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Winslow Supply, Inc. 567 Benton Ave. Waterville.

Susan Varney photos

Winslow Supply offers decades of knowledge and service

BY SUSAN VARNEY
Correspondent

Looking for plumbing, heating, air conditioning or electrical supplies where you don't have to walk miles of warehouse aisles to get everything you want and need? Try Winslow Supply at 567 Benton Avenue in Winslow.

It's got the goods and the guys who can help the professionals and do-it-yourselfers get the job done. Essentially, it's a place that values helping customers find what they need.

"Great place to get your supplies, friendly staff, fair prices—always excellent service wholesale and retail," said one anonymous tipster online.

Talking to Karen Loftus and Patti Libby, both daughters of Dan DeRoch, the man who started it all 49 years ago, they joked about the toilets in the front window.

"Dad first put them there and there they are and they are at the right level for viewing," she said with a laugh.

"Prices are going up because of tariffs ... we can't compete with the big box stores, but we think we make up for it with knowledge and service," said Loftus.

It's a family business. She and her sister work in the office at desks facing each other and have for years. Each has worked for the company since they were students in high school helping their dad.

Libby recalled one faithful customer telling her, "You can't go anywhere as long as I'm alive. You're my go-to place."

Loftus' son, Trevor Loftus, started working in the warehouse when he was in high school and is now the president of the company, doing everything from service desk work to deliveries, and ordering and calculat-



Patti Libby, seated and sister, Karen Loftus, both daughters of Dan DeRoch who started the business in 1970, work in the office at Winslow Supply at 567 Benton Avenue. Waterville.

ing heat losses for buildings to make sure the heating system chosen can deliver the required heat.

"The guys are real helpful when it comes to camp pumps and heating supplies" when people are opening up camps that have been closed and things need work, according to the sisters talking back and forth. "We don't do the work, but we can recommend contractors."

Winslow Supply sells tools from chain-saws to weed whackers, but you won't find a hammer or screwdriver on the shelves.

They have battery operated tools that help people get into places for installation and repairs. They also have a crimping tool for PEX plastic tubing. There is help, knowledgeable help, available here.

Do you know the difference between a

furnace and a boiler? Heating systems are probably the biggest movers at Winslow Supply. A furnace is a warm air system and a boiler circulates water, they tell us. Other systems include radiant, in-floor heating systems and heat pumps. Trevor can calculate customer needs according to building size, windows and materials.

And then there is the Pitless T-handle pump puller. They let it out free or buy your own. Call for information.

Winslow Supply has a staff of seven, including Jim Begin, Fairfield, who has been there since 1977; Paul Willette, since 1987; Steve Libby, Patti's husband has been there 35 years and Bob Loftus, 49 years.



Jim Begin, Fairfield, who has worked at Winslow Supply since 1977, shows a crimping tool used on PEX plastic tubing for hot and cold water lines.

Shelves of supplies and fittings in the showroom of Winslow Supply on Benton Avenue.



Susan Varney photos

Laurie Laliberte, owner of Attitudes on 3 Cushman Road in Winslow, makes another happy client beautiful.

Attitudes takes same integrity to new location

BY SUSAN VARNEY
Correspondent

Laurie Laliberte grew up in Waterville and, until two and a half years ago, operated a hair salon called Attitudes on Main Street in downtown Waterville.

It offered a convenient, visible location, but facing diminishing parking possibilities as Colby College extended its campus to downtown Waterville, she decided to move.

"My elderly customers don't want to, or can't, walk several blocks to get to the salon," said Laliberte, who moved her business to Winslow.

Her 31 years of experience with hair, skin and nails has brought her a loyal staff and clientele and the salon has been voted the Best of the Best of area businesses more than once.

"Most of the staff and customers moved from Waterville to Winslow with me," said Laliberte.

Customers come for haircuts, styling, shampoos, permanents and colors. Sometimes we all need a change of pace — a new style or color for everyday or for special occasions, she said. Even men come in for a haircut and beard trim, "not so much the coloring," Laliberte admitted. "We are really, really busy and have a good range of people from kids to elderly."

Melissa from Fairfield said: "Best salon in town. Laurie is the only person I would ever let touch my hair. Experienced stylists who will still be there for your appointment, even in a snow storm."

Attitudes is open evenings and Saturdays for customer convenience and prices, she said, are reasonable. Attitudes participates in fundraisers for the schools and Laliberte has three daughters; a teacher, a nurse and a student at Kennebec Valley Community College.

Attitudes is located at 3 Cushman Road, Suite 1, just off the China Road (across from Walgreen's). The telephone number is 873-6411 and the salon offers plenty of easy-to-find parking.

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Hillman’s continues a history of baking excellence

Bakery at 60 years and counting

BY SUSAN VARNEY
Correspondent

Once the carriage house behind the family home at 16 Western Avenue, Hillman’s Bakery has been going strong for 60 years, passing from father to son.

Current owner Larry Hillman works in the office, but still fills in anywhere he’s needed, from the counter to the dish washer.

Not only can you stop on your way to work and get a chocolate glazed donut and a great cup of coffee, but you can get a box of goodies, all made in-house, to take to your fellow workers without breaking the bank.

Ever wonder how those birthday cakes with photo images in frosting were made? Hillman’s has a computer that can change your favorite photo of the birthday celebrant into a knock-your-socks-off, one-of-a-kind cake with an edible image.

Terry Rogers is a baker and cake decorator along with her many other jobs. She said the images used on cakes need to be personal images or in the public domain, not copyright restricted.

Harley Corson of Benton is following in the footsteps of her dad and older sister, who worked at Hillman’s before her. She walked me around naming the items in the cases and explaining what they were, such as Goodie Bars— chocolate cake dipped in chocolate, and Magic Bars with nuts and graham crackers, Apple Bars, and Rainbow Bars with layers of colored cake with jam between layers.

Let’s talk about the pies. There were racks of beautiful, flaky-crust berry pies— fresh baked and waiting for a new home. Fruit pies such as strawberry rhubarb, blueberry and strawberry are always popular, especially in season, she said. Other favorites are chocolate, peanut butter cream pie, coconut, lemon meringue, key lime and pecan, all in the \$8 to \$9 range.

Did you know that a Congo Bar is chocolate chip cookie dough baked into a bar instead of a cookie?

Did you know you can get an individual carrot cake, muffin sized, a 6-inch mini carrot cake, as well as a standard carrot cake all with cream cheese frosting?

Did you know that Napoleons, cannolis, cream puffs and éclairs are not the same thing?



Susan Varney photos
Hillman’s staff members Harley Corson, Benton, Karen Winfree, Fairfield and Terry Rogers, Fairfield.

There’s a whole tasty vocabulary when it comes to the edible treats at Hillman’s. Hillman’s has fresh white bread and biscuits daily. Some days they also have whole wheat bread or oatmeal bread and brown bread on Saturday, to go with your own baked beans or theirs. Some sugar-free products are available but no gluten-free.

“There’s too much flour flying around the kitchen to assure anything done there would be gluten-free. We just don’t have the room for it,” said Rogers, a 25-year veteran baker at Hillman’s.

Wedding cake or turkey pie, baked beans and brown bread, bear claws and tarts, party trays and breakfast trays—whatever you need in the sweets department, breads and extras—can be found at Hillman’s. It seems we are always in a hurry but this is the place to stop and smell the love baked into every creative food.

“Hillman’s Bakery is a local gem with an eye-popping selection of the most delicious pastries, pies, breads and biscuits around, with Whoopie pies and cream rolls leading the pack.”

TERRY ROGERS, A 25-YEAR VETERAN
BAKER AT HILLMAN’S



One of the show cases filled with an assortment of pastries, muffins and pies.



Pie, pies and more pies with Terry Rogers, baker at Hillman’s Bakery.

Cheung Lee Express offers fresh local cuisine

BY SUSAN VARNEY
Correspondent

Craving for an egg roll and the treat of having someone else doing the cooking can spell a take-out run at Cheung Lee Express in downtown Fairfield.

Tina Cheung and delivery driver Jody Arno of Benton joined us on this particular ride, to talk about how the business works.

Cheung meets and greets customers, takes orders including phone orders on several phones and conveys orders to the kitchen. She tallies up with the grace and ease of someone who has been doing it for 22 years. She said the Pu Pu Platter remains the ever popular favorite with beef teriyaki, chicken teriyaki, egg rolls, chicken fingers, chicken wings, crab rangoons and boneless ribs. Everything is made fresh daily, she said.

Cheung Lee Express in located next to the Big Apple at 122 Main Street, on the outskirts of Waterville. They have fast delivery to Waterville, Winslow, Fairfield, with a \$2 charge, she said. For Oakland and Benton it’s a \$3 charge and Clinton, Outer Benton and Hinckley for a \$4 charge. The business is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Cheung’s 50-piece Party Platter is available with pork fried rice and chicken lo mein for \$69.95 and comes with six beef teriyaki, six chicken teriyaki, 12 chicken fingers, 12 crab rangoons, six egg rolls and eight chicken wings. Catering also is available.

There are full course dinners available for two to four people, combination plates, house specialties, appetizers and appetizer combinations and soups, which include hot and sour, wonton, noodle, vegetable or egg drop. Fried



You can’t go wrong with an order of fresh steamed rice and veggies.

rice can be had with an assortment of protein or meatless or with vegetables or mushrooms. Lo mein noodles, chow mein and chop suey, egg foo yung, sweet and sour combinations and seafood are available. In their Health Food Section are: steamed mixed vegetables, steamed vegetables with chicken, shrimp or bean curd.

The Szechuan section has a dozen choices from chicken or beef or pork or shrimp with Peking sauce, sesame chicken, Treasure Island with beef, shrimp, pork and chicken with vegetables, or Bali Island with beef and scallops with vegetables on a bed of noodles, and finally, orange flavored chicken or orange flavored beef. Szechuan is hot and spicy but some of

the dishes are hotter than others.

Of course there are the everyday specials — because they are everyone’s favorite combinations — and not surprising, the specials include fried shrimp and French fries, chicken fingers and French fries, and chicken wings and French fries — something for everyone.

The combinations seem endless; it’s a wonder how they keep track of everything. Everyone has their favorites and keep ordering them time after time, but it can be fun to take the time and look over the menu for a new taste-tempting treat.

Whether to tip or not is an oft-asked question, according to Arno and Cheung. They say it is up to the customer.



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Mid-Maine Marine holding on strong after 35 years

Family-owned and operated is key to longevity

BY WANDA CURTIS
Correspondent

One of the longstanding businesses in the Belgrade Lakes Region is Mid-Maine Marine on Kennedy Memorial Drive in Oakland. Owners Frank and Jackie Prelgovisk established the business about 35 years ago, after Frank had worked in the marine industry for a number of years. Their business philosophy is to provide outstanding service characterized by honesty and integrity; they say that's the secret to their longevity.

Like many Maine businesses, Mid-Maine Marine is a family business. The Prelgovisks' son, Garret, is vice president and oversees the service department. Son-in-law Ronald Schultz is sales manager.

Schultz said that they're not only family-owned, but also are a family-oriented business.

"What we enjoy most about the business is helping families to make memories on the water that they will remember for generations to come," he said. "Maine is the perfect place to do that; it's a boater's paradise."

According to Schultz, Mid-Maine Marine sells a wide variety of boats from bow riders to pontoon boats to salt water fishing boats. He said what they're best known for are their Lund Deep Sea Fishing Boats. He said that the majority of the Lund boats they sell are midsized, towable fishing-only or fish and ski boats.

"We've been among the top five Lund dealers in New England every year," Schultz said. In addition to Lund, some of the other

high-quality boat manufacturers represented at Mid-Maine Marine are Four Winns, Wellcraft and Harris.

"We sell a variety of different boats for the market so that our customers can enjoy every type of recreation on the water in lakes, ponds or the ocean," said Schultz. "Lake surfing is starting to become a big thing."

Schultz said that while many of their customers are Maine residents, people travel from all over New England to buy their boats. He said that some customers have come from as far away as New York after finding just the boat they've been looking for on Mid-Maine Marine's website www.midmainemarine.com.

"We're well represented on the website," said Schultz.

In addition to their busy sales department, Mid-Maine Marine has a very active service department where they service every brand of motor.

"While we're primarily a Mercury dealer, we also service Johnson, Evinrude, Honda, Yamaha, Hatsu, Volvo, and Mercruiser," said Schultz.

This time of year, their service personnel are very busy picking up boats for storage and servicing before winter. Schultz said that fall is a great time to purchase any type of boat because they offer clearance prices and there have rebate programs.

"Some models can be stored for the winter with no charge if they buy them now," he said. "Trade-ins are always welcome."

The website www.midmainemarine.com/services contains a detailed listing of the many services offered at Mid-Maine Marine.



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RONALD SCHULTZ, SALES MANAGER, MID-MAINE MARINE

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Staff photos by Ron Robbins

Mid-Maine Marine in Oakland, sells a wide variety of boats from bow riders to pontoon boats to salt water fishing boats.

Buddies offers an old-fashioned shopping experience in downtown Oakland

BY NANCY GALLAGHER
Correspondent

George Rancourt and Stephen (Steve) Phair are buddies. They've been buddies for 50 years, and business partners for half that time. So it's no surprise that their business is named Buddies—Buddies Meats and Groceries in downtown Oakland, that is.

A really brief history of why they purchased Buddies: "We decided that we wanted to go into business," Phair said, chuckling.

So they targeted an Oakland grocery store. The store had had a series of prior owners, but Associated Grocers of Maine had eventually assumed responsibility for its operation.

"It was an established business," Phair said. "We saw an opportunity because it had been kind of let go for a number of years ... we thought we could turn it around."

That was more than 24 years ago.

At first, customers continued coming in "because it was convenient and in town," Phair said. But it's what's inside that has kept them coming back. An in-house bakery, prepared foods, fresh hand-cut Choice Angus meats (hamburger is ground daily), and quality perishables fill cases and shelves with a well-rounded selection of food choices. Alcoholic beverage options include beers, wines and spirits.

Buddies also credits its long-term employees, and its efforts to fill the needs of the community for its success, Phair said. Those long-term employees include a deli manager with 15 years of employment at Buddies, a bakery manager with five



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years, and a produce manager who's been there for 24 years.

Weekly specials begin each Monday and Buddies includes print, radio and internet advertising in targeting customers.

"We also have a philosophy; we try to help out in the local community" with a range of sponsorships, Phair said.

Their version of helping out can take a variety of forms.

"A gentleman here in town had broken his leg and couldn't get out. We delivered his groceries at no charge," Phair recalled. Carrying out groceries for an elderly person who might be struggling? Of course. And Buddies makes a point of honoring customers' requests to add specific items whenever possible. "Within reason we certainly try," he said.

"It's kind of an old-fashioned shopping experience with us. We're not a big, big store, but we're certainly convenient and we offer a lot of variety," Phair said.



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From dream to reality

The making of Joseph’s Fireside Steakhouse

BY NANCY GALLAGHER
Correspondent

What does a meat market owner with a reputation for quality meats do for a next act?

If he’s Kevin P. Joseph, he opens a steakhouse. Thanks, in part, to business friend E. J. Fabian, who noticed a nearby restaurant for sale.

Each of the two men had been considering opening a restaurant at some point, and “the more we talked about it, we decided that it would be probably a really good idea to open up a steakhouse because there wasn’t one in Waterville,” Joseph said.

Joseph began earning his chops, literally, as owner of Joseph’s Market in Waterville. Over decades of purveying meats to area restaurants, he became curious about the dynamics of actually operating a restaurant.

Enter Fabian, first as the parent of a child active in the same sports as Joseph’s child. A sports-dad friendship subsequently blossomed, deepening to the point of discussing their similar bucket list dream of opening a restaurant.

Location? Easy. The former Jade Island Restaurant adjacent to Waterville’s Pine Ridge Golf Course was for sale.

Category? Also easy. Find a gap in the restaurant category and fill it.

Name? No problem. In order to capitalize on Joseph’s reputation for quality meats, they settled on Joseph’s Fireside Steakhouse.

Serendipity brought the partners to this point. Then came the heavy lifting. Hard work, endless hours of analysis and discussion— fueled by their extensive business backgrounds and obsessions with delivering a top quality product— form the basis of the continued success at Joseph’s.

Joseph’s uses only USDA High Choice and Prime grade beef. Meats are cut on premises. Steaks are not enhanced with tenderizers or needling (puncturing the meat in order to break down its fibers.) Hamburger is ground on premises.

A full menu change occurs two to three times a year.



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A fireside table adds ambiance to this inviting dinner for two.

Summer puts a smile on foodies’ faces, because that’s when kitchen manager Devin Davis and general manager Rick Savage enliven offerings by road testing biweekly specials on the appetizer, lunch and dinner menus. Popular choices may eventually appear regularly. Traditionalists can still choose from a basic regular menu.

A cozy lounge area serves a wide range of beers, wines and spirits. A climate-controlled back deck overlooks the Pine Ridge Golf Course for soothing scenery in a comfy environment. Meanwhile, it expands total floor space to make hosting functions possible.

“Numerous people have commented on the cleanliness,” Joseph said. “I would not hesitate one bit to take anybody that I know, or even don’t know, to have them walk through the kitchen ... and then show them, because I’m very strict when it comes to cleanliness,” Joseph said.

So how’s it going? Joseph and Fabian had planned to own the restaurant for five years. With the help of their 50 employees, the operation has functioned smoothly well into their ninth year of ownership, and the “Best of” awards are

piling up. In addition to Best Steak and Best Hamburger in the Waterville market, Joseph’s has won Best Steak, Best Hamburger and Best Wait Staff.

What’s next? They are looking into starting a rewards program, as well as recasting their Mug Club as a Social Club to encourage lounge customers to enjoy their beverage of choice while socializing there with friends and business associates, Joseph said.

Always looking for yet another opportunity continues to be a modus operandi for both Joseph and Fabian. Joseph also operates K & K Tractor Services, enabling him to at long last work outdoors.

Fabian has owned Fabian Oil and two memory care facilities in addition to partnering in the Steakhouse. Spoiler alert—Joseph’s Fireside Steakhouse is for sale.

Joseph’s Fireside Steakhouse is located at 99 West River Road, Waterville, Maine 04901. Business hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Sunday. The kitchen closes nightly at 9 p.m. For more information, or to make reservations, call 877-8325 or consult the website at www.jfs.me.

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Waterville Opera House KELLER WILLIAMS

Thu. Sept. 26 @ 8 - 11 p.m.
Keller Williams released his first album in 1994, FREEK, and has since given each of his albums a single syllable title: BUZZ, SPUN, BREATHE, LOOP, LAUGH, HOME, DANCE, STAGE, GRASS, DREAM, TWELVE, LIVE, ODD, THIEF, KIDS, BASS, PICK, FUNK, VAPE, SYNC and RAW, , those who have followed his career will know this. Each title serves as a concise summation of the concept guiding each project. GRASS, for example, is a bluegrass recording cut with the husband-wife duo The Keels. STAGE is a live album and DREAM is the realization of Keller’s wish to collaborate with some of his musical heroes. THIEF is a set of unexpected cover songs, KIDS offers Keller’s first children’s record, PICK presents Keller’s collaboration with royal bluegrass family The Travelin’ McCoury’s, and RAW is a solo acoustic album.
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PechaKucha Night Waterville is presented by a volunteer Team PK, Waterville Creates, and the Waterville Public Library. The Colby Center for the Arts and Humanities is the PK Waterville 2018 – 2019 season sponsor.

Waterville Opera House
MAX WEINBERG’S JUKEBOX
Sat. Oct. 5 @ 8 - 11 p.m.
Max Weinberg is an American drummer and television personality, most widely known as the longtime drummer for Bruce Springsteen’s E Street Band, and as the bandleader for Conan O’Brien on Late Night and The Tonight Show.
Max Weinberg’s Jukebox: A truly interactive experience, Weinberg invites the audience to create the set list, in real time, that he and his four piece group will play that night. Audiences have thoroughly embraced the idea of picking and calling out the songs the band plays – in real time! From Beatles to Bruce and Stones to Steppenwolf, the band infuses these classics with the respect the songs deserve. The crowd gets to yell out their choices and Max plays them!
Tickets: \$32 – \$43
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Variety! offers an eclectic mix of music, artists and horsemanship

Show builds on history of Tom Mix’s wonder horse

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Special to Our Towns*

1937 was a busy year around the world. The Golden Gate bridge opened in San Francisco. Amelia Earhart disappeared over the Pacific and, in Germany, the Hindenburg disaster signaled the end of the reign of the flying ship.

It was also the year the Tom Mix Circus came to Waterville with a dream to put a wonder horse on the stage of the then 20-year old Waterville Opera House. More than eight years later, that dream is once again coming true as Waterville Creates! brings Star the Dancing Horse (and her Intuitive Horseman, Kevin Crane) to the Waterville Opera House to star in Variety! —an evening of exceptional entertainment – on Saturday, Oct. 19. A fundraiser in support of Waterville Creates!, Variety! will help keep accessible arts programming running year round as only 41% of the organization’s revenues are raised by ticket sales annually.

Wonder Horse

Legend has it that Tom Mix’s trusty steed, Tony the Wonder Horse, was hauled up the side of the building in a sling in order to get the horse on stage to perform. Nearly 80 years later, a wonder horse is returning to the Waterville Opera House stage, this time however, thanks to modern technology the horse can take the elevator. The freight elevator, that is! (Star the Dancing Horse, while a fit mare indeed, weighs close to one thousand pounds!)

Star the Dancing Horse (a quarter horse, 14.2 hands, also a rescue horse!) will be joined on stage by Kevin Crane, Intuitive Horseman. Star and Crane have worked together for many years, focusing on versatility, team penning, sorting and cowboy dressage and giving horsemanship clinics. Performing a choreographed dance together is a first for Star and Crane and they’re excited to bring the art of horsemanship back to the historic opera house stage!

Star and Crane will not be the only talent taking to the stage at Variety! Waterville Creates!, which often partners with the Waterville Public Library to promote the literary arts in Waterville.

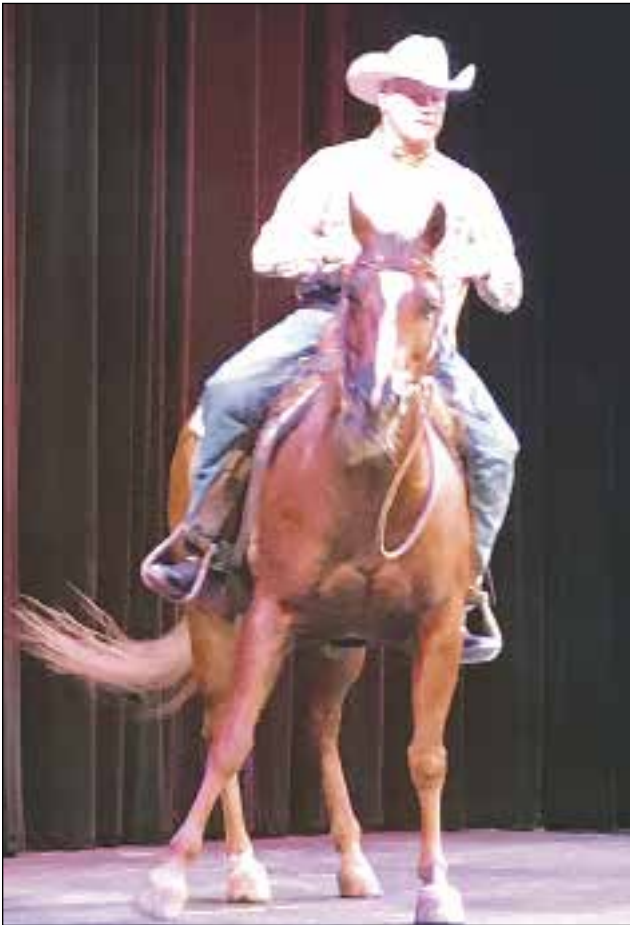
Joao Victor, the 2019 Maine Poetry Out Loud State Champion, has joined the acts presented at Variety! and will be sharing two of his original poems. A recent Lewiston High School graduate and Angola native, Victor is seeking asylum in the United States and will be performing a number of his original works.

Vocalist

Known primarily for her work behind the scenes, Waterville Box Office manager Emilienne Ouellette will lend her considerable vocal talent to Variety! An artist, actor and writer from Oakland, Maine and graduate of Messalonskee High School, Ouellette also holds a BA in English Literature from the University of Maine at Augusta. She has been the Box Office Manager of the Waterville Opera House for nearly four years, a position that she regularly refers to as her “dream job.” A self-professed Jazz Nerd, Ouellette rarely listens to what she refers to as, “Music of The Now,” but prefers to indulge her ears in the delightful tunes of the early to mid-20th century. “Begin the Beguine” is one of her all-time favorite pieces of music and it has long been a dream of hers to perform it on this, her favorite stage.

Film and arts

As Variety! is a reflection of all the performing arts championed by Waterville Creates!, the Maine Film Center and the



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Maine International Film Festival also have a lead role to play in entertaining Variety! patrons

Jak Peters, an accomplished performer and cinematographer and valued Railroad Square Cinema projectionist, will share selections from the unique collection of trailers he has created for the Maine International Film Festival over the past nine years. Central to the MIFF experience, these works are played at every MIFF screening and will help recreate the unique atmosphere the Festival brings to town every July.

Joining Peters to bring the magic of film to Variety! are two very special students, Isabelle and Phoebe Rogers—twin sisters from Temple, Maine. Visual artists and musicians, the Rogers sisters create short films together, as well as writing and performing original music in their band, Sagittarius Rising. During Variety!, Isabelle and Phoebe Rogers will show “Ocean Child,” their first animated short film, which won the Huey Award at the Maine Student Film and Video Festival at the 2019 Maine International Film Festival. The song in the film (lyrics by Isabelle and melody by Phoebe) is inspired by the mythical legend of the Selkie, a mythical creature embodying a human that can transform into a seal. The two are homeschooled and are currently advanced students at Foster Tech Center’s Digital Media program and second year AP art students at MBHS.

Tap dance and music

Bringing the thunder, the energy—and the tap! —to Variety! is the TNT Dance Studio’s Tap Company! (You just can’t have

a variety show without amazing tap dancing!) The group will be performing a high-energy tap routine created especially for Variety! You can expect this group to offer the audience the sight (and sound) of fast feet with intricate rhythms. TNT always makes the stage come alive!

Keeping the night musical as well as magical will be Automat— a band formed in the style of the Jerry Garcia Band. Automat is Gary Coons on drums, Steve Fotter on guitar, Dan Dubord on keyboard, Greg Goulette on Bass, Waterville Creates! board chair Jim LaLiberty on guitar and Christine Poulson, lead singer. The range of music covered by Automat includes rhythm and blues, jazz, folk, country and rock in an improvisational framework, with a groove-based bar band sound.

The Maine Stream barbershop quintet – who perform as part of the Kennebec Valley Chordsmen – will be performing some of their high-energy songs during Variety! the members consist of Jay Daniel, Juan Lavalle-Rivera, Tim Geroux, Steve Eccher and Emmons Pinkham.

Also joining us will be the cast of Waterville High School’s upcoming fall musical, Cinderella! As you can imagine we are very excited to have some of Waterville’s youngest actors joining us on the stage to show us all what they can do.

Variety!— an evening of exceptional entertainment— is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct.19. Tickets can be purchased online at www.operahouse.org or by calling the Waterville Opera House Box Office at 873-7000.

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For more information or to purchase tickets go to operahouse.org

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