orange juice, coffee, tea and milk. \$8 (\$3 kids ages 10-).

Country Sunday. Noon to 4:30 p.m. Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, 2261 Hollowell Rd., Litchfield. Country Fest Maine presents an afternoon of live country music; raffles, concessions. \$5; kids 12 and under free. 536-9647.

Monday, December 4

Auburn Art Club Meeting. 2 p.m. Methodist Church, Park Avenue, Auburn. Mona Ervin presents a program demonstrating Christmas crafts.

Tuesday, December 5

Multi-Faith Discussion Series. 12:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Local clergy discuss perspectives of their respective faiths on pressing issues of the day. Refreshments. Free. 333-6649, ext. 4.

Wednesday, December 6
Christmas Dinner. 6 p.m. Green Ladle, 156 East Ave., Lewiston. A buffet

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dinner will be followed by entertainment provided by the Lorraine Ouellette Trio; door prizes, raffles. \$18. To buy tix, call 782-4516 by 11/30.

Sunday, December 10

An Afternoon of Christmas. 2 p.m. First Congregational Church, 773 Royalsborough Rd., Durham. The program will feature music, comedy, readings, and a Christmas carol sing-a-long. Free-will donations will benefit Lisbon Area Community Outreach.

Second Sundays Art Workshop. 2 to 4 p.m. Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St., Hollowell. Participants will use beads bequeathed by the late Ken Linaberry to work on a project or make gifts. Open to all ages, experience levels; no registration required. Free. 622-3813.

Friday, December 15

Art Walk L/A. 5 to 8 p.m. Happening every third Friday through Dec., this event converts over 20 downtown L-A businesses and storefronts into public arts spaces. For more info., call 782-7228; for event details, see laarts.org.

Benefit Hockey Game. 6 p.m. Androscoggin Bank Colisee, Lewiston. The Boston Bruins Alumni Team faces off against the Police All Stars to benefit the Lewiston Police Athletic League. For tickets, call 219-9003.

Monday, December 18

French-Language Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The center screens the 2012 comedy "Sous le figuier." Doors and bar open at 6:00; light concessions. Free admission. 783-1585; www.francocenter.org.

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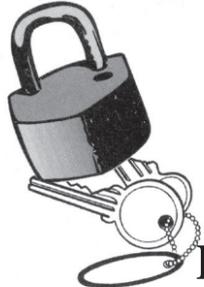
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Norway Savings Bank joined forces recently with the largest youth hockey program in the Lewiston-Auburn area, the Maine Gladiators, to raise more than \$1,700 to benefit kids who want to play hockey at a high level but experience financial limitations to doing so.

The second annual Norway Savings Bank Hockey Night at Auburn's Norway Savings Bank Arena featured live entertainment, a silent auction, an appearance by World Champion Snowboarder Seth Wescott, and a scrimmage game between two of the 10U Gladiator teams.

"Those attending were treated to great food and drink and a fun night celebrating hockey," said Pat Weigel, President and CEO of Norway Savings Bank. "We believe that the Norway Savings Bank Arena is a community resource from which everyone can benefit. This scholarship money will make high-level hockey even more accessible to more kids."

The Maine Gladiators also recognized Denise Gilbert as their second annual "Local Hockey Hero." Gilbert, the Gladiators' longtime scheduler, has dedicated countless hours to scheduling ice time, coordinating timekeepers, updating the website, and volunteering during special events. In honor of the occasion, Norway Sav-

ings Bank provided a \$200 "2017 Denise Gilbert Hockey Hero Scholarship" to Caden Westhoven, a 10U Gladiator who volunteered as a Player Ambassador, leading the league in efforts to collect food items for the Good Shepherd Food Bank.

Pine Tree

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Maine for the last half-century, and our state is better because of their efforts. I'm grateful that these new grants will allow them to expand their digital presence and continue to give the people of Maine access to legal aid."

LSC's TIG program distributes up to \$4 million annually to LSC-funded legal aid organizations. Pine Tree Legal Assistance is receiving one of 25 technology grants this year.

Motown

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the whole family. Performances will take place December 14 through 17. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at door.

On Monday, December 18 at 7 p.m., a community sing-along event called "Sing!" will bring out friends and neighbors to sing Christmas carols together. Admission is free.

Marking the year's end on December 31 will be a Newfoundland-style New Year's Eve party featuring a return performance by Pat Colwell & Soul Sensation, who will help ring in the new year with their classic Motown sound. Like our friends in the Newfoundland time zone, this event will welcome the new year at 10:30 p.m. Tickets for this ages-21-and-over event are \$60 per person or \$100 per couple.

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St. Bart's

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elry, from polished silver to costume and antique rarities; DVDs, music, and books (hardcovers \$2, paperbacks \$1), with discounts offered from 1 to 2 p.m.; a silent auction of special items, such as quilts, antiques, other fine arts, handmade furniture, and gift certificates; high-quality Christmas wreaths, available as plain greens or with decorations; an array of baked goods, ranging from homemade fudge to pies, cakes and breads; the popular "cookie walk," where customers mix and match a baker's dozen cookies from many scrumptious varieties; knitted and handcrafted items, including aprons, potholders, mittens, hats, hand-painted Christmas figures, bird houses, pet gifts, candles, hand-styled note cards, ornaments, and license plate crafts; an array of holiday-themed table decorations, ranging from Christmas angels and boxwood trees to Christmas baskets and terrariums; and slightly upscale attic treasures, including glassware, china, kitchenware, linens, toys, baskets, and collectable Christmas decorations.

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Honor Wall at Museum LA



Lefty Gilbert of Lewiston views documentation and images of himself from when he served in the U.S. Marine Corp in the South Pacific during World War II. Museum LA invites the community to contribute photos of local veterans for its Honor Wall, which is part of the current exhibit called "The Work of War: Honoring Veterans and the Ones They Left Behind." For more information about the exhibit, including viewing hours, see www.museumla.org.

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