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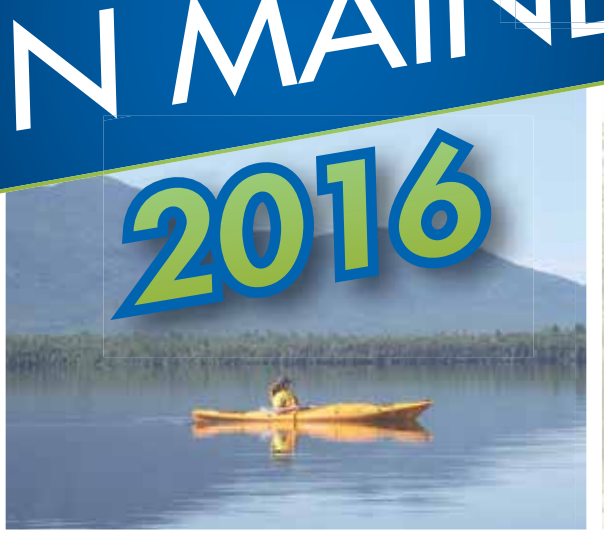

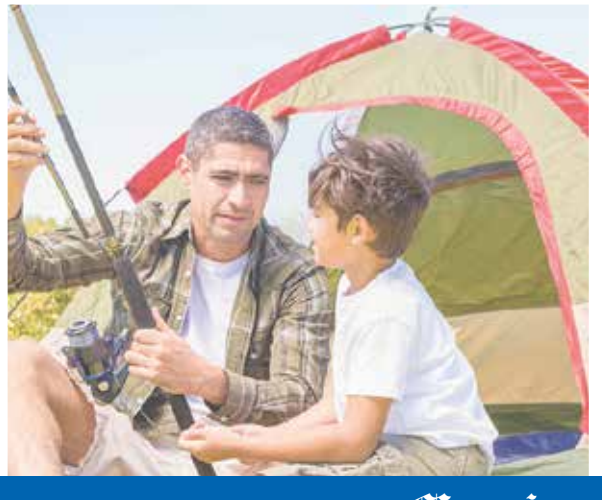

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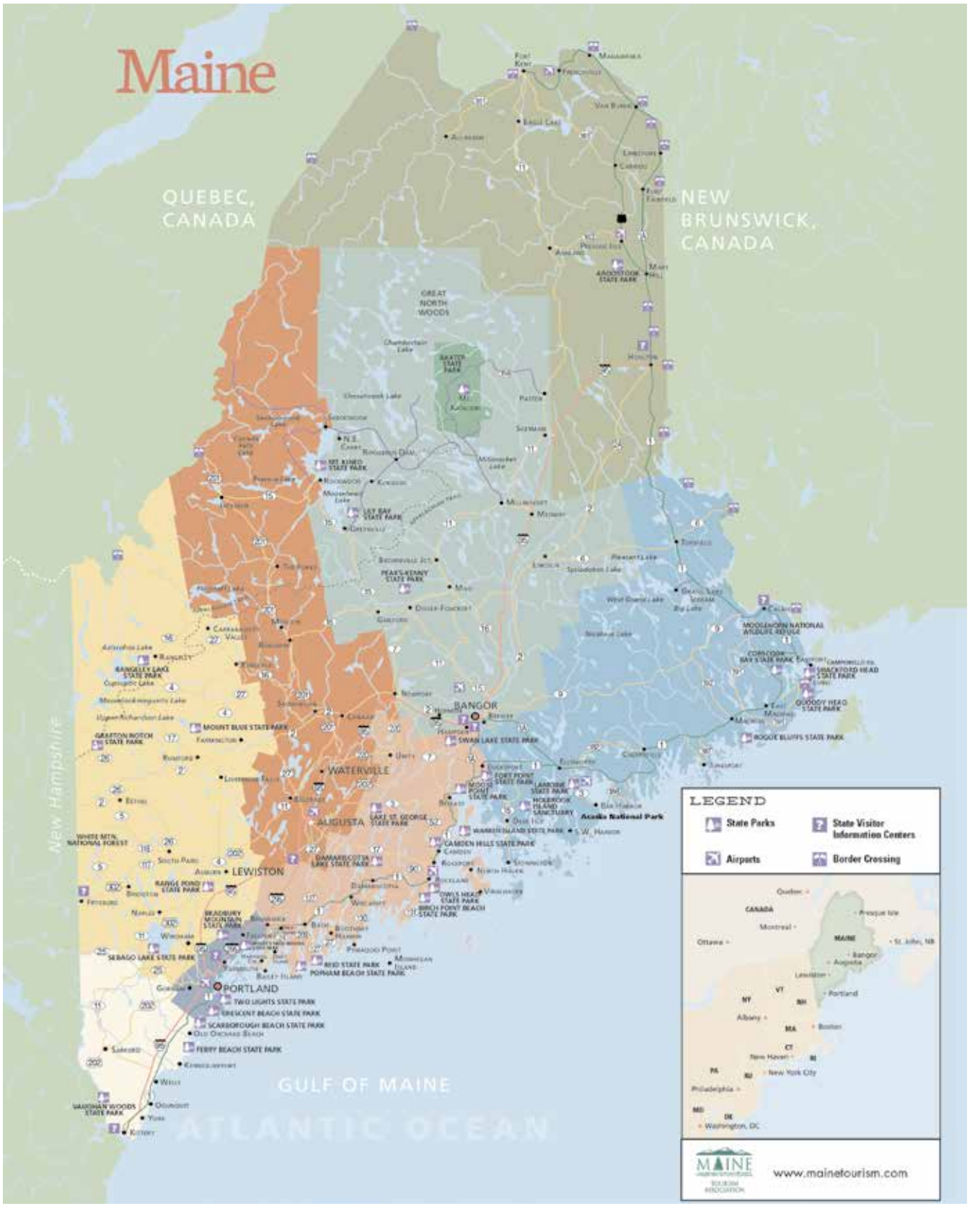

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Augusta offers programs for all ages

Museums, festivals, live music, kids day in the park included

BY WANDA CURTIS
Correspondent

Maine residents and visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of events in Maine's capital city of Augusta this summer.

Whatever Family Festival and Kids Day in Capitol Park

Nearly four decades ago, residents of the Kennebec Valley first came together to celebrate the river that unifies our region. What started with a carefree race down the Mighty Kennebec River has transformed into the top-notch two week family festival we celebrate today! This year the festivities span from June 15th through July 4th and are available throughout the Kennebec Valley.

In 2016 we are proud to present hundreds of activities for all to enjoy: from a bluegrass festival to craft fairs, waterfront concerts to sports tournaments, and the signature Kid's Day in Capitol Park on June 25th! The Whatever Family Festival is a distinctive opportunity to experience the Kennebec Valley through a variety of free events.

This magnificent marvel of Central Maine would not be possible without the support and dedication of over 100 area businesses. Whatever you decide to do, you are sure to have fun at the Whatever Family Festival! from craft fairs to waterfront concerts to sports tournaments, and the signature Kid's Day in Capitol Park on June 25th! The Whatever Family Festival is a distinctive opportunity to experience the Kennebec Valley through a variety of free events.

150 Events run from Wednesday, June 15th to Saturday, July 4th, 2016. Go to *kennebecvalleychamber.com* for more information on scheduled events.

Annual Kids Day in Capitol Park

The 20th annual Kids Day in Capitol Park will be held on Saturday, June 25. There will be 80 events and activities in Capitol Park that day, including musical presentations, dance presentations, balloons, K-9 demonstrations by Maine State Police, and hands-on activities. The local fire department will bring many emergency vehicles for children to tour and children will have an opportunity to blow an air horn. Construction companies also will bring in large pieces of equipment for children to view. Food will be provided for a fee. For more information, call 623-4559.

The Maine State Museum offers many special events and programs throughout the year. Maine's State House and the home of Maine's governor, the Blaine House, are also great places to visit.

Maine State Museum

Located in the heart of Maine's State House complex at 230 State Street, Augusta, the Maine State Museum offers the best of Maine – all under one roof! The museum is housed in the Cultural Building, which it shares with two other Maine institutions that are popular destinations for visitors - the Maine State Library and Maine State Archives.

The Maine State Museum offers many special events and programs throughout the year. The museum also offers special guided tours and educational programs by reservation for large and small groups. A fee of $5.00 is charged for each of these programs; programs for school groups are free of charge.

Maine's State House and the home of Maine's governor, the Blaine House, are also great places to visit. For more information go to *maine.gov* and search State House and Blaine House Tours.

Explore the Museum!

School Groups and Families, Museum scavenger hunts and activity guides provide fun ways for school groups, families, home school groups, and others to explore the museum together.

The scavenger hunt and activity guides are also available online at *mainestatemuseum.org* or at the museum's Welcome Desk.

Maine State Museum Scavenger Hunt helps you explore a variety of exhibits throughout the museum. In addition to being lots of fun, this scavenger hunt encourages observation, critical thinking, and careful recording of information.

Choose the scavenger hunt that covers the whole museum, or if your time is limited or your group is large and needs to be divided, choose the scavenger hunt organized according to museum floor.

The Explore the Museum Like a Scientist! activity guides spark curiosity and encourage young visitors to think like scientists by making good observations, asking questions, making comparisons, collecting information, and testing ideas.

Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is closed on Sundays, Mondays, and all state holidays. Adults - $2.00; Children 6 – 18 - $1.00; Children under 6 – free; Family maximum charge - $6.00; Senior citizens (62 and older) - $1.00; Charge for special tours or programs - $5.00; No admission or program charge for school groups.

Visit *mainestatemuseum.org* or call 287-2301 for more information.

Independence Day Events

The annual Independence Day parade in Augusta will be held at 4 p.m. on July beginning at the State House and ending at City Hall. There will also be special activities at Mill Park from 5 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. There will be bounce houses, hay rides and vendors, followed by fireworks, which are best viewed from Mill Park and Waterfront Park.

The Children's Discovery Museum

The museum holds special events for children throughout the summer, including weekly camps from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday for children ages 3-6 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children ages 7-9. Multi-children and multi-camp discounts are offered. For more information, call 622-2209.

Old Fort Western

Old Fort Western, the 1754 National Historic Landmark fort, store and house museum in downtown Augusta, invites children of all ages interested in local history to participate in either its Apprenticeship Program (ages 8-12) or its Junior Interpreter Program (ages 13 and up) this summer. The one-week sessions will run June, July and Aug.

According to a recent OFW press release, children in the Apprenticeship Program will experience what life was like in the 18th century by exploring

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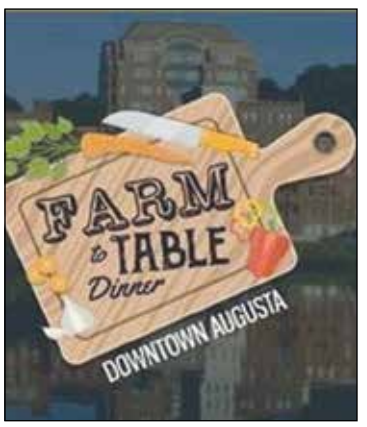

Farm to Table Dinner
Where: Market Square Park, Augusta
When: Sunday, August 14, 2016
Time: 6-10 PM
Clear your calendar - It's going down! Farm to Table Dinner - Downtown Augusta kicks off on August 14th, and you're invited to take part in the festivities. Market Square Park is our meeting spot for an evening of fun and excitement. Come one, come all, bring a guest, and hang loose. This is going to be epic!
You've got that right - a Farm to Table Dinner in historical Downtown Augusta. We'll have a large table set up in Market Square Park and a professional waitstaff and chefs cooking up a delicious 5-course meal for you!
Purchase your tickets today visit *augustadowntownalliance.org* for more information on these events.

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daily home life, learning about various occupations (blacksmithing, midwifery and storekeeping), learning about the life of a French & Indian War Soldier, and learning what children and adults did for entertainment. Graduates of that program will be eligible to participate in the Junior Interpreter Program in which they will assist with the Apprenticeship Program, learn about collections management, learn how to interpret the history of the Fort, develop necessary skills to demonstrate 18th century hands-on activities to the public and learn how to conduct research through reading and deciphering original documents.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the website *oldfortwestern.org* or picked up at the Old Fort Western Administrative Office in the Augusta City Center. Payment must be received in full by 4 p.m. Friday the week prior to the registered program session. Discounts are available for Augusta residents and siblings attending the same week program. For more information, call Old Fort Western at 626-2385 or email *oldfort@oldfortwestern.org*.

Free Concerts

Along with the City of Augusta, we are thrilled again this year to host the annual FREE 'Waterfront Wednesday' concerts at Waterfront Park. Join us every week for great music, food, refreshments, a bounce house and family fun. The shows begin around at 6 pm and go to sunset.

June 22: Sharon Hood & Dixon Road
June 29: Yellow Brick Road
July 6: Second Wind
July 13: Sun Dog
July 20: The Tyler Healy Band
July 27: Nikki Hunt

There will also be food vendors at the park, the free bounce house for the kids is back and some fun prizes too!

Quilters

Pine Tree Quilters Guild will hold its 38th Annual Quilt Show at the Augusta Civic Center July 24-26. More than 600 antique to contemporary quilts will be displayed. Workshops will also be held. Exhibits will include early quilts from the Maine State Museum, quilts from the State of Maine Shop Hop 2015 Shop Challenge and Early 20th Century Colonial Revival Quilts (a traveling exhibit organized by the American Quilt Study Group.) There also will be Children's Make and Take Activities on Saturday. A schedule of events can be viewed at *mainequilts.org/Quilt_Show/Exhibits.htm*.

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Waterfront concerts and the American Folk Festival will fill the Bangor area with excitement this summer

BY VALERIE TUCKER
Correspondent

Americanfolkfestival.com

From August 26-28, the American Folk Festival on the waterfront features music and dance by some of the nation's finest performing groups, sharing the traditional arts of their region, culture and heritage. Some of the 2016 performers are clockwise from top left: Western Flyers, The National Women's Dance Troupe of Sri Lanka , Gerardo Contino y Los Harbaneros and the Treme Brass Band.

In 1604, Samuel de Champlain, sailed up the Penobscot River in search of the mythical City of Norumbega, where people dressed in rich furs and wore gold ornaments. He had to give up that quest, according to historical narrative, when he couldn't navigate the body of water now known as the Bangor Salmon Pool. Although Norumbega has never been found, settlers continued to migrate to the region. Bangor became incorporated in 1791, and the city has become one of the largest in the state, with its own airport and a schedule of year-round activities for all ages and interests.

The city and neighboring towns offer sophisticated shopping, dining and entertainment. It's also a city with a rich timber history, and the 31-foot-tall Paul Bunyan statue presiding over the waterfront is a memorial to that heritage.

A very traditional Independence Day celebration starts on July 4th with a pancake breakfast at the Brewer Auditorium from 6 - 10 a.m. A long and enthusiastic grand parade starts at 11 a.m. working its way from Brewer, across the Penobscot River Bridge, to Bangor. Other festivities include a free concert on the Bangor Waterfront from 2 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The day will end with fireworks over the Penobscot River at 9:30 p.m.

This summer is filled with big name entertainers at the Darling Pavilion. **Waterfront Concerts** is hosting Country Music Awards and American Country Music Entertainer of the Year Luke Bryan and his Kill The Lights Tour, with special guests Little Big Town and Dustin Lynch on Sunday, July 17. Other upcoming concerts include Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith, Dolly Parton, Miranda Lambert, Bryan Adams, Darius Rucker, Def Lepperd, Florida-Georgia Line, the Dixie Chicks, Blink-182 and other music legends. Visit *waterfrontconcerts.com* for ticket information and show times.

From August 26-28, the **American Folk Festival** on the waterfront features music and dance by some of the nation's finest performing groups, sharing the traditional arts of their region, culture and heritage. With four stages of music and dance, traditional craft demonstrations and exhibits, a children's activities area, ethnic food, regional specialties and traditional festival favorites, the annual festival has become a must for music lovers. Visit *americalfolkfestival.com* for locations, ticket prices, lodging and accommodations in the area.

The Maine Discovery Museum at 74 Main Street offers seven major interactive exhibit areas on three floors. Kids can dig for dinosaur bone replicas that are true in size and color in a sand-filled Dig Pit and learn more about origin at the many Exploration Stations. Visitors also can reconstruct a full dinosaur skeleton or find places in Maine where fossils have been found. The museum's small collection of live animals is always on display and lets kids get up close with turtles, geckos, bearded dragons, snakes, and others. This is the largest children's museum north of Boston and is housed in the historic Freese's building in downtown. It's open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is $6 for children and adults. For more information, visit *mainediscoverymuseum.org*.

In the nearby town of Bradley, visitors can see an authentic reconstruction of a logging and milling community at the Maine Forest and Logging Museum. Attractions also include 19th-century buildings in the West Market Square Historic District and the Mount Hope Cemetery, the nation's second-oldest garden cemetery. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 6, the museum will feature a special exhibit called Heavy Metal Lombards. The Lombard log haulers were first built in Waterville by Alvin Lombard, in the early 20th century. Part locomotive, part tank, the Lombards could replace many teams of horses with their innovative track design. Today's snowmobiles, tanks and similar equipment owe their development to these giants.

Bangor also is part of the Maine Highlands, so outdoor enthusiasts can choose among five other distinct regions for exploration: Moosehead Lake, Katahdin, Lincoln Lakes, Sebasticook Valley and Southern Piscataquis Valley. The region is home to Maine's longest river (St. John), tallest mountain (Katahdin), largest freshwater lake (Moosehead), and the Grand Canyon of Maine (Gulf Hagas). For more information, contact the Greater Bangor Convention and Visitors Bureau at *visitbangormaine.com* or call at 800-91-MOOSE.

Brunswick-Bath load up with summer events

Stunning vistas, crashing surfs draw tourists

BY KRIS FERRAZZA
Correspondent

Kris Ferrazza photo
Reid State Park in Georgetown is popular with surfers, swimmers and sunbathers. There are lifeguards on duty, long stretches of sandy beach, and tide pools to explore.

Those who travel in Maine often remember the landmark Bath bridge, but this region is as much a destination as a point along the way.

Beaches, hiking trails, fairs and festivals, food and shopping, and a vibrant arts scene await visitors to the Bath-Brunswick region, especially in the summertime.

Local beach-goers are familiar with the "great Popham-Reid debate," as they argue the merits of the dueling beaches on either side of the bridge. But the fact is, each beach is a sandy gem with its own set of unique qualities and a show-stopper in its own right.

With stunning vistas, crashing surf, tide pools, picnic areas, restrooms and other amenities, plan to spend the day at either beach. Just park yourself in a quiet spot, find a piece of driftwood for a pillow or a footrest, and spend the day with the seagulls. Lucky beachcombers will find a sand dollar or two, and may even spot a seal taking a breather along the shore.

Reid State Park is in Georgetown, and Popham Beach State Park is in Phippsburg, located just minutes from historic Fort Popham. Both charge admission (pay in cash), and parking is free.

For more about fees for the state parks, *visit maine.gov.*

From Popham Beach, one can take a walk to nearby Fox Island when the tide goes out, but be sure to get back before it returns or a rescue may be required. Lifeguards are on duty, but swimmers at both beaches are urged to use caution due to the occasional undertow or riptide. Both also are home to endangered birds, so use care when exploring the dunes and stay away from cordoned off areas, which are protected areas for terns, piping plovers and other shorebirds at both sites.

For more outdoor adventure, nearby Brunswick boasts a 2.6-mile bike path along the Androscoggin River. The paved, 14-foot-wide path is popular with joggers, dog-walkers, cyclists and others looking for a peaceful place to take a stroll. It has benches, a few restrooms, emergency phones and more. For access information and information about other hiking trails, parks and playgrounds, visit *brunswickme.org*.

Boating, sport fishing, golf and other outdoor sports and recreation opportunities abound in the Bath-Brunswick area. There are sail charters and harbor cruises, local outfitters, kayak rentals, and more.

Golf enthusiasts will want to try out the Bath Country Club, Brunswick Golf Club, Highland Green Golf Club, or the Sebasco Harbor Resort, to name a few popular courses in the region.

Looking for something to do with the family? There are local road races called "fun runs" designed for kids, fairs and festivals, concerts and theater performances, fireworks, farmers markets and museums, to name a few.

Bath Heritage Days will be held Friday, July 1 through Monday, July 4, this year. The four-day event is famous for its extensive parade, family-friendly waterfront carnival, antique car show and midway food.

This year's festival includes a skateboard competition, fireman's muster, chili and chowder fest, live music, amusement park rides, artisan's marketplace, a road race, fun run, strawberry shortcake festival and ends with fireworks over the river Monday night. For more, visit *bathheritagedays.com*.

Neighboring Topsham holds its historic 162nd Topsham Fair on Aug. 9-14 this year. An agricultural fair, it features livestock, harness racing, a midway, Miss Topsham Fair competition (Aug. 12), exhibition hall, cooking contest, demolition derby and truck pull. For more, visit *topshamfair.net*.

The fairgrounds also is home to the 38th annual Maine Highland Games, a Scottish festival set for Aug. 20. This year's event will feature the musical group Rathkeltair, as well as the usual piping, drumming, food and fun. Visit *mainehighlandgames.org* for information.

On Aug. 13, Georgetown will celebrate the town's tricentennial (300th year) with the 103rd Georgetown Working League Fair. The annual event begins at 10 a.m. at the Georgetown Central School with food, read-alouds and book signings by Maine children's authors. Other events and displays include hand-crafted gifts, jewelry, white elephants, antiques, arts and crafts booths, a silent auction, baked goods and a raffle for a prized hand-stitched commemorative quilt.

Bowdoin College offers a full slate of summer activities, including the Bowdoin International Music Festival daily from June 25-Aug. 6, and ongoing performances at Maine State Music Theatre in Pickard Theatre on campus.

MSMT's 58th season features a summer schedule that includes "Ghost, the Musical," "Evita," "Fiddler On The Roof," and "Mamma Mia!" For the full schedule and tickets, visit *msmt.org*.

History buffs may want to visit the Maine Maritime Museum at 243 Washington St., Bath. Summer exhibits include "Meeting the Boat: Steam Travel Along Maine Waters," and "20 Years of Discovery Boatbuilding," which chronicles the museum's journey teaching boatbuilding skills to area youth. Ongoing exhibits feature information about historic ships, storms, shipyards and the state's maritime heritage.

Visit *mainemaritimemuseum.org* or call 443-1316 for more information.

Fresh local food and farmers markets abound in this region. In Bath, folks mingle weekly at the friendly, open-air Bath Farmers Market. Farmers and artisans offer their produce and baked goods under canopies next to the river, with restrooms nearby, plentiful parking and often live music.

Located off Commercial Street, the market is open 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays in Waterfront Park. Visit *bathfarmersmarket.com for more*.

In neighboring Brunswick, the Brunswick Farmers' Market will once again offer the wares of more than a dozen Maine Farmers, bakers, craftsmen and artisans on the mall in downtown Brunswick. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, they will be available rain or shine this season. For details visit *brunswickfarmersmarket.com*.

For those interested in taking a train in Maine, Brunswick is the Amtrak Downeaster's northernmost stop on the coast, travelling 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, making a visit to Brunswick easier than ever before.

There will be an Amtrak Exhibit Train on site from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., June 11, with artifacts and memorabilia on display and an exhibit train available to tour. Admission is free and there will be children's activities and ticket giveaways. For train schedules and ticket information, visit *amtrakdowneaster.com*.

On Aug. 20, the 10th annual Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival will fill the sidewalks along Maine Street and on the Mall (town green). Nearly 100 booths will feature paintings, sculpture, photography and other media — and the artists who created them. There are interactive demos, as well as live music, theater and dance, performance artists, children's face painting and art projects for families. Hours are 9 am. to 5 p.m. and this event is held rain or shine. For more, visit *brunswickdowntown.org*.

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

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Belfast completes Harbor Walk

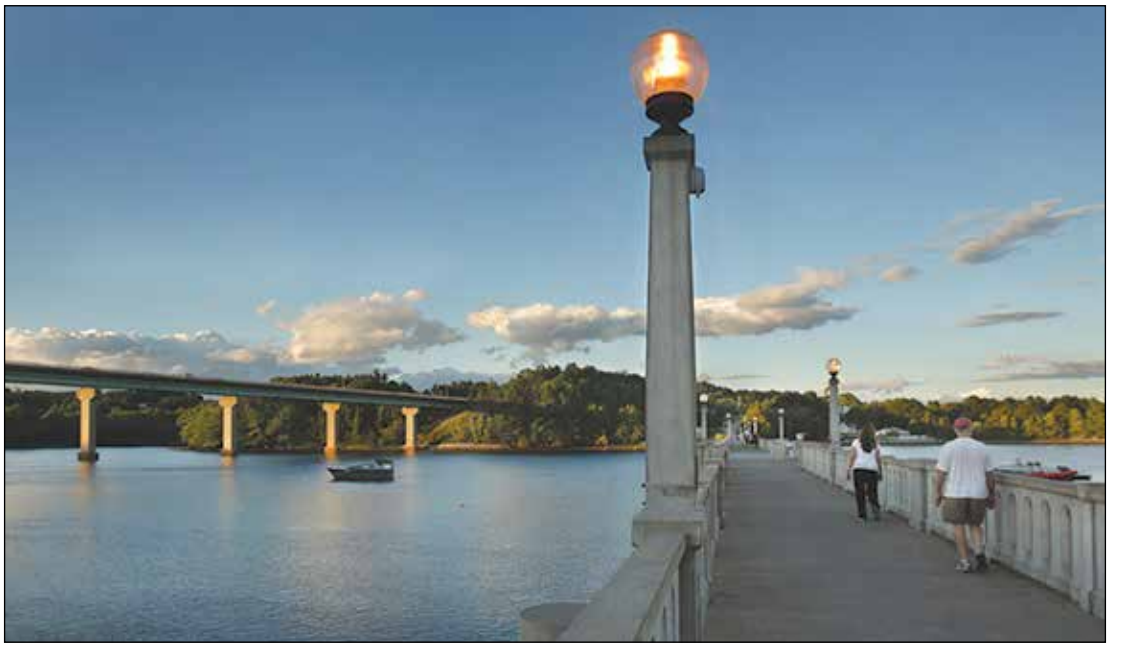
Festivals , boating events abound

BY KRIS FERRAZZA
Correspondent

The waterfront at the end of Belfast's Main Street has never been more accessible to the public than it is now, and it beckons to visitors young and old, especially in the summertime.

For anyone who has not yet seen it, the completed Harbor Walk project allows locals and newcomers to Belfast to stroll along the waterfront, starting at Heritage Park. The welcoming area offers artsy benches that invite pedestrians to "Please Be Seated," and extends over the footbridge, where people run, jog and fish.

It makes it easy to blend a day of errands or window-shopping in the eclectic downtown with a leisurely walk along the shore, which is good for body and soul. The city's many parks and common areas now make it easy to enjoy the scenic beauty of Belfast at the same time one attends an ever-expanding slate of summer festivals.



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People walk on a footbridge over the Passagassawakeag River in Belfast. The footbridge connects to the town's popular Harbor Walk trail along the city's waterfront, which was completed in 2013 and was created to encourage people to walk.

On Sunday, June 19, participants in the Trek Across Maine are expected to end a three-day, 180-mile cycling journey from the mountains of Sunday River to the sea in Belfast. The traditional end point is the Belfast Common, a park that slopes toward the harbor.

The first major event of the season takes place July 9-10 when the 21st annual Arts in the Park returns to Heritage Park, located downtown just feet from the water. Admission is free.

Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., this juried show features approximately 80 fine artists and artisans who display their creations, including paintings, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, crafts, ongoing live music and food.

Organizers say this is a must-attend show each year for artists and art lovers statewide. Thousands attend each year, enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of this festive environment. For more, visit *artsintheparkbelfast.org*.

The 10th annual Maine Celtic Celebration will march into town, kilted and with bagpipe music, the following weekend. From July 15-17, the celebration will be held on the waterfront with a full schedule of live music, dancing, food and fun. There will be family fun, such as the Kilted Canter 5K road race, Cheese Roll Championships and Highland Heavy Games. Admission is free. Organizers are looking for more volunteers to help with the annual celebration. For more information, visit *maineceltic celebration.com*.

The 7th annual Belfast Harbor Fest, with its National Boat Building Challenge, will be held Aug. 19-21 at Steamboat Landing in Belfast. Participants build a boat in four hours on Saturday morning, then put their skills to the test when they see if it will float.

This festival includes a Friday night launch party with live music and beer in the tent at Steamboat Landing from 7 p.m. to midnight.

On Saturday morning there is a blueberry pancake breakfast and 5K Bug Run road race. The weekend also includes a small boat show, regatta, lobster, demonstrations and children's activities.

The popular Cardboard Boat Challenge takes place Sunday. Participants create boats from cardboard, parade to the landing and launch them. Judges present trophies and awards for team spirit, creativity and "most spectacular sinking" in the challenge.

For more information, visit *belfastharborfest.com*.

Since 1980, the Belfast Farmer's Market has been in full swing. Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays, it is located at Waterfall Arts at 258 High St.

The market features cheese, wines, breads, seafood, desserts, berries, baskets, meats, pastries, fresh flowers, local produce and even buffalo meat from roughly 30 vendors. Live music and other entertainment also is on tap for the summer season, and the market is open rain, shine or even frost.

Visit *belfastfarmersmarket.org* for more.

Fort Knox State Park is just a 15-minute drive from Belfast, in nearby Prospect. It was established in 1844 to protect the Penobscot River region from a British naval attack. The massive granite fort never saw military action. Touted as one of the best preserved fortifications on the eastern seaboard, Fort Knox is open to the public from 9 a.m. to sunset. A fee is charged. For more, visit *fortknox.maineguide.com*.

The adjacent Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory can be visited with a combination ticket. Visitors can take an elevator to the top of what Maine DOT says is the tallest bridge observatory in the world to enjoy 360-degree striking views. It is taller than the Statue of Liberty. Visit *maine.gov/mdot/pnbo* for details.

Belfast also is within easy striking distance of several beautiful summer swimming areas, including pristine Lake St. George in Liberty, Washington Pond and Lincolnville Beach.

Liberty also boasts a classic village center and the only octagonal post office in the nation, most recently a museum and the home of the historical society. It's worth a trip just to see that curiosity, along with the nearby Liberty Tool Co., which has a mind-boggling collection of tools, books, art, prints, antiques, postcards and more.

Open seven days a week, the tool company sells mostly hand tools, but a wide variety of inventory is piled high. Visit *libertytoolco.com*.

The nearby Davistown Museum displays artifacts and documents from history, as well as more tools and 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*.

The first floor of the building serves as the outlet store for Liberty Graphics, a custom T-shirt business. The outlet store sells regular T-shirts, sweatshirts and other garments, as well as discounted sample items. Liberty Graphics has been printing water-based ink designs featuring science and nature since the 1970s. Visit *www.lgtees.com*.

For more about happenings in and around Belfast, visit *belfastmaine.org*.

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Hiking, sailing, music are among many activities in the Belgrade Lakes Region

BY VALERIE TUCKER
Correspondent

In Belgrade, it's officially summer on June 15, when the Belgrade Lakes Farmer's Market returns to the Village. The market will be on the Maine Lakes Resource Center grounds every Sunday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. during the summer. As returning visitors know well, summer months offer plenty of indoor and outdoor activities throughout the season in Belgrade.

The Maine Lakes Resource Center is the combined effort of several non-profit organizations dedicated to preserving water quality, habitat and wildlife. The MLRC has a partial schedule of events that will be offered during the summer season.

June 4 –7 a.m. Birding the Messalonskee Marsh. This guided boat trip will allow participants to observe the nesting Black Terns, Osprey, and Sandhill Cranes. Space is limited to 14 people; preregistration is required. Cost is $25 per person. The rain date is June 11 at 7 a.m.

You can get to Belgrade Village by car or boat. The docks at Day's Store are popular for boaters to access the village.

June 16 – 3 p.m. New England Music Camp Classical Concert by the talented students of the Camp. Each year these young musicians perform a suite of classical pieces at the MLRC gallery.

June 29 – 4 p.m. Signs of the Seasons: Loon Phenology Workshop. Using their backyards as laboratories, participants in the Signs of the Seasons program help scientists document the local effects of global climate change.

July 4 – 10 a.m. Fourth of July. Each year, the MLRC joins its neighbors in this small town celebration. Visit the Resource Center to view conservation displays and learn the latest on water quality research ongoing in the watershed. Enjoy music, a wide variety of foods, kids' games, and specials throughout the Belgrade Lakes Village shops, a frog-jumping contest and a fireworks display over Long Pond.

July 13 – 2 p.m. Bats of the World. Chewonki's presenters will dispel common myths about these flying mammals. An engaging slide show illustrates the role of bats in ecosystems from the Maine woods to the South American rain forests.

July 21 – 3 p.m. New England Music Camp Classical Concert. The talented students of the New England Music Camp will once again perform a suite of classical pieces in the MLRC gallery.

July 21 – 7:30. The Lakes of Belgrade as a Tourist Destination. Listen to a lecture on the history of tourism in the Belgrades presented by local

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historian, Linda Snow McLoon.

July 27 – 2 p.m. Predators: The Balance of Nature. What are some commonly-held myths about predators and what problems do they face? Participants have the opportunity to study mounted animals and see three live, non-releasable predators.

August 10 – 2 p.m. Owls of Maine: Habits and Adaptations of Maine's Native Owls. Three live owls are the highlights of this program which introduces participants to the owls native to Maine and New England.

August 18 – 7:30 p.m. Ken Hamilton will present a lecture on Maine's Wabanaki Native Americans and their history.

MLRC programs are free of charge unless specified otherwise, but donations are always appreciated.

From July 25 through August 19, Belgrade Lakes Youth Sailing returns this summer with SailMaine and the Great Pond Yacht Club. Sailing classes for 8- to 17- year-olds will be offered at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons. Students will learn to sail, learn teamwork, and learn all about boats and the water. This year, there will be a beginner class in the morning, using the single-handed Optimist dinghy. An intermediate class in the afternoon will be offered for those who can handle a bigger boat, the two-person 420 dinghy. Contact SailMaine at 772-7245 for information to help choose the right course. Visit the Community Center's Facebook page for the long list of many more summer camp activities and field trips.

The Belgrade Community Library has prepared a lively roundup of kid-friendly events. At 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, Jack and Kitty, an Emmy Award winning musical duo, will perform fun, folky music. Kitty is the niece of reggae legend Bunny Wailer, and Jack's baby sitter was ukulele playing eccentric Tiny Tim. According to Library Director Janet Patterson, their blend of organic vaudeville folk has been described as "Beyonce meets Leon Redbone or Alicia Keys meets Tom Waits."

Friday Family Films start at 1:30 p.m. and offer a variety of animated and classic sport movies for all ages. For information about other scheduled events, visit *belgradelibrary.org*.

The Belgrade Lakes Region Conservation Association's land trust has conserved over 8,000 acres through fee purchase or conservation easements, including the 6,500- acre Kennebec Highlands. They invite visitors to hike the many trails, including McGaffey Mountain. From this highest peak in Kennebec County, hikers can see for miles in all directions. To the north and west, the White Mountains can be seen through the clouds. On a clear day, both Mt. Katahdin and the Camden Hills are visible. Closer to home is the dramatic vista of the Belgrade Lakes Watershed and the surrounding hills. For more information about BLRCA, visit *belgradelakes.org*.

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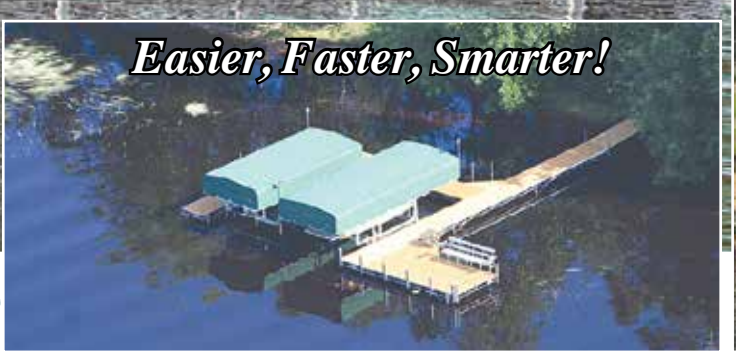

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There are many trails of varying lengths and difficulty in central Maine

BY DAN CASSIDY
Correspondent

It may be a surprise, but there are about 18 sets of trails right in our back yards that offer recreational walking, biking, fitness and nature paths around Oakland, Waterville, Fairfield, Benton and Winslow.

Then explore the Capitol City area trails to help you learn about the healthy environment just minutes away for all of us to enjoy.

Messalonskee School Trail

A well-marked easy 1.5 miles of trails that takes you into the woods around the Messalonskee schools and athletic fields on a double track with a variety of terrain.

Messalonskee Stream Trail

This 2.5-mile trek is a moderate trail that crosses several streams with footbridges, meandering through forests with beautiful views of Messalonskee Stream. The trail passes by a dam ending up near the Rice Rips Road.

Quarry Road Recreation Area

This popular set of trails offers a variety of terrain from easy to moderate and advanced on 6.5 miles of varying ability levels. The facility is located in Waterville just off North Street. It offers great views that borders Messalonskee stream, where you can canoe, kayak or hike the steep area of Devil's Chair and the hillside where the old Colby ski slope used to be. Running and mountain biking is also available on well-marked trails.

Upcoming events include June 14, the Quarry Road Summer Race, a series 5K; June 21, Summer Race, 8K; July 5, Summer Race, 3K; July 12, Summer Race, 5K; July 19, Summer Race, 8K; August 2, Summer Race, 8K; August 9, Summer Race, 5K; and August 16, Summer Race 3K and awards.

Colby College Trails

Colby offers a variety of trails on 7.5 miles of easy to moderate terrain. From short up hills of open areas to wooded trails, they are great for walking, running, and biking on a variety of footpaths. The trail networks begin on the Colby College campus.

Inland Woods and Pine Ridge Trails

A convenient set of trails on approximately 8 miles of easy to moderate terrain connects walkers and bikers of all abilities along paths, streams and old tote roads. Enter the Inland Hospital campus and follow the 'Trails' signs to a trailhead in the back corner of the parking lot. There are some untouched natural areas to pass through. You can also access the trail on the West River Road, taking Louise Avenue to Norman Street and park near the Rummel's Field.

Merritt Nature Trail

Located near Waterville Junior High School, this 0.7 trail offers easy to moderate terrain that leads around the campus on land that borders deep gullies that separate the Thomas College campus. There are mixed forests of evergreen trees, ferns and other interesting plant life. Parking is available in the north lot of Waterville Junior High School, and access to the trail is behind the chain-link backstop next to the school.

Photo by Dan Cassidy
Mitch Gerraid, left and Torri Sutter of Manchester, enjoy an afternoon hike along the Messalonskee Trails with their Husky, Koda.

Thomas College Trail

This 0.6-mile stretch of moderate trail travels by a hilly countryside offering impressive views of the Kennebec River. The trek can be extended to join in to the Merritt Nature Trail or the Pine Ridge Trails that connect in the woods behind the golf course crossing the West River Road. The trail system is located at Thomas College on West River Road, following the signs through the campus.

Oxbow Trail

An easy trail of 0.75 miles winds right by the Messalonskee Stream through some pinewoods near Cool Street in Waterville. Caution, some of the trail is not accessible during high water. Parking is available at the north end of the Lutheran Church on Cool Street and the trail begins down the gravel path.

Waterville Connector

This connector trail is 0.5 miles of easy terrain that connects Quarry Road, Head of Falls and Winslow Community Trails. Follow the streamside trail by the North Street boat landing or park just off Front Street at the Head of Falls. The trail is also wheelchair accessible for all abilities to enjoy.

Fairfield Community Trails

An easy trek of 3 miles passes by mowed paths and dirt terrain that winds around fields near Richard McGee Athletic Complex. Hikers enjoy traveling around woods on double and single track trails passing by a fishing pond. Trail access is located at the Richard McGee Athletic Complex near Western Avenue in Fairfield.

KVCC Campus Trail

Students, staff and visitors can enjoy this 1-mile easy trek that passes by rolling fields near the KVCC campus. You'll cross several bridges and pass by a wooded path next to the Annex building. The trail is located on Western Avenue in Fairfield where parking is available at the campus site.

Mill Island Park

This is an easy trek of about 0.5 miles located just off Bridge Street at Route 139 in Fairfield. The trail leads to a beautiful park with a picnic benches, restrooms, playground equipment and scenic vistas of the Kennebec River. Access the parking area at the end of Island Avenue.

Benton River Park

Another easy hike or walk on 0.5 miles of trail begins near the Benton Town Office where there is a nice gazebo near the short riverside scenic trail that follows the Sebasticook River. On the Winslow side, take Clinton Avenue, following Route 100 to the junction of Route 139. The Town Office is located at 1279 Clinton Avenue.

Rotary Centennial Trail

This is a level, easy trail of 1.5 miles for all ages and abilities. You'll pass along an old railroad bed that offers infrequent views of the Kennebec River. The trail meanders to the old rail bridge looking across the river. There are two parking areas, one on the north entrance and one on the south entrance. The north entrance is located on Crummett Street and the south entrance is located near the intersection of Route 139, left near the Asher Farms mobile home park.

East Kennebec Trail

Connecting with the Rotary Centennial Trail, this is another easy link of 1.5 miles of gravel and grassy trail terrain passing through a wooded wetland and open stretches with river access. Park just off Benton Avenue in Winslow at Dean Street. The trail begins across the Winslow Elementary School near the Scale House Road, following the path down to the Kennebec River.

Winslow Community Trails

Another easy trek or bike ride of 1.5 miles, is available near the Winslow Schools and playing fields. The trails are about 10 feet wide and level and offer an easy walking trail. Follow the trail signs around the tennis courts, baseball and softball fields, crossing Benton Avenue to Scott Park, where you can access the Two-cent Bridge to the Waterville side of the Head of Falls system.

Head of Falls and Two-Cent Bridge

At the Head of Falls in Waterville, the trail turns north along the Kennebec River for 0.75 miles. There are benches around the Two-Cent Plaza for a rest stop or you can continue near the downtown. Parking is available right across from City Hall.

Fort Halifax Park

Located just 1 mile from downtown Waterville, this Winslow Park offers an historic look at the Old Fort Halifax blockhouse. The area abuts both the Sebasticook and Kennebec River at the point. There are picnic tables, shelters and a quiet spacious lawn area to relax and breathe in the fresh air. The Park is located on Bay Street, next to the train trestle and the Winslow Sebasticook Bridge.

Hiking around the Capitol City

There are several hikes and walking trails that can be done with limited time in the Augusta area.

Pine Tree State Arboretum

This 5-mile easy hike is located on Route 9, on the east side of the Kennebec River on Hospital Street. The area also features plant collections, art, gardens, picnic tables, toilet facilities sports fields and ponds. For additional information, log onto *pinetreestatearboretum.org*

Kennebec River Rail Trail

Located near downtown Augusta, the trail, of approximately 5 miles begins just south of Memorial Bridge where a spur off the main trail leads to Capital Park and the state office buildings. This is an ideal walking or biking trail. Continue 1.25 miles to the northern downtown area of Hallowell through Farmingdale to downtown Gardiner. The trail passes by the shore of the Kennebec River. There are several restaurants and shops to visit along the way.

Jamie's Pond Trails in Hallowell

There are approximately 6 miles of trails with parking available. From Manchester, the trailhead is off the Collins Road at a parking lot on the north side of the Collins Road. Brochure maps are at the trailheads.

Mt. Pisgah in Winthrop

This is a 1-mile easy to moderate climb to the 60-foot fire tower that is open to the public. There are great views of undeveloped forests and wetlands, streams, ponds and mountains in the distance.

Enjoy your hiking this summer along trails close to home. For the most up-to-date trail information, log onto: *mainetrailfinder.com*.

Boothbay Harbor hosts windjammer fleet

Summer filled with festivals

BY KRIS FERRAZZA
Correspondent

Summer in the Boothbay Harbor region gets ushered in with style every year during the last week in June when the windjammer fleet appears in the harbor under full sail.

Their arrival is a highlight of the local festival known as "Windjammer Days," and this year marks the 54th annual celebration. It lasts a week, spanning June 26 to July 2.

After a successful maiden voyage last year with the "Friends of Windjammer Days" at the helm of the festival for the first time, two new events will return: the Tug of War Across the Harbor and the Lighted Boat Parade. The group also has reported Kavanaugh Amusements will run midway rides on school grounds from June 28 to July 4.

The windjammers arrive between 1 and 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, off Ocean Point and the popular annual Antique Boat Parade begins at 3 p.m. that day. Over the course of the week entertainment will include a golf tournament, boat race, artist's alley, live pirate battles, pirate puppet shows, cannon lessons, live music, children's crafts and games, boat tours, pancake breakfasts, Coast Guard Station tours, food booths and sailing trips.

The highlight of the week takes place 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, when the windjammer fleet sails into the harbor. There is a lobster eating contest and the beloved cod fish races, where teams of four dress in oilskins and run a relay carrying actual cod. The fireworks are after sunset on June 29.

The fleet departs June 30, but the fun continues with concerts, a road race, paddle board race, and the Tug of War Across the Harbor at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 2. The Lighted Boat Parade begins at 9 p.m.

Shuttles are available to bring people close to the festivities without needing to park. For complete details, visit *windjammerdays.org*.

It has been ranked among the top 100 best events in the nation by the American Bus Association, according to organizers.

The excitement in the Boothbay region doesn't end with Windjammer Days. All summer long the peninsula is abuzz with activity as an influx of visitors and summer residents enjoy shopping, dining, live entertainment, home and garden tours, food and wine events and children's activities.

For those looking for a way to spend a relaxing day, there are local whale watches, farmers market, scenic cruises, mini golf, hiking, fishing, an aquarium and museums.

Not to be missed is the stunning Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, just one mile off Route 27. The 250-acre property features themed gardens, trails, a cafe and gift shop, sculpture, fairy gardens, sensory gardens, live chickens, story times, puppet shows and creative play for children.

Adult visitors will appreciate art installations, architectural elements, and inspiration for the home gardener. Frogs and turtles lurk in the ponds, butterflies and dragonflies adorn the blooms, and there are educational activities for young and old.

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens has been voted "best garden" on TripAdvisor's website. Visit *mainegardens.org* for a full schedule of upcoming events and other information.

Boothbay Railway Village on Route 27 is another stop for the Boothbay region visitor. Offering an impressive collection of antique automobiles and historic trains and memorabilia, the small museum boasts train rides, an elaborate model railroad display, children's activities, live animals, and historic buildings.

On July 2 there is an Antique Engine Meet; July 9 is the 12th annual Books in Boothbay event with 50 authors; and July 16-17 will be the 52nd annual Antique Auto Days. It includes an auto parts swap meet and flea market, cruise in, prizes, food court and parade. Participants also receive free museum admission.

The Rails, Tails & Ales: Midcoast Craft Beer Festival will be July 16. Attendees will enjoy live music, tour the museum grounds, receive a wristband and sample a wide variety of 4-ounce beer tastings at this event.

For the full schedule of summer events, visit *railwayvillage.org*.

Young and old marine biology buffs can enjoy a visit to the Maine State Aquarium at McKown Point in West Boothbay Harbor. It has a large touch tank and shark-petting exhibit.

Ocean breezes, picturesque Maine vistas and picnic tables welcome guests outside the aquarium. There are interactive displays for children and a variety of local sea creatures indoors, including a few super-sized lobsters and Maine sea life such as fish, rays, seahorses, and sand sharks.

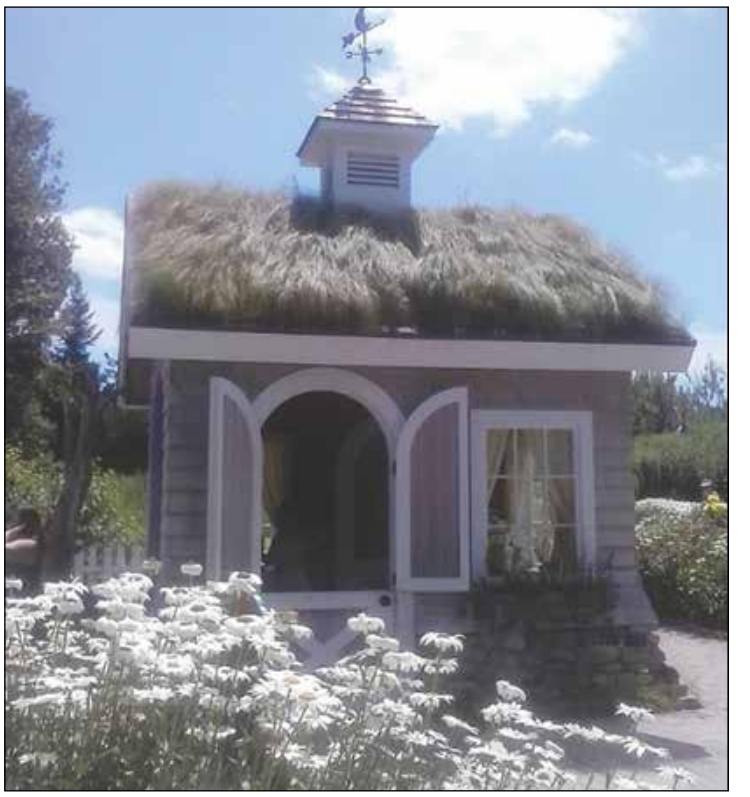
Operated by the Department of Marine Services and located just next to the Coast Guard Station, the aquarium is small but entertaining and educational.

The touch tank is a hit with children and adults alike, as they get up close and personal with sea stars, urchins, moon snails, crabs and other marine life, under the watchful eye of knowledgeable DMR employees.

Displays and exhibits explain how lobster traps, buoys, boats and fishermen work together to catch lobster. An admission fee is charged, and a small gift shop area is available.

For hours and more information, visit *maine.gov/dmr*.

For a complete calendar of events from the Boothbay Region, visit the Chamber of Commerce website at *boothbayharbor.com*.



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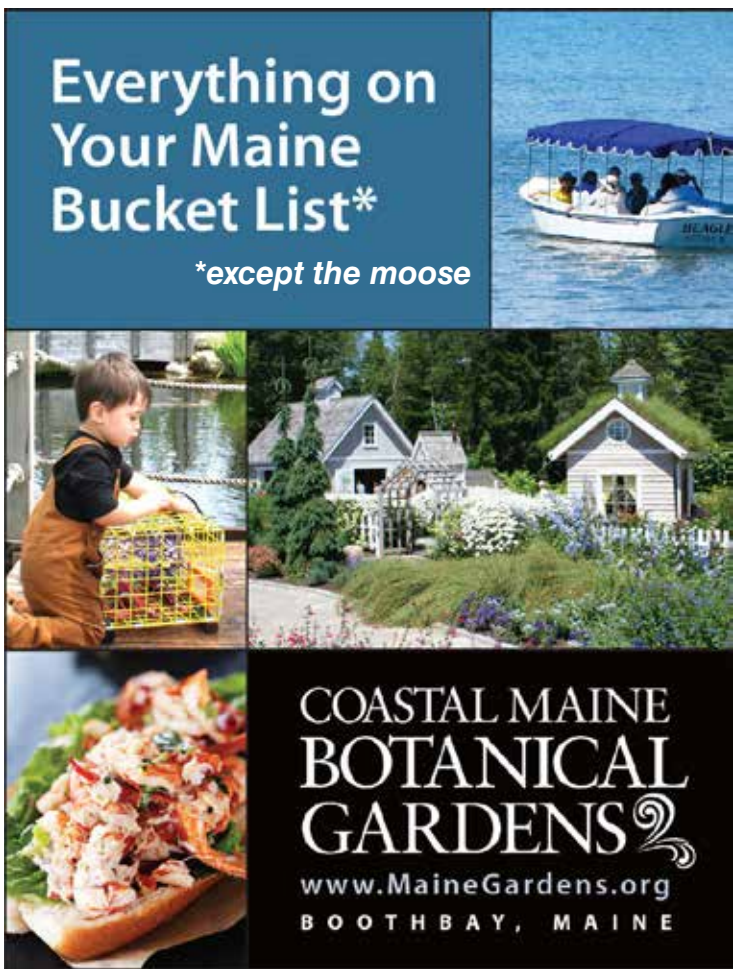
The Coastal Maine Botanical Garden in Boothbay covers more than 250 acres and features flower gardens, children's play areas, walking paths and inspiration.



A peaceful and pastoral life thrives around China lake

BY SUSAN VARNEY
Correspondent

Stopping at The Landing on the north end of China Lake, the dog and I got an ice cream and asked the workers what they liked about China. The Lake was definitely the winner. But having family there is also a reason to stay in the town.

China Lake is a beautiful lake, seven miles long and slender, the main basin runs from China Village to South China. The other basin is connected by a slender neck near South China and stretches to East Vassalboro where its outlet leads to the Kennebec Water District supplying drinking water to Waterville, Winslow, and Fairfield. The lake water ends up in the Kennebec River.

The Lake is surrounded by homes and camps and is used for recreation including swimming, fishing, boating, kayaking, water skiing, canoeing in the summer and skiing and snowmobiling in the winter. There are boat ramps at the north end, south end and in East Vassalboro. It is no wonder that people's thoughts and activities center around the lake.

China, the town, is a small rural community with farms and small businesses for a quiet pastoral life.

Thurston Park: Nearly 400 acres of forest, streams, waterfalls and wildlife, free for year-round use for hiking, biking, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing. Thurston Park is a carry-in carry-out park with no toilet facilities. To find the park follow signs from Yorktown Rd. If you have time and interest the park is looking for volunteers. Contact Bill Seekins 968-2605, or *seekings@fairpoint.net* . Call the town office for more info or *china.govoffice.com* to find maps and photos.

Albert Church Brown Memorial Library (And, yes, that is the correct name): Open Tues. & Thurs 2-6 p.m. and Sat 10 a.m.-12 p.m... The library hosts a knitting circle once a week, Tuesdays at 4 p.m., a place to learn to knit or just hang out with other knitters. Check at the library to find if the reading group or the craft group is planning something for the summer.

Photo by Susan Varney
China Lake is surrounded by homes and camps and is used for recreation including swimming, fishing, boating, kayaking, water skiing, canoeing in the summer and skiing and snowmobiling in the winter.

Recreation and Sports: Information about Soccer pre-k - 6th grade; basketball pre-k - 6th grade; football, cheering, baseball and softball can be accessed at *china.govoffice.com.*

Friends Camp: 729 Lakeview Dr. *friendscamp.org* For 60 years young people from ages 7-17 have attended Friends Camp in four age-appropriate sessions. There are rustic cabin bunkhouses holding 7-10 campers and one or two counselors. It is a place to connect with nature, develop community away from TV, video games, cell phones, e-mail and instant messaging. Friends Camp is a Quaker camp which welcomes all faiths as well as no particular faith. The Camp offers creative, non-competitive, fun activities in a diverse community which stresses equality integrity, peace and simplicity. More than just a summer camp the Friends campus is available for weddings, meetings and special events.

Ice cream at **The Landing** on the north end of China Lake and food at the **China Din-ah** on Lakeshore Drive are great places to meet friends and enjoy the fare. I can't help but think of Longfellow's Song of Hiawatha as I sit under the birches and stare across this beautiful lake. *By the shores of Gitche Gumee. . .*

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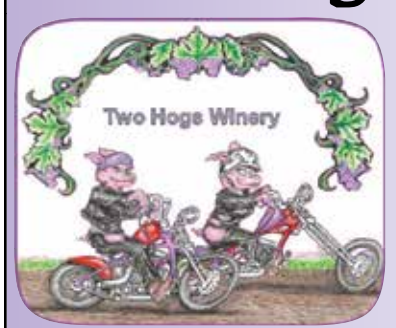

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Fairfield: A river town with unexpected treasures

BY SUSAN VARNEY
Correspondent

Whether you live here, shop here or are just visiting family and friends Fairfield has an interesting history, several places on the National Register of Historic Places and many activities from the banks of the Kennebec River, along Route 201 and Route 104. It's a great place to explore. There is a wine shop, **Meridians, at the Gerald**, once a beautiful hotel destination point now restored as senior citizen apartments.

Also downtown is the new Indian restaurant the **Dancing Elephant** just up the street from **Sonny's Pizza.** Just around the corner is Veterans Memorial Park with **Music in the Park** - Friday nights throughout the summer at the Bandstand across from Lawrence Public Library. Schedules are at the library or town office.

And in case you hadn't noticed, recycling is easy at the CMD facility behind Lowry's Funeral Home at 107 Main Street, which, by the way, was Amos Gerald's home and is one of the places on the National Register of Historic Places.

Fairfield Farmer's Market - 81 Main St. Wed. 2-6 p.m... Sat. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m... June to October. Local produce in season, pickles, jams, jellies, eggs, bread and so much more.

Lawrence Public Library - 33 Lawrence Ave. Romanesque style with a bit of Beaux Artes influence designed by William R. Miller for E.J. Lawrence, successful lumberman and entrepreneur whose daughters and friends started a Ladies Book Club in 1895 with 48 books in a local shop and quickly ran out of space. Mrs. L.E. Newhall donated the lot across from the park and between her home and Lawrence's.

Good Will-Hinckley - Hiking trails, with self-guided map, L.C. Bates Museum and gift shop, Rt. 201 Hinckley, 238-4250, summer hours April - September: Wed.-Sat.10 a.m.-4:30 p.m... Sun. 1-4:3 p.m. Admission $3 Adults, $1 Children. Check out events for children at summer camp. *gwh.org/lcbates/LCBatesMuseum.aspx*

Fairfield History House - Cotton-Smith House - 42 High Street, built in 1890 and on the National Register of Historic Places, open to public Tues. And Sat.9 a.m. – 4 p.m. or by appointment and for special events.

Susan Varney photo
Lawrence Public Library - 33 Lawrence Avenue. Romanesque style with a bit of Beaux Artes influence designed by William R. Miller.

Kennebec Valley Community College - 92 Western Ave. Students earn associate degrees and certificates in 11 different fields. Popular programs include: Health Professions and Related Programs, Business, Management, Solar Photovoltaic, Marketing and Related Support Services and Construction Trades. The Student - teacher ratio is 18-1 with opportunities for part-time and full time students.

The Apple Farm - 104 back Road, 453-7656. Open August to December for fruit and fresh produce, horse-drawn wagon rides on weekends, pick-your-own apples in several varieties, apple cider, maple syrup, local knitted mittens and more.

Sunset Flowerland & Greenhouse - 491 Ridge Rd. 453-2357. Seedlings, perennials, house plants, window boxes, hanging flower pots, cut flowers and arrangements, shrubs, fruit trees, seeds, garden supplies and more.

Hilltop Farms & Greenhouses - 260 Middle Rd. 453-6601. Everything for your garden from seedlings to plants, planters and hanging plants as well as their famous lobster compost.

Fairfield Antiques Mall - 382 Skowhegan Rd. 453-4100. Maine's largest group shop. Great for exploring and finding everything from jewelry & collectables, books, glassware, furniture. Whether you need a dining room table, or old tools, firkins, mirrors or salt & pepper shakers, you are likely to find it here.

Fairfield Pal Sports - For students from Fairfield, Benton, Albion, & Clinton: T-Ball, softball, baseball, soccer, field hockey, cheering. fairfieldpalsports.com

James D. Julia, Inc., Auctioneers, 453-7125. 203 Skowhegan Rd. World class auctioneer of antique Americana.

Poulin's Antiques & Auctions, 453-2114. 199 Skowhegan Rd. Family owned and operated since 1980.

Somerset Auction Co. 207 649-0347. 174 Skowhegan Rd. Weekly miscellaneous and livestock auctions.

Victor Grange - Fairfield Center. The Fairfield Senior Circle meets April - October, 3rd Friday of each month for pot luck lunch at noon. Bring something to share. For more info call Becky Potter at 465-9291.

Senior Appreciation Day & Chicken BBQ - The Community Center in August, free to Fairfield residents over 60. Music, games, awards. Tickets available in July at town office. For more info call 453-7911.

Recycled Shakespeare Company - Emily Rowden Fournier, Producer, co-founder & Board President, 4 Cottage St. Fairfield 314-8607, *recycledshakespeare@gmail.com* or *www.facebook.com/Recycled-Shakespeare.* Founded in 2013, this Fairfield- based company motto is Reduce, Reuse, Recite and is an acting company with a goal of "to require as little money as possible to produce great theater." Donations of clothing, props and set pieces are always needed. **Two Gentlemen of Verona** -June 17 & 18, 7 p.m. Studio 93 at The Center in Waterville. Free admission.

Shakespeare Sampler - July 23, 1PM, Coburn Park, Skowhegan. Free. Bring a picnic and a chair

So what else do we do in Fairfield in the summer? Once upon a time I ran a rafting company on the Kennebec and people were always asking, "What do you do around here for excitement?" Easy -- kayak and boat on the Kennebec, paint and fish, garden and walk the dog, collect rocks and build patios, play in the garden, feed the birds and visit with our neighbors, visit the library and read good books. We are just another small river town in Maine with all kinds of good things to do.

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Summer festivals, performances and "Old Tyme" fun keep the greater Farmington area hopping

BY VALERIE TUCKER
Correspondent

Down East Magazine has called Farmington one of "The Best Places to Live in Maine." The town regularly receives accolades for its historic architecture, small town appeal.

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce is organizing the annual July 4th parade and related activities around town. Check *franklincountymaine.org* for a schedule of events as they are posted.

Music is part of the Farmington summer music scene. At 7:30 p.m. on July 2, at the University of Maine's Nordica Auditorium, the Mastersingers USA men's choir will perform a program of sacred music, folk songs and American spirituals. The group won first place in the 2003 Male Choir Competition at the International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales. Donations will be accepted at the door.

This year's Maine Jazz Camp, from July 10-23, will offer free concerts, featuring some of the most talented professional jazz musicians in the country. On Sunday through Thursday, while camp is in session, the faculty concerts start at 8 p.m. in Roberts Learning Center. Student concerts are on Friday and Saturday at the close of both one-week sessions. For more information, visit *mainejazzcamp.com*.

The Downtown Farmington Association's annual Summer Fest, with an "Old Tyme Fun" theme, will be on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25. At 6 p.m. on Friday, Summer Fest will host a "Farmington's Got Talent" contest at Meetinghouse Park. Participants can play an instrument, sing, dance, recite poetry, or share other talents with the audience. After the show, the Sunday Project dance band will play some great swing music from the Big Band era, as well as old standards from the '60s, like "Surfing, USA."

Other events include a "meet & greet" with members of the popular North Woods Law television program, many musical performances around town, an historic horse and wagon tour around town with Paul Mills, fire truck rides, "Pie on the Porch" at the Holman House, disc golf, a street dance, and an evening concert at Meetinghouse Park. For more information, visit *downtownfarmington.com*, call 491-5533 or email *susun@minikins.org*.

The Sandy River Farmer's Market is open May through October, Fridays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Front Street and from 9 a.m. to noon on Main Street in the District Courthouse parking lot.

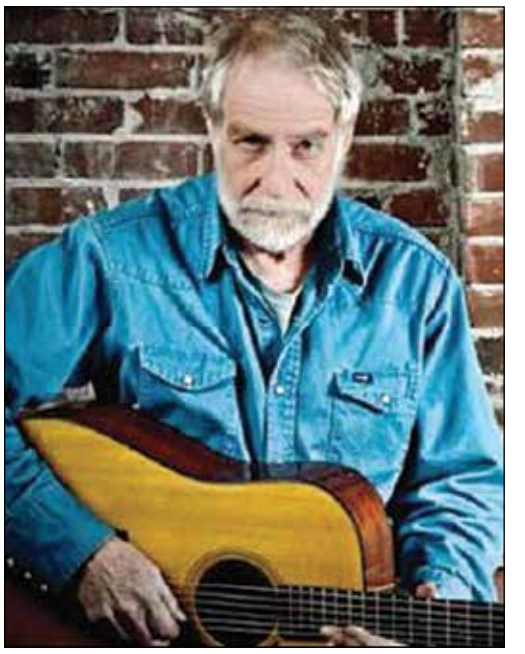
The town has created a walking tour with signs that explain the historical significance of eight different areas. One stop is the North Church, at 118 High Street, which was built in 1873.

Other area festivals and concerts include the evening Kingfield Pops concert on June 25, which follows a daylong arts and crafts festival in the downtown. The Bangor Symphony Orchestra will be conducted and directed by Grammy Award winner Lucas Richman. Additionally on the slate to kick off the 14th annual concert is Dave Mallett, The Fogcutters, The Mallett Brothers Band, The Ghost of Paul Revere and the Western Maine Trash Can Band. For more information, visit kingfieldpops.com.

Kingfield is also celebrating its bicentennial year with a full slate of activities, including the traditional Kingfield Days, a three-day celebration of music, parades, and historical displays and reenactments. For more information, visit *kingfieldme.org* and *kingfieldbicentennial.com*.

The tiny town of Weld also is celebrating its bicentennial year and has a wide range of summer activities scheduled, including a fireman's field day and chicken barbecue on July 2, a garden tour on July 9, a Weld Historical Society "Greatest Hits" program on July 13, a celebration of Webb Lake on July 16, an antiques appraisal day on July 19, and a street dance on July 29. For more information about each month's activities, visit *weldbicentennial.com*.

The Wilton blueberry Festival on August 5-6 claims to have the biggest parade in the entire state. The two days include a juried art show, road races, boat rides and a fireworks finale. Among the many musical performers will be a nationally known Elvis impersonator and country-western singer Debbie Myers. Also performing will be Mama's Wranglers, an old-time western band and champion cloggers out of Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information and schedules, visit *wiltonbbf.com*.



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Phillips Old Home Days is always the third week in August. A few of the dozens of festivities include bathtub, bike and running races, a parade, street dance, and lumberman's competition. The flower, quilt and photo shows and friendly competition showcase the talents of local residents. The plane rides, a children's Wonderland party, train rides and the Duck Derby offer a unique opportunity to enjoy western Maine's gifts. For more information, visit their Facebook page or email *phillipschamberofcommerce@yahoo.com*.

Summertime fun in the western mountains of Maine includes biking, hiking, paddling and swimming

BY DAN CASSIDY
Correspondent

There is much to do during summertime in the great outdoors of our state and if you're planning to take a hike, here are some interesting locations to visit in the western Maine woods.

Maine Huts and Trails

Summertime in the western Maine woods is a fantastic time for families to get together and explore some of the most pristine trails around, either by hiking or biking. The Maine Huts and Trails office located in Kingfield, offers great hikes and lodging.

There are four huts spread out on an 80-mile trail system. They include the newest, Stratton Brook Hut, best for hiking and mountain biking, Flagstaff Hut, for multi-activities, swimming, paddling and hiking, Grand Falls Hut, best for trout and salmon fishing, and the most remote hut in the system, and Poplar Hut, which is the easiest for novice and day trippers and is also a great destination for biking.

Each hut offers a spacious great room with a comfortable reading area, screened-in porch, hot showers, toilets, heated bunkrooms and gear-drying rooms. Private bunkrooms are available at each hut, provided they are booked when making your reservations.

Exploring the areas around the Huts and Trails is an adventure in itself for all ability levels and a great way to enjoy the backwoods and get some exercise that is anything but boring. It's an excellent way to get kids back to nature, or if you're a hard-core hiker, or you're looking for the experience of being catered to, Maine Huts and Trails is the perfect opportunity for you to enjoy.

You may also be interested in designing your hike and stay package that can include staying a number of nights at each Hut and hike, bike or paddle to some of the locations. This could be the vacation get-away to remember.

Summer kickoff

July 8 and 9, Kids 17 and under stay free. This will be a fun adventure for the whole family to enjoy.

July 16, Carrabassett Backcountry cycle challenge.

This is one of the most popular mountain bike events for the whole family. Additional information can be found at: *carrabassett.nemba.org*

August 6, Backwoods Duathlon, a mountain bike and trail-running race. The race by bike and by foot on trails surrounding Stratton Brook Hut, where the trail running segment is 10K and the mountain biking event is 15K. It's one of the best rides in New England. For additional information or to register, log onto: *baxteroutdoors.com*

August 13, a beer pairing dinner at Stratton Brook Hut. This is a culinary event hosted by the Baxter Brewing Company that consists of a multi-course dinner with the best craft brews. Overnight lodging is available. Call to reserve your spot at 265-2400.

October 9, Join Maine Huts and Trails for their 9th annual fall barbecue. It's a way of saying thank you for your support and the vision of developing 180 miles of trails. The event is scheduled on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Poplar Hut.

For additional information or to book your trip, call 265-2400, or log onto: *mainehuts.org*

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Backwoods Duathlon, a mountain bike and trail-running race in Baxter State Park will be held this year on Aug 6.

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Gardiner at a Glance: The way summer should be

Main Street plans full program of events

BY JULIE SENK
Main Street Gardiner
Special to Gardiner at a Glance

From the moment one enters Maine, it is clear, "this is the way life should be." And with its amazing food scene, spectacular outdoor festivals and endless scenery, summer in Maine is the way summer should be.

With the temperature rising steadily, one can practically taste the beach-side barbecues, envision lakeside sunsets from the porch and hear the crackling of a campfire and the laughter of friends late into the night.

Like the rest of us, Gardiner is also gearing up for the summer season.

Tucked between the mountains and the coast, Gardiner is a small city with a purpose — one of revitalizing the downtown area through the efforts of the city and the creation of the Gardiner Main Street Organization. Formed in the early 2000s, the organization's main goal is to strengthen the cultural and economic livelihood of the town.

Gardiner is now kicking off a series of events that celebrate what lies at the heart of every thriving small town: a strong and vibrant community.

And like every community, the Gardiner River Festival, brought to you by U.S. Cellular, on June 18, is an event that contains multitudes — live music throughout the day, a craft fair situated on historic Water Street and interactive "field day" activities for all ages. Maybe you wish to see what your future holds? Get your tarot cards read at the

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Gardiner hosts free Waterfront Concerts in the park every Friday in July and Aug. from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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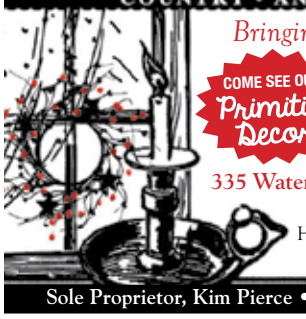

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Gardiner River Festival. Still feeling sluggish after a long Maine winter? Stretch out with some Yoga at the Waterfront. Do you love Twister but wish your entire extended family could get in on the fun? Bring them all to the Giant Lawn Twister Game.

The event extends to the Gardiner Waterfront Park, so don't miss the free boat rides on the Kennebec River, as well as a variety of tasty food vendors and plenty of crafts and games. Be sure to stick around for the Gardiner Federal Credit Union Fireworks show, which will get the summer started with a literal bang.

And the band will play on. With a starting lineup of Muddy Ruckus at the Gardiner Waterfront Park on June 17, free concerts will be brought by Pyro City Fireworks & Johnson Hall every Friday evening from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. through the end of August. Come see Maine's very own Pete Kilpatrick Band on July 8, or listen to some bluegrass and watch the boats go by with Jerks of Grass on July 15. Remember to check the calendar of events to see some of the other great musicians who will be stopping by the waterfront this summer.

Have an interest in vintage cars? Gardiner does too. Paired with local food and music, the Gardiner Waterfront Park is once again the place to be every Thursday night from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Classic Car Cruise-In. This is a great time for car enthusiasts to marvel at Thunderbirds or Studebakers while also enjoying tasty provisions contributed by Central Maine Meats, one of the Cruise-In's sponsors.

For a relaxing and informative cultural stroll, the historic Water Street will be hosting ArtWalk Gardiner on Friday, Aug. 5. This event showcases the cultural and artistic integrity that thrives in Gardiner and will feature exhibitions by prominent local artists. And don't forget to take a moment between appreciating hand-crafted ceramics and fine art prints to marvel at the stunning 19th century architecture that lines Water Street.

Some might say with all the events happening in Gardiner, summer here is an embarrassment of riches. But we're OK with that. After all, it's the way summer should be! Gardiner Main Street's calendar of events will carry into the fall, straight through to 2017, offering everyone a chance to take part in the culture and spirit of a small town that continues to make history. For more information about these and other events coming up in Gardiner, visit *gardinermainstreet.org*.

GARDINER 2016 EVENTS

June 17: Free Waterfront Concert: Muddy Ruckus, 7:30 to 9 p.m., followed by fireworks, Gardiner Waterfront Park.
June 18: Greater Gardiner River Festival, all day downtown event on Water Street & Waterfront Park .
Aug.5: Gardiner Artwalk – Inside downtown Gardiner businesses, 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Classic Car Cruise In: Thursdays May – September from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Gardiner Waterfront Park.
Gardiner Summer Farmers Market: Wednesdays, June -October from 3 to 6:30 p.m.at the Gardiner Common.

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Maine's smallest city offers a touch of nostalgia

Old Hallowell Days continues to add memories

Maine's smallest city is Hallowell, a historic area located on the banks of the Kennebec River. The Hallowell National Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970. The Historic District encompasses 260 acres and many historic buildings including the Artemus Leonard House (1811), Captain Samuel Watts House (1820), Hallowell Cotton Mill (1844), Hallowell Granite Company Headquarters (1870), Gage Row House (1846), which was housing for textile workers, and Hubbard Free Library (1879-1980).

The highlight of the summer in this quaint city is the Old Hallowell Days celebration which has been held the third Saturday in July since 1968. This year it will be held on Saturday, July 16.

People travel from near and far to enjoy the annual festivities, which again this year will include a large morning parade, evening fireworks, an arts and crafts festival, live music, family events, the annual cupcake baking contest, bocce ball games, the annual cribbage tournament and food.

Spending the day outdoors helps to create a hearty appetite. Café de Bangkok offers travelers an opportunity to sample some authentic Thai food. They sell many types of curries including red, green, yellow, pineapple, Massaman, and Panang curry. They also have a sushi bar.

Another popular eating place is Slates Restaurant and Bakery located right in the center of downtown Hallowell. It serves sandwiches, soups, salads, teas, coffee, and baked goods made fresh in the deli and bakery right on the premises.

In between the events, people can stroll through the streets and visit the many unique shops such as Juiced, which is a juice and smoothie bar serving all natural juices, smoothies, locally blended teas, Coffee By Design, Espresso, and homemade gluten-free baked goods. Scrummy Afters is a novelty candy shop where a customer can get self-serve bulk candy and many nostalgic items. Jewelry lovers may enjoy visiting Jack B. Turner's Jewelry Store and Timeless Treasures which is a full service coin, currency and estate jewelry shop. There also are several consignment shops and a 6,000 square foot antique mall where multiple dealers display treasures from the past.

The Harlow Gallery is always a great place to stop and take in some local artists' work on display.

For those who enjoy boating, the Hallowell public boat ramp is located on U.S. Routes 201 and 27 in the downtown area. It has one cement boat ramp serviced by a float. Shore anglers sometimes fish from the float.

The 6.5 mile Kennebec Rail Trail can also be accessed in Hallowell and can be used for walking, running, cycling, skateboarding, roller blading or dog walking. It parallels the existing rail bed along the Kennebec River.

For more information on events and schedules visit *oldhallowellday.org*.

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Take a Red Cloak Haunted Hallowell History Tour

Join The Lady in the Red Cloak for a lantern lit walking tour of Hallowell. Discover the back streets and hidden stories of Hallowell, its mysteries and haunts. See the oldest building on Water St., hear many ghostly tales, learn of the patent medicine business, experience a one-of-a-kind evening in this "Antique Riverport." The moderate walk, suitable for all ages, lasts approximately 90 minutes.

The Lady in the Red Cloak, Lobkowicz, an experienced genealogy researcher, began looking into local ghost stories after hearing tales from in-town residents and businesspeople. "I discovered that there are quite a lot of buildings that people feel are haunted, and some of the stories are quite chilling," she said. "There are also plenty of interesting historic tales to recall."

Hallowell, situated on the Kennebec River near the state's capitol, Augusta, has many original buildings dating to the late 1700's and early 1800's. As with many historic buildings, you will find some spirits lurking in the corners, the little girl at the doctor's home, the shadowy man on the lawn, a lady in period clothing peeking around the corner, the player piano and more. Known for its granite and the artisans who shaped it, you will learn of some of the other commerce of early Hallowell from The Lady in the Red Cloak.

Tours are scheduled for Friday and Saturday June 17, 18, 24, 25, July 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m.

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Opportunities for farmer's markets, hikes and a bit of history in New Portland, Anson and Madison

BY VALERIE TUCKER
Correspondent

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This year's Madison-Anson Days are August 25-28, and this year's theme is "Remember When?"

This summer, visit the many scenic destinations around New Portland, Anson and Madison for outdoor fun, history, and recreation.

This year's **Madison-Anson Days** are August 25-28, and this year's theme is "Remember When?" Although the schedule, is not yet finalized, volunteers expect to feature annual favorites, including a parade, library book sale, sidewalk crafters, a 5K race, street dance and movie night. Other events in the planning stages are a bike race, carnival rides, sidewalk sales, and a street dance. The day ends with fireworks, with Sunday scheduled as a rain date. Check the Madison Anson Facebook page to see the schedule updates or email *madison_ansondays@yahoo.com*.

Every Sunday at the **Main Street Park in Madison**, residents and summer visitors come to the **Farmers Market** from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., to purchase fresh produce, baked goods and other locally-made sundries. Participating farmer Sarah Burns also is a beekeeper, and she will be offering a summer class, **Gardening for Pollinators**, on August 20. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., students will learn about native pollinators–their life-cycles, characteristics and habitat preferences, along with the threats they face and why they are so crucially important. As owner of **Runamuck Acres and Apiary** at 843 Anson Road in Starks, Burns will help students assess their pollinator habitats and offer ways to incorporate pollinator plantings into established gardening methods. Participants will receive the Xerces Society's book: "Attracting Native Pollinators", along with handouts that include a pollinator habitat assessment form. For more information, visit *runamukacres.com* or call 858-5909.

The town of Madison offers excellent fishing spots in small streams, ponds and the Kennebec River. The town also has a number of beautiful trails for walking, biking and winter activities, too. Visit the town's website, *madisonmaine.com*, for maps of trail locations. The Recreation Department's offerings include a brief but well-done YouTube video about the **historic Pines Trail**, located off Father Rasle Road near the Madison/Norridgewock line. This easy one-mile walk along the Kennebec River leads to the monument which marks the spot of the Abnaki Indian settlement and the ministry of **Father Sebastian Rasle.** Several granite markers are placed along the way with historical and local information. **Jacob's Pines** is located in East Madison with access from the Lower Mills Road, this 40-acre parcel of land was donated by the late George Jacobs primarily for trail-making activities for Scout troops.

Madison's Preble Avenue Fields offers the public a series of walking and biking loop trails, and **Madison High School** offers a similar network of trails popular with mountain bikers behind the soccer field. Trails range from simple loops to some higher elevations. From the **Madison Boat Landing** on Nathan Street, look for the River Walk along the banks of the Kennebec. Owned by Madison Paper Industries, this land can be used for peaceful strolls along the water. Visitors also can find parking and a boat ramp for access to the river above the dam.

The **Madison Public Library** will offer several programs for adults and children. A **junior high school summer book club** will meet on Mondays at 2 p.m., with a sign-up deadline of June 20. Starting at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, the summer reading program for elementary school children will begin summer fun with **Conjuring Carroll's Maine-ly Balloons** show.

Programs will continue at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays with crafts days, a therapy dog visit and activities that encourage reading. On July 12, the **Chewonki Traveling Natural History Program** will bring the wonder of the outdoors into the library, but space is limited, says Library Director Julie Forbus, so registering early will reserve a spot for youngsters. For more information, visit the library's website at *madison.lib.me.us* or call 696-5626.

All ages will enjoy a drive through historic **North Anson** to see the **Bailey Farm Windmill** on US Route 16. The structure, built in 1905 was added to the National Historic Register in 1988. The mill drew water for a large farm, which has since burned, and volunteers are raising money to restore the old structure. Another historic site is the wire suspension bridge spanning the **Carrabassett River** in New Portland. This unique structure, the only survivor of four such bridges built in Maine in the 1800s, might be the only one still standing in the country. In 1959, the Maine Legislature voted to preserve the bridge, which was renovated in 1961. Tower bases were capped with concrete; the towers rebuilt, and steel cables replaced, and a timber deck added. The original tower framing timbers and main support cables are original materials, with 198 feet between towers.

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Indoors and out, it's summer fun in Oakland

Oakfest events, festivals and music are on tap

BY NANCY GALLAGHER
Correspondent

For a week of summer fishing, food and fun, bring the family to the **second annual Oakfest** in Oakland, starting with the Sunday, July 17, **Fishing Derby** on central Maine lakes.

Show your artsy side at the Thursday, July 21 **Paint Night,** featuring local artist Arica Pillsbury in a tent at the corner of Main and Center Streets.

Main Street comes alive between 6 and 10 p.m. on Friday, July 22, when the Oakland Lions Club sponsors a parade in celebration of its 70 years of service to the community. A street dance follows the parade, so bring dancing shoes. Adults may patronize a beer garden, and food vendors will keep appetites of all ages satisfied.

Saturday brings 12 full hours of fun and food at Williams Elementary School on Pleasant Street, beginning at 10 a.m. with an open air market featuring crafters and a farmers' market open until 4 p.m. Kids' activities include face painting, a petting zoo, a bounce house, a slide and a bungee run. A full day of music emanates from the sound stage, with different bands taking the stage at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. featuring Values, the Scott Davis Band, and the Boneheads respectively. Food vendors help fend off the hunger pangs all day long.

For an exciting finish to Oakfest, get a team together for Sunday's Paddle, Pedal and Pound the Pavement Triad, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Oakland Boat Landing.

For more information on Oakfest, contact Kathy Paradis or Gary Bowman at 465-7357, consult the Oakfest website at *www.oakfestmaine.com* or the Oakfest Oakland Maine page on Facebook.

It's "On your Mark, Get set, Read!" at the Oakland Public Library's summer reading program, filling four consecutive Tuesday afternoons with reading fun for kids. All programs begin at 1 p.m.

The tuneful Judy Pancoast leads a musical celebration for the July 12 opening ceremony. The remaining three programs will encourage kids to count, measure, record, interpret observations and reach conclusions. Get out those thinking caps.

Make a Motion Commotion July 19 with Gene, Lisa and Sarah leading activities inside and outside.

Luc Roy demonstrates the science of sports on July 26, and Gene looks for the Final Score in the Aug. 2 closing program.

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Fireworks illuminate the sky above the Snow Pond Center for the Arts lakeside venue, Bowl in the Pines.

The Oakland Public Library is located at 18 Church Street in Oakland, Maine 04963. For more information about programs, email *staff@oaklandpubliclibrarymaine.org* or call 465-7533.

The internationally respected Snow Pond Center for the Arts (including the New England Music Camp) in Sidney, opens its 2016 summer season with the Snow Pond Music Festival, running now through June 19.

In addition to the traditional free weekend concerts at the sylvan Bowl in the Pines, a range of ticketed musical and theatrical performances take place in this peaceful venue. Free 3 p.m. weekend concerts run from Saturday, July 2 through Sunday, Aug. 7, except for the ticketed Saturday, July 16 Pops Concert at the Messalonskee Performing Arts Center in Oakland.

Maine Appreciation Day, Sunday, July 17, carries on another New England Music Camp tradition, adding an Artisan Market preceding the concert from 1 to 3 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Tickets for the following performances are $20 adult, $10 student:

• At 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, the Center introduces its Snow Pond Symphony.

• Snow Pond welcomes the Maine Youth Rock Orchestra at 6 Tuesday evening, July 12. A barbecue picnic precedes the performance. Picnic tickets are $10 adult, $5 student, children and seniors. Gates open at 4:30 p.m.

• Jazz under the Stars features the Al Corey big band at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30.

• Musical theater students conclude their 2016 season with "Little Women, the Broadway Musical" at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 4 and 5 in Alumni Hall.

• In a one-night journey back to the 60s, Snow Pond closes the summer with Dec. '63, The Frankie Valli and Four Seasons Tribute under the lights at Bowl in the Pineson Aug. 25. Performance begins at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The Snow Pond Center for the Arts is located at 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney, Maine 04330. For more information, consult *snowpond.org* or telephone (844) 476-5976.

Where's there's smoke there's a barbecue. The Oakland Fire Department hosts its annual chicken barbecue on Saturday, July 11 at the Fire Station. From 11 a.m. until sold out, enjoy this bit of summer in Maine with a half chicken, chips, coleslaw, roll and soda for $8. Add strawberry shortcake for $1.

The Messalonskee Performing Arts Center hosts the New England Music Camp's 37th Annual Pops Concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 16, in Oakland's Messalonskee Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $20.

The Acadia Wind Ensemble takes the Center's stage at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 for its annual summer concert. The Ensemble consists of music educators from across Maine, performing an advanced repertoire, and led by guest conductor Anthony Maiello of George Mason University. Admission is free. Donations welcome. For more information, contact Jennifer Fortin at *jcolefortin@gmail.com* or Andy Forster at *aforster@rsu18.org*.

They're back. The Oakland Lions Club Yard Sales are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25, Saturday, July 9, and Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19 and 20. If they don't have it, you probably don't need it.

To keep energy levels high after all that shopping, enjoy their Saturday, June 25 Chicken barbecue and Saturday, Aug. 20 lobster bake. Both are to-go.

Yard Sales are located at 15 Hubbard Street, Oakland, Maine 04963. For more information, call 465-2753 or (465-9946.

Summer wouldn't be complete without an ice cream social and band concert. The Oakland Area Historical Society holds its Ice Cream Socials and R. B. Hall Band Concerts at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19 and Tuesday, Aug. 16 respectively at the Macartney House Museum, 25 Main Street, Oakland, Maine . Rain dates are the following Tuesdays. Attendees should bring personal seating. For more information, call 465-7549 or consult the website at *rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mecoakla*. Museum visiting hours in July and August are 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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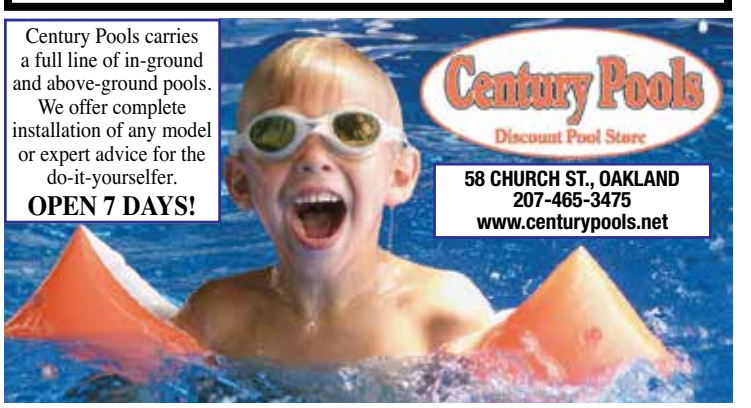
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Rockland lights up the summer with festivals and fairs

Many options include waterfront and inland fun

BY KRIS FERRAZZA
Correspondent

Summer visitors to Rockland and the Midcoast often are faced with a problem of plenty. So many options, so little time.

Whether a summer visitor or resident is looking for fine dining in an award-winning restaurant or a sandwich in the sand, the Midcoast is the place to be.

So many choices, but where does one begin? A picnic at a vineyard? A hike up a scenic mountain followed by a quick dip in a clear lake? Or shop 'til you drop, then revel in a fresh lobster roll on a waterfront deck?

Choosing is the toughest part when visiting the Rockland and greater Midcoast area. There is mini golf for the kids, followed by ice cream at Dorman's or one of the many eateries in the area. Hike up beautiful Maiden's Cliff off Route 52 in Lincolnville then take a swim or a paddle in adjacent Megunticook Lake. Drive up Mt. Battie in Camden and take pictures from the stone lookout tower. Walk the Beech Hill Preserve in Rockport and enjoy a few blueberries along the way. Or stop by Marine Park in Rockport to take a sail on the Timberwind or sit on a bench, watch the ships tug at their moorings and visit the Andre the Seal memorial.

It's summer in Maine, and this is why locals tolerate the long winters. It is time to enjoy all the region has to offer, including beautiful beaches such as Birch Point State Park in Owls Head or Drift Inn in St. George, and walk the grounds of the historic Owls Head or Marshall Point lighthouses.

The streets of downtown Rockland are full of life in the summertime, with a full slate of festivals attracting thousands of visitors to the city.

The 69th annual Maine Lobster Festival will enliven Rockland's Harbor Park from Aug. 3-7. Known for a huge parade, live music, lobster dinners and the annual Sea Goddess pageant, this festival also offers midway rides, arts and crafts tents, a road race, cooking contest, Steins & Vines beer and wine tasting event, and more, all run by a small army of volunteers.

There is a popular lobster crate race, where contestants run across

Kris Ferrazza photo
Enjoy the midcoast, visit a beach such as Birch Point State Park in Owls Head or Drift Inn in St. George, and walk the grounds of the historic Owls Head or Marshall Point lighthouses.

floating lobster crates strung together across the harbor and try not to get wet. An estimated 20,000 pounds of fresh Maine lobster is cooked in a massive brick cooker on the shore to feed the masses, who eat family style under tents on the fairgrounds.

Free shuttle buses run all day between the festival and the local high school and middle school.

For a complete schedule of events, and ticket information, visit *mainelobsterfestival.com*.

The Union Fair is nearby, located just a short drive out Route 17 on Aug. 20-27 this year. It doubles as the Maine Wild Blueberry Festival, and is an agricultural fair with horse pulling, harness racing, demolition derby, 4-H exhibits, an exhibition hall, live music, Wild Blueberry Queen coronation, fireworks and midway. Visit *unionfair.org* .

Lovers of the blues come from near and far for the annual blues festival, which brings serious musical talent to Rockland each summer.

The North Atlantic Blues Festival, held at the public landing on July 16-17, is touted as one of the country's best blues festivals.

Held at the Rockland Public Landing, this year's lineup includes Blues Caravan, Toronzo Cannon, Daughters of Rhythm & Blues, Quinn Sullivan, John Hammond with Bruce Katz, Mick Kolassa, Alexis P. Suter, Mike Zito and the Wheel, and Elvin Bishop.

On Friday, July 15, pre-festival musical performances are held at local pubs and restaurants. The next evening is the "Club Crawl." On Saturday, July 16, festival performers can be heard in intimate settings in local bars and restaurants as they sing the blues both indoors and in public spaces along Main Street.

Dancing in the streets is planned and the downtown is filled with blues fans walking from one club to the next. Wristbands from the festival grant admission to the clubs, for those 21 and older. For more information and a complete schedule, or to buy tickets, visit *northatlanticbluesfestival.com*.

Rockland also is a center for shopping, dining, boating and art.

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Visitors can take in a farmer's market or see baby Belted Galloway cows at Aldermere Farm in Rockport, get wowed by windjammers along waterfronts in Camden and Rockland, walk a winery in Union or Lincolnville, or simply plunk down in the sand at nearby Birch Point State Park in Owls Head.

Rockland's historic Strand movie theater features a full schedule on the big screen, as well as lectures and special events. Local golf courses abound, and a bevy of spas are open to keep clients relaxed and beautiful. Museums range from Montpelier in Thomaston to the Owls Head Transportation Museum and the Coastal Children's Museum in Rockland.

For tourists seeking out lighthouses and outdoor activity, the Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse provides both. The light is located at the end of a granite breakwater more than half a mile long. Walk carefully and enjoy the breeze, keeping an eye out for a seal on the nearby rocks when the tide is low.

Lighthouse lovers also will delight in the Maine Lighthouse Museum in downtown Rockland. With a large collection of Fresnel lenses and other memorabilia, it is said to be the largest museum of its kind in the nation. Displayed are U.S. Coast Guard photographs, personal histories, fog bells, buoys, fog horns and other artifacts, offering a rare educational opportunity for marine history fans. For hours and ticket information, visit *mainelighthousemuseum.com*.

Another museum not to be missed is the Farnsworth Art Museum and Wyeth Center just off Main Street in Rockland. Three generations of the Wyeth family, including N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth and Jamie Wyeth, have works in the permanent collection there, along with Louise Nevelson's sculpture and other American artists. Visit *farnsworthmuseum.org* for more.

Boat lovers look forward to the 14th annual Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors Show in Rockland's Harbor & Buoy parks on Aug. 12-14. The show attracts boating enthusiasts, boat builders, designers, architects, craftsmen, artists, furniture makers, jewelers and marine gear vendors.

The event includes a Boston Whaler Rendezvous, Food Truck Rally, demonstrations, children's activities, musical performances, food vendors and the ever-popular Boatyard Dog Trials on Sunday morning. For more, visit *maineboats.com*.

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

MAINE SPORTS COMMISSION

Lace up your sneakers and pin on your racing bib, or grab your binoculars and foam fingers, because the summer sporting season in Maine is fully underway!
Here is a tiny snapshot of ten can't-miss events happening this summer:

June 7-12 - Atlantic Cup Sailing Race in Portland. *atlanticcup.org/race*

June 11-12 - Sebago Lake Triathlon Festival in Casco. *tri-maine.com*

June 17-19 - Trek Across Maine: from the mountains of Sunday River to the sea in Belfast. *action.lung.org/site/TR?fr_id=12920&pg=entry*

June 25-26 - Rock Lobster Relay in Bar Harbor *rocklobsterrelay.com/how-it-works*

July 2 - Empire League All-Star Game in Old Orchard Beach *empireproleague.com/all-star-game/*

July 9-10 - Ride Aroostook in Presque Isle *ridearoostook.org*

July 24 - Paddle, Pedal, Pound the Pavement: Oakfest Triathlon in Oakland. *oakfestmaine.com/#!triathalon/c1bjf*

July 30 - August 6 - Senior League World Series in Bangor. *littleleague.org*

August 14 - Bradbury Mountain Breaker in Pownal. *trailmonsterrunning.com/bradburydirt*

August 19-21 - MS Harborfest Weekend in Portland. *eventmam.nationalmssociety.org/site/PageServer?pagename=GEN_MAM_harborfest*

August 28 - Farm to Fork Fondo in Freeport *farmforkfondo.com/overview-me*

The Maine Sports Commission's website is the perfect place to see all the sporting events coming to your area. *mainesportscommission.com*

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The ordinary brown egg began a festival that has become EGGstraordinary

BY VALERIE TUCKER
Correspondent

The Kennebec Journal has named Pittsfield Number 1 on a list of Central Maine's 10 prettiest villages in the Kennebec Trails. The town has other claims to fame for its friendliness, great schools, affordability and amenities. One offering each summer draws the crowds to a celebration of the town's rural roots.

The 44th Annual Central Maine Egg Festival will be held Monday, July 11 through Saturday, July 16. The Egg Festival committee has schedule its events the same week as the Kiwanis Karnival, which is set by the Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Club. This year's theme will be "Egg"stra-Terrestrial.

A volunteer committee has planned the week-long schedule of activities, including live music, an art show, window painting, plenty of great food, a Grand Parade and Kiwanis Karnival. This year's theme encourages participants to share their own creative decorations and parade entries. An Early Bird breakfast, chicken barbecue, street dance, Egglympics, craft fair and fireworks have been crowd pleasers for nearly half a century. The week of fun celebrates local roots in the egg industry and also offers an opportunity for the entire community to celebrate and for civic groups to raise needed funds for charitable causes. Although most of the activities and entertainment schedules have been confirmed, some have not. Additions, updates and changes will be posted regularly at *centralmaineeggfestival.org*.

CENTRAL MAINE EGG FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(HP: HATHORN PARK; MP: MANSON PARK)

Monday – July 11
6 – 9 p.m. Riff Johnson and Open Mic (HP)

Tuesday – July 12
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Art Show, Pittsfield Public Library
3 – 6 p.m. Sidewalk Art Contest in Cianbro/Skowhegan Bank parking lot. Judging from 6 – 6:30 p.m.
4 – 5 p.m. Artists' reception, Pittsfield Public Library
7 – 10 p.m. Street Dance, Municipal Parking Lot

Wednesday July 13
9 a.m. – 2 p.m. EGGlympics, (HP) Registration 9.-10 a.m. Rain site: Warsaw Middle School
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Art Show, Pittsfield Public Library
6 – 7:30 p.m. Dexter Brass Band (HP)
7:30 – 9 p.m. Live music by Suss4, (HP)

Thursday July 14
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Main Street Window Painting; register at the Pittsfield Public Library
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Art Show, Pittsfield Public Library
1 – 2 p.m. Pittsfield Historical Society open to visitors
4 – 6 p.m. Pittsfield Community Theater Open House
4 – 8 p.m. Marketplace Tent, featuring Maine crafters & artisans
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Wildwoods Band (MP)
6 p.m. Kiwanis Kiddie Parade down Main Street to Manson Park
6:30 – 10 p.m. Kiwanis Karnival rides and games

Friday July 15
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Art Show, Pittsfield Public Library
10:30 a.m. -1 p.m. Quiche & Cheesecake Contest; Lunch at 12 noon. (Elk's Lodge)
1 – 2 p.m. Pittsfield Historical Society open for visitors
4 – 8 p.m. Marketplace Tent, featuring Maine Crafters & Artisans, (MP)
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Live music with Steve Dunphy (MP)
6:30 – 10 p.m. Kiwanis Karnival Rides and Games

Saturday July 16
6 – 9 a.m. Newport Fire Department's Early Bird Breakfast (Festival Grounds)
8 a.m. Experimental Aircraft Exhibitor Area open to public (Municipal Airport)
9 a.m. Marketplace Tent, featuring Maine Crafters & Artisans (MP)
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. EAA Young Eagles free plane rides (Municipal Airport)
9:15 a.m. The Famous Big Parade, Industrial Park to Manson Park
11 a.m. Kiwanis Karnival Games and Rides
12 – 1 p.m. Sebasticook Valley Community Band (Entertainment Tent)
5 p.m. Dog costume contest (Children's tent area)
9:30 p.m. Fireworks

OTHER INTERESTS AROUND PITTSFIELD

The Pittsfield Historical Society's Depot House Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or by appointment on Tuesday and Saturday. The Society volunteers have documented area cemeteries and have provided genealogical research, much of which is available online at *pittsfieldhistoricalsociety.org*.

The Pittsfield Farmers' Market will be open at Hathorn Park every Monday and Thursday from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., rain or shine, until the last week in October. Check for updates at *pittsfieldfarmersmarket.org*.

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Summer is here and Skowhegan is ready for your visit

BY SUSAN VARNEY
Correspondent

As the Kennebec tumbles its way through Skowhegan and we wend our way over bridges and an island and through this funky downtown we can't help but love this Somerset County seat. It is a mixture of 19th and 20th century buildings and an artful, crafty, and creative populace. Ever changing and updating with the help of the Chamber of Commerce, Skowhegan Main Street, The History House, The Margaret Chase Smith Library, Coburn Park, The Skowhegan Public Library and The Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture there is always something to do, places to go and things to learn about this town. The area became safe for settlement after the French and Indian War in the 1770s. Benedict Arnold passed through Skowhegan on his way to Quebec City in October 1775. After the Revolutionary War, the area began building schools and churches. Incorporated in1823 as Milburn, it was renamed Skowhegan, from the Wabanake "Waiting Place" in 1861 and became the county seat in 1871.

Skowhegan Farmers' Market: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Somerset Grist Mill. Visitors can find fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables, naturally raised meats — beef, pork, poultry, lamb, and goat — along with milk, eggs, cheeses, baked goods, coffee, maple syrup, honey, soaps and salves, seedlings and cut flowers,

Harness racing is a popular event at the annual Skowhegan State Fair. Fair dates this year are Aug. 11 - 20 , Skowhegan State Fairgrounds, 33 Constitution Ave. Skowhegan.

Skowhegan History House & Research Center: The Center 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 and how the railroad helped Skowhegan to establish itself. Melvin Burnham is Director of Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center. For example here is the June schedule:

Grand Opening of the New Exhibit, "The Depot" 7-9 p.m. Skowhegan History House Grand Un-veiling of the Historic River Illustrative Panels June 22, 7 - 9 p.m. Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center.

Skowhegan History House Lee Granville Exhibit Gallery Dedication June 22, 7 - 9 p.m. Guided Walking Tours "Historic Skowhegan Falls/ Island" June 24, 10 - 11 a.m. Meet at Arnold Park on Skowhegan Island at the rear of the Federated Church parking lot. For information about summer events: *skowheganhistoryhouse.org*.

Bingo: Thursdays at the Community Center, 39 Poulin Drive, Skowhegan. 474-6901.

Participants will play for fun and small prizes. There is no fee for this program. Participants are asked to bring something for the prize table. Prizes may include baked goods, homemade items or a store bought goodie. Participants must register prior to playing.

Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County: 41 Main Street, 474.7775 or go to *hvosc.org*. HVSC provides presentations to help put life in balance for a caregiver and

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help with the grief process. The film "The Fault in Our Stars" will be shown Tuesday, June 14, 1:30 p.m. Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has brought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis, until she suddenly meets a kid at the Cancer Kid Support Group. Movie approximately 126 minutes long followed by a discussion after. Based on the John Green book of the same name.

Skowhegan River Fest: August 1, 8 a.m. - August 6, 9 p.m. downtown Skowhegan.River Fest is a multi-day event that celebrates recreation and life on the Kennebec River. It is sponsored by Skowhegan Savings and organized by Main Street Skowhegan, Skowhegan Savings, the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce, 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 info: *mainstreetskowhegan.org*.

Skowhegan State Fair: August 11 - August 20 @ Skowhegan State Fairgrounds, 33 Constitution Ave. Skowhegan - 474-2947. For a schedule of events and admission cost please see the Skowhegan State Fair website: *skowheganstatefair.com*.

Other Fair Ground Events: For other events at the fairgrounds: *skowheganstatefair.com*.

Craft Brew Fest: Saturday, September 3, 2-7 p.m. downtown Skowhegan. 612-2571.

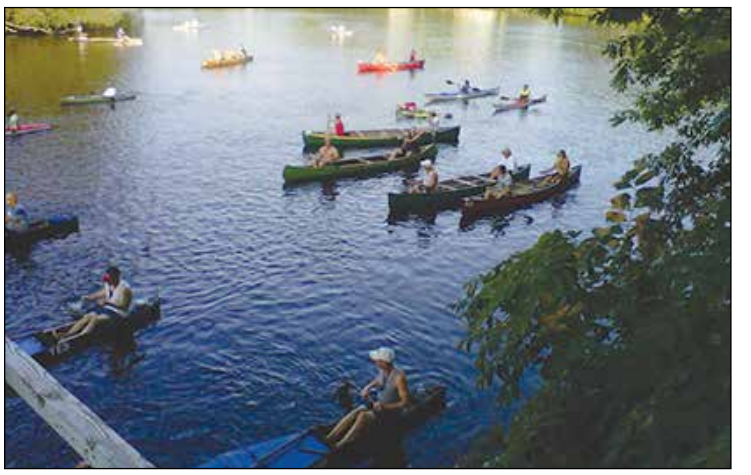
Celebrate Maine's Craft Brewers and Farm-to-Table Movement. For more info: *mainstreetskowhegan.org*.

Margaret Chase Smith Library and Research Center: 56 Norridgewock Avenue, Skowhegan, 474-7133. The Margaret Chase Smith Library 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, and civic engagement. Smith's home and library are filled with memorabilia from her thirty-two year congressional career. *mcslibrary.org*.

Skowhegan Free Public Library: 9 Elm Street, Skowhegan; 474-9072. skowhegan.lib.me.us The Skowhegan Free Public Library is in an architecturally significant Queen Anne brick building designed by Edwin E. Lewis and completed in 1890.

Bernard Langlais Art Trail: Ask about Bernard Langlais art at the library or town office and see examples in pocket parks around town where there are more sculptures as well as the Skowhegan Indian. *langlaisarttrail.org/art-trail-map*.

Go exploring, find your passion; there is a lot going on in this river town.



The Sundowner Canoe and Kayak Race at the Skowhegan Riverfest will be held this year on Thursday, Aug. 4.

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BY VALERIE TUCKER
Correspondent

This year will bring rafters, hikers and sightseers to the Upper Kennebec Valley region, but a couple of towns are having special birthday celebrations.

The town of Moscow will celebrate its 200th birthday with a full calendar of summer events for all ages. Organizer Sheree Brown said the planning has been a dedicated community effort. Although some of the event times and locations haven't been decided, everything will be centrally located. For updates, Brown suggested visiting *moscowcelebrates2016.wordpress.com*.

The second bicentennial is happening nearby at the Sterling Inn in Caratunk. The former hotel was a stagecoach stop and also the first bar, dance hall, and post office in the area. Today it's the perfect New England lodging choice for those planning a summer getaway, especially with the fun planned in Moscow. According to owner Eric Angevine, the 17-bedroom inn has a-just-like-home ambiance.

"Whether you are rafting, snowmobiling, fishing, hiking that Appalachian Trail, or just looking for a cozy B&B-style getaway, we have a perfect home away from home," he said.

The Old Canada Road Historical Society's knowledgeable guide Robert Henderson will lead two-hour bus tours throughout the summer, with several featuring the historical sites around Moscow. The Baker twins, he said, came from Litchfield to the area in the early 1800s and started what's known as Sugartown. The maple syrup business flourished, and many of their descendants live in the area today. The Soucie family hired a lot of construction workers from Italy, and many of those employees used to bake their own bread and cook the kind of meals they were used to in their homeland. On July 16 and 22, the group will host additional tours of a local cemetery and other historical sites in the region. The group's website, *oldcanadaroad.org*, also offers genealogical resources, local lore and plenty of community history.

Moscow Bicentennial schedule of events (RF: Robinson's Field; MES: Moscow Elementary School field, 110 Canada Road; TBD: time/place to be determined)

Friday, July 15: 7-9 p.m. Street dance with DJ Chad Hebert in town hall parking lot (rain location, MES)
Saturday, July 16: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Field Day competitions, carnival-style games, life-sized board games, Tooney Looney water slide & dunk tank, balloons, face painting, food & beverages, homesteading (back-to-the-land skills), arts, crafts, yard sales, Meet Famous Locals booths (MES)
8-8:45 a.m. Registration for 9 a.m. 5K road race & fun run (Wyman Station to MES)
10-11 a.m. Miss Moscow Meet & Greet (MES)
10 a.m. Bus Tour "History around the Town" leaving from the elementary school
11 a.m. Conjuring Carroll's Magic Show (MES)
Live Music (MES): 10-11 a.m. Joe and Nellie Kennedy & guests (acoustic folk, bluegrass and country). 12-1 p.m. Stan Each (children's songs and stories).3-4 p.m. Juanita Bean & Arthur Leblanc and Friends play light rock).
2 p.m. The Magic of Conjuring Carroll, Balloon Art Show (MES)
2:30 p.m. Tea Party with Olivia Beane (MES)
2 p.m. Bus tour "History around the Town" (leaving from the elementary school)
3:30 p.m. Story walk (walking book read) (MES)
4-6 p.m. Baked bean supper (MES),
7 p.m. Off the Wall Show, featuring a juggling workshop (MES)
Sunday, July 17
9 a.m. Bicycle & carriage parade at (MES)
10-11 a.m. Miss Moscow meet & greet (MES)
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. G-Force laser tag, Six-Person wrecking ball, Sumo wrestling, Ga-Ga Ball, challenge obstacle course, giant bounce house-jousting, Laser Tag, G-Force gyro & caricatures, rock 'n roll racing, homesteading, arts, crafts, yard sales, "Meet Famous Locals" booths (MES),
Live Music (MES): 10-11 a.m. Doug Mathieu & Adam Cates (country); 12-1 p.m. Maranacook String Band (Maine songs and bluegrass); 3-4 p.m. Joanie Tilton (songs of faith & inspiration).
11 a.m. The magic of Conjuring Carroll, magic show (MES)
2 p.m. The magic of Conjuring Carroll, balloon art show (MES)
4-6 p.m. Community Chorus & Talent Show, with a special presentation by Old Canada Road Historical Society (MES)
6:30-8:00 p.m. Gospel tent meeting at Trinity Baptist Church
Monday, July 18
6:30-8 p.m. Gospel tent meeting at Trinity Baptist Church
Tuesday, July 19
6:30-8 p.m. Gospel tent meeting and French Canadian night at Trinity Baptist Church
Friday, July 22
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. Commemorative US Postal Stamp event at Moscow Town Hall
10 a.m. Two-hour "History around Town" bus tour departs (MES)
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Wyman Hydroelectric Station open house
2 p.m. Two-hour "History around Town" bus tour leaves from elementary school
8-11 p.m. Homecoming dance featuring Al Corey Band (MES)
Saturday, July 23
10 a.m. Bicentennial Parade (route TBD)
11:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. Homesteading, arts, crafts, yard sales, "Meet Famous Locals" booths, petting zoo (TBD) (MES)
11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. Miss Moscow Meet & Greet (MES)
11 am-3 p.m. Wyman Hydroelectric Station open house
Robin Robinson's Wagon Rides from Robinson's Field to Wyman Station (times TBD)
New England Logging Association Lumberjack demonstrations & competition (four shows at MES; times TBD)
Fireman's Muster (MES; TBD)
K-9 and Karate Demonstrations, Blood Pressure Clinic, Ladies' fry pan toss contest, Men's wife carry (MES; TBD)
Live Music (MES): 1-1:45 p.m. Con Rio Brass (Dexter Brass Quintet); 2-2:45 p.m. The Maine Pops Concert Band (Italian Heritage/big band sound); 3-3:45 p.m. Tom Ambrose Band (light rock); 4-4:45 p.m. Skowhegan Community Band (big band sound); 5-5:45 p.m. Jewel Clark (yodeling & old country songs in the style of Slim Clark); 6-6:45 p.m. The Misty Mountaineers (bluegrass); 8-9 p.m. The Dime Store Heroes (Rock Music)
4-6 p.m. Public bean supper (MES)
9 p.m. Fireworks (RF)
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1 p.m. Centennial Brass Band Concert with Director John Hall (MES)
2-3 p.m. Ice cream social (MES)
6:30 – 8 p.m. Trinity Baptist Church hymn sing

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Northern Outdoors: Mother nature's perfect rollercoaster

BY COURTNEY MOULTON
Nancy Marshall Communications
Special to Summer in Maine

Whitewater rafting is considered Mother Nature's perfect rollercoaster ride. With some of the highest class whitewater rivers, Maine has the ability to give any adventure-seeking adrenaline addict what they're looking for. As you paddle through deep, rock-walled gorges on the Kennebec River before the landscape broadens out to carpets of forest, you will be reminded just how remarkable this state truly is.

Whether a first-timer, family, or high-adventure enthusiast, you will find the perfect rafting vacation at Northern Outdoors Adventure Resort. As the pioneer of Maine's whitewater rafting industry, they are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year and want to invite you to experience Maine's whitewater rafting adventures. Did you know that Maine residents can raft the Kennebec and Penobscot rivers for half-price on Wednesdays throughout Northern Outdoor's 2016 rafting season? Every year, almost 20,000 guests choose Northern Outdoors for their adventure vacation. You'll be able to fully enjoy your ride knowing your family is in great hands with their hand-picked guides and solid safety record.

The options are endless with three rivers offering a full gamut of rapids for the newcomer and river rat alike. The Kennebec River is the ideal river for younger families and first-timers, featuring consistent class II-IV rapids with trips for ages eight and up. For older teens and those looking for some serious whitewater action, the Penobscot River is a great option. The Penobscot features class IV and V+ rapids, complete with views of Mount Katahdin, Maine's highest peak. Last but not least, the Dead River offers a limited number of releases but has more continuous whitewater than any other eastern river, with class III, IV, and V rapids.

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Year after year, families continue their traditional trip down the river, often with three generations, as they escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and spend time with each other. After all, the ultimate bonding experience is paddling side by side in sync with one another, laughing and enjoying the thrills of whitewater adventure in a magnificent natural setting with a registered Maine guide. From June 6 to August 31, 2016, kids ages 8-17 can raft the Penobscot and Kennebec rivers half price on weekdays at Northern Outdoors.

Northern Outdoors photo
Whether a first-timer, family, or high-adventure enthusiast, you will find the perfect rafting vacation at Northern Outdoors Adventure Resort.

The fun does not need to stop after your rafting trip—enhance your getaway with a nearby hike, rent ATVs at Northern Outdoors' lodge and cruise the trails, sit by the campfire and roast marshmallows, or cast a line and catch a landlocked salmon, trout, or bass.

Planning the trip is the easy part! Let Northern Outdoors take care of all the details. Visit their website at *northernoutdoors.com* to begin planning or call 800-765-7238. One thing is for sure, you and your family will leave feeling reconnected, rejuvenated and with memories that will last a lifetime.

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Unity is an eclectic hub of creativity

BY SUSAN VARNEY
Correspondent

Unity is a creative bright spot with a diversity of things happening in inland Waldo County. There is something for every taste and budget from hiking trails to wine tastings to world class performances at the Center for Performing Arts, The Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm, the Common Ground Fair and auto racing. America's foremost environmental college is in Unity. And there is a wonderful B&B, The Copper Heron.

Unity Historical Society - 8 Depot Street, 948-5610 - open by appointment *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 - 90 Quaker Hill Rd. *unity.edu.* Preparing environmental professionals with 16 environmentally-focused majors with a liberal arts curriculum built on sustainability science – a first in the nation -- from a campus on 225 acres overlooking Unity Pond.

Unity College Center for the Performing Arts (UCCPA), 42 Depot Street. *uccpa.unity.edu.* Built from a one hundred year-old barn with attached farmhouse, is a vibrant cultural and arts center that offers an eclectic mix of music, films, art, lectures, and more. Since opening in 2000, the UCCPA has seen many events including world-renowned musicians, award winning speakers and memorable community gatherings.

Unity College Field of Dreams - There are public walking and jogging paths, playground, picnic area, tennis court, and three ball fields. The area is adjacent to picturesque Unity Pond, where visitors can canoe, kayak, swim and fish. See more at: u*nity.edu.*

Unity Raceway - 300 School Street, 852-6887. May 22 - Opening Day to October 30 & 31 - Halloween finish. One-third-mile paved oval located on route 139, just off route 202. Under new Management with a stated goal of fairness and equality for all racers.

Unity Barn Raisers - 32 School Street, 948-9005, *unitybarnraisers.org*

UBR is a community and economic development group that has taken on the challenge of transforming downtown properties into commercial and residential use, recruiting new businesses including a health center, veterinarian, credit union, expanding grocery store, and creating a farmers market. Also beautifying area with trees, benches, and sidewalks, hiking and biking trails.

Recreation trails - This will start you off for more trails see *unitybarnraisers.org/trails.html*

• **Unity College trails** - three miles, network of dirt and forest floor, great for walking and photography. Keep your pets under control at all times, to protect both them and wild animals, fragile environments, and the enjoyment of other visitors.

• **Field of Dreams Trail** - 1 mile loop begins at Field of Dreams parking lot on rt. 9/202 passing ball fields, playground and Unity Pond.

• **Connor Mill Trail** - 1 mile built; 1 mile under construction, loop off Rt. 9/202 on south side of Sandy Stream, continues to Bacon Brook. For birding, nature observation and fishing access.

Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm - 141 Crosby Brook Rd, 356-4146. *northernsolsticealpaca.com* Owners Robin and Corry Pratt offer Alpacas for sale and boarding, Alpaca fiber and apparel, farm tours, seminars and Annual Fiber Frolic at Windsor Fairgrounds; Maine Open Farm Day - July

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The Unity Historical Society is surrounded by life-size bronze animal sculptures including bear, moose, and deer by Forest Hart of Monroe.

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24; Lobster Festival, Rockland; Common Ground Fair, Sept. 23, 24, 25.

Unity Food Hub - 69 School Street *unityfoodhub.com* UFH is housed in a renovated 1898 school house and contains an event space with fully licensed commercial kitchen, available for rent. UFH offers a selection of items at the retail store open every Thursday 4-6 p.m. UFH is also involved in Marketing and distribution, wholesale and Maine Farm Share.

Sebasticook Land Trust - 93 Main Street, 948-3766 *sebasticookrlt.org* "Conserving the Heart of Maine since 2005" with a mission to recognize and conserve the wild and working landscape of the Sebasticook River watershed

Common Ground Fair, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA) *mofga.org/theFair* September 23 - 25. Annually almost 60,000 visitors enjoy the Common Ground Country Fair - a celebration of rural and agricultural traditions in Maine with many exhibits, alternative life-styles and farming methods, great food, animals and vegetable exhibits, craft exhibits, farmer's market, composting and recycling, sheep dog demos, donkey and mule show, draft horse show, environmental concerns, spinners, weavers, Maine Indian basket makers, low-impact forestry, social & political action, music, parades, speakers & presenters, Public policy teach-in, 5K foot race. Plan your fair visit ahead to be sure to see what you really want to see. Free admission to MOFGA members.

Unity Farmer's Market - Since 1999, the market has been offering veggies, melons, meats, cheeses, baked goods, and fruits on Saturday 9 a.m. -1p.m. from the first Saturday in May until the Saturday before Thanksgiving. School St. (Rt 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.*

Unity Pond Pottery - 222 Bangor Rd.948-2400. Makes stoneware with lead free glazes, safe for microwave, dishwasher and oven. Open Tue. - Sat. Visitors welcome to studio and showroom or shop on line *unitypondpottery.com*

Younity Winery & Vineyards - 317 Albion Rd. 948-7777. *younitywinery.com* The Winery uses minimal amounts of Sulfates in making wines and uses organic cane sugar so there are no residual chemicals in the sweeteners. "However, we are not all grapes," says Clem on his website. "We also offer fruit wines that are not super sugary. Our wines are drier with a full flavor."

The Copper Heron - 130 Main Street, 948-9003 *copperheron.com* Diana Avella, owner, says "What I treasure most is to meet some very wonderful people." Before coming to Unity Avella was a full-time cook at Pendle Hill a Quaker Study Center near Philadelphia, where she learned to prepare wholesome food from scratch with a focus on organic, locally-grown whole foods, a tradition she continues at her Unity B&B. Avella is committed to providing a welcoming atmosphere where travelers can relax and unwind.

Belfast & Moosehead Lake Railroad - The Brooks Preservation Society and the B&ML provide trains to and from the Common Ground Fair, September 23, 24, and 25. A two train schedule offers access from Unity or Thorndike parking areas to the station right off the fairground commons. The ride frees riders from traffic congestion at the fair.

The train or train-fair combo ticket is valid for any train for the day of purchase or use. See schedule: *belfastandmooseheadlakerail.org.*

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Waterville is bustling with feasts, films, farmers and a host of events for all ages

BY NANCY GALLAGHER
Correspondent

Join thousands of your closest personal friends at Waterville's biggest outdoor event of the year, the **24th Annual Taste of Waterville,** in downtown Waterville on Wednesday, Aug. 3 from 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

This celebration of what's great about Waterville features food, fun, music and more for the entire family. Attendance is free. Children's activities begin at 11 a.m. in the Concourse. Look nearby for rows of vendors with items and activities for every interest. "The Bite" on Appleton Street proffers snacks and meals throughout the day. Area restaurants line Main Street with a la carte dining options beginning at 5 p.m., with plenty of outdoor seating.

Local gymnastics and dance studio performances begin at 4 p.m. Acoustic acts installed throughout the downtown float the sound of music everywhere throughout the day. The Down East Brass performs from 7 - 9 p.m.

A gated Beer Garden with live music offers adult beverages from 5 -11 p.m. in the Concourse.

Open wide if you plan to participate in the Amici's Cucina meatball eating contest, or just gather round to cheer on your favorite contestant. Proceeds go to local food banks.

For more information please call the Mid-Maine Chamber office at 873-3315 weekdays between 9 – a.m. and 5 p.m., or consult the Chamber website at *midmainechamber.com.*

It's a summer of reading, learning and fun for kids with the **Waterville Public Library's Ready, Set, Read! program.**

Weekday afternoons from 2 - 4 are jam packed with fun for kids under 12:

On Mondays, it's Drop Everything & Read. Read for ten minutes, earn a prize.

Tuesdays its Crafternoons. Stop in and make something great.

Wednesdays are Buildy Days. Join the crew for an engineering challenge.

Head across the street to the Waterville Farmers Market for Storytime on Thursdays. Look for the Library tent there.

Fridays feature Weird Science, with hands-on experi-

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ments for young scientists.

And that's just the regular stuff. Save these dates for special events:

Saturday, June 18, it's Love on a Leash. Read with the Reader Dogs from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., thanks to collaboration with Inland Hospital and the Winslow Public Library. Arf!

Saturday, June 23 and again on July 16, Ms. Jenn's Move & Groove Storytime rocks readers at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 23 kids head to Winslow's Fort Halifax Park for a 10:30 a.m. performance by Rob Duquette and the Love Nuggets.

Saturday, July 30 take a Storywalk at Inland Hospital's Squiggly Wiggly Trail. Check for event time at the library.

Saturday, August 6 at 10:30 a.m. it's musician, storyteller and author Jennifer Armstrong.

Thursday, August 11 put on your work duds for Big Truck Day from 9 a.m. to noon across the street in The Concourse. No driver's license required.

Anything for teens? You bet.

In addition to ongoing selfies postings, poetry, art and gaming events, teens can:

Get squishy with DIY Magnetic Slime from 4 -6 p. m. Friday, July 1.

Kick it up a notch during Teen Iron Chef from 4 - 6 p.m. Friday, July 15. Shall we dine?

Sharpen their gaming skills at Minecraft Night from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, August 6.

Party on at the End of Summer Party from 5 -8 p.m. Friday, August 26.

The Library is located at 73 Elm Street in Waterville. For more information, email *staylor@watervillelibrary.org*. consult the library's online calendar at *watervillelibrary.org* or call Kathleen Kenny at 680-2604.

The Colby College Museum of Art summer exhibitions include Highlights from the Permanent Collection; Peter Soriano: Permanent Maintenance; Master Prints from the Lunder Collection; and A Usable Past: American Folk Art. The museum celebrates these exhibitions with a special Community Day from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Friday, June 10.

Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. The museum, located at 5600 Mayflower Hill Drive in Waterville, is free and open to the public. For more information, please consult its website at *colby.edu/museum* or telephone 851-5600.

Creative juices flow at **PechaKucha Night Waterville v21**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 14th in the Hathaway Creative Center, 10 Water Street. Diverse presenters display 20 slides and speak for 20 seconds about each one, for an even yet unpredictable experience.

Looking for late summer bargains? Find them at the August 1 - 3 Sidewalk Sales in downtown Waterville. Outside tables and racks make strolling the sidewalks a series of shopping opportunities.

Fresh air and local products draw appreciative shoppers to the **Waterville Farmers' Market** in Main Street's Concourse each Thursday from 2 - 6 p.m.

For more information on downtown Waterville events, please contact June L'Heureux, Interim Executive Director, Waterville Main Street, 44 Main Street, Suite 202, call 680-2055 or consult the website at *watervillemainstreet.org*.

Quiet on the set! From Friday, July 8 through Sunday, July 17 the **Maine International Film Festival (MIFF)** will screen about 100 films from 20 countries at Railroad Square Cinema and the Waterville Opera House.

"The whole rationale for the Festival is to show just the films that we believe in," says Maine Film Center Director of Programming Ken Eisen. "We like to feature premieres of Maine films, restorations of older films and retrospectives of films associated with MIFF guests."

This year MIFF on Edge, an intersection of film and art, focuses on animation. The Festival also includes short films and feature presentations. Guest directors doing Q&As, a Mid-life Achievement Award, and the second annual World Filmmakers Forum. The Forum features four emerging filmmakers from distinct cultures who will each present two of their films and then interact with one other and the public to discuss their perspectives and cultures.

MIFF's annual Student Film Festival showcases students' works on Saturday, July 16.

Look for MIFF's broadsheet listing the complete Festival programming at the Railroad Square Cinema and the Waterville Opera House.

For more information, email *info@miff.org*, consult the website at *miff.org*, or call 861-8138 and leave a voicemail.

The Waterville Opera House, in collaboration with the renowned Missoula Children's Theatre, brings three one-week theatre experiences for children in grades one through eight to the Opera House. From Monday through Friday during the weeks of July 25, August 1 and August; kids learn all aspects of a live stage production, culminating in an actual performance complete with scenery and costumes. For details, and to download registration materials, please contact the Opera House go on the website at *operahouse.org* and click the Arts and Education tab, or call the box office at 873-7000. The Waterville Opera House is located at 1 Common Street, Waterville, Maine 04901.

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Parades, puppets and pies: Summer in Winslow has it all

BY NANCY GALLAGHER
Correspondent

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Previewing silent auction items at the Winslow Congregational Church's annual Blueberry Festival

Start July with a bang at the Winslow Family Fourth of July celebration.

Saturday, July 2 is Kids Day and Old Folks Day in Fort Halifax Park, located on Bay Street. From 11 a.m. on kids can enjoy face painting, a petting zoo, pony rides and more. After a day filled with entertainment appealing to all ages, evening brings the excitement of local talent competing for the coveted title of "Fourth Idol."

It's music, music, music on Sunday, July 3, when bands begin at 11 a.m. and continue throughout the day. **"Out of the Blue"** will perform for that evening's street dance beginning at 7 in **Fort Halifax Park**.

At 10 a.m. Monday, **July 4, Maine's largest Fourth of July parade** leads off, following its traditional Bay Street route to Fort Halifax Park. Entertainment begins in the park immediately after the parade, concluding with a 7:30 p.m. performance by Boston-based **"Journey" tribute band "Scarab,"** and leading up to fireworks over the Kennebec River at 9:30 p.m., with "double the fireworks we've ever shot off before," says Winslow Family Fourth of July chairman Kevin Douglass.

Reminder: *no alcohol, bikes or pets are permitted in Fort Halifax Park* during this free, family-friendly event. For more information on parking and events, consult the celebration's website at *winslow4thofjuly.com*.

Summer reading is fun for all, thanks to the Winslow Public Library's summer reading programs. At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16 **a '50s style family dance party** will be held in the library to get everyone in the groove.

It's **"On your Mark, Get Set, Read!"** for elementary school aged kids. Monday afternoons bring relay races, karate, yoga, engineering events and board games to the library.

Junior high and high schoolers kick off **"Get in the Game"** Friday, June 27 with games incorporating group play and motion, such as Just Dance and Mario Kart, plus **Teen Movie Nights**. Teen summer programming ends on Friday, August 12.

The first of two special library events begins at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 23 when the Waterville and Winslow libraries jointly host children's musician **Rob Duquette and his band** in an outdoor concert at Fort Halifax Park, on Bay Street in Winslow.

The second special event wraps up the summer series **with "Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals"** in a hilarious, interactive performance at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 11 at the library.

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On July 4th at 10 a.m. in Winslow, Maine's largest Fourth of July parade leads off, following its traditional Bay Street route to Fort Halifax Park.

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The Winslow Public Library is located at 136 Halifax Street, Winslow, Maine 04901. For activity times and more information please consult the library website at *winslow-me.gov/departments/library,* the Winslow Public Library Facebook page, or call (207) 872-1978.

What's that delicious aroma in the air? And why do all those people have blue tongues? If it's Saturday, August 13, it must be the Winslow Congregational Church's **45th annual Blueberry Festival** at the church on Lithgow Street.

Over 400 homemade blueberry pies go on sale from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday evening, August 12. The sale continues through closing on Saturday, following a day of all things blueberry and more.

The Saturday morning blueberry pancake breakfast begins at 7 a.m.. When it ends at 10 a.m., a café in front of the church opens with burgers, hot dogs, soda, chips and even more baked blueberry items.

A yard sale, silent auction, baked goods, craft vendors, kids' games, a bounce house, live entertainment, fingerprinting and fire department demos promise hours of family fun on the church lawn.

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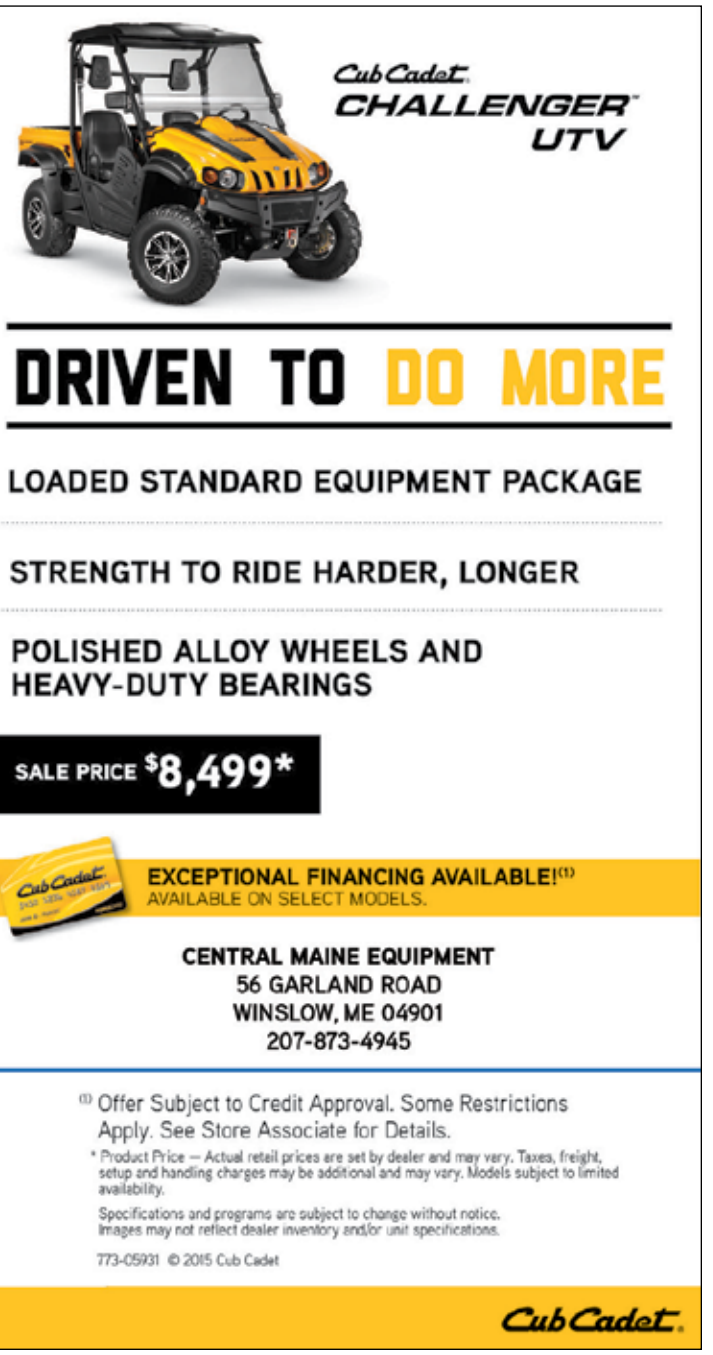

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Winthrop summer season unfolds

Hiking, boating and lectures make the list

BY WARREN WATSON
Correspondent

From smallmouth bass fishing to Shakespeare, from fireworks to a robust hike, the greater Winthrop region is readying for a banner summer season — getting a head start through a busy May.

A trio of local conservation and activity-oriented groups will make sure events will pack the calendar as May warms into June.

Local and regional vacationers will hike, bike, boat and frolic at the region's 28 lakes and streams. Groups such as the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed and the Kennebec Land Trust will host various activities, classes and lectures. They will be joined by the Winthrop Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, The Theater at Monmouth, the Bailey Library, and restaurants and businesses throughout the region as catalysts for leisure and fun.

A guide to the Winthrop Lakes Region is once again being published as a primer to recreational activities and community information. The Winthrop region, includes a main village situated on the stream linking Maranacook and Anabesacook lakes, with Lake Cobbossee only a few miles away. The area has a little bit of everything.

The conservation-minded Kennebec Land Trust continues to be an active engine for conservation topics, hiking and special activities, according to its executive director, Theresa Kerchner.

Kerchner's group will offer public events about the fishery and nature, hikes and a special Tri-Sports Challenge Aug. 21 that features a triathlon variation that tests contestants in running, paddling and swimming.

In Monmouth, professional summer theater returns to Cumston Hall for the 47th season at the Theater at Monmouth. Scheduled plays include: "Cyrano," " Love's Labor Lost," " The Barber of Seville," "Henry V," " The Illusion" and "Puss in Boots."

During the busy summer, Friends of Cobbossee Watershed will be on the lakes helping to rid predator species and generally assisting boaters. The organization will take to land as well, sponsoring the July 4 Friends on the Fourth 5K Run.

In the event of rain, there is always the option of visiting the Bailey Public Library just off Main Street in Winthrop. Summer programs will be on the menu, with special author nights for published writers.

And, of course, the Winthrop Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce will again offer its annual sponsorship of the fireworks display at Norcross Point on July 4, and other special events, including the Aug. 10 Sidewalk Art Festival right on Main Street in Winthrop.

For people looking for some simple refreshment and fun, here are a few dining options in the region:

- Café at 130 Main – This Winthrop community coffeehouse opened last year and features sit-down meals with homemade breads and special sandwiches, and quiche too. The Café also offers Laura's Famous Seafood Stew from the Red Barn, and has been a site for a Business After Hours sponsored by the Winthrop Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce.
- The Lighthouse Wine and Seafood Market – Owners Jim and Bridget Palmer have developed a new multi-purpose wine and cheese shop that also sells fresh seafood, special beers and other novelties. Easy to find, the Lighthouse is adjacent to the popular Mulligan's store and Dunkin Donuts on Route 202 in Manchester.
- Fielder's Choice Ice Cream – Every region needs a good outside ice cream place or two, and Fielder's Choice already has moved to the head of the class, catering to families, youth sports teams and visitors. Also located on Route 202 in Manchester near the Manchester schools complex, the store's lines grow nightly in the spring as residents sample varietals of hand-packed ice cream.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN WINTHROP

June 11-12: 8 a.m. Monmouth Lions Club Giant Yard Sale, T.J.'s Restaurant parking lot, 963 Rte. 202, Monmouth.
June 26: 10 a.m. to noon. Mushroom Identification Walk, sponsored by the Kennebec Valley Land Trust, Small-Burnham Conservation Area, Litchfield.
July 4: 8 a.m. 14th annual Friends on the Fourth 5K Run, American Legion, Winthrop, sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.
July 4: 9 p.m. Annual July 4 Fireworks, Norcross Point, Winthrop, sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.
July 13: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Stream fish ecology, with Mercy Gallagher, state fishery biologist, Ladd Recreation Area.
Aug. 20: 10 a.m. Annual Sidewalk Art Festival, Winthrop, Main Street, sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.
Aug. 21: 7:45 a.m. KLT Tri-Sport Challenge (swim, paddle, road race), Echo Lake's Camp Winnebago in Fayette.

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Week 3	**July 19th, 21st, 23rd**
Week 4	**July 26th, 28th, 30th**
Week 5	**August 2nd, 4th, 6th**
Week 6	**August 9th, 11th, 13th**
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Nancy Keenan Barron (207) 449-6155

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Summer Day Camps provide a great summer for children and a worry-free reprieve for parents

BY TERRI HIBBARD
Correspondent

"I'm a dad and we're always concerned about safety. Because safety is so important to us at Camp Tracy, our staff are well-trained. All staff have a 7-day training session so that they are able to handle any emergency that comes up."

WAYNE LITTLEFIELD, DIRECTOR, CAMP TRACY

It's summer and the kids are out of school. They're going to be bored and parents are going to be worried. But what if those youngsters were able to spend their school-free time getting smarter, stronger, healthier and happier?

That's exactly what summer day camps are for.

Camp Tracy, affiliated with the Alfond Youth Center and located in Oakland, is all about giving school-age children an opportunity for discovering some very important life skills.

"That's what Camp Tracy is all about," said Wayne Littlefield, camp director. "They discover friends, discover talents, discover nature and discover themselves."

At Camp, these lucky youngsters will have swim lessons and free swims, archery and arts and crafts, of course, but Camp Tracy is much more than expected. Littlefield said that along with a climbing wall, there is a challenge course in which participants learn to challenge themselves, develop teamwork and boost self-confidence. This includes getting up in trees using ropes and safety equipment, a giant swing and a cat walk from one tree to another.

"It's with harnesses, helmets and other safety equipment. It's safer than anything," Littlefield said." It's a perceived high risk with actually very low risk. But your body disagrees."

"I'm a dad and we're always concerned about safety. Because safety is so important to us at Camp Tracy, our staff are well-trained. All staff have a 7-day training session so that they are able to handle any emergency that comes up." Some, lifeguards and ropes instructors, for example, have additional specialized training.

Camp Tracy opens June 20 and runs four two-week sessions, ending with a one-week. The cost is $245 for two weeks or $140 for one week. Scholarships are available; apply at the Alfond Center. An additional 45 minutes at either end of the day (drop off at 7 a.m. rather than 7:45 or pick up at 5:30 instead of 4:45 p.m.) Meals and snacks are provided. for an extra $15 fee. Transportation is provided from the Alfond Center in Waterville and from the Williamson School in Oakland or campers can be dropped off directly at camp.

Apply online at *camptracy.org* or at the Alfond Center. Children ages 5-15 are eligible. New this year is a counselor-in-training program for those ages 14-16 who want to continue to be part of the program and develop leadership skills that will help in the future.

Campers at the end of their two-week session participate in a parents' night.

"It's a chance for the kids to show their parents some of the things they've done at camp and we finish the evening with skits and awards," said Littlefield.

No matter your child's interest, the Augusta Parks and Recreation Department has a summer camp for him or her. Most are one-week, half-day morning programs so youngsters will be able to participate in several throughout the summer, trying out one sport or possible hobby after another if they wish.

Photography or archery, tennis or robotics, basketball or field hockey, art or dance. And then there is the Mad Science Camp, horseback riding at Wright Way Stables, not to mention track and field camp, football and soccer. Not all camps are open to all ages and fees as well as times vary.

All instructors are trained in CPR and first-aid.

For more information or to register, stop by the Buker Community Center, 22 Armory St., Augusta where many of the programs are held or call 626-2350. For more information about the arts programs, visit *sites.google.com/site/bukerstudioarts*

In addition to the camps, daycare is offered all summer long at the Buker Center. The Center has a new childcare wing and new playground but children are often out and about. Every Wednesday, they have an outing to St. George State Park. Visits to the New England Music camp on Snow Pond in Oakland is another favorite excursion. Gardening gets the children growing and learning about great fresh food. Spending time with elders at Graybirch Nursing Home is one of the Center's outreach programs that enriches youngsters' lives and oldsters' lives.

Fridays are Fun Day with something different every week – a magician, bowling, a trip to the Maine State Museum, visiting firemen or EMTs.

At the Center, children in grades 1-6 participate in a full day of art, gym, science, music, nutritional education, games, group time and more. Kindergarten children engage in similar activities at their level as do pre-K children. The program is part of Augusta's year-round licensed childcare program. The summer daycare runs for 10 weeks, 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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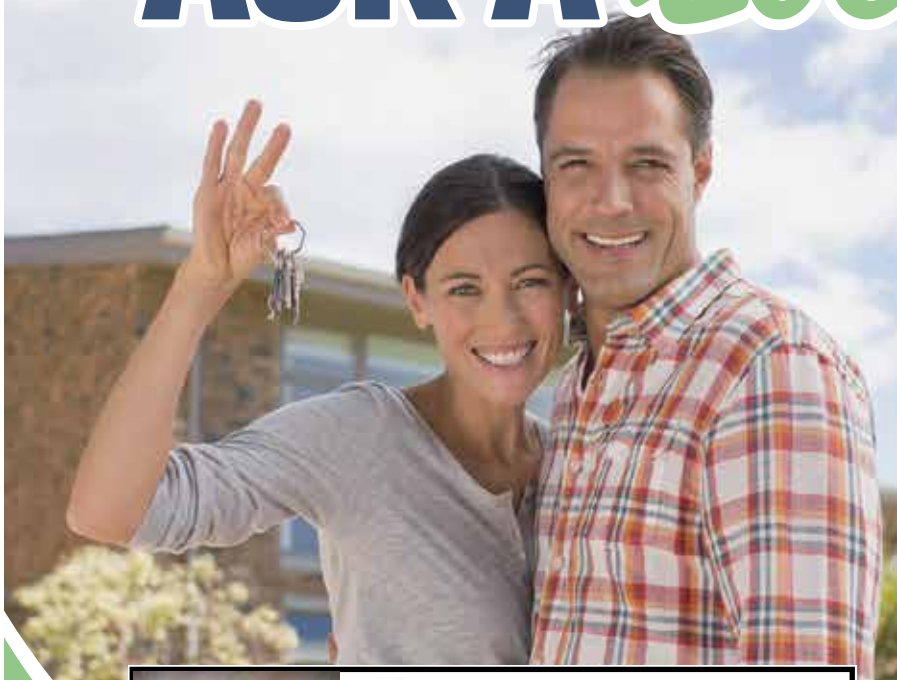

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Bingo: A versatile game for any occasion

An estimated $90 million is spent on bingo games each week in North America. What began as a humble county fair game using numbered discs and beans to mark cards has expanded to be one of the more beloved games — and fundraisers — of all time.

Bingo attracts people of all ages. Bingo is usually won by compiling a pattern of numbers covered on a bingo card, typically vertically, horizontally or diagonally. However, alternative ways of playing bingo have been introduced to increase the excitement and chances of winning. By modifying game play, everyone from teachers to students to party hosts to entertainment coordinators can expand bingo's versatility.

In the classroom

Teachers can use the game of bingo in their classrooms as an entertaining way to engage students. Bingo cards can be marked with just about any image or word to coincide with lessons. World Leader Bingo, for example, requires students to recognize and cover various world leader's faces. Verb Conjugation Bingo can help foreign language students familiarize themselves with the various conjugates of common verbs. Teachers also can encourage students to come up with their own versions of bingo that they can play with fellow classmates and use during study sessions.

At parties

Bingo is a fun way to entertain guests at various events, such as bridal showers, birthday parties or anniversary parties. While anyone can make his or her own bingo card grid, plenty of pre-made templates are available online. At parties, when the guest of honor opens gifts, party guests can mark off those items on their cards. Not only does the game keep guests engaged in the gift-opening process, but it also presents a way to give them trinkets and other prizes without guests having to do too much.

Depending on the audience, modify the bingo cards according to age and skill level. Young children may enjoy a birthday game of bingo with pictures printed on the cards instead of words.

In the workplace

Employers often seek out ways to boost employee morale, and entertaining games and small gifts are one way to do just that. Raffle off baskets and other prizes while using bingo to lighten up the work atmosphere and keep employees happy.

Dedicate one day each week for bingo play toward the end of the workday when everyone is winding down. Ask employees to gather at a central location or let them play at their desks, with numbers called over the office PA system. The first person to reach bingo must call out and have his or her card verified. Prizes can include a free day off from work, sports tickets or gift cards to a restaurant.

Bingo has been entertaining players since its inception in 1929. Its versatility makes it a winner in any number of settings and applications.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE GAME OF BINGO

The game of bingo can be traced back to 1530 and an Italian lottery called, "Lo Giuocco del Lotto D'Italia," which Italians still play every Saturday. The game eventually became popular in France, Germany and North America.

In the United States, players played their own variation of the lotto game featuring numbered cards and beans. The caller would pull small, numbered disks from an old cigar box and yell out the number. Players checked their cards for the number and would place a bean over the number if they had a match. When a sequence of numbers was covered, the winner would shout "Beano!" In December of 1929, New York toy salesman Edwin Lowe happened upon beano being played at a Georgia carnival and thought it would make a great tent or carnival game.

After testing out the game in his native New York, Lowe ran across a woman excited about the prospect of winning. But instead of shouting "beano," she called out "Bingo!" That prompted Lowe to name his game "Bingo."

While bingo started to gain popularity, some organizations saw potential to turn a profit. A Pennsylvania priest approached Lowe about using bingo as a means to get his church out of some dire financial straits. Lowe set out to find a way to create a greater combination of numbers on the bingo cards to be workable on games that were larger in scale. He commissioned an elderly mathematics professor named Carl Leffler and requested the professor create 6,000 new Bingo cards with nonrepeating number groups. The cards were increasingly difficult to produce as the number combinations dwindled. By the time the task was completed, Professor Leffler had gone insane.

By 1934, an estimated 10,000 bingo games were played each week in churches and elsewhere all across North America. Today it is estimated that more than $90 million is spent each week on bingo in North America. Online bingo now enables tech-savvy people to play bingo on their computers, phones and tablets. Despite concerns that it might affect the business of traditional bingo halls, electronic bingo actually has only reinforced the popularity of all forms of the game.

Electronic bingo is also now emerging as a popular way to play the game. Instead of paper bingo tickets, players use some sort of electronic device to record the numbers as they are called. Electronic bingo invites an entirely new audience to the game, attracting younger players who enjoy the technological aspect of game play.

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Pet-friendly hotels remove another vacation barrier

People cite various reasons for why they skip vacation days. Specialized staffing firm OfficeTeam found many were saving days in case they needed them later or employees worry about falling behind at work. Others may be hesitant to head off for parts unknown because they don't want to leave their four-legged friends behind.

Pets are a big commitment who need daily interaction. The responsibilities that come with pet ownership do not vanish when pet owners leave on vacation. Even in communities that are home to a bevy of pet sitters, pet daycares and pet boarding services, many pet owners are wary of leaving their pets in the care of others. Pet-friendly hotels can remove the worry of what to do with a pet while on vacation.

A number of new hotel reservation and searching sites enable pet owners to find accommodations that accept pets. Individuals can use sites such as *BringFido.com, TakeYourPet.com and PetsWelcome.com* to find rooms that allow a furry companion. Otherwise, pet owners can contact hotel chains directly. Major hotels designate a certain number of pet-friendly rooms for travelers who want to take their pets along on vacations or other trips.

Vacation rentals offered by private homeowners is another lodging option for pet owners. Such rentals are growing in popularity thanks to the internet. Vacationers can rent condos, apartments, hotel rooms, and entire homes. Because such accommodations tend to be larger than hotel rooms, rental owners frequently accept pets on the premises.

Recognize that traveling with pets will require some compromises. Hotels that set aside rooms may not reserve their most pristine rooms for pet travelers. Also, vacationers may not be able to choose their rooms based on view. Pet-friendly rooms may be located closer to elevators or the lobby to make it easier to take dogs out for walks.

Vacationers also can expect to pay an addition fee for taking their pets along with them. This fee will cover any accidental damage caused by the animal or the extra maintenance required to remove pet hair and odors. Travelers should confirm such fees before booking.

Even if a place is pet-friendly, there may be specific rules as to where the pets can go. Animals may be restricted to the guest room and may not be allowed to be left alone in the room unattended unless they are placed in a cage or carrier.

Rather than curtailing vacation plans because of pets at home, travelers can investigate pet-friendly accommodations so they can take advantage of all of their paid days off.

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Biking trails offer a different view of Maine

Enthusiasts and newcomers can enjoy the outdoors

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Bikers can enjoy spectacular views in the Carrabassett Valley region over trails that offer adventure for every skill level. Other central and western Maine bike trails offer dozens of well-maintained trekking opportunities through scenic villages, along rivers and along old railroad beds.

Trail biking is an inexpensive sport that can include all ages, skill levels, and seasons. Backcountry bike trails cover more rugged terrain and require some level of expertise and physical strength. The popular rail-trails offer flat, even grade — ideal conditions for road and hybrid bikes.

For riders looking for a challenge, summer offers an annual endurance race in Western Maine. The Carrabassett Region New England Mountain Bike Association (*carrabassett.nemba.org*) is nonprofit organization dedicated to the creation and maintenance of a sustainable multi-use trail network.

Besides offering beautifully maintained trails for biking, they'll host the Carrabassett Backcountry Cycle Challenge on July 16. The approximately 100K, 50K and 25K courses will cover a challenging mix of mountain bike terrain. For people planning to stay for the weekend, there's the opportunity to ride the new single track trails at a relaxed pace, and both bikers and non-bikers can trek to one of the Maine Huts & Trails lodges or take a chairlift or zip line ride at Sugarloaf Resort.

An easier ride along the Narrow Gauge Pathway takes cyclists six miles through Carrabassett Valley along the river. This scenic ride is great for all skill levels, including families with young children.

Another popular destination is the Whistle Stop Rail-Trail. The trail is accessible from several points, including Livermore Falls, Jay, Wilton and Farmington. The western Maine trail stays close to small community centers but near to wetland wilderness and wildlife habitat.

Near Jay is the old North Jay Quarry, which the Maine and New Hampshire Granite Corporation operated along the rail bed from 1886 until the early 1900s. Interpretive signs tell the story and include historical photographs of the quarry.

In Jay, travel the French Falls Park along the river and connect to Maine Interconnected Trail System 84. Continue along the river to reach the town of Livermore Falls.

In Augusta, the Kennebec River Rail-Trail follows the railroad right-of-way that once connected Portland to Augusta. Between the 1.5- and 1.75-mile markers, the trail curves to the right and the surface changes from asphalt to packed stone dust. The town of Hallowell is a great place to stop for lunch and a stroll through the many antique shops. The trail continues along the river all the way into Gardiner.

The Old Narrow Gauge Volunteer Trail occupies a portion of the old Kennebec Central Railroad right-of-way in the town of Randolph. The trail runs for 1.25 miles between Water Street in Randolph and into the forest near the end of Andres Way.

The Rotary Centennial Trail crosses Benton and Winslow. The scenic wooded trail follows a former rail bed along the eastern shore of the Kennebec River. At its southern end, a rail bridge abutment offers beautiful views of the river. Supported by the Waterville Rotary Club, the trail was completed in 2005 and named for the centennial anniversary of Rotary International.

Near Skowhegan, the east side of Lake George Regional Park offers an easy network of trails called the Alphabet Trails. Every intersection has a corresponding letter, so visitors can follow the letters into the network, and when they want to turn around, they can follow the intersections back to "A" and the trailhead. Some of the more interesting features include a huge glacial erratic boulder near intersection "Q" and a stand of Red Pines near intersections "I" and "O."

In addition, the bald summit of Jewell Hill has a vista of Lake George and the hills that surround it to the north. The west side of Lake George Regional Park has a series of trails that climb the hill and skirt the shore. The island makes a great picnic place. There is a box at the trailheads with trail maps and recommended loops.

Cyclists will find that most trails are muddy after a rain, so in order to prevent erosion and trail damage, try to bike in dry conditions. For those new to cycling, several magazines offer tips, information and biking maps to get rolling.

The League of American Bicyclists also provides a number of guides on safe cycling, particularly on roadways, as well as a search tool for finding local courses and seminars on biking. Ask local bike shops for some suggestions for local cycling trips. Visit websites such as *mainetrailfinder.com*, *traillink.com* and *bikemaine.org* for helpful information, trail maps events and trail conditions.

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9 ways to improve your golf game

Warmer weather sends scores of golfers to their favorite courses each and every day. Golf is a challenging pastime, but a few pointers can help golfers hone their short games, long games and everything in between.

•**Choose the right clubs.** There is more to selecting clubs than pulling any old iron out of your golf bag and whacking away. Wind, hazards and obstructions in landing areas should influence your decision of which club to use. Novice golfers may want to rely on their caddies to make club recommendations, and as they become more confident in their abilities they can start to make their own choices.

•**Anchor your feet.** Anchor your foot behind the ball to drive the ball further. Right-handed players will keep the right foot anchored, and lefties will do the opposite. Do not lift your foot prematurely; otherwise, you can lose power and distance.

•**Identify your weaknesses.** As with any hobby, identifying those areas that need the most work can help you become a better golfer. Keep track of each shot you take, and then look at the results to see which areas of your game need the most work.

•**Fix your alignment.** Align your shots by assessing the target from behind the ball. Then set the clubface behind the golf ball and align it with the target before you enter your stance.

•**Use your torso for power.** The torso is essential to a solid swing. Practice rotating from your core to control your backswing and then maintain the same spine angle and posture on the downswing.

•**Use the wind.** Not every golf game will be played in perfect weather. A good player knows how to make adjustments for the wind depending on the shot. Use the wind to your advantage when you can, and adjust your swing when hitting into the wind.

•**Become a better chipper.** Many players put so much emphasis on their backswings and putt shots that they fail to devote any practice to chips. All shots are important for golfers trying to shed strokes off of their scores.

•**Keep fit.** Maintaining or improving your physical strength and overall health can help your golf game. Exercise and eat right, and you will have more endurance on the links.

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How to make relocation go smoothly

People relocate for various reasons. Many relocate for professional opportunities, while others relocate to pursue their educations. And while some may relocate to enjoy a lower cost of living, others may find themselves relocating to satisfy their sense of adventure.

Regardless of why a person is relocating, doing so without preparing for the move can make the transition that much more difficult. According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, roughly 19 percent of the 35.9 million people who moved between 2012 and 2013 did so for a job-related reason. Relocating to a new city for a job is different than moving from one home to another within the same community. Relocating to a new city can be a life-changing event that requires planning and maybe even a little luck to make it work.

•Examine your finances. Moving is expensive, and it can be even more expensive when moving to an entirely new city. If you are moving to pursue career opportunities but don't yet have a job offer in hand, examine your finances and work out a worst-case scenario in the event that your job hunt takes longer than you hoped for. Unless you have a benefactor who can help you pay your bills and avoid debt while you look for a job, make sure you have several months' worth of living expenses saved up before moving.

•Research the job market. Certain cities have more opportunities for people in certain fields than others, so make sure the city you plan to relocate to is a place where you will have ample opportunities in your chosen line of work. Otherwise you might find yourself settling for a career you don't like or relocating again to a job market more accommodating to someone in your field.

•Research the real estate market. Before hitting the road and heading for your new home, research the real estate market in that area. Try to find out the average rental price via online forums or even online newspaper classified sections. Find out if people tend to live with roommates or go it alone in the city you're relocating to. If you are moving to a city where you know very few people or no one at all, consider becoming someone's roommate. The right roommate can provide an instant social network and help you learn the ropes of your adopted home. If you plan to live alone and rent, recognize that many landlords will require a guarantor before renting to tenants with no income.

•Don't be shy. Unless you are moving to a place where you already have a built-in social network, you should expect to encounter some loneliness upon arriving in your new location. Resolve to make the most of all your new home has to offer by joining a social organization, connecting with your university's alumni group or volunteering with local charities. If you have a job lined up, sign up for company-sponsored outings or teams.

Relocating to a new city can produce mixed feelings of anxiety and excitement. Planning ahead and doing some homework can help you as you transition to your new home.

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Excessive energy bills can be a concern in spring and summer, just as much as they are in the winter. So how can you save money while keeping your home cool? The solution is simple: Top up your attic insulation.

A poorly insulated attic is a primary source of energy loss, forcing your AC unit to work harder than necessary over the warmer months. Most attics are insulated, but oftentimes the amount of insulation present is inadequate — especially in older homes. Over time, insulation can settle and compact, allowing heat to escape through gaps.

Topping it up is easy. Ideally, you want to aim for a depth of 16 inches of insulation for an overall R-value of 50.

When existing insulation is present, simply level existing insulation to the top of the joist. Lay a fire- and moisture-resistant batt insulation on top of joists, running perpendicular to the first layer. Ensure batts are butted against each other tightly. Fit batts closely to cross joists; cut batt if necessary (this can be done easily with a serrated blade or bread knife) and leave no space between layers.

Don't forget to insulate the attic hatch to the same level as the rest of the attic.

Apply weather-stripping to the edge of the hatch to reduce air leakage. Keep in mind that only IC-rated electrical fixtures can have insulation placed with zero clearance. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and local building code to insulate around the chimney.

When a house is insulated properly, energy savings can add up over time.

Remember, insulation starts working the moment it is installed and can last for the life of the building.

Things to consider when renovating a vacation home

Vacation homes may seem like a luxury only the very wealthy can afford, but many people purchase vacation homes as investments. Vacation homes give families a place to escape to where they can spend time together each summer or winter, but such homes also help homeowners generate income, and some homeowners even find the height of vacation season generates enough rental income to pay for the second home year-round.

Personal style goes a long way toward determining how to renovate a primary residence. But men and women who own vacation homes they hope to rent out should not allow their own personal styles to dictate a vacation home renovation project. The following are some additional things homeowners should consider before renovating their vacation homes.

•**Curb appeal:** When renovating a vacation property, relatively minor updates can dramatically improve curb appeal, which may bear more weight with prospective renters than it would prospective buyers. Potential buyers are making a substantial financial commitment when they buy a home, so they will go over a home with a fine tooth comb. But vacation renters are making a much smaller financial commitment, so curb appeal can go a long way toward encouraging vacationers to rent your property. Repaint a home in a more vibrant color or replace old siding with newer material. Hire a local landscaping service to tend to the property throughout vacation season, and be sure to include updated photos of your property with online listings.

•**Connectivity:** While vacation was once a respite from all aspects of our everyday lives, nowadays vacationers want to maintain at least some connection to the outside world. If your vacation home is not up-to-date with its wireless technology, upgrade to a faster network that offers high speed internet. Such connectivity can and likely will prove attractive to prospective renters who have grown accustomed to relying on the internet, even when they are on vacation.

•**Appliances:** A vacation rental may not need the latest and greatest appliances, but homeowners may find it easier to attract renters (and charge more in rent) if the home is not filled with outdated appliances reminiscent of a long forgotten era. Upgrade especially outdated appliances, but make sure any upgrades fit with the theme of your rental. For example, stainless steel appliances may look great in your primary residence, but such appliances are costly and may not be what renters hoping to find a beachside bungalow are looking for.

•**Accessibility:** Some people want a vacation home far off the beaten path, but that does not mean the home has to be inaccessible. If your vacation home is in a wooded area far off the road, consider paving the access road prospective renters will use to get to and from the property. This relatively small touch may appeal to potential renters who want some seclusion but don't want to put their vehicles through the ringer every time they leave the property.

Renovating a vacation home is a great way to generate extra rental income from the property, and there are several ways homeowners can make their vacation homes more attractive to renters without breaking the bank.

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Photo by Kris Ferrazza
Union Fair is a large family fair famous for the annual State of Maine Wild Blueberry Festival. A large midway, crafts, animal pull events, harness racing are held each August.

AUGUST

4 - 7 Monmouth Fair @ Monmouth *monmouthfair.com*
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9 - 14 Topsham Fair @ Topsham *topshamfair.net*
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11 - 20 Skowhegan State Fair @ Skowhegan *skowheganstatefair.com*
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24 - 25 Maine Farm Days @ Clinton

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Summer is prime vacation season when travelers take trips to every corner of the world. While faraway destinations abound, those looking for fun can also find enjoyable activities much closer to home.

Many communities come alive during the warmer weather, hosting an array of locally driven events. People looking for a day of entertainment or an evening of excitement may be able to find an event that's just a short car ride away. Pick up a local newspaper or log on to your town's official website to browse a listing of events in your community this summer. Here are a few events you're bound to find.

• **Carnivals and fun fairs:** Open land or empty parking lots can be transformed into bustling carnivals in a matter of days. Carnivals or fairs may be sponsored by private businesses or local religious organizations looking to raise funds. Some fairs are established by the county and attract participants from near and far. Carnivals often boast a wide array of entertainment, from amusement park-style rides to games of chance to music.

• **Summer concert series:** Summer concerts series typically begin when the weather warms up, and music may not stop playing until Labor Day. Concerts may range from more intimate affairs that attract a few dozen people to a town square to larger events at beaches and boardwalks that draw thousands of visitors.

• **Food festivals:** Various towns close down their Main Streets from time to time to accommodate food festivals that feature a variety of cuisines. Some food festivals may feature one ingredient, such as garlic or cheese, while others may delve deeper and offer broader menus. Food festivals allow visitors to sample many different treats and may serve to advertise for neighborhood eating establishments.

• **Street fairs:** Street fairs also may close down thoroughfares in town. These events usually bring together a variety of vendors selling their wares in an open market setting. You can make a day of touring all of the vendor booths and buying handmade items from local artisans.

• **Outdoor movies:** Local parks frequently host summer movie nights when participants can view a movie on the big screen while under the stars. This can be an informal way to get the entire family together for a fun flick. Films are typically family-friendly and schedules are available well in advance. Bring a blanket and some snacks and enjoy an inexpensive evening together.

Many people need not travel far for summertime fun, as many communities host fun events throughout the summer.

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Hike-in hut adventures in Maine

BY JESSICA DONAHUE
Nancy Marshall Communications
Special to Summer in Maine

You might be asking yourself, what exactly is hut hiking? Think a walk in the woods with overnights spent in the backcountry, completely unplugged and off the grid. Hike-in huts can be found all over the world and we, here in Maine, are lucky to have a world-class hut-to-hut system called Maine Huts & Trails in our very own backyard.

Located in the Carrbassett Valley region, near Flagstaff Lake and the beautiful Bigelow Mountain range, Maine Huts & Trails is the perfect way to enjoy an outdoor trekking getaway, while still enjoying the amenities of delicious homemade cuisine and a comfortable bed. "We hear 'you call this a hut?' all the time about our accommodations and lodges," says Cayce Frigon, marketing director for Maine Huts & Trails. The huts feature vaulted ceilings, beautiful leather furniture, crackling woodstoves, and walls of windows, a far cry from the traditional lean-tos that can be found throughout the state.

Maine Huts & Trails photo
The huts provide a great escape from everyday stresses by being completely off the grid. Leave your technology at home and enjoy a backcountry experience, while having all the amenities of a hotel.

With 80 miles of trails leading to and from the four beautiful huts, guests can design their own hut adventures. From a week-long trip to all four locations, to an overnighter at a single hut, it is completely up to the guest. "We offer so many versions of hut-to-hut trips that visitors are able to plan a trip that is perfectly catered to their needs," says Frigon. "Families can plan leisurely hikes to save time for activities like swimming and kayaking, while extremists can tackle our toughest trails to get the level of adventure that is right for them."

The Maine Huts & Trails website even features a 'what's your adventure style' quiz that helps guests figure out what trip is best for them. Results include options for guided or unguided trips and single or multiple hut trips, and help narrow down what activities would be best for the individual or family vacation.

The huts provide a great escape from everyday stresses by being completely off the grid. Leave your technology at home and enjoy a backcountry experience, while having all the amenities of a hotel. Guests only have to carry in their sleeping bags, as pillows and mattresses are provided in the comfortable heated bunkhouses (gear shuttles and private accommodations are also available). During the full-service season, rates include a homemade dinner and next day breakfast and bagged lunches, perfect for carrying along the trail as you journey to the next hut. In the self-service seasons (Nov.-Dec. and from late March to early July), guests can use the commercial-grade kitchen to prepare their own meals.

Year-round, the eco-lodges have hot showers, warm fires and heated bunkhouses to keep guests comfortable, as well as a sitting room stocked with games and books. Maine Huts & Trails also offers other activities such as mountain biking, river and lake paddling, swimming, and other water sports during the summer and cross-country skiing, fat tire biking and snowshoeing in the winter.

Learn more about hut-to-hut adventures, guided trips or your adventure style at *MaineHuts.org* or give them a call at 265-2400. Don't forget - if you're headed out on the trail and snap some photos, be sure to share them with others when you get back on the grid by using the hashtag #Mainehuts.

How to section hike the Appalachian Trail

BY MEGAN CROWDER
Nancy Marshall Communications
Special to Summer in Maine

The summer sun is gracing Mt. Katahdin and Maine will start to see an influx of hikers as they are completing their Appalachian Trail journey. During each season, hikers set out for the trip of a lifetime, embarking on an adventure that captures the heart of nature and the endurance of mankind. The legendary Appalachian Trail (AT), spanning 2,200 miles from Georgia to Maine, is visited by more than just thru-hikers. The trail is seen more by section-hikers who hand-pick trails to conquer daily, weekly or monthly. Section hiking still lets hikers explore the iconic AT and experience fantastic trips while leaving out the commitment of many months of strenuous hiking. Anyone is capable of hiking the AT, all you need is drive, passion and great planning skills!

Maine author Jeff Ryan, born and raised in Falmouth, Maine, completed the full AT in a 28-year section-hike. Ryan is an expert in section-hiking and has a forthcoming book called "Appalachian Odyssey."

Ryan encourages hikers to choose the right path for them, but not to be afraid of setting a long-term goal and hiking one section at a time. Ryan states that even hiking one section at a time, the Appalachian Trail is still rewarding, "Don't make an entire career change; hiking the trail in segments is still life changing and fulfilling."

Let us take you through some of the perks of section hiking:

Nature

The Appalachian Trail encompasses the best of the best of nature's beauty. Picturesque views include miles of trees, lakes, rivers, valleys, peaks, and mountains and some of the best wildlife. One of Ryan's favorite parts of hiking is the sounds that surround him on the trail. "Every time I'm on a trail and I pass someone wearing headphones I think about how they're missing the best part of the experience. Listening to the birds, the wind and the crunch of my feet on the path is music to my ears."

The trail experience is different for each hiker, because nature is ever-changing. Trails can be hiked 100 times over by the same person but experienced differently each time. And that is what makes hiking priceless.

Bonding

Not only will you feel at one with yourself and the trail, bringing along a friend will only enhance the experience. Encouraging a friend to join you on your section hike plan is the safest route to success, but you'll be even more surprised at how much your friendship will grow. One of the best lessons that Ryan took away from hiking the trail was how to grow a friendship through such a task that challenges your perseverance and determination. Ryan stated, "I knew Wayne before we started the trip, but I never once thought before we started that we'd be as close as we are today. Having Wayne along added to the reward because of the strong bond that we grew."

Planning

Section hiking will challenge your body physically, but many forget about or don't realize the immense amount of mental planning that goes into hiking. Not only do you have to mentally prepare your body to take on the challenge of hiking, but you also have to learn how to pack and plan for trips. Choosing the best gear and making sure you have enough supplies is key to being prepared on any hike you choose to conquer.

Conquer

After planning, packing and preparing both mentally and physically for your hike, it's time to set out on the best part, conquering your hike. "Once you're out there on the trail and you conquer your hike, you'll already be thinking about the next trail you want to take on, and that feeling will never stop. I'm constantly thinking about what trail I can conquer next," says Ryan.

We know you want to get out and hike, so we'll leave you with these parting words:

"Moving in the direction of your dreams in and of itself is fulfilling; incrementally is better than being stagnant," Jeff Ryan.

Photo courtesy of Jeff Ryan
Maine author Jeff Ryan, on the Appalachian Trail.

Combine family, friends and food to make lasting memories at camp

BY WARREN WATSON
Correspondent

I've spent a week's vacation at my camp on Cobbossee Lake in East Winthrop for the last 17 years since my mom died and I bought a ramshackle place on the eastern shore.

My journalism work took me from Reston, VA.; to Muncie, IN; to Phoenix; to Alton, IL. to Columbia, MO., during that time. But there was the yearly escape to "The Camp" where the swimming was cold, the bass fishing bountiful and the lobsters scrumptious.

This year will be different. I will call "The Camp" home having relocated back to central Maine.

Time at Cobbossee was nothing like the Griswold's of National Lampoon's Vacation or even "On Golden Pond," but a flow of memories erupted on these 4:30 a.m. sunrise days in the rich pine forest, and the call of the loons.

Family was very much part of time there. It was in my blood. My parents often rented camps like this when we were growing up in southern New Hampshire. It was mostly at Winnipesaukee but was a July ritual much like my own.

In the past, other friends and family have meandered through the vacations, including my 90-year-old aunt in her rickety wheelchair. If you're familiar with a Maine camp, you'll recognize the props – constantly recharging cell phones and laptops, outside ash trays, resident spiders and mosquitoes who actually rented the place to me, noodles falling off the dock, and plastic bottles of clean drinking water carted in from the Hannaford grocery. Translation: Don't drink the lake water, but it's good for everything else.

And, yes, in those uncomfortable early moments, trying out a new joke for the first time – and failing. Mine had something to do with high school girls leaving lipstick marks on mirrors.

You'll have to wait for my full life story to hear that one.

Memorable family gatherings were held here in 17 family summers. The sounds of disconnected conversations between people who do not see each other enough, the lost cell phone charger, the full-body squeal of the first person venturing into the 69-degree water in the morning, the perennial debate about how much engine oil goes into the outboard motor when adding gasoline. That kind of thing.

One year, after a feast of lobsters, beer and all sorts of things, my slightly inebriated niece tested out her new cosmetology skills and gave haircuts to everyone. Ooooh.

I caught a pair of four-pound bass, one a largemouth in the morning, one a smallmouth in the evening. But I have been shut out for four years. Beats me on Maine fishing advice. Maybe now that I have more time.

We had a typical "disconnected" conversation of lobster and other food groups on one of my last evenings at "The Camp," in 2015. Earlier in the day, the boat wouldn't start after numerous floodings ended in a dead battery. More laughter and frustration ensued with a vow of "let's try tomorrow."

The food was ready for prep, which is always fun during family dinners on vacation. Someone (my brother's partner Karyl this time) has a new variation of coleslaw to try. Some spice (Karyl again). "Let's do this with the steak," someone called out. "Did we remember to shuck the corn?" Sometimes, a new leader emerged. Most times not.

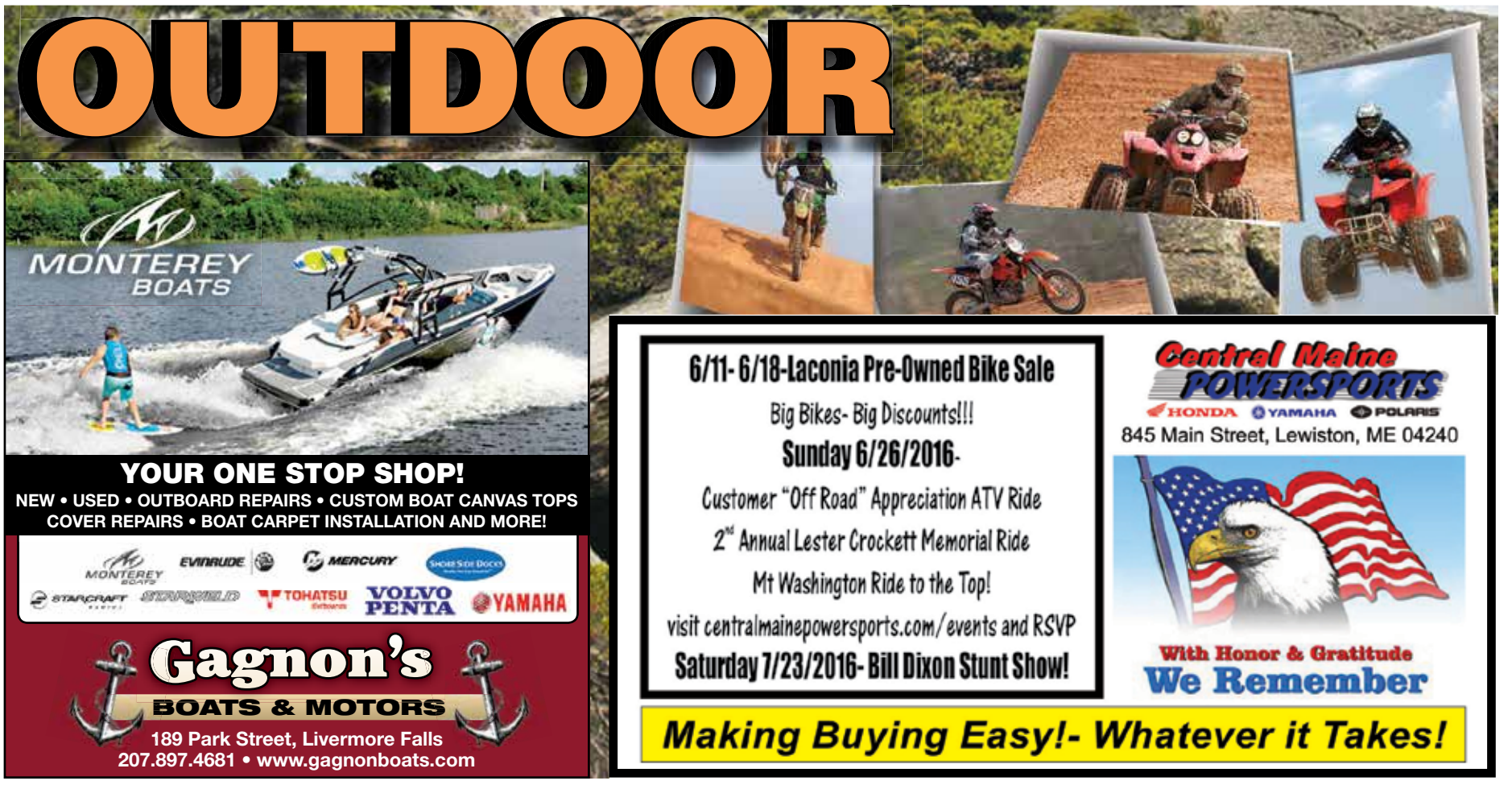
I guess I appreciated the foreplay of the vacation more this time. I was on the couch under a quilt, finally shaking a touch of pneumonia I developed. I watched people interact and enjoy themselves and the moment. And wait on me.

Someone found a box of things I set aside after relocating from Phoenix a year earlier. A fez from a former boss. Where in the world?

As I was on the mend deep into the vacation, I took it upon myself to show the boys a little bit about boat navigation. You know, simple things like starting the boat, avoiding crashing into docks, etc. We made significant progress. Even reading charts.

Progress. Last year in August, after a splendid lunch of chicken salad, we ran out of gas eight miles away and had to be towed in by a bass boat.

Now, that was embarrassing.



The Lakewood Theater presents their 2016 Season

Located amidst stately pines and white birch on the western shore of Wesserunsett Lake, Lakewood is the State Theater of Maine and one of America's oldest and most famous summer theaters. Lakewood's tradition is long in years, deep in sentiment, and steadfast in endurance. Now in its 116th Season, Lakewood offers exceptional performances of comedies, dramas, musicals, and children's shows from late-May through mid-September. We invite you to experience the excitement of live theater. Curtain up!

2016 FULL SCHEDULE

Get ready for the 116th Season of Lakewood Theater. We are offering 1 drama, 3 farces, 2 comedies, and 3 musicals. It's a year of old favorites and brand new shows to Lakewood.

SHOW TIMES

Evening Shows: Thursday through Saturday at 8 pm. Every other Sunday at 4 pm. Matinees: Every other Wednesday at 2 pm & 7 pm*

*There are no 7 pm matinees during the month of September

THE SEASON

MONEY MATTERS

Counterfeiters, a Contessa and a geriatric chick chaser!

The house has been sold. Hypochondriac George and his humorless daughter Annie must move and must abandon the basement where for ten years they have been producing counterfeit $20 bills. The new owner, Bud "the Stud" Davis - a geriatric chick chaser - plans to create a retirement home for women. They cannot move the printing press so Annie and George enlist the aid of Annie's former sorority sister actress Charmaine Beauregard and their neighbor Contessa Marilena, a flamboyant psychic (aka the Romanian fruitcake) to convince Bud that the house is unsuitable because it is haunted. Chaos ensues. During a seance two ghosts appear. Charmaine recognizes Bud as an old flame. Bud attempts to put a move on all three women. George finds himself pursued by Charmaine, while falling for the Contessa. And then Mr. Oppenheimer arrives and...

Performed May 26,27,28, & June 2, 3, 4 @ 8pm

Matinees May 29 @ 4pm - June 1 @ 2pm & 7pm

LAST ROUND-UP OF THE GUACAMOLE QUEENS

A deliciously funny Southern fried comedy.

Round-Up is the final saga in the soap-opera lives of Gaynelle, Peaches, and Jimmie Wyvette - the Verdeen cousins of Sweetgum, Texas. Before their old high school is demolished, the cousins are determined to produce the ultimate high school reunion. But they have a bushel of obstacles to overcome before they can pull off this miracle: a funeral, a TV on-screen cat fight, a self-righteous aunt, a randy uncle in love with octogenarian sisters, an old flame with an evil hand puppet, and a contaminated crime scene. The reunion will conclude with the announcement of the final and forever Guacamole Queen. Chaos is side-splittingly achieved! You'll laugh so hard you might even consider attending your next high school reunion!

Performed June 9,10,11 & 16, 17, 18 @ 8pm

Matinees June 12 @ 4pm - June 15 @ 2pm & 7pm

ALWAYS, PATSY CLINE

A love letter to miss Patsy Cline featuring over 27 of her songs!

You'll fall to pieces if you miss this brilliant retelling of the legendary singer's all too short career. Always, Patsy Cline tells the true story of the friendship and pen-pal relationship that developed between Patsy Cline and Houston housewife Louise Seger, her most devoted fan. Louise narrates the story of the day in 1961 when she met Patsy at the Esquire Ballroom. Afterward, Patsy kept in touch with her number one fan by writing her long hand-written letters until the day she died tragically in a plane crash. She signed the letters "(Love) Always, Patsy Cline." Enjoy...and even sing along...to 27 songs including Sweet Dreams and Walkin' After Midnight. Nance Carbone, a Lakewood favorite, will reprise her role as Patsy. You would be Crazy to miss this one.

Performed June 23,24,25, & June 30, July 1,2 @ 8pm

Matinees June 26 @ 4pm - June 29 @ 2pm & 7pm

CHESHIRE CATS

Grown women, aching feet, and heaving bosoms!

2016 marks the 20th year of the London Moonwalk. Walk the Walk is a grant making charity that raises money for vital breast cancer causes. More than 300,000 women have donned fanciful bras and posh trainers and have participated in either the marathon or half marathon. Friends - Hilary, Siobhan, Yvonne, Vicky and Maggie - have accepted the challenge to speed walk thirteen miles through the London night. When a member of the team must drop out the only available replacement is, well, a Tom Cat! A genuinely funny and even touching ensemble piece, Cheshire Cats is a cross between a girl's night out and a real mission to support a cause close to many hearts, with plenty of laughs and a few tears along the way.

Performed July 7, 8, 9 & 14,15,16 @ 8pm

Matinees July 10 @ 4pm & July 13 & 2pm & 7pm

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

It's Alive! This monstrously funny musical will leave you in stitches.

From the creators of the The Producers comes this monster musical comedy. The comedy genius Mel Brooks adapts his legendarily funny film into a brilliant stage creation - Young Frankenstein!

Grandson of the infamous Victor Frankenstein, Frederick Frankenstein inherits his family's estate in Transylvania. With the help of a hunchbacked side kick, Igor, and a leggy lab assistant, Inga, Frederick finds himself in the mad scientist shoes of his ancestors. "It's alive!" he exclaims as he brings to life a creature to rival his grandfather's. Eventually, of course, the monster escapes and hilarity continuously abounds.

Every bit as relevant to audience members who will remember the original as it will be to newcomers, Young Frankenstein has all the panache of the screen sensation with a little extra theatrical flair added. With such memorable tunes as "The Transylvania Mania," "He Vas My Boyfriend" and "Puttin' on the Ritz," Young Frankenstein is scientifically-proven and monstrously good entertainment.

For Mature Audiences only!

Performed July 21,22,23 & July 28,29,30 @ 8pm

Matinees July 24 @ 4pm - July 27 @ 2pm & 7pm

DEATH BY DESIGN

A murder mystery masquerading as an all-out farce!

Set during a weekend in an English country manor in 1932, Death by Design is a delightful and mysterious "mash-up" of two of the greatest English writers of all time (Agatha Christie & Noel Coward). Edward Bennett, a playwright, and his wife Sorel Bennett, an actress, flee London and head to Cookham after a disastrous opening night. But various guests arrive unexpectedly -- a conservaive politician, a fiery socialist, a nearsighted ingenue, a zany modern dancer -- each with a long-held secret. When one of the guests is murdered, it's left to Bridgit, the feisty Irish maid with a macabre interest in homicide, to solve the crime. Death by Design is more than homage -- it's a new classic.

Performed August 4,5,6 & 11,12,13

Matinees August 7 @ 4pm - August 10 @ 2pm & 7pm

HELLO DOLLY!

It's so nice to have you back where you belong!

New York City in the 1890s. Dolly Levi is a matchmaker who merrily arranges things...like furniture, daffodils, and lives. Horace Vandergelder, a half-a-millionaire, feed store owner in Yonkers, requires her services. He needs a woman and has his heart set on a certain milliner. A widow, Dolly finds herself in love with the grumpy Vandergelder. She weaves a web of romantic complications involving him, his clerks Cornelius and Barnaby, his weeping niece Ermengarde, struggling artist Ambrose, the hat maker Irene Molloy, and her assistant Minnie Fay. The lovebirds are caught up in the great Fourteenth Street Association Parade as they make their way to the most elegant and expensive restaurant in town, the Harmonia Gardens. There, Dolly is greeted by the waiters, cooks, doormen, and wine stewards in one of the most famous songs in the history of American theater. Say Hello to Dolly!

Performed August 18,19,20 & 25,26,27 @ 8pm

Matinees August 21 @ 4pm - August 24 @ 2pm & 7pm

OF MICE AND MEN

I can see it, George. I can see it!

They are an unlikely pair: George, small, quick, intelligent and undereducated, and Lennie a man of tremendous size with the mind of a young child. They are lonely drifters. Laborers living hand to mouth in the dusty vegetable fields of California during the Great Depression. George guides and protects Lennie but also depends on him for companionship. Theirs is a friendship and a shared dream that makes an individual's existence meaningful. The dream: to own an acre of land and a shack they can call their own. When they land jobs on a ranch in the Salinas Valley, the fulfillment of the dream seems to be within their grasp. A gentle giant with brute strength, Lennie has an obsession with things soft and cuddly... rabbits, puppies, the hair of a provocative woman. When the woman is found dead from a broken neck, George is faced with a moral question: how should he deal with Lennie before the ranchers find him and take matters into their own hands. An American classic!

[Contains adult language]

Performed September 1,2,3 & 8,9,10 @ 8pm

Matinees September 4 @ 4pm - September 7 @ 2pm

CONFESSIONS OF A DIRTY BLONDE

Boxer Shorts, Derrieres and a Lion!

Get out the boxer shorts, wigs, and size ten pumps! The year is 1962. The place is an upscale hotel. Living legend Lillian Lamour, a Mae West like sex siren, comes out of seclusion for a one night tribute at Carnegie Hall. Her entourage and the hotel staff include a cop, a wall flower daughter, a gangster crooner, a 40 year-old Bellhop, a delusional doctor, and a high strung press agent. During a publicity shoot a lion bites her world famous derriere exposing, among other things, that she is a he! Will Hollywood's best kept secret be revealed or will the zany cast dive into a rack of sequined dresses in assorted sizes to assure that the show must go on? What do you think...

Performed September 15,16,17 & 22,23,24 @ 8pm

Matinees September 18 @ 4pm - September 21 @ 2pm

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VIVE LA FRANCE!

What do an unproven king, a swordsman with an astonishing nose, four pairs of lovers running amuck, and two meddling fathers with wayward children have in common? They are all part of TAM's 47th Vive la France season featuring plays that simmer, sizzle, and surprise. That's right a whole lot of French style is in store for 2016—so unleash your inner Francophile and subscribe! Click here to view our 2016 digital brochure!

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CYRANO
June 25 – August 19
by Edmond Rostand
adapted by Jo Roets
directed by Tess Van Horn

Cyrano de Bergerac is a master of swordplay and wordplay, but a "magnificent Mount Everest of a nose" blocks his path to true love. From Parisian balconies to bloody battlefields, tongue-tied Christian borrows Cyrano's words to woo beautiful Roxane—but is she falling for Christian's looks or Cyrano's soul? A cast of three triangulates this classic into a lightning-paced romance of duels, panache, sacrifice, and one enormous schnoz.

LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST
July 7 – August 20
by William Shakespeare
directed by Dawn McAndrews

The King of Navarre and his friends vow to spend three years in serious study, giving up sleep, food, and women. How inconvenient, then, that the Princess of France shows up with ladies-in-waiting to sway them from their vows. To avoid the temptation, the King orders that they be housed in a nearby field. In typical Shakespeare fashion, letters of love go misdirected and subplots abound—until a twist of fate makes the men keep their vows.

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE
July 14 – August 21
by Pierre Beaumarchais
translated by Elizabeth Griffith
adapted and directed by
Matthew Arbour

Count Almaviva has fallen in love with Rosine, but she's been locked in the house by her guardian, who has his own matrimonial plans for her. What's a Count to do? Fortunately, the crafty Figaro is on hand to help sort everything out—or maybe to complicate it further! Lush, lively, and a little bit naughty, Beaumarchais' comic romp is chock full of hilarious misunderstandings, disguises, and sumptuous period costumes.

HENRY V
July 21 – August 20
by William Shakespeare
directed by Mark Mineart

A gifted young English king makes a rash decision to go to war. Against overwhelming odds, Henry V achieves heroic stature, leading his country to victory, conquering France and winning its princess. But there's a terrible cost in human life and ruthless acts of moral ambiguity. In a propulsive, provocative production with contemporary resonances, Shakespeare's rousing history crowns Henry's complicated three-play journey from disaffected prince to legendary king.

THE ILLUSION
July 28 – August 19
by Pierre Corneille
adapted by Tony Kushner
directed by Davis Robinson

In a story that explores what is reality and what is not, an anxious father seeks to reunite with his estranged son and enlists the services of a powerful sorcerer who conjures up provocative visions of the romantic, adventurous, and perilous life the young man has been living. The Illusion, freely adapted from Pierre Corneille's L'Illusion Comique, is Kushner's most joyfully theatrical play, a wildly entertaining tale of passion and regret, of love, disillusionment, and magic.

PUSS IN BOOTS
July 2 – August 18
adapted by Dawn McAndrews
directed by Stacey Mancine Koloski

A poor miller's son, homeless and helpless, has his life changed when the smartest cat in all of France, Puss in Boots, comes up with a clever plan to change his fortune. All she needs is a pair of leather boots and his faith in her. The miller's son is taken on the adventure of his life but soon learns that one little white lie can become a giant furball! Just how far will this cunning cat go to live the high life of a palace cat?

BOEING BOEING
September 15 – 25
by Marc Camoletti
directed by Dawn McAndrews

It's the 1960s, and swinging bachelor Bernard couldn't be happier: a flat in Paris and three gorgeous stewardesses all engaged to be married…to him. But his perfect life hits the skids when a new, speedier Boeing jet throws off his careful fiancé scheduling. Soon all three stewardesses are in town simultaneously and catastrophe looms. Fasten your seat belts it's going to be a riotously raucous ride!

Purchasing Tickets

Single Tickets and Season Passes can be purchased in one of the following ways:

1. Online: To purchase tickets or season passes online at www.theateratmonmouth.org/tickrts.

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2. By Phone: 207.933.9999

3. At the Box Office: 796 Main Street, Monmouth, ME 04259

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Four Great Musicals:

GHOST - JUNE 8-25

The East Coast regional premiere of GHOST THE MUSICAL, adapted from the hit film by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Bruce Joel Rubin. The musical follows Sam and Molly, a tech wizard and a gifted potter, whose connection takes a shocking turn after Sam's untimely death. Trapped between two worlds, Sam refuses to leave Molly when he learns she is in grave danger. Desperate to communicate with her, he turns to storefront psychic Oda Mae Brown whose reluctance clashes hilariously and touchingly with his desperation. With original music and lyrics from multi-Grammy winning pop music icons Dave Steward and Glenn Ballard, and featuring the timeless classic "Unchained Melody" Ghost will reach into your heart and help you believe in the endless power of love. In association with the Fulton Theatre.

Book & Lyrics by BRUCE JOEL RUBIN. Music & Lyrics by DAVE STEWART & GLEN BALLARD. Based on the Paramount Pictures Film Written by Bruce Joel Rubin. "Unchained Melody" Written by Zaret and Alex North, Courtesy of Unchained Melody Publishing LLC

EVITA - JUNE 29-JULY 16

Argentina's controversial First Lady is the subject of this dynamic musical masterpiece. As an illegitimate fifteen year old, Eva escaped her dirt-poor existence for the bright lights of Buenos Aires. Driven by ambition and blessed with charisma, she was a starlet at twenty-two, the President's mistress at twenty-four, First Lady at twenty-seven, and dead at thirty-three. Eva "saint to the working class, reviled by the aristocracy and mistrusted by the military" was destined to leave a fascinating political legacy unique to the 20th century. Told through a compelling score that fuses haunting chorales with exuberant Latin, pop and jazz influences, EVITA creates an arresting theatrical portrait as complex as the First Lady herself.

Lyrics by TIM RICE. Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF - JULY 20-AUGUST 6

With iconic and beloved songs such as Sunrise, Sunset, If I Were a Rich Man, and Matchmaker, Matchmaker, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF is the perfect mix of humor and heart that will leave you crying tears of sadness, laughter and joy.

Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story centers on a poor dairyman named Tevye and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. FIDDLER ON THE ROOF cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality, and religion making this show a staple in musical theatre.

Book by JOSEPH STEIN. Music by JERRY BOCK. Lyrics by SHELDON HARNICK. Based on Sholem Aleichem's stories by special permission of Arnold Perl

MAMMA MIA - AUGUST 10-27

A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And one trip down the aisle you'll never forget! We close out our 2016 season with MAMMA MIA! This tale full of sun and fun unfolds on a Greek island paradise when, on the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back tot he island they last visited 20 years before. The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter, and friendship.

Music and Lyrics by BENNY ANDERSSON & BJÖRN ULVAEUS

Some songs with STIG ANDERSON

Book by CATHERINE JOHNSON

Other Performances:

A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING
SHOW TIMES – MON, JUNE 20 • 2 PM & 7:30 PM

Taste and imagination, the two key ingredients for a first-rate revue, abound in this fresh take on the Rodgers & Hammerstein canon conceived by Tony Award winner Walter Bobbie.

Over three decades after the duo's final collaboration, THE SOUND OF MUSIC, took the Great White Way by storm, it was in fact this musical that opened the 1994 Broadway season with flair and distinction, garnering wildly enthusiastic notices as well as earning two Tony nominations, including Best Musical.

This revue, with innovative musical arrangements including a sultry Andrews Sisters-esque 'I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out-a My Hair,' a swingin' 'Honeybun' worthy of the Modernaires, and a jazzy 'Kansas City', leaves no question about how terrifically up to date the remarkable songs of R&H remain.

Music by RICHARD RODGERS. Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II. Music Arrangements by FRED WELLS. Conceived by WALTER BOBBIE

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Book, Lyrics & Music by MARC ROBIN and CURT DALE CLARK. Children of all ages are welcome at our Theatre for Young Audience shows.

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AUGUST 16-24

We are pleased to announce an exciting collaboration between Portland Stage and Maine State Music Theatre.

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By FRANK McCOURT. Original musical arrangements by RUSTY MAGEE. Produced by Portland Stage in collaboration with Maine State Music Theatre. To order tickets by phone or more information, contact the Portland Stage Box Office at 207-774-0465 or email *boxoffice@portlandstage.org*.

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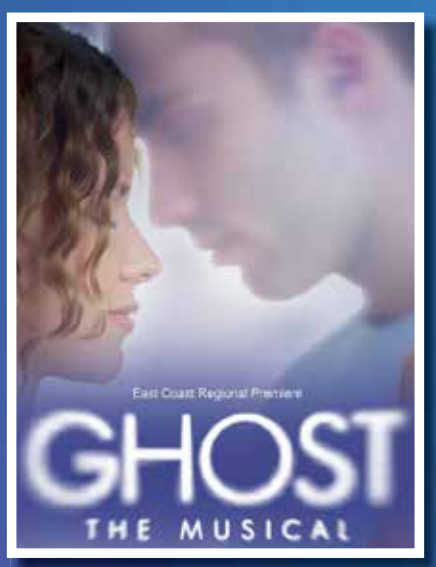

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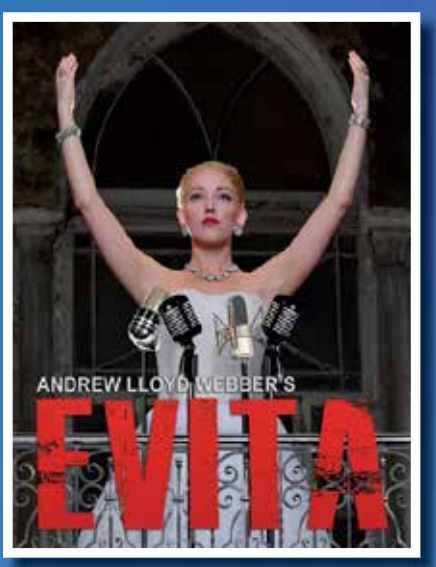

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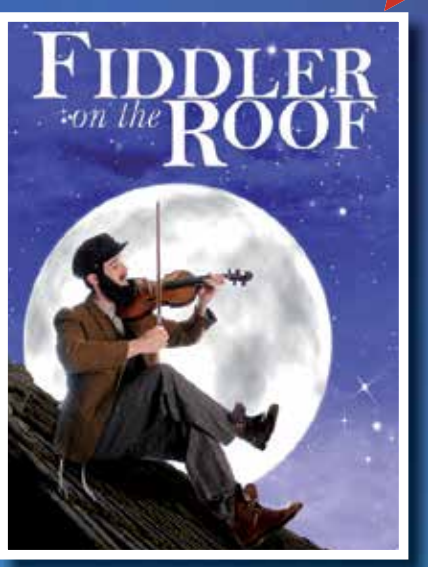

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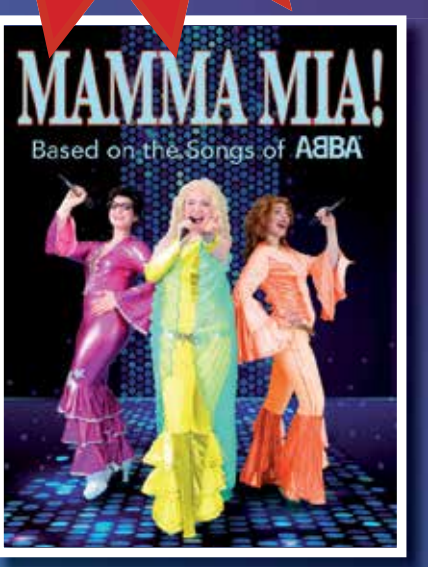

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The best ways to experience Bar Harbor

BY COURTNEY MOULTON
Nancy Marshall Communications
Special to Summer in Maine

In honor of Acadia National Park's 100th anniversary, visiting Bar Harbor this summer is a must. Acadia National Park was the first national park created entirely by private donations of land and that is a reason in itself why this 47,000-acre park is worth celebrating. Although one of the smaller national parks, Acadia is one of the favorite national parks in the country.

All aboard! One of the best ways to experience Bar Harbor is by sea. Paddle a canoe or sea kayak along Maine's coast in the several nearby lakes and ponds; board the Lulu lobster boat and learn from Captain John as he hauls in lobster traps; watch humpback whales breach on a whale-watching cruise; or set sail on a historic windjammer. By sea, you are able to truly appreciate the granite cliffs that encompass Acadia National Park. Gain a unique view of Acadia National Park from above on a scenic air tour.

The options for exploring on land are endless. With more than 127 miles of pristine hiking trails, no trail is ever crowded. Many of the trails are only a few miles long, allowing hikers to hike multiple trails or summits in the same day, or to spend part of their day hiking before relaxing on Sand Beach, shopping downtown, or playing a game of golf. Ride a horse or pedal your bike on the 45 miles of carriage roads that weave around the mountains and valleys of Acadia National Park. No bike, no problem — bikes can be rented from Acadia Bike, located in downtown Bar Harbor. Be sure to drive the Park Loop Road as the road meanders along the coastline with 27 miles full of scenic viewpoints.

You probably know that fresh lobster is the most sought after dish here in Maine during the summer, but can you believe that more 5,316,000 fresh lobsters are eaten in Bar Harbor every year? Fisherman arrive daily at the docks from off the coast of Mount Desert Island before heading to the many restaurants in downtown Bar Harbor with their catch of the day. With dining options ranging from family-run cafés and al fresco on the docks overlooking Frenchman Bay to elegant dining with cloth-covered tables, there is a restaurant perfect for any occasion. Start off your day with blueberry pancakes drizzled with Maine maple syrup, grab a lunch for the trail or eat in, then relish your last meal of the day and top it off with Bar Harbor's favorite dessert, blueberry pie. It's always 5 o'clock somewhere, right? Don't miss out on Bar Harbor's unique cocktails and regionally brewed craft beer at a local side-street café, with gourmet tapas and live music, or at a lively bar.

No need to find a sitter for your dogs—they are invited to Bar Harbor, too! Several hotels and campgrounds are dog friendly, and Acadia National Park features 100-miles of hiking trails and 45-miles of carriage roads that welcome pets as long as they are on a leash no longer than six-feet. Dogs love walking along the Jordan Pond Path. This 3.2-mile moderate hike meanders along the shore of Jordan Pond and offers mesmerizing views of the Bubbles. For those seeking more of a challenge, hike the most popular mountain in the park, Cadillac Mountain. The Cadillac Mountain South Ride Trail is dog friendly and gradually climbs the south ridge. Pack a lunch and enjoy it at the summit as you take in the views of nearby islands. The round-trip length is 7.1 miles.

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Spend part of the day hiking before relaxing on Sand Beach.

One of the best days to visit Bar Harbor is the fourth of July. The day kicks off with a blueberry pancake breakfast and ends with fireworks over Frenchman Bay. Fun activities are packed in-between including a seafood festival, craft fair, parade, live music, and last but not least, the MDI YMCA Annual Lobster Races. Yes, a "footrace" that does not include human participants, but rather those tasty crustaceans everyone seems to visit Maine to eat. Side by side, the lobsters test their determination as the crowd cheers them on.

To start planning your trip to Bar Harbor, view the online digital guidebook or order one to be delivered to your home at *visitbarharbor.com.*

Acadia Centennial

Thunder Hole, Cadillac Mountain, Sand Beach...all of these famous attributes of Acadia National Park are fantastic, but did you know there are plenty of secrets that you should know about the places you already go?

Tips and tricks to getting the most out of your Acadia National Park visit this summer season:

The quietest time on Cadillac Mountain is around 8 a.m. so it is a great place to drink your coffee while enjoying the view. There is nothing better!

Have you ever seen sunrise from Thunder Hole? It is a quieter option than Cadillac unless you arrive when the thunder is rolling.

Not a morning person? We have the perfect idea for you. Catch the moonrise from Sand Beach and watch the reflection shimmering offshore. Such a beautiful sight!

Have you ever seen the sunset from a boat cruise or kayak tour? It is amazing to see the ocean blazing with colors, mirroring the skies.

Grab a tide chart and start the short trek to Bar Island during low tide. You're able to walk across the ocean floor on a sandbar starting 1.5 hours before low tide.

Did you know that the best time to do a summer hike in Acadia is just after 5 pm because most people are headed home for dinner?

Looking for the best picnic spots? Sand Beach is the quietest spot for breakfast before 9 a.m. and dinner after 5 p.m. Keep your food covered to avoid losing it to the wily sea gulls.

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The path committee circa 1923.

Get hands-on and learn more about offshore sea life by visiting the touch tank at the Dorr Museum at the College of the Atlantic, or take one of the many boat tours that depart from downtown Bar Harbor multiple times each day.

Did you know that you can visit offshore islands to see parts of Acadia National Park —including Islesford, Isle au Haut, and Baker Island — if you make a reservation with a boat company?

There will be a special Centennial exhibit in Islesford Museum, depicting what year-round life on the Cranberry Isles is like, especially in regards to lobstering.

No visit is complete without picking up collectible Centennial logoed items from Eastern National in the Hulls Cove visitor center and at park headquarters. A majority of the proceeds will benefit the park.

Did you know that you can help us protect our drinking water by only swimming in Echo Lake, not in Eagle Lake or Jordan Pond?

A visit to the Asticou Azalea Garden, Thuya Garden, Thuya Lodge and surrounding lands, or, opening on July 17, 2016, the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden will delight any gardening enthusiasts or those that just love to stop and smell the roses.

Have a Jr. Ranger in tow? Be sure to grab their Centennial badges at park headquarters, the nature center, and at ranger-led programs in the park campgrounds.

For a more complete list of celebrations and events happening in Acadia National Park, please visit the Acadia Centennial website at: *acadiacentennial2016.org*.

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Maine windjammers: the eco-friendly way to travel

BY JESSICA DONAHUE
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Special to Summer in Maine

It seems as though everyone is looking to shrink their carbon footprint with green alternatives when it comes to travel these days. A cruise aboard a Maine windjammer is an eco-friendly way to explore Maine's coast and is a vacation idea that many eco-conscious travelers may not be aware of. If green travel is important to you, you'll be glad to know that when you set sail on a windjammer you will consume less energy on your vacation than you have all year long. By harnessing the power of the wind, guests are smoothly transported along by this clean and quiet form of energy. While all of the Maine Windjammer Association's vessels do have either a diesel engine or yawl boat to help them along, they rely primarily on wind power while cruising Maine's coast. Propelled by this force of nature, you'll experience the coast of Maine in the most relaxing yet invigorating way possible.

By using wind power, the vessels' average fuel consumption is only about one gallon per person per week of travel. As for electricity, a week-long windjammer cruise consumes about the same amount of energy that you'd use if you left a 60-watt porch light on for the week. Wondering how your delicious meals are cooked? Well, there aren't any gas ranges or full ovens aboard. Galley kitchens are equipped with wood-burning or kerosene stoves, which also heat all the hot water for the vessel.

Leave-no-trace principles are taught to each guest and captains always leave the beaches cleaner than they found them by removing trash that washed ashore. They even bring their own firewood for their beachside lobster bakes.

"The guests participate in an 'island clean-up' as the crew prepares the lobster bake," noted Captain Linda Lee of the schooner Heritage. "It's not a bad trade-off in their minds—all-you-can-eat lobster in return for performing a good deed. It makes people feel they have helped keep Maine a special place—and they have."

The nine Maine Windjammer Association schooners use alternative and renewable energy to accomplish tasks most people would consider unrealistic. With an iconic, rocky coastline featuring more than 60 lighthouses as beautiful as Maine's, it is no wonder why the captains strive to keep our maritime environment so pristine.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Great Schooner Race. This race has been hosted every summer since 1977 and is hailed as the largest annual gathering of these historic landmark sailing vessels. This is one of the oldest races of its type in the United States and is happening in our very own Penobscot Bay on July 8, 2016. Watch as 20 schooners participate and compete in this friendly all-day race from Islesboro to Rockland. It is surely going to be a sight to see! Want to take on more of an active role during the race? Each schooner has packages available to enjoy the event. No prior sailing experience needed.

"Race Week is one of the most popular cruises of the year," said Meg Maiden, director of the Maine Windjammer Association. "When you see the fleet racing across Penobscot Bay, you can totally understand why people come from all over the world to participate in this event." Visit *greatschoonerrace.com* or *sailmainecoast.com* for individual schooner details, to plan your vacation or to check out additional themed cruises.

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