

## French-language Holiday Sing-Alongs December 8, 12



Les Troubadours are (l. to r., from front) Gail Lawrence, Aliette Couturier, Jeannette Gregoire, Doris Bonneau, Madeleine LeBlanc, Jacynthe Jacques, and Rita Gosselin.

Community members will have two opportunities to sing the French “Chansons de Noël” and other songs of the season with Les Troubadours in December. The first French Sing-Along will be on Friday, December 8 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 170 at USM’s

Lewiston-Auburn College. The second will be on Tuesday, December 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the D’Youville Pavillion chapel. Both events are free and open to the public. Songbooks will be provided so those who don’t know the songs or are less than fluent in French can follow along. The

sing-alongs are sponsored by the Franco-American Collection at USM’s Lewiston-Auburn College, located at 51 Westminster Street in Lewiston. D’Youville Pavillion is at 102 Campus Avenue in Lewiston. For more information, call 576-4109.

## Norway Savings Bank Arena gets USPHL team for 2018-19

The United States Premier Hockey League announced this week that Norway Savings Bank Arena in Auburn will be the home arena of a new league team, the Twin City Thunder, for the 2018-19 season. As the first USPHL team in Maine, the Thunder will play in the league’s Premier North division. The addition of the team will expand the USPHL’s footprint to 17 states.

“We are excited to bring high-level junior hockey to Maine,” said Maine Hockey Management Group co-owner Benjamin Gray. “While the Thunder will currently focus only on operating a junior program, we are committed to supporting all youth programs across the state. The team is currently in the process of hiring coaching staff, coordinating host families, and ironing out schooling for the players for the upcoming



Pictured here is Dan Hodge with Mayor Jonathan P. Labonte (TCT photo by Millie Kidd)

season.”

“Bringing this level of talent to Maine - and more

importantly, to Auburn - is a game-changer,” said Jason See **Hockey**, page 2

## Christmas Concert at United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church of Auburn will present its annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 9 at 2 and 7 p.m. Both concerts will feature the Wesleyan Singers, Auburn Bell Ringers, and several local soloists and musi-

cians. Refreshments, including deserts, coffee, punch, and cookies, will be served after each concert. Seating will be general admission, so come early to get a good seat. The church is located at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn.

The Baxter Brewing Company has teamed up with the Dream Team, a group dedicated to raising funds for Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice, to present a “Craft on Tap” series that will begin on

December 7. On the first Thursday of every month, participants may complete a different craft project while enjoying one of Baxter Brewing’s craft beers. All supplies, expert instructions, and snacks will be provided.

## AHCH, Baxter brewing team up for “Craft on Tap” program

The classes will take place at Baxter Brewing, located at 130 Mill Street in Lewiston, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The schedule is: December 7 - Felted Santa; January 4 - Jewelry Making; February 1 - Wine Glass

Painting; March 1- Bird Feeders; April 5 - Painted Wood Signs; May 3 - Seascape Mosaic; and June 7- Bird Houses.

The cost is \$30 per session, but if you buy six, See **Craft**, page 5

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Hockey

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Paquin, General Manager of Norway Savings Bank Arena. “We are building on the iconic hockey history of this community. We are all excited for this group to hit the ice here in the Twin Cities.”

Comprised of 170 teams, the United States Premier Hockey League is

the nation’s largest amateur ice hockey league. Over 300 of the league’s players, who range from 8 to 21 years of age, have advanced to the collegiate level.



Pictured here is Ben Gray with Kyla Costa (TCT photo by Millie Kidd)

## Spectrum names Chief Human Resources Officer



Julie Wheeler

Spectrum Healthcare Partners has promoted Julie Wheeler to the position of Chief Human Resources Officer. Wheeler has been with the company since 2014, most recently serving in the role of Director of Human Resources. She earned a degree in Liberal Arts and holds senior certification designations from SHRM and HRCI.

Wheeler has an extensive background in human resources and marketing and has held many leadership positions throughout her career. “Julie has a sharp business mind and is a trusted voice,” said David Landry, CEO of Spectrum Healthcare Partners. “She thinks globally and is a

respected leader within the organization. We’re pleased to have her on the Executive Leadership team.”

In her role as CHRO, Wheeler will continue to develop and execute human resource strategy in support of the overall business plan and strategic direction of the organization, along with overseeing the marketing and public relations functions.

A Maine-based, physician-led organization that combines strong physician leadership with expertise from a multidisciplinary management team, Spectrum Healthcare Partners is comprised of over 200 board-certified physicians in the areas of Anesthesiology, Critical Care Medicine, Diagnostic Radiology, Interventional Radiology, Neurology, Pathology, Radiation Oncology, and Orthopaedics. Spectrum is dedicated to excellence in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of illness, lifelong learning, and supporting the communities it serves in Maine and throughout New England.

## DFD Russell welcomes new Family Nurse Practitioner

DFD Russell Medical Centers has welcomed Family Nurse Practitioner Leah Hebert to their Monmouth location. Hebert brings a wealth of patient care experience to the DFD team.

“My philosophy is to treat the whole person, not just the numbers,” said Hebert. “The patient and I are a team and I want to make sure that they feel heard.

I want to give them the knowledge they desire to live happy, healthy, and full lives, and the tools to feel confident in their health.”

Hebert earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Maine in Augusta with a focus on mental health. She completed the Options Program at the University of Southern Maine to earn her master’s as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She is nationally certified as a Nurse Practitioner with the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Hebert has a background in mental health, rehabilitation, long-term care, and rural family medicine. Her specialties include pedi-



Leah Hebert, FNP

atrics, women’s health, and preventative medicine with an emphasis on nutrition and fitness. She is Nexplanon- and Mirena-certified and is skilled in performing many minor in-office surgeries, such as joint injections, biopsies, and other skin care procedures.

Hebert comes to DFD after years of practicing at a federally qualified health center in Orangeburg and Spartanburg, South Carolina, where she was an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Prior to that, she practiced in Bangor, Maine.

Hebert is currently accepting new patients at the

See DFD, page 4

## Brigadier General Eric W. Lind named Asst. Adjutant General for ME Air National Guard



Brig. Gen. Douglas Farnham, Adjutant General for the Maine National Guard, pins the rank of Brigadier General on Eric Lind, Maine Assistant Adjutant General for the Maine Air National Guard, while Lind’s wife, Sandra, looks on.

During a small ceremony at Le Club Calumet in Augusta recently, Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Farnham presided over the promotion of Col. Eric W. Lind to the rank of Brigadier General and appointed him Assistant Adjutant General for the Maine Air National Guard.

The Assistant Adjutant General is the primary advisor to the Adjutant General for all Maine Air National Guard units and ensures the combat readiness and mission capability of an Air Refueling Wing and two geographically separated units.

“Today is a proud day for Eric Lind, who has risen through the enlisted and officer ranks, as he is promoted to Brigadier General,” Farnham said. “It is a proud day for his family, who have supported him through the entire journey. It is also a proud day for the Maine Air National Guard, as we trust General Lind will provide the leadership necessary to meet future challenges.”

Lind is an Augusta native who enlisted in the Air Force in 1980 and has served in both the Maine Army and Air National Guards. He earned his Air Force officer commission through the Academy of Military Science in 1991. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Man-

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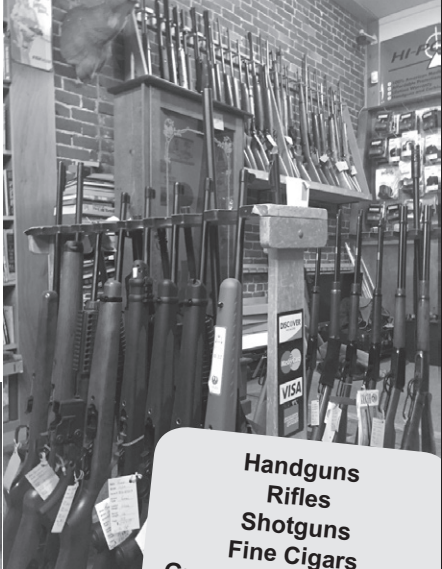


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## This week at the L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce has a busy week planned with three public programs scheduled. First the Chamber will host a “Shooter Preparedness Workshop” on Tuesday, December 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in their Community Conference Room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Designed for the business and small office sector, this workshop, presented by William DeLong, Protective Security Advisor for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will provide an overview for preparedness against active shooter incidents. Because such incidents are unpredictable and evolve quickly, preparing for and knowing what to do can be the difference between life and death.

This program is part of the Chamber’s Professional Development Series; the registration fee is charged by the

Chamber and not by the Department of Homeland Security. The cost is \$25 for Chamber members and \$50 for non-members. For more information, call 783-2249; to register, see [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

On Tuesday, December 12, from 5 to 7 p.m., the Chamber and Uplift L-A will host Business After Hours at Lost Valley Ski Area, 200 Lost Valley Road in Auburn. There is no cost to attend, but those attending are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy or article of clothing appropriate for a child age 0-18 to add to the gifts that are being collected for local youths as part of the “Stuff the Bus” campaign.

All donations to Stuff the Bus will be distributed to local families within the local community by representatives of Advocates for Children, the Boys & Girls Club, Tri-County Mental Health Services, the

Trinity Jubilee Center, Tedford Housing, Safe Voices, and Sandcastle Clinical & Educational Services. Stuff the Bus is sponsored by Northeast Charter & Tour.

On Thursday, December 14 at 7 a.m., the Chamber will host its monthly breakfast meeting at the Ramada Conference Center at 490 Pleasant Street in Lewiston. This month’s event will feature the graduation of the latest cohort of the Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute, the premier of the Chamber’s “Mini Market Place,” and a chance to meet the Ramada’s management team and take a tour of the facility. Wear your favorite holiday attire and you might win a prize!

The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members; registration is available at [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

## Last day to request absentee ballot for Mayoral Run-Off election

Thursday, December 7 at 4 p.m. is the deadline to request an absentee ballot for Lewiston’s Mayoral Run-Off election, to be held on Tuesday, December 12. This election has two candidates running for the position of Mayor of Lewiston: Shane Bouchard and Benjamin Chin.

“So far in this election, we have issued over 2,300 absentee ballots”, said Lewiston City Clerk Kathy Mon-

tejo. “Voters who would like to cast a ballot early may do so in person at Lewiston City Hall, or they can call the office and we will mail a ballot to their home.”

Registered voters who would like an absentee ballot may call the City Clerk’s Office, mail in an application form, which can be downloaded from the City’s website, or pick one up in person at City Hall. Office hours are

Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The City’s website contains a sample ballot, directions to the polling place, and other information that voters may find useful. The address is [www.lewiston-maine.gov/elections](http://www.lewiston-maine.gov/elections).

Voters are encouraged to contact the City Clerk’s Office at 513-3124 with any questions they may have regarding the election process.

## St. Mary’s Medical Assistant Training Program a team effort



*Pictured here (l. to r., from front) are program graduates Marie Blessing, Audrey Condon, Dancile Nshimirimana, Francis Nguyen, Kassandra Hebert, Katie Hamilton, Darcy Goyette, instructor Mary Ann Gowell, Jessica Biron, Dinah Morris, Tracy Crossman, Sandra Barnich, Trisha Newcomb, Justine Gray, Lori Adkins, Melissa Dalton, Kelsa Brennan, Kayla Caron, Patti Saarinen of the Lewiston CareerCenter, Paula Bolduc, Julian Kirouac, Brittany Wilkins, Miranda Hutchinson, and WMCA Employment & Training Specialist Cathy Stairs.*

St. Mary’s Health System recently held a graduation ceremony for 19 local students who completed a special train-to-work course designed to prepare them for jobs as Medical Assistants. Course instructor Mariann Gowell welcomed administrators, staff, family, friends, and community partners for the presentation of certificates. Brittany Blais, St. Mary’s Talent Acquisition Partner and Human Resources Manager, also shared remarks and

thanked partners for making the program possible.

The graduates successfully completed a condensed, fast-paced curriculum designed to train them to assist physicians with the clinical responsibilities of a medical office. The program included 140 hours of classroom and lab training in such areas as routine lab procedures, phlebotomy, EKG management, and diagnostic testing. Following the classwork, students are completing the

final weeks of a 160-hour externship schedule. Many of the students also earned a WorkReady certificate covering the topics of effective workplace communication techniques, resume and interviewing skills, conflict resolution, teamwork, and other important workplace skills. The combined curriculum empowers students with the skills and knowledge essential to the specific job field.

This employer-driven project was made possible by support and grant funding provided by Western Maine Community Action, the Bureau of Employment Services’ Competitive Skills Scholarship Program, and Gray-New Gloucester Adult Education.

“This graduation class is not only the result of the students’ dedication, but also a prime example of the train-to-work model, where business, education, and workforce development collaborate,” said Patti Saarinen of the Lewiston CareerCenter. “The integration of education and training is a best-practice model  
*See St. Mary’s, page 4*

## Maine Source Homes and Realty founder receives MHAM Lifetime Achievement Award

Bill Turner, Founder and Sales Manager of Maine Source Homes and Realty in Lewiston-Auburn, has won a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine.

The special awards ceremony, conducted during the November meeting of the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine, was attended by representatives from the offices of Maine’s entire U.S. Congressional delegation: U.S. Senator Susan Collins, U.S. Senator Angus King, U.S. Representative Bruce Poliquin, and U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree.

In a letter commemorating the award, U.S. Senator Susan Collins wrote: “Congratulations on your many

years of service to Maine’s manufactured housing industry. Your countless efforts have been instrumental in strengthening both your community and Maine’s economy since Maine Source Homes and Realty first opened its doors in 1972. Your extraordinary vision and leadership have been catalysts for the construction of over 700 modular homes in the Lewiston-Auburn area, all while maintaining your customer-friendly focus.... I applaud this recognition of your tireless work on behalf of the people of Maine.”

Originally from Chicago, Turner moved to Maine in 1969, where he served for several years as Sales Manager at Maine Electronics Rockwell. He decided to become a build-

er-realtor and launched Maine Source Homes and Realty in 1972. Working with his dedicated team, he has now built more than 700 modular homes in the Lewiston/Auburn area.

Established in 1986, the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine is a non-profit trade and professional association whose member-companies build, sell, site, and finance manufactured and modular housing and develop and operate manufactured-housing communities and developments. MHAM is dedicated to the protection and promotion of Maine’s manufactured home industry through legislative representation, continuing industry education, public relations, and communications efforts.

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agement from the University of Maine in Augusta. His military education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and the Air War College. His most recent military assignments have included Human Resources Officer for the Maine National Guard and Director of Staff for the Maine Air National Guard.

Lind is an avid volunteer, serving in numerous organizations within the community. He is a board member at the Kennebec Valley United Way and the Augusta Food Bank. Most recently, he was elected to serve on the Augusta City Council, where his term will start in January.

"I am thankful to our Adjutant General, General Doug Farnham, for this opportunity," said Lind. "He is great to work with, a terrific leader and a person of character."

Lind was surrounded by friends, family, and military colleagues past and present at the ceremony. "I am grateful for my family and the support they have provided me over the years," he continued. "There are no words to describe the love and respect I have for my wife and family."

## DFD

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## St. Mary's

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for success."

"St. Mary's Health System is proud of the success of the students who have completed this course," said Brittany Blais. "It was a wonderful opportunity that will hopefully fulfill our need for qualified medical assistants and allow these students an opportunity to grow professionally in a rewarding career. We are very appreciative of the efforts that all parties contributed to make this project successful, and we wish the best of luck to these students."

# Season Greetings from Twin City Times



Enough is Enough

Lewiston’s progressive activists are all talk, no action

By Robert E. Macdonald  
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Dumb, ignorance, malicious, bravado.

These are four words that have plagued me since I was elected Mayor. Being from Boston, I was automatically branded a racist, mainly because of the school busing crisis in the 1970s.

This mostly came from academic progressive snowflakes, the product of colleges that indoctrinated their students, instead of teaching them to reason. In their world, emotion trumps logic.

Even before I came on the scene, a very honorable man, former mayor Laurier Raymond, was maliciously and unjustifiably branded a

racist. His sin? He noted that the resettlement of refugees into Lewiston through Catholic Charities of Maine had overwhelmed Lewiston’s city staff. He simply asked that the rate of resettlement be slowed down (not stopped!) so city staff could catch their breath.

For this, he was maliciously attacked by our local and state Lefties as a racist.

Then came a telling display of just how ignorant and out of touch Lewiston’s self-identified “community leaders” were when they compared this modern resettlement to the greater population of Lewiston’s French Canadians. Their relatives were drawn to Lewiston specifically to fill jobs in the local mills. There were no



Mayor Bob Macdonald

jobs for the refugees to fill.

This characterization created a wildfire of animosity by locals against the refugees—refugees whose only fault was wanting to live in a safe environment. This hatred and animosity over the past decade has

been brought on by Lewiston’s liberal and progressive activists, whose goal is to create their vision of a utopian state, regardless of who they smear, including refugees, to achieve their goal.

And what have the caring liberals done to ease the plight of our refugees? Very little.

When it came to immigrant employment, it was Fatuma Hussein, head of the United Somali Women of Maine, not slick-talking liberals, who insured employment for our refugee population.

The quickest way to provide jobs and opportunities for our local refugees is to teach them English. During my time as Mayor, the Obama Administration

merely provided sympathy and promises of help. Nothing ever materialized.

I also addressed the store fronts on Lisbon Street between Chestnut and Pine Streets. I met with a group of Somali American businessmen. I told them the store fronts of their businesses were causing blight in the area. They agreed that if we could get help to redo the store fronts, they would gladly cooperate. Once again, liberal promises made, liberal promises not kept.

Over the years, Boston has produced many well-known Democratic politicians. Perhaps the most famous was the legendary Mayor James Michael Curley. He belonged to what is

now an extinct Democratic Party that actually represented the concerns of their constituents, not the party bosses.

Forty-one years ago, upon coming to Lewiston, I met a Democratic Senator who was cut from the same cloth—Senator Carroll Minnowsky. Carroll was a voice who strongly represented his constituents’ concerns. He was not afraid to go against the most powerful politician in Maine—John Martin. He paid a heavy political price, but never wavered.

Carroll was from the old political school of amicable politics. Speaking for the people of Lewiston, thank you for your representation. Rest in peace, my friend.

Healthy Androscoggin presents annual Coalition Awards

Healthy Androscoggin presented its 2017 Coalition Awards at its recent annual meeting, held this year at Auburn Public Library. The Coalition Awards, which include the Leadership and Partnership Awards, recognize individuals or organizations doing exemplary work to improve the health of the local and regional community.

The Leadership Award was presented to Kathy Durgin-Leighton, Executive Director of the YWCA of Central Maine. This award is presented to an individual who has displayed superior leadership in their work in the community and for their diligence and altruism in improving public health and promoting the ideals of Healthy Androscoggin.

“Under Kathy’s leadership, the YWCA of Central Maine has become a site of community transformation in Lewiston-Auburn,” said Healthy Androscoggin Executive Director Erin Guay. “Kathy has been a tireless worker in helping to create a safe, supportive community

for women of all cultures and races... [She] lives the mission of the organization: eliminating racism and empowering women.” Durgin’s recent accomplishments have included implementing single-gender swim and walking program to promote health and wellness in an environment where women, especially Muslim, can feel comfortable and welcomed.

The Partnership Award was presented to Nate Miller, Aging and Disabilities Resource Center Manager at Seniors Plus. This award honors an individual or organization that has provided superior partnership with Healthy Androscoggin by working diligently and altruistically to help further its mission and vision in the community.

“Nate has been a key partner in Healthy Androscoggin’s collaboration with Seniors Plus to implement the REACH program,” said Healthy Androscoggin’s REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) Program Manager Holly Lasagna. “The goal

of REACH is to help New Mainers get healthy and stay healthy. Nate has been instrumental in facilitating cultural competency training for staff and the development of culturally appropriate services within Seniors Plus in the area of chronic disease self-management. By thoughtfully integrating his understanding of issues affecting the general elder population with the challenges experienced by New Mainers, Nate has helped us advance the REACH program’s work with elder New Mainers in the community.”

“What Kathy and Nate have done for our communities is immeasurable,” said Erin Guay. “Both are making significant contributions to the success of Healthy Androscoggin’s mission and have been wonderful partners to work with. We sincerely thank them and look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.”

For more information about Healthy Androscoggin, call them at 795-5990 or see [www.healthyandroscoggin.org](http://www.healthyandroscoggin.org).

St. Mary’s Nutrition Center receives USDA grant

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture recently awarded \$400,000 to St. Mary’s Regional Nutrition Center in Lewiston to develop local and self-reliant food systems. This funding was provided through NIFA’s Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program, authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill.

“It is essential that our neighbors in need have both enough to eat and that they

have access to food that contributes to good health,” said Senators Susan Collins and Angus King in a joint statement. “We are delighted that St. Mary’s Nutrition Center received this funding to promote local food programs and to provide our most vulnerable citizens with nutritious meals.”

For nearly 18 years, the St. Mary’s Nutrition Center has helped build a stronger, more accessible food system in greater Lewiston-Auburn

by creating opportunities for people of all ages to take part in growing, cooking, and sharing healthy, local food. The organization has established a network of community gardens in low-income neighborhoods to grow fresh vegetables, created youth programs that help teens to develop leadership skills and engage with their community through food, and enabled underserved people to bring home more healthy food.

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you get one session free. For those looking for a unique holiday gift, a gift certificate for the January to June classes is available for \$150. To purchase a gift certificate or to reserve space for any of the classes, email [kate.sicotte@ahch.org](mailto:kate.sicotte@ahch.org).

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## Rotary Club to welcome State Museum officials

The next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club will feature guest speakers Bernard Fishman and Jennifer Dube on Thursday, December 14, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Village Inn at 165 High Street in Auburn.

Bernard Fishman is the Director of the Maine State Museum. He grew up in New York City and has degrees from Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania. For three years, he worked in Egypt as an Egyptologist for the University of Chicago. He has been a museum director for over thirty years, leading five museums in five different states, including the Maine State Museum since 2012. Growing up, he spent many summers in Maine, where for years his family owned five and ten cent stores in four Maine locations, including Waterville, under the name M.H. Fishman Company.



Jennifer Dube

Jennifer Dube is the Director of the Friends of the Maine State Museum. Having had her first date in a museum and her wedding in a museum, she has a love and passion for museums, enjoying the discovery and education they provide. As a certified grant writer and continuous improvement lean leader, she brings over 20 years of development, marketing, and operations to the Friends. She has a passion for building awareness of the critical role that private funding plays in preserving, protecting, and making collections and exhibits accessible to people of



Bernard Fishman

all ages at the Maine State Museum.

One of just 3% of museums accredited nationally, the Maine State Museum is embarking on the creation of a 21<sup>st</sup>-century Learning Lab that will allow visitors unprecedented access to collections, museum educators, curators, and scientists.

Guests are welcome and no reservations are required. Lunch is available at the restaurant. For more information, call 713-7045 or see [www.lewistonauburnrotary.org](http://www.lewistonauburnrotary.org).

## December program highlights at SeniorsPlus

Highlights from the December program schedule at SeniorsPlus Education Center are listed below. Unless otherwise noted, classes are free of charge and take place at SeniorsPlus, 8 Falcon Road in Lewiston. For more information or to register, call (800) 427-1241. To view their complete program calendar, see [www.seniorsplus.org](http://www.seniorsplus.org).

**Make a Mini Terrarium.** Thursday, December 7, 1:30 to 3 p.m., with instructor Celeste Yakowin of Party'n with Plants. Cost: \$12 for supplies. This class provides everything you need to make your own miniature garden. Start with a glass terrarium and add soil, rocks, moss, and succulent plants for a beautiful and long-lasting creation for your home. Succulents require very little care, so don't worry if your thumb is not exactly green! Limit 15.

**Jewelry Making.** Tuesday, December 12, 9:30 to 12:30 p.m., with instructor Lisa Marshall of 2 Blue Gems. Cost: \$10 for supplies. Participants will make their choice of a one- or two-coil bracelet, using

various gemstone, glass, and metal beads and charms. Ends will be finished off by the instructor. All materials will be provided, and participants will leave with a wearable piece of jewelry.

**How Do You Plan to Spend Your Retirement?** Tuesday, December 12, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., with instructor Chloe JonPaul. This class will cover the three things retirees spend the most extra time on, popular retirement ambitions, six things you can and should do for a happy retirement, and volunteer opportunities in Maine.

**Mental Health Awareness.** Thursday, December 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m., with instructor Greg Marley, Clinical Director of NAMI Maine. Free. This training will provide general and basic information on suicide and suicide prevention. Additional general mental health resources will be provided.

**Properly Storing and Disposing of Medications.** Tuesday, December 19, 11 a.m. to noon, with instructor Corrie Brown of Healthy Androscoggin. Prescription drug misuse is a problem

that anyone can help combat. Medications stored or disposed of incorrectly can harm you, a family member, or the environment. Learn steps you can take to protect the people and things you value with proven techniques to store and dispose of your medications properly.

**Falls Risk.** Tuesday, December 19, 2 to 3 p.m., with instructor Nancy Donovan of Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice. Discuss risk factors and causes of falls, preventative measures including home safety tips, and how to get up from a fall safely. Learn the benefits of receiving physical and occupational therapy to prevent falls, make home modifications, and/or obtain and use adaptive equipment to ensure safety.

**Holiday Bake Sale.** Wednesday, December 20, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be an assortment of homemade cookies and other goodies to choose from. Come by any time (until they run out) to get your holiday goodies. All proceeds will support the Meals on Wheels program.

# What's Going On

## Holiday Giving Train ready to roll in Downtown Lewiston



Located outside Healthy Androscoggin's office at 124 Lisbon Street, the Giving Train is filled with healthy, non-perishable food items available to everyone. Donations are invited!

Edible Lisbon Street continues! Healthy Androscoggin has turned its summer Edible Lisbon Street Planters into a Holiday Giving Train for the community. The Giving Train, located outside Healthy Androscoggin's office at 124 Lisbon Street, is filled with healthy, non-perishable food items that are available to everyone. The concept of

"Take a Meal - Leave a Meal" encourages those who want to help their neighbors address the issue of food insecurity to leave healthy food items in the cars of the train. Likewise, those facing food insecurity are encouraged to help themselves to the healthy options available in the train.

Healthy Androscoggin and a local Girl Scout troop

provided the initial stocking of the Giving Train. As the holiday season progresses, the opportunity to add healthy, nutritious food items to the train will allow everyone to spread a bit of joy throughout the community in a meaningful and helpful way. Donations should be healthy (whole-grain, low-salt, low sugar), non-perishable food items packaged in waterproof containers (such as cans, plastic, or cardboard boxes inside a zip-lock bag). The Giving Train will be available throughout the holiday season; any left-over food items will be distributed to local food pantries.

If you are not able to get to the Giving Train to donate a food item, financial donations are also welcome; send a check or money order to Healthy Androscoggin at 300 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. For more information about the project, contact Healthy Androscoggin at 795-5990, [info@healthyanandroscoggin.org](mailto:info@healthyanandroscoggin.org), or see [www.healthyanandroscoggin.org](http://www.healthyanandroscoggin.org).

## New Ventures offers Self-Employment Workshop

Have you always wondered about starting your own business but are not sure how to start? If so, plan to attend the two-hour, tuition-free workshop offered by New Ventures Maine on Thursday, December 14, from 10 a.m. to noon at the CareerCenter in Lewiston.

This one-session workshop will help you decide if self-employment is the right choice for you. The class will cover the pros and cons of owning your own business, the steps needed for start-up, the major elements of a business plan, and the many resources available to help you succeed. The workshop will be led by Karleen Andrews, Microenterprise Specialist for the Western Region of New Ventures

Maine. Please register in advance for this popular workshop by contacting Andrews at 557-1885 or [karleen.andrews@maine.edu](mailto:karleen.andrews@maine.edu).

A statewide organization serving all sixteen Maine counties, New Ventures Maine offers skills development and support in the areas of career planning, entrepreneurship, and

financial management. To find the center closest to you, call 1-800-442-2092; for more information on their programs, classes, and resources, visit [newventuresmaine.org](http://newventuresmaine.org).

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# Wrapping up the Fall Semester at L-A Senior College

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

The Fall Semester has ended at USM's Lewiston Auburn Senior College. It is early December. Darkness falls early and the nights grow cold. I am already looking forward to the Winter Solstice as daylight hours will soon increase.

I take comfort in

the poet Oliver Herford's words, "I heard a bird sing in the dark of December. We are nearer to spring than we were in September." As much as I love Maine, I do not enjoy her winter season. But Senior College is here and it has much to offer us during the cold winter months.

This is our time to

reflect on the past academic year. It has been a good year with our membership increasing. The spring and fall semesters' registrations showed full attendance in classes. We are fortunate for veteran teachers returning each year. We are thankful for new teachers who came onboard.

Among my senior

Calligraphy; International Trade and the American Economy; Values, Ethics, and Man's Search for the Meaning of Life; Constitutional Amendments and Current Events; Reflexology; Doctors and Patients; Songwriters: Their Songs, Their Stories; Sign Language; and Photo Album workshops. A change this

members.

Other benefits include all senior college mailings, use of the campus Information Commons (library), the monthly Maine Senior College Network Newsletter, connecting all 17 Senior Colleges in Maine with news of current events and activities at these campuses, and the opportunity to join any of the four Special Interest Groups: Theater with Dave Marshall; Dine-Around with Diane Higgins; Outdoor Adventures with Pat

Vampatella and Cindy Boyd; and Cross Country Skiing with Reine My-nahan. The first three are active year-round.

Other boons are the excellent Art Gallery on campus offering changing exhibits throughout the year and Café LA available for freshly baked goods, salads, sandwiches, coffee, tea, beverages and daily specials.

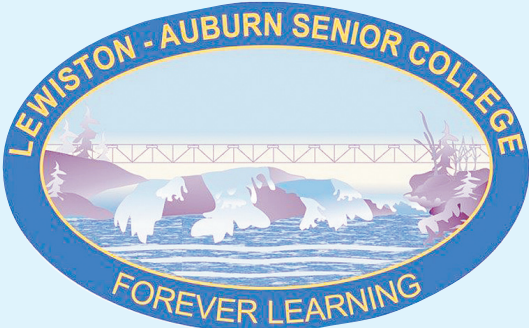
LA College is home to one of the largest Franco-American archival material in the State of



Values, Ethics, and Man's Search for the Meaning of Life - seated: Hope Weston, Bette Ann Cushman, Elaine Letendre, Donna Hobson; standing: Instructor Dr. Charles Plummer and Robert Davis



Basic Aspects of Islam: Georgette D'Amour, Leslie Bray, Instructor Halima Hersi, and Kathie Taggart (Photo by Cynthia Peters)



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college friends, we continue to marvel at the wonderful resource LA Senior College offers senior citizens. We have an opportunity to learn at the classes taught by volunteer instructors who teach for the love of teaching and we students who attend for the love of learning. It's a powerful partnership. The motto on our logo says it all: "Forever Learning."

Our fall curriculum included diverse subjects and included new courses adding to the mix - Basics of Islam; Chinese

fall was online registration and payment for membership and class fees made with USM in Portland. That worked very well.

Also new in the curriculum was a Maine Master Naturalists Speak. Learning does not always take place in a classroom. Instructor Penny Jessop and her husband worked on a 40-year project to restore native plants in the fields and woods on their property, creating a diverse habitat for all types of wildlife. The final class was a day-long field trip to the Jessop home to explore the restored plants and wildlife habitat.

It is exhilarating to be in these classes to see the active participation, discussion and questions coming from the students. I always say senior college students are interesting people because they ARE interested in the world and what is going on around them and eager to learn new subjects.

Senior College is always open to new members. If you are 50 or older with a curious mind and a keen interest in learning, you are invited to join the like-minded older learners at USM's LA Senior College. There are no entrance requirements, no college background, no tests, exams or grading. The annual fee is \$25 and covers the academic year from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. If interested, call the volunteer line at 753-6610 and leave your name and phone number. Your call will be returned.

With a \$25 membership fee, classes are \$25 for each course with books and handouts included. A perk for membership is the popular Winter Series, offered in January and February, with morning and afternoon classes on different topics free to



Naturalist Class - Instructor Penny Jessop, Bill Bryant, Bill England, and Richard Lee (Photo by Cynthia Peters)



Poetry class - Harolyn Zaldumbide, Diane Clay, Instructor William Frayer, Darlene Glover, Nancy Orr, and Connie Lecompte (Photo by Cynthia Peters)



International Trade and the American Economy - Dr. Behzad Fakhery, George Soutiere, Thomas Hamilton, Carol Seward, Mary Jane Beardsley, and Instructor Alene Staley



Constitutional Amendments and Current Events - Larry Mayes, Denis Fortier, Instructor Crystal Ward, Anita Therrien, Jeannette O'Connell, Georgette D'Amour, and Maureen White

## Give the gift of a Senior College Membership

Between January 22 and March 2, Lewiston-Auburn Senior College's Winter Session will offer a choice of 28 great two-hour courses free of charge to its members.

If you aren't a member, why not purchase a Membership Gift Certificate for yourself or the seniors (ages 50 or over) in your life? They'll enjoy access to up to four of this year's

winter session classes, plus participation in the college's four clubs: Dine Around, Outdoor Adventures, Afternoon at the Theatre, and Cross Country Skiing.

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Maine and available to us. It consists of documents, photographs, artifacts and audio-visuals. It covers local history, government, religion, language, education, industry, sports and the arts. The Collection focuses on Lewiston-Auburn and other areas of Maine, with additional regional materials, providing a link to the wider context of French North America.

We have collaborations with Schooner Estates, SeniorsPlus and Auburn Public Library. Our Winter Series is repeated in the spring at APL for the public, free of charge. Classes are also held at Schooner

and SeniorsPlus during the spring and fall semesters. We have recently added Lewiston Senior Citizens as our fourth collaboration which allows us to join their travel tours. Our biggest attraction by far is the Food for Thought luncheon programs hosting outstanding, dynamic speakers and open to the public for September, October, November, March, April and May in our Function Room 170. Attendance is always a full house.

In closing, I acknowledge the warm and supportive relationship we have with our USM LA College Dean Joyce Gibson. She is an inspiration to us all.

Here are photos from



Naturalist Class Field Trip: Following a tour of the Jessop fields and woods, where native plants have been painstakingly restored over a 40-year project, students relaxed on the Jessop deck for further discussion. L to R, Instructor Penny Jessop, Cynthia Peters, Bill England; (rear) Bill Bryant, Linda Morton, and the family dog, Ozzie (Photo by Mary Jane Beardsley)



Instructor Yuli Huang and Jackie Bate - Chinese Calligraphy (Photo by Judy Hierstein)

our fall semester to give you an idea of some of the fall classes and the instructors and students involved. FMI, please access our website at [www.usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege](http://www.usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege).




Adobe Photoshop class - L to R, Monita Cote, Dick Schultz; (rear) Joanne Lebel, Instructor Judy Hierstein, and Hunter King (Photo by Adriann Tucker)




Sign Language Class - George and Nancy Ruff, Instructor Stephanie Gelinas, Phil Vampatella, Lucy Bisson, Bonnie and Don Miville. Each student is depicting a different sign.

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For one weekend only, The Public Theatre will present their acclaimed adaptation of "A Christmas Carol," followed by a

holiday sing-a-long featuring Christmas Carol fiddler Jennifer Armstrong. Performances will take place Friday, December 8 at 7 p.m.,

The Chocolate Church Arts Center in Bath offers up Country- and Celtic-flavored holiday fun this weekend with the Sweetback Sisters' Country Christmas Sing-Along Spectacular on Friday, December 8 and the Turning of the Year Celtic Christmas Show on Saturday, December 9. Both shows will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Sweetback Sisters' Country Christmas Sing-Along Spectacular is a diverse program of holiday music featuring well-loved Christmas carols, classic winter-themed songs, and lesser-known country gems. The common thread running through it all is the Sweetback Sisters' signature mix of harmony singing, rol-

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### Chocolate Church shows offer Country- and Celtic-flavored holiday music



The Turning of the Year Celtic Christmas Show is on Saturday, December 9.



The Sweetback Sisters' Country Christmas Sing-Along Spectacular is on Friday, December 8.

licking telecaster guitar and twin fiddles, all presented with a healthy dose of holiday cheer.

Sweetback Sisters Emily Miller and Zara Bode may not be blood relations, but their precise, family-style harmonies recall the best of country music, from the Everly Brothers to the Judds, and the spirited rockabilly energy of Wanda Jackson, one of the band's role models. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$22 at the door.

The Turning of the Year Celtic Christmas Show will combine the talents of seven-time All-Ireland accordion champion and Narada recording artist John Whelan, Scottish-style fiddler Katie McNally, and roots band Low Lily. Their diverse and energetic show will feature traditional and original music from Ireland, Scotland, and America. See **Music**, page 12

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### Maine Event Comedy presents Jay Are Adams

Soon appearing in Kevin Hart's "Hart of the City" on Comedy Central, Jay Are Adams leads a great lineup as Maine Event Comedy returns to Baxter Brewing on Friday, December 8 at 7 p.m. The show will also feature Ian Stuart, Nick Lavalley, Jamie Roux, and Shana D'Andrea.

Adams, originally from Los Angeles, has performed at Broadway and Eastville Comedy Clubs in

New York City and Comix at Mohegan Sun. An accomplished musician, Adams writes and performs original songs and hilarious parodies. His Hart of the City episode, recorded in Boston, will air December 22.

Published writer and founder of the Portland Maine Comedy Festival, Ian Stuart has performed in Chicago, Texas, New Mexico, and Montreal. He's a familiar face at New York City's

RoastMasters show and his self-produced online videos have surpassed hundreds of thousands of views.

Thrice named New Hampshire's Best Comedian, Nick Lavalley has opened for Andrew "Dice" Clay and his online content, including the music video "I Love You, Sally Struthers," which starred the famous actress, has been featured on Funny or Die and Rooftop. See **Comedy**, page 12

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WHA Gallery displays works by D'Alessandro, Duplissis



A photo by Renée D'Alessandro

The Woman's Hospital Association Rotating Art Gallery at Lewiston's Central Maine Medical Center will feature photographs by Renée D'Alessandro and paintings by Irene Duplissis through December. The gallery is located at the hospital's main entrance at 60 High Street in Lewiston.

For Renée D'Alessandro, what started out as a goal to learn and master a manual digital SLR camera and photo editing software has turned into a gratifying hobby and creative outlet. Photographing nature, landscapes, wildlife, and pets provides a challenge for D'Alessandro to work in ever-changing conditions and movements. The hobby also allows D'Alessandro to travel, venture into nature, and explore the natural surroundings each location offers.

"I'm delighted to share my exhibit as it's fresh subject matter and reflects my perspective and appreciation of Alaska's stunningly beautiful wildlife and landscape," said D'Alessandro.

As a life-long painter, Irene Duplissis is inspired by the beautiful character of New England, blending the past with the present and reminding us of the simple, basic truths around us. She

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Twin City Nights

December La Rencontre features Christmas Sing-Along

The popular Lorraine Ouellette Trio, featuring accordionist Lorraine Ouellette and guitarists Gerry Dube and Adrien Leclaire, will lead a Christmas Sing-Along following the meal at the Gendron Franco Center's next La Rencontre ("The Gathering") on Thursday, December 14 at 11:25 a.m.

The meal will be a turkey dinner with all the fixings and Chef John's pie for dessert. Maine Attorney General Janet Mills will address the group briefly on ways to avoid telephone and internet fraud and scams and several raffle prizes will be drawn. The cost of the meal and program is \$10 per person. The doors and bar will



The Lorraine Ouellette Trio

open at 10 a.m.

La Rencontre is in no way restricted to French-speakers or even those of Franco descent. All are welcome to attend this fun monthly meal and

event. The Franco Center is located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. Guests may reserve their spot by contacting the center at 783-1585 or boxoffice@francocenter.org.

Theater at Monmouth auditions for 2018 season

Theater at Monmouth will hold its annual General Auditions on Monday, December 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Helen Melledy Hall at 775 Main Street in Monmouth. TAM seeks energetic and dynamic performers for its 2018 Summer Repertory Season, as well as other proj-

ects throughout the year. Summer Repertory contracts run for approximately 10 weeks, from June 12 through August 19, and include housing for non-residents of Maine, meals, and a weekly stipend.

Themed "Roar! The Year of the Woman," the 2018 season will feature productions

of "Dial 'M' for Murder," directed by Sally Wood; Shakespeare's "Richard III," directed by Dawn McAndrews, and "Twelfth Night," directed by Kristin Clippard; Matthew Barber's "Enchanted April," directed by Kate Bergstrom; Daniel Elihu Kramer's

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Software upgrade to close some Auburn city offices

The City of Auburn's Finance, City Clerk, and Tax Offices will be closed to the public on Wednesday, December 13, when the city will be undergoing a major

upgrade to its financial software. All online services will be available through the city's website at [www.auburnmaine.gov](http://www.auburnmaine.gov).

All other city offices

will function as normal. The Finance, City Clerk, and Tax Offices will resume normal hours and services on Thursday, December 14 at 8 a.m.

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# Twin City Nights

## “Christmas at Norlands” offers 19th-century holiday celebration



Activities will include horse-drawn sleigh and wagon rides, caroling, children’s craft activities, storytelling, parlor games, and old-fashioned spelling bees.

The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore will open on Saturday, December 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., for an interactive, family-friendly celebration of “Christmas at Norlands.” Experience what Christmas was like in 19<sup>th</sup>-century rural Maine by participating in living history activities around this beautiful, tranquil estate. Visitors will journey back to a time when celebration of the holiday season was much simpler than it is today.

Activities will include horse-drawn sleigh and wagon rides, caroling, children’s craft activities, sto-

rytelling, parlor games, and old-fashioned spelling bees in the one-room school-house at noon and 2:30 p.m. While supplies last, visitors may warm up with a cup of soup, a mug of mulled cider or hot chocolate, and a sweat treat in the farmer’s cottage.

There will also be tours of the simply but elegantly decorated 1867 Washburn family mansion. While there, stop by “Gram’s Room” to meet “Martha Washburn Stephenson,” portrayed by Norlands’ director of interpretation Willi Irish. The eldest of the Washburn daughters, Martha will share stories about her father and siblings

using their own words from the family journals.

A Cookie Walk fundraiser will benefit the New Barn Fund. For just \$5, visitors may fill a bag with delicious homemade cookies to take home. Arrive early as this popular fundraiser sells out early. The gift shop will be open and filled with unique treasures to meet your holiday shopping needs, including pottery by Sarah Delaney of Phoenix Pottery, jewelry by Bruce Peary of Pearls in the Pines, Norlands’ own maple syrup, and old-time games.

General admission is \$10 per person, \$6 for children, and free for those ages 5 and under. A \$25 family rate will admit two adults with up to three children under the age of 18. Tickets will be sold at the door or may be purchased online at [www.norlands.org/events.html](http://www.norlands.org/events.html).

If the weather is questionable, check for an event cancellation notice on Norlands’ webpage, Facebook page, or outgoing telephone message by calling 897-4366 after 9 a.m. on the morning of the event. The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center is located at 290 Norlands Road in Livermore. For more information, call 897-4366 or see [www.NORLANDS.org](http://www.NORLANDS.org).

### Carol

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Saturday, December 9 at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, December 10 at 2 p.m.

The Public Theatre’s original adaptation of Dickens’ classic has become a holiday tradition in Lewiston-Auburn. Performed by six actors and a fiddler, this inventive version was developed and written for The Public Theatre by Artistic Director Christopher Schario in 1993. It has since been published by Dramatists Play Service and is now regularly performed by theatres around the world.

“There’s a great reason why this story is told during the holidays and will never go away,” says Schario. “It can be easy to forget the meaning of the season in all the holiday shopping, but watching Scrooge’s journey always awakens my holiday spirit and gets my heart ready to celebrate Christmas.”

Among the now countless adaptations of this classic story, The Public Theatre’s version has become a favor-

### Music

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ica, from up-tempo jigs and reels to lesser-known Christmas carols and wintry classics, performed by two fiddles, guitars, mandolin, accordion, and lush, layered vocals. This exclusive show will bring generations together for a fresh new take on roots music from both sides of the pond. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$22 at the door.

The Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in festive, downtown Bath. Tickets for both shows are available by calling the box office at 442-8455 or online at [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).

ite of many. “We stay true to the heart of the familiar story, while at the same time imaginatively rejuvenating it,” says Schario. “Much of Dickens’ original text is used, with six actors sharing narration and portraying various characters with the aid of a simple costume piece. A live fiddler underscores the story with traditional Christmas music, and a hand-cranked wind machine and a thunder sheet create a delightfully theatrical atmosphere. Uncluttered by spectacle, the audience’s imagination is free to soar, bringing the story to new life.”

The Public Theatre’s production begins with a child reading a copy of Dickens’ novel. In a metaphor for the way literature grabs and transforms us, five actors and a fiddler magically appear and slowly coax the child into joining the story and becoming the character of Tiny Tim.

Leading the cast of will be Michael O’Brien in the role of Scrooge. O’Brien’s is a familiar face to Maine theatre audiences following a long history onstage

### Comedy

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Comedy.

Portland’s Jamie Roux performs stand-up comedy all over New England. He is a co-creator and host of MEdinks, a Portland cable access interview and panel discussion show about Maine news and politics. Shana D’Andrea is new to the Maine comedy scene and pulls no punches when sharing the “joys” of married life.

The show is free and open to those ages 21 and older. Baxter Brewing is located at 130 Mill Street in Lewiston. For more information, call 513-0742 or email [maineeventcomedy@gmail.com](mailto:maineeventcomedy@gmail.com).

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uses transparent watercolor to create her “rustic realism” style. Though her work can be found in various galleries and private collections, she most enjoys outdoor art shows where she gets to meet the people who admire her work.

The works on display may be purchased through the WHA Gift Shop, located adjacent to the main lobby at Central Maine Medical Center. A percentage of sale proceeds benefits CMMC.

with The Theater at Monmouth and previous appearances at The Public Theatre. The rest of the cast is comprised of Russell Berrigan as Marley, Matthew Delamater as Christmas Present, Sheila Stasack as Mrs. Cratchit, Kelsey Foltz as Belle, and local seventh grader Kristian Keef in the role of the child and Tiny Tim. Returning as The Fiddler is acclaimed musician and storyteller Jennifer Armstrong.

Providing another reason to celebrate is The Public Theatre’s ticket price of only \$5 for youth ages 18 and under. “With our \$5 ticket, we are hoping to introduce today’s young people to the magic of professional theatre and give them a gift they’ll have for the rest of their lives,” says Schario. “We are also happy to offer quality family entertainment that people can actually afford to bring their families to.”

The top ticket price for adults is only \$20. For tickets, call the Box Office at 782-3200 or visit the [publictheatre.org](http://publictheatre.org).

### Theater

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“Pride and Prejudice,” directed by Janis Stevens; and “The True Story of Little Red,” directed by Tess Van Horn.

The first performance will take place on June 22 and the season will close on August 19. Each actor in the summer company plays three or four roles; all shows are rehearsed and performed in repertory. The summer season operates on an LOA to LORT contract with Actors’ Equity and union rules followed for Equity and non-Equity actors. Internships are also available. Applicants should be theater professionals who would like to join a strong ensemble company and are interested in teamwork, collaboration, and artistic growth in a creatively-charged environment.

TAM’s summer season is a true ensemble of more than 50 theater artists from across the country. The theater performs in Cumston Hall, a 250-seat Victorian opera house; rehearsals take place in the recently renovated Grange Hall. For more information, call 933-9999 or see [www.theateratmonmouth.org](http://www.theateratmonmouth.org).

To schedule a General Audition in Monmouth, email a headshot and resume (with website, if applicable) to [boxoffice@theateratmonmouth.org](mailto:boxoffice@theateratmonmouth.org).



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Thursday, December 7

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Peter Arsenault, licensed funeral director with Fortin Group Funeral Homes. No reservation required. 713-7045; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

“Identity Theft and Protecting Your Money.” 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. Center for Workforce & Professional Development, Central Maine Community College. \$20. Must be 18-plus. Register by 12/1 at 755-5280 or www.cmcc.edu/ccs.

Family Coding Night. 6 p.m. Andro. Community Room, Auburn Public Library. Kids in grades K-5 team with their parents to complete fun Code.org puzzles and challenges at their own pace. No experience needed. Free. Register at 333-6640, ext. 3 or www.auburnpubliclibrary.org.

Friday, December 8

Noel Celebration. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. L-A College, 50 Westminster St., Lewiston. The Franco-American Collection celebrates Franco-American holiday traditions with readings, stories, and carols. Free. 753-6545; https://usm.maine.edu/franco.

Limited-Engagement Gala. 6 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. See the first-ever screening of the locally made independent film “The Damned One”; reception, Q&A. \$30-70. Tix avail. at TheDamnedOneMovie.com.

Maine Event Comedy. 7 p.m. Baxter Brewing, 130 Mill St., Lewiston. Tonight’s line-up features comedians Jay Are Adams, Ian Stuart, Nick Lavallee, Jamie Roux, and Shana D’Andrea. Free. Ages 21-plus. 513-0742; maineeventcomedy@gmail.com.

Theater: “A Christmas Carol.” 7 p.m. The Public Theatre, 31 Maple St., Lewiston. For one weekend only, the Public Theatre presents its original adap-

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tation of Dickens’ holiday classic. All tix for those ages 18- are \$5. Again 12/9 (2 and 7 p.m.) and 12/10 (2 p.m.). 782-3200; publictheatre.org.

Country Christmas Sing-Along. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. The Sweetback Sisters present a diverse program of country-flavored holiday music. \$18 adv./\$22 at door. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Saturday, December 9

Christmas at Norlands. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore. Experience what Christmas was like in 19th-century rural Maine through family activities and tours. \$10/6 (kids 5- free); family rate \$25. 897-4366; www.NORLANDS.org.

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

Bean Supper. 4:45 p.m. Calvary United Methodist Church, 59 Sabattus St., Lewiston. (Use garden entrance on Bartlett St.) Baked beans, hot soup, casseroles (incl. vegetarian), biscuits, brown bread, salads, and pies. \$8/3.

Baked Bean & Casserole Supper. 4:45 to 6 p.m. Parish hall, Holy Trinity Church, 67 Frost Hill Ave., Lisbon Falls. Includes dessert and beverage. Pres. by Knights of Columbus. \$8 adults, \$4 children 11-, \$18 family with children.

Teddy Bear Dance. 7 to 10 p.m. Cafeteria, Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine St., So. Paris. The Swingin’ Bears invite oth-

er area square dance clubs to join them for this annual event; bring a stuffed toy. Refreshments; door prizes. \$7. 782-4050.

Christmas Concert. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The Maine Music Society presents its annual holiday program of Christmas and, new this year, some Chanukah songs. Again 12/10 at 3 p.m. \$22/20/10 in adv., extra \$2 at door (free for kids 11-). 333-3386; www.mainemusicsociety.org.

Turning of the Year Celtic Christmas. 7:30 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Accordionist John Whelan, Scottish-style fiddler Katie McNally, and roots band Low Lily perform Celtic-flavored holiday music. \$18/22. 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Sunday, December 10

An Afternoon of Christmas. 2 p.m. First Congregational Church, 773 Royalsborough Rd., Durham. 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., Hallowell. Participants will use beads to work on projects or make gifts. Open to all ages, experience levels; no registration required. Free. 622-3813.

Tuesday, December 12

Veterans Suicide Prevention Symposium. Abromson Community Educ. Center, USM, Portland. Pres. by the VA Maine Healthcare System, Maine Vet Centers, and Maine Bureau of Veterans’ Services. Free and open to the

public. To register, call 623-8411, ext. 5017; for program schedule, see [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

Chamber Workshop. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 415 Lisbon St., Lewiston. A rep. from the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security presents a “Shooter Preparedness Workshop” for businesses and offices. \$50 (members \$25). Register at [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

French Sing-Along. 2:30 p.m. Chapel, D’Youville Pavillion, 102 Campus Ave., Lewiston. Les Troubadours lead participants in singing favorite French and Franco-American Christmas songs. All welcome; songbooks provided. Free. 576-4109.

Business After Hours. 5 to 7 p.m. Lost Valley Ski Area, 200 Lost Valley Rd., Auburn. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy or article of clothing for a child age 0-18 for the “Stuff the Bus” campaign; pres. by L-A Metro Chamber, Uplift L-A. Free. 783-2249.

Wednesday, December 13

Lisbon Historical Society Meeting. 7 p.m. MTM Center, School St., Lisbon Falls. The society hosts its annual Christmas celebration; please park and enter at the rear of the building. 353-8510; LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

Thursday, December 14

Chamber Breakfast Meeting. 7 a.m. Ramada Conference Center, 490 Pleasant St., Lewiston. Come learn about the Chamber’s “Mini Market Place,” take a tour of the Ramada, and congratulate the new grads of the Andro. Leadership Development Inst. \$30 (\$20 members). Register at [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

Intro to Self-Employment. 10 a.m. to noon. Lewiston CareerCenter. Learn about the pros and cons of owning your own business, steps for start-up, elements of a business plan, and avail. resources. Pres. by

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La Rencontre. 11:25 a.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. After a lunch of roast turkey, the Lorraine Ouellette Trio leads a Christmas Sing-Along. \$10. Reserve your spot at 783-1585 or boxoffice@francocenter.org.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speakers are Bernard Fishman and Jennifer Dube of the Maine State Museum. No reservation required. 713-7045; monica.millhime@maine.gov.

Friday, December 15

Open House. 2:30 to 4 p.m. Andro. Historical Soc., County Building, Court St., Auburn. Come see society artifacts related to Edward Little; copies of the book “Dear Parent: The Biography and Letters of Edward Little” avail. for purchase and signing. Cont. 12/14 (10:30 a.m. to noon). 784-0586.

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 Coliseum, Lewiston. The Boston Bruins Alumni Team

plays the Police All-Stars to benefit the Lewiston Police Athletic League. For tickets, call 219-9003.

Saturday, December 16

Christmas Bird Count. 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stanton Bird Club members and volunteers work with assigned leaders to count species as part of the annual No. American survey. To participate, contact Linda Seamans at 240-1380 (leave msg.) or seamans.linda@gmail.com.

Christmas Bake Sale & Bottle Drive. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In front of Chapter 11, 707 Main St., Lewiston. Donations of bake goods, redeemables, and cash needed; proceeds benefit Tommy’s Feral Feline Friends. Cont. 12/17. normblais39@yahoo.com.

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.

Wednesday, December 20

Holiday Bake Sale. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. SeniorsPlus, 8 Falcon Rd., Lewiston. Come by any time (until they run out!) to get your holiday goodies. All proceeds support the Meals on Wheels program. (800) 427-1241; www.seniorsplus.org.

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