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Lake Auburn Analysis: City is on the Right Track

AUBURN, ME (August 10, 2022)
– The City of Auburn has received confirmation that it is on the right track with proposed ordinance changes. The city can move one step forward towards goal of modernizing lake protection ordinances by limiting density and incorporating best practices in phosphorus control and sub-surface wastewater disposal in the Lake Auburn Watershed.

This work follows up on a comprehensive analysis that FB Environmental conducted for the City of Auburn in 2021, with Horsley Witten Group and Dr. Adam Daigneault of the University of Maine, and peer review by David Rocque, a licensed state site evaluator and soil scientist.

The full report and newest memo can be viewed online at auburnmaine.gov, as part of a staff presentation at a meeting of the Auburn Planning Board this eve-

ning, and as part of a presentation to the Auburn City Council during their August 15 meeting.

According to FBE, although the changes result in improvement in water quality over a “do nothing different” scenario, the city’s (and its partners’) work to protect Lake Auburn is not done.

According to the report, the City of Auburn has taken valuable action to protect Lake Auburn; however “the goal [to protect Lake Auburn] cannot be ultimately met without the cooperation of [other towns within the watershed] to implement similar development strategies controlling phosphorus in the watershed.”

Auburn staff look forward to working with the Auburn Water District and Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission during review of phosphorus control plans and updating of the watershed base plan through a public process.

CareerCenter Assistance Available at APL

AUBURN, ME (August 3, 2022)
– The Maine Department of Labor’s CareerCenters, together with their partners, offer many services to help people find employment or upgrade skills, and help employers find qualified workers.

CareerCenter Services are now available, in person, at the Auburn Public Library. A career consultant will be at the library on Thursdays to assist with things like the exploration of career directions, resume and cover letter writing, effective interviewing skills, job search essentials, and/or navigating the hiring process for individuals with a criminal history.

No appointment is necessary; customers will be seen on a drop in, first come-first serve basis. Please check in at the Reference Desk (2nd floor) upon arrival.

During the month of August, consultant(s) will be at APL on the following dates and times:

- August 18 – 1-3 pm
- August 25 – 1-3 pm

Any changes to this schedule will be posted on the events calendar of the Auburn Public Library website – www.auburnpubliclibrary.org – as soon as possible. Customers can also contact the Reference Desk at 207-333-6640, ext. 4.

The CareerCenter also offers workshops; for example, The Career Exploration Workshop is an extensive and in-

formative three-day workshop offered to Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) clients to explore a variety of career paths and research the required skills needed for those careers. Registration through Vocational Rehabilitation is required. Please call (207) 753-9000 for more information.

To get more information and register for workshops by clicking on them here:

<https://www.mainecareercenter.com/employment/workshops.shtml>

Due to COVID-19, CareerCenters quickly transitioned to providing services primarily virtually to expand access and protect the health of customers, communities, and staff. The reach of the CareerCenters expanded during the pandemic through enhancement of virtual and online services like LiveChat, the CareerCenter hotline, and through partnerships with community organizations, town halls, and with several Maine libraries.

In addition to partnerships like this one with the Auburn Public Library, services are available virtually via the CareerCenter hotline – 207-623-7981 or 888-457-8883 or Maine Relay 11, through LiveChat, or email MaineDOL.CareerCenter@maine.gov. For access to services and information in-person at one of our CareerCenters, call the CareerCenter hotline to schedule an appointment or visit the CareerCenter location website to see when staff will be on site at that location.



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Ocean State Job Lot Holds “Educator Deal Days”

NORTH KINGS-TOWN, R.I. (August 11, 2022) – Ocean State Job Lot (OSJL), the region’s premier discount retail chain with store locations across the Northeast, is pleased to offer its “Educator Deal Days” at all store locations from August 18th through August 24th.

All educators, teachers, school management and school support personnel who are authorized to make purchases on behalf of their school, and who are registered Job Lot Insiders, are eligible to participate in this promotion. During the promotion, participants will receive a Crazy Deal® Gift Card equal to 40% of their purchase when they spend \$20.00 or more at Ocean State Job Lot. (For example, spend \$50.00 and receive a \$20.00 Crazy Deal Gift Card with your purchase.) To obtain the Crazy Deal Gift Card, customers



must present proper photo identification at checkout.

“Each year, educators dip into their own personal finances to purchase the supplies needed for their students and classrooms, sparing no expense while putting our children’s needs first,” said Curtis Corl, Chief Marketing Officer, Ocean State Job Lot. “Ocean State Job Lot’s “Educator Deal Days” is our way of showing appreciation for those who help our children grow to be happy, productive, and successful members of the communities in which

we operate.”

This promotion is in-store only and does not apply to Ship-to-Store purchases. The promotion may not be combined with any other discount, offer or promotion, including but not limited to advertised sale items, Crazy Deals®, Insider coupons, and Insider Exclusive Deals. There are no rainchecks. Merchandise credit and Crazy Deal Gift Cards cannot be used as a form of tender during this promotion. Limited product exclusions apply, including Ocean State Job Lot gift

cards, third party gift cards, clearance items, propane tanks and refills, beer and wine, and live plants and flowers. Offer may not be applied to past purchases. All warranty and return rules apply.

About Ocean State Job Lot: Founded in 1977, Ocean State Job Lot (OSJL) is a growing, privately held discount retail chain with stores in New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, approximately 5,600 employees, and annual sales exceeding \$800 million. OSJL Shop-

pers find an ever-changing array of brand name, first quality merchandise at closeout prices, including household goods, apparel, pet supplies, seasonal products (holiday, gardening, patio, pool, and beach supplies), and kitchen pantry staples at a fraction of their typical price. The company was named a four-time “Best Employer” by Forbes® Magazine*, a two-time US Best Managed Company by Deloitte, and received a first-place Inspiring Workplaces in North America Award.

*Ocean State Job Lot is not affiliated with Forbes®.

The Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation has a long history of philanthropic leadership, supporting numerous causes, including feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, assisting veterans and military families, aiding animal rescue, caring for children, advancing healthcare, supporting the arts, and promoting learning. The Foundation’s operational, administrative, and overhead expenses are covered by Ocean State Job Lot, not the Foundation, ensuring that 100% of every dollar raised through the Foundation goes directly to helping those in need. Ocean State Job Lot is headquartered in the Quonset Point Business Park at 375 Commerce Park Road, North Kings-town, RI 02852. Phone: (401) 295-2672; Website: OceanStateJobLot.com.

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Hospice Volunteers Of Waterville Area Announce Retreat



WATERVILLE, ME (August 10, 2022) -- Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area (HVWA) is pleased to announce that they will be hosting Camp Ray of Hope (CROH), a statewide weekend retreat for Maine individuals and families who have experienced the death of a significant person in their lives. CROH will be held September 24-25 at Friends Camp in South China. Attendees are given opportu-

nities to connect with other people from throughout the state of Maine who are also in the midst of transition from loss by death. Adults, teens, and children will spend time in respective peer group settings and participate in workshops that encourage healthy outlets and self-care. There is time for artistic and athletic expression both individually and as a family, as well as several relaxation experiences. In addition, there

are opportunities to canoe or kayak, swim, participate in arts and crafts, receive bodywork, and commune with nature in surroundings that are peaceful and unspoiled. Childcare is available for children under three years of age.

HVWA will be following CDC Covid guidelines for large gatherings. There will be testing upon arrival and masks will be required during certain activities. Cost is \$60.00 per person or \$180.00 for a family of three or more. If cost is a barrier, please contact Diane Worringham at 873-3615 ext.19 or dworringham@hvwa.org.

For questions or to request a brochure and registration form, contact Jillian Roy at 873-3615 ext.11 or email jroy@hvwa.org.



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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Record-High Rainy Day Fund Shows Fiscal Prudence

Guest Column by Sen. Ned Claxton

(August 5, 2022) -- Mainers are a hardworking bunch. We know what it takes to provide for ourselves and our families, put food on the table, and be responsible with our finances. We plan ahead to try to account for unexpected emergencies, and when necessary, we tighten our belts to get through hard times. Things aren't any different in state government. Each year, my colleagues and I in the Legislature set out to make sure we provide the essen-

tial services that folks rely on, while also doing what we can to solve new and existing issues and help our most vulnerable residents. At the same time, we know we need to operate within our existing means and plan for the future. That's why I'm thrilled to share that Maine's Budget Stabilization Fund, commonly referred to as the Rainy Day Fund, now sits at an historic, all-time high.

You heard that right: Maine's Rainy Day Fund, our "backup plan," so to speak, now sits at nearly \$900 million, which is

the result of an additional \$401 million we added to the fund at the end of this fiscal year. This isn't a new trend, either. Since 2018, the Legislature has tripled the amount of money in the fund – that's just smart fiscal management. Despite the pandemic, with its ups and downs and uncertainties, we made sure we were being smart with the state's finances. The record-high Rainy Day Fund proves that and keeps us prepared for any future economic downturns. Existing Maine law dictates that the fund be capped at 18 percent

of the preceding fiscal year's revenue. The current amount in the fund is 16.6 percent of last year's revenue; very close to the maximum amount allowed by statute!

In addition to planning for future revenue shortfalls with the Rainy Day Fund, lawmakers have also set aside money for other critical items. For example, we put \$135 million of last year's surplus toward highway and bridge funding, ensuring that we can continue getting caught up on long overdue road projects. This

is the first time in years that our state will not need to send a bond to voters for this funding. We also established a new Education Rainy Day Fund. Last year, lawmakers finally met the 55 percent threshold of K-12 public education funding for the first time since it was mandated by voters in 2004. Now, with this new Education Rainy Day Fund, we can ensure that the state continues to meet this level of funding going forward, ensuring that property taxpayers don't end up taking on this burden in the case of a re-

duction of state revenue.

No matter what the future holds, today it's more important than ever that Maine is prepared for the worst. Just like we all do in our own homes and businesses, I've been proud to do my part in making sure we are being smart with our state finances and remain prepared for whatever comes next. If you have any questions about the Rainy Day fund or anything else, don't hesitate to send me an email at Ned.Claxton@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at (207) 287-1515.

80+ Juried & Demo Artists at Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival



BRUNSWICK, ME (August 8, 2022) – The 16th Annual Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival will transform Downtown Brunswick into an outdoor fine art show on Saturday, August 20th. The festival is hosted by the Brunswick Downtown Association and is designed to celebrate and foster an appreciation of the arts and culture in downtown Brunswick. It's a wonderful day of art, music, kid's activities, and interactive demos in downtown Brunswick!

"We are very excited to have ALL thirteen 2021 Brunswick Outdoor Art Festival Award Winners returning this year" said Patti Spencer-Yost, BDA Marketing Coordinator. "Doug Frati (BEST in Show last year), Catherine Worthington, Kathleen Perelka, Linda Mahoney, Laurel Averill, Heather Atwood, Jill Ross, Nikki Pilgrim, Nicole Nappi, Scott Perry, James O'Reilly, Stephanie Crossman and Elizabeth Guilbault will all be here on August 20th!"

For the second year, festival organizers, Keith Garovoy and Roxane Rathje will position Exhibiting Artists booths further apart in attempt to alleviate crowded areas around the displays. Exhibiting Artists will set up on the sidewalks and the Town Mall (park) on Maine Street. The festival has 76 Exhibiting

Artists, 8 Demonstrating Artisans and 10 Specialty Product vendors. Art, music, and fun activities for the whole family!

The Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival features live music performances on the main stage located in front of Bank of America.

Featured Music: Jimmy Jo and the Jumbol'Ayuhs (Cajun), Backwoods Road (Bluegrass) and Liza & The Erratics (Swing & Jazz with Liza Constable). A variety of roving musicians will perform throughout the festival playing Bluegrass, Blues, Irish, Folk, and Americana music - from

Noon to 5:00 p.m.

More Children's activities have been added to the festival including face painting and glitter tattoos by Party Palooza. "Nettie Loops" Hula Hooping with bubbles, music, hoop trick instruction including a "hoop Jam" is designed for the whole family! "Maka Motion with Poi dancing and clowning, Jack Normal - Comedic vaudeville performances and unicycle riding plus, Miguel Pacheco González - Stilt walking and juggling/clowning – all part of Creative Norway. Plus, Lego fun, Clay art, Trivia and Dice Rolling games and more!

For more information on the Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival, call (207) 729-4439 or visit www.brunswickoutdoorartsfest.com for a complete list of artists, entertainers, stage schedules, interactive art activities and more.

This juried, fine arts show showcases a variety of artists who will display and sell their work along the sidewalks of

Maine Street. The Brunswick Outdoor Arts Festival features recognized artists, as well as Returning artists and newcomers will display work in a variety of genres from painting and photography to fiber art and mixed media to jewelry. The festival is free to attend!

Come and enjoy the Brunswick Outdoor Arts *See Festival, page 14*

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Out and About

A Visit to The Boothbay Country Club Garden

By Rachel Morin

My daughter, Elizabeth, has a friend, Patrick Thornton, who is a member of The Boothbay Country Club, and knows how Liz and I love flowers, have our own gardens, and travel to flower garden tours in Lewiston, Auburn, Portland, South Portland, Brunswick, Bath, to mention a few, and any other place we hear about. He wanted to surprise us with tickets to the Boothbay Country Club's flower garden reserved for its members and their guests.

We were thrilled and looked forward to the date. It was like no other garden tour we had been on where we wander through flower beds, appreciate the flowers, take pictures and sometimes stop at flower shops or stands on the way home to buy more plants!

It was mid-June and we entered the Boothbay Country Club, gave our tickets and were told the tour was ready to start outside the front door. We went out to where a small group of 5 of 6 women were waiting. But what we saw surprised us. They

were all holding open notebooks with pencils of pens poised on the page. What a picture!

Liz and I glanced at each other, realizing we were unprepared and these women must be serious gardeners! We stood straighter and prepared to listen intently. Seconds later, the Club's Horticulturist, Karen Neill arrived. She welcomed us to the Horticultural Educational Tour!

We learned about Karen's job. She works full time and has help. Each year the garden beds are dug up and the bulbs are stored. A color and flower theme is chosen every year and is repeated throughout the beds.

Karen talked about fertilizing techniques, plant combinations, and how to "save" a plant that is not doing well. Karen gave us several tips and tricks for our gardens. The women had several questions about their own gardens and Karen was able to answer in detail so everyone was satisfied.

This year's theme featured a riot of color with



Some of the beautiful trees at Boothbay Garden Club. Photo by Rachel Morin.



One of the pretty flower beds with trees in the background. Photo by Rachel Morin.

fuchsia impatiens as the main star. The beds also featured dusty miller.

Karen designs and lays out a plan over the winter and presents it to her manager, the Director of Operations. If it meets with his approval, it is presented to Paul Coulombe, Owner of the Boothbay Country Club. Paul is particular and has his hand in mostly everything. He gets final approval on everything, down to wine glass choices and flower beds.

Karen has learned Paul does NOT like yellow so there are no yellow flowers. He does like orange, however, and big showy

flowers. Paul Coulombe is a native of Lewiston and is well known there as the owner of White Rock Distilleries which he sold and then purchased The Boothbay Country Club which is one of the top five golf clubs in Maine.

As Karen continued her educational tour, we admired the beautiful flower garden beds, and many, many beautiful trees along the winding paved roads. Karen spoke of each flower or tree and answered questions as we walked along.

The tour was ending and so we decided to

look around the club. We saw beautiful, comfortable couches and chairs with small tables and a lovely chandelier. The bar with its plush seating and views of the beautiful green golf course. We went into the ladies' locker room which was as deluxe as any spa facility you could imagine. Every detail had been thought of...fragrant soaps, shampoos, hair conditioners, so many amenities arranged beautifully. It really does not seem like a locker room.

Next it was off to see the pool and gym facility,

filled with state of the art equipment and huge TVs. The changing rooms there almost as lovely as the locker rooms. Huge soft towels were neatly folded.

The huge pool area has comfortable chaises around the pool with a large jacuzzi on one end. There are numerous shade umbrellas and a snack bar with full bar available.

We thought all of these lovely extras and Patrick is there just for the golf! We've included some photos so you can see the beauty at The Boothbay Country Club.



Learning about the plants at Boothbay Country Club. Photo by Rachel Morin.



Rachel Morin and Karen Neill, Horticulturist at Boothbay Country Club.

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Great Falls Balloon Festival Schedule

Find below the current schedule for the 28th annual Great Falls Balloon Festival. Please note that things are subject to change as we get closer to the festival.

Friday, August 19th - Lewiston

6:00 am Balloon Launch
 4:00 pm Food Booths Open
 4:30 pm Elvis - Robert Washington
 6:00 pm Balloon Launch
 6:30 pm Breakin' Strings
 Dusk Moon-glow
 8:15 pm Shugah Kitty

Friday, August 19th - Auburn

4:00 pm Food Booths Open
 4:30 pm Christie Ray
 6:15 pm LA Harley Band
 Saturday, August 20th - Lewiston
 5:30 am Pancake Breakfast
 6:00 am Balloon Launch
 11:00 am Food Booths Open
 11:00 am Parade



12:30 pm Show Time Athletics
 1:30 pm Cheer Envy
 2:30 pm The Old Gold Blues Band
 4:00 pm Imari & Sahara Desert Dancers
 4:45 pm Right Amount of Wrong
 6:00 pm Balloon Launch

6:30 pm Jumpin' Willys
 8:30 pm the Cruisers
 9:00pm Fire-works
 Saturday, August 20th - Auburn
 11:00 am Food Booths Open
 11:00 am Parade
 12:30 pm Justin

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 2:15 pm POSH!
 4:00 pm Ricki

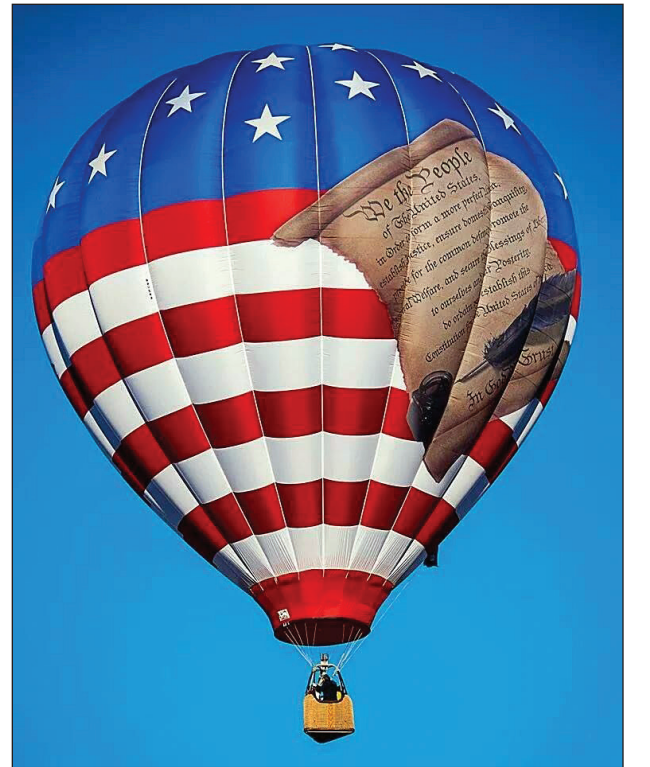
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 5:30 pm Imari & Sahara Desert Dancers
 6:30 pm Attention, Perfection!

Sunday, August 21st - Lewiston

5:30 am Pancake Breakfast
 6:00 am Balloon Launch
 9:00 am Family Fun Day Activities in the Field
 9:30 am Phoenix No Limits Karate
 10:00 am Camp of Rock
 11:00 am Food Booths Open
 11:15 am The Root Notes
 12:45 pm Country Roads

2:45 pm Continental Shakedown
 4:30 pm Bonnie Edwards & The Practical Cats
 6:00 pm Balloon Launch
 Sunday, August 21st - Auburn
 10:30 am Dragon of Wortley
 11:00 am Food Booths Open

1:30 pm Stackhouse
 Mike
 3:15 pm Drunk in Public



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Balloon Ride Information



Directions and Parking

Directions

The main launch site for the festival is Simard-Payne Memorial Park (formerly Railroad Park), off Oxford Street in Lewiston.

From Points North

Take the Maine Turnpike (I-95) to Exit 80, Lewiston. At the light, turn left and follow ME-196 W/Lisbon Street downtown (about 2.5 mi.). At the intersection of Lisbon Street and Main, turn left. At the next light, turn left onto Lincoln Street. Simard-Payne Memorial Park is located off Oxford Street, one block over from Lincoln.

From Points South

Take the Maine Turnpike (I-95) to Exit 75, Auburn. At the light, turn left and follow US-202/ME-4/ME-100/Auburn (Washington Street and Minot Avenue) for about 4.75 mi., to the intersection with Court Street. Turn right onto Court Street. Cross the bridge into Lewiston. Take the first right onto Lincoln Street. Simard-Payne Memorial Park is located off Oxford Street, one block over from Lincoln.

Parking

Ample parking is available in the downtown area and in several lots adjacent to the festival grounds. Many non-profit

organizations will be raising money for their organizations by offering parking for a donation. This parking will be located around the Bates Mill and along Lincoln Street in Lewiston. The City of Lewiston is graciously donating the use of these areas to the non-profit organizations. This does not include the parking lot across from the Franco Center on Oxford St.

Handicap parking is available just over the bridge, inside the main gate to Simard-Payne Memorial Park. The Auburn Municipal Parking Garage also has many handicap spaces.

Balloon rides are available for 6 launches throughout the weekend. Morning flights launch at 6 a.m. and evening flights lift off at 6 p.m.

All balloon rides are free-flying and go where the wind takes them. Balloons range in size—from 2 to 10 passengers. Whatever the size of your group, we can find a balloon to fit your needs. At the end of each balloon ride, there will be a champagne toast to celebrate your adventure.

The earlier you book, the better the selection.

Availability

Friday, August 19, 2022 (morning *limited availability* and evening launch); Saturday, August

20, 2022 (morning and evening launch); Sunday, August 21, 2022 (morning and evening launch)

Cost

\$225/person. All purchases must be prepaid with either a check or a credit card, we can also send you an invoice via email after you send in your form where you can pay securely online. (see Ride Application).

Passenger Ride Application Form

Hot air balloon rides during the 2022 season are getting full. To confirm there are openings or to be placed on a stand-by list, please email rides@GreatFallsBalloonFestival.org

Ticket Delivery

All tickets will be

mailed out prior to Monday, August 15, 2022. If tickets are purchased on or after August 15, 2022, tickets will be available on the day of your flight. Please refer to your email confirmation for time, location and pick up information.

If traveling and you have not received your tickets in the mail, replacements will be issued during flight registration per your confirmation email.

Questions?

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Entertainment Schedule

We couldn't be more excited to share the full line up of this year's entertainment!

First, we want to thank each and very entertainer for donating their time and talent by coming to the festival to perform! Their generous support really helped us put together a great festival this year!

Their donation shows their commitment to our mission and the local non-profits which benefit from the festival. Please show your support by coming out and cheering them on!

~Maine Stage (Lewiston):~

Friday, August 19th

4:30 pm - Elvis - Lewiston Stage

6:30 pm - Breakin' Strings - Lewiston Stage

8:15 pm - Shugah Kitty - Lewiston Stage

Saturday, August 20th

12:30 pm - Show Time Athletics - Lewiston Stage

1:00 pm - Cheer Envy - Lewiston Stage

2:30 pm - The Old Gold Blues Band - Lewiston Stage

4:00 pm - Imari & Sahara Desert Dancers - Lewiston Stage

4:45 pm - Right Amount of Wrong - Lewiston Stage

6:30 pm - Jumpin' Willys - Lewiston Stage

8:30 pm - Jessi and the Cruisers - Lewiston Stage

Sunday, August 21st
9:30 am Phoenix No Limits Karate - Lewiston Stage

10:00 am - Camp of Rock - Lewiston Stage

11:15 am - The Root Notes - Lewiston Stage

12:45 pm - Country Roads Rocks the Great Falls Balloon Festival- New Country Style

2:45 pm - Continental Shakedown - Lewiston Stage

4:30 pm - Bonnie Edwards and the Practical Cats - Lewiston Stage

~Festival Plaza Stage (Auburn):~

Friday, August 19th

4:30 pm - Christie Ray - Auburn Stage

6:15 pm - LA Harley Band - Auburn Stage

Saturday, August 20th

12:30 pm - Justin Carver - Auburn Stage

2:15 pm - POSH! - Auburn Stage

4:00 pm - Ricki George - Auburn Stage

5:30 pm - Imari & Sahara Desert Dancers - Auburn Stage

6:30 pm - Attention, Perfection! - Auburn Stage
Sunday, August 21st

10:30 am - Dragon of Wortley - Auburn Stage

1:30 pm - Mike Stackhouse - Auburn Stage

3:15 pm - DIP at the Balloon Festival

~Other great events at the festival:~

Friday, August 19th:

9:00 pm - Moonglow

Saturday and Sunday:
5:30 am - Great Falls Balloon Festival Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, August 20th:

11:00 am - Great Falls Balloon Festival Parade

9:00 pm - Firework Show

PLUS! Hot air balloon launches Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - 6 am and 6 pm



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What are hot air balloons made of? The bag or envelope is made of a reinforced fabric called rip-stop nylon (some balloons are made of dacron). The material is very lightweight but very strong. The fabric is coated to prevent leaks.

What are the baskets made of? The baskets are made from rattan or wicker. The material is lightweight and very durable. Each basket is individually woven by hand.

How fast does it go? As fast or as slow as the wind. Since the balloon has no forward propulsion system, its speed is determined entirely by the speed of the wind. That is why balloon competitions are strictly for accuracy, not for speed.

How high does it go? The balloons will fly from ground level to anywhere from tree level to a couple of thousand feet above ground level, depending on wind direction and speed.

When is the best time to fly? Usually just after sunrise and one or two hours before sunset. This is the

time of day when the winds are calmest and the air the most stable.

How long can the balloon stay up? It depends. Normally, the balloon carries enough fuel to remain aloft for 1 to 2 hours, but factors like outside air temperature, the weight being carried in the basket and weather conditions determine the duration of the flight. Our pilots try to get in at least 45 minutes of air-time each flight.

What kind of fuel is used? Propane is kept in pressurized tanks in the basket. The balloon carries 30-40 gallons of liquid propane. It is carried under pressure through flexible hoses to the burner. When the valves are opened, the propane atomizes and is ignited by a pilot light in the burner. The flame may shoot out as much as ten to twenty feet, making a loud whoosh.

How do you get back? With the help of friends, who drive a chase vehicle. The chase crew will follow the flight of the balloon (as well as existing roads allow)

and should be on hand to make the recovery when the balloon touches down.

What should I wear? We recommend wearing casual clothing and comfortable shoes. Consider light layers of warm clothing so you can easily adjust to the temperature as the sun comes up. The coolest you will be is on the ground. Once you're in flight, the burners tend to keep the baskets nice and warm.

DISCLAIMER:
Due to weather conditions, the best times for balloon launches are 6 a.m. for morning launches and 6 p.m. for evening launches. Launches are always weathered permitting and times may vary depending on conditions.

The Moonglow (hot air balloons tethered and lit up with propane) is scheduled for Friday night (usually at dusk) after the balloons return from the evening launch. If the weather doesn't allow the Moonglow show on Friday night there will be one on Saturday night instead.

Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day is a great experience for the whole family!

With activities like fun runs, toddler trots, diaper derby, face painting, and so much more. We are excited to have the Kora

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Are you interested in flying your hot air balloon at The Great Falls Balloon Festival? We are always excited to speak with and welcome new pilots to the festival. Flying at the Great Falls Balloon Festival includes tons of benefits including lodging, food, gift packs, and more.

Want to fly at this year's festival? Fill out this form at <https://greatfallsballoonfestival.org/fly-with-us/> and we will reach out.

Participate in the photo contest!

First, second, and third place will receive a Souvenirs Swag Bag at the 2021 Great Falls Balloon Festival

Volunteer!

Are you interested in volunteering at The Great Falls Balloon Festival? The success of the festival is dependent upon the skills and time of our countless volunteers. We are looking for volunteers in these areas:

- Balloon Crew
- Crowd Support
- Bridge/Gate Support
- Souvenir Booth
- Welcome/Greeter at Entrances

- Pancake Breakfast
- Parade Support
- Family Fun Day
- Committee Member
- Runner/Festival Support

- Logistics
- Balloon Ride Assistant

And much more!

Volunteer Requirements: All volunteers must meet all these requirements:

Volunteer must be over the age of 16, 18 for balloon crew; Volunteer must not bring children, for their safety; Volunteers who are working one of the gates or crowd control must wear a safety vest which will be provided; Balloon crew members should report to Simard-Payne Memorial Park at 5:30 am for morning launches and 5 pm for evening launches; Potential balloon crew volunteers are asked to please take into consideration that some of the balloon equipment is heavy; All volunteers must be respectful to all guests

Want to get involved in this year's festival?

Fill out this form or email volunteer@greatfallsballoonfestival.org and we will reach out closer to the festival.

Join us at the parade!

Please join us on Saturday, August 20, 2022, at 11 a.m. for the festival parade!

The parade will line up on Elm Street, Auburn, proceeding down Elm Street. It will turn left onto Main Street, right onto Court Street and across the Longley Bridge. It will then turn right onto Lincoln Street, and then a right onto Chestnut Street and disperse on Oxford Street. The parade will last approximately 2 hours.

Sponsor us!

Thank you for your interest in becoming a sponsor of the 28th annual Great Falls Balloon Festival.

In 1992, a group of business people, civic leaders and friends began discussing new ways to celebrate our community, while at the same time providing fundraising opportunities to local non-profits and civic groups. With the help of local businesses, an army of volunteers and the cooperative efforts of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, the Great Falls Balloon Festival has become more than anyone could have imagined.



The festival now reaches well beyond the great community of Lewiston/Auburn—it enjoys a national reputation as a first-class event and is a destination for many visitors to the state of Maine.

The sight of dozens of hot air balloons in the skies over Lewiston/Auburn is a spectacular experience. With free admission, annual attendance above 100,000, financial impact

in excess of \$2,000,000 and hundreds of thousands of dollars raised by participating non-profit groups, it's easy to see why our community eagerly anticipates the festival.

Like any business or event, cash flow is the most difficult task to manage. Support from local businesses enables continued growth and free attendance for festival visitors. If you are unable to make a cash

donation, please consider a contribution of goods or services. In either case, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Download our complete sponsorship guide at <https://greatfallsballoonfestival.org/sponsor-us/> for more details about sponsoring the festival.

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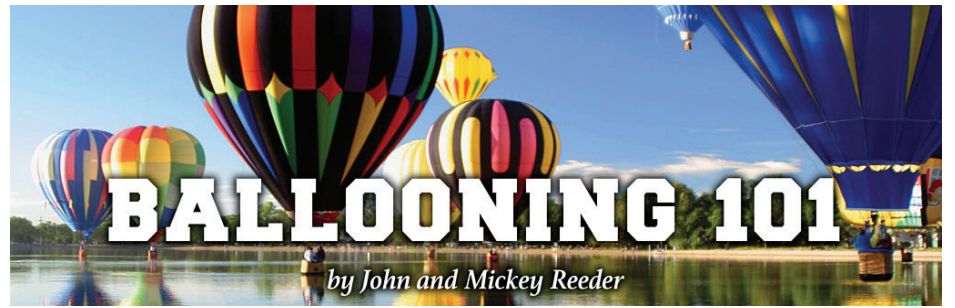
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The first impression that comes to mind when we see hot air balloons is the free spirit and grace of floating where ever the wind decides to take you. But there is much more to a hot air balloon launch and flight than just riding the wind.

Hot air balloons are considered aircraft and are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) just as fixed-wing aircraft are. Hot air balloon pilots must pass a yearly in-flight certification to maintain his or her license as a commercial pilot. The Great Falls Balloon only invites pilots who have met these qualifications.

The balloons themselves must pass a yearly safety inspection which includes testing the fabric of the balloon, fuel system, integrity of the basket, burners, and all other related equipment before the balloon receives its annual airworthiness certificate to fly.

Unlike fixed-wing

aircraft, a hot air balloon is dependent upon fair weather. Ideal conditions are calm winds below 8 mph and cool temperatures. Since wind and heat come with the sun, the ideal time for a balloon to fly is early in the morning before the sun gets too high in the sky and in the early evening as the sun begins to descend. The exception to this rule would be wintertime flying when the sun is less intense.

To inflate the balloon, pilots use inflation fans to fill the balloon with outside air. This process is called cold packing. When the balloon is inflated enough the pilot uses his burner to heat the inside air to approximately one hundred degrees warmer than the outside temperature. This is when the balloon takes shape and is ready to fly on a new adventure.

It is the heat inside the balloon that makes the balloon rise. If the outside air temperature is too high, the pilot would need to add

more heat to the balloon to compensate. High heat can cause damage to the fabric of the balloon. This is why balloons rarely fly in the heat of the day.

Hot air balloon pilots are always aware of the weather and the function of their equipment. The safety of the people in the basket is a top priority for the pilots always have the final say in whether the conditions are right for them to fly.

The experience that our visitors get at the Great Falls Balloon Festival is rare in the ballooning world. At most festivals, spectators are not allowed in the area where balloons are launching.

However, this up-close-and-personal venue also poses some challenges. Our main launch site is small. Our visiting balloons are huge. Our visitors are smitten. But our pilots and crews need space. A lot of it. They also need to be able to see and hear each

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Moonglow



Following Friday's evening balloon launch, pilots return to the field, inflate their balloons, and put on a spectacular light show at ground level. This exciting event is accompa-

nied by live entertainment on the main stage.

This year's Moonglow is planned for Friday night with a rain date set for Saturday. You will not want to miss this!

This year's Moonglow event has been sponsored by LA Tent & Awning. You can learn more about them at <https://www.latentsandevents.com/>

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Fireworks Spectacular



Our Fireworks Spectacular show is once again back this year! Following our Saturday hot air balloon launch, we will be setting off a firework

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This year's Fireworks Spectacular is brought to you by Central Maine Pyrotechnics and

the City of Auburn Maine. You can learn more about them at <https://www.centralmainepyrotechnics.com/> and <https://www.auburnmaine.gov/>



Carnival Hours

Friday 4-10pm
Saturday 10am-11pm
Sunday 11am-8pm



Great Falls Balloon Festival: Our Mission

Mission
The mission of the Great Falls Balloon Festival is to provide fundraising opportunities for local non-profit organizations, while celebrating our community and promoting the Lewiston/Auburn area as a visitor destination.

About the festival
Established in 1992 by a group of business people, civic leaders, and friends, the Great Falls Balloon Festival is a weekend-long celebration featuring hot air balloons, food, and entertainment.

With the support of local businesses, an army of volunteers and the cooperative efforts of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, the festival has gained a national reputation as a first-class event and is a destination for many visitors to the state of Maine.

Based at Sismard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston—with additional entertainment

and food offerings at Festival Plaza in Auburn—the festival attracts approximately 100,000 visitors throughout the weekend. The Androscoggin River and rocky Great Falls provide a picturesque setting for the dozens of balloons that visit each year, including some special shape balloons. With free admission, hundreds of thousands of dollars raised by participating non-profits and economic impact in excess of \$2,000,000, it's easy to see why our community eagerly anticipates the festival each year.

Balloon launches are scheduled for 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, weather permitting. When the balloons aren't overhead, there is still plenty to do: dozens of food booths offer everything from lime rickeys to taco salad, pancake breakfast follows the morning launches, craft and trade booths invite browsing, a children's area with games,

a bounce house, and face painting and live entertainment on two stages. Carnival rides, a parade, and various demonstrations and contests round out the weekend's events.

Pancake Breakfast Information



What better way to watch the hot air balloons than enjoying a fresh made pancake breakfast right

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other to keep themselves and everyone else on the field safe.

Maintaining a safe environment is a top priority, and it is crucial to the future of the festival.

Below are some things to keep in mind when visiting the festival:

THE BIG 4:

Don't Smoke. Our visiting balloons carry tanks full of propane gas. Due to the obvious fire hazard created by the use of propane gas, as well as the risk of damage to the balloon envelopes, smoking is prohibited.

Don't bring your dog. Or your cat, or bird, or snake. With the exception of service animals, **NO PETS** of any kind are allowed on festival grounds.

Don't bring your wheels. This includes bikes, skateboards, scooters, roller skates, and unicycles. The level of foot traffic on the walkway around the park is very high, especially at launch time.

Don't drink. No alcohol is allowed on festival grounds.

LAUNCH TIMES AND SITES

Launches are scheduled for 6 am and 6 pm throughout the weekend and are always weather permitting. This includes wind and clouds as well as more obvious conditions like rain and lightning.

In the event of questionable conditions, Our Balloonmeister will wait as long as they can in hopes of a turn for the better. However, a launch decision may be delayed by up to an hour

if weather conditions are changing. Ideally, the balloons will launch by 6:45 p.m. This time frame provides a fair ride for our passengers and gets everyone back on the ground before we run out of daylight.

Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston is our main launch site. Additional launch sites may be added if needed.

SPECIAL SHAPE BALLOONS

Specials fly only in the morning. At our evening launches, the special shape balloons will inflate and stay at the field to glow for the crowd. They are large, complex, and hard to pack up in the dark.

MOONGLOW

This ground-level light show is a crowd favorite! Following the Friday evening launch, some of our visiting balloons will

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August 13 – 27
ACROSS MAINE -- DaPonte String Quartet Concerts in August: Thompson "Alleluia", Beethoven Quartet in C Minor, Op. 18 no 4 & Schubert Quartet in A

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

Minor, "Rosamunde" with guest Alexander Romanul, violin

Saturday, August 13, 7:00 pm Tides Institute, Eastport

Sunday, August 14, 4 pm Surry Arts at the Barn, Surry

Thursday, August 18, 7:30 pm Robinhood Free Meetinghouse, Georgetown

Saturday, August 20, 7:30 pm Ocean View Grange, Tenant's Harbor *

Thursday, August 25, 7:30 pm Union Church, South Bristol *

Friday, August 26, 7:30 pm St. Paul's Union Chapel, Waldoboro *

Saturday, August 27, 7:30 pm Meetinghouse Arts, Freeport *

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August 18
LEWISTON -- **BALLOON BONANZA**,

4-5pm, Children's Program Room, third floor, Lewiston Public Library

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Contact info. 513-3133, LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov

August 18
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August 18
GREENE -- The Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers present "Everybody Loves Pirates" on Thursday, August 18th at 2PM only for Children's Day at the Sawyer Memorial. 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. FMI 946-5311. Free Admission!

August 20
TURNER CENTER -- Yard Sale, 8 AM to 1 PM – inside at The Turner Center Universalist Church across from the Gazebo on Rte 117.

August 20
GREENE -- Food Truck Social with live music and games will be held at the Sawyer Memorial on Saturday, August 20th from 12-3PM! First 100 to attend received a \$5 voucher! 371 Sawyer Rd, Greene. FMI 946-5311

August 24
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Cut off for reservations is Wednesday August 24, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. Meals are single sized and are \$10.00 each. Please pay at the door.

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APL Hosts Author Talk: Andrea Lani & Jennifer Dupree



Andrea Lani

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Andrea Lani is the author of Uphill Both Ways: Hiking Toward Happiness on the Colorado Trail (Bison Books, 2022), a book about hiking the Colorado Trail with her three children and examining the environmental legacy of Westward Expansion. In the book and in her essays and short fiction, Andrea delights in the wonder of nature and probes the emotional effects of environmental damage and contamination. Her writing has appeared in Orion,

Brain, Child Magazine, Spire, Willows Wept Review, Saltfront, Snowy Egret, The Maine Review, Zoomorphic, and About Place Journal, among others. Andrea is a graduate of College of the Atlantic and the University of Maine Stonecoast MFA program, a senior editor at Literary Mama, and a Maine Master Naturalist. She lives in Maine with her family.

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as well as the Writer's Digest fiction contest (2016). For more information on this or other upcoming events or to register for this event (requested for planning purposes), please visit the Events page of the Auburn Public Library website – www.auburnpubliclibrary.org

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GREENE, ME (August 6, 2022) -- The Sawyer Memorial will host its first Food Truck Social with live

music from the Pond Lilies and games on Saturday, August 20th from 12-3PM!

Stop by for an afternoon of great entertainment and fun! Local food trucks will descend on our large parking lot ready to share their cuisine with you. Come listen to live music as the Pond Lilies perform Celtic, Acadian and other enchanting melodies. There will be games, prizes and so much more! The first 100 people to attend will receive a \$5 voucher to use at any of the food trucks for this event. Bring the family, bring yourself, but you do not want to miss this one! Seating will be provided. This event is rain or shine.

The event will be held at the Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. FMI 207-946-5311 or visit sawyer-foundation.com

Mike Miclon Returns to Celebration Barn



Dawn Bach (photo courtesy of Celebration Barn)



Evelyn Miclon (photo courtesy of Celebration Barn)



Mike Miclon (photo courtesy of Celebration Barn)

SOUTH PARIS, ME (August 12, 2022) -- Mike Miclon's *The Early Evening Show* will be on stage at Celebration Barn on Saturday, August 20 at 7:30 PM. The show, Miclon's last at the Barn before the season finale in October, will feature comedy and music – including an imaginative spin on a classic tune!

A spoof of late-night talk shows, *The Early Evening Show* is the longest-running live variety show in Maine, with more than two hundred performances over the past twenty-three years. Packed with surprise guests and audience interactions, *The Bangor Daily News* called *The Early Evening Show* “a seamless, hilarious production,” and *CBS Sunday Morning* called it “must-see reality!”

Dawn Bach, Maine stand-up comedian and founder of Underground Improv, will be a guest on the show. Bach is the 2016 Winner of the Strand Cup

Comedy Competition and performs throughout New England, sharing her hilarious observations on life, marriage, and trying to excel at motherhood. Nine-year-old Evelyn Miclon makes her Early Evening debut, and joins regular performer and writer Fritz Grobe, plus the Early Evening Show Orchestra with Oren Robinson, Eli Allen, and Jed Allen. The Barn's Shara Drew and Miguel Pacheco González will also join as special guests.

Limited tickets to Mike Miclon's *The Early Evening Show* on Saturday, August 20 at 7:30 PM are available for \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors (65+), and \$10 for kids (17 and under). Tickets are general admission. The lobby and concessions open at 7:00 PM. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended.

All patrons ages five and up attending a show at Celebration Barn must present proof of full vaccination against Covid-19.

Adults are also required to show a matching photo ID. A booster shot, while recommended by the CDC, is not required in order to attend a show at this time. Attendees 4 and under are only required to wear a mask.

To purchase tickets, visit celebrationbarn.com. Celebration Barn Theater is located just off Route 117 at 190 Stock Farm Road in South Paris, Maine.

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