

Movie magic in Gorham



John McCarter, head chef at Ghost Karen's Kitchens in Gorham; owner Karen Nason; and Justine Turcotte, the pizza chef and a manager, show Brooklyn Benny's pizzas from one of the six menus available at the kitchen, which will be sponsoring movie nights on March 19, 20, 26, and 27, with Fort Hill Community Church at the Spire 29 building on School Street in Gorham. (Tsukroff photo)

By Nathan Tsukroff

GORHAM – Movie magic is returning to Gorham next week at Spire 29 On the Square.

Located in a renovated church near the center of Gorham at 29 School Street, the planned weekly events are being hosted by Ghost Karen's Kitchens and Fort Hill Community Church.

The building is now an elegant catering facility with a stage area at one end of the main room and a bar at the other end.

Karen Nason of Ghost Karen's Kitchens said she and the church collaborated for the events after the local Cinemagic movie theaters abruptly closed at the end of February.

Cinemagic had announced what it called an "intermission" at the beginning of February, and several weeks later decided to close its entire chain of cinemas, including theaters in Saco, Westbrook, and South Portland, as well as five other locations in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Fort Hill Community Church has Sunday services and Thursday-night bible studies in the building each week, providing a projector and screen to supplement the sound system at the venue.

With the large room, "We'll be able to seat people safely, away from each other," Nason said. "And we also kind of want to do this as an homage to the fact that Cinemagic is closing. You know, families have nowhere to go anymore."

Nason said she and the church wanted to create a space in Gorham where families with children could spend the evening.

The concept is similar to Smitty's Cinema, a chain of movie theaters in Windham, Sanford, Topsham and Tilton that has table-seating for guests and serves meals before the movie.

For the Spire 29 movie nights, guests can order from six different menus at Ghost Kitchens, which is located in a building attached to the church. "Ghost Kitchens can walk right in here and bring your food to your table," Nason said. Guests can purchase wines and beers at the bar.

The movie nights will be Fridays and Saturdays, starting March 19 and 20 and again on March 26 and 27. "We're going to try this out for two weeks. If it works well, Karen's Ghost Kitchens is going to be here every weekend for families and friends in town," Nason said.

The movie nights are free, so the only costs for families will be for food and drink, Nason said. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for seating, with the movies expected to start at 6:30 p.m., Nason said. "We want to get all the orders in for the foods, (and) dim the lights," before the movie begins. The servers will be available throughout the evening.

Fort Hill CC Pastor Aaron Manning said the church will provide the popcorn for the movie nights, and "it's going to be family-friendly."

Nason and Manning are working on the selection of movies. The only definite showing right now is the 2018 edition of the live-action animated comedy film Peter Rabbit on March 27, to celebrate the Easter season, Manning said.

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LymeTV virtual benefit concert March 26

From LymeTV

PORTLAND - LymeTV, a non-profit group that educates the community about Lyme disease, will present its first-ever benefit concert on Friday, Mar. 26.

The virtual night of music will raise funds for LymeTV's ongoing scientific documentary project.

Many talented artists are donating their time to help the nonprofit continue to educate the general public about tick-borne diseases.

Viewers are invited to enjoy an evening of music, entertainment, comedy, tick facts, and more, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. on that Friday via Zoom.

Artists include Big Sur Bound featuring Matthew Magnusson & Alison Luff; Fireside Mystery Theatre; I Am Snow Angel; Irving Zuniga; Maya Ohayon Wright; Quinn Devlin of Quinn Devlin and the Bridge Street Kings; Sean Buchanan; Silbin Sandovar; Tall Boy Special; Will Wood.

Contact zoe@lymetv.org with any questions and visit the group's website at lymetv.org.

Founded in 2017, LymeTV is a volunteer-based 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization dedicated to educating the global community about Lyme disease and other dangerous tick-borne infectious diseases located worldwide. We believe the best way to fight tick-borne diseases is with prevention, awareness, & early detection information.

LymeTV aims to help reduce the incidence of these diseases through research, education campaigns, and film projects.

Buxton foundation accepting applications

From NNOF

BUXTON - The Narragansett Number One Foundation, a private charitable foundation located in Buxton, is accepting applications through April 1.

Organizations must be government

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Collins introduces bill to penalize robocalls

From Sen. Collins

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), along with Senators Josh Hawley (R-MO) and Gary Peters (D-MI), introduced the Anti-Spoofing Penalties Modernization Act of 2021 today to aid Americans who are being inundated with robocalls.

Their bipartisan legislation would double the penalties for illegal caller-ID “spoofing,” a tactic scammers often use to trick victims into answering their phone calls. By disguising their true identity, scammers can masquerade as government officials or well-known businesses and convince consumers to share their personal and financial information.

The introduction of the Anti-Spoofing Penalties Modernization Act coincides with National “Slam the Scam” Day, an annual initiative that brings together federal, state, and local government agencies with nonprofits and the private sector to warn the public of government imposter phone scams.

“Older Americans lose billions of dollars each year to an ever-growing array of financial exploitation schemes. These scams vary in nature, from COVID-19 scams to government imposter scams to prize, sweepstakes, and lottery scams,” said Senator Collins. “We must work together to combat the criminals who use illegal robocalls and spoofing to steal Americans’ hard-earned savings and person-

al information. By increasing penalties for spoofing violations, the bipartisan Anti-Spoofing Penalties Modernization Act would provide an additional tool in this fight.”

“Our bipartisan bill holds criminals, who deliberately target vulnerable communities in Arizona, accountable,” said Senator Sinema.

“For years, I have heard from Missourians who are fed up with being bombarded by robocalls at all hours of the day,” Senator Hawley said. “Unfortunately, this scourge has been exacerbated during the pandemic by fraudsters preying on the financial fears of Americans in a time of need. Law enforcement must be given the tools to put a stop to these pests and ensure criminal scammers

who take advantage of the elderly are met with the full force of the law. I am proud to join this important piece of bipartisan legislation that will increase penalties for the criminals behind these invasive robocalls.”

“The millions of robocalls that Michiganders receive are not just annoying, but in many cases are outright scams. Unfortunately, scammers are using ever-sophisticated scams to better ensure their robocalls are answered,” said Senator Peters. “I’m pleased to introduce this commonsense, bipartisan legislation to crack down on these robocalls and increase penalties for illegal spoofing.”

“Spoofing” of caller-IDs is commonly used by criminal robocallers to mask their true identity. Con artists use this tech-

nique to boost their credibility and fool victims by making it appear as though they are calling from the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the local police department, or another legitimate source. The COVID-19 pandemic has given rise to new phone, text, and email scams that seek to trick or frighten consumers into sharing personal information and financial details.

In 2010, Congress passed the Truth in Caller ID Act, which prohibits the use of misleading or inaccurate caller-ID information to intentionally defraud, cause harm, or wrongfully obtain anything of value. The use of this deceptive tactic has exploded since then, however, underscoring the need for stronger

deterrent measures.

The bipartisan Anti-Spoofing Penalties Modernization Act would double the penalties for illegal spoofing under existing law, increasing the fine per violation from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and increasing the maximum fine from \$1 million to \$2 million.

Consumers can help protect themselves from fraud by:

Hanging up on suspicious calls from “government officials” calling about a problem;

Never making payments with gift cards, wire transfers, or by mailing cash;

Reporting Social Security scams to www.OIG.SSA.gov; and

Reporting other scams to www.reportfraud.ftc.gov.

VA begins Janssen vaccinations

From VA Maine

AUGUSTA - VA Maine Healthcare System will begin COVID-19 vaccination with the Janssen

vaccine last week, following the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Emergency Use Authorization for this vaccine.

In clinical trials, the

Janssen vaccine showed an efficacy of 66% against moderate to severe/critical COVID-19 disease occurring at least 28 days after vaccination — and demon-

strated greater than 85% efficacy in preventing severe/critical COVID-19 disease occurring at least 28 days after vaccination.

Janssen is a Johnson & Johnson pharmaceutical company.

“VA Maine is eager to be able to offer a second highly effective vaccine to more Veterans,” said Tracey Davis “This one-dose vaccine will help us reach our ultimate goal of offering

COVID-19 vaccination to all Veterans and employees who want to be vaccinated.”

As of March 3, VA Maine had provided Moderna COVID-19 vaccine first doses to more than 6,192 Veterans, employees and federal partners — and both doses to more than 2,482 of these individuals.

Veterans who are enrolled and receiving health care in VA are eligible to get the vaccine when their

facility has vaccine supply and reaches their risk category. Veterans are required to enroll with VA in order to receive health care. However, to receive care in VA, enrollees must meet certain eligibility requirements under current law, which may include income limits.

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Collins joins push to provide veterans benefits

From U.S. Sen. Collins
 Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Susan Collins joined a bipartisan group of Senators in introducing the Major Richard Star Act, legislation to provide combat-injured veterans with less than 20 years of military service their full benefits.

Currently, military retirees with combat-related injuries qualify for retirement pay for their service. These retirees also qualify for disability compensation for injuries acquired in combat. However, for retired veterans with less than 20 years of service, roughly 42,000 veterans, their disability

pay is deducted from their retirement pay. The Major Richard Star Act would repeal this unfair offset, allowing this group of disabled veterans to receive both their retirement pay and their disability compensation.

"We owe it to our veterans to provide them with the benefits they have earned through their service, particularly during the current public health and economic crisis," said Senator Susan Collins. "This bipartisan bill would address an unfair provision in current law that has enormous financial implications for many veterans and their families. By ensuring that disabled combat veterans are eligible

to receive disability benefits and retirement benefits concurrently, we can continue to make progress toward fulfilling our obligation to veterans in Maine and throughout the country who have sacrificed so much for our nation."

The bill is named in honor of Major Richard A. Star—a father, husband, and decorated war veteran who, as a result of his combat-related injuries, was medically retired. Major Star sadly lost his battle with cancer on February 13, 2021.

The Major Richard Star Act received strong backing from leading Veterans Service Organizations including the Military Coalition, the Military Of-

ficer Association of America (MOAA), the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP), and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

"VVA is in full support of the Major Richard Star Act, which, when enacted, will correct a grave injustice facing those medically retired veterans without 20 years' service whose military retirement pay is now being reduced by the amount of their disability compensation," said Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) National President John Rowan. "Military retirement pay and disability compensation are two separate benefits; for those injured in the line of duty, this offset creates an undue financial burden

on the family of a disabled veteran. Those injured in defense of the U.S. Constitution have earned these benefits. It is time for Congress to address this injustice and change this law."

"Retirement pay and VA disability compensation are two distinct and separate benefits that veterans earn through their service," said National Commander of The American Legion James W. "Bill" Oxford. "However, these two benefits have been unjustly tied together to reduce costs. Current law requires that these benefits offset one another by reducing retirement pay for every dollar of disability received. The Major Richard Star Act is a vital step

in the right direction but there is more to be done to solve the issue of concurrent receipt once and for all. The American Legion is proud to support this legislation and calls for this bill to be swiftly passed through Congress."

"FRA strongly supports this legislation because it is a big step forward in Congress authorizing the immediate payment of concurrent receipt of full military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation for all disabled retirees, including those who were medically retired with less than 20 years of service," said Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Director of Legislative Programs John Davis.

Maine agriculture grant applications open

From Maine DACF
 AUGUSTA - The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry's (DACF) Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources seeks project applications for the 2021 Agricultural Development Grant (ADG) program. DACF expects to award up to \$250,000 in 2021.

ADG awards support projects involving market research, market pro-

motion, and testing and demonstrating new technologies. Additional priority will be given to projects focused on: helping farms diversify products and markets and/or adapt sales and marketing models to better weather market disruptions, including those caused by COVID-19; creating new opportunities for multiple farms to expand access to local and regional markets; enhancing fiber production or value-added food production opportuni-

ties for products containing all, or a majority of, Maine-grown ingredients/materials; providing processing infrastructure opportunities for agricultural products from more than one farm; or improving adaptation and increasing resilience to climate-related crop or livestock disturbances in support of long-term farm vitality and productivity.

"We acknowledge the critical and ongoing need to invest in agriculture," said DACF Commissioner

Amanda Beal. "This round of Agricultural Development Grant funding will help to spur the continued innovation of agricultural producers and food businesses, and support them in their efforts to create sustainable growth in Maine's agricultural sector."

"The Agricultural Development Grant program annually brings forward an impressive array of applicants pursuing an exciting range of market development or promotional con-

cepts or technological advances in agriculture," said Nancy McBrady, Director of the Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. "We anticipate a competitive field in 2021."

Maine-based individuals, private for-profit businesses (e.g., farms and food producers), nonprofits, and organizations (including public agencies) are eligible to apply. Download the 2021 ADG Request for Applications (RFA) on line at <http://bitly.ws/c56P>.

The application deadline is April 22.

Maine's 2020 ADG awards supported expanding hops production, introducing and optimizing novel small-scale grain hullers and transplanters, increasing production capabilities to meet sea vegetable product demand, and other agriculture-related projects.

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Catholics can receive all COVID-19 vaccines

From Portland Diocese

PORTLAND – Rev. Robert Deeley, Bishop of the Portland Diocese, said recently that Catholics can receive all COVID-19 vaccines currently being offered.

“As I stated in December in regards to COVID-19 vaccines, we must thank God for the scientific advancement and

dedication of those in the medical field that have led to these lifesaving vaccines during a global pandemic,” he said. “When it is your turn to receive a vaccine, you can receive the one that is offered to you without moral reservation.”

The recent approval of Johnson & Johnson’s COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States has led to an increase in

questions about whether Catholics and others can receive vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines. I am in agreement with the recent statement of the US-CCB that reminds us that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that “when ethically irreproachable COVID-19 vaccines are not available

... it is morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process. However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen.

“Therefore, if one has the ability to choose

a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna’s vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson’s,” he said. “While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the world-wide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good.”

“In sum, as Catholics we are called to serve humanity in caring for one another,” Deeley said. “Consider the fact that, during this pandemic, receiving a vaccine is not just for one’s own health, but for the health and safety of those around you. We continue to pray that God will grant healing, comfort, and peace to all affected by this pandemic.”

Health Affiliates Maine Promotes Two



Michelle Nadeau was recently named as the Assistant Director of Human Resources at Health Affiliates Maine, which provides services and support to Mainers affected by mental health and substance abuse issues. (Photo courtesy of HAM)



Janet Verrill is new Assistant Director of Program Integrity at Health Affiliates Maine, which provides services and support to Mainers affected by mental health and substance abuse issues. (Photo courtesy of HAM)

From HAM

AUBURN - Health Affiliates Maine recently promoted Janet Verrill to Assistant Director of Program Integrity, a new department within the agency, and Michelle Nadeau to Assistant Director of Human Resources.

Verrill began with Health Affiliates Maine in 2010 when the agency was established. She has been a Case Manager, UR Specialist and most recently a Utilization Review Supervisor. Her recent promotion to Assistant Director of Program Integrity puts her in a leadership position in a new department that was created to further aid affiliates in insurance authorizations, licens-

ing regulations and more.

Verrill will be overseeing the agency’s policies and procedures of quality assurance within the services provided by the agency. “It is in my nature to help reduce the stigma of mental health services as I am personally connected to this field,” said Verrill. “Within my work, I advocate for services and interventions for our community members so they can work towards their own journey to wellness.”

Nadeau joined Health Affiliates Maine in 2019 as Human Resources Manager. She graduated from Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec with a bachelors degree in Applied Human Sciences. She holds PHR (Professional in Human

Resources) and SHRM-CP (Society Human Resources Management Certified Professional) certifications, is a notary public, and has over five years’ experience in human resources.

Nadeau will provide guidance and leadership in her new role to ensure legal compliance while implementing the agency’s mission relating to talent and overall strategy. “I love working at Health Affiliates Maine because at the end of the day I feel as though I have had some contribution to the larger picture,” said Nadeau. “Specifically, the impact the agency has on the community by helping Mainers access mental healthcare. We need

each other now maybe more than ever.”

“Michelle and Janet have been a part of the Health Affiliates Maine family for many years,” said Andrea Krebs, Health Affiliates Maine Executive Director. “Their dedication to our organization’s mission and to the communities of Maine are second to none. We’re thrilled that they’ve accepted their new roles and are confident they’ll continue to fulfill the HAM vision.”

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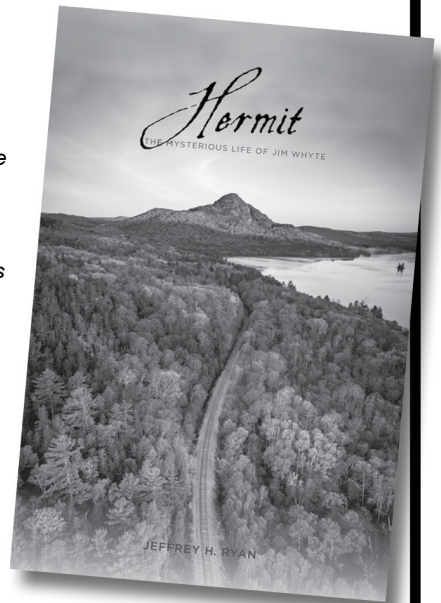


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Arts & Entertainment

Junction Bowl league scores

From Junction Bowl

G O R H A M – League scores from Junction Bowl on Railroad Avenue in Gorham. Scores include the player handicap.

Week 7 Monday Night Strikes

Cobra Kai took 2 games and the weekly team series against The Gutter Rats with 1 game, 2339-2209.

Cobra Kai
Romeo Jalbert 216-05-229 - 650

Matthew Reno 220-185-154 - 559
Kenneth Reno 225-174-197 - 596
Tim Perry 182-178-174 - 534

The Gutter Rats
Ben Smith 174-210-190 - 574
Amy Pompeo 174-197-169 - 540
Substitute 195-177-176 - 548
Substitute 189-182-176 - 547

Two Finger Death Punch was playing short-handed, but held on to take 2 games the weekly team series from

Hammond Eggs with 1 game, 2182-2153.

Two Finger Death Punch
Jon Talbot 165-205-192 - 562
Charlie Pasquerillo 179-167-177 - 523
Substitute 184-209-173 - 566
Blind 177-177-177 - 531

Hammond Eggs
Substitute 159-203-203 - 565
Bobby Brown 172-172-220 - 564
Ryan Stuart 194-168-155 - 517
Alex Benner 153-

199-191 - 543

The (League) Office grabbed 2 games, while Pin Me Please took 1 game the weekly team series, 2355-2279.

The (League) Office
Sebastian Pettitt 179-164-184 - 527
Aidan Underwood 220-188-218 - 626
Nick Calvert 208-172-194 - 574
Vacant 184-184-184 - 552

Pin Me Please
Ashley Calvert 216-201-189 - 606
Rick Cormier 190-219-172 - 581

Heather Lavallee 172-198-204 - 574
Brenda Gow 190-240-164 - 594

Split Happens held on for 2 games the weekly team series in a close set against Right Lane with 1 game, 2288-2244.

Split Happens
Heather Bryant 170-179-179 - 528
Kaitlyn Lemieux 202-179-192 - 573
Erica Jackson 202-190-221 - 613
Elisabeth Maxfield 181-187-206 - 574

Right Lane
Brian Gonneville 209-197-208 - 614
Adam Homan 160-190-158 - 508
Substitute 176-204-204 - 584
Bill Haskell 187-177-174 - 538

181-174 - 534
Ken Foss 199-182-185 - 566

Minds In The Gutter
Scott Verril 163-171-172 - 506
Jay Sutton 140-223-166 - 529
Doug Mercier 205-225-218 - 648
Matt Ferrante 168-169-199 - 536

Strike First lost the first game, then came back for 2 games and the weekly team series over Split Happens with 1 game, 2360-2324.

Thursday Night Dynamite
House Balls rolled for 2 games the weekly team series against Bowler? I Barely Know Her!, 2247-2146.

House Balls
Bruce Russell 209-198-175 - 582
Reena Russell 166-166-163 - 495
Christian DeLuca 226-193-211 - 630
Ann DeLuca 173-207-190 - 540
Bowler? I Barely Know Her!
Dylann Swisley 175-192-212 - 579
Deanna Boisvert 163-179-193 - 535
Substitute 168-187-162 - 571
Substitute 183-171-161 - 515

Strike First
Romeo Jalbert 190-183-199 - 572
Kenneth Reno 206-228-191 - 625
Sherry Coyne 200-195-208 - 603
Roni Bretton 170-175-215 - 560

Sexy Ginger had a strong night with three team members rolling over 600 to take all 3 games and the weekly team series against Smelt Camp Swim Team, 2461-2033

Sexy Ginger
Shawn McCurdy 200-200-187 - 587
Jacob Bourgeois 198-200-273 - 671
Substitute 204-188-211 - 603
Clayton Farrin 202-195-203 - 600

Split Happens
Denise Williams 191-180-211 - 582
Chris Lee 211-171-209 - 591
Matt Lelansky 195-202-202 - 599
Duayne Frank 188-182-182 - 552

Peter Luciano led XXX Turkeys to a 1 game victory and the weekly team series against Minds In The Gutter with 2 games, 2282-2219.

XXX Turkeys
Peter Luciano 199-219-217 - 635
Terry Moore 177-202-168 - 547
Jake Ouellette 179-

Smelt Camp Swim Team
Kevin Kassa 165-160-166 - 490
Substitute 193-176-184 - 553
Tonya Kassa 152-157-170 - 479
Jenn Leanhart 159-156-196 - 511

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Out and About

Scrolling wooden figurines and decorative pieces



The Christmas Tree is decorated with Gerry Martel's artistic scrolling heirloom pieces, all made with different kinds of wood. (Rachel Morin photo)

By Rachel Morin

I was fascinated to learn about Gerry Martel of Auburn's scrolling hobby. I had never heard of scrolling before. Gerry has been scrolling for close to 30 years and has created thousands of artistic wooden figurines and other wooden decorative pieces which he has given to his relatives and friends over the years.

What got Gerry interested in this craft? He was attracted to it at a very

young age when he saw the beauty in the delicate figurines made with different kinds of wood. He thought he could do it. This was in his pre-teen years!

As a teenager, he began in earnest reading instructive magazines and books on the craft, visiting tool shops, and looking into the kinds of machines and tools he would need. He visited other craftsmen and visited displays and visited workshops, learning as much as he could on his own. The more he

learned, the more advanced material he sought. He never had a lesson and was self-taught.

His very first artistic piece was at age 14 which he made especially for his parents. He fashioned shelving with 1/2 inch plywood to place their photos and other items for display in their living room. It was a good start and completed on his own.

What is scrolling and how is it done? The artist or craftsman uses a small electric or pedal-operated saw used cut intricate curves in wood, metal or other materials. The fineness of the blade allows it to cut more delicately than a power jigsaw, and more easily than a hand coping saw or fretsaw.

Over the years, the scrolling artist plied his craft in his large workshop in the basement of his Auburn home, fully stocked with different scrolling machines, tools and a large inventory of species of wood, including Baltic birch, cherry, pine, oak and even plexiglass. These pieces of wood were transformed into delicate wooden figurines or fancy and intricately fashioned, delicate Christmas tree ornaments, as well as framed art pieces for wall décor and fancy wooden boxes, bread boards and welcome signs. His favorite woods to work with were cherry and Baltic birch.

Gerry likes to tell the story of how one of

his sons has two Christmas trees every year in his living room at Christmas time. One tree is decorated with the traditional Christmas balls. The second Christmas tree is filled with his father's exquisite Christmas tree ornaments fashioned from his scrolling art with different kinds of wood.

As busy as Gerry was with scrolling, he had other interests as well. He and his wife Claudette were active with The Country-side Dancers and danced with them for many years. Oh, and his regular job was working in the banking industry his entire working career. After his retirement from the bank, Gerry worked five years at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston as a very active fundraiser for the Hospital.

Gerry and his wife Claudette kindly invited me into their apartment at Schooner Estates Community Living in Auburn to view his artwork and take pictures for this article. The Martels' apartment is like a lovely art museum with all the beautiful art pieces attractively arranged. All artwork in the pictures and in the apartment are the artistic creations by Gerry Martel.

Life is a little quieter now for Gerry and Claudette, but they are still involved with learning via ZOOM classes and other educational programs on See *Figurines*, page 10



The delicate Angels topping the tree are made of Baltic birch. (Rachel Morin photo)



Claudette and Gerry Martel stand in front of Claudette's favorite art piece, the heart, fashioned from Baltic birch and made especially for her by Gerry. (Rachel Morin photo)

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Quest for Katahdin

Part Two: The Climbs

By Ron Chase

On the third day of our Baxter State Park expedition a foot of fresh snowfall greeted seven of us when we awoke at the Chimney Pond bunkhouse in the shadow of Mount Katahdin. Led by my son, Adam, I was by far the senior citizen on the excursion. Since as much as two feet of snow had been predicted, a foot was a welcome relief. The summit forecast posted at the ranger station reported that moderate winds, cloudy

skies, a chance of snow showers, and temperatures in the twenties were anticipated.

My six ice climbing companions were intent on scaling the formidable Pamola Ice Cliffs which dominate the south wall of nearby Chimney Pond Cirque. I decided on an attempt to summit Hamlin Peak, Maine's second highest point, via majestic Hamlin Ridge. Since I would be hiking solo, I resolved to turn back at the first sign of unsafe conditions.

Breaking trail with snowshoes in the new accumulation was arduous but after about two hours I advanced above tree line on the lower slope of Hamlin Ridge. Hiking conditions improved substantially on a predominantly hard packed snow-covered surface when entering murky clouds on the steep boulder-strewn prominence. Following a switch to crampons, I emerged above the clouds with a glorious view of Pamola and Baxter Peaks connected by impressive Knife

Edge. An undercast enveloped Chimney Pond below where the ice climbers were laboring. Clear skies offered an unobstructed view of the remainder of the ridge above. Light winds and sunshine provided assurance that a safe climb could be concluded. After angling right on the shoulder of Hamlin Peak, ice-encrusted trail cairns led abruptly upward along the sheer rim of North Basin to the rounded summit where the mountain gods welcomed me with a dazzling rainbow.

Following a leisurely respite, my cautious descent was uneventful. Arriving at Chimney Pond, the accomplished climbers were still executing daring maneuvers on the vertiginous wall. There they remained until almost dark.

That evening, Adam and I decided to try an ascent of Baxter Peak the following day if the summit forecast was favorable.

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Climbers take a break at the top of Cathedral Ridge during an ascent of Mount Katahdin. (Ron Chase photo)



Father and son celebrate at the top of Mount Katahdin. (Ron Chase photo)



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A special St. Patrick's Day dinner of Corned Beef Raviolis is available at the Sebago Brewing locations in southern Maine through March 17. (Photo courtesy of Sebago Brewing)

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Irish Poutine, a dish made with fries, cheese curds, and hot gravy poured on top, is one of the specials offered at Sebago Brewing through March 17 as part of its St. Patrick's Day celebration. (Photo courtesy of Sebago Brewing)

Send all items for What's Going On to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.

From Sebago Brewing

GORHAM – Sebago Brewing Company in Gorham is participating in Maine Restaurant Week by celebrating St. Patrick's Day from March 1-17.

Each Sebago Brewing location will feature re-imagined Irish dishes like Corned Beef Raviolis, Irish Poutine, and Paddy's Fish Chowder. On March 17 (St. Patrick's Day proper), Sebago will also offer a traditional Corned Beef Dinner.

Order from the special MRW/St. Patrick's Day menu as a full meal (appetizer, entrée, and dessert for \$30) or a la carte. Dine in or get takeout to

go! See the menus on the Sebago Brewing website at <http://bitly.ws/c4uy>

Try the Stout Ice Cream Float, a pint glass full of Sebago's Lake Trout Stout with vanilla ice cream and a Bailey's drizzle.

Sebago regulars might remember that Lake Trout Stout, a traditional nitro-stout brewed with oatmeal and plenty of hops, was one of the first four beers that we ever brewed back in 1998.

Beverage Pro-Tip: Get pints of Runabout Red Ale and Irish Whiskey shots for \$5!

To make it even easier to get takeout from Sebago, you can now make

Movie

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Seating is limited to a total of 50 guests the first weekend, under current pandemic guidelines put in place by the State of Maine. However, the governor's office announced last week that the capacity for indoor gatherings will change on March 26 to allow for capacity of up to 50 percent of the allowable for a venue. That will change to 75 percent on May 24.

Ghost Karen's Kitchens provides meals for take-out, curbside pick-up, or delivery, to bring "the restaurant experience to your home," Nason said.

Ghost Kitchens "restored this beautiful event space that's sitting here doing absolutely nothing," she said. "We want to use it, so people come in and



Karen Nason of Ghost Karen's Kitchens holds one of the pizzas that will be available to families on movie nights at Spire 29 On The Square in Gorham on March 19, 20, 26, and 27. The movies are sponsored by Ghost Kitchens and Fort Hill Community Church. (Tsukroff photo)

see this space that could be used for an intimate wedding of 20 to 25 people."

She has already booked two weddings for later this spring.

Foundation

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entities, or quality as 501(c)(3) status not-for-profits groups under Internal Revenue Service rules.

The purpose of the foundation is to provide assistance to schools, fire departments, police departments, parks, recreational facilities, religious organizations, libraries, organizations supporting homeless and abused persons, food pantries, and shelters for animals.

It was established by Pat and Erwin Wales in September 2001 after they won the national Powerball lottery drawing. The Wales family donated \$5 million in creating the foundation, and invites other individuals, organizations or companies to donate to the charity.

The foundation provides funds for start-up expenses, new or special projects, other projects, or general operating support.

The application form can be downloaded at <http://>

bitly.ws/bVdj, or in person at the Buxton, Hollis, Limington, or Standish Town Halls during normal business hours.

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Local Students on Deans' Lists

UMass Lowell dean's list

LOWELL, MA - Local residents have been named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Among those recognized for achieving academic distinction for the fall 2020 semester at UMass Lowell are Julia St-Laurent of Lewiston, majoring in nursing, and Benjamin Dowe of New Gloucester, majoring in chemical engineering.

UMF Dean's List for fall

2020

FARMINGTON - The University of Maine at Farmington recently announced its Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester.

UMF maintains a Dean's List each semester for those students completing a minimum of 12 credits in courses producing quality points. Students whose grade point average for the semester is equal to or greater than 3.8 are listed with High Honors. Students whose grade point average for the semester is less than 3.8 but equal to or greater than 3.5 are listed with Honors. Any incompletes must

be satisfactorily completed before the student is honored with Dean's List status. Academic achievement awarded at commencement is based on all course work taken at UMF.

Auburn: Christian Bellevue, Honors; Jeremy Daigne, Honors; Charlotte Emerson, High Honors; Emily Farrington, Honors; Katherine Gilpatrick, Honors; Haley Knowlton, Honors; Lea Violette, High Honors;

Buxton: Lauren Bearor, High Honors; Sam Michelson, High Honors; Brittney Reed, Honors;

Gorham: David Blattstein, Honors; AJ Booth, High Honors; Lindsey Boylen, Honors; Makenna Canty, High Honors; Jackson Crockett, High Honors; Alyssa Dolley, High Honors; Riley Ferrigan, Honors; Jacqui Hamilton, Honors; Sophie Hendrix, Honors; Taylor Perkins, High Honors; Emma Pierce, High Honors; Samantha Rockwell, High Honors;

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Greene: Tania Bureau, High Honors; Averie Cloutier, Honors; Sam Martineau, Honors; Paris Pierce, High Honors; Brady Stockwell,

Honors;

Lewiston: Ashley Hill, High Honors; Sara Laroche, High Honors; Jayme Loisel, High Honors; Nik Peterson, High Honors; Nicole Pilote, High Honors; Bailee Sabine, High Honors; Kasey Talarico, High Honors; Ashley Ward, High Honors; Logan Whitley, Honors; Emma Williams, High Honors; Abbie Zandoni, High Honors;

Lisbon: Abby Lebel, High Honors; Rosalie White, Honors;

Mechanic Falls: Cordelia Christopher, Honors; Spencer Davis, Honors; Chelsea Roy, High Honors; Twilight Smart-Benson, High Honors;

New Gloucester: Abby Cloutier, Honors;

Norway: Marie Martin, High Honors; Miles Stevens, High Honors;

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television. They maintain an active daily walking schedule to keep limber.

The Martels partici-

pate in the educational programs offered at Schooner Estates and have blended in very well with fellow residents and have made new friends.



This artistic rendering of a Mandolin was created with Baltic birch. (Rachel Morin photo)



Art figures on the display shelves with a lacy backdrop behind the shelves make for a beautiful setting. (Rachel Morin photo)

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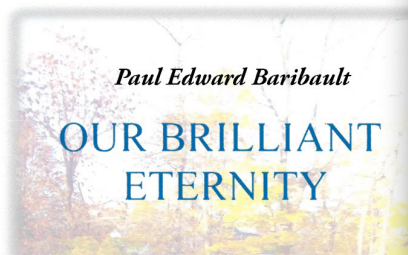


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Katahdin
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Ice climbers ascend Pamola Ice Cliffs in Baxter State Park. (Ron Chase photo)

at the foot of Cathedral Ridge appeared negligible so we proceeded with confidence up the steep lower slope of first Cathedral. Three immense escarpments called Cathedrals constitute precipitous Cathedral Ridge which divides Chimney Pond Cirque from Great Basin. After encountering patchy ice and hardened snow on a rocky pitch, we converted to crampons. Guardedly negotiating over the first two Cathedrals, a spectacular view of Knife Edge was the reward for our efforts. As we persisted above third Cathedral, winds increased in intensity from the northwest. Obvious trail cairns in a barren wind-swept sub-arctic environment marked the remainder of the trail to the summit.

Arriving at the top of Maine in the winter is always reason for celebration. The fourth time since our first success 29 years ago for Adam and I, this one was particularly rewarding. Deep snow and strong winds made crossing Knife Edge too treacherous an undertaking. Given frigid wind chills, we didn't linger long. Returning via the same route, the second party was met just below the summit. Prudently descending the potentially hazardous Cathedral Ridge, the youngsters safely escorted their elderly ward back to the bunkhouse.

The fifth day of the expedition was a tale of two weather patterns, beautiful in the morning and stormy in the afternoon. Three members returned to the Pamola Ice Cliffs for a long day of dramatic ice climbing while Adam and I enjoyed an exhilarating snowshoe to the top of North Basin, arguably the most scenic location in Maine.

It was snowing during the 11.6 mile sled pull to Togue Pond Gate on the final day. Primar-

ily downhill, the trek was completed in about five and a half hours. For me, it was one of the most satisfying Baxter trips ever. Maybe I'll join the kids again next year.

Author of "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals - New England," Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, "The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine" is scheduled to be released by North Country Press later in the year. Visit his website at www.ronchaseoutdoors.com or he can be contacted at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.

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Guest Column Home Country

By Slim Randles

"You know," said Herb, "when this danged virus thingie is over and we all have our shots and are guaranteed to live longer than anyone else wants us to, there is only one thing I'll miss."

Doc, our morning coffee medical expert, put down his cup and looked at Herb, who was not our medical expert but a retired pawn shop owner.

"You mean you're going to miss this pandemic, Herb? It's terrible. What on earth will you miss about it?"

Herb glanced around the philosophy counter here at the Mule Barn truck stop and smiled.

"I will slightly miss its contributions to our more colorful swearing."

"Oh ... " said the cowboy, Steve. "because we cussed it so much?"

"Not a bit, Steve. No, it was in the use of new words and phrases. For example, as a cussing epithet, who could outdo someone who says, "I want that virus vaccination now, PANDEMIC!"

We nodded.

"Or ... why don't

you just go COVID yourself 19 times!"

Doc nodded. "Good one, Herb."

"I know," said Windy, "how about let's VIRUSTICATE ourselves over to the bar and have a CORONA?"

"That sounds like fun, Windy," said Doc, "but at my age it'd be just my luck to virusticate myself over to the bar and have a coronary, instead!"

Windy had a quizzical look on his old bearded face. "Well ... how about a Budweiser then?"

"That does sound wiser," Doc said.

Sometimes, there is a danger that expanding the language can create its own problems. That's why we drink coffee here.

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The highpoint on Katahdin, the entire group embraced the endeavor. Since the ranger had disclosed there might be some avalanche danger near the upper Saddle Trail and a team of three had successfully ascended Cathedral Ridge that day, Cathedral was the unanimous choice for our route. We decided to climb in two groups. Everyone packed assuming the outing would begin shortly after an updated weather forecast was posted at 8:00 A.M. the following morning.

The next day summit forecast called for

partly cloudy skies with moderate winds. Single digit chill factors could be expected. Stormy weather was predicted for the ensuing day so this would likely be our only chance to summit. At 8:20, four of us were progressing up the Saddle Trail on snowshoes. The second group was following close behind. Our predecessors the previous day had broken trail part way up the Saddle Trail and then bush whacked to the base of Cathedral Ridge. We followed their packed path.

The avalanche risk

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U. of Hartford Dean's List
WEST HARTFORD, CT - The University of Hartford recently announced that Bethany Welch of Auburn was named to the Dean's List for Fall 2020.

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Guest Column

A column that reads like an N*SYNC song

By Grammar Guy

I hope that headline grabbed your attention. As much as I'd love to see a reunion tour of Justin Timberlake and the other guys, the closest thing to an N*SYNC lyric you're going to get today is in this article.

It might sound crazy, but it isn't a lie; today we're reviewing the words "buy," "bye" and "by."

As much as I wanted to quote the chorus of N*SYNC's turn-of-the-millennium chart-topper "Bye Bye Bye" word-for-word, I have some serious grammatical grumbles with the song's subpar syntax. Feel free to re-discover the

swoon-worthy lyrics for yourself in your search engine of choice.

The words "buy," "bye" and "by" are easy to switch around, especially because they only require a few letters and they're pronounced identically. It's kind of like trying to distinguish the boy bands from the late '90s and early aughts from each other — they all sound the same.

The primary definition of the word "buy" is to purchase something with money: Pat, I'd like to buy a vowel. If something is considered a bargain, someone might say it's a "good buy." Another definition of "buy" is to believe or accept something: Byron doesn't buy the fact

that the Apollo 11 crew landed on the moon.

The word "bye" has its own set of definitions. The primary definition of "bye" comes from the word "goodbye," which is a compound word combining the words "good" and "bye." The word "goodbye" originated as the contraction "Godbwyte," which was a shortened form of "God be with ye." Today, we just say "bye," but the word's roots lie in the pious society of sixteenth-century England. "Bye" can also mean when a player or team advances to the next round of a competition without playing: The Chiefs got a bye in the first round of the NFL playoffs.

"By" may be the most versatile of this word trio. As a preposition, "by" means "near," "toward," "no later than," or to indicate the person who created a work, just to name a few. As an adverb, "by" can mean "past," "near," or "aside." "By" can also function as an adjective, meaning "being off the main route." By golly, the word "by" can get by in just about any sentence!

By now, there are even a few more homophones for "buy," "bye" and "by." The word "bi" stands alone in the dictionary as an abbreviated way to describe someone who is bisexual. Finally, you can travel to the tiny Swedish town of "Bie," although

it may be pronounced like "bee." Now that we've said all our "bys," it's time to standby until the next installment of Grammar Guy.

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Guest Column

With friends like these

By Grammar Guy

I love reader feedback, especially when it is glowing. Luann wrote in with a great question. She asked, "How do you keep from correcting other people? My friends think I am obnoxious."

Luann, you're not alone in that your friends think you're obnoxious. My friends couldn't stand me if it weren't for my mom sending them large checks every month. They've actually told me so to my face.

Although my friends can barely stand me, I do not correct their grammar, except for under very specific circumstances. You can have friends or correct people's grammar; you can't have both.

The only reason to publicly correct a friend's grammar is to stop them from getting a misspelled word tattooed on her body. You'd better speak up before your buddy gets "No regrets" tattooed on his forearm. If you're wondering how prevalent misspelled tattoos are, simply perform a Google Images search for "misspelled tattoos."

The only other acceptable way to correct a friend's grammar is to do so in private. To judge someone out loud in public is an impeachable friend offense. It will make them feel dumb, and it's not a good look for you, either. A private grammar correction is akin to pulling someone aside to tell them they have some spinach stuck between their teeth. A friend only corrects another friend's grammar in

confidence.

Now I'll stop dancing around answering Luann's question: how do you keep from correcting other people? This is difficult! Believe me, I am constantly correcting other people's grammar in my head, but it stays there. To learn restraint, you have to ask whether or not you'd like your friend to correct you if your roles were reversed.

Just as nobody's mind has ever been changed through a Facebook political debate, no good will come out of a public grammar correction. Here's an idea for Luann, as well as other self-deputized grammar police officers: when you want to correct someone's grammar, instead send yourself a text message with the grammar gaffe. Later on, if you remember it, you can allow yourself to gently correct your friend in the privacy of a one-on-one conversation.

I strongly believe that possessing and practicing good grammar can make your life roughly 17% better, and I appreciate people who want to help their friends achieve grammar greatness. Just as there is a proper place to put quotation marks in a sentence, there are also proper times and places for correction. However, if your friend is on the tattoo chair, feel free to exercise your spell check skills on the spot.

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**1ST AND 3RD
TUESDAYS**

11:30 a.m.

LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Virtual Book Chat. Join LPL staff via Facebook Live for a conversation about what we're reading. Make suggestions, share your thoughts, find resources, and get personalized recommendations from our librarians!

**MONDAY
Mar. 15**

5:30 p.m.

AUBURN – City Council workshop and meeting.

**TUESDAY
Mar. 16**

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

7:30 a.m.

AUBURN – Public Library Board of Trustees meeting.

8 a.m.

GORHAM – Ordinance Committee Meeting via Zoom.

4 p.m.

AUBURN – Auburn Sewer District Trustees annual meeting.

6 p.m.

AUBURN – Conservation Commission meeting.

6:30 p.m.

GORHAM – Tentative recurring Town Council, workshop via Zoom.

**WEDNESDAY
Mar. 17**

8 a.m.

GORHAM – Gorham Economic Development Commission meeting via Zoom.

4 p.m.

AUBURN – Auburn Water District Trustees annual meeting.

**THURSDAY
Mar. 18**

8 a.m.

AUBURN – 9-1-1 Committee meeting.

Noon-1 p.m.

LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Great Falls Forum, a free, monthly series featuring statewide and regional leaders in public policy, business, academia and the arts streaming virtually via Zoom and streamed to the Lewiston Public Library Facebook page. This month's forum features Rose Barboza and Jerry Edwards.

6:30 p.m.

GORHAM – Board of Appeals meeting via Zoom.

7 p.m.

Community Forest Subcommittee meeting.

**FRIDAY
Mar. 19**

7:30-9 a.m.

VIRTUAL - Fill the

Plate Breakfast to benefit Meals on Wheels of SeniorsPlus. Tickets for this virtual event are \$20 per person; available at <http://bitly.ws/bQnD> or by calling 207- 795-4010. Advance registration required by March 17. Attendees who register by March 1 will receive a goody bag with a ticket for "door" prizes.

**MONDAY
Mar. 22**

5:30 p.m.

LEWISTON – Planning Board meeting via Zoom.

5:30-6:30 p.m.

LEWISTON – Finance Committee meeting at City Hall Administrator's Conference Room.

6 p.m.

LEWISTON - City Council meeting, via ZOOM - <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/2021cc> Also, public comment will be possible at publiccomment@lewistonmaine.gov.

**TUESDAY
Mar. 23**

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Mar. 29**

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AUBURN – Auburn Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting.

5:30 p.m.

GORHAM – Finance Committee meeting via Zoom.

6 p.m.

AUBURN – Complete Streets Committee meeting.

**WEDNESDAY
Mar. 31**

Noon

LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Read Your Mind: Exploring Mental Health in Teen Books - a monthly, virtual series focusing on teen mental health & wellness with YA authors and community health experts. In March we will host authors Ceylan Scott & Julia Drake to discuss self-harm behaviors, the influence of guilt and loss, and honest portrayals of hospitalization experiences. Contact hchance@lewistonmaine.gov or call 207-513-3135 to register.

Maine State Bar Association Law Day Contests

From Maine State Bar Assoc.

Augusta, ME (March 4, 2021) —Maine students in grades 4-12 are invited to submit entries for this year's Law Day contests sponsored by the Maine State Bar Association.

Students in grades 4-8 may participate in the art poster contest and students in grades 9-12 may participate in the essay contest. The entry deadline is April 1.

This year's theme is "Advancing the Rule of Law Now." The rule of law is a set of principles, or ideals, for ensuring an orderly and just society. Many countries throughout the world strive to uphold the rule of law where no one is above the law, everyone is treated equally under the law, everyone is held accountable to the same laws, there are clear and fair processes for enforcing laws, there is an independent judiciary, and human rights

are guaranteed for all.

All entries should reflect the student's interpretation of the 2021 Law Day theme by responding to the following prompt: "What steps, if any, do you feel need to be taken in order to make the rule of law more fair and just for all?"

The art poster contest has cash prizes of \$50 each for the student and teacher in two grade categories: 4-5 and 6-8. The essay contest has a \$75 first-place cash prize for

both the student and teacher and a \$50 second-place cash prize for both the student and teacher. Winning essays and posters will be published online and in the Maine Bar Journal. Winners will be announced on April 30.

Law Day was established in 1958 by President Dwight Eisenhower to mark the nation's commitment to the rule of law. For more information about Law Day or to download the Law Day contest bro-

chures, visit www.maine-bar.org/lawday.

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