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Cruise in Fridays at the local diner

By Cynthia Matthews

Driving by the Blast from the Past diner on Friday nights during the summer is truly a "blast from the past!" Each summer, the diner opens up their parking lot to local car enthusiasts for Cruise Night. "What is a Cruise Night?" It's like a Car Show, giving participants the opportunity to show off their car – newer and older models – as well as to enjoy looking at others. There is no registration, just show up with your car, and maybe most importantly, there is no fee. The event is completely free - sponsored by Blast from the Past. There is also no "judging" like there would be at a car show. Instead, it's just for fun.

Blast from the Past is a 1950s style diner that opened back in 2004. According to owners Linda and Larry Morin, car people approached them shortly after that and asked if they would hold a

Cruise Night. At the time, Larry owned a 1930 Ford Dicky. They agreed to do it a year or so later, and have now been running Cruise Nights for the last 13 years. Blast from the Past provides the space, and every new car that cruises in receives a dash plaque commemorating their participation. Each car entrant receives a coupon for 20 percent off their meal, and red raffle ticket to win door prizes - T-shirts, gift certificates, etc. "Roughly every 1 in 10 cars gets a door prize," Larry said. The Morins also have a DJ on hand, who plays music during the event every week. In addition, they also sell blue raffle tickets. The money collected from these blue raffle tickets goes back out to the community, in \$50 increments during the drawing at the end of the evening. All this is provided by Blast from the Past.

"We're happy to do it," said (Continued on page 3)



Blast From the Past owner Larry Morin gives Bob Reece of Old Orchard Beach his raffle tickets and dinner discount card as he enters Cruise Night at the diner in Waterboro with his 1953 Chevy truck.

Mainely Rustic

By JOANNE BARGIONI

Sharon Tombarelli and her husband Steve have realized a dream by opening Mainely Rustic in Shapleigh. As its name implies, it is a furniture, home décor and gift store with a Maine rustic theme.

Tombarelli was a dental hygienist in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts and at the advice of a friend bought a cabin on Loon Pond. She and her husband loved the area and were looking for a change from the hectic city life. They started looking for a property they

prise, but could not find the right location. Then they came across the property owned by Roger Berube on 63 A Emery Mills Road and knew this was the place.

Tombarelli had no retail experience and under the encouragement of some local business owners decided to take the plunge. One shop owner gave her a sign to encourage her which read "Courage is taking those first steps in your dream even if you can't see the path ahead." She used that sign as inspiration when looking for a property and it hangs proudly in her store as a reminder not



Sharon Tombarelli in her Mainely Rustic store on Emery Mills Road in Shapleigh.

PHOTO BY JOANNE BARGIONI



Haying the Hicks field in Newfield, from left, Bruce Bryant, Micah Bryant, Michael Bryant and Terry Orr.

PHOTO BY C.J. PIKE

Haying time in Newfield

By C.J. PIKE

Bruce Bryant of Newfield started having in the early 50's at the Hall Farms in East Dixfield, where he grew up. And, in those days, if you were raised on a farm, it was just part of life back then, and I can see that it still is today.

At that time, the hay was loose, and it took more work to cut it

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Knights of Columbus Council 8868 will be conducting their annual TOOTSIE ROLL FUNDRAISER for Special Olympic programs at SAD 6, 55 & 57 on Aug. 9 & 10 at the following locations: Call's Shop'n Save, Cornish, Limerick Supermarket, Limerick, The Milk Room, Waterboro, Plummer's Shop'n Save, Buxton. For more info email Bill Heaney, KofC Council 8868 at wheaney69@gmail.com or call 256-4735.

OPEN MIC Sat., Aug. 10, at 7 p.m., at the Hiram Community Center, 14 Historical Ridge, Hiram, donations welcome, snacks & soft beverages available or BYOB. FMI call 625-4549.

CRAFT FAIR & ART IN **THE BARN** The Waterborough Historical Society will hold its annual Craft Fair and Art in The Barn at the Taylor/Frey/Leavitt House Museum, 6 Old Alfred Road at the intersection of Route 5 in Waterboro, Saturday, Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. There will also be lunch tables and museum tours.

JENNIFER PORTER - Saturday, Aug. 10 at 7:30 pm, Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. Tickets: \$15.

Reservations call 929-6472 or www.sacorivertheatre.org. Join SRT's own Independent Music Award nominee Jennifer Porter and her new band for an intimate evening featuring songs from her recent album, "These Years." You'll hear Texas and Louisiana Blues, Soul, Country, Jazz, and more, sung and played as only Jennifer can!!

SUMMER CONCERT SE-**RIES** at the Parsons Memorial Library continues on Sunday, Aug. 11 at 2 p.m. for a concert with "Acoustic Bourbon", a group of local musicians. This program is free to all, funded by the Jose Fenderson Trust. Parsons Memorial Library is located at 27 Saco Road, Alfred.

"MYSTERIES BY MAINE AUTHORS" series, presented by the Parsons Memorial Library and the Waterboro Public Library concludes on Monday Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parsons Memorial Library. The current title is "Cold Hard News" by Maureen Millien. Call the library to register and come in to pick up a copy of the book. Alfred 324-2001, Waterboro 247-3363. This program is offered to Maine libraries through the Maine Humanities Council in partnership with the Maine State

SUPPORT GRIEVING FAMILIES The Center for Grieving Children is currently seeking volunteers for our Fall Sanford facilitator training. Those interested in learning more are invited to attend a one hour Orientations in Sanford on Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 5 to 6 p.m. FMI or to register, contact Beth at volunteer@cgcmaine.org.

REMINISCING HISTORY Thursday, Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Limerick Brick Town House on Main Street. Join six Limerick residents for an evening of 'how it was then' reminiscing. Learn about local history from those who lived it!

CHURCH ANNUAL SER-VICE The annual service at the historic Old Corner Church, corner of Federal Street and West Road in Waterboro, will be held Sunday, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. Rev. Philip Bean will deliver the sermon and with his wife Norma provide special music. Following the service and refreshments, Friends of Old Corner Church will have its annual business meeting. Those interested in joining the effort to preserve the 1804 landmark are encouraged to attend and participate in various plans for repair, fundraising and utilization of the church for community events. For more details, call Bud Jamieson at 247-3635.

The next meeting of the LY-MAN HISTORICAL SOCI-ETY will be Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Lyman Community Library. Visit us at Funky Bow on Aug. 16, 17, and 18 for some new Theodore Lyman ale! Check out coming events for the Lyman Historical Society on Facebook.

QUILT SHOW Saturday, Aug. 24 from 9:30 to 3:30 p.m., Standish Congregational Church, 25 Oak Hill Rd, Standish. Quilts, raffle, lunch and vendors. Sponsored by Lakeside Quilters, Standish. FMI 637-2675.

BAKED BEAN & CHOP SUEY SUPPER Saturday, Aug. 31 at the First Congregational Church of Kennebunk, in the church's Ober Hall at 141 North Street. The supper will be held from 4:30-6 p.m., (or once food is sold out), The costs are \$8 per adult, and \$4 per child under age 12. The church members will be serving baked beans, hotdogs, American chop suey, coleslaw, bread, beverage and dessert. The remaining dates are: Sept. 28, and Oct. 26. All are welcome at First Church. For directions or more information, you may call the church office on Tuesdays at 967-3897 or visit www.firstchurchkport.org.

Saco River Theatre



OF SLIDE: Rory Block & Cindy Cashdollar

Internationally acclaimed blues artist Rory Block has committed her life and her career to preserving the Delta blues tradition and bringing it to life for 21st century audiences around the world. A traditionalist and an innovator at the same time, she wields a fiery and haunting guitar and vocal style that redefines the boundaries of acoustic blues and folk. She has won 5 Blues Music Awards, been heralded as "a living landmark" by the Berkeley Express, "a national treasure" by Guitar Extra, and "one of the greatest living acoustic blues artists" by Blues Revue. The New York Times declared: "Her playing is perfect, her singing otherworldly as she wrestles with ghosts, shadows and legends" and the Blues Foundation stated: "Today she is widely regarded as the top female interpreter and authority on traditional country blues worldwide."

Dobro, steel guitar and lap steel player Cindy Cashdollar's career has taken some surprising twists and turns that have led her to work with many leading artists in various genres; including Ryan Adams, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, Dave Alvin, Rod Stewart, Albert Lee, Asleep At The Wheel, Marcia Ball, Jorma Kaukonen, Leon Redbone, BeauSoleil, Daniel Lanois, Redd Volkaert, & Peter Rowan. Cindy's unerring ability to perfectly complement a song or step out with a tasteful, imaginative, and exciting solo - and to do it in so many musical genres – has made her one of the most in-demand musicians on the American roots music scene.

Saturday, Aug. 24 at 7:30 pm, Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. Tickets: \$15. Reservations call 929-6472 or www. sacorivertheatre.org.

SISTERS

MAMA MIA'S ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PIZZA AND PAS-TA DINNER Friday night, 5 to 7 p.m. at Henry Hall on the York County Shelter Program's campus.The public suppers, served from June until mid-August, benefit YCSP. They have been served for 26 years. Dinner features delicious homemade spaghetti sauce and pizza, salad, bread and pie. Adults, \$10; children, 3 to 11, \$5; children under 3, free. FMI, call Scott Davis, Food Services Director, at 324-1137 or e-mail him at scottd@ycspi.org.

> TAYLOR/FREY/LEAVITT HOUSE MUSEUM, 6 Old Alfred Road at the intersection with Sokokis Trail, Waterboro Center, will be open each Saturday morning from 9 to noon through Sept. 21. Admission is free with donations appreciated. The 1850 home is on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum campus includes the 1817 Deering Schoolhouse and the 19th Century blacksmith shop where blacksmith Sam Smith is at work. The barn and ell of the house contain antique cobbler, optician and barber shops. For more information, contact Jim Carll at 247-5878.

ONGOING EVENTS

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POETRY WORKSHOP,

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MONDAY WRITERS at the Waterboro Public Library, first Monday of every month (when the library is open) 6-8 p.m. All writers are welcome. Bring a short piece to read and discuss.

POETRY WORKSHOP, Limerick Public Library, 2nd Thurs. of every month at 6:30-8 p.m. All poets from beginners to advanced are invited to bring an original poem to discuss.

SMOKING CESSATION SESSIONS There's never been a better time to quit. Southern Maine Health Care offers a smoking cessation program involving one-on-one sessions designed to offer the tobacco user all the information and tools required to become tobacco free. The Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist will offer insights into smoking habits, stress and the relationship it has to smoking, as well as nicotine replacement options available. Ongoing support is also valuable in guiding the tobacco user to become tobacco free. Individualized Sessions at SMHC Pulmonology, 9 Healthcare Drive, Biddeford. Call 283-6408 to schedule an appointment.

UPCOMING EVENTS at the wellness studio

Sunday, August 11 Free wellness event, 1-3pm

View our wellness studio and tour our facility. Meet the practitioners. Get free mini acupuncture treatment! Purchase natural herbal skin care products from Ashwood Herbals!

Tuesday, August 13 Qi Gong 5 Element Workshop, 9-11am

with Dennis Fallo, Tai Chi for Life certified instructor. This fun, easy to learn program is geared for mature adults who want to improve balance, breathing, and quality of life!

Thursday, August 22 Emotion Code Workshop, 6-8pm

with Dowser, Glen Johnson. Learn how to identify and release emotions that lead to illness. Great for anyone who wants to improve their health.

Thursdays beginning in September Yoga for All Bodies, 10-11am

with Kelcy McNamara. This class is designed for everyone. You'll be invited to explore forms and make choices based on how you feel. Costs \$65 for the 5 week series.

Pre-registration required. Contact 207-651-9952

Mondays beginning September 9

with Dirigo Therapeutic Movement instructor, Meghan Dube. This low-impact stretch class is designed for adults of all ages with a focus on areas that carry all the daily stresses of life. Cost: \$120/12 weeks (\$12 Drop-in Rate)



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HAYING

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and bring it into the barn. It wasn't until the 1970's when technology improved and today it is far more

The price of farm equipment to mow hay has changed, too. Back in the day, good equipment might cost as much as \$400. But today's mowing equipment has taken quite a jump and a farmer can pay as much as \$20,000.

Bruce Bryant and his family own the Newfield farm known as Hilltop Boilers, and in addition to the maple syrup and products that they produce, they also have Scottish Highland Cattle and other live-

According to Michael Bryant, Bruce's son, they do the haying for several fields in the area, including Newfield, Waterboro, Limerick, and Cornish. They have three major fields in Newfield, one of which is the Hicks Field, that Charlie Hicks once owned. This is his 39th year mowing that field on Route 11.

All of the fields are fertilized once a year and sometimes they are even fertilized a second time between the cuttings. Rain plays the most important part in having, if there is a lot of rain, then they will get more hay.

On any given year, they may get from 10,000 to 12,000 bales, which they use to feed their cattle and sell some to horse farmers.

I haven't seen too many people haying these days, but it reminded me of the days when my grandfather did the haying in Bridgton across from our house.

I remember those hot summer days when he and his family were out in the fields early to get it done. He had a truck with a big hay wagon attached to it, and his brothers and nephews used to come down to help him. Of course, the three Pike kids would climb aboard the hay wagon, too, and we didn't quit until the wagon was piled high with the hay and we were sitting on top. Then he would take it into the barn

and with pitchforks the men would all pitch it up to the hayloft. It was quite a week, but we all loved it, and were out there every day.

My brother Kim Pike remembered when he worked with Gramp in the 1970's and having was a little different. The family would pitch the loose hay into the pick up truck. Once it was full, they would take it into the barn where there was a rig to lift it into the hay loft. It took several trips back and forth. Gramp always had a full barn of horses, so he needed plenty of hay for the winter.

Back in the early 1700's, it was one of the most dreaded chores on the farm. It had to be hand cut and hand raked, and farmers could only harvest about an acre a day. It was necessary for farmers to hay the fields if they had animals on the farm, in order to feed them.

According to the Haystack Historical Society, hay has always been an important product for Maine farms. The state's climate and soil make it a good place for growing hay grasses. In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Maine supplied hay to farmers up and down the East coast. In addition, farmers sold hay to logging operations in northern Maine, and in 1940 Maine produced about the same amount of hay it had in

It's still a way of life for most farmers, and still requires a lot of work. Bryant's having crew consisted of Terry Orr, Micah Bryant, Michael Bryant and Bruce Bryant drove the tractor. It is a real team effort, and more bearable than in the past, but with the temperature and high humidity this year, I'm sure it must have been tough being out there in the hot sun all day, every day. I guess you might say that it was a real endurance test to get the job done, 'come rain or shine.'

Band concert

Newfield Historical Society will hold a band concert with the group Soulshne on Saturday, Aug. 17, at the bandstand at 70 Elm Street, starting at 4 p.m.

Soulshine plays 60's, 70's and 80's music so it should be a lively afternoon of great music. The event is free and is open to the public. The Artifacts building will also be open. Sausage with peppers and onions, popcorn, and ice cream bars will be for sale. Bring a chair.



Cruise Nights are held every Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Blast From the Past diner on Route 5 in Waterboro through Sept. 6.

PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA MATTHEWS

week." They also come from Lebanon, New Hampshire, Burlington, Vermont and Massachusetts. Linda explained that there is a group that comes from up north for Father's Day every year. It's part of their tour. "It's free entertainment for the evening," they added. Certainly, there are plenty of people there, enjoying the atmosphere. Some people view the cars before or after they eat dinner in the diner, but not everyone goes in the diner to eat. The number of cars and people viewing depends largely on the weather. If the weather is rainy, people tend to stay home, but "If the weather is nice, that tends to draw people in," Linda said. As a result, the number of cars varies each week. This summer, there has been as many as 140 cars on one night!

One thing's for sure, the parking lot is full of cars to look at, and it's always a good time. "There are more trucks now and bigger old cars," reported Linda. "Not as many hotrods." She added, "There are some younger people coming in now." And a lot of people come in off the street to look each week!

Blast from the Past is located on 114 Sokokis Trail (Route 5) in East Waterboro. They are open every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Friday night Cruise Nights will continue through Sept. 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. The season ends with a Brownie Sundae Cruise Night. If you miss it this year, be sure to look for the signs in the spring -Cruise night season will start back up again the third week of May.

For more information, check out their websiteat www.blastfromthepastme.com or find them on Facebook.



Beach.

The Limerick-Newfield Lions - Aug. 8, at the Newfield Historical Society building at 64 Elm Street at 7 p.m.

and Lisa's Pizza in Old Orchard

According to their website,

"this is a great opportunity for

people to connect and talk while

browsing through the many mod-

els of antique cars at no charge."

"Some people have been coming

for years," said Larry. "We've

aged together! It attracts people

from all over," Larry continued.

"There's a group that comes from

Rochester, New Hampshire every

Newfield Firefighters - Aug. 8, at 85 Water St. at 7 p.m. call Dave at 793-2055

Newfield Selectmen - Aug. 13 at 23 So. Effingham Road at West Newfield Town Hall at 6 p.m.

Other meetings will be held at their regular times.

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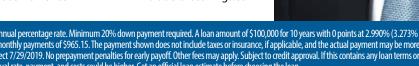
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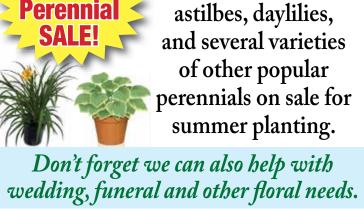


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Walk to Raise the **Roof in Limerick**

County's "Walk to Raise the Roof and Pancake Breakfast in Limerick" to raise funds to purchase building materials for the new home, being built on Range E Road in Limerick is Saturday, Aug. 10.

Registration for the walk is from 8:30 a.m. at the St. Matthews Church, 19 Dora Lane in Limerick. The .5 or 2.5 walk begins at 9 a.m. and goes around Pickerell Pond in Limerick. The event also includes a pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Range E Road build is Habitat for Humanity of York County's 30th homebuilding project. Habitat's 29th home building project in Springvale is underway and will be completed in late August. To undertake two home constructions in a year represents a 100 percent increase in Habitat for Humanity of York County's historic housing production, and they are committed to maintaining this level of service in York County.

To build affordable, energy-efficient homes, Habitat utilizes volunteer labor, donations of money and material, and the help of the Habitat homeowner. Habitat is responsible for land development, procuring all materials and hiring the necessary licensed services to build the home (electrician, plumber, etc.).

Habitat for Humanity of York A construction manager trains and leads volunteers building alongside our partner family throughout the construction of the home. Each home costs approximately \$200.000 to build.

> Sarah Juarez and her three children have been chosen as the Habitat partner family for the new Range E Road home. Partner families contribute 400 sweat equity hours, working side by side with volunteers to build the home that will save them money on utilities over time. The family also participates in financial and homeowner education classes. Upon completion of partnership requirements and the new home, the family purchases the home through an affordable mortgage which is recycled to support the construction of future Habitat homes.

> Online registration and sponsorship opportunities for the Walk to Raise the Roof are available at www.habitatyorkcounty.org. For more information on the event, call 985-4850.

> There are many opportunities to volunteer on the Range E Road Build, at the ReStore, special events or assisting with weatherizations. Anyone interested in participating or donating to Habitat is encouraged to call the HF-HYC office at 985-4850 or visit the website at www.habitatyork-

LETTERS

Green Party

It's time to take another look at the Green Party. Environmental issues are on the minds of many of us these days. Concern for melting glaciers, fossil fuels, loss of bees to pollinate our crops, species extinction and a plethora of things related to climate change are facing us all. The Maine Green Independent Party has been speaking about these issues for years. With the two parties dominating the political stage, while doing little, the voice of the

Greens has been stifled. Now that Ranked Choice Voting is in place, the time is ripe to hear the voice that has been whispering the environmental message we all want to hear. Here in York County, and all over Maine, Greens are ready to lead the way to a clean, sustainable future. Check us out on the York County Green Independent Committee page on facebook and on the web at MaineGreens.org.

Respectfully submitted,

- Gil Harris Limerick

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August book group

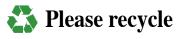
The Parsons Memorial Library reading group meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm. The next meeting will be on Aug. 26 and the title is Educated by Tara Westover.

"Tara Westover is living proof that some people are flat-out, boots-always-laced-up indomitable. Her new book, Educated, is a heartbreaking, heartwarming, best-in-years memoir about striding beyond the limitations of birth and environment into a better life. . . . ★★★★ out of four."—USA

The library has copies to lend. Call or e-mail the library to reserve one at 324-2001, email alflib@roadrunner.com or message them on Facebook. The library is located at 27 Saco Road in Alfred and is open Monday and Wednesdays from 3 to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bakery now open

The Shaker Hill Bakery at 7 George Road, off the Shaker Hill Road, opened its doors on Friday, Aug. 2. The bakery is an important part of York County Shelter Programs (YCSP). It is staffed by volunteers, and it is also a job skills training site for shelter residents. The bakery offers breads, rolls, cookies, whoopie pies, fruit pies and more. It is open Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through November. For more info call 324-8811. All revenue supports YCSP.



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to give up. She opened the store last year.

Meet and dreet for Deputy Sevigny

The Town of Shapleigh is holding a Meet and Greet hour to welcome Deputy Gregg Sevigny, Shapleigh and Acton York County Sheriff 's Officer, on Aug. 20 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Town Hall, 22 Back Rd. Light refreshments will be served. This is a good opportunity to meet our new Deputy if you have not already done so.

Kitty Whist

The Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society is holding a Kitty Whist every Wednesday evening at the ASHS headquarters, 122 Emery Mills Road. The Whist begins at 6 p.m. and all are welcome. If you do not know how to play Whist they will be happy to show you how.

New day care opens

Murphy's Tiny Fingers-N-Toes Daycare, 651 Back Rd., is now licensed and opened on Aug. 5. The owner, Tatiana Murphy, has studied Early Childhood Education at college and has a bachelors degree. She is CPR/first aid certified. She provides daycare for children from 6 weeks to 12 years of age. For more information call 229-8596.

LETTERS

Thank you to all

The Arundel Historical Society recently held an event on July 11 called "Cars and Cocktails" at Bentley's Auto Museum in Arundel. It was a benefit for the Society, with great food, good drink, and entertainment, along with a silent and live auction. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those would made this gala

Without the energy and hard work of Linda Zuke of Weirs Motors this event would never have happened. She was committed to seeing that it was successful and it was because of her dedication and perseverance successful it was. We are appreciative of Bentley Warren hosting the event and donating the venue. He helped us set up the event and unknown to many, has been supportive of our bean suppers throughout the years. He is truly a community partner and for this we are great-

We had help from many business sponsors in the community among them being: Arundel Ford, Weirs Buick GMC, Kennebunk Savings Bank, Red Apple Campground, Bradbury Brothers Market, Batson River Brewing and Distilling, Cape Arundel Cottage Preserve, Carl R. Perkins Paving, Champion Auto Body, Kasprzak Insurance, P&C Insurance, Superior Pest Services, Thomas and Lord, and Zuke Roofing. Thanks to you all.

The delicious food for the event was prepared by German Lucarelli of The Lost Fire, David Angenend of Texas Grace, and longtime supporters of the AHS, The Lobster Company, who supplied a beautiful raw bar.

Our musical entertainment was provided by the Doublecross Duo who did an exceptional job. Our auctioneer, Jo O'Connor, made sure the price was right in our live auction. Many area businesses and private donors gave to our silent auction. We are grateful for their donations.

And last but not least, thanks to our friends and neighbors who volunteered their time and talent to make this event a success.

As always we would like to remind everyone when doing their shopping try to keep it local and support our businesses. These businesses are the economic fabric of our community and are what makes our part of Maine a great place to live.

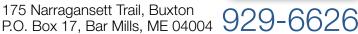
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Five new categories create additional opportunities to recognize and celebrate the citizen volunteers who better Maine

The Maine Commission for Community Service is seeking nominations for all categories of the annual Governor's Service Awards. The goal of these awards is to celebrate and honor the exemplary work and leadership of Maine's dedicated citizens of all ages.

Since 1987, the Governor's Awards for Service and Volunteerism have celebrated and recognized the role of citizen volunteers in the success and vitality of Maine communities. At the same time, the awards seek to inspire others to be active in civic life and follow in the footsteps of those recognized.

This year, the Commission is introducing five new nomination categories to better acknowledge the individuals and organizations that champion Maine's volunteerism efforts. The new categories are Employee Volunteer of the Year, Outstanding Volunteer Team, Excellence in Youth Service Development, Outstanding Employee Volunteer Program, and Service Enterprise of the Year.

In total, 11 award recipients are selected from nominations by a panel of volunteer reviewers. The panel includes past award recipients, Commission members and community representatives.

Also new for 2019, the awards for outstanding individual volunteers and organizational volunteer programs will be presented at the Maine Volunteer Leadership Conference on Oct. 15 in Orono. This move will allow the Commission to celebrate Maine's volunteer role models and their inspirational stories with the largest audience possible. The individual awards were previously presented at the Capitol in April.

Recipients of the 2018 Governor's Awards for Service and Volunteerism include Freeport Community Services, Outstanding Non-profit Volunteer Program Award; Alex Schin of Ellsworth, Outstanding National Service Volunteer; Howard Bliss of Brunswick, Volunteer of the Year; and Ruthie Gusler of Phillips, Youth Volunteer of the Year.

Visit http://volunteermaine. org/governors-service-awards/ for more information on the Governor's Service Awards, including categories, nomination instructions, eligibility and selection criteria. The awards program is managed for the Governor's Office by the Maine Commission for Community Service.

The Maine Commission for Community Service builds capacity and sustainability in Maine's volunteer sector by funding service programs, developing volunteer managers and service-learning practitioners, raising awareness of the scope and the impact of the volunteer sector, and encouraging an ethic of service. To learn more about the Maine Commission for Community Service visit our website at www.maineservicecommission.gov.



Partners Bank Part-Time Teller, Kelly Nolette (right) was the July recipient of the Bank's monthly Employee Donation Program. Here, Bank President Blaine Boudreau presents her with a check for her selection, K9s on the Front Line.

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K9s on The Front Line receive donation

Partners Bank is proud to announce that K9s on The Front Line has been awarded the Bank's latest \$500 gift from its monthly Employee Donation Program. Kelly Nolette, who was randomly selected for the honor of naming an organization for July, is the 40th employee to participate in this program.

Maine-based nonprofit K9s on The Front Line provides certified, trained service dogs at no cost to military veterans who are affected by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and/or a traumatic brain injury (TBI). The dogs are trained (also at no cost to the veteran) to the specifications of the individual's needs by active and retired police K9 handlers, many of which have first-hand knowledge and experience with the effects of PTSD.

Nolette, a part-time teller at the Wells branch, chose K9s on The Front Line in honor of her close friend and former Sanford police officer, John Flewelling, who recently received an emotional support service dog from the nonprofit.

"Thank you, Kelly, for choos-

ing such a wonderful organization for this donation! Dogs have long been touted as 'man's best friend' and so it's no surprise that these animals make exceptional support partners for humans," says Partners Bank President & CEO Blaine Boudreau. "We are proud to support this program and help our veterans to overcome their stresses and maintain a normal lifestyle."

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Milltown Roadshow

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provoking, sometimes emotional and always energetic group is sure to deliver a memorable entertainment experience.

"Absolutely wonderful! They are the first band we book each summer because they put on such a nice show. We just love their music! I have no hesitation at all to recommend them." - Dea Dea Robbins, community concert series coordinator, Naples.

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The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1044 located in Biddeford recently received the Vietnam Veterans of America National Membership Award at their monthly meeting held on Aug. 4. This award is presented at the Vietnam Veterans of America National Convention each year to the chapter with the most new members in the 101 - 200 member classification. The award was presented to Conrad Letellier by John Foilz of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 908 out of Lynn, Massachusetts. Looking on is chapter president Joseph Armstrong. In photo, from left, Joseph Armstrong, John Foilz and **COURTESY PHOTO** Conrad Letellier.



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Grass and Plant Warnings

Most dogs and cats have a tendency to eat grass and plants, but did you know it can actually be harmful to your pet's digestive system? What is this "thing" you ask? GRASS! Most dogs have a tendency to go outside and munch

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on whatever they can find. But what is it actually doing to your pets? When a pet ingests any food that isn't full of the nutrients they need, such as dirt, grass, and flowers, it can cause severe stomach upset that may result in vomiting,

diarrhea, and even worse problems if it continues, such as severe gastro-intestinal upset and potentially even death. Now, one blade of grass is not going to do much harm but consistently eating grass and plants in large chunks will start to cause problems in due time.

The other major thing to consider now that it is summer is that flowers are growing is that many flowers can be poisonous to your pets. Plants such as lilies, marijuana, tulips, ivy, and rhododendrons can cause weakness, vomiting, kidney damage, incoordination, diarrhea and in severe cases death. Try to beware of any foreign thing you animal eats, and call your local vet if you notice any of the

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