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MLS #1405662 \$1,495,000



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#### Spectacular West Shore Lakefront Home!

Cobbossee Lake-Gorgeous, like new, spacious Monmouth 4BR, 2.5BA Cape style home w/attached 3 car garage situated on a beautiful 2.5 acre West shore lakefront lot with 250' of water frontage. Flat yard, easy water access. Quality built 2012 home. Open kitchen/DR/LR with wood stove insert. lots of windows and light, 9' ceilings with recessed lights, hardwood floors throughout. Fabulous and expansive deck along the entire front. 1st floor MBR suite, 2nd floor family room, expandable lower level, 3 car garage with stairs and huge overhead storage (possible future game room.) Auto generator, much more. Lots to love with this spectacular property!

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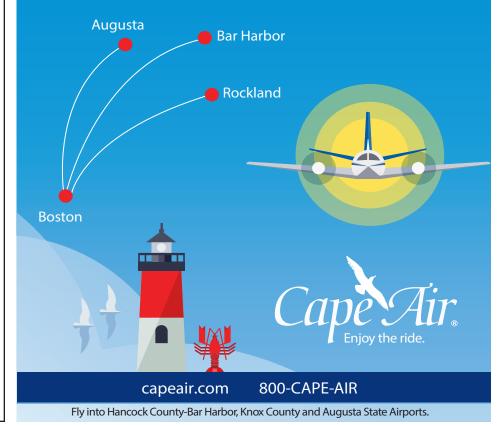


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#### OUT LATE

# Bar trivia booming in Waterville area

#### No matter where you play, bring a couple friends and play as a team

By TRAVIS LAZARCZYK

When I was in my mid-20s my friends and I hung out at a bar that had boxes of Trivial Pursuit cards at each table. We quizzed each other over a few drinks, and maybe once in a while learned a new obscure fact.

These days, some bars treat trivia not as a way for you to kill time as you sip cocktails, but as a way to get you through the door. In the Waterville area, if one desires, one can play trivia three nights a week, at different establishments.

On Monday night, drive across the Kennebec River to The Pointe Afta in Winslow, where trivia starts at 6:30 p.m. and will cost you \$2 to play. On Wednesday, hit You Know Whose in Waterville, where the buy-in to play is \$3. On Thursday, you can play trivia at Mainely Brews, also in Waterville, for the low, low price of \$2 per player.

No matter where you play, bring a couple friends and play as a team. Your knowledge base will vary from your friends', and you'll have a better chance of answering the wide variety of questions.

A couple important rules apply no mater where you play. One, do not use your cellphone. Smart phones are encyclopedias in your palm. You can look up the answer to anything. Don't. Play with honor. Keep the phone in your pocket.

Two don't shout the

#### **WHERE TO PLAY**

Mainely Brews
Waterville
You Know Whose
Waterville
The Pointe Afta
Winslow

answer, whether you're playing or not. Tables are close together at these places. During trivia, you'll see teams hunched forward, speaking in hushed tones over their table as if they're planning a heist. Some teams will pass the answers to each other on scrap paper rather than say it at all.

The format at the Pointe Afta and You Know Whose is the same. That's because your host at both is Ryan Plisga.

Plisga takes his questions seriously, and divides the 30-question contest into three rounds of 10 categories. Questions one through 10 are the easy round. The average player should be able to get at least eight of the 10 first round questions correct. The middle round is the average round. The third round is the hard round, the either you-knowit or you-don't round. You can try to make an educated guess and hope for the best. Often, the winner at the Pointe Afta and You Know Whose is decided by which team makes it tȟrough those final 10 questions with the fewest dings.



Morning Sentinel photo by Michael G. Seaman: A table of trivia competitors share a laugh during the weekly trivia night at Mainely Brews on Main Street

in downtown Waterville in April.

The biggest thing to remember is keep it light. This isn't Jeopardy. You're not going to run into Ken Jennings or James Holzhauer.

Of course, easy or hard is in the eye of the player. If the category is '80s song lyrics, for example, and you spent that decade glued to MTV, there might not be a question Plisga can slip past you. If the category is Medieval Literature and you're not up on Chaucer,

the lines between easy and hard round are completely erased.

If you play at the Pointe Afta or You Know Whose, read the newspaper or watch the news beforehand. Plisga's first category is always In The News. Questions can come from local, national, or world events. Often, they come from all three. Count on a sports category, usually revolving around whatever happens to be in peak season. In January, NFL playoff questions were asked. In March, it was college basketball. More recently, it helped to know the Stanley Cup playoffs. If you know the last Canadian team to win the Stanley Cup was Montreal in 1993, you're ready for trivia at the Pointe Afta or You Know Whose.

Mainely Brews follows the same basic category-based trivia as the Pointe Afta and You Know Whose, but usually with six categories of five questions each. This week in history is almost always the first category, so before you show up, check the date and do a little re-



Morning Sentinel photo by Michael G. Seaman

Luke Duplessis, owner of Mainely Brews, calls out questions during the weekly trivia night at Mainely Brews on Main Street in downtown Waterville in April.

Sometimes, trivia host Luke Duplessis will go with five categories, making potpourri an extra long 10 questions.

There's no rhyme or reason to the difficulty of the questions at Mainely Brews. If the category is Harry Potter and you've read all the books and seen all the movies, you'll likely do fine. Occasionally, a math category pops up, which can be difficult to manage with a drink in one hand and scrap paper and a pencil in the other.

The biggest thing to remember is keep it light. This isn't Jeopardy. You're not going to run into Ken Jennings or James Holzhauer. If you play with a regular team, you're bound to have a teammate swear up and down the only Great Lake entirely in the United States is Lake Huron, when you know damn well it's Lake Michigan. The stakes are never high enough to fight over.

If you do see Holzhauer or Jennings, though, snap a selfie and lose graciously.



Morning Sentinel photo by Michael G. Seamans

People gather at the bar for food and others for beer and trivia during the weekly trivia night at Mainely Brews on Main Street in downtown Waterville on April 19.

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#### SUMMER SCHOOL

# Maine State Museum draws all ages

#### Augusta museum, bike coalition to celebrate women getting vote as part of summer exhibition

By ABIGAIL AUSTIN

AUGUSTA — Ellie Collins of Standish came to the Maine State Museum for the first time six years ago with her granddaughters, who were visiting from Florida to participate in the Malaga Island special program, Malaga Island, Fragmented Lives. The girls were 8 and 12 at the time.

Malaga Island is off the coast of Phippsburg, and a mixed-race group of around 40 fishermen and laborers was expelled forcibly from the island in 1912.

"One of my granddaughters was really taken with it," Collins said.

"We have presented these programs as part of senior college programs, family reunions and even just for small families who want to do something special with their children," said Joanna Tarow, chief educator at the museum.

The cost for a half-hour program is \$6, and the cost for a hour-long program is \$12. The number of participants in the program is not limited, but is a charge separate from the normal admission fees.

Such programs are hallmarks of the the Maine State Museum, which is a stone's throw away from the State House and is one of the nation's oldest state-funded museums, funded in 1836. The museum aims to "make Maine's rich natural and cultural heritage meaningful and inspiring," according to its website, with an education that "works to engage visitors of all ages to connect their unique experiences with the museum's collections and exhibits."

Reservations for these programs can be made by visiting the museum at mainestatemuseum.org/learn/. While there is not a deadline for reservations, Tarow recommends planning as far ahead as possible. A few days is doable, she said, but two weeks is ideal.

Collins and her husband, Clay Collins, were visiting the museum on May 1 with the Standish Recreation Department, and they were on a self-guided tour through "At Home in Maine" where many members of the group recognized pieces from their childhood.

It is one of the popular exhibits at the museum, Tarow said, because it is so interactive. Think pounding a maul, making a call on a rotary phone or washing dishes. The retro room from the 1960s gives families a chance to pretend they're sitting in an old living room.

Tarow said that the Maine

#### **ON EXHIBIT**

Maine State Museum, Augusta

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#### **Temporary Exhibits**

Maine + Jewish: Two Centuries Women's Long Road — 100 Years to the Vote

State Museum serves as the protector of family heirlooms. She pointed to the cast iron bathtub with clawed feet in the "Made in Maine" exhibit. "We had to put word out that we were seeking one," she said.

That's how most of the items in the exhibit came to the museum, by private donation from homes in Maine.

Jeanne Coffin grew up in Augusta, and she visited the Maine State Museum several times as a child. The exhibit that was most memorable included a hare that turned white when the habitat switched from summer to winter.

As an adult, Coffin returned about 35 years ago with her husband, Ron, and their children. The two, who reside in Standish, were visiting the capital with their community's recreation department.

"I hope (the hare) is still here," she said.

"The permanent displays are beloved," said Tarow.

But Tarow had a secret, one that keeps generations of Mainers returning through the ages: permanent exhibits aren't always exactly permanent.

As collections grow, the curators rotate items. For example, the American flag will be another flag for Flag Day on June 14, and the textiles and quilt exhibits are regularly rotated because the fabric can break down depending on exposures from the environment, like light and temperature.

This summer, one of the museum's two changing exhibits is about women getting the right to vote, "Women's Long Road – 100 Years to the Vote."

"It paints a picture of what it was like for a woman living in this time period here in Maine," said Tarow.

It includes a voting booth, which is popular among youngsters. The polling question changes fre-



Kennebec Journal photos by Joe Phelan

People look at a display about ice harvesting and granite quarrying on May 1 at the Maine State Museum in Augusta. **Below:** People look around in the "Women's Long Road — 100 Years to the Vote" exhibit.



quently, and the results of previous votes are posted.

Most recently, visitors were polled about whether they support changing the minimum voting age to 16. Of 1,447 votes, 59.4 percent were in favor of lowering the age.

The museum with the Bicycle Coalition of Maine will host Bike Day on Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., an active event for families. The event is appropriate for the exhibit because there was a lot of protest when women started riding bicycles — "Her ankles are showing!"

The event, which offers free admission will connect families to the rail trail that runs through Augusta and nearby towns. It'll include special programming for young children, but anyone can participate.

"Maine + Jewish: Two Centu-

ries," the other changing exhibit, shows the Jewish experience in the state.

"It shows how people are making Maine home," Tarow said, explaining all Maine people immigrated to Maine, except for native peoples.

One person who is featured in the exhibit is Caribou native Jessica Meir, an astronaut NASA recently confirmed would visit the International Space Station.

"We knew she was training to go into space when the exhibit was formed, but we didn't know that she was headed to the International Space Station," said Tarow.

First-time visitor Joan Graham trailed behind her companions recently at the museum, during her first visit there.

"I'm from away, so I'm learning a lot about Maine," said the New York native. "It's excellent here."



Ellie Collins, of Standish, takes a photo of a Torah cabinet that's part of the "Maine + Jewish: Two Centuries" display on May 1 at the Maine State Museum in Augusta.

Generations who have long known — or just recently met — "Curious George" can visit the library for a double feature at the museum. The first viewing will be a recent production of "Curious George" followed by a biography of the creators, who escaped Nazi Germany and resettled in New England.

The museum can also arrange for tours of the Blaine House and the State House, which the Standish recreation had also done.

For more information about to museum, visit mainestatemuse-um.org/.

#### **KENNEBEC VALLEY - AUGUSTA**

## Augusta boasts food truck evenings, outdoor films, masquerade balls, Brewfest

Maine's capital city will hold a number of events that showcase Mill Park, Old Fort Western and the downtown.

By NANCY MCGINNIS

Whether you're looking for recreation, education, celebration or relaxation this summer, it can all be found in Augusta. Maine's capital city.

If you have an appetite for culinary adventure, the Calumet Club will host another wildly popular Food Truck Friday on June 14 from 5 to 9 p.m. The event will take place rain or

shine at the Club parking lot at 334 West River Road.

Enjoy the unique cuisine of area food trucks such as Pinky D's Poutine Factory and Blazing Tomato Pizza. Joel Jolicoeur will provide musical entertainment. Beverages will be available for purchase, as will the Calumet's Pot of Gold: buy tickets for a chance to win money every hour. This event is free; however, a ticket is needed to enter. For more information, visit calumetclub.com or call 207-623-8211.

What a difference a week makes. On Friday evening, June 21, the Calumet Club is the place to be if you love to dress up and glide across the dance floor. Plan to spend the evening in style at the Augusta Downtown Alliance's 'Casino Royale 207' starting at 7 .pm. Those attending this masquerade ball, which is sponsored by O&P Glass and Maine-General Health, are required to don semi-formal wear and a mask. Tickets are \$25 each or \$40 per couple. Guests will enjoy a customized hors d'oeuvres menu, a specialty cocktail, a silent auction as well as a live auction featuring local celebrities, mock "gambling" tables, photography by Dave Dostie and live entertainment including music by Chris Lothridge.

June 29 marks the return of Kennebec River Day, sponsored by the

Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. The event, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mill Park along the Kennebec River, will offer "a day of endless possibilities" for all ages, according to thechamber. There will be craft vendors, music and food trucks as well as lawn games and special activities for children. For more information. contact the chamber at 207-623-4559 or by emailing info@kennebecvalleychamber.com.

Also sponsored by the Chamber at Mill Park on June 29 from 11 a.m. to 4.pm. will be the Kennebec River Brewfest (age 21 and over), featuring a variety of local Maine breweries offering 4-oz. beer tastings under the pavilion. This year's Brewfest, presented by Highbrow, will also for the first time include

The pavilion is full during the Kennebec River Brewfest last June, part of the the Kennebec River Day in Mill Park in

Augusta.

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City of Augusta Wendy Somes Parade Coordinator 22 Armory Street Augusta, ME 04330 207-626-2350 **\$12** Out & About / June 2019 Central Maine Region

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a number of local distilleries offering 1/2 oz. tastings of their spirits. Every attendee will receive a wristband, with a special wristband for your group's designated driver. Live music entertainment will include Ron Bergeron Music, The Business, Memphis Lightning and The Court Jesters. For more details, prices and advance tickets, contact the chamber.

And that same evening, June 29, will mark the kickoff of the Front Street Music series. The concert will feature the southern roots rock, blues, R&B, funk and soul music of the renowned Jamie MacLean Trio. The concert takes place at the downtown Augusta riverfront, on Front Street behind Cushnoc Brewing. Gates open at 6:30 p.m., the music begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance online and \$25 the day of the show. One-hundred of the proceeds will support the ongoing restoration of the historic landmark Colonial Theater.

Speaking of history, you won't want to miss the unusual Independence Day observances hosted by Fort Western, the oldest existing (French and Indian War era) wooden garrison in North America, shining

a unique light on 300 years of Maine and New England history. Augusta boasts not only a fourth of July parade, but thanks to Fort Western there will also be a 13-gun cannon salute, a 'feu de joie' (musket salute) and the annual traditional reading aloud of the Declaration of Independence, with Augusta Mayor Rollins doing the honors. Fireworks, also an annual Augusta Independence Day tradition, will be set off at Mill Park at 9 p.m.

And for those whose appetite for history is whetted at the Fort on Independence Day, mark your calendar for Aug. 24 and 25 when Fort Western will stage a French and Indian war re-enactment.

Finally, for something completely different, the Augusta Downtown Alliance is also partnering with the Children's Discovery Museum, to present the return of Movies in the Park. Waterfront Park, that is, in downtown Augusta.

The free outdoor summer movies will begin at dusk on four summer Thursday evenings. July 11 will be "date night," July 18, "Throwback to the Classics," and the Aug. 1 and Aug. 8 showings will be family films. Check out their "Movies in the Park 2019" event page on Facebook for more details about food, prizes, sponsors and movie titles as they are announced.

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Re-enactors Jackie Fournier, left, and Stan Novak take down a Grand Union flag and swap it out for one with 13 stars and stripes on a past July 4, at Old Fort Western in Augusta.



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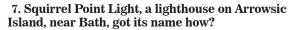
The Maine Road Trip Quiz

By KATHRYN SKELTON

h, Maine.
So much state, so much trivia, so little time.
Welcome to our Summer Road Trip Quiz, your opportunity to learn some funky facts about our great state as you make your way to your Maine destination.

- 1. What Maine park did Country magazine call one of the U.S.'s 10 "most beautiful parks you've probably never heard of"?
- a) Fort Point State Park
- b) Whale Tree State Park
- c) Baxter State Park
- 2. Where will you find the fastest elevator in Maine?
- a) One City Center, downtown Portland. Hold onto your briefcase!
- b) Penobscot Narrows Observatory, over the Penobscot River. Get to that beautiful view, stat!
- c) State House, Augusta. All the faster to legislate with!
- 3. Andrew Wyeth, a world-renowned artist who summered in Maine and is now buried here, unwittingly helped inspire what horror movie franchise?
  - a) "Scream"
- b) "A Nightmare on Elm Street"
- c) "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre"
- 4. Fifty-nine years after famously patenting the earmuff, what other invention did Farmington's Chester Greenwood receive a natent for?
- a) A metal rake with "a plurality of resilient metal teeth."
- b) A roller skate with three wheels, "aligned such as a triangle," for handling sharp curves.
- c) A ghost detecting trap, "beaver-lined, of impenetrable design, costing less than 5 dollars."
- 5. Why is Bowl in the Pines, located in Sidney, famous in some circles?
- a) It's the last bowling alley in North America with an attendant paid to manually reset bowling pins.
- b) It's the largest outdoor performance stage east of the Mississippi.
- c) It's the only place in the world where wood is harvested for Fender guitars.
- 6. Which of the following statements is NOT true about the 1838 Battle of Caribou:  $\frac{1}{2}$
- a) It was part of the Aroostook War, which started when an American lumberjack built on British land and brazenly flew a flag with an American eagle and six stars.
- b) What could have been a vicious battle between Mainers and Canadians ended abruptly when a black bear attacked soldiers on one side.
- c) It was the first wartime conflict ever to be contained inside a one-room schoolhouse. And more of a spat, really.





a) In 1717, a frigate named The Squirrel ran aground there.

b) In 1817, settlers survived an entire winter eating squirrel alone.

c) In 1917, the Maine Legislature authorized a then-extravagant \$45,000 to power the island. Squirrels ate every wire.

8. Hall & Oates' Daryl Hall once owned the John Bray House in Kittery Point, which is famous for being:

> a) The only home where Thomas Jefferson,
>  Winston Churchill and John Lennon all spent the night.

b) The first million-dollar mansion
 built in Maine, constructed in 1834 with marble fixtures, copper plumbing and an opulent two-story stable.
 c) One of the oldest known houses

c) One of the oldest known houses in the state, although there's some question how much of the house standing now was built in 1662 by shipbuilder John Bray.

9. In the late 1980s, if you'd been lucky enough, what might you have spotted in the western Maine town of Turner?

a) The Turner Beast with fangs and bulging eyes, who terrorized the land. It was eventually unmasked by a DNA test as just a black dog.
b) Mike and Oogie, an unlikely pair of chickens catapulted to national fame in "Ripley's Believe It Or Not."

c) Dirk McLauren and a Holstein named Audrey that he rode to school every day for all four years of high school.

 $10. \ On \ his \ official \ City \ of \ Bangor \ birth \ certificate, \ Paul \ Bunyan's \ parents \ are listed as:$ 

- a) Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny
- b) Jaques Bunyan and Sarah Marie DuBois
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#### **KENNEBEC VALLEY - BELGRADE**

# Belgrade's Main Street improvements on display amid summer of events

Belgrade will kick off summer with the annual July 4th parade down Main Street.

By VALERIE TUCKER

The anticipated Maine Department of Transportation's Route 27 re-construction project through downtown Belgrade is moving along quickly, meaning this year's summer visitors to the Lakes Region will see many improvements along Main Street, including a wider and safer route for vehicles and pedestrians.

Although some trees had to go, a group called Friends of Belgrade Lakes Village raised several thousand dollars for extras that will enhance the village's historic character. The final project will feature handsome brick sidewalks, pedestrian lighting fixtures and several benches along the half-mile downtown.

Beyond the highway improvements, the downtown area will have an improved water control and filtration system, with seven new state-of-the-art filters to decrease the sediment that runs into the lakes. The construction project will stop for July and August, so downtown businesses and summer traffic can run smoothly.

Belgrade kicks off summer with the annual July 4th parade down Main Street. The day of activities is still in the planning stages, so visitors should check the town's website or the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group's Facebook page.

The Belgrade Public Library will host their annual Book and Bake sale on July 4th. The event, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., will be at the Center for All Seasons and is one of the library's most popular fundraisers. From 8 a.m. to 2.p.m on Saturday, June 8, the library will have a fundraiser yard sale at Day's Real Estate on Route 27. The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library will have their last 5K road race, starting at 8 a.m. on July 20 at the Belgrade Central School. Registration starts at 7:15 a.m. At 11 a.m. on July 13, Mr. Harley and The Strollers will present a family music event.

The library also has scheduled several speakers through the summer. Events are free and open to the public:

- Monday, July 15, 6 p.m.: Maine Crime Writers Build a Mystery. Writers will construct a mystery with the audience.
- Wednesday, July 24, 6 p.m.: Joe Reisert, associate professor of government, Colby College presents Summer Reflections on Recent Supreme Court Decisions.
- Wednesday, July 31, 6 p.m.: Genealogy Research Part 1 with BJ Jamieson, Maine State Library genealogy reference specialist.
- Wednesday, Aug. 7, 6 p.m.: Gerry Boyle, popular Maine author, will discuss his newest books.
- Wednesday, Aug. 14, 6 p.m.: Genealogy Research Part 2 with BJ Jamieson, Maine State Library genealogy reference specialist.

The Center for all Seasons also offers a full summer schedule of activities for children and adults. Camp Golden Pond is a day camp for grades K-6, held on the grounds of the Center on Great Pond. Summer days are filled with swimming, boating, games, crafts, field trips and other activities. Camp Loon is for Grades 6-9, with boating, swimming, archery, environmental education and wilderness skills. Young people ages 9 to 17 can learn how to sail during six weeks of classes, from July 10-Aug. 18. The program at the Center is offered by the SailMaine program and the Great Pond Yacht Club.

The Belgrade Fire Department will serve their annual baked bean supper at the Center on Saturday, Aug. 3. For more information or program registration, visit the Center's Facebook page or their link at townofbelgrade.com.

The library will welcome families at the Center for two events. At 10 a.m., on June 25, the Chewonki Traveling Natural History Program will present "Tide Pools." At 10 a.m., on July 16, Mad Science of Maine will present "3-2-1



Kennebec Journal file photo by Joe Phelan

A kayaker paddles along Mill Stream near the Route 27 bridge in Belgrade Lakes.

Blast Off."

The Belgrade Lakes Farmer's Market on Sundays in the village offer shoppers fresh organic produce, Maine maple syrup, handcrafted jewelry and homemade ice cream.

A big draw for golfers is the scenic Belgrade Lakes Golf Club, which opened 20 years ago and has hosted tournaments such as the Maine Am.

The Belgrade Historical Society offers visitors the chance to learn about the local history of the region and how the town has balanced a manufacturing and industrial legacy with the growth of the tourist industry. They will host three summer programs for the public at the Maine Lakes Resource Center on 137 Main St. All are on Thursdays and start at 7 p.m.

- June 20, Author Eric Hooglund will present Belgrade Lakes Village: From Mills to Tourist Destination.
- July 18, Local historian, David Leigh present: Recovering the

Recent Past.

• Aug. 22, Scott Andrews, USM Senior College presents: Inventing Vacationland.

July 4th events in Belgrade: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Book Sale at the Center for All Seasons.

11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.: Union Church Strawberry Festival.

11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: Village Inn Lunch in the Tavern.

12 noon: Boat Parade. Line-up at the mouth of the Mill Stream on Great Pond.

1-2 p.m.: Free Ice Cream Social at the Center For All Seasons.

4 p.m.: Grand Parade down Main Street.

5 p.m.: Frog Jumping Contest. Bring a frog to Main Street/Hulin Road. 9:15 p.m.: Fireworks over Long Pond (Rain Date July 5).

Other summer activities include art, book readings, golf, road races and environmental education.



Kennebec Journal file photo by Joe Phelan Peter Wright plays in the Maine Amateur Championship last year at the Belgrade Golf Club.



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#### **KENNEBEC VALLEY - CHINA**



The Albert Church Brown Memorial Library is seen at 35 Main St. in China Village. All residents are welcome to use the library at no charge.

### China, an idyllic town steeped in history with a popular lake

By SUSAN VARNEY

China (CHI-nah), a town in Kennebec County, was settled in 1774, following the survey of John "Black" Jones and Abraham Burrill.

It was initially named Jones Plantation, which was incorporated in 1796 as Harlem (named for Haarlem, Netherlands, the capital of North Holland). Harlem was annexed by China with Fairfax (now Albion), and Winslow, and incorporated on Feb. 5, 1818. The name of the town was chosen by Japheth Washburn. He wanted to call the town Bloomville, but people from the town of Bloom field objected, fearing the similarity of names would cause confusion.

Washburn settled on the name China because it was the name of one of his favorite hymns, written by Timothy Swan in 1790.

China is located 17 miles northeast of Maine's capitol, Augusta. Year-round and summer residents enjoy approximately 119,000 feet of frontage on China Lake, plus most of Threemile Pond and a bit of Branch Pond. (Most of Branch Pond is in Paler-

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mo, just to the east.) China has several hubs of activity: China Village; South China; Weeks Mills on the West Branch of the Sheepscot River: Branch Mills on the Palermo

border; Branch Pond and

the West Branch of the

Sheepscot River. There is another district located at the height of land between Palermo and Albion. part of which is known as Thurston Park, where

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numerous families of African-American descent settled. Their history spans 1790-1860. Families migrated to China because it was a safe area from slave hunters because China and several other towns were "Quaker" towns which, in defiance of the federal Fugitive Slave Act, did not tolerate slave hunters.

Rufus M. Jones, 1863-1948, was a Quaker educator and author of many books on education, philosophy and religion. A graduate of Haverford, he taught philosophy and psychology there for 38 years. He wrote extensively on Quakerism and mysticism and he helped found the American Friends Service Committee. His birthplace still stands in South China.

Quakers remain in the area, and there is a Quaker summer camp still operating after 50 years, on Lakeview Drive, about three miles north of South China Village. The 1807 meeting house characteristic of Federal style buildings has become part of the Friends Summer Camp and is used for arts and crafts.

China Village is a historic district. Its library and Baptist church represents the rural community that bloomed following Statehood in 1820. China Village is beautiful and relatively isolated.

The author Gerry Boyle lives and writes his Jack McMorrow (11 between 1993 and 2016) mysteries here as well as the Brandon Blake series. Boyle, a Colby College graduate, started out as a newspaper journalist and now is editor of the Colby Magazine.

China Lake spans the distance from South China to China Village. It has two large basins connected by a narrow neck. The elongated eastern basin, about 7 miles long with an average depth of less than 30 feet, is entirely within the town of China and has an irregular shoreline developed with residences and seasonal cottages. Along the way is The China Dineah on Lakeview Drive, serving Shepard's pie and prime rib along with many other local favorites.

Be sure to check out The Landing at the head of the lake, Lakeview Drive (open seasonally) for ice cream and sandwiches, burgers and fries. The west basin is in Vassalboro and China and is the water supply for Waterville and Fairfield.

South China has the business of Route 3 as it travels from Augusta to Belfast with businesses from an ice cream parlor to a lawyer's office and variety store/gas stations. Look for Subway at Fieldstone Quick Stop. On Route 32 to Windsor is one of China's highlights, Erskine Academy. Founded in 1883, at present it is Maine's fourth largest independent high school, providing quality education to more than 570 domestic and international students.

Established early, China Village, South China, Weeks Mills and Branch Mills were hubs of commercial activity which unfortunately decreased with the loss of the railroad and contributed to the overall decline in population in the mid-20th century. China has bounced back in this century; the 2012-13 population stood at 4,328.

Plan to visit this delightful area soon. China Community Days celebrations are set for Aug. 2-4, 2019.

Go for a hike in Thurston Park or the China Forest. Rent a paddle boat at the Landing or go for a swim in this area of the lake.

#### **KENNEBEC VALLEY - FAIRFIELD**

# Fairfield: a 'sweet little downtown' with history

The southern Somerset County town offers restaurants, parks, markets, retail stores, churches and banks.

By SUSAN VARNEY

Once upon a time this town had men of vision and resolve. People who settled every corner of this land from Shawmut to Larone, Hinckley to Fairfield Center and a sweet little downtown with restaurants, parks, markets, retail stores, churches and banks.

And there is a community college with two campuses, one in Shawmut and another on Western Avenue. There are health care facilities and a John Deere tractor dealer bigger than a lot of farms in Maine.

Fairfield continues to be the center of this universe as the men at Meridians continue its entrepreneurial traditions. Meridians is gourmet wine, cheese and organic produce. They sponsor wine tastings, from local and world fare, at least once a month. It is located in the historic Gerald Hotel Building in downtown Fairfield. The stately homes of earlier businessmen, mill owners, craftsmen and others continue to lend the town its beauty and history.

Fairfield has two senior housing facilities, one on Mill Island near the park and one in the refurbished Gerald Hotel, a building from Fairfield's glorious past.

While in Fairfield, you can easily find a bite to eat – pizza, Chinese, American fare and ice cream nearby.

The Fairfield Antiques Mall, the place to visit for a journey back in time, is on Route 201. The rambling buildings hold nooks of a variety of vendors from books to jewelry, furniture, household items, posters, linens, dolls, Ball jars, Moxie bottles and Majolica, a type of earthenware pottery — vases, plates, tile and so on. Once I found a W.S. George Bolero bowl like the dishes I remember from the '50s with cherry blossoms and gold trimwhat a find. It is a place filled with memories and memorabilia always chang-

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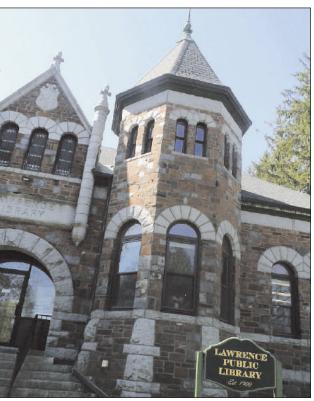
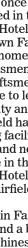


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There are, of course, books, but also computers, movies, children and teen sections in the lower level, large print books and reference information at the Lawrence Public Library. The library also hosts music in the park each summer.



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ing, always fun.

The Fairfield Historical Society's collections are available for free to members; non-members pay a small fee. For research inquires call 453-2998 or write to Fairfield Historical Society at 42 High St., Fairfield 04937. Open Tuesdays and the second Saturday each month, March-November. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The historical society has various displays for the community depending on the season. One of the great things done by the society is a quilt show with the Victor Grange. The historical society collects the quilts and the Victor Grange displays them. It's a show worth seeing.

The Victor Grange is an institution from another time that hangs in there with dedicated people, real people who care about community and traditions like bean suppers, quilt shows, craft fairs, plays and hidden garden tours. Barb Bailey (who can be reached at 453-9476) works with the Grange to get window inserts to folks in the area with older houses, who are in need of help staying warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

Volunteers go to the home and measure windows for inserts. Reasonable prices and helping those who are able to build their own inserts keeps prices manageable and helps the community. For more information, call Laura Seaton at Window Dressers, 230-9902.

Some favorite places for garden supplies, seedlings and seeds are Sunset Flowerland and Greenhouses, 491 Ridge



Morning Sentinel file photo by David Leamin, The Victor Grange 49 building is seen in Fairfield.

Road, (453-2357); Hill Top Greenhouses, Middle Road, North Fairfield and Lyman's Farm Store, Route 201, Shawmut.

Joy Lyman at Lyman's Farm Store said, "We started out as a farm store but now we make our money with Amish furniture." Some rustic, some standard, all well-made.

The Apple Farm is the place to go for your favorite apples in the fall. You can even pick your own, visit the gift shop for maple syrup, fresh veggies, flowers, cider, cheese and more.

There is always something to do in Fairfield: The Farmer's Market on Main Street, the bandstand in the Memorial Park for Friday night music, and Poulin's and Somerset auction houses on Route

Schedules of events are available at the Lawrence Public Library.

#### **KENNEBEC VALLEY - GARDINER**

# Historic Gardiner invites you to enjoy music, art and fun in or by the river

Live music, "field day" activities, boat rides, kayak and paddleboard demos, games and giveaways will be featured at the Greater Gardiner River Festival, a highlight of summer events.

By NANCY P. MCGINNIS

Summer is in full swing in historic Gardiner, offering an enticing mix of events and activities for thousands of visitors as well as local year-round and seasonal residents.

On June 8, for example, Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations will bring down the house at Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center with their powerful mix of Motown and Memphis soul classics as well as their own originals. Take a lively trip through Rhythm and Blues history with this band, complete with back-up singers and a full horn section. This performance is just one example of the first-rate talent showcased by Johnson Hall in a diverse line- up. Visit johnsonhall. org for complete details and tickets.

Can't get enough of Maine's short summer? On Friday, June 16, Johnson Hall kicks off its 2019 waterfront concert series under the evening sky, with musical performances and fireworks against the scenic backdrop of the Kennebec River. Visit their website for the season's performance listing.

Saturday, June 22, marks the return of the Greater Gardiner River Festival – an annual free, fun community event in or near the river, at Waterfront Park and downtown. Make a day of it: come early (starting at 9 a.m.) for the big book sale at the Gardiner Public Library. From 10 a.m.-4 p.m. enjoy the live music and entertainment on two stages, a host of "field day" activities, boat rides, kayak and paddleboard demos, games and

giveaways. Also, Water Street is transformed into a pedestrian mall for the big craft fair and specialty food vendors. And Saturday evening, capping off the festival, are the Gardiner Federal Credit Union Fireworks.

Artwalk Gardiner only happens three times a year: mark your calendar now for Aug. 16, or you will have to wait until November. Besides, this enchanted evening of art, artists and community, now in its 15th year, is never the same event twice! Each ArtWalk showcases original fine art and crafts created by Gardiner area artists. Featuring unique works

ranging from paintings, drawings, fine art prints and photography to textiles, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics and more.

Those attending Artwalk Gardiner can chat with makers and view and purchase their work in their open art studios as well as in galleries, shops and other business venues along historic downtown Water Street. For more information, visit ArtWalk Gardiner on Facebook.

On the other hand, some Gardiner events continue all summer long, with a new opportunity to learn, engage, and/or partici-

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#### **GARDINER**

pate just about every day of the week.

SpinOff Studio, a nonprofit art center at 252 Water St., thoughtfully presents Mindful Mondays: drop in on your own, or bring the whole family, on Monday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. to start your week with movement and dance, stretching and breathing exercises, positive affirmations, mindfulness and relaxation. Healthy snacks (and recipes to share) are included. All are welcome. Suggested donation is \$5; free for kids 10 and under. Learn more about SpinOff events, which have ranged from Family Art Night to Poetry and Pancakes, by checking the events listings on their Facebook page.

Tuesday is Open Mic Night at Niche, Inc. All musicians, including beginners, are warmly welcomed to come down to listen or play in a friendly open atmosphere at 307 Water St.

On Wednesday evenings, from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. learn the basic principles of Tibetan Buddhist med-



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Please see **GARDINER**, Page S21 Lexi James performs in a previous Johnson Hall Summer Waterfront Concert Series in Gardiner's Waterfront Park.



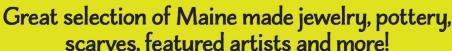


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itation and philosophy at Zardus Art of Massage and Wellness Spa at 1 Lincoln Ave. across from the Gardiner Common, where you can "discover how to end suffering and achieve happiness through understanding the inner workings of your mind." There is a suggested donation of \$8 per session. Pre-registration is required: call (207) 446-7470.

Every Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Waterfront Park is the place to be for those who own a classic car - and those who wish they did. Join the appreciative crowds admiring the classic vehicles on display; chat with the owners and reminisce with fellow aficionados. You'll also enjoy the music of times gone by at the weekly Summer Cruise Ins.

Anytime, the Gardiner Public Library at 152 Water St. (across from Reny's) is a great place to be for kids, their parents and caregivers. But at 10 a.m. Fridays. the Library offers songs.



People look at paintings in the former restaurant space at 259 Water St. during an previous year's ArtWalk in downtown Gardiner.

bubbles and other activities especially selected and geared for babies and young toddlers. Older toddlers and preschoolers look forward to storytime, songs and crafts on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. For more information on the library's numerous programs, events and resources for all ages, call 207 582-3312, visit gpl.lib.me.us or find the Gardiner Public Library on Facebook.









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#### **KENNEBEC VALLEY - HALLOWELL**

# Hallowell never fails to create excitement for locals and visitors year-round

The nearly 200-acre Vaughan Woods and Historic Homestead will host an extra special annual Garden Party this year, as the property features nearly three miles of trails that were laid out by Vaughan family members more than a century ago.

By NANCY P. MCGINNIS

Hallowell is arguably Maine's smallest city and also its most colorful.

And one event seems to lead right into the next, from the Hallowell Pride parade in early June to Hallowell's spin on the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, coming up in August, there is never a shortage of things to do.

The 2019 Rock on the River openair concert series will kick off at the bandstand at the north end of Water Street on Tuesday, June 18, weather permitting, and will continue into August with 10 weekly open-air performances from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The popular series, sponsored by the City of Hallowell, is organized each year by Hallowell musician Steve Vellani and the diverse line-up of first rate talent draws an appreciative crowd of locals and visitors. There is no admission charge but seating is limited; bring a blanket or a lawn chair if you wish.

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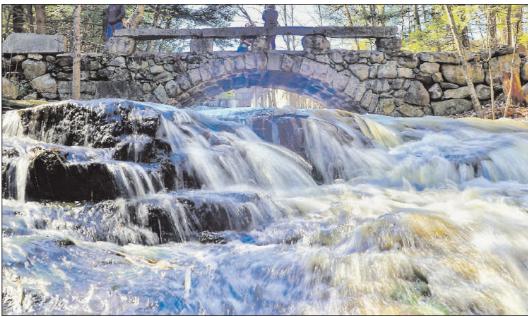
This year's Rock on the River kickoff will coincide with the Old Hallowell Day 2019 art "reveal", hosted by
the Harlow Gallery from 6-7:30 p.m.
in its new home, adjacent to the city
bandstand. Plan to arrive early for
the concert in order to be among the
first to lay eyes on the original 2019
Old Hallowell Day artwork, created
by local artist Nancy Barron. After
the drape is drawn away to reveal the
art, Old Hallowell Day 2019 poster
prints will be available for sale. Have
yours signed by the artist if you like.

To many, summer in Hallowell brings to mind Old Hallowell Day, above all else. This traditional celebration, centered around the third Saturday in July, is always a nonstop mix of music, art, food, fun and friends, new and old, from the early morning road race to the famous fireworks. Old Hallowell Day 2019, which falls on July 20, will include an international kids' festival hosted by the Capital Area New Mainers Project. Children of all ages and their families can look forward to playing and learning together, sampling new foods and even a live concert performance.

While Hallowell certainly knows how to party, there are also options for those seeking nature, quiet and the chance to explore and experience something new.

Thanks to the efforts of community volunteers, the rainbow array of Adirondack chairs once again enlivens the boardwalk at the edge of the Kennebec River for the season. Stop by to enjoy your to-go or brown bag lunch or just to catch a breeze and admire the view. If you're lucky, you'll spot a bald eagle soaring overhead – or a giant sturgeon leaping up from the river.

Just up from the river's edge, adjacent to Granite City Park, is the aforementioned Harlow Gallery, home of the Kennebec Valley Art Association. As a nonprofit seeking to connect and celebrate art, artists and community, the Harlow offers an impressive range of cultural opportunities, exhibits and events such as the members' show, "Striped," opening June 21 and running through July 27. Visit harlowgallery.org for more information on current shows in their dual exhibit space. When you visit, be sure to browse their curated



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Water flows under the bridge as people walk over in Vaughan Woods in Hallowell. The popular walking trails between Farmingdale and Hallowell can be accessed from the trailhead near the corner of Middle Street and Hallowell-Litchfield Road.

selection of locally handcrafted items for sale in the Harlow Craft Shop.
Just minutes from downtown is the Vaughan Woods and Historic Homestead: a nature preserve and landmark family residence built in 1794 that now serves as home of this nonprofit organization seeking to "connect people to place through nature, history and the arts." From time to time there are interpretive tours of the house and grounds and public programs such as lectures, arts workshops and seasonal

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People relax in colorful deck chairs around low tide on the Kennebec River bulkhead in Hallowell.

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community events, including offerings for young people and families to enjoy together.

The nearly 200-acre property features nearly three miles of trails that were thoughtfully laid out by Vaughan family members more than a century ago, leading visitors to artful stone bridges, soothing waterfalls and meadowland. The Vaughan Woods and Historic Homestead will host an extra special annual Garden

Party this year, says Executive Director Kate Tremblay, as the occasion will also be the 225th anniversary celebration.

By reservation, in July and August, guided tours of the Homestead will be given on Tuesdays while guided history hikes of the Vaughan Woods will take place on Thursdays. For more details on these events, or to reserve a space or purchase tickets, visit VaughanHomestead.org or call 207-622-9831.

All are invited to the garden pavilion for Folk Fridays: an informal, multi-generational community gathering to play music; a free event taking place from 6-8 p.m. on July 19, Aug. 2 and 16, and Sept. 6.



Photo by Nancy McGinnis

Love to dance? Come to Hallowell, where opportunities include the Rock on the River open air concert series on Tuesday evenings (seen here), the Old Hallowell Day, Saturday, July 20, and the Woodstock 50th Anniversary Revival to be held on Aug. 18, featuring only music played during the original Woodstock, performed by local musicians.

Also in the Garden Pavilion, on Saturday, Aug. 3, Row House, Inc. will offer a not-to-be-missed presentation: Hallowell Historian Sam Webber will speak on the History of Hallowell from 1797-1850. The talk begins at 4 p.m. The gates open at 3:30 p.m. and the presentation is free and open to the public. Parking is limited; first come, first served.

Another unique opportunity this season is Hallowell's 2019 Summer Sculptor in Residence program, a partnership between the Hallowell Arts & Cultural Committee and Stevens Commons. Local stone carver Jon Doody has begun creating a sculpture in the Commons from a block of granite from one of the Hallowell quarries. Such granite is prized near and far for its fine light color and texture. Doody's sculpture-in-progress is located opposite 2 Beech St., just off Winthrop Street. The public is invited to stop by (weather permitting) on Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to observe the artist at work and to follow the progress as Doody's sculpture takes shape all summer long.





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#### **KENNEBEC VALLEY - OAKLAND/SIDNEY**

# Oakland-Sidney area offers annual community festival, lakeside beaches, arts center

By NANCY GALLAGHER

Looking for a summer of music in a beautiful sylvan setting? There's plenty going on in the Oakland-Sidney area in the coming months.

#### 5th ANNUAL OAKFEST

The fifth annual Oakfest involves not one, not two, but three days of family fun fill the weekend of July 26-28. "Movies at the Waterfront," sponsored by Kingdom Life Church, rolls at dusk on Friday, July 26 at the Oakland Boat Landing, 22 Old Belgrade Avenue, Oakland. Bring

chairs and blankets to enjoy free films under the stars. The day-long ShineOn Oakland Open Air Market opens Saturday, July 27, at 10 a.m. behind Williams Elementary School, 55 Pleasant St. in Oakland. Artisans, crafters, food vendors, kids' activities, a petting zoo, classic cruise car show, ShineOnCass kindness projects and more comprise the 75 Oakfest booths. Live music fills the air throughout the day, including a 5 p.m. encore performance of Messalonskee High School's talent revue, "Ripple Dipple." Food vendors remain through the evening

ple Dipple." Food vendors remain through the evening for RJ the DJ at the Oakfest Street Dance, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Ît's early to rise Sunday, July 28, for the annual Paddle, Pedal and Pound Triathlon at the Oakland Boat Landing, 22 Old Belgrade Ave. A kids fun run with free registration begins at 8 a.m., followed by the Triathlon's opening segment: a 2.5-mile kayak/canoe Paddle that transitions to a 12-mile bike Pedal and finishes with a 3.1 mile Pound (run) ending at the Boat Landing. Registration is \$55 for individuals and \$120 per three-person team. To register, visit "Events Schedule" at oakfestmaine.com.

The Oakland Lion's Club Annual Lobster Bake serves

The Oakland Lion's Club Annual Lobster Bake serves up plenty of lobster at the Oakland Waterfront Park, 22 Old Belgrade Ave., from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3. Advance tickets recommended. Single lobster meal \$14. Double lobster meal \$22. Eat on site or take out. To order, or for more information, please call (207) 702-3935. Proceeds help fund charitable community projects.

R. B. Hall Band concerts and Ice Cream Socials Ice cream and band music. The Oakland Historical Society will sponsor two R. B. Hall Band concerts and Ice Cream Socials at the Macartney House Museum, 25 Main St., Oakland: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23 (rain date July 30); and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 (rain date Aug. 20). Please bring chairs to more comfortably enjoy the concerts.

Oakland firefighters will hold their annual chicken barbecue at the Oakland Fire Station. There'll be lots of smoke billowing on Saturday, July 13, for the Firefighters' Annual Chicken Bar-b-que, from 11 a.m. until sold out. Each \$9 meal includes a half chicken, roll, chips, coleslaw and soda. Street address is 11 Fairfield St. Proceeds help finance fire-fighting equipment.

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Kayakers on Messalonskee Lake in Oakland prepare for the first leg of the Paddle, Pedal and Pound Triathalon at last year's Oakfest. The event includes a 2.5-mile kayak/canoe paddle, a 12-mile bike ride and a 3.1-mile run to the finish.

Public Library's summer reading program. Five diverse programs fill the summer with a galactic variety of interactive events on Fridays beginning July 12 and ending August 9. These one-hour programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

July 12: Mad Science of Maine sends readers to the moon, scales the solar system and launches a miniature rocket.

July 19: Conjuring Carroll the Magician amazes with his fun magic—including a workshop on how to do some of the tricks.

July 26: Mr. Gene engineers the construction of individual rockets by participants. How high will they go?

Aug 2: Jerry Schneider teaches how to attract pollinators such as butterflies and bees. Learn which flowers to grow and how to build and maintain habitats for these hardworking garden friends. After the show, kids create their own pollinator tee shirts. Purchase a heavy cotton shirt there for \$4 or bring one from home.

Aug. 9: It's a party-time finale with Judy Pancoast. Refreshments, music, giveaways and a balloon rocket competition. To the moon and back!

The Oakland Public Library is located at 18 Church St., Oakland, Maine 04963. For more information please call (207) 465-7533 or email oaklandpublibrary@gmail.com.

#### SNOW POND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

From June into September, the Snow Pond Center for the Arts and New England Music Camp in Sidney, for example will feature something for everyone.

Friday, June 7: The Christian Pop-Rock sensation Anthem Lights launches the Summer Music Series at 7:30 p.m. at the Bowl in the Pines. Tickets \$25-\$35.

June 9 – 25: Special free recitals and performances abound during the Snow Pond Music Festival. Visit the Snow Pond calendar at snowpond.org for a full listing of events

Saturday, June 22: Snow Pond's second annual "Jazz Brunch" features Festival students opening for the 21st Century Band, which will be led by Grammy Award-winner Dion Parson plus Ron Blake of the Saturday Night Live band. In Alumni Hall, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$25.

Saturday, June 29: Snow Pond presents "Broadway under the Stars: The Classics of Rodgers and Hammerstein" with the Snow Pond Symphony Orchestra. Broadway performers bring the Theater District to Bowl in the Pines. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10-\$30.

Saturday and Sunday, July 6 and 7: The much-anticipated free 3 p.m. weekend concerts in Bowl in the Pines resume. Concerts occur each Saturday and Sunday through Aug. 11, with the exception of Sunday, July 22. Choose from open camp seating or bring blankets or lawn chairs to place in the shade.

Saturday, July 20: The 40th annual "NEMC Pops

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The Scott Davis Band performs during a past Oakfest
event at the Williams Elementary School in Oakland.

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Concert" fills the Bowl in the Pines with the music of the Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Chorale and Jazz Ensemble. Sip wine and bid on silent auction items to benefit the NEMC scholarship fund. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20.

Sunday, Aug. 11: The Camp's traditional Maine Appreciation Day begins at 1 p.m. with an Artisan Market purveying arts, crafts and gourmet treats leading up to the 3 p.m. Bowl in the Pines concert. The event is free to the public.

Sunday, Aug. 25: Snow Pond's Summer Music Series welcomes "The Man in Black: A Tribute to Johnny Cash," starring Shawn Barker in a spot-on embodiment of the legendary Johnny Cash. Concert begins at 4 p.m. in Bowl in the Pines. Tickets \$20-\$30. A picnic option is available, but no alcohol will be sold.

Thursday, Sept. 5: Snow Pond celebrates Sponsor Appreciation Night with "The Stranger: A Tribute to Billy Joel." This final event of the Snow Pond season begins at 7:30 p.m. at Bowl in the Pines. Tickets \$25-\$35.

New England Music Camp and Snow Pond Center for the Arts are located at 6 Golden Rod Lane in Sidney. For tickets and details on all events, please visit snowpond.

#### ART SESSIONS

For summer camp with a twist, consider these Snow Pond Center for the Arts sessions:

Arts Camp for grades 1–8. Vocal, visual arts and dance. Monday through Friday, June 24–28, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Fee \$275.

Musical Theater Camp for grades 3-8. Stage performance or backstage skills. Monday through Friday, July 8-12 and 15-19, 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Fee \$175 per week, with a performance on the Snow Pond campus scheduled for the second week.

Rock Camp for grades 5-12. For those interested in, or already in, a rock band. Instruments provided if needed. Monday through Friday, July 22-26, 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Fee \$175.

Vocal and Steel Drum Camp for grades 9-adult. Play the provided steel drums and vocalize if desired. Monday-Friday, July 29-Aug. 2, 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Fee \$175.

For more information please contact Program Director Jennifer Birch at jen.birch@snowpond.org or telephone (844) 476-6976, ext. 401. Camps take place at the Snow Pond Center for the Arts, 6 Golden Rod Lane in Sidney.

#### **KENNEBEC VALLEY - SKOWHEGAN**



Morning Sentinel file photo by Michael G. Seamans

Two anglers try to hook a fish while fly fishing the Kennebec River in Skowhegan last summer.

## Skowhegan, seat of Somerset County, features river, parks and state fair

The Kennebec River is such a part of the town as it winds around the island, slows for power generation then rushes on to the next dam downriver at Shawmut.

#### By SUSAN VARNEY

Skowhegan, on the Kennebec River, the county seat of Somerset County, reaches from Central Maine to the Canadian border, along Route 201 and the Arnold Trail with the Kennebec River tripping over one dam after another.

The river is a large part of the town as it winds around the island, slows for power generation, then rushes on to the next dam downriver at Shawmut.

#### KENNEBEC ON FIRE

WesArts and Main Street Skowhegan will collaborate on the project during the first site installation of fire braziers, temporary structures in the river — seasonal — mounted in late spring and removed before the ice forms in the fall. The first installation will be visible from Coburn Park near the big eddy. Visit mainstreetskowhegan.org for more details.

#### SKOWHEGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Skowhegan Free Public Library at 9 Elm St. is in an architecturally significant Queen Anne brick building designed by Edwin E. Lewis, completed in 1890. Books, computers and art are all a part of the library. A one-woman show by local art teacher Renee Choiniere will be on display for the summer. Her musician husband, Rob Choiniere, plans to play for the opening. He

has recently become a member of the band "Matt and the Barn Burners." For information, call 474-9072 or visit skowhegan.lib.me.us.

#### OPEN STUDIOS RURAL TOUR 2019

Amanda Slamm is the organizer of the 10th annual Open Studios Rural Tour, which includes Skowhegan and artists from surrounding areas. The tour will take place this year on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 10-11.

#### MARGARET CHASE SMITH LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTER

The Margaret Chase Smith Library at 56 Norridgewock Ave. is owned by the Margaret Chase Smith Foundation and operated under its auspices by the University of Maine. It is an archive, museum, educational facility and public policy center preserving the legacy of Margaret Chase Smith. American political history is preserved here, advancing her ideals of public service, personal integrity and civic engagement. Smith's home and library are filled with memorabilia from her 32-year congressional career. For information, call 474-7133 or visit mcslibrary.org.

#### BERNARD LANGLAIS ART TRAIL

Ask about their Bernard Langlais art at the library or town office and see examples in pocket parks around

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"Caged Mermaid on the River" by Bernard Langlais is seen near the footbridge in downtown Skowhegan.



Children make their own version of sand soup on the beach at Lake George Regional Park East in Canaan on a hot and muggy summer day last year.

#### **SKOWHEGAN**

town for more sculptures. Check out the now-restored Skowhegan Indian in the center of downtown, perhaps the most famous work of the Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture alumnus.

See more of Langlais' art all over the state: University of Maine at Presque Isle, The Tides Institute in Eastport and Rice Public Library in Kittery as well as around the state. Most of the displays are concentrated in central Maine. To learn more, visit langlaisarttrail.org.

#### SKOWHEGAN FARMERS MARKET

Open on Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Somerset Grist Mill downtown. Find fresh, seasonal fruits and

vegetables, naturally raised meats - beef, pork, poultry, lamb and goat along with milk, eggs, cheese, baked goods, coffee, maple syrup, honey, soaps and salves, seedlings and cut flowers. Also beer from Oak Pond Brewery.

#### LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PARK

Located on Route 2 at the Skowhegan/Canaan line, the park has 320 acres of land, two sand beaches, boat launch, playing fields and hiking trails. Information available at 373-1292 or lakegeorgepark.org.

#### SKOWHEGAN HISTORY HOUSE

& RESEARCH CENTER
Located at 66 Elm Street. SHH sponsors events monthly to explore Skowhegan history from photos, cemetery walks, talks, documents, including raw materials, goods and manufactured products throughout

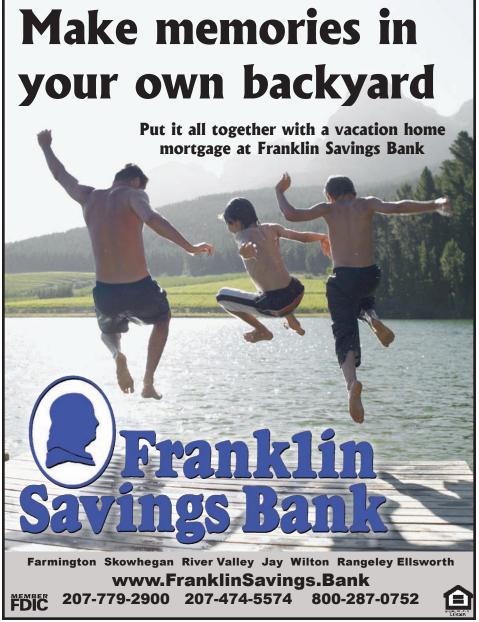
the country; systems for transportation to and fro; and how the railroad helped Skowhegan to establish itself. Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center will be open on Mondays, 10 a.m. -1 p.m. for research purposes only (no tours). This will allow researchers to come in and concentrate on their research. The History House tours are held Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For information about more summer events, visit skowheganhistoryhouse.org.

**LAKEWOOD THEATER**Located at 76 Theater Road in Madison (off Route 201 by Lakewood golf Course), the facility is thought to be America's oldest and most famous summer theater. The theater celebrates its 119th season from May to September and is offering: "Over the River & Through the

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A woman finds solace from the sun under her umbrella at the annual Skowhegan State Fair in a past year.

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Woods;" "Big Fish;" "Ghost of a Chance;" "Godspell;" "Ben Hur;" "Chicago the Musical;" "The Vultures;" "Touch & Go." Call 474-7176 or see the full schedule at lakewoodtheater.org.

SKOWHEGAN STATE FAIR SINCE 1818 Aug. 8-17 at the Skowhegan State Fairgrounds, 33 Constitution Ave. Contact at 474-2947. For schedule of events and admission cost please see the Skowhegan State Fair website skowheganstatefair.

SKOWHEGAN RIVER FEST To be held July 31-Aug. 3, River Fest is a multi-day celebration in downtown Skowhegan - recreation and life on the

Kennebec River - sponsored by Skowhegan Savings and organized by Main Street Skowhegan, the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce, Skowhegan Parks & Recreation and the Skowhegan Run of River committee. River Fest illustrates the potential of the Kennebec River Gorge as a recreational destination, currently under development by the Run of River project. For more information check runofriver.org.

#### CRAFT BREW FEST

Celebrate Maine's Craft Brewers and Farm-to-Table Movement on Aug. 31, 2-7 p.m. downtown. Maine craft brewers serving beer, wine, cider, and spirits; local food vendors featuring farm-to-table fare; live bands; opportunities to explore downtown Skowhegan and the Langlais Art Trail along with tours of the Somerset Grist Mill. For more information and choice of 4 ticketing options call 612-2571 or check skowhegancraftbrewfest.com.



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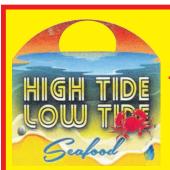
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#### UPPER KENNEBEC VALLEY - CLINTON/MADISON/ANSON/JACKMAN

# ATV riding, river rafting, music and more in Jackman, Madison, Anson and Clinton

This year's Glory Days-themed event scheduled Aug. 22-25 in Madison and Anson is packed with music, food, crafts, antique tractors, fireworks, football, fishing, golf and more fun for the family.

By VALERIE TUCKER

#### **JACKMAN**

For summer adventures in Maine, ATV riding continues to be a popular choice. Some of the state's best trails can be found in the Jackman-Moose River Region. More than 300 miles provides riders with unspoiled wilderness and scenic vistas. From Jackman, riders also can head north across the Canadian border into Quebec for an international adventure.

Whitewater rafting remains as popular as ever in the upper Kennebec River Valley. Those looking for canoe, kayak and rafting adventures can rent equipment, wet suits and related gear from outfitters, but they should plan to bring their own quick-dry clothing, waterproof sunscreen and inexpensive sunglasses with secure straps. Moxie Outdoor Adventures offers choices for those who want to expand their options. A guided trip includes a visit to Moxie Falls, which drops 90 feet into a series of large pools. There is also an easy hike to several scenic overlooks to view the falls.

"We spend the afternoon paddling down the historic Kennebec River in our 10-person Voyageur canoes, rafts or funyaks," said Moxie Outdoor Adventures owner Cliff Stevens. "It's a very relaxing and scenic trip."

Besides rafting, Stevens' guides are knowledgeable about Maine history, including Benedict Arnold's trip to Quebec, logging and fishing along the Kennebec River

Jackman also will host a one-day town fair on Aug. 17 to fund the town's 24/7 acute care staff and facilities. Half of the proceeds will go to the ambulance and half to the Jackman Community Health Care doctor's office, said organizer Nancy Lessard.

"We need to fill the gap in revenue and

expenses to keep our emergency care in the Moose River Valley," she said.

#### CLINTON

Clinton's Concert in the Park series (6-8 p.m.)

June 19: Sharon Hood & Dixon Road July 10: Old Blues Katz

July 31: The Bob Cats

Aug. 21: Big Entertainment Live Clinton will have a three-day celebration July 2-4 with fireworks, live music and

plenty of family-friendly entertainment. Saturday, July 20, the Lions Club will host their annual car show at the Clinton Fairgrounds on Route 100. Gates open at 7 a.m. for competitors in 24 classes. For more information, call (207)426-3521 or email galushas339@gmail.com.

#### MADISON-ANSON

Other towns in the region offer plenty of summer entertainment. Volunteers in Madison and Anson make the last weekend in August an annual celebration. Madison town manager Tim Curtis and a group of dedicated helpers have packed this year's Glory Days-themed event schedule of Aug. 22-25 with music, food, football, fishing and golf.

#### Madison-Anson Days events: Aug. 22

10 a.m. Book Sale (Madison Public Library)

11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Craft & Vendors (Skowhegan Savings, Madison) 4:30-6:30 p.m. Backyard Farms Benefit

Cook-Off (Main Street, Madison)
Aug. 23

9 a.m. Kids Bike Race (55 Weston Avenue, Madison)

10 a.m. Book Sale (Madison Library) 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Craft & Vendors (Skowhegan Savings, Madison)

5-7 p.m. Lobster Bake (American Le-



Morning Sentinel file photo by Michael G. Seamans

The Madison-Anson Days Parade files down Main Street in Madison on a summer day.

gion, Madison)

7 p.m. Madison vs. Carrabec Football Game (Madison High School)

12-8 p.m. Crafters & Vendors (Anson Town Office grounds)

2-8 p.m. Dunk Tank, Pie Eating Contest, Petting Zoo, Climbing Wall (Anson Town Office grounds)

3-6 p.m. Wood Carving by Brad Clark. (Anson Town Office grounds)

4-7 p.m. Pony Rides (Anson Town Office grounds)

6 p.m. Pig Scramble (Anson Town Office grounds)

Aug. 24

9 a.m. Antique Tractor Show (Anson Town Office grounds)

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Farmers Market (Skow-hegan Savings, Madison)

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Craft & Vendors (Skowhegan Savings, Madison)

10 a.m. Grand Parade down Main St.

(Anson to Madison)

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Family Fun Day (Main Street Park, Madison)

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Weston Homestead Open House (Madison)

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Walk-In Bingo (American Legion, Madison)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Chicken BBQ (Piper's House of Beauty, Madison)

3-7 p.m. Boat Tours on the Kennebec (Nathan Street Boat Landing, Madison)

9 p.m. Fireworks (Anson Boat Landing; great views from the bridge and Pine Street, Madison)

Aug. 25

8 a.m. Glory Days 5K Run-Walk (Madison Jr. High)

8 a.m.-2 p.m. Small-Mouth Bass Fishing Derby (Nathan St Boat Landing, Madison)

1-5 p.m. Lakewood Golf Tournament (East Madison; 696-3971 or 696 3979)



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#### **KENNEBEC VALLEY - WATERVILLE**

## Waterville: filled with out-of-the ordinary summer fun choices

The annual Taste of Waterville in downtown is among the highlights of summer events.

By NANCY GALLAGHER

Waterville has become an arts hub, with more vet to come. For a plethora of summer music, art, film, food adventures, kids' activities and more - read on.

#### **MUSIC**

Waterville Rocks! again for four free, family-friendly outdoor concerts featuring regional acts for four fabulous summer Fridays in downtown Waterville's Castonguay Square. Along with the music, this concert series offers a beer garden by The Proper Pig, purveying beverages and food for adults and the Stone Fox Farm Creamery Food Truck for kids of any age. The series debuts June 28 with the country, folk and rock of The Mallett Brothers Band and Hymn for Her's backwoods country blues.

The second concert, scheduled for July 5, features an all-female lineup, including performances by rocker Kat Wright and Portland native Katie Matzell. Next comes a July 26 concert including the razor-sharp six strings of Tinsley Ellis and the mix of soul, new wave and more from Cold Engines. Waterville Rocks! closes with an Aug. 2 concert with the Celtic folk rock of Enter the Haggis and the contra-dance bluegrass of Tricky Britches.

All concerts begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Bring blankets and chairs. In case of rain concerts will move to the adjacent Waterville Opera House.

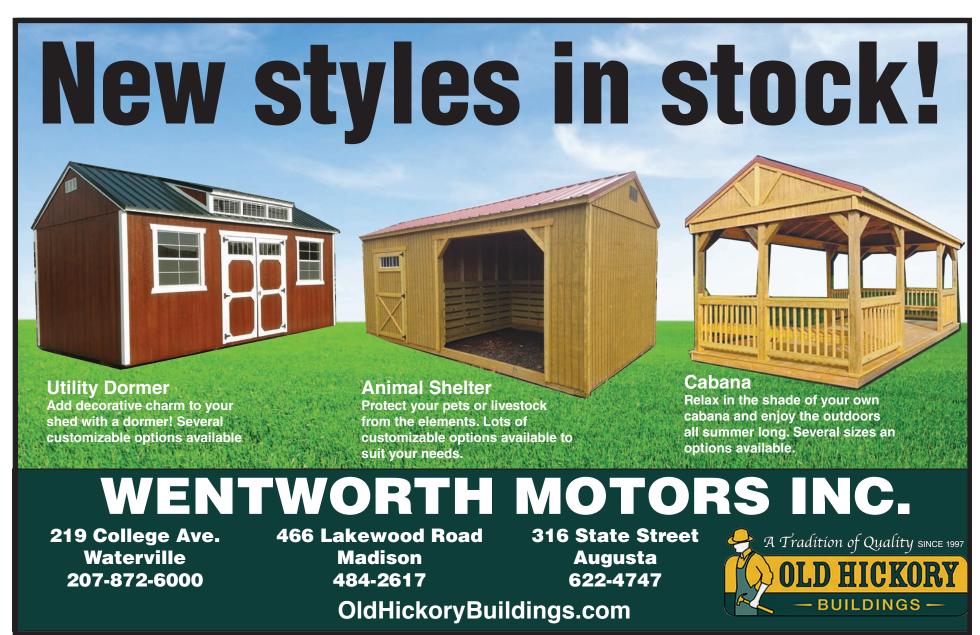
It's banjos and only banjos when Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn rattle the Waterville Opera House rafters with their three-finger, claw-hammer style

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Enter The Haggis, who has performed at the Waterville Opera House in the past, is returning to this year's Waterville Rocks! outdoor concert series, with a performance on Aug. 2.



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pressing a range of emotions through their instruments. No accompaniment, no recorded backup, just these two brilliant musicians, live on stage for three hours. Thursday, Aug. 29, 8 to 11 p.m. Tickets

#### **ART**

It's Art in the Park, at Riverwalk at the Head of Falls, where teaching artists lead workshops and family-friendly activities in conjunction with the Waterville Farmers Market. Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m., June 6 through Aug. 29. Free.

Kids use metal tools and soldering irons to explore creating sculptures with metal fasteners at Maker Space Day, with Jon Moulton. June 15 at Common Street Arts, 93 Main St. The session begins at 1 p.m. Fee \$20 for two participants. Ages 10 and up. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

And now for something completely different: Art Happy Hour: 3-D Printed Earrings. Participants will create two sets of earrings using ready-to-assemble designs and learn more about the basics of 3-D printing. One free beer ticket redeemable at Waterville Brewing is included. June 26, 6-8 p.m., Waterville Brewing Company, 10 Water St., Suite 111. Fee \$40. Ages 21

The Wednesday, Aug. 14, Art Happy
Hour features expert potter Brian Soldano guiding participants in creating their own juniper bonsai at Waterville Brewing.

Fee \$40. Ages 21 and up. Common Street Arts hosts a Beginning Wheel Clay Class monthly at their 93 Main Street studio in Waterville. Each



Main Street fills with diners during the annual Taste of Waterville on Main Street

pottery class is six weeks in length, taking participants from basic aspects of wheel throwing through decoration and glazing. Fee \$175. For details, consult watervillec-

in downtown Waterville last year.

reates.org.
The CSA Summer Art Camps bring four weeks of Monday through Friday morning fun to the gallery, all of which cost \$125: Clay camp, July 15-19, for ages 7-12; animation camp, July 22-26, for ages 10-14; printer and maker camp, July 29-Aug. 2, for ages 10-14; and Maine Artist camp, Aug. 12-16, for ages 8-12.

Lost + Found: Photographs by Susan Metzger continues through June 29 at Common Street Arts. Scenes of Maine farmhouses, farmland, open fields and outbuildings in central Maine. Gallery

hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. Closed

Common Street Arts and the Waterville Area Art Society co-host the 2019 Maine Open Juried Art Show August 12 through September 7. Opening reception Thursday, Aug. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Gallery.

#### THEATER & ENTERTAINMENT

The Waterville Opera House, 1 Common St., "Ripcord," a "funny, inappropriate and heartfelt" profanity-sprinkled tale of two very different senior citizens, starring Birdie Newman Katz and Marie Cormier. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 14-15 and June 21-22 and at 2 p.m. Sunday June 16 and June 23. Tickets

\$21-\$24.

The Peking Acrobats perform their precision, precarious acrobatic stunts in a gravity-defying display of technical prowess in the Waterville Opera House from 8 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 6. Tickets

Opera and ballet come to the Waterville Opera House via HD broadcasts. At noon on Saturday, June 22, New York's Metropolitan Opera's encore performance of "Dialogues des Carmélites" fills the theater with this "devastating story of faith and martyrdom." Run time three hours, ten minutes with one intermission. Tickets \$17-\$23.

At noon on Sunday, June 30, the world-renowned Bolshoi Ballet performs "Carmen," a story of a passionate woman caught in a self-made love triangle, and "Petrushka," a tale of love and jealousy among three puppets, via an encore performance from Moscow on Sunday, June 30. Run time two hours, including one intermission. Tickets \$15-\$18.

#### Theater camps for children

In conjunction with the nationally-recognized Missoula Children's Theater, the Waterville Opera House mounts three Monday through Friday children's camps: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," July 29-Aug. 3; "Robinson Crusoe," Aug. 5-10, and "Pinocchio," Aug. 12-17.

These hands-on opportunities for

children in grades 1-8 teach participants the theatrical process from staging to an actual performance. Fee is \$220 per camp, or \$550 for all three. Scholarships and discounts may be available. For details and registration forms, please visit operahouse.org.

#### **COMMUNITY**

PechaKucha Night Waterville V.32 on July 11 begins with a 6:20 p.m. reception followed by presentations at 7:20 p.m.

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Submissions due by June 10. This creative networking event centers on storytelling in  $20\times20-20$  slides, each accompanied by 20 seconds of commentary. Location to be determined.

Downtown Waterville Farmers Market

Downtown Waterville Farmers Market sets up at Head of Falls from 2 to 6 p.m. each Thursday. This "100% producer-only market" means buying direct from the producer. The fresh air is free.

For a schedule of regular and periodic events at the award-winning Waterville Public Library, please visit their Facebook page or their website at watervillelibrary.org.

The Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce takes it outdoors for the June 11 Water-ville GreenDrinks, hosted by KV Connect. This opportunity for young professionals to connect takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. at Riverwalk at Head of Falls.

Enjoy more fresh air at the June 19 Chamber Golf Classic at Natanis Golf Course, 735 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro with an 11 a.m. shotgun start. Teams are full, but volunteers will be welcome.

Campbell's True Value, 30 Garland Road, Winslow hosts the June 19 Business After Hours. From 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. the Chamber invites the community at large to attend this free business community networking opportunity and enjoy appetizers, adult libations and door prizes.

Enjoy dining al fresco with thousands of your closest personal friends at the Chamber's annual Taste of Waterville. Beginning at 11 a.m. on Aug. 9 food trucks and booths line The Concourse. Area agencies provide family-friendly activities throughout the day. Mix and match local cuisines from several restaurants on Main Street beginning at 5 p.m. Live music from the beer/wine garden opening at 5 p.m. floats through the air until 11 p.m. The perfect ambiance for catching up with old friends.

For information on Chamber events, please call 207-873-3315 or consult their website at midmainechamber.com.

#### **FILM**

Film aficionados from all over the world will again converge in Waterville July 12-21 for the annual Maine International Film Festival, also known as MIFF. More than 100 films showcase American independent and international cinema at the Waterville Opera House and on the three screens of the Railroad Square Cinema. World premieres, special guests, concerts, classic restorations and an abundance of Maine films populate the Festival schedule.

This year's MIFF will be dedicated to the memory of actress Verna Bloom and to iconic director Bernardo Bertolucci.

The festival's centerpiece will be the world premiere of a film called "The Gathering," about some jazz musicians from the Leimert Park area of Los Angeles

"There will be a concert following the world premiere by some of those musicians," says Ken Eisen, Programming Director of the Maine Film Center at Railroad Square Cinema and MIFF. The film premieres Tuesday evening, July 16 at the Waterville Opera House.

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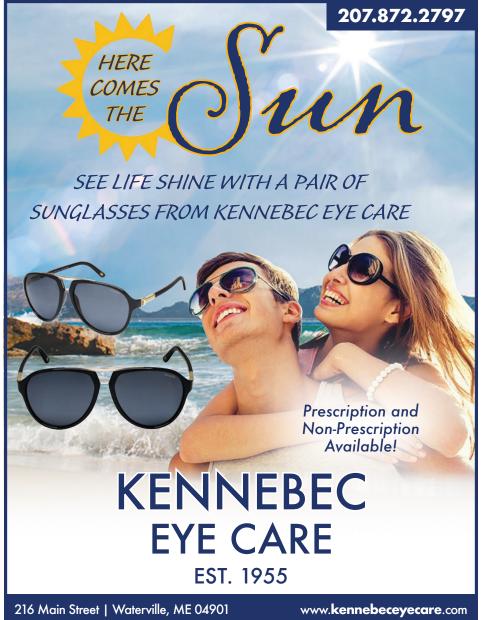


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People take their seats as the Maine Shorts Program begins at the Waterville Opera House during the Maine International Film Festival last summer.

including the U. S., Russia, France, Germany, Uruguay, Argentina, Hungary, Mexico, Iran, China, Turkey and Great Britain illustrate the global spectrum of today's cinematic talent. Waterville Opera House is located at 1 Common St. and Railroad Square Cinema is at 17 Railroad Square. Please check online for the full MIFF schedule at MIFF.org.





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### Waterville Rocks! free concerts return for 4th year

The free, family-friendly concerts will be held June 28, July 5 and 26, and Aug. 2.

Summer's here, and the time is right for dancing in the street. Waterville Rocks!, the series of free and family-friendly outdoor concerts in downtown Waterville, returns this summer for its fourth year with regional acts featuring a variety of funk, rock, pop and Americana music.

This year's concerts include Enter the Haggis, The Mallett Brothers Band, and Kat Wright in downtown Waterville's Castonguay Square, which is sandwiched between Main, Common and Front streets. The concerts are Friday evenings June 28, July 5, July 26, and Aug. 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs to the park.

The concert series will include a beer garden by The Proper Pig selling beverages and food for adults, and will also host the Stone Fox Farm Creamery Food Truck for kids of all ages. Waterville Rocks! is hosted by the Waterville Opera House, organized by cultural organization Waterville Creates!, and sponsored by local businesses, organizations and patrons of the arts.

Kicking off Waterville Rocks! on Friday, June 28, the first concert will feature performances by The Mallett Brothers Band and Hymn

The second concert is scheduled for Friday, July 5, and is the series' first all-female concert, including performances by Kat Wright and Katie Matzell.

The third concert is scheduled for Friday, July 26, and will include performances by Tinsley Ellis and Cold Engines.

Enter the Haggis and Tricky Britches will perform on Aug. 2 for the final concert. Enter the Haggis performed at the largest Waterville Rocks! concert last season.

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In the event of rain, all Waterville Rocks! concerts will be performed inside the Waterville Opera House.



Morning Sentinel file photo by Michael G. Seams

People dance as Rustic Overtones performs for hundreds in attendance at the kick-off concert of the Waterville Rocks! concert series for the summer at Castonguay Square in downtown Waterville last year.



#### **KENNEBEC VALLEY – WINSLOW**

### Winslow summer to feature muskets, mad science and Maine blueberries

Festivities get kick-started with the 5th Annual Fort Halifax Days on June 22 at the historic riverfront Fort Halifax Park.

By NANCY GALLAGHER

For fruit pie lovers, Winslow is the place to begin and end this summer. Entries for the 3rd Annual Fort Halifax Pie Contest must be registered by June 14. Fruit pies only. Pies must be at Fort Halifax Park by 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, for the 3:15 p.m. judging that afternoon.

The Pie Judging Contest is part of the 5th Annual Fort Halifax Days, on Saturday, June 22, from noon to 4 p.m. at historic riverfront Fort Halifax Park, 70-98 Bay St. This lively celebration includes many new artisan vendors. Historical 18th century re-enactors will create a living history, reenacting drills and firing cannons. Historically-accurate children's activities will include instructing kids on how to hold muskets and drilling in march formation. La Famille LeBlanc's period music adds a festive touch.

Summer Fun Camp for children in kindergarten through Grade 6 starts June 24 and ends Aug. 2. The six-week program runs 8 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, at Winslow Elementary School, 285 Benton Aven. Fee is \$100.

Summer Rec Basketball will be offered as a two-week daily camp that runs Monday through Thursday, July 8-11 and July 15-18. Summer Track runs from June 24 through August. For registration and details about any of these programs, please call Amanda McCaslin at Winslow Parks and Recreation, (207) 872-2776 ext. 5211, or email amccaslin@winslowme.gov.

There's plenty going on at the Winslow Public Library. Sign up for the summer reading programs for

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Children line up in drill formation as part of the Fort Halifax Days living-history activities in Winslow.





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readers of all ages starting Tuesday, June 18. This summer's theme for children's programming is "A Universe of Stories."

Winslow's full summer of reading programs and events begins at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 20, with not one, but two age-appropriate Northern Stars Planetarium shows in their traveling dome planetarium.

On alternating Mondays at 9:30 a.m. it's story time for babies and toddlers. Each Tuesday at 10 a.m. preschoolers learn about space and other themes.

Thursdays at 2 p.m. elementary school students connect to space and story universes. On alternating Tuesdays at 2 p.m. it's a spacethemed reader's theater. Alternate Fridays at 3 p.m. elementary schoolers experience coding and technology themes.

Friday night, June 21, opens the tweens and teens summer program with a movie night.

Board game afternoons and drop-in craft sessions fill in other afternoons. Be sure to check the library Facebook page or website at winslow-me.gov for dates and details.

Summer reading for adults? You bet. A statewide ReadME program recommends two books each summer. This year's selections, as chosen by Maine author Tess Gerritsen, are "Paris Was the Place" and "After the Eclipse: A Mother's Murder, a Daughter's Search." This year's program culminates with a live broadcast of MPBN's "Maine Calling" originating from the Bangor Public Library.

Please check the Winslow Public Library's website and Facebook page for additional adult summer programs and information on how to win prizes.

The library's summer plans include several special family events, including:

· A Cosmic Juggling and Variety Show, starring Michael Menes, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 13, in Fort Halifax Park, 70 Bay St. An indoor location will be chosen in case of inclement

• A Family Star Wars Afternoon lands at the library at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17. Crafts, activities, special guests dressed as Star Wars characters from the 501st Legion and a film will create out-of-this-world excitement. Dressing in costume encouraged.

 Happy Birthday to Harry Potter at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31. Muggles and costumes welcome.

· Mad Science of Maine brings an end to special summer programming at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 with its "1, 2, 3 Blast Off!" show, followed by an ice cream party. Have a sundae, even though it's Tuesday.

Remember those fruit pies? On Saturday, Aug. 10, the Winslow Congregational Church's Annual Blueberry Fair offers for purchase hundreds of homemade blueberry pies, baked with freshly harvested Maine blueberries.

And that's just the beginning of this 48th celebration of all things blueberry. The blueberry breakfast begins at 7 a.m. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. fair-goers stroll through a yard sale, silent auction area, outside vendors, children's

games, an agricultural exhibit, and, of course, all those blueberry baked goods that make this such a great family event. A riverside setting on Lithgow Street, a day of family activities, and live music to accompany it.



Blueberry pies are a common staple at the Winslow Congregational Church's annual Blueberry Festival on Lithgow Street.













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#### **KENNEBEC VALLEY - WINTHROP**

## Winthrop's lakes, ponds and summer events a magnet

From Mt. Pisgah to Norcross Point on Maranacook Lake, to the annual Sidewalk Art Festival and programs at the Bailey Library, Winthrop has a lot to offer locals and visitors alike.

#### By WANDA CURTIS

Winthrop is located at the center of the Winthrop Lakes Region, where there are more than three dozen lakes and ponds.

The population swells each year as parttime residents return to their seasonal camps. The area offers a variety of fishing, boating, hiking, cycling and camping opportunities.

While in the area, tourists often check out Cobbossee Lighthouse located on Lake Cobbosseecontee in Winthrop. The lighthouse is referred to as "Ladies Delight" because it's built on a large section of jagged reef with that name. It's the only Maine lighthouse located on fresh water. The lighthouse can be viewed by

Another favorite tourist attraction in the region is Mt. Pisgah, the highest land point in Kennebec County. On a clear day, it's possible to see Mt. Washington in New Hampshire located many miles away. Many have enjoyed hiking and blueberry picking along the trail for many years.

#### FRIENDS OF COBBOSSEE WATERSHED

The Friends of Cobbossee Watershed offer a series of interactive, hands-on, fun activities this summer to teach youth and adults of all ages about watershed protection and water quality. A total of 29 separate sessions will include these at Norcross Point on Maranacook Lake in Winthrop.

For more information see watershedfriends.com. The Friends will also accommodate private group sessions, such as scout troops or homeschoolers or birthday parties aboard the Otter II.

#### **BAILEY LIBRARY**

Bailey Library in Winthrop also offers a number of programs each summer free and open to the public.

Some of the activities planned this year include a summer space launch party, a science show for kids with Mad Science, a lecture series exploring the libraries of U.S. Presidents, exploring earth and space for kids with LC Bates, tiny tales story hour with Ms. Stacy and a genealogy group with Bob Pelletier.

Mr. Drew and His Animals Too will entertain, also a tie-dye event with Ms. Cindy, a nocturnal nature event for kids, an astronaut eats space food party, a summer reading and ice cream party, a stars & steam hands-on learning activity, a book group with Shane Billings and a lecture series about the first woman to solo through- paddle the Northern Forest Canoe Trail.

For more information regarding these and other activities offered by Bailey Library this summer, contact Director Richard Fortin at (207) 370-1071.

#### FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS

The fireworks display takes place at dusk on picturesque Norcross Point at the southern end of Maranacook Lake. Rain date is July 5th, and again on August 17 if conditions still do not permit.
According to said Winthrop Lakes

Region Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Barbara Walsh, the Winthrop Rotary will host a July 4th barbecue before the fireworks. There will also be a wood-fired pizza food truck there. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (207) 377-8020.

Earlier in the day on the 4th of July, there will be a 5K race sponsored by Friends of Cobbossee Watershed. This will be the 17th annual event for this large 5K race. More details regarding the 5K race can be found at runsignup.com.

#### FREE CONCERTS

Free concerts will be presented every Sunday 2-4 p.m. at the head of Maranacook Lake in Winthrop off Bowdoin Street. The concerts will be held July 7-August 25. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the music.

#### SIDEWALK ART FESTIVAL

Painters, potters, photographers, jewelry makers, fabric artists, basket weavers and fine craftsmen will descend on downtown for the Winthrop's 32nd Sidewalk Art Festival on Saturday, Aug. 17, 9 a.m. to 3

The Winthrop Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications from artists and crafters. Visit winthropchamber.org, call 207-377-8020 or email info@winthropchamber.org.
Last year, the festival included live mu-

sic and food from local restaurants, Walsh said that this year the Chamber hopes to add several new artists, increase community involvement and offer a variety of entertainment and refreshments.

In conjunction with the festival, the library will host the popular L.C. Bates kids program "Naturalist as Artist" at 10:30 a.m. in the King Event Room, lower level of the library. The program explores natural objects through the eyes of a scientist and those who attend will learn tricks of drawing those objects. The library will also host the annual Summer Reading Party at 1 p.m. with games, crafts and refreshments. The festival continues throughout the day with music, guided tours, luncheons and barbecues.

#### WINTHROP YMCA

The Winthrop Area YMCA, located at 29 Town Hall Lane, offers summer camps, classes and programs. Last year's events included swimming lessons, tennis lessons, baseball camp, basketball camp, soccer camp, field hockey camp, track and field events, arts and crafts and cooking classes. For more information, visit win thropymca.org or call (207) 377-9686.



photo by Andy Molloy

Kennebec Land Trust stewardship director Jean-Luc Theriault is seen with summer interns on Mt. Pisgah in Winthrop.



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People walk past the Windows on Winthrop mural during the Sidewalk Art Festival in downtown Winthrop.





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MADE IN MAINE

# Somerset Grist Mill, another 'Great Good Place'



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John Violette adjusts the pressure on a huge millstone grinding flour inside the Grist Mill in Skowhegan. The Grist Mill business mills a variety of flours and also houses the cafe, happy knits yarn shop, radio station WXNZ, Crooked Face Creamery and the Dry Good store.

#### Skowhegan business also includes radio station, yarn shop, sit-down restaurant

There's a concept that's been written about called 'Third Place' and the idea is that your first place is your home and your second place is your work — third place in our communities are these places where people bump into each other and have conversations and you can exchange ideas and, the author would argue, they're the foundation of a well-functioning democracy."

AMBER LAMBKE
OWNER OF SOMERSET GRIST MILL

By DOUG HARLOW

SKOWHEGAN — Amber Lambke likes to think of the Somerset Grist Mill, its farmers market, cafe and associated businesses at the old county jail in downtown Skowhegan as a "Third Place," a community destination that's not home or work, but another place to gather.

Just like the old days.

Based on the urban sociologist Ray Oldenburg's "The Great Good Place," Lambke says the concept of a third place comes from a need for networking, sharing ideas and resources and everyday social contacts that make for a great community to live in and visit

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second place is your work — third place in our communities are these places where people bump into each other and have conversations and you can exchange ideas and, the author would argue, they're the foundation of a well functioning democracy," Lambke said.

The Grist Mill, with its Miller's Table cafe, dry goods store, Happy Knits Yarn shop, its communi-

ty radio station WXNZ FM and Crooked Face Creamery, are places where people can speak with a local elected official over breakfast or chew over the passions, visions and plans for a healthy community with just



about everybody, she says.

"These third places in our communities used to exist," Lambke said. "They used to be the barber shop, or the coffee shop, or treats where you'd go after school and get a soda fountain drink. We've lost those kinds of spaces in our communities due to the kinds of development we've embraced. Rebuilding places where people can gather, whatever the reason—

recreation or a cafe or a farmers market — those spaces are really healthy."

It's a true "Made in Maine" destination

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where "fast casual" dining and 45 craft beers from Maine Grains offer a welcoming look behind the scenes at farm-to-table production, along with the nuts and bolts of grain production.

Last year, the mill produced 1,200 tons of rolled oats, stone ground flour and other grains.

There are 45-minute mill tours, free of charge, and opportunities to visit with the people who make it all happen. The Maine Grains grist mill currently employs 13 people, with 20 people working in the cafe and three more at the knit shop.

The first floor of the old jail is a line of former inmate cell blocks now occupied by businesses, offices, packing rooms and work rooms. The second floor of the jail is where all the grains are milled.

"There's still bars on the windows and plenty of signs of what this used to be," Lambke said.

The 20-member farmers market is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through October, offering a wide range of fresh produce, locally raised meats and cheeses, pasta, fruit, wines and beer, seedlings, pottery and bread.

"What's clear is that people are increasingly looking for a behind-thescenes peak at how things are made," she said. "They care about authentic businesses that are good things in the community and they enjoy learning new skills while they're on vacation. Food and learning are an important part of why people travel on vacation. We are seeing more visitors that come up for the cafe and dry goods store to experience what this is all



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The Grist Mill in Skowhegan, formerly the Somerset County Jail, is a destination spot for members of the surrounding communities. Right: Owner Amber Lambke walks past new signs for the Skowhegan Farmers Market stored where renovations are underway for the Crooked Face Creamery. The Grist Mill business mills a variety of flours and also houses several businesses.

The focus is food, health, land use, hunger and climate change



Amber Lambke, left, owner of the Grist Mill in Skowhegan, chats with Sarah Davis, co-owner of the colorful happy knit yarn shop, inside the huge mill

The transformation of the 1897 Somerset County Jail started with the first Kneading Conference in 2007, where the idea of a Maine Grain Alliance first was hatched. Lambke is the founder and CEO of Maine Grains and co-founder of the Maine Grain Alliance.

Lambke said her company has grown continuously since she formed the Maine Grain Alliance in 2012. The company buys grain from 36 farms and has spent over \$1 million on purchases of grain from local farmers. She said 50 percent of sales of Maine Grains products are to out-of-state markets. Maine Grains specializes in organic and heritage grain that is freshly milled into stone-ground flour, rolled oats and whole grains to bakers, brewers and chefs throughout the Northeast.

Lambke. and her



then-business partner Michael Scholz, a baker from Albion, purchased the former jail from the county for \$65,000 in 2009. A new Somerset County Jail opened in East Madison the same

In the 10 years since, Lambke estimates they have spent \$3 million in grants, loans and equity investments with revenues for all the Grist Mill businesses of about \$2.5 million annually.

The onetime exercise courtyard for jail inmates is now a seasonal dining area and bar, which leads into the creamery, still under construction. The main café occupies space that once held the jail's maintenance area and parking lot for transport vehicles, then surrounded by high, razor-wire fencing.

"Our beers come from craft breweries in Maine that use our grains from the grist mill to make the beer," Lambke said. "A lot of our other menu items are the result of collaboration, like our mac and cheese that's made with Maine Meal pasta, using our grains, so our grains go across the street, get turned into pasta and we buy it back and serve it on the menu. We buy the ricotta cheese from (Crooked Face Creamery) to be able to feature that in pizza and desserts.

"We are constantly all sharing resources and continuing to try to promote each other's businesses.'

The businesses also are involved with a heritage seed restoration project, with a goal of taking small quantities of rare grain seeds that have been saved and climatized to Maine to increase the volume of seed for commercial supply.

"Now, it's time to look ahead to the future, while keeping that last decade of success firmly in focus,' Lambke said.

"It's time to re-articulate our vision because we've achieved a lot of what we set out to achieve and more," she said. "As we all vision together — I just hope we keep realizing the potential of a community of businesses that is interconnected and supported here in Skowhegan.

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## HISTORY BUFF

## Colburn House, a country museum about the country

#### Pittston property where Benedict Arnold got boats for 1775 march to attack British at Quebec

By JOSEPH OWEN

PITTSTON — "Stuck in the Wilderness — 10 a.m., proclaimed a sign with movable letters in early May in a parking lot on the east side of Route 27.

The message was announcing the theme of a sermon at First Congregational Church, which stands a few hundred feet away. on Arnold Road. However, it easily could have been referring to the church's immediate neighbor to the south — the 254-year-old Maj. Reuben Colburn House.

The Colburn property, off Route 27 on Arnold Road, is now owned by the state. It is where Col. Benedict Arnold acquired the flat-bottomed boats — called bateaux that he used on his breathtakingly arduous and ill-fated 1775 march to attack the British at Quebec at the start of the Revolutionary War. During much of that march, Arnold, his soldiers and those who accompanied them were indeed stuck in the wilderness.

In recent years, the Colburn House itself, furnished as a museum, has been stuck in a metaphorical wilderness. Handi-capped by an underfunded budget, the state Bureau of Parks and Lands has kept the house closed because it couldn't afford to hire an overseer of the property or carry out needed repairs.

As a result, visitors have had to content themselves with peeking in through the windows of the main house the barn and the carriage house; reading the informational tablet and a plaque next to Arnold Road; and roaming the grounds of the Colburn House State Historic Site, which includes picnic tables and a wide path to frontage on the nearby Kennebec River.

Fortunately, that situation is likely to improve this summer, when the bureau expects to engage a care-taker who will keep the building secure and make it available for tours in exchange for free lodging in an apartment in the ell of the house, according to Gary Best, acting manager of the bureau's southern

As for the repairs, Best said those depend on the



Kennebec Journal photos by Joseph Owe

The carriage house at the Colburn House State Historic Site, seen May 6 in the foreground at right, needs repair, like the main house, at left. The barn in the background at right is in better shape. It hosts occasional meetings of the Arnold Expedition Historical Society and other events. Background: A view downstream on the Kennebec River at the Colburn House State Historic Site in Pittston. Reuben Colburn's boatyard and sawmill stood near this spot in the late 18th century.

outcome of a proposed of dozens of Colburns, inbond issue that might appear on the statewide ballot in November. Even if voters approve the bond, however,

monwould divided among all 48 actively managed state parks and historic sites, many which would claim



a larger share of the pie because they draw more visitors.

"We have tens and tens of millions (of dollars' worth) of capital improvements we need to make across the state." Best said.

As a result, the home of Reuben Colburn (1740-1818), an independence advocate whose sawmill, boatyard and personal entreaties to George Washington helped launch the Revolution, seems fated to receive only piecemeal attention to its structural defects.

#### FRONTIER SHIPBUILDER

The Colburn family left a large footprint in the riverfront part of Pittston.

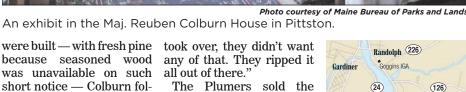
Reuben Colburn's ents lived just a few hundred yards south of his house, in a 1763 home that he and his brothers helped to build. Across the road. tombstones in Riverside Cemetery bear the names

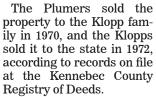
cluding Reuben Colburn and his wife, Elizabeth. Immediately south of the cemetery, a former one-room schoolhouse, still standing, was known as the Colburn School. The house across Arnold Road from Reuben and Elizabeth's home, also still standing, was where their son David and his family lived.

"The whole area used to be known as 'Colburntown," said Thomas Desjardin, author of the 2006 book "Through a Howling Wilderness," an account of the Arnold expedition.

Reuben Colburn, a shipbuilder, happened to be in Massachusetts in August 1775, only a few months after the Revolution had started. He met with Washington and Arnold, who asked him to saw planks for use in riverboat construction and to provide charts of the Maine coast and intelligence about British activity there. Arnold was preparing to lead about 1.100 men up the Kennebec River, over the Height of Land, and down the Chaudière River to attack the British at Quebec City.

Colburn sent scouts upcountry to do reconnaissance in preparation for the march. Arnold. future U.S. Vice President Aaron Burr and Daniel Morgan, commander of a company of Virginia riflemen, stayed at Colburn's house for three days. After the 200 bateaux





Since then, state officials have struggled to find enough money to keep the site presentable and functioning. Desjardin,

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**CUMMINGS** 

Lands, last three as director. He said the last bond issue that provided money for the bureau was passed in 2007, supplying \$7.5 million to address a \$40 million backlog of projects. The Colburn house got little of that.

Instead, it has relied heavily on support from Cummings and other neighbors, the Arnold Expedition Historical Society, and local companies such as Jewett Builders, which have donated labor. Because of them, Desjardin said, the state was able to get about \$250,000 worth of upgrades done in 2012-2013 for less than \$100,000. That work left the structure stable and shored up and the roof in good shape, he said, but other work remains.

"It is one of the oldest wooden structures in the state of Maine," said Ste-



phen Clark, the Arnold Expedition Historical Society secretary, whose organization uses the Colburn barn as its headquarters. "Any building of that age needs constant maintenance to keep it going," he said, adding that the plaster throughout the first floor of the main house and much of the second floor needs to be repaired.

Eight miles to the north on Route 27, at the State House in Augusta, the fate of funding for the house's care — and for that of other state parks and historic sites — is in the hands of the Legislature. According to Desjardin, the bond issue that lawmakers are considering putting on the November ballot is for \$20 million.

Clark estimated it would take \$15,000 to \$20,000 to make the Colburn House presentable again. He said he hopes to see the improvements happen, and he looks forward to the building being open for tours again.
"We have had a great

number of telephone calls, maybe as much as 50 to 100 per year, from people who want to gain access to it,' he said.

it took to launch it became the stuff of legend, with one contemporary Revolutionary leader comparing it to Hannibal's crossing of the Alps with elephants during ancient Rome's Punic Wars. Colburn returned home to

Pittston. He and his heirs tried for decades to obtain compensation for the boats, but the government never paid them.

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#### **OTHER OWNERS**

The last Colburn descendant who lived in the house died in the 1940s, according to Dick Cummings, who spent his entire childhood across the street in the David Colburn house, and who now lives there with his wife, Patty. Later, Paul Plumer Sr., a general manager of the Kennebec Journal, lived in the Reuben Colburn house with his wife, Claire, and their sons.

"They had that placed all decked out with antiques," Cummings said of the Plumers, adding that in the rear, the family installed a breezeway, lobster traps and a flagstone patio. "Course, when the state

million pounds

of lobsters caught in

2018 - down from

an all-time high of

133 million in 2016

but up from 70

million in 2008.

Source: Maine Department

of Marine Resources

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lighthouses in Maine, 57 with working lights and 36 with working foghorns.

Source: American Lighthouse Foundation

3,478 miles of shoreline – that's 51 miles longer than California, if you can believe it, thanks to the craggy inlets and peninsulas that make up the coast. And that doesn't even include Maine's more than 4,000 islands.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

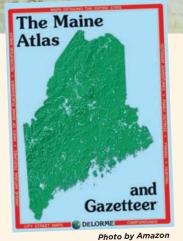
hours that L.L. Bean's flagship store in Freeport was closed in 2015 for the funeral of longtime president and chairman of the board Leon A. Gorman. Before that, the building, which has no locks and stays open around the clock, hadn't closed since the '60s - once to mark the death of President John F. Kennedy, again for the death of Leon Leonwood Bean himself, a few times on Sundays because of the state's blue laws and once for a fire across the street. Source: Portland Press Herald

# maine by the numbers

### 3 million

visitors to Maine's 48 state parks in 2018. OK, really about 2,100 shy of that mark, but an impressive 11 percent increase over the year before. Help jump the hurdle this year by heading to one near you.

Source: Maine Bureau of Parks And Lands



25,000 copies of The Maine Atlas & Gazetteer, almost as ubiquitious as seatbelts in cars in the state, were sold in 2018 – surprising, considering there's GPS on every smartphone and the fact that the book of detailed maps, made by Yarmouth-based DeLorme before it was purchased by Garmin in 2016, is more highly valued when its corners are curling out a seat-back pocket.

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117 BREWERIES IN
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STILL SEVEN NEW
ONES LAST YEAR.

Source: Maine Brewers' Guild

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hether you're strolling Main Street in Camden, lounging on the beach in Ogunquit or taking a boat ride out of Bar Harbor, you never know who you might run into. Many famous people have been coming to Maine for summer vacation for years, quietly blending in. Some have homes here, others stay in different places. Several are from families that have generations-long Maine connections. Here is look at some of the celebrities you might keep an eye out for this summer and where you

Ray Routhier, Portland Press Herald











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Sally Struthers





**Anna Kendrick** 



**Drew Taggart** 



Joan Lunden









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David McCullough



Chris O'Donnell



**John Travolta** 





**Martha Stewart** 

#### SALLY STRUTHERS, OGUNQUIT

Struthers became famous in the 1970s as the daughter of loud-mouthed Archie Bunker on the sitcom "All In The Family." She's also known for her activism, including as spokesperson for various children's groups and anti-hunger agencies. She's summered in the Ogunquit area for more than a decade and, during that time, has appeared often in summer shows at the historic Ogunquit Playhouse. This summer, from June 19 through July 13, she'll be performing in the musical "42nd Street" at the playhouse.

#### PATRICK DEMPSEY, KENNEBUNKPORT

Patrick Dempsey is from Buckfield and comes back to Maine often to help promote and raise money for the Dempsey Center in Lewiston, a cancer care facility which he founded in honor of his mother, who fought ovarian cancer for 17 years. The actor best known for TV's "Grey's Anatomy" had a house in Harpswell for many years but sold it after his mother died and has since bought a home in Kennebunkport.

#### **ANNA KENDRICK, PORTLAND**

Actress Anna Kendrick, star of the "Pitch Perfect" movies and an Oscar nominee for "Up in the Air," is from Portland and has family and friends here. She comes for regular visits and hangs out with friends and former singing coaches and teachers.

#### **DREW TAGGART, FREEPORT**

Taggart is from Freeport and is half of the pop music duo The Chainsmokers, which has had several Top 10 radio hits, including "Closer" and "Some-

thing Just Like This." This year, he performed at the New England Patriots' official victory party after the Super Bowl. He comes home to see family and friends, so keep an eve out when you're in town hitting up L.L. Bean.

#### JOAN LUNDEN. NAPLES

From 1980 to 1997, Lunden's face welcomed millions of people as they woke up, as a host on ABC's "Good Morning America." Lunden began summering in Maine more than a decade ago after marrying Jeff Konigsberg,

owner of Camp Takajo, a boys summer camp in Naples. For several years, she ran a women's fitness retreat at the camp, known as Camp Reveille.

#### DAVID MCCULLOUGH, CAMDEN

The two-time Pulitizer Prize winner (for biographies "Truman" and "John Adams") is probably the country's best-known historian. McCullough has had a summer home in Camden for more than a decade. He and his wife bought it be near their daughter and grandchildren, who live there year-round.

#### **CHRIS O'DONNELL, ISLESBORO**

The star of the CBS crime drama "NCIS: Los Angeles" and Robin in two "Batman" movies spends summers on Islesboro with his wife and five children. He told Live Happy magazine that he gets "Maine fever" at the beginning of each summer and has mentioned his Maine home in several recent interviews. He's said his favorite activity is sailing to other Maine islands and having a picnic lunch.

#### **JOHN TRAVOLTA, ISLESBORO**

Travolta, the star of "Saturday Night Fever," "Grease" and "Pulp Fiction" – with his wife actress Kelly Preston - has had a home on this island off of Lincolnville since the 1990s. It's a classic Maine "cottage" from a bygone era, a 42-room home built in 1903 for a Philadelphia banker. The couple said they first discovered Islesboro because Travolta's "Look Who's Talking" co-star, Kirstie Alley, invited them to her house there. Allev has since sold her home on the island.

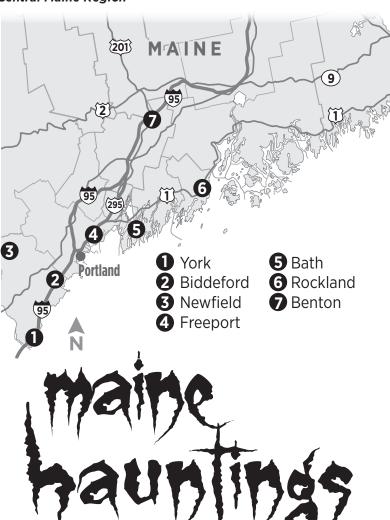
#### SUSAN SARANDON. **MOUNT DESERT ISLAND**

Sarandon, star of "Thelma and Louise" and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," has been coming to Maine for years and inherited a lakefront property from her father, Les Tomalin. She also has been involved in causes around the state, including raising money for the historic Criterion Theatre in Bar Harbor, appearing at a fundraising event there.

#### MARTHA STEWART, **SEAL HARBOR**

The domestic diva known for her magazine and TV shows about cooking and home decor feels at home in tiny Seal Harbor, south of Bar Harbor, Her summer retreat is Skylands, the former estate of Edsel Ford, son of Henry and himself a president of Ford Motor Company. The home was built in 1925 and Stewart has owned it for some 20 years and is known for periodically opening her gardens to the public. She also posts pictures of the home and gardens, often with housekeeping or gardening tips, on her website, MarthaStewart.com.

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A look at the state's spookiest spots.

#### 2. BIDDO'S WATCHER

Visitors to Biddeford's historic City Theater are used to keeping their eyes on the stage. But they might not realize there's purported to be a set of eyes watching them - from above. Rumors of a "seeing eye" peering down from the ceiling, lights flashing and unexplained voices surround the theater. It's no surprise that drama surrounds the venue, with more

than 100 years of opera, theatrics and tragedy.
One persistent story involves singer Eva Gray, who collapsed following her third encore of the song "Goodbye, Little Girl, Goodbye" on Halloween Eve 1904. According to the theater's website, "The beautiful 33-year-old died backstage from heart failure with her 3-year-old daughter present. Many since have referred to Eva as the theater's resident 'ghost.'"



Photo by Gregory Rec

The grave of Mary Nasson in the Old York Burying Yard in York.

#### 1. PLEASE STAY PUT, MARY

Mary Nasson is buried in a beautiful old cemetery with a gorgeous, ornate headstone marking her final resting spot at the Old York Burying Ground. She died in 1774 and has been dogged for decades since with rumors of her being a witch. Her grave is said to be haunted, and a long stone that covers the length of her body was placed there to keep her from rising in the night. The folks from the Old York Historical Society have gone to lengths to dispel those rumors.

#### 3. HANNAH, UNDER THE FLOORBOARDS

Newfield's Old Straw House is named for Gideon Straw and is said to be haunted by his daughter, Hannah. According to legend, she is buried underneath the kitchen. She died in March 1826 at age 30. The ground was still frozen from the winter chill, so her father buried her underneath the kitchen floorboard in ground that was warm from the heat of the house. Folks who have inhabited the house over the years say they've encountered Hannah's apparition, and for an extended period in the 1960s, that her image appeared regularly in a window. They've also reported footsteps in the hall and lights turning on and off when no one was home.

#### 4. TALL MAN IN THE TAVERN

Although its designation as "the birthplace of Maine" is disputed, many have corroborated the eerie happenings inside the Jameson Tavern, in a building that dates back to the late 18th century located right next to L.L. Bean's flagship store in Freeport. A tall man in a top hat who stands in a spot between the bar and restaurant has been reported. And there have supposedly been sightings of child ghosts, the tavern's website says, although all of the apparitions are of the friendly variety. A tavern owner, Tom Hincks, has said he has heard footsteps and banging, has seen the back door open and close by itself, and other incidents. Once, some unknown force rattled all the utensils hanging from an overhead rack. "I wasn't a believer" before he opened the restaurant, he said, "but wait until it happens to you."

#### 5. CHILDREN CRY IN THE OLD CHURCH

Bath's Winter Street Center used to be a church. According to some, hospitals were overflowing, so the church housed victims of the Spanish flu back in 1918. Groups have had unexplained encounters – one guest purportedly saw a child standing in the balcony of the sanctuary. Recordings have also picked up strange noises that no one could explain, like footsteps and cries for help.

#### 6. THIS DEAD PATRIOT WOULD LIKE TO BUY YOU A BEER

Located on Pascal Avenue near picturesque Rockport Harbor, the Goose River Bridge is supposedly haunted by William Richardson, a town resident who lived there around the time of the Revolutionary War. There are at least two stories about his death. The first is that British sympathizers murdered Richardson in 1783 because they were enraged by his drunken celebration of the American victory. The second is that he got so drunk celebrating the American victory that he fell from the bridge to his death. Either way, the myth is that Richardson's ghost can be seen haunting the area, offering pitchers of ale to passers-by.



Photo by Dick Maxwell
Alan Linnell, standing in front of his
reportedly haunted house on Falls Road,
in 1977, in Benton.

#### 7. FOOTLESS AND FEARSOME

One spring night, in a second-floor bedroom in an old creaky house on Falls Road in Benton, 18-year-old Alan Linnell lay terrified as he felt a presence sit on his bed. Then he felt something cold touch his arm. That experience was one of dozens of strange events Linnell, his seven siblings, his parents and visiting relatives said they had over 13 years beginning in 1964, a year after the family bought the home. The children's stories would have likely gone unnoticed were it not for a grisly discovery made Aug. 15, 1970, when, while renovating the dining room, the Linnells found a shriveled and mummified human foot – along with some bones and a few corn cobs – in the wall. Other children in the house heard sighs and footsteps that sounded like a person was limping, or dragging a foot as it walked.

When the foot was found, the Maine state pathologist sent it to a Boston lab for analysis. According to newspaper accounts from the time, the results indicated it was amputated from a 5-month-old child in a surgical procedure around 1900. The small bones found in the wall with the foot belonged to some sort of animal, according to the report. The newspaper reported that a doctor lived in the house around the time the foot was amputated.

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#### HEIGHT OF LAND SCENIC OVERLOOK

Route 17, Rangeley For driving directions, go to: maine.hometownlocator.com

The road to get to this overlook is winding and rural, but the drive is worth every minute it takes to get here. The view is breathtaking, no matter the time of day or day of the year, and is a view to remember for a lifetime. The parking pullout is very small, so use caution. But, do stop and take a picture. Or, two.

#### KINEOWATHA PARK

Kineowatha Park Drive, Wilson Lake, Wilton (207) 645-4825

This 63-acre municipal park features a swimming area, tennis courts, playground, paddle board rentals, disc golf and hiking trails through old pine forests with tremendous views along the shores of Wilson Lake. There are programs for children, and visitors have a very good chance of seeing a baseball or softball game in action. The park closes at sunset.

#### • SANDY RIVER, FARMINGTON

The Sandy River has many swimming options, from shallow edges to deep pools, and is easily accessible. One of the favorite spots to stop is at the intersection of routes 2, 4 and 27 by the bridge. There, visitors can picnic or put in canoes and

Mini-golf and bird watching, kayaks. The put-in can be tricky, with a long set of rock stairs instead of a ramp, but it's worth it. Interested in less strenuous beachgoing? There are plenty of sandy beaches and picnic areas on Front Street, near the athletic fields at the University of Maine at Farmington.

There is also a terrific swimming hole off Route 142 between Phillips and Salem. Park on the right side of the road and walk down the footpath to the Sandy

#### SMALLS FALLS

Route 4, 3 miles north of Madrid, just south of Rangeley

This rest area, which features everything you'd need to rest and recharge on a road trip, doubles as a destination. The .1 mile unmarked uphill trail runs alongside the Sandy River, and features beautiful waterfalls. The gorge is colorful and there are plenty of swimming holes to explore. Bring a picnic.

#### WILHEIM REICH MUSEUM

Dodge Pond Road, Rangeley (207) 864-3443 wilhelmreichtrust.org/

museum.html

Dr. Wilheim Reich was an inventor, scientist, psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. A student of Freud, his life's work was considered controversial. When Reich claimed to save Maine's blueberry crop in 1953 by "making rain" with his experimental Cloudbuster, the FDA called him a fraud and ordered his published research burned (although copies are still available in the bookstore). He was jailed, and later died there.

This museum, in his former



and enjoy the region's natural beauty. The Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust has plans for a Phase II of this project, which is to include a conservation walk, and a tribute to conservation icons past and present.

This is a very special theater,

home and laboratory called "Orgonon," features 175 acres of fields, forests and trails, the Orgone Energy Observatory, a conference building, bookstore, and a couple of lakeside rental homes. The museum is open in July and August.

#### WHAT ELSE?

#### BRIDGTON TWIN **DRIVE-IN THEATRE**

383 Portland Road, Bridgton (207) 647-8666

Try a unique family movie experience at this classic drivein. Throughout the summer, the theatre also hosts a weekly retro film series. Hit the ATM beforehand, as this is a cash only venue.

#### • DEERTREES THEATRE

156 Deertrees Road, Harrison deertrees-theatre.org

which is tucked into the woods, offering a rustic and relaxing venue for concerts, plays and other special events. What makes this theater so unique is the back wall of the stage is actually two enormous doors that can roll open, exposing the nature behind the building. It is said, during one performance decades ago, a deer walked right across the opening along the trees, adding to the magic of the performance.

#### CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM

171 Capitol St., Suite 2, Augusta (207) 622-2209 childrensdiscoverymuseum.org

Interactive play for young children, plus special events throughout the year.

#### MAINE WILDLIFE PARK

56 Game Farm Road (Route 26),

(207) 657-4977 maine.gov/ifw/wildlife-park

Little ones love seeing rescued animals up close, including black bears, mountain lions and eagles. Parents enjoy the lovely treelined trails and gardens. There's a convenient picnic area and snack bar for breaks in between seeing the sights. The park also hosts special events throughout the season.

#### PINELAND FARMS

15 Farm View Drive **New Gloucester** (207) 650-3031

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This sprawling farm is a great resource for young families looking for fun, education-based activities, including ice cream making and salsa making. Families can also visit their farmyard or enjoy a weekly story hour. There are also trails and gardens to explore and for older kids, disc golf, bocce and tennis.

#### RUFUS PORTER MUSEUM

121 Main St., Bridgton (207) 647-2828

rufusportermuseum.org

Rufus Porter was an artist, inventor and publisher who died in 1884, and this museum is dedicated to his life and legacy. Founder of the Scientific American magazine, Porter invented a number of modern conveniences, including a washing machine, a cheese press and turbine water wheels, among other things — all with the goal to ease physical labor. The museum is open from June 15 to Oct. 12 and offers events and classes in addition to exhibits.

#### SEBAGO LAKE STATE PARK

11 Park Access Road, Casco (207) 693-6231

maine.gov/sebagolake

This shaded park has everything you need for a full day with family. There's a playground for little ones, a snack bar, picnic tables and grills for cookouts. When the weather warms, enjoy a sandy beach and lake swimming. There are also campsites available if you want to spend more time.

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Knowing these words will help you get by as you travel the state.

ood communication can make everyone's visit to the Pine Tree State a tad more pleasant, so what follows is a brief primer to help flatlanders communicate better as they move about our fair state.

#### Ayuh

This is considered the word. When you hear "Aloha" you think of Hawaii; when you hear "y'all" you think of the South; when you hear a crude, unintelligible expletive you think of New York; but when you hear someone say "Ayuh," it can only mean there's a Down Easter in the vicinity.

Tip: Although tourists too numerous to count have attempted to properly say ayuh, none have ever come close. If you should suddenly have the urge to try, don't. It's a Maine thing.

#### Blowin' a gale

A fierce wind. "Didja go out today, Lewis?" "Hell no, it's blowin' a gale."

#### Can't miss it

Phrase typically uttered by someone Down East after giving directions to a tourist. Loosely translated, it means: "Ain't no way in hell you are going to find it,

#### **Cunnin**<sup>2</sup>

If someone calls your child cunnin', they don't mean the little rascal is wily, crafty and sneaky; they mean your kid is wicked cute. It's a compliment, so enjoy it. If a Mainer looks into your baby carriage and says, "You can't deny that one," that has a whole different meaning,

#### Dear (dee-ah)

All-purpose term used as sort of a nickname for anyone regardless of age, sex or profession.

#### Dicker (dick-ah)

To haggle. It's also considered a way of being sociable. If you visit a yard sale while you're here – and you'll have many to choose from - be prepared to dicker for most every item you want. When dickering, seller and buyer go through an ancient and pleasantly elaborate series of offers and counteroffers until a price is eventually arrived at. Often the more worthless the item, the more intricate and complicated the dickering.

"How much for those broken clothespins and bent

hangers?" "Fifty cents."
"I'll give you 20." "How 'bout 25?" "Sold."

#### Dite (Die-t)

A little. If a waitress asks, "Would you like some cream in your coffee?" you should say, "Just a dite, deah.'

#### Far (fah)

Opposite of near, but a distance that could be one mile to 500 miles. If you ask someone: "How far is it to Bangor?" they may say something like, "Not far." If you press them and say, "But how many miles is it?" they will say, "Not far."

#### Finest kind

General term for good or excellent. "How's them fish heads?" "Finest kind."

#### Gawmv

Clumsy, awkward.

A Maine word that can be used as an adjective or an adverb, but if you have to ask what it means, you have no jeezely business using it.

#### Get your bait back

When fishing or lobstering, your goal is to get back a catch at least equal in value to the bait used to catch it. When someone uses a load of bait to catch a small mess of fish, it's said, "He barely got his bait back." Don't be surprised to hear the expression used to describe a smaller-than-average baby. "Did you see Hollis's new baby? I'd say he barely got his bait back on that one."

#### Gettin' by

Statement used to describe a person's income, whether they are poor or rolling in cash. A mill worker  $\,$ who says he is gettin' by probably means he is making enough money to pay the bills. When a lobster fisherman says he's gettin' by, it probably means he's made so much money he's about to pay cash for a \$40,000 pickup truck so he can haul his 50-inch television home.

(1) Trouble. "He sure has gotten himself in a mess." (2) A lot. "I think I will go pick a mess o' greens."

Grab ahold and hang on for all she's worth.

#### Wicked (wik-id)

Adjective. "I see that storytelling fella John McDonald is speaking down the grange hall. How is he?" "He's wicked funny!" "Well, let's go make a time of it."

— From John McDonald's "Down the Road a Piece"

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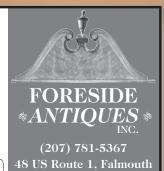
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#### **WESTERN MOUNTAINS - FARMINGTON**

# Farmington area offers festivals and fun this summer

The 37th annual Wilton Blueberry Festival and Annual Art and Antiques Show in Rangeley are among the highlights this summer in Western Maine.

By VALERIE TUCKER

The Wilton Blueberry Festival, always held the first Friday and Saturday of August in Wilton, started in 1982 with a simple Blueberry Church Bazaar

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On Aug. 2-3, the 37th annual Wilton
Blueberry Festival will transform the
downtown area into a Mardi Gras-themed
celebration. Friday's events include a
juried art show and a free evening jazz
concert. The State Street Traditional Jazz
Band features music from the French
Quarter of New Orleans, including early
jazz, blues and traditional spirituals. On
Saturday, the big event is the mile-long
parade down Main Street at 9 a.m.

The original bazaar runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church and features blueberry cake, baked goods, flowers and plants. The Maine Antique Tractor Club will have a tractor pull competition starting at noon at Kineowatha Park. The festival also hosts road races, children's special events, music and plenty of food. Visitors can access a free shuttle service from

several parts of town. Fireworks over Wilson Lake at dusk cap the day of fun. For an updated schedule, visit wiltonbbf. com or Facebook.

In Farmington, summer events start with a concert of Irish music. From 6:15-9 p.m. on June 6, the music of High Time comes to Old South Church from Connemara. Ireland. The trio combines traditional Irish music with modern folk. Celebrating the 4th of July, the town can enjoy the annual parade down Main Street, starting at 10 a.m. This year's theme will be Serving Humanity. The Maine Jazz Camp on the University of Maine at Farmington campus will host free faculty and student concerts from July 7 through July 20. The instructors are all professional jazz musicians, most of who come to western Maine for a working vacation and a break from touring and recording.

One of those is long-serving camp faculty member Frank Carlberg, who teaches at the New England Conservatory and

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Pat Knowlton, center, and Kathie Blodeau, right, hang from the Pat's Wallpaper antique car dressed as pigs with pinwheels in the Blueberry Festival parade on Main Street in downtown Wilton.

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is an Artist in Residence at Bates College. Another is guitarist Kenny Wessel who worked with jazz artist Ornette Coleman for 12 years, touring the world as a member of Prime Time, Coleman's ensemble. During the two weeks of Jazz Camp, the faculty will perform evening concerts free of charge, providing the Maine audience with a chance to hear some great music.

The annual Kingfield POPS on June 29 offers an evening of music with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, The Kruger Brothers, GoldenOak, Identity Crisis and Toscano Music Company. A great combination for Maine's premier outdoor, family-friendly concert featuring live symphonic music, orchestral collaborations with some of the top New England artists and talented performers! Kingfield Festival Days celebration runs from July 18 through July 21. This year's parade theme is Outer Space.

The Stanley Museum in Kingfield commemorates the heritage of the Stanley family and the famous Stanley Steamer automobile. The automobile's inventors were twins, most commonly known as F.E. and F.O. Chansonetta, their sister, was an accomplished professional photographer, and her collection depicts rural American life more than a century ago. The museum houses the steam cars, a demonstration of the vehicle's power plant and a Mason Regulator engine. The museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, June through October. Visit stanley-museum.org or call 265-2729 for more information.

Farther up in western Maine, on June 7 through 9, the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust is hosting its inaugural Birding Festival. According to the heritage trust, "What sets the Rangeley Birding Festival apart from all others is the breeding grounds. While other festivals hope to catch birds as they migrate through, in Rangeley they've reached their destination and are on the territory." The Rangeley Birding Festival will adhere to the guidelines established by the American Birding Association.

On June 22, the Rangeley Lakes Chamber of Commerce and The Outdoor Sporting Heritage Museum will host its Annual Art and Antique Show in the village of Oquossoc, a short distance north of Rangeley's downtown. The grounds of the Outdoor Sporting Heritage Museum will feature booths for antique dealers, book sellers, craftspeople and artists On July 11, the Rangeley Region Guides and Sportsmen's Association will host its annual Strawberry Festival in the Oquossoc Park. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine, the events also will feature over 50 crafters and artists.

"Our fresh strawberry shortcakes, fantastic hand-cut Maine Guide fries and specials from the grill guarantee a great time for everyone," said organizer Joyce Fay.

Other Rangeley events include:



"Mamma Mia!" (Lakeside Theater), June 28-July 1; Independence Day Celebration Parade, events in the park and fireworks, July 3; Herbie Welch Fly Fishing, July 6; Logging Festival and Parade, July 26-27; Steve Miller Band and Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives Concert (Rangeley Wellness Center), July 27; Art in August Festival (Oquossoc Village), Aug. 1: Maine International Film Festival (Lakeside Theater), Aug. 2-5; Sandy River Ramblers Bluegrass (Lakeside Theater), Aug. 8; Blueberry Festival, Aug. 15; "Death of a Salesman"

(Lakeside Theater), Aug. 16-18; Bob

Marley (Lakeside Theater), Aug. 24;

and Trail Town Festival, Aug. 31.

Contributed photo The Stanley Museum in Kingfield commemorates the heritage of the Stanley family and the famous Stanley Steamer automobile.





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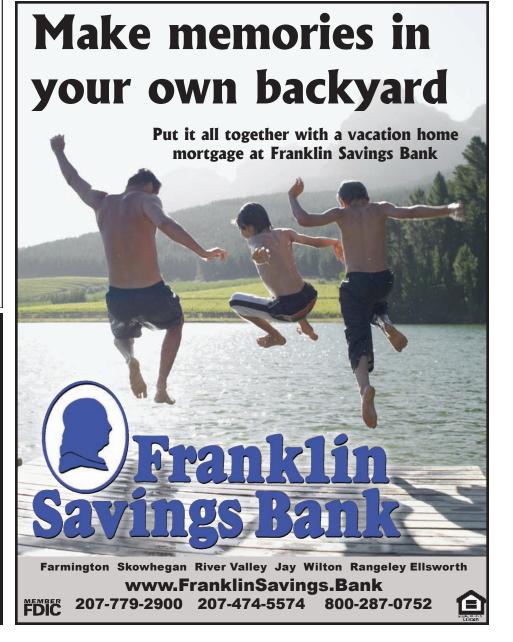
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#### THE HIGHLANDS - PITTSFIELD

# Pittsfield's egg festival returns as top local attraction

The 47th annual Central Maine Egg Festival boils up bigger and better than ever as Pittsfield's landmark celebration.

By VALERIE TUCKER

The Central Maine Egg Festival is a traditional celebration of the brown egg industry that marks Pittsfield's top attraction.

The 47th Annual Central Maine Egg Festival theme this year is "Agriculture and "FarmEgging" Past- Present – Future," and it will run from July 9 through July 14. The five days of activities in and around the downtown area include a parade and the Kiwanis Karnival held on Saturday. Nearly everything is free, although the Karnival and Smoky's Entertainment require ticket purchases for some activities.

Some of the other activities include: egg decorating, live music, art show and contest, egglympics, window painting, crafters and artisans tent, quiche and cheesecake contest, many open houses, airport

fly-in and chicken barbecue. The week long event culminates at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 14 with fireworks at Manson Park.

Visitors should check the online calendar at centralmaineeggfestival. org for the schedule of events.

Pittsfield is a quiet industrial community of approximately 4,300 residents but they welcome more than 35,000 visitors to this popular celebration. The Egg Festival is very important to the town and region for community and economic development reasons, according to Town Manager Kathryn Ruth.

"People visit, network and have

"People visit, network and have family get-togethers," Ruth said. "We showcase our community and region, have great fun and offer a positive experience for children and families."

One attraction always draws a large crowd. The so-called World's

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Largest Frying Pan is 10 feet in diameter and weighs more than 300 pounds. It was made by ALCOA and coated with Teflon to become part of the festival in 1973. It has its own specially-made burners designed by Mainegas of Pittsfield. This year's festival features an art show, quiche and cheesecake competition, window painting in downtown and lots of local music. The money for the non-profit organization is raised through fundraising and sponsorships. All proceeds are invested in area nonprofits and community support programs.

Pittsfield has seven public parks

Pittsfield has seven public parks including, the 45-acre in-town Manson Park on the Sebasticook River. The town also has a community swimming pool and year-round community theater, skydiving and sightseeing flights at the airport and a nine-hole golf course.



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After getting his face painted as a tiger, Joshua Stineford tosses a ball into a bucket during Egg-Olympics activities at a previous Central Maine Egg Festival in Pittsfield.

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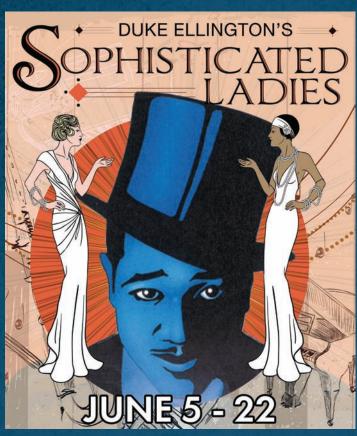
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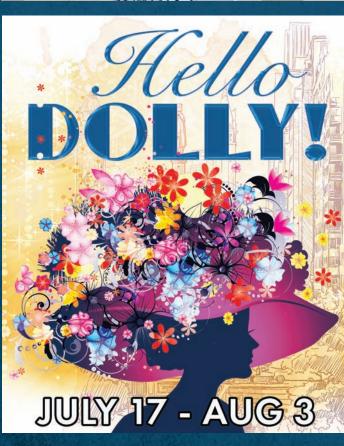
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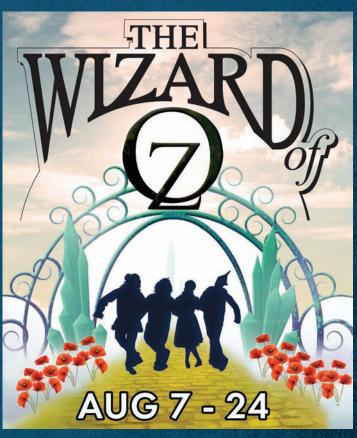
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#### MIDCOAST REGION - BATH/BRUNSWICK

## Bath-Brunswick region has busy summer schedule of fairs, festivals, farmers markets

Bath and Brunswick are ready to feed your passions this summer that will have streets bustling with activity.

#### By KRIS FERRAZZA

There is cause for celebration this summer in Brunswick.

The Brunswick Town Commons is marking its 300th anniversary, when 1,000 acres were conserved in 1719 by the Pejepscot Company. The commons have been enjoyed by the public for generations more than three centuries.

A community recreation area and outdoor classroom for Brunswick schools, it is a popular hiking spot also enjoyed by birdwatchers and photographers. Located in the geographical center of Brunswick, it is used year-round for skiing, snowshoeing, walking and picnicking.

To try out the commons this summer, be aware it has five to six miles of easy walking trails, and pets are welcome. It's accessible from the playing fields at Bowdoin College or off Harpswell

It has been the subject of historical talks and walking tours this spring, as well as a video documentary, fun run and even a commemorative stamp. For details, visit btlt.org.

The Brunswick-Bath region also has a busy summer schedule of fairs, festivals, farmers markets and more on tap that will have city streets bustling with activity.

Brunswick's newest food and beverage event, Taste of Summer, is set for 1-5 p.m., Saturday, June 22, at Brunswick Landing entrance (formerly the naval base). It will feature food, spirits and live music. It will be held rain or shine, admitting ages 21 and older. Drinks are cash only. Parking is free and plentiful, but bring a chair. This event showcases local restaurants as well as food trucks, craft beverages and music by The Mallett Brothers and Sons of Alfond. Tickets are \$15 and include admission to the event and one drink from the bar. Check the Taste of Summer page on Facebook.

Twice each week the Brunswick Farmers Market assembles more than a dozen Maine farmers to hold one of the oldest such markets in the state. Buy direct from area bakers, farmers, craftsmen and artisans right downtown. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, they will be available rain



Portland Press Herald file photo by Derek Davis

Maquoit Bay Conservation Trail begins at Bunganuc Road and ends with scenic views of the bay and an opportunity to get your feet wet in the ocean.

or shine. Sample homegrown fruits, vegetables, flowers, honey, syrup, eggs, cheeses, seafood, meats and more. For details, visit brunswick farmers market.com.

A Community BBQ will recognize local first responders from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 22, on the mall. Enjoy cookout food for \$5, bring a chair or blanket, and enjoy live music, children's games, face painting, fire trucks and more.

Brunswick's Music on the Mall concert series kicks off June 26. Every Wednesday at 6 p.m., locals and visitors gather at the village green to hear live music. Sitting on blankets or lawn chairs with picnics and restaurant takeout, they hear the sounds of swing, Cajun, calypso, blues, folk, oldies, country and more. Admission is free, and the rain date is often the next day. For more, visit brunswickdowntown.org.

Summer in Brunswick means live musical theater courtesy of Maine State Music Theatre. The Picard Theatre at Bowdoin College will offer up a full schedule including "Sophisticated Ladies," "Hello Dolly," "The Wizard of Oz," "Grease," "Ain't Misbehavin" and more. The theater also will participate in local pirate-themed events at six area libraries to promote "Treasure Island." For details, visit msmt.

The 11th annual Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 17 in downtown Brunswick along the Main Street sidewalks and mall. More than 100 artists exhibit their paintings, sculpture, photography, crafts and other creations. Admission is free to this juried, fine arts and crafts exhibit. Children welcome, with special activities planned just for them, live music and more. Visit

brunswickdowntown.org.

The countdown clock is running until the 164th year of the Topsham Fair that runs from Aug. 6-11. There will be harness racing, midway rides, crafts, pulling, demolition derby, 4-H exhibits, food and fun for all. Visit topshamfair.net.

The Scottish hijinks will resume when the annual Maine Highland Games kick off Aug. 17 at the Topsham Fairgrounds. Plans include bagpipe music, re-enactors, sheepdogs, a gathering of the clans, Scottish foods and drink including haggis and whiskey, dancing, fiddlers, harpists, athletic events and more from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit mainehighlandgames.org.

The annual Bath Heritage Days will run July 3-7, boasting 30 live bands this year and Maine's largest parade. Along with its midway rides and carnival games, there will be a

"Front Street Shuffle" antique auto show, fireman's muster, strawberry shortcake social, tug of war, art in the park and fireworks on the Fourth. Visit bathheritagedays.com.

For those interested in taking a train through Maine, Brunswick is Amtrak's northernmost stop on the Maine coast, traveling daily between Boston and the local train depot at 16 Station Ave. The train station and visitor center is located within walking distance of Bowdoin College and Brunswick's many shops and restaurants. For schedules and ticket information, visit amtrakdowneaster.com.

History buffs may enjoy the drama and excitement of a ghostly trolley and walking tour in Bath or a visit to Maine Maritime Museum. The downtown Bath museum organizes lighthouse cruises and sailing trips, fireworks cruises, trolley rides and other special activities.

Also available are permanent and upcoming museum exhibits including "Maritime Music," and "Shipwrecks and Salvage," which highlights Wiscasset's Hesper and Luther Little shipwrecks. Many will recall seeing those wrecks before their removal several decades ago when they were deemed a hazard to navigation and the public. Visit mainemaritimemuseum.org.

The Bath Farmers Market is running Saturday mornings along Commercial Street. From 8:30 a.m. to noon. Waterfront Park is filled with vendors selling cheeses, breads and other delights alongside the Kennebec River. Visit bathfarmersmarket. com for more.

Anyone looking for a dip in the ocean will delight in Reid State Park in Georgetown or Popham Beach in Phippsburg. Both have tide pools and a sandbar that gives beachcombers access to an island offshore. Just be sure to get back before the tide returns. Both are state parks that charge admission (cash). Parking is free but the lots fill up fast in the summer, so try to get there early. There are changing rooms and picnic areas available. For more, visit maine.gov.

For more about the region, visit the Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber of Commerce website at midcoastmaine.com.

#### **MIDCOAST REGION - BELFAST**

# Belfast has markets, festivals and history overlooking the bay

It's a lively spot by the sea with an eclectic mix of artisans, farmers, boat builders, railway buffs, lively festivals and Scottish frolics

#### By KRIS FERRAZZA

Farmers markets, entertaining festivals and other lighthearted amusements await the summer visitor to Belfast, which has been blessed with a merry mix of historic buildings, natural beauty and eclectic entrepreneurs and artists.

Among the requisite summer stops is the popular United Farmers Market of Maine, open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays this summer at 18 Spring St. in Belfast. Billing itself as a "first-class farmers and artisans market overlooking the bay in Belfast," this indoor year-round farmers market handpicks its vendors with an eye toward diversity and excellence.

Vendors rent booth space in what formerly was the Mathews Brothers window showroom and offer customers high-quality baked goods, cheeses, flowers, homemade pasta, plants, produce and much more.

Shoppers roam through the more than 65 stalls in the market, sampling coffee, chocolates, condiments, seafood, spices, ice cream, meats, salads and prepared ethnic food. They can peruse art, crafts, jewelry, soaps, pottery, woodworking creations, gifts and other items. Then they can share food, beverages and other "finds" in a communal dining area with expansive views of Penobscot Bay.

This marks the third summer for the new market, which opened in 2017. For details, visit belfastmarket.com.

Despite all the buzz surrounding the new United Farmers Market, the Belfast Farmers' Market is also still going strong after 39 years. Open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays at 256 High St. (outdoors at the Waterfall Arts Building), the local farmers market has been a city staple since 1980. Shoppers are invited to "grab and go, or stay and picnic." Often there is live music and you never know what else you might find.

Vendors sell fresh-cut flowers, homemade baked goods, fruits, veggies, cheese, yogurt, jams and preserves, meats, beans, honey, syrup, beeswax candles, crepes, bagels, crafts and more. Visit belfastfarmersmarket.org.

The Belfast & Moosehead Lake Railroad has scheduled train rides on weekends all summer, taking passengers through scenic woods and fields, but this summer all events will be out of Unity station on Depot Street in Unity, according to the B&ML website.

There are specialty rides including a Pizza and Whoopie Pie Train, Motor Car rides, Hobo Lunch, Father's Day BBQ excursion, Pie Express and more. The Great Train Robbery has bandits who board the train. Known as the notorious Waldo Station Gang, they rob passengers for real donations to the Travis Mills Foundation. For details, visit belfastandmooseheadlakerail.org.

The Belfast Rail Trail is a scenic path popular with cyclists, joggers, hiking enthusiasts and their dogs (leashed). Formerly part of the B&ML's rail route to Burnham, the trail takes visitors 2.3 miles along the Passagassawakeag River on a crushed stone and gravel path that leads to an historic railroad museum.

The wide, well-groomed trail was built in an old rail bed and opened three summers ago. It begins at the City Point Central Railroad Museum at the northern trailhead. There are vintage engines, cars, a caboose and artifacts on display at the vintage station at 13 Oak Hill Road. The trail is wheelchair accessible, especially from the outer High Street parking lot, and follows the river, with panoramic views and bridges that traverse creeks along the way. The southern point is at Pierce and Front streets. Visit traillink. com for details and a map.

Belfast is known to host some of the state's most popular arts events and quirky summer festivals right on the water and this summer is no exception.

The first major event of the season takes place July 6-7 when the 24th annual Arts in the Park returns to Heritage Park. Admission is free to the event, which is located downtown at waterfront Steamboat Landing. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., this juried show features approximately 80 fine artists and artisans who display their paintings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry and crafts, against the backdrop of a gorgeous view, live music, food vendors and more. The show attracts thousands of art lovers, and organizers say it is a must-attend show each year for artists. For more, visit artsintheparkbelfast.org.

artsintheparkbelfast.org.

The Belfast Common will come alive with bagpipe music as the annual Maine Celtic Celebration pipes its way into town July 19-21. With live music, food, games and shenanigans, this waterfront celebration offers a full schedule of fiddling, bag-piping, step dancing and family fun. The stage will be awash in plaid as the Kilt Kontest determines "Who wore it best." Men, women, children and even dogs are welcome to join in the fun. Undergarments are strongly encouraged. Contestants are judged by the audience. A Celtic breed dog parade and show adds to the fun, along with a beer tent, singing, dancing, flutes, banjos, whistles, pipes, drums, harp and a Saturday fireworks display put on by the city. The popular Cheese Roll Championships compliment the hijinks, along with the Kilted Canter 5K road race, sheepdog herding demonstrations and more.

On Sunday, there is a 10 a.m. church service, including the "Calling of the clans" during which those of Celtic descent are encouraged to cry out the family name. This is followed by more music, the High-



Photo by Kris Ferrazza

Belfast City Park features a creative playground with room for youngsters to run, climb, test limits and use their imaginations. This suspension bridge is part of the fun.



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Belfast City Park boasts sweeping views of Penobscot Bay and 17.5 acres of natural beauty.

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land Heavy Games, children's "Not-So-Heavy" games, a Wellington Boot Toss and relay races follow. Admission is free, courtesy of local business sponsorship, organizers note. For details, visit mainecelticcelebration.com

The annual Belfast Harbor Fest, with its National Boat Building Challenge, will be held Aug. 16-18 at Steamboat Landing and Heritage parks. Participants build boats in four hours on Saturday, then launch them.

There is a blueberry pancake breakfast, shipyard tours, boat show and 5K Bug Run road race. The 19th annual Come Boating! Regatta is Saturday. A four-mile race, it is open to all oared and paddled boats. Contestants pre-reg-

Saturday's festivities also include children's activities, such as a touch tank, face painting, bubbles and puppets. There is live music all day Saturday in the gazebo, followed by a barbecue that night under the big tent.

On Sunday the popular Cardboard Boat Challenge takes place. Participants create boats for fun using cardboard, then take part in a lively parade to the landing and launch them. Judges present trophies and awards for team spirit, creativity and "most spectacular sinking" in the challenge. Sunday afternoon's Habitat for Humanity Lobster Gala includes blues on the shore and benefits the charity Visit belfastharborfest.com.

"Fourth Friday" Art Walks are held the last Friday of each summer month, with fine artists, performance artists, musicians and poets displaying their abilities from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Art galleries are open and visitors find street performers, food tastings and a vibrant downtown to explore. For more, visit belfastcreativecoalition.org.

A short drive up Route 1 to Searsport leads to waterfront Mosman Park, which has a playground, picnic area, basketball courts and a beach to comb. Sears Island is another gem to explore in Searsport with beaches, walking trails and wildlife. Visit friendsofsearsisland.org.

Just a short drive down Route 3 from Belfast is beautiful Lake St. George State Park in Liberty. A state park with swimming, picnic areas and wide open spaces for Frisbee and other outdoor endeavors. A fee is charged.

Craftsmen and those who enjoy antiques will love Liberty Tool Co., which has several floors packed with hand tools, curiosities, books, art, prints, taxidermy, antiques, postcards and more. Visit libertytoolco.com for details.

Just across the street from the tool company is the Davistown Museum, which displays artifacts and documents from history, as well as more tools, a library and art collection. There is no admission to the museum, but donations are accepted. A photo tour of the museum and its artifacts and exhibits is available online at davistownmuseum.org.

Liberty Graphics, a custom T-shirt business, has its village outlet store on the first floor of the museum building. It sells T-shirts, sweatshirts and other garments, as well as deeply-discounted samples. Liberty Graphics has been printing water-based ink designs featuring themes from science and nature since the 1970s. Visit lgtees.com for

For more about what is happening in and around Belfast, visit belfastmaine.org

#### MIDCOAST REGION - BOOTHBAY



The schooners Eastwind, Spirit of Massachusetts and Harvey Gamage, right to left, sail around Boothbay Harbor as part of the 50th annual Windjammer Days celebration.

## In Boothbay, plan plenty of time to visit the peninsula

Pirates, windjammers, gorgeous gardens, antique cars, locomotive rides, sea creatures and more.

By KRIS FERRAZZA

It's a tale as old as time, and it's full of pirates and parades, fish stories and fireworks.

When the windjammers blow into Boothbay Harbor for the annual Windjammer Days festival at the end of June, the downtown streets will be buzzing. From June 23-29, life on the peninsula gets ratcheted up a notch as crowds press in for a glimpse of the historic fleet.

It's an unusual time of year when pirates openly roam the streets threatening to steal the ice cream cones out of children's hands and something as innocent as rock skipping and tug of war becomes elevated to a competitive sport worthy of trash talk.

The 57th annual Windjammer Days schedule is packed

with activities, most of them free and family friendly.

There is a pirate invasion by the Pirates of the Dark Rose, along with pirate ship tours, pirate recruiting, weapons demonstrations, cannon lessons, pirate shootout and puppet shows. Other highly anticipated events include an antique boat parade, cod fish relay race, blessing of the fleet, oyster shucking contest and tug of war across the harbor. Visitors enjoy an artist's alley, lobster eating contest, clambake, rum tasting and Coast Guard Station

The highlight of the festival occurs when the windjammers arrive. The gathering of the fleet takes place between 1 and 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 26. The footbridge is a good place to wait. Fun and games continue until the parade hits the streets around 4 p.m., followed by live music, food, historical tours and fireworks. The windjammers depart Boothbay Harbor the next morning, but the party continues for several days with a golf tournament, concerts, road race and more. The popular lighted boat parade marks the official end of the week's festivities.

There is a shuttle to control traffic downtown. For a full schedule, visit boothbayharborwindjammerdays.org.

Even after Windjammer Days is over, there is still plenty to do on the peninsula. A visit to Coastal Maine Botanical

Gardens in Boothbay will make winter a distant memory and get the home gardener dreaming of what could be.

This 250-acre property is just a mile off Route 27 but transports its guests to a whimsical land with swings, a treehouse, bear den, fairy forest and labyrinth. Trails lead down to scenic water views and there are squirting fountains, spinning sculptures and bold little squirrels who inhabit the land.

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens has grown over the years, so if it has been a while since your last visit, it may be time to return. There is a lovely gift shop and cafe, lively children's garden, calming sensory garden, comfortable seating areas to take a break and labeled landscapes for the ambitious gardener who might wish to replicate a few of the plants at home.

Children enjoy scheduled puppet shows, storytimes, crafts, live chickens, pumping water with a hand pump and hanging clothes. They can play in a fairytale play-

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#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019**

**1:00 p.m.** Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club One Design Race

**12:00 p.m.** Arthur Webster Memorial Rock Skipping Contest

1:30 p.m. Blessing of The Fleet

**2:00 p.m.** Red Cloak Maritime History Tour

**6:00-9:00 p.m.** Reggae Cruise featuring Dani Tribesmen

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019**

2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House at the Boothbay Sea and Science Center

**2:00-4:00 p.m.** Nathaniel Wilson Sailmakers Tours

1:00-3:00 p.m. 2nd Annual Windjammer Days Crab Cake Cook Off, Oceanside Golf Resort

**3:00 p.m.** Tug of War Across The Harbor

**4:00-5:00 p.m.** Ernestina-Morrissey Reception

**4:30-6:30 p.m.** Linekin Bay Resort Cruzan Rum Tasting Event

**6:00 p.m.** Boothbay's Got Talent

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019**

**7:00-10:00 a.m.** Pancake Breakfast, Whale Park

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Whale Park Friends of Windjammer Days Tent Open Information and shuttle maps are available. Raffle tickets with prizes every hour!

**10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Kids Alley, Located on Boothbay Hill across from Two Salty Dogs on the lawn

10:00-10:30 a.m. Pirates of the Dark Rose Puppet Show, Whale Park

**10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Maine State Aquarium Touch Tank, Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library

**10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Tours of the United States Coast Guard Station, McKown Point - Free

Shuttle Service

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Windjammers for Wee Mateys, Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library Lawn

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Maine State Aquarium, McKown Point - Free Shuttle Service

#### Schedule:

**10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** - Crafts on the Porch

11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. -Lobster Presentation

**11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.** - Explore the Zone

12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. - Scenes from our Past and Smells from Present (sign up in advance)
12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. - Creature Feature

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pirates of the Dark Rose Tours of the Must Roos pirate ship, Docked at Fisherman's Wharf

**11:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** Rebuilding Together Food Booth, Whale Park

**12:30-1:30 p.m.** Pirates of the Dark Rose Duels & Meet Oreo the Pirate Bird

**1:00 p.m.** Red Cloak Maritime History Tour

**1:30-3:00 p.m.** Recruiting for Pirates, Kid's Tent, Boothbay House Hill

2:00-4:00 p.m. Whale Park Free Stage Concert, Meghan Clark

**3:00-4:00 p.m.** Pirates of the Dark Rose Tours of the Must Roos pirate ship, Docked at Fisherman's Wharf

**4:00-5:00 p.m.** Whale Park Free Stage Concert, Community Band

**5:15-6:30 p.m.** Whale Park Free Stage Concert, Owen Kennedy

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Whale Park Free Stage Concert, Gina and The Red Eye Flight Crew

**7:30 p.m.** Red Cloak Haunted History Tours

**7:30 p.m.** Opera House Concert, Gaelic Storm

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019

7:00-10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, Whale Park

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Friends of Windjammer Days Tent Open in Whale Park. Raffle tickets with prizes every hour with grand prize drawing at 8 p.m.

**9:30-10:00 a.m.** Pirates of the Dark Rose Weapons Demonstration, Whale Park

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Kids Tent Activities, Boothbay House Hill

**10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Tours of the United States Coast Guard Station, McKown Point - Free Shuttle Service

**10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Maine State Aquarium - Free Shuttle Service; McKown Point Aquarium closing today at 3 p.m. today for parade attendance

#### Schedule:

**10:30-11:30 a.m.** - Creature Feature

**11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** - Sport fishing off the dock

11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. -Lobster Presentation

**12:30-1:30 p.m.** - Scenes from Past and Smells from Present (sign up in advance)

**11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m.** - Lobster Presentation

10:30-11:15 a.m. Cannon Lessons with a Pirate Shoot out, Whale Park

**11:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** Rebuilding Together Food Booth, Whale Park

**12:00-12:30 p.m.** British Invasion Attack on Boothbay Harbor, Public Landing, Whale Park

**12:30 p.m.** Lobster Eating Contest, Whale Park - Open to all!

1:00-3:00 p.m. Gathering of the

Fleet, The moment you have been waiting for!

1:00-3:00 p.m. Pirates of the Dark Rose Tours of the Must Roos pirate ship, Docked at Fisherman's Wharf

**2:00 p.m.** Cod Fish Races, Whale Park - Open to all!

2:30-4:00 p.m. Whale Park Free Stage Concert, Dave Gagne Band

**4:00-5:00 p.m.** Windjammer Days Street Parade (starts at high school, arrives downtown approximately 4:30 p.m.)

**5:00-6:45 p.m.** Whale Park Free Stage Concert, Windjammer Princesses & King of the Harbor

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Whale Park Free Stage Concert, Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations

**7:30 p.m.** Red Cloak Haunted History Tours

**9:15 p.m.** Fireworks Spectacular over the Harbor

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019

7:00-11:00 a.m. Windjammer Fleet Leaves the Harbor, Bid the schooners farewell as they depart Boothbay Harbor

9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Boothbay Farmer's Market, Boothbay Common

**10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.** The Age of Fishing Under Sail at the Historical Society

1:00 p.m. Windjammer Days Golf Tournament at the Boothbay Harbor Country Club. All are welcome to participate!

**1:00 p.m.** Red Cloak Maritime History Tour

**3:00 p.m.** Annual Antique Boat Parade, Public Reception to Follow at Oceanside Resort

7:00-9:00 p.m. Whale Park
Free Stage Concert, The Work

**7:30 p.m.** Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

**7:30 p.m.** Opera House Concert, The Kruger Brothers

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019**

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Artists Alley, Whale Park

**10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** The Age of Fishing Under Sail at the Historical Society

**11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Whale Park Free Stage Concert, Ben Betts

**1:00 p.m.** Red Cloak Maritime History Tour

**2:00-4:00 p.m.** Whale Park Free Stage Concert, Delta Knights Jazz Duo

**4:00-6:00 p.m.** Windjammers Adventure and Harvey Gamage Reception and Tours, Carousel Marina and Whale's Tale Restaurant

**6:00-8:00 p.m.** Fundraising Sail aboard Harvey Gamage

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Whale Park Free Stage Concert, Don Brewer Blues Project

**7:30 p.m.** Opera House Concert, Jerry Douglas & the Earls of Leicester

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019

**7:00-11:00 a.m.** Pancake Breakfast, Edgecomb Fire Department

**8:00 a.m.** Rocky Coast Road Race

**10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** The Age of Fishing Under Sail at the Historical Society

**1:00 p.m.** Red Cloak Maritime History Tour

**6:30-9:00 p.m.** Whale Park Free Stage Concert, Dyer Neck Gang

**9:00 p.m.** Lighted Boat Parade, The culmination to Windjammer Days! S52 Out & About / June 2019 Central Maine Region

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house fully equipped with toy kitchen supplies, row a boat, fish for lobster and look for real frogs, turtles, dragonflies and butterflies. Voted "best garden" on TripAdvisor's website, visit mainegardens.org for more.

Boothbay Railway Village on Route 27 delights young and old with a museum collection of more than 60 antique cars, trains and memorabilia. Staff and volunteers offer locomotive rides, there are historic buildings to tour in the recreated village on campus and children's activities and special events abound.

On the annual slate of activities for the summer is an Antique Engine Meet, Books in Boothbay summer book fair, Antique Auto Days on the village green, "Rails, Tails & Ales: Midcoast Craft Beer Festival" and more. Visit railwayvillage.org.

Just because school is out in the summertime doesn't mean learning needs to stop. There's something to be learned for young and old at the Maine State Aquarium in West Boothbay Harbor. Located at McKown Point, the state operates this small local aquarium that allows visitors to interact with marine life in a large touch tank and even to pet small sharks, under supervision, of course.

It has a stunning waterfront picnic area outside the door, so pack a lunch and stay awhile. There are interactive exhibits, hands-on crafts, tanks filled with local sea creatures ranging from fish and eels to crabs, unusual lobsters and skate. There is also a small gift shop area for souvenirs.

Learn how fishermen use lobster traps, buoys, bait and their boats to catch lobster. For more information, visit maine.gov.

As in past years, the Opera House at Boothbay Harbor will offer a full schedule of live music, art and entertainment this summer. On June 19, the Opera House will display the photography of Associated Press journalist Peter Southwick, a part-time resident of Boothbay. The Celtic band Gaelic Storm blows into town June 25, followed by Paul Sullivan, Tim Sample, folk, bluegrass, ragtime, blues and more. For details and ticket information, visit boothbayoperahouse.com.

Those interested in dinner and a show will enjoy live matinees and dinner theater at Carousel Music Theater. This year there are three summer shows on tap. Guests receive a meal with dessert, served by the cast, along with a live show. Tickets for dessert and a show also are available.

This year's schedule includes the musicals "A Broadway Salute to our Armed Forces," "The 39 Steps," and "Where Have All the Hippies Gone?" For dates and ticket information, visit carouselmusictheater.org.

History buffs will want to take a short ride up Route 27 to see Fort Edgecomb on Davis Island in Edgecomb. The state park features a well-preserved octagonal blockhouse that is open to the public. Finished in 1809, it offers views of the Sheepscot River.

Guided tours and special activities are scheduled in the summer. Guests can get a view of the river from the musket ports and tour the grounds, which have picnic tables and restrooms. A fee is charged.

For a complete calendar of events and dining informa-

For a complete calendar of events and dining information for the Boothbay Region, visit the Chamber of Commerce website at boothbayharbor.com.



Photo by Kris Ferrazza

Fort Edgecomb dates to 1809 and sits on Davis Island along the Sheepscot River.

#### **MIDCOAST REGION - UNITY**

# Unity's rural traditions, landmark fair a draw for many

Topping events in Unity will be the annual Common Ground Country Fair, which takes place this year Sept. 20, 21 and 22 and will welcome some 60,000 visitors.

#### By SUSAN VARNEY

The inland Waldo County town of Unity, population 2,099 by the 2010 census, was originally settled by Quakers and incorporated in 1804.

Unity exhibits the best in rural traditions, but with a twist: from hiking trails to topnotch performances at the Center for Performing Arts, The Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm and the Common Ground Fair.

Plus, Unity College is a central part of the community, while billing itself as America's foremost environment college.

And there is an Amish community, an active farmer's market, an auto raceway and a rail depot.

#### COMMON GROUND COUNTRY FAIR

A Unity highlight each year is the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, known as MOFGA, Agricultural Trades Show.

The 43rd annual Common Ground Country Fair takes place this year Sept. 20, 21 and 22 and will welcome some 60,000 visitors to the three-day event at 294 Crosby Brook Road, Unity. Perhaps it is time to extend the length of the fair because its popularity contributes to crowded exhibits and traffic backed up for miles keeping some locals away from a once-beloved event.

Beloved for its diversity, the fair includes speakers family farms selling products and supplies to children's activities, crafts, compost and recycling of over 3,500 pounds of discards, energy and shelter, environmental concerns, fiber, fleece, food, folk arts, health and healing, herbs, livestock, forestry, Indian basket making, spinners, social and political action. Not to mention live entertainment and presentations and workshops on physical, mental and spiritual health. No wonder people flock to the fair.

The mission of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association is to educate about and advocate for organic agriculture, and its interdependence with a healthy environment, local food production and thriving communities. For more information, call 568-4142 or email: mofga@mofga.org.

#### UNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Located at 8 Depot Street; open by appointment, call 948-5610 or visit unityhistoricalsociety.wordpress.com The building is surrounded by life-size bronze animal sculptures including bear, moose and deer by Forest Hart of Monroe.

#### UNITY COLLEGE

Located at 90 Quaker Hill Road, the programs prepare environmental professionals with sixteen environmental-focused majors with a liberal arts curriculum built on sustainability science – a first in the nation. The campus of 225 acres overlooks Unity Pond. For more information visit www.unity.edu.

#### UNITY COLLEGE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Located at 42 Depot St. Since opening in 2000, the performing arts center has seen many events including world-renowned musicians, award winning speakers, and memorable community gatherings.

Check Facebook for schedule or visit uccpa.unity.edu

#### UNITY COLLEGE FIELD OF DREAMS

There are public walking and jogging paths, a playground, picnic area, tennis court and three ball fields here. The area is adjacent to picturesque Unity Pond, where visitors can canoe, kayak, swim and fish.

#### NORTHERN SOLSTICE ALPACA FARM

Located at 141 Crosby Brook Road, Unity. Open Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Owners Robin and Corry Pratt offer Alpacas for sale and boarding, farm tours, seminars and Alpaca fiber and apparel at the retail store in Unity. For more information call 356-4146 or visit northernsolsticealpaca.com.

#### **UNITY FARMER'S MARKET**

Since 1999, the market has been offering veggies, melons, meats, cheeses, baked goods and fruits from the first Saturday of May until the Saturday before Thanksgiving, 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Located on School St. (Route 139) at the Community Center, the market is part of the greater Unity Market Day events which often include barbecues and children's shows.

For more info: mainefarmersmarkets.org/market/unity-market-day.

#### RECREATION TRAILS

For locations see unitybarnraisers.org/trails.html. Open to the public. No motorized vehicles. Dogs must be under control and wastes must be picked up.



Morning Sentinel file photo by David Leaming
Dozens of kids and adults took part in a garden
parade through the fairgrounds dressed as
vegetables at a previous Common Ground Country
Fair in Unity.



Photo by Susan Varney

A 100-year-old barn and attached farmhouse make the downtown Unity College Center for the Arts, a vibrant cultural and arts center that offers an eclectic mix of music, films, art, lectures, and more. Central Maine Region Out & About / June 2019 \$53

#### **MIDCOAST REGION - ROCKLAND AREA**

# The Rockland area is a fabulous taste of Maine

By KRIS FERRAZZA

Whether rubbing elbows with the locals at a festival or enjoying a lobster roll served with a generous side of salt air, Rockland is alive with options in the summertime.

The granite breakwater is nearly a mile long stroll to the lighthouse, fish from the massive granite blocks, beachcomb nearby and keep an eye out for marine life. The jetty ends with the picturesque Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse and attached Keeper's House which is open to the public for seasonal tours.

Another of city's biggest events is the Maine Lobster Festival, July 31 through Aug. 4. Since 1947 the festival has drawn thousands of people who take part in a massive lobster feed.

Related events include a popular downtown parade, midway rides, live music, road race, lobster crate race, the crowning of a Sea Goddess and more. A shuttle is available to control traffic. For details, visit mainelobsterfestival.com.

The Maine Antiques Festival, Aug. 2-4, is held at the Union Fairgrounds. This event boasts more than 100 dealers from 20 states and is the largest of its kind in Maine, organizers say. For details, visit maineantiquesfestival.com.

The North Atlantic Blues Festival rolls into town July 13-14, with a full slate of music over two days at the public landing. There is a Saturday night pub crawl down Main Street, tent area, food and beverages, vendors and more. For more information, visit northatlanticbluesfestival.com.

Boating enthusiasts look forward to the 17th annual Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors Show in Rockland's Harbor & Buoy parks on Aug. 9-11. The show attracts boating enthusiasts, boat builders, designers, architects, craftsmen, artists, furniture makers, jewelers, marine vendors and more.

The event includes live music, food trucks, demonstrations, children's activities, artists, vendors, exhibits and the ever-popular Boatyard Dog Trials on Sunday morning. For more, visit maineboats.com.

From Aug. 17-24 the Maine Wild Blueberry Festival will be in Union. This local fair has midway rides, carnival games, demolition derbies, 4-H demonstrations and exhibits and even a Wild Blueberry Queen Coronation. For details, visit union-fair.org.

fair.org.

The Camden Windjammer Festival caps off the summer, Aug. 30-31. A parade of sail, flag-raising ceremony, talent show, live entertainment, games, dancing, boat tours, food and fireworks and more. For details, visit camdensnowbowl.com.

Nautical history buffs may enjoy the Maine Lighthouse Museum in downtown Rockland. Recently merged with the Museum of Lighthouse History in Wells, the attraction has been enhanced by the merger with both collections now on display. The Rockland museum is the largest of its kind in the nation and shares space with the Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce and Lighthouse Depot gift shop. For more information, visit mainelighthousemuseum.org.

While in the Rockland area, hit up the popular farm stand and greenhouse at

Beth's Farm in Warren for fresh pies, produce, flowers and more. Take a quick dip in Alford Lake in Hope, Chickawaukie Pond in Rockport or Seven Tree Pond in Union. Tour a vineyard at Savage Oaks or Sweetgrass wineries in Union, Breakwater Vineyards in Owls Head or Cellardoor Winery in Lincolnville.

Dog lovers need not leave their pups at home. The Midcoast is mutt-friendly, with dogs welcome in many area businesses and outdoor restaurants. Beaches including Laite Beach in Camden allow dogs to visit with their responsible owners from 6 to 8 a.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. For more about visiting the Midcoast with your dog, go to camdenrockland.com.

While in Camden, stop in at Uncle Willy's Candy Shoppe on Bayview Street for a sweet treat. The store is two floors of delicious delights, including vintage candies and modern candies sure to please all ages

No Midcoast visit would be complete without a stop at Rockport Marine Park where a refurbished statue of Andre the seal still resides. The harbor seal, who performed tricks in a live show with harbormaster Harry Goodridge for nearly 25 years, inspired a book and a movie.

There are benches for relaxing, historic lime kilns, a Vulcan steam locomotive, boat ramp, harbormaster's office and small beach.

Climb Maiden Cliff in Camden or visit Dorman's Dairy Dream in Thomaston for a cone. Park a beach chair at Birch Point State Park in Owls Head or Drift Inn Beach off Rt. 131 in Port Clyde. Walk the grounds of the historic Owls Head Lighthouse or visit the Marshall Point Lighthouse and Dip Net restaurant in Port Clyde.

Back in Rockland, the historic Strand Theatre features a full schedule on the big screen, as well as lectures and special events. The city has local golf courses (full and mini), and salons and spas to keep guests relaxed and looking their best.

The Farnsworth Art Museum and Wyeth Center is just off Main Street in Rockland. Three generations of the Wyeth family have works in the permanent collection there, along with Louise Nevelson's sculpture and others. Summer exhibits include "Phyllis Mills Wyeth: A Celebration," a memorial tribute to the wife of Jamie Wyeth, and "Jamie Wyeth: Untoward Occurrences and Other Things." Visit farnsworthmuseum.org for more.

Other museums include Montpelier in Thomaston, Coastal Children's Museum in Rockland and the Owls Head Transportation Museum, which boasts a full schedule of summer events, including air and auto shows and cruise-ins. Visit ohtm.

Rockland also has a new Center for Maine Contemporary Art, and at Sharp's Point, visitors can tour the Sail, Power and Steam Museum. In Union, there is a museum devoted in part to Moxie, the ubiquitous soda of Maine. The Matthews Museum of Maine Heritage features Moxie memorabilia and rooms full of antiques at the fairgrounds.

For more on what is going on in and around Rockland in the summertime, visit mainedreamyacation.com.

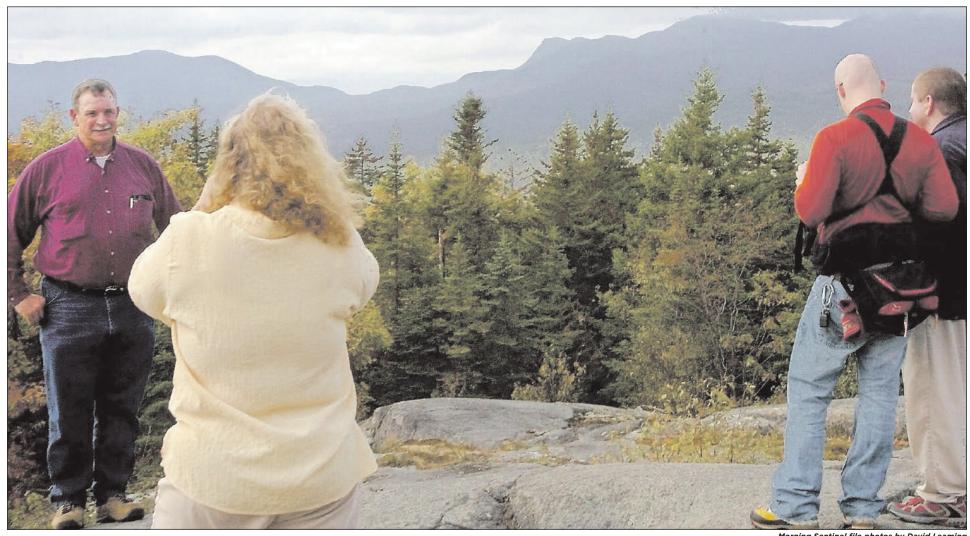


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## PARK IT: Maine state parks directory



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The distant Tumbledown Mountain, center, can be seen by day hikers from the ledges at Mt. Blue State Park in Weld.

The state's parks are generally open from 9 a.m. to sunset daily.

osts are for adult non-residents; discounts for adult residents vary. Admission is \$1 for children ages 5-11, free for children under 5 and Maine residents 65 and over. Parks are generally open from 9 a.m. to sunset daily.

For more information, go to maine.gov.

#### **CENTRAL MAINE**

#### **LAKE ST. GEORGE STATE PARK**

WHERE: 278 Belfast Augusta Road, Liberty PHONE: (207) 589-4255 COST: \$7

**AMENITIES:** Swimming, hiking, camping, picnic area with grills, play area

#### **WESTERN MAINE**

#### ANDROSCOGGIN RIVERLANDS

WHERE: Center Bridge Road off Route 4, Turner PHONE: (207) 988-4104 COST: Free

**AMENITIES:** 12 miles of multi-use trails and more for hiking or biking, canoeing, kayaking, ATVs



Sunniva Brady of Montville coaxes her duckling Grace to stay close while cooling off in Lake St. George State Park in Liberty. The Brady family raise ducks for eggs and Grace was the runt of the brood and required being taken to the lake to learn swimming and to cool off in the broiling heat.

#### BALD MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LAND

WHERE: Access from Bald Mountain Road, Oguossoc

PHONE: (207) 778-8231 COST: Free

AMENITIES: One-mile summit trail with panoramic views, boating and fishing, more than 200 species of wildlife

#### BIGELOW PRESERVE PUBLIC LAND

WHERE: Access off Route 27, Carrabassett PHONE: (207) 778-8231

COST: Free AMENITIES: Hiking trails (including portion of Appalachian Trail), fishing, swimming, camping

#### GRAFTON NOTCH STATE PARK/ MAHOOSUC PUBLIC LANDS

WHERE: 1941 Bear River Road, Newry; access to Mahoosuc from Sunday River Road, Bethel

PHONE: (207) 778-8231 COST: \$3 for Grafton

AMENITIES: Backcountry hiking (includes A.T.), camping, waterfalls, gorge, picnic area

#### MT. BLUE STATE PARK

WHERE: 299 Center Hill Road, Weld

PHONE: (207) 585-2347 COST: \$7

**AMENITIES:** Hiking, biking, swimming, picknicking, camping

#### **RANGE POND STATE PARK**

**WHERE:** Off Empire Road, Poland

**PHONE:** (207) 998-4104 **COST:** \$8

**AMENITIES:** Surfaced promenade, sandy beach, water sports, hiking

#### **RANGELEY LAKE STATE PARK**

**WHERE:** South Shore Drive, Rangeley

PHONE: (207) 864-3858 COST: \$6

AMENITIES: Swimming, hiking, lakeside camping with picnic area, playground and boat launch

#### SWANS FALLS CAMPGROUND

WHERE: 198 Swans Falls Road, Fryeburg PHONE: (207) 935-3395

COST: \$15 per person to camp

**AMENITIES:** Tent sites along Saco River, canoeing, kayaking, hiking

#### **GREATER PORTLAND**

#### BRADBURY MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

WHERE: 528 Hallowell Road, Pownal

**PHONE:** (207) 688-4712 **COST:** \$6

AMENITIES: Hiking trails, campsites, playground, picnic area, showers

#### **CRESCENT BEACH STATE PARK**

**WHERE:** 66 Two Lights Road, Cape Elizabeth

PHONE: (207) 799-5871 COST: \$8

AMENITIES: Sandy beach, swimming and water sports, picnic tables and grills, snack bar, bathhouse, playground

#### **MACKWORTH ISLAND**

WHERE: Andrews Avenue access road off Route 1, Falmouth

PHONE: (207) 688-4712 COST: \$4

**AMENITIES:** 1.25-mile trail around 100-acre island, fairy village, small beaches

#### **SEBAGO LAKE STATE PARK**

WHERE: 11 Park Access Road, Casco

PHONE: (207) 693-6613 COST: \$8

**AMENITIES:** Sandy beaches, swimming, woodland hiking, camping

#### SCARBOROUGH BEACH

WHERE: 414 Black Point Road, Scarborough

PHONE: (207) 883-2416 COST: \$8

**AMENITIES:** Sandy beach, swimming, limited parking

TWO LIGHTS STATE PARK
WHERE: 7 Tower Drive.

Cape Elizabeth

PHONE: (207) 799-5871 COST: \$7

AMENITIES: Rocky coast, twin lighthouses

coast, twin ligthhouses (not open to public), picnic tables

#### WOLFE'S NECK WOODS STATE PARK

WHERE: 426 Wolfe's Neck Road, Freeport PHONE: (207) 865-4465

COST: \$6

AMENITIES: Trail walking, including along the coast, shelter and picnic area

#### YORK COUNTY

#### FERRY BEACH STATE PARK

WHERE: 95 Bayview Road, Saco

PHONE: (207) 283-0067

COST: \$7
AMENITIES: Sandy

AMENITIES: Sandy beach, swimming, nature trails, picnic area

#### VAUGHAN WOODS MEMORIAL STATE PARK

WHERE: 28 Oldfields Road, South Berwick PHONE: (207) 384-5160

**COST:** \$4

AMENITIES: 165-acre forest along Salmon Falls River with hiking trails, picnic facilities Central Maine Region Out & About / June 2019 S55

#### TAKE A HIKE

## Covered bridges are beautiful reminders of bygone era

Maine's covered bridges have become architectural treasures over the years, as fewer and fewer survive. Take a day, and a hike, to see one of the last remaining bridges.

By CAREY KISH

he heyday of America's covered bridges spanned the 19th century, and during that time, somewhere in the neighborhood of 120 covered bridges were built in Maine. Today, just nine of the picturesque symbols of a bygone era of transportation remain, the rest lost to fires and floods or rendered obsolete by modern highways and removed.

Here's a look at three of these precious covered bridges paired with a scenic hike in the vicinity, a fine combination for a day's adventure on the back roads of western Maine.

#### **HEMLOCK BRIDGE & MT. TOM**

Located on Hemlock Bridge Road in Fryeburg about three miles north of U.S. Route 302, the Hemlock Bridge spans an old channel of the Saco River not far from Kezar Pond. Built on granite abutments in 1857, the 109-foot Paddleford truss design features laminated wooden arches. In 1988, the bridge was reinforced to carry local traffic.

Back at U.S. Route 302, continue toward Fryeburg, then turn north on Menotomy Road to the Mt. Tom Preserve, 995 acres owned by The Nature Conservancy. Follow the West Ridge Trail for just under 2 miles to the wooded summit of the 1,073-foot peak for views east over the valley of the Saco River to long ridgeline of Pleasant Mountain.

#### LOVEJOY BRIDGE & RUMFORD WHITECAP

The 752-acre Rumford Whitecap Preserve in Rumford protects the bare summit ridge and southerly slopes of Rumford Whitecap Mountain. From East Andover Road, just over 3 miles north of U.S. Route 2 by way of Route 5, combine the Starr Trail and Red/Orange Trail for a 5-mile circuit and huge views of the high peaks of the Mahoosuc Range and White Mountains.

Post-hike, continue north

on East Andover Road about 3 miles to Covered Bridge Road and the Love-joy Bridge over the Ellis River. Constructed in 1867, Maine's shortest covered bridge is a Paddleford truss design and just 70 feet in length. The bridge was reinforced in 1984 to carry local traffic. The big pool on the south side of the bridge is a popular swimming hole.

#### SUNDAY RIVER BRIDGE (ARTIST'S BRIDGE) & GOOSE EYE MOUNTAIN

From U.S. Route 2 in Bethel at the Sunday River Brewing Co., drive north on Sunday River Road for about 4 miles (follow signs) to the Sunday River Bridge. Built in 1872, the bridge is also as known as Artist's Bridge for its reputation as the most photographed and painted of Maine's covered bridges. The 87-foot Paddleford truss bridge was closed to vehicles in 1958.

For Goose Eye, continue north on Sunday River Road for 4 miles, then turn onto Bull Branch Road and follow this another 2.5 miles or so to the trail head soon after Goose Eye Brook. The Wright Trail ascends along the brook to a tent site, then climbs steeply to join the Mahoosuc Trail in the saddle between Goose Eye's east and west peaks, each reached by short side trips.

#### **COVERED BRIDGES TRIVIA**

The primary function of covered bridges was to protect the structure from the elements. Exposed to rain, snow, ice and sun, wooden bridges might fail in 20 years, but last 100 vears if covered. It's also speculated that covered bridges made it easier to drive cattle across, hiding from sight the rushing water below, which could frighten the animals and cause them to stampede. From an engineering perspective, it's thought that the roof and walls helped strengthen the covered bridge.



Photo courtesy of Doug Kerr

Hemlock Bridge in Fryeburg spans an old channel of the Saco River not far from Kezar Pond.



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#### STAYING LOCAL, STAY BUSY

## Local recreation departments offer plenty to stay busy

While many of the youth ball programs and other activities offered by municipal departments of recreation are restricted to residents, many other programs and facilities are open to the public, including in Augusta, Farmington, Skowhegan and Waterville.

A popular spot in Waterville is the Quarry Road Recreation Area, accessed off North Street beside MaineGeneral Medical Center's Thayer Center for Health. Quarry Road Recreation Area is an all-season park that's managed as a partnership between the city Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of Quarry Road.

The area has been a winter sports hub for Waterville since 1938, and it was expanded by Colby College to include snow-making, night skiing and a small ski lift in 1960. In the mid-1970s, ski operations ceased amid an energy crisis and the 100-acre property sat vacant for 30 years until the city bought it in 2006. The city redeveloped the cross-country ski trails with the help of local volunteers, eventually expanding the park to 220 acres, including 5.6 miles of groomed trails, 2.2 miles of snowshoe trails, a sledding hill and a welcome yurt.

Also in Waterville just down the street, check out the Alfond Municipal Pool off North Street. The family pool facility, which opens this month, charges daily or season fees for residents and nonresidents.

The pool complex has a six-lane, 25-meter pool; a family swim area, a zero-entry area with a "raindrop," an 18-inch deep kiddy pool with frog slide, a 12-inch deep kiddy pool with a whale and turtle "little squirts," a spray pool with 16 water jets, and a slide pool featuring a twister and tube slide. A small snack bar is operated in the complex as well.



Morning Sentinel file photo by David Leaming

Serena Hotham blasts into a pool of water from one of two slides at the Alfond Municipal Pool in Waterville on a hot day last summer.



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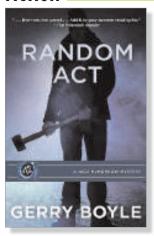
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## Maine summer reads

NOTHING'S BETTER than sitting on a beach, by the lake or in a chair on the front porch, reading a good book on a lazy summer day in Maine. To help with the central aspect of that scene, Yarmouth-based Islandport Press has put together a list of 10 books from its catalog that are set in the state or written by Maine authors and are particularly suited to summer.

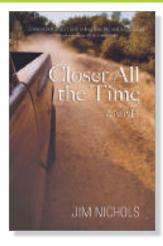
#### FICTION



#### RANDOM ACT

By Gerry Boyle

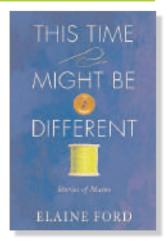
Author Gerry Boyle's iconic reporter-turned-amateur-detective Jack McMorrow is back for a 12th time in "Random Act," a mystery that takes readers to a darker side of Down East Maine. In this follow-up to the award-winning "Straw Man," Jack's routine errand to a local hardware store finds him witnessing a senseless murder that will have vicious reprecussions.



#### CLOSER ALL THE TIME

By Jim Nichols

In a book that won the Maine Literary Award for Best Fiction, Jim Nichols strings together the bittersweet stories of people bound by shared geography and the insular nature of small-town life to deliver quick moving, compelling stories that pack a lasting emotional wallop. Gritty, authentic and wonderful.

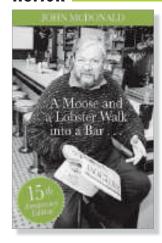


### THIS TIME MIGHT BE DIFFERENT: STORIES OF MAINE

By Elaine Ford

Award-winning writer Elaine Ford's collection of 15 stories features deftly drawn characters who contemplate difficult choices. These stories may feature a trace of dark humor, a sinister underpinning or profound irony, but all feature the terrain of Maine as they explore larger emotional landscapes.

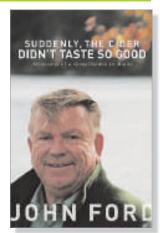
#### HUMOR



#### A MOOSE AND A LOBSTER WALK INTO A BAR

By John McDonald

A now-classic collection of traditional stories that stands as one of the most popular books of Maine humor ever written. John McDonald, inspired by such humor legends as Marshall Dodge and Kendall Morse, infuses his book with tall tales, stretched truths and wry observations.



#### SUDDENLY, THE CIDER DIDN'T TASTE SO GOOD: ADVENTURES OF A GAME WARDEN IN MAINE

By John Ford Sr.

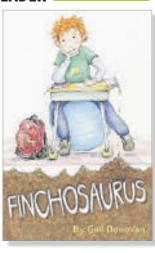
A former game warden and sheriff, John Ford was a gifted storyteller and his book is a collection of true tales, both humorous and serious, from the trenches of law enforcement, as well as heartwarming stories of rescuing animals.

#### YOUNG ADULT/MIDDLE READER



#### **THE DOOR TO JANUARY** *By Gillian French*

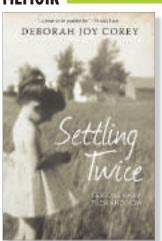
Breakthrough author Gillian French skillfully weaves together the themes of small-town bullies, unsolved murders, time travel and the force of the spirit in this gripping paranormal thriller set in Maine. Called "chilling and suspenseful" by Kirkus Reviews.



#### **FINCHOSAURUS** *By Gail Donovan*

When fifth-grader Atticus
Finch Martin uncovers a plea
for help, he is determined to
come to the aid of the mystery notewriter. But when his
quest turns out to be harder
than expected, Finch loses
his best friend and a field
trip to Dinosaur State Park.
Author Gail Donovan gets
inside the hearts and minds of
fifth-graders on this journey
told with unexpected humor
and impressive insight.

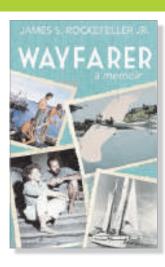
#### **MEMOIR**



#### SETTLING TWICE

By Deborah Joy Corey

In a book of clarity and faith, Deborah Joy Corey probes the complex bonds between family, lovers, and neighbors that shaped her sense of identity, both growing up in rural New Brunswick, and as a wife and mother living on the coast of Maine.



#### WAYFARER: A MEMOIR

By James S. Rockefeller Jr.

In this vividly wrought memoir, James S. Rockefeller recalls the moments and milestones in a long, adventurous life, including when his heart was stolen by children's author Margaret Wise Brown. Rockefeller, who lives in Camden, writes the remembrance of a time gone by with the perspective of a 20th-century wayfarer: a voyager on the seas of time.



#### WHATEVER IT TAKES: SEVEN DECADES OF TRUE LOVE, HARD WORK, AND NO REGRETS

By May Davidson

For nearly 70 years, May and Jim Davidson shared an unbreakable love of Maine and a relentless drive to do whatever it took to live their dream life on their farm. Their story reads like a history of Maine hardwork; whether lobster fishing, raising chickens and sheep, operating a trap mill, driving a long-haul truck, or inventing Maine Country Wind Bells, theirs is a story of true love and perseverance.

#### SNACK ATTACK

### Food trucks offer comfort food — fast

Wait, what? Deep-fried pizza is a thing? And loaded tater tots? At food trucks throughout western Maine, chefs are dishing up creative and delicious comfort food.

By BLAIR BEST

#### • SHUT UP N' EAT IT

LOCATION: Local festivals, TD Bank in Auburn, and Range Pond State Park in Poland from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

FOLLOW: @shutupneatitcatering on Facebook DETAILS: Serving American comfort food



Submitted pho Pinky D's Food Truck offers lobster poutine.

with a twist. Menu items include homemade macaroni and cheese topped with hot sauce, boneless wings, and deep-fried pizza.

#### PINKY D'S POUTINE FACTORY

LOCATION: Indoor truck located on 1110 Minot Ave. in Auburn Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Mobile truck located at local festivals including Moxie Festival, Old Port Festival, Foothills Food Festival and Street Eats and Beats

FOLLOW: Pinky D's Poutine Factory on Facebook and @pinkyds\_poutine\_factory on Instagram

**DETAILS:** Serving classic french fries with gravy and cheese curds topped with a choice of Maine lobster, chicken, vegetables, pork, or beef. There are 40 different styles of poutine on the menu topped with an array of different sauces.

#### • SMOKIN' GOOD BBQ

**LOCATION:** 212 Mayville Road, Bethel, May-October,

Thursday-Sunday from 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and November-April, Friday-Sunday from 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

FOLLOW: Smokin' Good BBQ on Facebook

**DETAILS:** Offering traditional barbecue fare such as hot chili, North Carolina pulled pork, spare ribs, BBQ beans, and cornbread.

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DETAILS: Serving local Maine seafood dishes and loaded tater tots. Menu items include seafood and chicken options such as homemade clam cakes, chicken tenders, tater tots topped with a choice of cheddar jack cheese, pulled pork, coleslaw, seasoned jalapenos, salsa, and sour cream.



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#### GO HIKING

## Mt. Blue State Park offers family fun, or a rigorous hike. You pick

Whether you're interested in sitting on the shore of Webb Lake on a lazy day, watching the family swim, or tying on boots and hiking the rocky terrain up Tumbledown, Mt. Blue State Park has it all.

By AMY PARADYSZ

Whether you choose the family-friendly swim beach at Webb Lake or a 3-hour trail up Tumbledown Mountain Trail to Tumbledown Pond, Mount Blue State Park is a refreshingly scenic place for a dip.

"The beautiful thing about Tumbledown is that it has the pond at the top — all those mountain views and you can swim and cool off," said Jenna Stepp of Saco. "It's so Maine."

From the top of Tumbledown, hikers can see a ring of mountains encircling Webb Lake to the south.

The state park includes the west shore of Webb Lake as well as a much larger chunk of land east of the lake, including Mount Blue and other peaks. Tumbledown Public Land, northwest of Webb Lake, is managed by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservancy and Forestry. For visitors, there's little difference — together these offer nearly 7.500 acres of rural recreation land in and around Weld in Franklin County in mountainous western Maine.

"It takes a while to get there, and I think that's why people will choose other parks first," said Julie Bartlett, who grew up in Weld and lives in New Sharon. "Weld is a remote place, but beautiful. One of the things that's super special about Webb Lake is that you're looking at Bass Rock, and it's fun to swim to it or rent kayaks and canoes to paddle out to it. It's low to the water at one side, so you can pull your boat up, and, with some fortitude, get up there.

From Bass Rock, the views beyond Webb Lake include Tumbledown and Jackson Mountains as well as Mount

But even the view of Mount Blue from Webb Beach and Campground is nothing to shake a stick at. It's a sandy man-made beach with a flat lawn, small retaining wall and some conveniences, including a lifeguard, playground, bathhouse with flush toilets and changing rooms and a

docking area for motorized and non-motorized boats. A big shaded wooden lean-to with a picnic table and fireplace provides shelter should rain suddenly

"You can sit on this little wall with your toes in the sand and keep an eye on the kids on the beach," Bartlett said. "And there's this big grass area that's open where you can play Frisbee and wiffle-

In the state park's Center Hill Area, there's a Nature Center with hands-on exhibits, a picnic area and an easy 0.5-mile Center Hill Nature Trail loop. A stop here and a stop at Webb Beach would make for a complete day outing with kids.

Mount Blue State Park is open 9 a.m. to sunset, unless otherwise posted at the gate. A fee is collected at the gate: \$1 for children ages 5-11, \$2 for adults 65 and over and otherwise \$5 for adults who live in Maine and \$7 for adults who don't.

Amy Paradysz is a freelance writer and photographer based in Scarborough.



Photo courtesy of Shannon Bryan Mount Blue State Park in Weld is a refreshingly scenic place for a dip, with plenty of amenities to make this

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#### MADE IN MAINE

## New Balance supports soles, souls

New Balance manufactures about 7 million sneakers every year. Of its five factories in New England, three are in Maine, including those in Norridgewock and Skowhegan.

#### By ALEXANDRA HALL

You'll spot its name on the feet of athletes and celebrities all over the globe, but the multinational sports footwear and clothing corporation has roots right

Of New Balance's five factories in New England, three are in Maine: Norway, Norridgewock, and Skowhegan. Meanwhile, scoring a pair of the brand's kicks at a discount is easy in these parts, given the company's smattering of outlet stores in the state — and that includes a hugely popular mega tent sale at the Factory Store in Oxford every summer, which this year runs from June 27-July

The company, founded in 1906 as the "New Balance Arch Support Company," made its first pair of running shoes in 1938. It's since become one of the world's best-known sportswear brands. With profits totaling about \$69 billion since 1992, it makes around seven million pairs of sneakers every year. And while other major athletic companies have moved all of their factories to China to lower costs, New Balance maintains a manufacturing foothold in America. (They do have some production in China, as well as in the United Kingdom to serve their European market.)

Because New Balance continues to make its products in America, production costs — and therefore retail prices - tend to be slightly higher than its competitors' footwear. So the company focuses on compensating for those extra dollars with cool and unusual features like heel counters, gel inserts, and sizes that are hard to find in other brands. In its sales, it also emphasizes that producing domestically means better quality in the end, since tasks such as cutting leather and hand-stitching are overseen more closely.

But when asked about keeping their factories in the U.S., directors of New Balance have said, "The major reason why we continue to make shoes in the United States is the commitments to the communities."

In Maine, 25 percent of the company's employees have been with the company for more than 15 years — and many

much longer. In each town it's set down roots in, New Balance has partnered with several volunteer programs, from community fundraiser walks and after-school programs to national family service non-profits like "The Home for Little Wanderers." They also donate funds to direct local needs; in Norway for example, the company helped build Lake Pennesseewassee Park in 2006, and has continued to donate money to the playground for children and its network of running and hiking trails since then.

Personal fitness, health, and preventing childhood obesity in local communities and nationwide are all major causes taken up by the company's philanthropic

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cement to a shoe before the sole is added at the Skowhegan factory in 2016.



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Portland Press Herald file photo by Ben McCanna Deborah Brown, a New Balance employee from Cornville, inspects a completed shoe before it is boxed up for shipping at the Skowhegan factory.

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#### VIEW FINDER

## Chondola Ride at Sunday River

Chair lift or gondola? It's both, and it's a fast, comfortable and breathtaking way to get to the mountaintop.



It's part chairlift and part gondola, called the Chondola at Sunday River. Visitors can choose their preferred type of ride — either a classic chair or an enclosed gondola cabin that carries up to 15 passengers.

Alexandra Hall is a longtime New England lifestyle writer who recently moved to Maine.

#### By ALEXANDRA HALL

The views from the top were certainly there long before Sunday River Resort introduced this, its \$7.2 million investment, in 2008. But, in building the Chondola — a hybrid that's half chair lift, half gondola — the resort gave visitors a fast, comfy, easy way to get up and down the mountain and soak up the vistas.

And what vistas they are. Not only can you peer out at all of Sunday River Valley, but also the imposing and shadowy, deep green Mahoosuc Mountains, including Old Speck, the third-highest peak in Maine and where some of the toughest hiking exists anywhere along the Appalachian Trail.

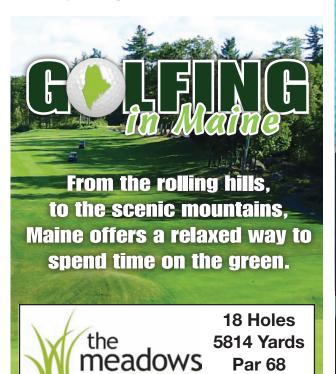
The Chondola is called such because passengers can choose their preferred type of ride — either a classic chair or an enclosed gondola cabin that carries up to 15 passengers.

Modeled after European versions that have sprung up around ski resorts in the Alps, it operates on a highspeed cable that carries skiers and non-skiers up in the winter, and pedestrians and hikers up the 6,427 feet from South Ridge base up to North Peak all summer and fall.

In winter, the Chondola has made it easy for those not skiing to join their friends and family up at the top for lunch. And, in warmer months, it's as great for picnickers and hikers (there are trails down) as it is for this who just want to get up there for the view, take a couple of selfies, and come right back down.

Meanwhile, once you're down off the mountain, the activity choices are plentiful enough to make for a full day trip — especially if you've got kids in tow. Between the mountain biking, zip lining, disc golf, and bungee trampolining, the options are dizzying.

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#### Make Marjorie Standish's **legendary Blueberry Cake**

The church cookbook recipe was the Maine Sunday Telegram columnist's most popular.

f you are from Maine and of a certain vintage, you know Marjorie Standish - and if for some reason you don't, you surely know her Melt-in-Your-Mouth Blueberry Cake.

From 1948 until she retired in 1973, Standish wrote Cooking Down East, a chatty, often nostalgic and ever upbeat recipe column in the Maine Sunday Telegram that turned the whole state into a single shared kitchen. Her column addressed newlyweds and summer visitors, hostesses and harried mothers, dandelion foragers and blueberry pickers, camp cooks, picnickers and "thoroughly modern Maine housewives." And by far her most popular recipe from that column? That blueberry cake, she said, when including it in her first of four cookbooks, named after her column and published in 1968. The book – and the recipe – have been staples in Maine kitchens ever since.

The recipe made its first appearance in Standish's column on Aug. 10, 1958, capping a long, homespun tale about her uncle, a favorite willow tree from girlhood, Gypsies and blueberry picking. "Along in the middle of the afternoon, Mother would come out around the barn and call, 'Want to walk up to the back field and pick enough blueberries for a cake?" Standish's reminiscence concluded. "It was all we needed, a walk up into the back field was a joy at any time. Our blueberry patch was not too large, but provided us with enough berries to be used in small quantities. Mother had a blueberry cake she made just before suppertime and served warm, it was certainly a delicacy. It is called Melt-in-Your Mouth Blueberry Cake.'

The following year, July 19, 1959, there it is again. This time Standish introduces it to her readers this

"Melt-in-Your-Mouth Blueberry Cake was used in Cooking Down East last year. It met with more than usual approval. Last week, when someone told me she had made it four days in five, I decided it was up for a repeat." Now, we feel it's that time again.

— By Peggy Grodinsky, from a July 2018 story in the Portland Press Herald

#### MARJORIE STANDISH'S MELT-IN-YOUR-MOUTH BLUEBERRY CAKE

2 eggs, separated

1 cup sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup shortening

1 teaspoon vanilla

11/2 cups sifted flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

⅓ cup milk

1½ cups fresh blueberries

Beat egg whites until stiff. Add about 1/4 cup of the sugar to keep them stiff.

Cream shortening, add salt and vanilla to this. Add remaining sugar gradually. Add unbeaten egg yolks and beat until light and creamy. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with the milk. Fold in beaten whites. Fold in the fresh blueberries (Take a bit of the flour called for in recipe and gently shake berries in it so they won't settle).

Turn into a greased 8 by 8-inch pan. Sprinkle top of batter lightly with granulated sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes. Serves eight.



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#### HISTORY BUFF

# Wadsworth-Longfellow House offers insight into poet's inspiration

The former home of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is now run by the Maine Historical Society.

By MARY RUOFF

Visitors to Portland taking in the city's Arts District can compare notes with the beloved 19th-century poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882) by stopping by his former home on Congress Street.

"Most visitors want to see the inside of the home to see where he wrote and the surroundings that inspired him," said John Babin, visitor services manager at the Maine Historical Society house museum — the state's first, opening in 1902.

Open daily May through October, the National Historic Landmark has guided tours at noon and 1 p.m. and is self-guided otherwise. A tip for those who aren't from away:

May and early June are the slow times. Admission includes changing exhibits in the society's adjoining museum. "Holding Up the Sky: Wabanaki People, Culture, History & Art," runs until Feb. 1. "Power of Potential: Photographs of the 1925 National Business and Professional Women's Convention,' held in Portland that year, concludes Aug. 25. A small Colonial Revival garden in the building's rear is free and open to the public in

Longfellow's maternal grandfather, Peleg Wadsworth, a Revolutionary War general who commanded Maine's forces, built the spacious brick residence with a fulllength central hall in 1786. His store was also on the 1.5-acre homestead at the community's edge. According to the society's website, what was the city's first "wholly brick home" is now "the oldest standing structure" on the Portland peninsula. The poet's parents, Zilpah and Stephen Longfellow, a lawyer, raised eight children here and added the second story in 1815 after a fire destroyed the roof.

Henry used the home as a base while traveling in Europe and teaching at his alma mater, Bowdoin College. Moving on to a professorship at Harvard, he married and raised his family in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Their mansion, Craigie House, was preserved by the family and is a National Historic Site and seasonal museum. The Cambridge Longfellows often visited

the Portland home.

Anne Longfellow Pierce, the poet's sister and the last Longfellow resident, left the building and its contents to the society to use as a memorial museum. Nearly everything visitors see belonged to the Wadsworth/Longfellow clan. In 2002, the museum's centennial celebrated a restoration and "reinterpretation" of the residence as it was in the 1850s, when Anne made stylish updates and her brother's career was at its peak. Family stories engage visitors, not merely fine furnishings

The striking master bedroom was restored as Zilpah redid it in 1826, with French wallpaper depicting climbing roses on a trellis that seems to pop from the walls. Often kept

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The outside of the Wadsworth-Longfellow House, home of the Maine Historical Society, on Congress Street in Portland.

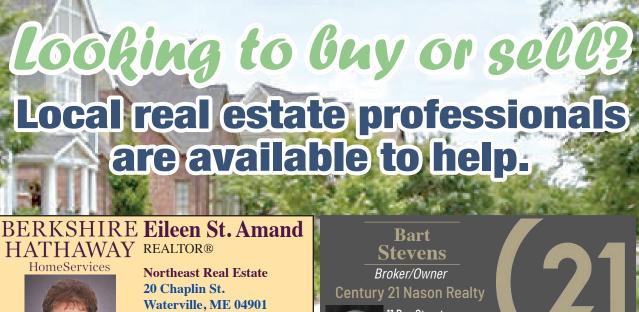
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home because of health issues, she loved the outdoor vibe, which contrasts yet complements the red and yellow canopy bed coverings — their classical Pompeian design includes the same small rose. The dining room/sitting room

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archway holds Stephen's large glass-front secretary. In the same space where he met clients, the younger members of this cultured, civically engaged and supportive family came with their satchels and slates to study



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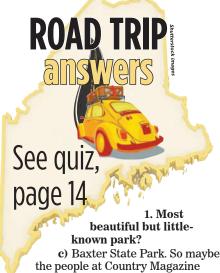
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trails, camp at one of 337 campsites, climb Mount Katahdin to discover the end of the Appalachian Trail or look for moose, but keep a respectable wildlife distance. The park's often looking for visitor volunteers for different projects, so inquire before you go.

#### 2. The state's fastest elevator?

b) The Penobscot Narrows Observatory connecting Verona Island and Prospect. According to the Friends of Fort Knox website, the observatory's one-minute elevator ride is "the fastest elevator in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont," which lets you out 420 feet up. Take that, Granite and Green Mountain states!

Now go: To Fort Knox and the Penobscot Narrows Observatory at the head of Penobscot Bay in Waldo County. Both are open from May 1 to Oct. 31. Tour the historic fort and view the river from the tallest public bridge observatory in the world. (Take that, world!)

#### 3. What horror franchise did painter Andrew Wyeth unknowingly inspire?

c) "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre."
No, really. According to several published reports, director Tobe Hooper says he was inspired by a serial killer, a trip to the hardware store and Wyeth's painting "Christina's World," which depicts a young Maine woman with polio crawling in the grass with a farmhouse in the distance.

Now go: There's only one place: Rockland's Farnsworth Art Museum. Its Wyeth Center features works by N.C., Andrew and Jamie Wyeth. (Seeing "Christina's World" in person will require a longer road trip; it's in the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan.)

#### 4. Chester Greenwood's invention?

a) A metal rake, patent No. 2,066,036. Greenwood had many, many inventions in his lifetime, including a wood-boring machine in 1914 and a kettle in 1929, according to Martin Wallace, patents and trademarks librarian at the University of Maine's Fogler Library.

Now go: To Farmington! Lovely to visit any time of year, but mark your calendar in December to celebrate the annual Chester Greenwood Day. Watch the big parade. Wear ear muffs. Rake something, ceremonially. Just generally live it up.

#### 5. Why is Bowl in the Pines, located in Sidney, famous in some circles?

b) It's the largest outdoor performance stage east of the Mississippi, according to Christa Johnson, Snow Pond Center for the Arts' director of development. The Bowl has hosted outdoor summer performances for more than 80 years in a row, in a really pretty, serene spot.

Now go: To Sidney! Maybe you've driven

Now go: To Sidney! Maybe you've driven past the exit on I-95 a thousand times — try getting off, exploring the back roads and giving Snow Pond and its Bowl a peek.

6. Spot the false statement about the 1838 Battle of Caribou.

c) It was NOT the first wartime conflict to be contained within a schoolhouse. However, the other two statements are entirely true: The war was started by a brazen lumberjack, and the 1838 Battle of Caribou ended when a black bear attacked three Canadians. Canadians shot the bear, and Americans, thinking they were under fire, shot back, then everyone went home. The fascinating history, told by the New England Historical Society, is definitely worth a read.

Now go: Way up north! And while you're up there, check out the Aroostook Valley Country Club, uniquely straddled on the U.S.-Canadian border. The parking lot and the pro shop are located in Fort Fairfield and the course is in New Brunswick. For Americans, there's no passport required, just head on up and play, according to Stephen Leitch, the club's general manager and golf pro.

#### 7. How did Squirrel Point get its name?

a) A frigate named The Squirrel carrying the governor of Massachusetts ran aground there in 1717, according to the keepers of Squirrel Point.org.

SquirrelPoint.org.

Now go: Where else? You're Squirrel Point bound! Getting there involves a two-thirds-of-a-mile hike through the woods about 10 miles outside Bath, off Bald Head Road. The site's been undergoing an intensive renovation and volunteers would love more help, according to SquirrelPoint.org.

#### 8. Daryl Hall's former house?

c) It's known as one of the oldest houses in Maine. Hall bought the property in 2007 and set about renovating it, a hobby of the singer's. While house namesake John Bray built in the spot overlooking Portsmouth Harbor in 1662, what's standing now is believed to be more 1720s construction, maybe incorporating some of Bray's original house, according

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to an application to the National Register of Historic Place. In 2019, it's under renovation once again.

Now go: To Kittery: Hit the retail outlet Mecca, do a drive-by of the Pepperrell Road property and enjoy the day on Route 1, catching the cool that is Maine.

#### 9. Found in Turner?

b) Chickens Mike and Oogie, who did such things as sit on their owner's shoulders while he drove or played cards, which caught the attention of "Ripley's Believe It Or Not." Turner is home to the largest egg farm in New England and it's believed the pair might have fallen off a chicken truck in their youth. (Bonus answer: The Turner Beast was a thing, and then a debunked thing, but not until 2006.)

**Now go:** To stroll the Androscoggin Riverlands State Park in Turner. Look for your own Oogie or your own Beast.

#### 10. Paul Bunyan's parents?

b) None other than Jaques Bunyan and Sarah Marie DuBois. (And, yes, that's Jaques without a "c".) His date of birth is listed as Feb. 12, 1834, and it looks like any other birth certificate, but for the "Record of birth of the mythical Paul Bunyan" typed across the top.

Now go: To the Queen City! Check out Bunyan's birth certificate hanging inside the City Clerk's office at City Hall, then have a picture taken with the enormous fiberglass lumberjack on Main Street. It's 31 feet tall and weighs 3,200 pounds, according to the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. The city first put the statue up in 1959 to celebrate its 125th anniversary. Mark your calendar for 2084: That's when a time capsule tucked in his base is slated to be opened.





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#### SUMMER SCHOOL

## Making things with your hands at Shaker Village

By AMY PARADYSZ

his summer, Sabbathday Shaker Village in New Gloucester is offering 44 hands-on workshops, including sessions on woodcarving, making brooms and Shaker-style chairs, hooking rugs, weaving baskets, cold-pressing soaps, spinning fi-ber, pressing flowers and making jellies, mustard, cheese and hard

"We keep it busy here," said of-fice manager Jamie Ribisi-Braley. 'We work with local crafters and makers who like to share their craft and we tie it to traditional crafts or things the Shakers may have made in the past."

The world's last active Shaker community, Sabbathday Lake is a productive place — despite having dropped from a population of 200 down to two and back up to three with a new member choosing the Shaker life last year. In addition to maintaining an apple orchard, vegetable gardens, hay fields, a commercial herb garden, a flock of sheep and a variety of livestock, the Shakers and their supporters run a museum and gift shop and host an open farm day (July 28), a Maine Native American summer market and demonstration (Aug. 24), a harvest festival (Oct. 12) and a Shaker Christmas fair (Dec. 7).

A fun way to more deeply connect with Shaker culture is to take up a traditional folk craft or make the stuff of everyday life with your own hands. More than two centuries ago, Mother Ann Lee set forth a guiding principle of this community, saying, "Put your hands to work and give your hearts to God."

"We try to feature as many different craft workshops related to Shaker traditions as possible, as well as some classes that emphasize creativity," said executive director Michael Graham. "Folks really enjoy the classes that teach them how to do something. It's not just about the final product but the experience of going through the process. It's a nice departure from the digital age.'

Six of the historic buildings at Sabbathday Lake are used as a public museum, with 27 rooms of exhibits sharing 236 years of Shaker heritage in Maine. Visitors learn about Shaker inventions, including the flat broom, circular saw blade, spring clothespin, chair tilter buttons and paper seed envelope. They learn about Shaker traditions, such as shape note singing (which is featured in an afternoon performance June 1, attracting singers from all over New England who use this historic form of music notation that assigns geometric note heads for a cappella arrangements, such as hymns). And they learn about the people who chose — and continue



Photo courtesy of Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village

Carding wool is one way to embrace the Shaker lifestyle while visiting the community in New

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to choose — the Shakers' simple, celibate and faith-based community as a way of life.

The heart of the Shaker experience is worship, and visitors are welcome to attend the Sunday Meeting — or worship service at 10 a.m. at the 1794 Meeting House. On the average week, a couple dozen people attend, experiencing Bible readings, hymns and spontaneous expressions of

"People just stand up and give their testimony," said Ribisi-Bra-ley, a frequent attendee. "It's very personal.

Music is at the core of Shakers' worship, and Shakers have had a significant impact on American music, as demonstrated through The Festival of American Music, a collaboration between the Shaker Village and the Portland String Quartet. This four-day event.

June 19-22, includes a series of concerts highlighting American composers and the influence of Shaker music.

"The concerts are in our 1789 meeting house, which has remarkable acoustics by design,' Graham said. "And it's fascinating to hear Portland String Quartet's rendition of the Shaker song 'Simple Gifts' played in conjunction with something by Bach."

Occasional two-hour nature tours explore some of the village's 1,800 acres, focusing on topics such as indigenous species, geology and land use and management. These are free but require advance registration to keep groups small.

For an immersive spiritual experience, the Shakers offer single-gender retreats. For women, there's "Learning About and Living in a Shaker Community,'

#### SINGLE-GENDER RETREATS

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June 24-27; "Shaker Gift Drawings," July 29-Aug. 3, or "Living the Shaker-Like Life," Oct. 18-22. For men, there's "Let It Pass, Let It Pass and Labor for a Gift of God," Sept. 6-10.

The Shaker Village, at 707 Shaker Road in New Gloucester, opens for the season May 25, Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through Columbus Day. The grounds are closed to the public on Sundays, other than visitors attending the worship service. The village is on Route 26, about 8 miles north of Exit 63 on the Maine Turnpike in Gray, and 8 miles west of Exit 75 (Auburn). The village is about 25 miles north of Portland. While traveling Route 26, other attractions include the Maine Wildlife Park, Poland **Spring Resort and Preservation** Society, and McLaughlin Garden & Historic Homestead.

For more information, go to www.maineshakers.com.



Jugs for making cider, which is among the 44 workshops offered this summer.

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#### ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Centerpoint Community Church 155 West River Road, Waterville 872-2084 www.centerpointme.org Service times: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Nursery for infants to age 3 Kids Church for Pre-K-6th grade Teens 7th-12th grade, Sundays 5 p.m.

#### **BAPTIST**

China Baptist Church

At the Head of China Lake China Village, Maine 968-2120, www.chinabaptist.org Pastor Ron Morrell Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship hour follows Everyone welcome!

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Pastor David Brown getchellstreetbaptistchurch@gmail.com www.getchellstreetbaptistchurch.org

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South Gardiner Baptist Church

Independent and Fundamental River Road/Route 24, South Gardiner Pastor Keith Hilton -Asst. Pastor Ryan Andersen Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. www.sgbchurch.com - 582-3751 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Oakland United Baptist Church 45 Church Street, Oakland 465-7828 Sunday Service 11:00-12:00

Waterville First Baptist Church One Park Street, Waterville 872-5741, office@watervillefbc.org Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Pastor Dave Rodrigue

Western Mountains Baptist Church 928 Carrabassett Road, New Portland Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m. www.westernmountainschurch.org

# Summer Worship Directory

#### **BAPTIST**

Winter Street Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
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Corpus Christi Parish Notre Dame Church

116 Silver Street, Waterville Saturday 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. St. Helena Church Route 27, Belgrade June 29 through July 1 Sunday 12:00 Noon St. John The Baptist Church 26 Monument St., Winslow Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 7:30 and

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Randolph United Methodist Church 16 Asbury Street, Randolph 582-5188 Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 12 Noon Office Hours: Wed. and Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - Noon Pastor: Rev. Dr. Richard Eiffert

Readfield United Methodist Church Route 17, Readfield 685-4211 Worship and Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Nursery / Childcare - Handicap Accessible Rev. Myung Park, Pastor - www.readfieldchurch.org Summer at Jesse Lee Meeting House Route 17 and Plains Road, East Readfield

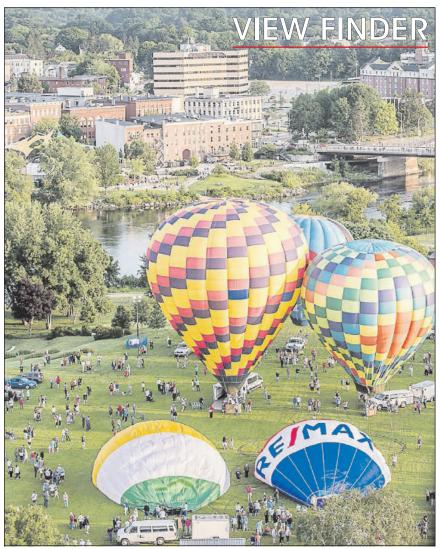
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Balloons take off from Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston during the 2018 Great Falls Balloon Festival. This year, the festival will be held from Aug. 16-18.

# Great Falls and a great balloon festival in Lewiston

Annual event just a sample of what's happening this summer.

By AMY PARADYSZ

lusters of hot air balloons hovering along the Androscoggin River and over rocky Great Falls is one of Maine's most picturesque sights and a highlight of summer in the Lewiston-Auburn area.

The three-day Great Falls Balloon Festival, Aug. 16-18, includes hot-air balloon launches at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, as well as carnival rides, games, food and entertainment. Admission is free, and about 100,000 people pass through the festival each year between the primary location at Simard-Payne Memorial Park (off Oxford Street) in Lewiston and additional entertainment and food options on the other side of the Riverwalk

at Festival Plaza in Auburn.

"A lot of people who come from out of town to see the balloons want to book their vacation that week," said Tracy Collins, president of the Great Falls Balloon Festival board. "Lewiston-Auburn has amazing architecture, and photos of the launches look so majestic featuring church steeples and balloons touching down on the river."

A festival highlight is the Moon Glow on Friday (8-9 p.m.), when three specialty balloons — including Smokey Bear (celebrating his 75th birthday) — will be lit up and tethered, hovering over the field.

"The Moon Glow brings a huge crowd," Collins said. "People get to see the balloons in a whole new light."

Balloon launches are, of course, weather dependent, with the festival's balloon-meister watching the weather and observing Federal Aviation Administration guidelines. Collins says that wind is more often a deterrent in the evening; if you really want to see the balloons in the air,

morning is the better bet.

(Note: Dogs are not allowed on the field during any of the balloon launches.)

For balloon watching, parking is more plentiful in the morning, as are the pancakes (5:30-10:30 a.m.).

But you'll find more going on later in the day, when the majority of the food vendors are open and poutine and lime Rickeys are crowd favorites. Every year, local nonprofits raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for local high schools, churches and civic organizations selling everything from hot dogs to taco salad.

Entertainment throughout the festival includes musical groups, local dance and cheerleading teams, dog tricks and medieval reenactors with staged battles. Sunday is family fun day, with free kids' activities from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., including a fun run, diaper derby, face painting and family-friendly entertainment.

The full festival schedule and advance registration for a balloon ride (\$200 per person) are available online: www. greatfallsballoonfestival.org.



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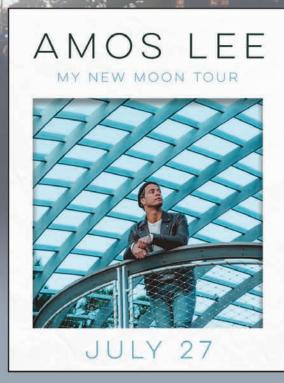
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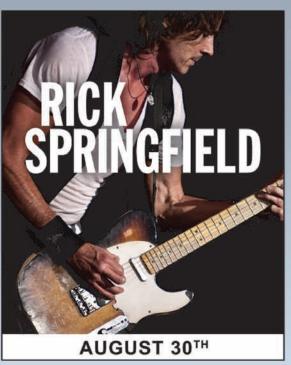












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