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Out and About with Rachel Morin

David Stone, Portland pianist, returns to Schooner Estates



Cornelia Bowe was one of the first early arrivals at the Pre-Thanksgiving Concert to enjoy a few words with David Stone who was catching her up to date on his activities since his previous concert at Schooner Estates Retirement Community in Auburn. (Rachel Morin Photo)

David Stone, popular professional pianist from Portland, who has performed at Schooner Estates Retirement Community in Auburn many times, returned this past week to give a pre-Thanksgiving Concert to his legion of fans in the Camden Living Room.

Fans filled the living room and overflowed beyond the double doors to chairs set up in the gathering area next to the living room. Additional fans could be seen looking down from chairs in the open overhead gallery affording an opportunity to see and hear the concert from above.

David was at his best, happy to be back amongst his friends, talking and laughing with them and then beginning the concert. David is a music historian. He tells

his audience about who wrote the songs, what was the occasion, the inspiration, so much background history that is interesting to hear.

Included in the concert were We've Only Just Begun, Paper Doll, Old Cape Cod, Moon River, Hey Good Looking, Autumn Leaves, and You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby.

The songs for the five branches of the U.S. Military, The Caissons Go Rolling Along, The Marines Hymn, Anchors Aweigh, The Wild Blue Yonder, and Semper Paratus (Always Ready) were especially enjoyed as we have Veterans living at Schooner and many of the residents have family members who were Veterans. This

is always very touching and emotional with Schooner residents as well as with the Schooner staff.

David's professional music career spans over 35 years and includes solo, duos, trios, quartets and up to 8 piece bands. He is a former Mercury Records recording Artist with bands that topped the charts in the northeast, made Billboard Magazine's top 100, and Casey Kassem's National Top 30 Countdown. After years of performing and recording throughout the U.S. and Canada, David is now back in Maine teaching, performing, recording, consulting, and enjoying Maine.

At the end of the concert, many of the residents lined up to say goodbye and especially to tell David how much they enjoyed his music and thank him and to express the invitation to please come back soon. It was clear David was looking forward to his return as he was saying he hoped it would be sooner rather than later.

Wreath Making Dec. 5



Enjoy the tradition of wreath making in Lewiston this holiday season by participating in this event.

Since ancient times, humans have brought decorative evergreen boughs and other greenery indoors and hung wreaths outside to celebrate the season. Join in for an afternoon of making wreaths, swags, or other decorations on Sunday, December 5th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at 254 Goddard Road, Lewiston. The cost is \$30 for materials.

Balsam boughs, wire and wreath rings will be provided but feel free to bring along any additional greenery, dried fruits, pinecones, ornaments, bows, bells, or other items from home that you might like to use on your creation!

Please bring your own pair of pruning clippers for branches. Wire cutters may also be useful. All interested parties are encouraged to attend; this program is great for families and singles alike. Remember, for this event, registration is required. To register, you can email projectdirector@androscojginswcd.org. Masks are required for this event.

Concert of Advent Music on Night of Dec. 11

Sacred Heart Church will host a concert of Advent music, including carols, hymns, organ solos with John Mehrmann, Leon Griesbach, and Scott Vaillancourt, and a cappella choral works. The community is invited to join in this anticipation of Christmas with the works of Bach, Brahms, Palestrina and Victoria, as well as sing-along music of the Advent Season. The concert will be followed with a light reception of seasonal sweets on Saturday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. This is a free concert. Donations are welcome for the maintenance of their beautiful Casavant Opus 2277 Pipe Organ.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Baker receives Maine Crafts Artist Award



Marian Baker of Yarmouth is 2021 recipient of the MCA Maine Craft Artist Award.

The Maine Crafts Association (MCA), a statewide nonprofit organization that builds upon Maine's rich craft traditions by nurturing a vibrant, supportive, inclusive craft community and strong individual craft artist practices, has named potter and educator Marian Baker of Yarmouth as a 2021 recipient of the MCA Maine Craft Artist Award. The award recognizes Baker's dual accomplishments in both her personal practice as a professional maker and studio-gallery owner, as well as in her years of dedicated ser-

vice to the education and career development of a younger generation of ceramics students.

In 2009, the Maine Crafts Association began to annually honor individual Maine craft artists in recognition of their exceptional bodies of work and contributions to the field. The award bestows prestige and acknowledgment, conferring upon the artist's work a distinguishing mark of excellence.

The award juror is guided by these benchmarks: excellence in craftsmanship, inspired

design, a singular voice or style, and a career of service to the field. The 2021 awards were selected from many deserving peer nominations by MCA Founder, Carolyn Hecker. Carolyn served as Executive Director for more than a decade, establishing the MCA as a statewide organization and network of craft artists. Since founding the MCA in 1983, Carolyn has remained involved and supportive of the organization and craft artists throughout Maine.

Baker is an example of successfully balanc-

ing both a long-standing teaching career and a strong professional studio practice. While teaching at Maine College of Art & Design from 1985 until 2019, Baker founded Islesford Pottery on Little Cranberry Island in 1989. Furthering the Maine maker's tradition, the studio and gallery represents several Maine potters during the summer months. Baker often uses the space to uplift her students' work by creating a resident potter position at Islesford Pottery, allowing alumni to make and sell their work while learning the aspects of running a business and promoting personal growth in their work.

As a potter for over forty years, Baker has highly developed, strong stylings that are easily recognized by her peers and experts in the craft community. Predominantly using wax resist glazing techniques alongside colors found in na-

ture, Baker's work speaks for itself. Each piece tells a story within the mysteries in their layering, playing between matte and shiny surfaces. Baker's ceramics have been featured in over fifteen publications and have been featured in exhibits that span across the United States.

Marian chooses to create useful pottery because she believes that handmade things can enrich the lives of their users. She sees her works as a bridge between art and daily life.

Regarding selecting Marian as a 2021 artist award recipient, Hecker explained, "Marian Baker is the truest of Maine craft artists, her practice is central to her life and career, and she is central to Maine craft. Her ceramic work is stunning, and she has an energy for producing and educating that is very special, making her an essential piece of the history of Maine craft.

I am honored to have the opportunity to honor her in this way, through an organization I founded which has both supported Marian's practice and career, while having benefited from her steady dedication and participation."

On behalf of the Maine Crafts Association, Carolyn Hecker also selected artist, author and educator Tim McCreight of Harpswell, Maine as a 2021 Maine Craft Artist Award Recipient.

"The high level of craftsmanship Marian Baker and Tim McCreight have practiced in Maine, for decades, has built on the legacy of fine craftsmanship for which Maine is known for internationally. Equal to their professional and renowned studio practices are their contributions to the Maine craft community and next generation of craft artists." – Carolyn Hecker

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Senator Farrin to Seek Third Term in Maine Senate



Senator Brad Farrin, decorated veteran and advocate for local communities, is running for a third term in the Maine Senate.

Senator Brad Farrin has announced he will be running for re-election to the Maine

Senate in 2022. He will be running to represent parts of Somerset, Kennebec, and Penobscot Counties in the new Senate District Three.

"Mainers need people in Augusta who are willing to fight for the future of our state," said Senator Farrin. "As your State Senator, my first priority is always to be a voice for you, your families and your needs and priorities. Rural Maine and hardworking families need strong voices at the State House, and I'm ready to go back to the Senate for another term and make sure communities like ours don't get left behind."

A veteran, Senator Farrin was the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Maine Air National Guard before retiring in 2013 as its highest-ranking enlisted

airman, serving nearly three decades. He deployed to Iraq in 2008 in Operation Iraqi Freedom and to the Horn of Africa in 2009 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He has more than 18 major awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit and the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal.

Senator Farrin is currently the Corporate Facilities Manager for Milton CAT.

Prior to his election to the Maine Senate in 2018, Senator Farrin served two terms in the Maine House of Representatives. During his time in the Legislature, Senator Farrin has served on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee and the Transportation Committee. He has also served on the Marijuana Advisory Commission, the MDOT Public Transporta-

tion Advisory Committee, the Transportation Working Group on Climate Change, and is the Co-Chair of the Bipartisan Legislative Veterans Caucus.

Senator Farrin grew up in Somerset County and now lives in Norridgewock with his wife, Lynn. He has a long history of involvement in the community. He served as a captain with the Norridgewock Fire Department until 2004 and is a proud member of the American Legion, the VFW, and the Enlisted Association of the National Guard and Air Force Sergeants Association.

"Throughout his life, Senator Farrin has served his country, state, and community. It's clear to anyone who works with him in the Legislature how much he

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

CMHRA Announces 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Central Maine Human Resource Association (CMHRA) has announced their new 2022-2023 Board of Directors. Barbara Lovejoy, SHRM-CP, PHR, Director of Human Resources, OTELCO, will be President. Jordan

Payne Hay, Esq., Attorney, Skelton Taintor & Abbott, will be President Elect. Previously, Cindy Letourneau, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, Director of Human Resources, Androscoggin HomeHealth Care and Hospice, served as Pres-

ident. Two Membership Co-Directors have been announced: Mary Kozicki LaFontaine, Director of Employee Development and Engagement, Sebago Technics Inc.; Justine Chabot, MBA, SHRM-CP, Human Resource

Manager, FHC, Inc. Programming Co-Directors include Virginia Keel, Human Resource Coordinator, Casco Bay Food and Beverage LLC, as well as Hannah Wurgaft, Esq., Attorney, Brann & Isaacson. The Website/

Communications Director will be Carrie L. Bolduc, Human Resource Manager, Berman & Simmons, P.A. The Secretary will be Laura Gilpatrick, AVP, Human Resource Advice Partner, TD Bank. Treasurer of CMHRA is to

be Dianne Day, Director of Finance and Human Resources, Schooner Estates. The title of Social Media Director is to be held by Lisa M. Legendre, PHR, Human Resource Manager, KICTeam Inc./Enefco.

Geiger Star Winners

Top 10 distributor Geiger, the nation's largest privately held promotional products distributor, recently presented its 3rd Quarter Geiger Star Awards. These awards are given to associates, who have been nominated by fellow associates, in recognition of their efforts to work the values of The Geiger Way. These associates, by practicing the principles of Continuous Improvement, embrace fresh and innovative ways to add value to their customers and positively contribute to the company's business. This quarter, Geiger presented awards

to two individuals and two teams. These awards are given based on five areas of accomplishment: Business Achievement, Community Service, Customer Satisfaction, Leadership, and Process Improvement.

The individuals who received the Geiger Star Award are Trish Whitlock and Julie Vickers. The team recipients include the US Decorations Team in Lewiston, Maine (Amy Pacanza-Rogers, Kevin Lowell, Sandy Russell, Zach Pushee, Megan Crenney, Ryan Getchell, Pete Letourneau and Laura Slyk). Also, the team of John Paine and John Plummer.

These awards have extra meaning this year as the pandemic continues to disrupt customary routines and work practices. Due to their tireless efforts and willingness to do whatever has been necessary, Geiger associates carry on with business, processing orders and adding more capacity for kitting projects to help other companies stay connected to their valuable associates and customers. The ability of so many associates to adapt, either to working from home or to CDC safety guidelines in our Distribution and Decoration Centers has continued to be amazing.

Israel Roy Joins Dirigo Technology



Israel Roy is excited to be part of Dirigo Technology as a Technology Consultant & Senior Engineer.

Israel Roy has joined Dirigo Technology as a Technology Consultant & Senior Engineer. Roy has been providing technology support services to clients in Maine for the past fifteen years. He has had a great deal of experience supporting clients in the medical, manufacturing, retail, and professional services sectors.

"I'm very excited to join Dirigo Technology to continue providing consulting and support to clients here in Maine. Our approach is different, we are really focused on a high level of engagement with our clients and truly becoming an extension of their team. I look forward to working with the existing clients as well as others who will certainly join the great group of clients we are already serving," said Roy.

"I've known Israel for a few years now and we've worked together in a previous capacity; he's been an incredible asset to the clients he has served through the years. I'm extremely grateful to have someone of Israel's caliber join our team. Clients love working with Israel because he brings a personalized and professional approach to providing technology consulting and support," said Nick Knowlton, CEO

of Dirigo Technology.

Israel resides in Farmington, Maine with his wife and two daughters. In his spare time, he enjoys projects around the house, maintaining the family's horse farm, hiking and a good craft beer. Israel can be reached via email at israel@dirigotechnology.com

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Emerson Chevrolet Buick Recognized for Sponsorship of Auburn-Lewiston YMCA



Left to Right: Will Emerson, John Emerson of Emerson Chevrolet Buick, Jason Buchanan, and Marcy Hird of the YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston.

Jason Buchanan and Marcy Hird of the YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston presented Will Emerson and John Emerson of Emerson Chevrolet Buick with a plaque honoring their 2021 corporate spon-

sorship.

The YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston provides approximately \$97,000 dollars in financial assistance scholarships every year to local families who would otherwise

be turned away. These scholarships provide local children and families the opportunity to participate in enrichment programs at the Y, including summer camp, youth sports, and other programs.

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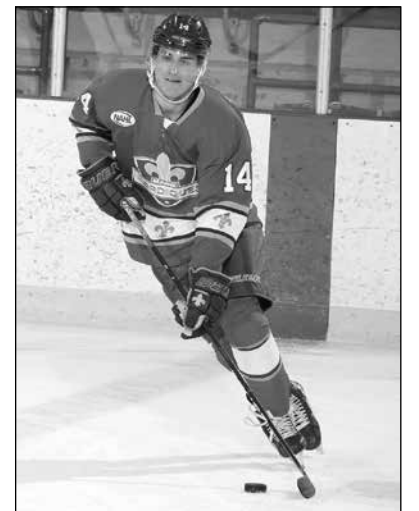
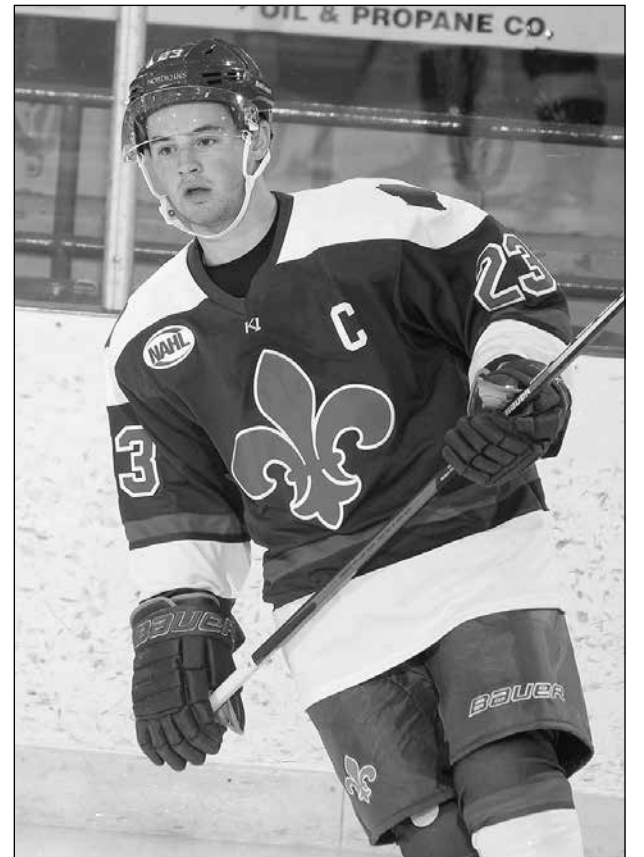
to perform in the sphere of professional hockey, which is the very atmosphere they intend to create and facilitate.



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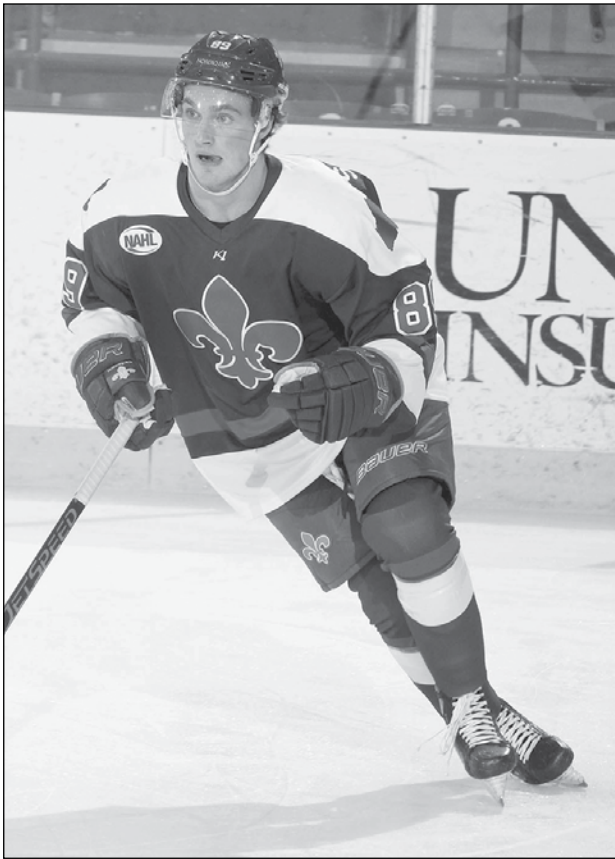
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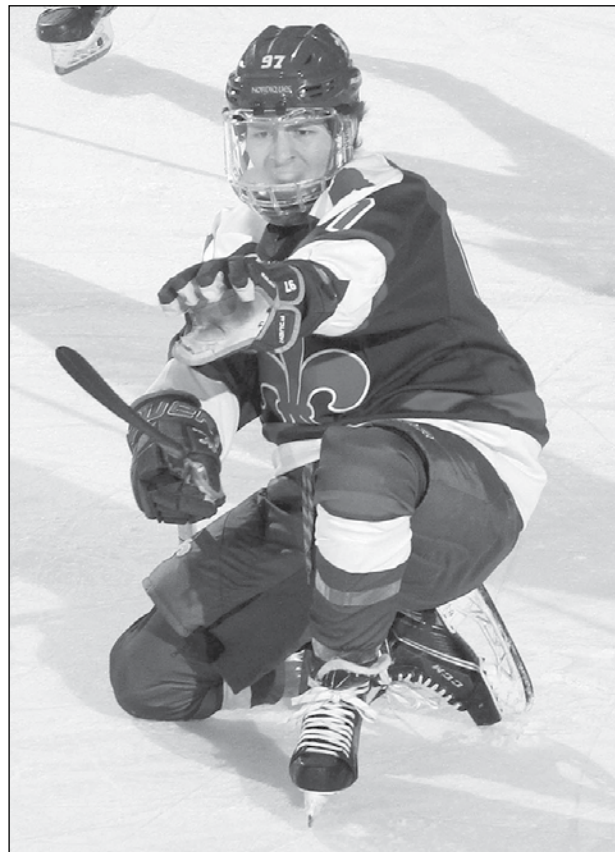
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Arts & Entertainment

Bright New Year in Auburn



The City of Auburn is preparing to say “farewell” to 2021 and ring in a bright new year at its third annual “New Year’s Auburn” celebration on December 31st. Main Street

in Auburn, including Festival Plaza, will be the scene for Maine’s biggest and best free outdoor New Year’s celebration. With a full-sized stage placed right in the middle of Main

Street, New Year’s Auburn will feature two incredible local bands. The truly legendary disco party band, Motor Booty Affair, will kick things off and get everyone in the mood to celebrate. And Maine’s premier alternative rock band—Hello Newman—returns for their third consecutive New Year’s Auburn performance. This hugely popular band, which plays essential 90’s and 00’s alternative rock, ska, rap, and swing, will

play until the clock strikes midnight.

“We need an epic party after the year we’ve all had,” said Auburn Mayor Jason Levesque. “With two of the very best bands in Maine, great food and drink, fireworks, and fun, Auburn really will be the place to be this New Year’s Eve!”

Thousands are expected to celebrate New Year’s in Auburn this year. Food trucks from across Maine will be on-site, and

local beers (and wine) will be served up by the friendly folks from Gritty’s, Side by Side Brewing Company, Lost Valley Brewing, Mason’s Brewing Company, and Craft Brew Underground. The nearby Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch is offering a special “Shake Your Booty” rate for New Year’s Auburn attendees. The highlight of New Year’s Auburn will be a huge fireworks display at 10:00 p.m.

Event details—in-

cluding discounted hotel rooms—can be found at newyearsauburn.com, and attendees are encouraged to follow the City of Auburn’s Facebook page for updates. New Year’s Auburn is co-hosted by the City of Auburn and Uplift LA, and presented with generous support from Central Distributors, DuBois Realty Group, and the Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch, and the New Year’s Auburn 2022 media sponsor, WGME.

Gingerbread Fair at Whiting Farm Dec. 4



Gingerbread baskets made with great care by Tricia Griffin and Paula Spruill are filled with holiday spirit.

The First Universalist Church of Auburn will once again hold its Gingerbread Fair at Whiting Farm. Their famous themed gift baskets will be sold on Saturday, December 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cash will be the only accepted form of payment.

The basket team is wrapping over 100 gift baskets, with themes like “Pamper Me,” “For Bakers,” and “Gourmet Foods.” Several “Kids’ stuff” baskets feature games and crafts for boys, girls, and pre-teens. Some include music CDs from Phil House, or Color Street



Tricia Griffin and Paula Spruill get ready to wrap 100 themed gift baskets.

nail polish strips. For more information, email uugin-gerbreadfair@gmail.com.

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Maine Authors Publishing will be hosting their second Virtual Holiday Book Fair December 1st through the 3rd as a thank you for shopping local and supporting local authors this holiday season.

All orders placed through the Maine Authors Publishing website during the holiday fair will include free gift wrapping and the opportunity to win a holiday prize package. The 10th and 25th orders each day will receive a prize that includes a \$25 gift certificate to one of the following bookstores: Print: A Bookstore, Sherman's Books & Stationery,

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On Wednesday, December 1st from 5:30–6:30 p.m., Maine Authors Publishing will host a Facebook livestream to start the fair. The online event will feature five short presentations by Geoffrey M. Cooper (Forever; Bad Medicine; Ill Intent), Ellen Goldsmith (Left Foot, Right Foot), Laurie Appagar Chandler (Upwards; Through Woods & Waters), Tina L. Moody (The Spiritual Awakening of an Analytical Mind), and Kathleen

Murray-Allain & Mattie Rose Templeton (The Girl with Berries). All attendees who comment a question will be entered into a five-book giveaway at the end of the livestream!

On Friday, December 3rd, at 10:30 a.m., Maine Authors Publishing will be hosting their monthly free orientation class via Zoom, where attendees can learn how they guide local Maine writers from written manuscript to printed books. The class presentation includes Q&A opportunities throughout. To register, email info@maineauthorspublishing.com.

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Regional Artisans Exhibit Handiwork at Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest Dec. 5

What is made of wool, looks like a hat, feels like a hat, but is covered with soft and glowing flowers? It is a one-of-a-kind crocheted hat made by Jo Eaton of No Repeats Fiberworks. Eaton will be one of 20 local and regional artisans displaying their handiwork in the Holiday Gift Shop during Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest, Friday, December 3rd through Sunday, December 5th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. The artisan Gift Shop will be located in the Nickels-Sortwell barn on Federal St., immediately behind the historic Nickels-Sortwell House on the corner of Main St. and Federal St. in Wiscasset Village.

Although Eaton began making and selling hats in the early 1970s, it took her years before she developed a method for making hats that spoke to her creative spirit, which is inspired by nature. Her hats are all about "color, fiber, fun, and design," Eaton explains, and her designed patterns are often flowers and landscapes. Many of Eaton's hats are named for the specific location and vantage point, depicted on the hat. To get the inconsistent texture and

vibrant colors she envisions when adapting her garden flowers, her observations, and her paintings into hats, she started blending her own yarns. Eaton makes custom colors by mixing two to four strands of various yarn colors and textures into a single strand to represent the shading and vibrancy found in the landscape.

"If you observe colors in nature," she says, "they're very varied all at once, all in one place."

When she's crocheting an "island hat," she might be working with 12 to 20 strands of yarn on a single hat to depict the sky, water, rocks, and seaweed, with each element requiring two to four strands of various colors and textures mixed and worked together as one. She also refers to her chapeaux as "story hats." The story behind each hat is not just the making, she explains. The sheep that produce the wool, the location depicted on the hat, the years of perfecting her skills, the shopper's choice of hat, and the way a hat molds to the owner's head are all part of each hat's unique story.

"My hats are not for the



Vibrant colors and floral embellishments, such as this rose, are design features of hats made by No Repeats Fiberworks' Jo Eaton.

feint of heart," she admits. "Sometimes they're a little outrageous, and sometimes a lot outrageous." This, too, is by design and why she chose to crochet rather than knit. "Knitting can be tighter while crocheting is freer to design. It's less linear."

She also likes to work in circles. Crocheting gives her the flexibility she seeks as she changes color, adds layers, and incorporates surface embellishments into the structure of the hat, like the sunflowers. She may add a sunflower to a hat after it's completed or crochet a sunflower into the hat as she works. She keeps them loose "like the real flower," and often with floppy petals to emphasize their joyfulness.

One of her greatest delights from making her masterfully textured and colorful hats is that "in winter, you can see people walking around with flowers and gardens on their heads!"

For a list of artisans participating in the Holiday Gift Shop (plastic accepted) and photos of merchandise, visit www.wiscassetholidaymarketfest.com. Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest is a partnership event of Wiscasset Creative Alliance and the Wiscasset Area Chamber of Commerce. Major Sponsors

for Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest are Carriage House Gardens, First Federal Savings & Loan, First National Bank, IndustrialME, J. Edward Knight Insurance, Mid-coast Federal Credit Union, Norm's Used Cars, Red's Eats, Rock Paper Scissors, Water Street Kitchen & Bar, and Wiscasset Ford with additional support from BIRCH Home Furnishings & Gifts, Chewonki Campground, Old and Everlasting, and Sprague's Lobster. For more information, email info@wiscassetcreativealliance.org



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Outstanding Plan Award for City of Lewiston



Left to right: Healthy Neighborhoods Board Member Mohamed Ibrahim; Community Concepts CEO Shawn Yardley; Lewiston Economic Development Manager Misty Parker; Healthy Neighborhoods Board Member Amy Smith; Raise-Op Housing Cooperative's Craig Saddlemire; Healthy Neighborhoods President Ashley Medina; Lewiston Economic & Community Development Director Linc Jeffers; Lewiston Mayor Mark Cayer; and Lewiston City Administrator Heather Hunter.

GrowSmart's fourth annual Smart Growth Awards recognition described the plan as demonstrating "enormous power of public-private partnerships to tackle community challenges and better the lives of residents."

Deputy City Administrator Brian O'Malley enthusiastically noted, "We are so proud of the collaborative effort that has resulted in this award. The City of Lewiston and its partners want the best for our community and have diligently strived to put a comprehensive plan together for the betterment of Lewiston and its residents. They have put vision and ideas into action, and the City is appreciative that GrowSmart Maine is recognizing the vast trans-

formation that is ahead."

It is also important to note that Growing our Tree Streets has successfully secured \$30 million in grant funding from the Choice Neighborhood Program which has already leveraged an additional \$10 million in private investment. Once secondary private investments are factored, the plan has sparked a total of over \$100 million in anticipated public & private investment in the Tree Streets neighborhood.

GrowSmart Board Chair Rebecca Casey noted, "We share common hopes and fears for the future. Across Maine we are all keenly focused on challenges such as social and economic injustice, escalating housing cost, sprawl, and climate

change. These challenges threaten the quality of life that defines our Maine communities, and these awards recognize successes to inspire further action across the state."

GrowSmart notes that in recent years, the City of Lewiston has seen significant economic investment into its downtown and mill districts marking an exciting turning point in the City's economic development. However, just a few blocks away, Lewiston's Tree Streets neighborhood has been one that greatly needed investment and extensive change. In that regard, the transformation plan provides ways to systematically redevelop each and every pre-1950 distressed housing unit to achieve an entirely lead-

free Tree Streets Neighborhood, and the scope and variety of new construction activity is deemed "impressive." The GrowSmart Maine award also focuses on the fact that the plan advances wide ranging social, health and economic development initiatives, all while maintaining the Tree Streets as a vibrant, walkable neighborhood.

This year's GrowSmart judges were Chuck Lawton, retired economist; Paul Schumacher, Director of the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission; Betsy Biemann, Chief Executive Officer for CEI; and Rob Wood, Director of Government Relations and Climate Policy for The Nature Conservancy of Maine.

What do Animals do in Winter?



"What do Animals do in Winter?" presentation for families scheduled Wednesday, December 29th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at 303 South River Road, Greene. Geared towards ages 3-7; all ages welcome.

Bat Conservation & Bat House Construction Dec. 8



Get crafty while helping the cause of the Little Brown Bat at this family-fun event.

Little Brown Bat, the most common bat found in New England 10 years ago, has experienced a 95% decline since the discovery of White Nose Syndrome (WNS), a fungal disease that infects bats during hibernation season—the time when they are most vulnerable. Join USDA/NRCS State Biologist Jeremy Markuson and learn about the local bat species found in Maine, WNS, how it has plagued bat populations across the country and how to improve natural bat

habitat on your own property. The event will be held Wednesday, December 8th from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Turner Public Library on 98 Matthews Way, Turner. The cost of materials is to be determined.

Following the presentation, you may choose to build your own bat house to bring home! Bat houses provide safe, warm places

for bats to roost while they sleep. All materials will be provided, but please bring your own cordless drill with a phillips bit, T25 star bit, a drill bit, and a hammer. Build a house yourself, with the whole family, or build one with a friend. Registration is required. To register, email akdamon@gmail.com. Masks are required for this event.

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Farrin
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 cares about his community and how hard he works to serve the people he represents," said Senate Republican Leader Jeff Timberlake (R-Androscoggin). "Having him back in the Maine Senate for another term will be a great thing for the state of Maine."

Due to redistricting, Senate District Three will

have a new makeup following the 2022 election. Senator Farrin will be running to serve the Kennebec County municipalities of Benton, Clinton, and Unity Township; the Penobscot County municipalities of Dixmont, Etna, Newport, Plymouth, and Stetson; and the Somerset County towns of Canaan, Detroit, Madison, Norridge-wock, Palmyra, Pittsfield, and Skowhegan.

Resources for Caregivers from AARP Maine

Caregiving may be one of the most important, and challenging, roles you will ever assume. No matter where you are in your caregiving journey — starting to plan, taking care of a family member in your home, in a facility, or from a distance, or managing end-of-life caregiving responsibilities — having resources at your fingertips can make

the process easier.

At AARP Maine, Bridget Quinn, AARP Maine Advocacy and Outreach Director, wants you to know that you are not alone. AARP Maine has gathered helpful resources that are available to Mainers who may experience loneliness this year as well as a resource guide for caregivers. Resources include

AARP Friendly Voice calls, technology trainings, volunteer opportunities, and more. For caregivers, our guide provides a starting point to help you find the support you need throughout your caregiving journey, including government and nonprofit resources both in-person and online. Both guides are available at www.aarp.org/me.

If you have a friend or neighbor who lives alone, consider checking in on them by phone or text, or leave a friendly note at their door. Visit our website for more health and long-term care resources, news and updates, and events. If you have any questions, email AARP Maine at me@aarp.org or call (866)-554-5380.

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Holiday Season Updates from Senator Nate Libby



Senator Nate Libby expresses his best wishes for the citizens of Maine for the holidays this season and is spreading news concerning The Telling Room and incentives to shop locally.

Senator Nate Libby had the following to say for the Thanksgiving holiday that just passed: “Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Too often, it can be easy to get stuck focusing on all the bad things going on around us — that’s why it’s so important to take time to take stock of and share all the things that make our lives brighter that we’re grateful for. I hope you’ll be able to spend time with family, friends and neighbors. Sharing a meal with the people we love, especially those we don’t get to see frequently, is a great reset. Thanksgiving is also a time to share in our bounty. For those who might need help, or

for those looking to give time or donations to local charities, I’ve shared information below about local groups that are helping out at this time of year. I want you to know how thankful I am to be your voice in Augusta. I take the duty you’ve entrusted me with very seriously. It’s my goal to do my absolute best to stand up for you, and fight for the kind of change that helps you and your families every day. As always, if you have any ideas, questions or comments, don’t hesitate to reach out to me at nathan.libby@legislature.maine.gov or by phone at (207) 287-1515.”

In addition, Senator Libby encourages the community to shop locally. Maine’s economy rests squarely on the shoulders of workers and small businesses. Many of Main Street and mom-and-pop shops have struggled to keep their doors open over the last year and a half. This holiday season, communities can give them an extra boost by shopping locally. Buying local keeps money in our communities and helps the businesses we know and love.

Further, submissions are wanted by youth writers in Maine. Do you know a young writer? The Telling Room, a Maine non-profit that supports and encourages young people

in the art of writing and self-expression, is publishing *Stepping Stones*, a new book of creative writing by Maine children ages 6-11 or in grades K-5. They are seeking stories and poems by young people — serious or silly, true or imagined — to include in this anthology. Writing must be submitted at tellingroom.org/enter by 7:59 p.m. Sunday, November 28th to be considered. Stories and poems may be submitted by the writer, a parent or legal guardian, or an educator or librarian. For more information, contact The Telling Room’s Publications Director Molly McGrath at molly@tellingroom.org or (207)-774-6064.

Janosco-Rider Promoted at Geiger

Joline Janosco-Rider has been promoted to the Key Customer Specialist Floater position in Total Care Service. She began her career at Geiger in 1985 as a Jr. Clerk in GB Products/Manufacturing and was then promoted to Relationship Manager in 2000 and Customer Relations Specialist in 2011. In her new role, her primary duty will be creating and maintaining solid business partner relationships with her assigned sales partners and their clients/customers.

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Joline lives in Lisbon Falls, Maine with her husband David.

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Central Maine Medical Center received its seventh consecutive “A”—the highest grade possible—for hospital safety from The Leapfrog Group. This national distinction recognizes CMMC’s success with protecting patients from harm and errors in the hospital.

“The recognition is well deserved and hard earned as we work through these challenging times in healthcare,” said Steven G. Littleton, DBA, FACHE, President and CEO of Central Maine Healthcare. “I am incredibly thankful for all of our team members who are continuously committed to taking excellent care of our patients, as well as each other.”

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” or “F” grade to general hospitals across the country based on over 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, injuries, accidents and in-

fections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

“Our seventh consecutive ‘A’ from Leapfrog is a testament to the skills and dedication of our entire team of clinicians,” said Central Maine Healthcare Chief Medical Officer John L. Alexander, MD,

MHCM, FACEP. “We are proud that our commitment to providing exceptional, safe healthcare services for all of our patients has been consistently recognized.”

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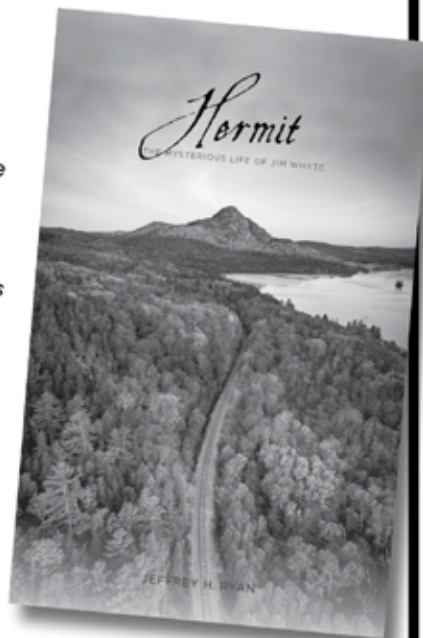
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Do Not Eat Advisory for Deer Harvested in Fairfield

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, in conjunction with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC), announced today that it has detected high levels of PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances) in some deer harvested in the greater Fairfield area, and is issuing a do not eat advisory for deer harvested in the area.

After consulting with the Maine CDC and the Department of Environmental Protection, MDIFW harvested deer in the area of several contaminated farm fields in Fairfield and tested them for PFAS. Five out of the eight deer tested were taken in close proximity to fields that had extremely high PFAS levels, and those deer had levels high enough in their meat to warrant a recommendation not to eat more than two or three meals in a year. Three other deer were tested from fields with lower PFAS

levels that were two miles away, and these deer had lower PFAS levels but still high enough to warrant a recommendation to eat less than one meal per week.

After discussions with the Maine CDC, and out of an abundance of caution, the Department decided to place a do not eat advisory for all deer in the area of the Fairfield sites, even though PFAS levels were lower in deer further away from the site with the highest concentration of PFAS.

This advisory area encompasses multiple farm fields that have been contaminated by high levels of PFAS through the spreading of municipal and/or industrial sludge for fertilizer that contained PFAS. Deer feeding in these contaminated areas have ingested these chemicals, and now have PFAS in their meat and organs.

“Recent testing of deer harvested in the area show elevated levels of PFAS in both the meat and

liver of deer,” said MDIFW Commissioner Judy Camuso. “We take the elevated levels seriously and advise people not to eat deer that were harvested in these areas.”

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have been used for decades in a variety of household and consumer products, including non-stick cookware, carpet, waterproof clothing, and food packaging products such as pizza boxes and microwave popcorn bags.

Known as “forever chemicals” since they are very slow to break down, PFAS persist in the environment and are found in soil, water, plants, and animals. Over time, exposure to these chemicals has been known to increase the risk of some types of cancer, elevate blood pressure during pregnancy, can cause liver and kidney problems, and can impair the immune system.

PFAS in the Fairfield

area were first discovered through the routine testing of milk samples, which revealed high levels at a Fairfield dairy farm. Since that time, increased testing has revealed multiple fields, farms, wells and waters in the area that have elevated high levels of PFAS.

The Fairfield advisory area begins at the Carter Memorial Bridge in Waterville where Route 137 crosses the Kennebec, heads north up the Kennebec River past Waterville and Skowhegan, to the Eugene Cole Bridge in Norridgewock (Route 8 and 201A), then south from Norridgewock along Route 8 into Smithfield to the intersection of Routes 8 and 137, then south on Route 137 until it crosses the Kennebec River on the Carter Memorial Bridge. Hunters who have already harvested a deer in the area are advised not to eat the deer and to dispose of the deer in their trash or landfill. The department will

offer those who harvested a deer in the advisory area an opportunity to take an additional deer in the 2022 hunting season. Hunters should call the department at 207-287-8000 for more information.

If you have questions about possible health effects from eating deer harvested in the advisory area, please contact a toxicologist at the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at 866-292-3474 (toll-free in Maine) or 207-287-4311.

The Department plans to continue to work with the Maine CDC, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry concerning PFAS and testing. The Department will continue to test deer, and other wildlife in the area and beyond, to try and determine the extent of PFAS in Maine’s wildlife.

Maine joins New Hampshire, Michigan and

Wisconsin as states that have issued consumption advisories concerning PFAS and deer. New Hampshire and Wisconsin’s advisories are for non-consumption of the liver and does not include meat.

For more information on PFAS, please visit the Maine DEP PFAS informational page (<https://www.maine.gov/dep/spills/topics/pfas/index.html>), or the Maine CDC informational page (<https://www1.maine.gov/dep/spills/topics/pfas/Maine-CDC-PFOS-PFOA-Exposure-Factsheet-09.23.2020.pdf>). If you have more questions, please contact the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at 207-287-8000, or IFW.PFAS@maine.gov. The Department has also developed a frequently asked question list that you can view at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting-trapping/hunting-resources/deer/index.html>.

Donate Blood to Red Cross to Help Community and Win Prizes

As many celebrated Thanksgiving and continue look ahead at a busy holiday season, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors across the country to harness their

humanity by giving blood or platelets in the coming weeks.

As a result of low blood donor turnout in recent months, the Red Cross is heading into the holidays

with its lowest blood supply in more than a decade at this time of year. The ongoing effects of COVID-19 and a summer spike in delta variant cases significantly challenged the nation’s

blood supply heading into the fall. The pandemic also resulted in fewer blood drives at schools and colleges, contributing to a 34% drop in new blood donors from last year – one of the largest year-to-year decreases and one that could threaten essential medical care for patients. Locally, the Northern New England Red Cross Region has experienced a 28.5% decrease in new blood donors this year.

As a thank-you, all those who come to give now through December 16th will be automatically entered for a chance to win a private screening for the winner and 50 of their guests of the epic new film *The Matrix Resurrections*. Plus, those who come to give now through December will also get a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon.

Some upcoming blood donation opportunities through December 16th include the following: December 13th from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn Auburn, 14 Great Falls Plaza in Auburn; December 2nd from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road in Gorham.

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health

insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

To donate blood, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at

check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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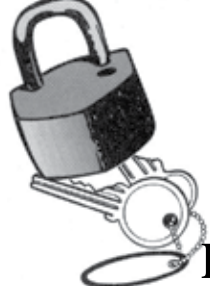
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mansion with ornate decorative items collected from around the world.

Tours are limited to six people (masks required) and will begin every half hour, with light refreshments to be enjoyed afterward. An \$8.00 charge per person will help fund repainting the Society's

West Auburn Schoolhouse. Pre-register for a specific time slot by leaving a message with the AHS at 784-0586 or on-line at info@Androhist.org. Someone will respond with confirmation and directions. Contact person is Penny Jessop.

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LEWISTON – Wreath Making event from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 254 Goddard Road, Lewiston. Please bring your own pair of pruning clippers for branches. \$30 fee for materials. Registration required by emailing projectdirector@androscogginwcd.org.

Monday, December 6
GORHAM –Planning Board Meeting Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7
GORHAM – Town Council meeting. Town Staff and Skate Park Advisory members are completing final interviews for the skate park design build RFP. Town staff are hopeful to have a company selected for endorsement by this date. Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8
GORHAM–School

Committee Meeting Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 16
GORHAM –Tentative Recurring CIP Meeting. Room TBD at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 16
GORHAM –Tentative Board of Appeals Meeting Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 21
GORHAM –Tentative Recurring Town Council Workshop Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 24
GORHAM – Municipal Center, Administrative Offices & Library closed in observance of Christmas.

Wednesday, December 29

GREENE –"What Do Animals do in Winter?" program from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at 303 South River Road, Greene.

Friday, December 31
GORHAM – Municipal Center, Administrative Offices & Library closed in observance of New Year's Day.

New Luxury Apartments to be Built in Auburn

Auburn will soon have 48 brand new luxury market rate apartments near exit 75. Sasseville Management LLC has proudly announced the impending construction, which will be located at Kittyhawk Apartments near Auburn's turnpike exit.

"Our community at the gateway to Auburn is the perfect location for new luxury apartments," said Aaron Sasseville, Director of Operations. "Folks can

live and play in Auburn and also work anywhere because of our unique proximity to the turnpike."

The new construction will consist of two 24-unit buildings, which will be a mix of one bedroom/one bath; one bedroom/one bath with den; and two bedroom/two bath units. All units will include 9' ceilings, a private balcony or patio, stainless steel kitchen appliances, and washer/dryer hookups. They will also be fully air

conditioned with individual heating units. Some will also have garages. Auburn Mayor Jason Levesque couldn't be more excited about the project.

"This means more housing for more people," said Levesque. "Auburn is a city of opportunity and projects like this help balance our attainable housing equation. If you're looking for a luxury apartment in a vibrant community, your next home is closer than you think; it's right here in

Auburn."

Kittyhawk Apartments, an existing 72-unit complex located at the rapidly expanding Auburn exit of the Maine Turnpike, offers quick access to downtown Auburn. Land clearing has begun, and occupancy is expected in the spring of 2023. Sasseville Management LLC is a local family run business and has been building and managing rental units in Auburn and Lewiston since the 1970's.

Lewiston Rehabilitating Sewer Main throughout City

The City of Lewiston has contracted with National Water Main Cleaning Company to perform a rehabilitation of the sewer main in various streets in the City. The work involves installing a "cure-in-place" liner inside existing pipes. After the lining is installed, a sewer pipe is essentially rendered new without any

digging in the street. The lining project commenced in July, and a break then ensued due to product availability. The work will resume on November 29th, and plans are to line pipes on approximately 25 streets in Lewiston over the next couple of weeks with expected completion by December 17th, 2021.

During the lining

work, an odor will be associated with the epoxy used to cure the liner. The odor is associated with styrene in the epoxy and is vented during and after the curing process, as increased ventilation helps dissipate any odor. The styrene odor may be noticeable both outside and indoors but is at safe levels. In addition, the

contractor will monitor styrene levels. In order to reduce the chance of odors entering your building, it is suggested to add water to traps in showers, sinks, and floor drains. Checking that sewer cleanouts in basements are capped is also encouraged. Questions or concerns may be directed to Lewiston Public Works, 513-3003.

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NASHVILLE SHOW TRIP - JUNE 11-19, 2022

Trip includes 9 days and 8 nights - 14 meals - Grand Ole Opry Show - Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater - Guided tours of Nashville and Belle Meade Historic Site & Winery. Admission to the Country Music Hall of Fame. Admission to the Grand

Ole Opry behind the Scenes Tour. Admission to Madame Tussauds Wax Museum. Price is \$1,025. per person double occupancy with a \$75.00 deposit due upon signing.

MACKINAC ISLAND - SEPTEMBER 10 - 18, 2022

Trip includes 9 days and 8 nights - 14 meals - Guided tour of Mackinaw City - Visit to Mackinaw City. Visit to Mackinac Island including a guided Carriage Tour. Boat ride through the Soo Locks and free time and sightseeing in Sault Sainte Marie. Admission to Colonial Michillmackinac. Price is \$899.00 per person double occupancy with a \$75.00 deposit due upon signing.

WHITE MOUNTAIN HOTEL AND RESORT - DECEMBER 4 & 5, 2022 -

Trip includes 1 night lodging - 3 meals (Grand Sunday Brunch) - 2 different entertainment shows, Austrian Sleigh Ride through Jackson Village, Chocolate Tour, shopping and much more. \$100.00 deposit due upon signing. Total price not available at this time.

For questions and detailed information on these trips, please call: Claire - 207-784-0302 or Cindy - 207-345-9569.

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Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest Weekend Starts Dec. 3



Fireworks return to Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest along with Santa, cocoa, and seasonal music, Friday, December 3rd, on Main St.'s Creamery Pier, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. (Bob Bond photo)

Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest, December 3rd through December 5th, makes shopping for holiday gifts stress-free and fun. Unique shops, artist-owned galleries, and tasty places to eat in a beautiful riverfront Village are only part of the weekend appeal. Family-friendly activities, inspiring seasonal decorations, and lots of holiday cheer promise a memorable experience.

On Friday evening, December 3rd, the Creamery Pier on Rte.1 will feature a roving Santa, a live DJ, and hot cocoa and cookies from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The grand finale is a stunning display of fireworks over the Sheepscot River starting around 6:00 p.m. All activities are free. Also on Friday, select

shops are offering special sales and discounts; find details on the Marketfest web site.

On Saturday, December 4th, Woodfield Farm's horse-drawn wagon will be clomping around Wiscasset Village as a shuttle for shoppers or for a peaceful Village jaunt, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hop on board for a free ride. Ice carving on a Village sidewalk will be underway at the same time.

Participating shops in the Village—look for the sparkling candy canes at doorways—will be offering free raffle tickets for a drawing for dining at one of these Wiscasset area restaurants: Water St. Kitchen and Bar, Water's Edge, and Montsweag Restaurant. Take a chance while shopping, no

purchase necessary!

The stunning Nickels Sortwell House, a Historic New England property built in 1807, will be offering guided tours through the first floor of the house, decorated for the season. Learn the story of the sea captains and the families who lived here. Advance reservations required.

The pop-up Holiday Gift Shop, in the Nickels Sortwell barn on Federal St., offers one-of-a-kind artisan-made selections, plastic accepted. Wreaths Around the Holidays, featuring sumptuously decorated wreaths by local businesses, will also be on display in the barn; visitors are encouraged to vote for People's Choice. After Marketfest, Toys for Tots will present the wreaths to families in need of holiday cheer.

Caroling on the sidewalks, live music in the Gift Shop, decorated windows, and other special attractions make Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest in the Village the most enjoyable place for holiday shopping. Park your car in one of the many nearby parking lots and enjoy a visit to Wiscasset Village.

Major Sponsors for Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest are Carriage House Gardens, First Federal Savings & Loan, First National Bank, IndustrialME, J. Edward Knight Insurance, Midcoast Federal Credit Union, Norm's Used Cars, Red's Eats, Rock Paper Scissors, Water Street Kitchen & Bar, and Wiscasset



Woodfield Farm's horse-drawn wagon will be meandering around Wiscasset Village on Saturday, December 4th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., as a picturesque ride for visitors. (Bob Bond photo)

Ford with additional support from BIRCH Home Furnishings & Gifts, Chewonki Campground, M.W. Sewall, Old and Everlasting, and Sprague's Lobster. For more information, you can contact

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