

Fourth annual Anah Shrine Feztival of Trees set for Nov. 20-22

For the fourth year, the Anah Shrine will transform its headquarters into a holiday wonderland, with its annual Feztival of Trees, set for 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 and 21, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 at the new Anah Shrine hall, located at 1404 Broadway.

This family-friendly event will feature more than 70 trees donated and decorated by local businesses, and members of the public are invited to view the trees and other displays. Attendees may purchase raffle tickets and the chance to win one of the trees and take it home. The cost of a raffle ticket is 50 cents. Admission to the event is \$2, free to children.

In addition to lights and ornaments, many trees are decorated with prizes, from toys and children's items, to camping equipment, to gift cards to local businesses. The trees will be, for the most part, at least 5 feet tall, though there may be smaller trees in the mix. Many trees will have a skirt around its base and any objects its donor places under the tree will be considered a part of the tree and will be given to whoever wins the tree..

The trees will be themed and may reflect the interests of the donor, the holidays or other themes. After attendees have viewed the trees, purchased raffle tickets may be placed in a bucket by the tree of their choice. The winning tickets for each tree will be drawn at the end of the Feztival.

Proceeds from the event will support the mission of Anah Shrine. For information, call 942-2254 or email anahshriners@gmail.

Indian Women's Missionary Organization seeks donations, volunteers

The Indian Women's Missionary Organization, a nonprofit, is seeking donations of non-perishable food for its food bank. The organization is working toward getting a building to establish classrooms where Native women can undergo job training for work as CNAs and computer work, as well as a working kitchen where women can learn healthy cooking in order to feed Native children. A large food bank is needed to feed a number of families in need in the northeast area of Old Town.



FILE PHOTO BY ARDEANA HAMLIN

This display, featured at the 2014 Feztival, is much like the ones that will add twinkle to the Anah Shrine annual Feztival of Trees event, set for Nov. 20-22, at the new Anah Shrine Headquarters at 1404 Broadway in Bangor. The event will raffle more than 60 fully decorated trees, complete with gifts.

Call Rose Scribner at 827-8898 to volunteer or to make arrangements to have donations picked up, or drop off food items at 19 West St., Indian Island, where missionary work has been in operation in the community for more than 15 years.

RSU 22's Emil Genest named Maine Superintendent of the Year

Regional School Unit 22, Assistant Superintendent Emil Genest has been named Assistant Superintendent of the Year by the Maine School Superintendents Association for his expertise in finance and school construction and for his work on behalf of public education and the district he serves.

The award was presented to Genest in October during the Maine School Superintendents Association's annual meeting.

Superintendent Rick Lyons nominated Genest for the honor.

"[He] has been a strong ambassador for public education for over three decades. His leadership is one of the reasons RSU 22 has been on numerous occasions designated one of Maine's 'high performing and highly efficient' school districts," Lyons said.

Genest, who holds a bachelor's in political science, a master's in speech communications and a certificate of advanced studies in educational administration, all from the University of Maine, has been RSU 22's assistant superintendent for business for 22 years. Before that, served as its business manager. For the past two years, he also has served as an administrator for the Veazie School Department.

Genest was selected for the award through a vote of a committee of his peers.

"It is a truly rewarding experience to be recognized by one's fellow colleagues because they understand the job expectations and implications on a day to day basis," he said. "I also want to emphasize this award is a reflection of the dedicated faculty, staff and Board of Directors of the RSU 22 family."

RSU 22 serves the communities of Hampden, Newburgh, Winterport and Frankfort.

American Folk Festival volunteers honored

Organizers of the American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront in early November named the winners of the annual Gerry Turner Excellence in Volunteerism Award for 2015. Award recipients exemplify dedication, enthusiasm, and excellence in service to the Folk Festival. This year's winners include:

Festival Volunteer, Adult: Sylvia Smith, Volunteer Registration Tent  
Festival Volunteer, Junior: Lauren Turcotte-Seavey, Bucket Brigade and Children's Village  
Volunteer Leader: Nancy Tracy & Michelle Mulherin, Transportation Desk at Host Hotel

Volunteer Crew: Amicus, Bucket Brigade

"Spirit of the Festival": Carrie Brown, Set-Up/Strike Crew  
John Rohman Award: Vern Leeman, Development

PCHC nurse practioner receives annual award

Penobscot Community Health Care announced that Deborah MacLean, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, was the

2015 recipient of the Maine Primary Care Association Behavioral Health Excellence Award. MacLean was recognized at the association's annual conference in Bar Harbor on Oct. 21.

The award is given annually to a clinician who exemplifies the best of primary care medicine for the underserved, reaches high standards of quality care, adopts innovations, promotes greater access and demonstrates leadership.

"We are so pleased to have an exceptional provider such as Deb recognized for her compassion, dedication and excellence in providing high quality behavioral health for our patients," said Kenneth Schmidt, PCHC president and CEO.

MacLean received an undergraduate degree from St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, and master's degrees in nursing and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner certificate from Husson University. She has practiced psychiatric nursing for more than 20 years and has provided mental health services at PCHC's Hope House Health and Living Center and Capehart Community Health Center since 2010.

Weekly corrections from Nov. 5 and Nov. 12 editions

The Nov. 12 issue of The Weekly contained a story about the Maine Junior Black Bear Tier II Squirts that should have noted the Black Cat Classic was held Oct. 30-Nov. 1.

The Nov. 5 issue of The Weekly contained a photo on page 2 that did not have a caption. It was a historic photo of Irena Sender, which ran with a story about locally performed plays about Sender and about Anne Frank.

Parcak

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She is the founding director of the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Laboratory for Global Observation, where she is also an associate professor.

Though Parcak's accomplishments are too numerous to mention in full, the project for which she is most known is her work with satellite imagery to not only discover new archaeological sites, but also to ensure that sites across the world — for Parcak, specifically in Egypt, where her work has primarily focused — are safe from looters.

"For the first time technology has gotten to the point where we can map looting," said Parcak, in a New York Times article published on Nov. 8.

Through comparing older satellite images of sites with newer ones, Parcak can see where looting excavations may have taken place and then alert authorities; she also uses spectral and chemical signatures to aid in her understanding. Though looting in Syria and Iraq by the Islamic State, or ISIS, has regularly been in the news in more recent months, looting remains a major problem in Egypt, as well as in nations rich with archaeological sites such as Peru, India and China.

Parcak explained the process of using satellite imagery as a kind of giant space X-ray.

"Think of it as a space-based MRI, or X-ray machine. Basically, we send up a satellite that takes pictures of the Earth, that record information on the different parts of the light spectrum that we can't

see with the human eye," said Parcak, in a 2011 interview with the Bangor Daily News. "We may see a tree as just being a tree, but if there's a pyramid or a city buried underneath, that is going to affect the vegetation, the soil, the geology around it. That difference shows up in parts of the light spectrum, and that's one of the things that gives us a clue that there's something underneath."

Parcak was born and raised in Bangor, and retains many ties both friendly and familial to the state. Her grandfather, Harold Young, was a forestry professor at the University of Maine and was one of the pioneers of using aerial photography to track the health of different species of trees. While Parcak's work using satellite imagery is light years ahead, technologically speaking, of what her grandfather was doing in the 1960s, there's still a kind of continuity in both their work — it's all about pattern recognition.

"I can certainly give a lot of credit to some of the fantastic teachers I had in Bangor," said Parcak, naming history teachers Jeannie Butterfield and James Smith as influential on her young mind. "[They] always kept me interested in history and ancient history. I was always interested in Egypt, from a very young age."

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