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Stripers Making Comeback in Local Waters

Sport fish are returning to ocean and river waters after long absence

By Greg Latimer

Local rivers, including the Damariscotta and the Kennebec, as well as near-shore coastal waters, enjoyed a reputation of plentiful sport fish populations right up until the summer season of 2008, when suddenly the fish seemed to have vanished.

Smaller striped bass, known as “schoolies,” were commonly taken by boaters (on a catch-and-release basis) in numbers over 30 any afternoon when the tide was right. Larger stripers, measuring over 40 inches and ranging in weight from 30 to 50 pounds, were not uncommon for anglers using larger lures and bait.

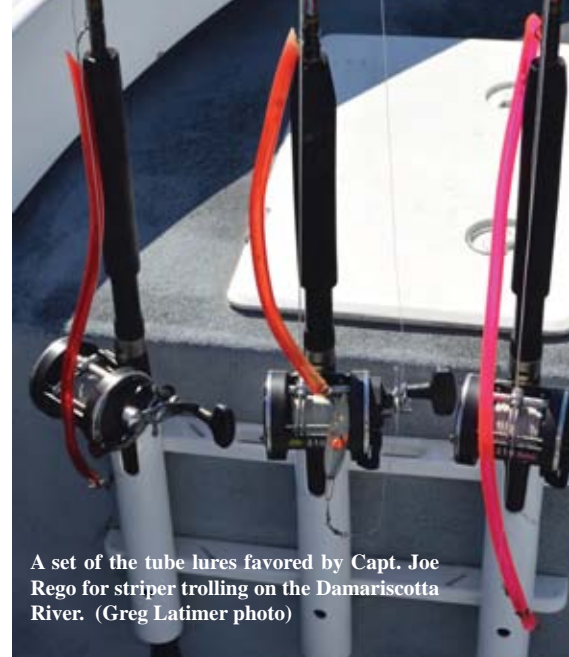
Highly aggressive and much sought after bluefish were common in the lower to middle rivers and in coastal waters, sometimes appearing well inland. In one case, a school of voracious bluefish took up summer residence in the Damariscotta River, well upriver of the Damariscotta-Newcastle Bridge – an unusual location for these open-water predators.

That’s why local anglers were initially surprised when their early-season fishing forays began yielding little or no fish in 2008. As the season wore on, fishermen hopeful for the sport fish to make a late-season arrival were still pulling fishless lures and untouched bait from local waters. Year after year, the trend continued, and many local sportsfishermen began to

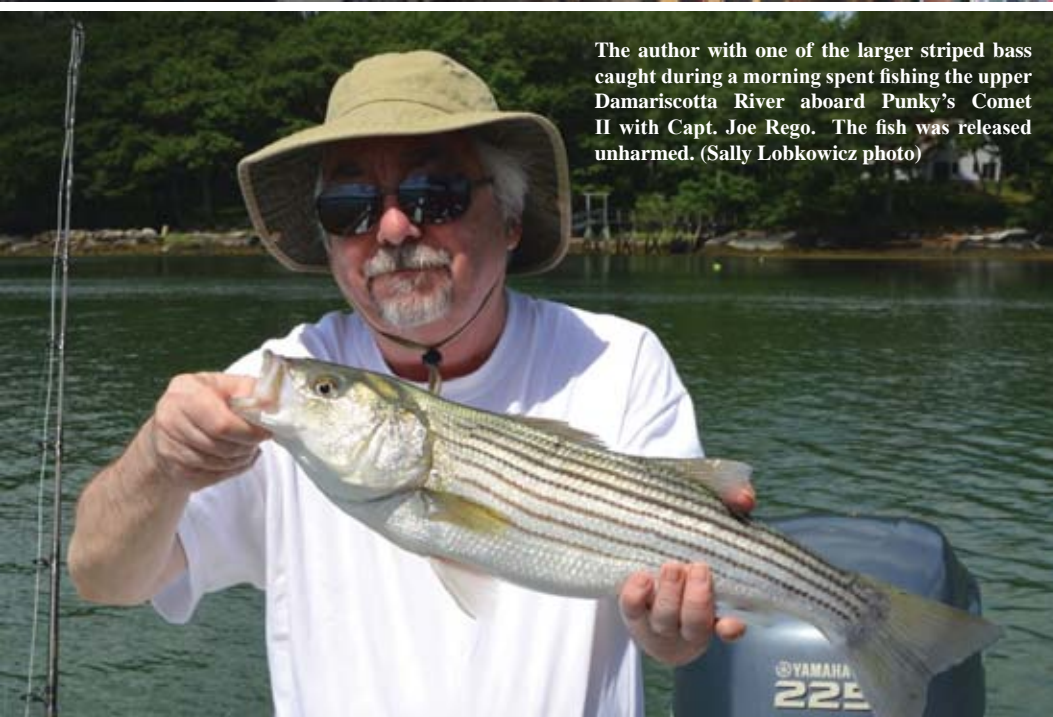
A “schoolie” striper is brought boatside after hitting a Rapala swimming lure. (Greg Latimer photo)



Capt. Joe Rego (right) and deckhand Patrick Davis search for Damariscotta River striped bass aboard Punky's Comet II. (Greg Latimer photo)



A set of the tube lures favored by Capt. Joe Rego for striper trolling on the Damariscotta River. (Greg Latimer photo)



The author with one of the larger striped bass caught during a morning spent fishing the upper Damariscotta River aboard Punky's Comet II with Capt. Joe Rego. The fish was released unharmed. (Sally Lobkowicz photo)

lose hope that the days of plenty would ever return.

There was no shortage of speculation on blame. Lax commercial fishing regulations in the mid-Atlantic states, from where stripers and bluefish originate, global climate change, and water pollution were all among the alleged contributors to the demise of seasonal river and coastal fishing in Lincoln County.

Then, beginning with a slow start in 2016, according to some fishing boat skippers, and becoming significantly more robust in the first months of the 2017 season, the fish began to return.

"We've started seeing half-day totals of over 30 fish (on a catch-and-release basis), and recently landed a 42-inch striped bass weighing in at 37 pounds," said Capt. Joe Rego of Damariscotta

Charters, operating aboard Punky's Comet II from the Schooner Landing Marina.

Rego has also picked up a few early-season bluefish near Dodge Point on the Damariscotta River—not the farthest upriver they've ever been reported, but still a considerable swim from the open coastal waters.

Capt. Dan Stevens of Blackjack Charters in Boothbay Harbor agrees with Rego's observations. "I noticed that the striper bite was starting to pick up last season and that the trend seems to be continuing," Stevens said. Stevens has also noticed more pogies (a bait fish) in the water and has heard tales of bluefish off the mouth of the Kennebec River.

Capt. Dan Wolotsky of Sweet Action Charters in Boothbay Harbor agrees

with his fellow sportfishing skippers. "We are definitely noticing more stripers," Wolotsky said, suggesting that anglers use a "top-water soft plastic for schoolies, with bait and heavier lures for bigger fish."

Rego uses a trademark tube lure that he tips with a marine worm and trolls slowly near the bottom of the Damariscotta River, with this method working for the larger striped bass. He also uses lures such as the Lunker City or Storm, with soft rubber tails that send out tempting vibrations to predators, and swimming lures such as the Rapala, with "rattle traps" that sound like fish in distress. Both the rubber tail and the swimming lures also have a side-to-side action, reflecting any sunlight from their colorful flanks.

According to Rego, the combination of sound and sight provided by the smaller lures, and the scent provided by the worm-tipped tubes, attract fish in the murky water of the upper Damariscotta River. When the water clears, he will often switch to top-water "poppers" or "plugs" with a vigorous surface action that bring on huge, iconic surface strikes.

Bright lure colors in shining sunlight and dark colors in cloudy conditions are another trick to nailing big fish, according to Rego.

While many of the schoolies are smaller than in times past, these local skippers, their customers, and the many other folks who fish these waters, are hoping that a good catch-and-release program (only stripers 28 inches or over, and only one per day per angler may be kept) and another season of growth for this season's schoolies will make 2018 a fishing season to remember in Lincoln County.



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THE KING'S HIGHWAY

Historic section of road in Sheepscot dates back to the 1600s

By Sally Lobkowicz

Most folks have probably never known that they are driving on Maine's oldest road when they pass through a neighborhood in Sheepscot.

The King's Highway, located off of Sheepscot Road in Sheepscot, is reported to be the oldest road in Maine over which present traffic may still travel. Sheepscot's section is only 1 mile long, and is a dead end. (Visitors to The King's Highway are encouraged to remember their motorist manners along this quiet section of road.)

The first settlers came to the area around 1623 and settled around a cleared peninsula on the east side of the Sheepscot River. By 1630, there were 50 families living at Sheepscot Plantation, or Sheepscot Farms, as it was known. A road running the whole length of the peninsula was laid out, probably using a Native American trail already in place, and some of the colonists' homes and farms were built there. Remnants of cellars of these original homes might still be found along the road.

In 1652, John Mason bought many Sheepscot acres of land from a Native American that the settlers named Robinhood (whose actual name was Rawmeagon Terrumquin Wescomonascoa Seawque Abumheanencon). Local Sagadahoc Sagamores (chieftains) of the Abenaki Tribe dubbed Mason "Dick-Swash," and "Jack Pudding" (or "Sheepscot John").

Part of this land was on this same peninsula along the Sheepscot River, called first Mason's Necke (the name of a settler there) and later Towne Necke. Mason's home was near the common area that the village had, surrounding a spring for fresh water. There was also a blacksmith shop and a mill, as well as a small stockade that they called Fort Anne. The local burial ground is now on the location of where the fort stood.

Commissioners of the Duke of York arrived in 1665 to claim land for the Duke that was under patent by the English crown. A great meeting was called at the home of Mason to organize a government. Boundaries were established, justices named, and the

area was named New Dartmouth.

In 1673, King Charles had asked the colonies to establish better communications between themselves and ordered his colonial governors to build acceptable trails. At this time, the first riding trail for mail delivery, The Boston Post Road, was made between Boston and New York, and was later called The King's Highway. These trails, following Native American paths already in existence, expanded from Georgia to Maine and provided a means of communication as well as commerce. Eventually, many parts of The King's Highway became what is now Route 1.

The little section of road on that peninsula in New Dartmouth (Sheepscot) became a part of The King's Highway at this time, and is still so named. During the Revolutionary War, many sections of The King's Highway were renamed, obviously, due to disfavor with the King.

This first Sheepscot settlement lasted until 1675, at which time a Native American armed offensive called King Phillip's War began raging through the countryside. All of the settlers fled, leaving their possessions and homes behind. Settlers began returning to the area in the early 1700s.

There are many King's Highways around the world, but aren't we lucky to have our own little mile of The King's Highway here in Lincoln County?

There is an interesting bit of colonial law associated with The King's Highway. If a bride were married in a shift or smock (nightgown) on the King's Highway, a creditor could follow her no further in pursuit of debt. This was called a "smock marriage." One such marriage was recorded in Lincoln County in 1767 when Sarah Cloutman and John Gatchell married on the King's Highway. These "smock marriages" usually took place at dusk out of regard for the lady's modesty.

Sources for this article include: "A Gazetteer of the State of Maine," by George J. Varney; "Between Two Rivers," by Arlene Cole; and francomaine.org/english/pres/pres_intro.html

The King's Highway intersection is shown in the left side of this scenic view of Sheepscot Village. (Greg Latimer photo)



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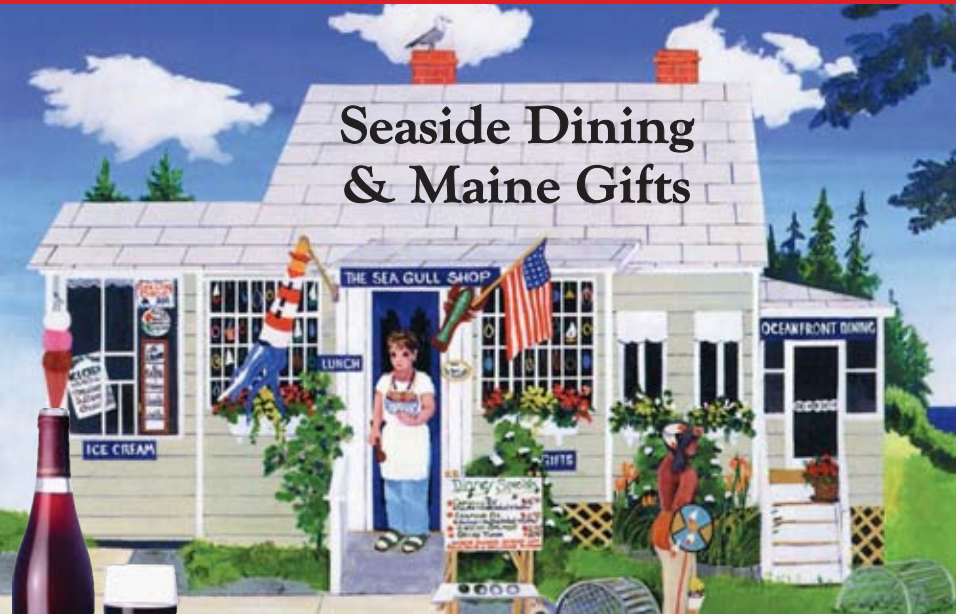
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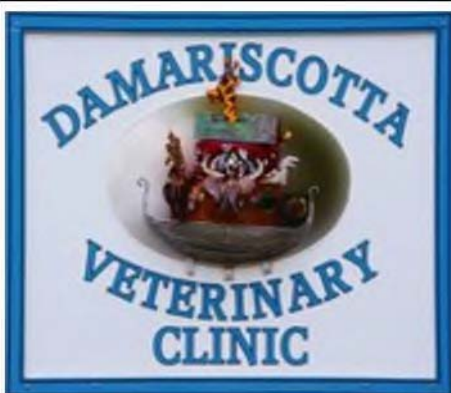
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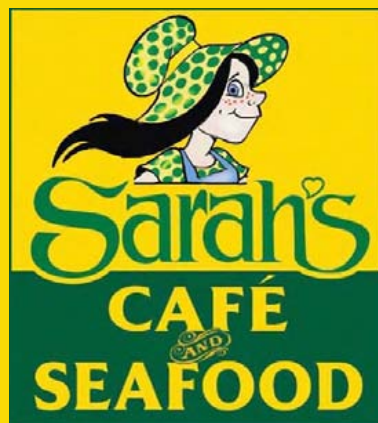
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TALES OF A TREE

*An oak tree in East Boothbay has 150 years
worth of stories to share*

By Mary Ellen Hare

One of the largest of its kind in the state, the big, old oak tree in wood turner Lou Landry's yard on Van Horn Road near Ocean Point in East Boothbay is 14 feet and three inches in circumference; four feet and 54 inches in diameter; and 88 feet high. It measures 114 feet in height. However, this tree is more than a large hardwood. It is a legacy. And, it is estimated to be over 150 years old.

After moving in and clearing the land on which his wife's grandfather had lived, Landry cut the spruces crowding the tree and gave it the spotlight in a cleared field behind what is now his own house on that land.

"I love that tree," said Landry, who over the years has given it care worthy of an arborist. "People come to my woodworking gallery and love to see the tree. People ride by to see it. It is beautiful in the fall, but I like it best in the winter when you can see all the branches."

Jan Santerre, the project canopy coordinator for the state of Maine, said in the summer of 2015 that this Northern red oak is considered to be the fourth biggest in the state, a statistic that may be moot since the Maine Department

of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry depends on the reporting of tree owners to determine rankings. Landry said another representative came out in 2016 and said that, while the tree had increased in size, people had called in with reports of even bigger oaks.

Santerre said the department gets 20 - 50 nominations a year, mostly for Eastern white pine and Northern red oak. Experience shows that trees don't talk. But this massive oak could tell tales from the past.

Once upon a time, let's say the 1930s, there were three little girls: Arlene, Lucy, Cynthia, and Marilyn, who lived in a big-enough house just across the road from their grandmother, Lucy Van Horn. Their mother, the Van Horns' only child, was named Lucy after her mother. When Lucy grew up and married, she moved across the street. As is fitting in such a tale, Lucy's daughter, Lucy-Ann Spaulding, now lives in the house where she grew up and across from the home of her aunt, the late Marilyn Van Horn Landry, who with her husband, Lou, occupied the land once owned by Norman Van Horn. A legacy.

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As it remains somewhat today, the area was wooded, with open fields and orchards stretching down to a big pond that reached to the waters of the Atlantic. Bordered by marshes and scattered with barns, ice houses, and all matter of farm machinery, the site the girls called home offered a wonderland for exploration.

Growing up in a house that still stands across the street from the wood shop, these girls were carefully guarded, especially Marilyn, who was the youngest. She was interviewed by this correspondent in the summer of 2015.

"I was the littlest and my mother kept a watchful eye on me," she said.

Marilyn recalled going across the street, where she later raised her own family, to pick apples in her grandfather's orchard, parts of which still stand. "We'd take a salt shaker with us and eat the apples right on the spot," she said.

Marilyn also remembered lazy summer days on Van Horn Road, where the old oak was her friend.

"I remember swinging on that old oak tree when I was just 7 years old. I climbed up a little way on it. But my sister, Arlene, she was the oldest, and she would climb all the way up," Marilyn said. "We called her a tomboy. She could beat up some of the boys and all of the girls. Except me."

The sisters played games and went swimming in the nearby pond or in Tibbetts' Cove in Linekin Bay, and in winter they enjoyed bobsledding and skating parties on the pond.

"Arlene would make freezer ice cream with snow and we'd invite the neighbor kids. My grandmother would make our mittens. She could make most anything, and she was a great cook," Marilyn said.

In addition to farming, Marilyn's grandfather, Norman Van Horn, took care of cottages for the summer folk at Ocean Point.

"My grandfather would take a horse and buggy, and in the spring he'd meet people down at the Steamboat Wharf at the end of the road and take them to their cottages," Marilyn said. "He'd fetch them milk and wood and act as caretaker when they were gone. This road was dirt then, an awful road, rutty and awful."

Marilyn's father was a fisherman who also worked at the shipyard and helped his father-in-law with the

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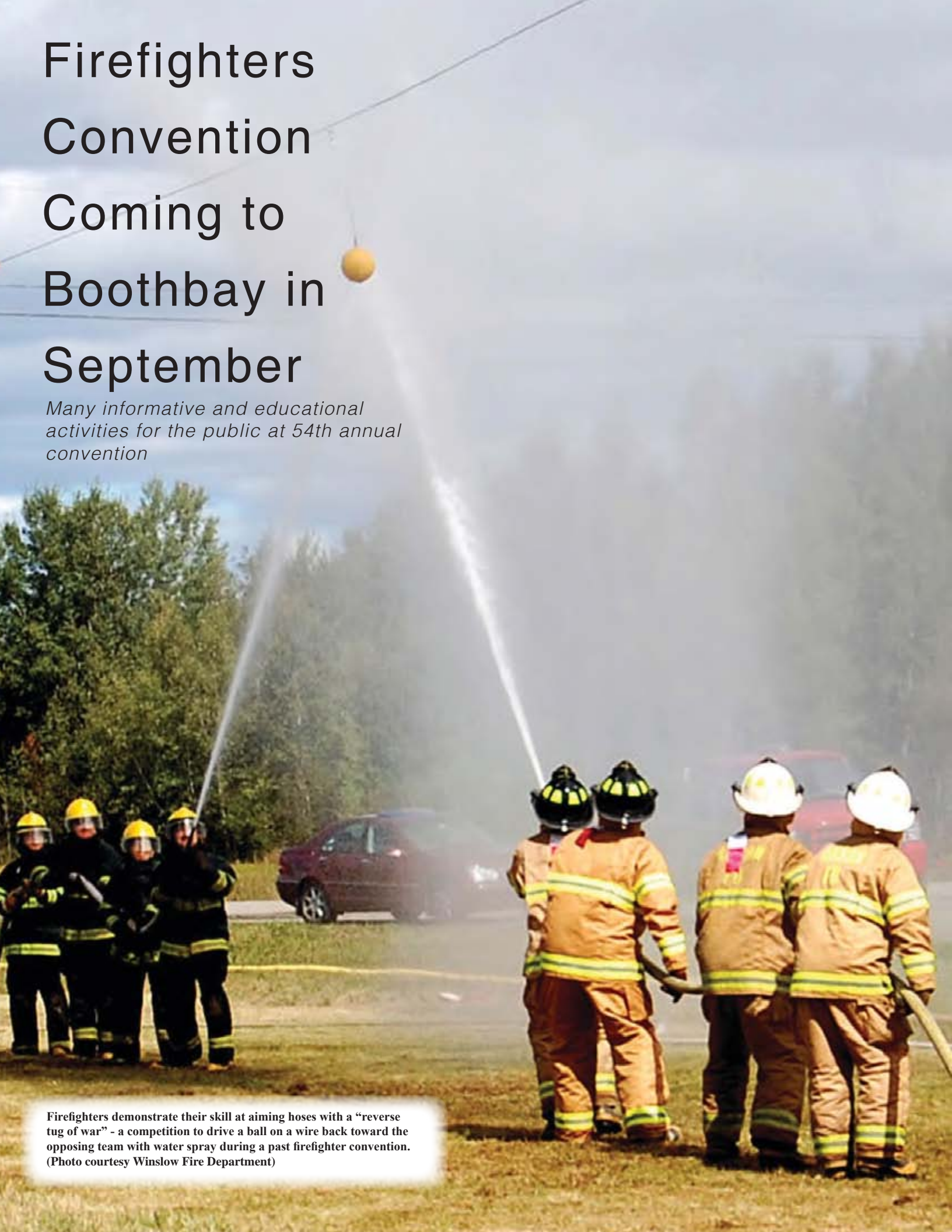
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From the 2007 Maine State Federation of Firefighters Convention held in Winslow a group of firefighters participated in the Bucket Brigade, one of the "fun" activities. (Photo courtesy Winslow Fire Department)

The Maine State Federation of Firefighters Convention promotes training, the mutual aid system fire departments have all over the state, and the way in which firefighters work together.

The federation's 54th annual convention, held in the Boothbay area this year, is expected to be both educational and exciting. From Sept. 7 - 10, the convention will inform the public in a fun and interactive environment how firefighting works. All fire departments from Lincoln County, and others around the state, will participate, according to Capt. John Long, event chairman and a Boothbay firefighter. One of the pivotal events of the convention will be the firefighters' muster.

The muster is a fun competition between fire department teams, but it also demonstrates the important role cooperation plays in life-threatening circumstances. Firefighters in complete turnout gear roll hoses, hit targets with pressurized water, and work together to complete certain tasks.

Firefighters roll out hoses and hook them up in a timed race. They have to charge the lines and shoot targets to gain points.

There will be a reverse tug-of-war, where teams fire pressurized water on a target ball connected to a cable.

Long said there is also a mystery event. Firefighting teams will not know what this event is until they have to participate. He said it is a great exercise to test firefighters from different departments in their abilities to work with one another.

Many people don't have the chance to see firefighters at work, so it is also a chance for people not involved in a fire department



Three recent female graduates of the Lincoln County Fire Academy: (from left) Christine Hilton, Chantalle Levertu, and Caitlin Sheperd.

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Firefighters Convention Schedule

Thursday September 7

10 a.m.

Golf tournament at Boothbay Harbor Country Club

5 p.m.

Scenic harbor cruise (Board of Directors meeting at Cap'n Fish following harbor cruise)

Friday September 8

7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Antique judging at Boothbay Harbor Town Garage on Middle Road

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

911 memorial service at Boothbay Region High School athletic field

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Registration and vendors at Boothbay Region YMCA

7 p.m. to finish

Annual delegates meeting: Boothbay Region High School

Saturday September 9

7 - 9 a.m.

Antique judging at Boothbay Harbor Town Garage on Middle Road

7 - 9:30 a.m.

Parade registration and line-up at Boothbay Region High School and activity field

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Vendors open at Boothbay Region YMCA

10 a.m.

Parade starts at Boothbay Region High School and continues through in-town Boothbay Harbor

1 - 3 p.m.

Fire apparatus and demonstration show at Boothbay Region High School

5 - 6 p.m.

Social hour at Ocean Point Marina with shuttles at Boothbay Region High School

6 - 11 p.m.

Dinner and dance at Ocean Point Marina

Sunday September 10

8 - 9:30 a.m.

Registration for muster and demonstrations at Boothbay Region High School

8:30 a.m.

Muster at Boothbay Region High School

8 a.m. to noon

Vendors open at Boothbay Region YMCA



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Above left: Kathleen Horst — “The Wave,” watercolor

Above right: Kathleen Horst — “Sunset’s Glow on Monhegan,” watercolor



Above left: Will Kefauver — “Roiling II,” oil on linen

Above right: Marnie Sinclair — “The Maine Island,” resin sculpture

Right: Will Kefauver — “Dinghy,” oil on canvas

Artists of the Bristol Road Galleries

The Bristol Road Galleries is a collaboration of four artists on Damariscotta’s Bristol Road. They are oil painter Will Kefauver, watercolorists Jan Kilburn and Kathleen Horst, and sculptor Marnie Sinclair. All four galleries are within walking distance of each other, making it convenient for gallery strollers to find and appreciate beautiful original art depicting the best of Midcoast Maine. The artists have been welcoming visitors and producing art exhibits and demos as a group since 2014. Their varied styles, mediums, and subject matter offer an eclectic and compelling array of work for visitors to explore and appreciate.

Kilburn spends most of her time painting the seacoast of Maine and New Hampshire. When she is not painting outside, which she prefers, she is at home in her studio painting or teaching watercolor classes. Monhegan Island, where she spends early summers, is one of her favorite painting locales.

Kefauver is the president of the Pemaquid Group of Artists. His gallery features his work and the work of guest artists. He teaches teens and adults in oils and acrylics in his studio, and conducts plein air workshops in beautiful



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Midcoast locations. His work depicts the moods of the landscapes of Maine and New England, from the rugged barns and beaches of the Midcoast, to the silver birches of a Vermont river.

Sinclair is a process artist who works in many different mediums. Sculpture is her preferred medium and she is currently exhibiting a collection of sculptures on the effects of climate change, titled “Balance & Imbalance.” Sinclair provides the backstory for each sculpture, explaining the magic of plant intelligence, and how nature cooperates and adapts to survive.

Horst is a watercolorist. Visitors to the Kathleen Horst Studio Gallery on Bristol Road will find paintings of coastal landscapes, hillsides covered in spring flowers, and portraits of homes, from historic Victorian mansions to rustic seaside cottages. She takes commissions for custom portraits of homes, cottages, and boats. Horst has recently been painting iconic Damariscotta landmarks, such as Waltz’s Soda Fountain and King Eider’s Pub, available as originals or prints.

The Bristol Road Galleries are: the Kefauver Studio & Gallery (144 Bristol Road), the Jan Kilburn Gallery (168 Bristol Road), The Sinclair Gallery (172 Bristol Road), and the Kathleen Horst Studio Gallery (179 Bristol Road), all in Damariscotta. Parking is free at all four galleries. For more information, go to bristolroadgalleries.com or call 226-0974.



Above left: Jan Kilburn —“Privet Dock,” watercolor

Above right: Jan Kilburn —“Poets Cottage,” watercolor

Right: Marnie Sinclair —“Tidal Drift,” acrylic

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Kids' Craft



(From left) Natasha, Jack, Ireland, and Maddy Heller add color to their batch of Moon Sand. (Greg Latimer photo)

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Place the flour in a bowl and add the oil, combining until the oil is totally mixed in. Test it by seeing if a little bit will stick together in your hand. If not, add a bit more oil. Any type of shallow container will work well for you to use as a play surface. This dough may be shaped and reshaped, stored, and reused over and over; just keep it in an airtight container.

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Firefighters Convention

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to learn something new.

The convention will also offer people glimpses of firefighting history, will show some of the equipment used by fire departments around the state, and will give convention visitors a chance to hear from the many firefighting volunteers and officials.

There will be a parade involving over 100 pieces of apparatus, Long said. There should be old and new fire trucks, antique firefighting equipment, and hand pumpers.

Food and vendors selling T-shirts and other items to raise money for the training fund will be set up throughout the weekend.

Tree's Tales

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summer cottage work. The family ate lots of lobster, at a time when lobster wasn't considered a delicacy and often used for fertilizer. "We couldn't afford bologna sandwiches," she laughed.

Marilyn's older sister, Lucy, did cleaning at The Villa (at that time the present cottage was a hotel); later Marilyn and Lucy cleaned for the Whitehouses at their cottage, a rebuilt version of which still exists.

Arlene, the oldest, was the renegade. "Arlene liked to ride on the backs of cows. We only had two cows, one nice, one mean. Arlene would get up on the track that led into the chute of the ice house and when the gentle cow came by she'd jump on its back."

Marilyn's sister, Lucy Marlowe, is now 92 and lives in Boothbay Harbor in a house where she can see the harbor.

Having just made an apple pie one fall afternoon, Lucy was eager to talk with a writer about the apple trees on her grandparents' land.

"My grandfather had a lot of varieties of apples: Baldwin, crabapple, yellow transparent, and russet. They would keep all winter. There were pears and plums, too."

And she remembered the old oak behind her grandparents' house.

"It was good-sized even then," Lucy said. "We used to swing from it on a wooden board and sometimes hang upside down."

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TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS

Summer Craft Show

Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library, 4 Oak St., Boothbay Harbor - 9 a.m. Popular juried crafters with unique products created on the Midcoast of Maine. Items include artisan jewelry, decorative metal work, sea glass items, pottery, decorative wooden boxes/bowls, potholders and placemats, decorative lamps, one-of-a-kind canes and walking sticks, quilted purses and accessories, artwork, ornaments, and much more.

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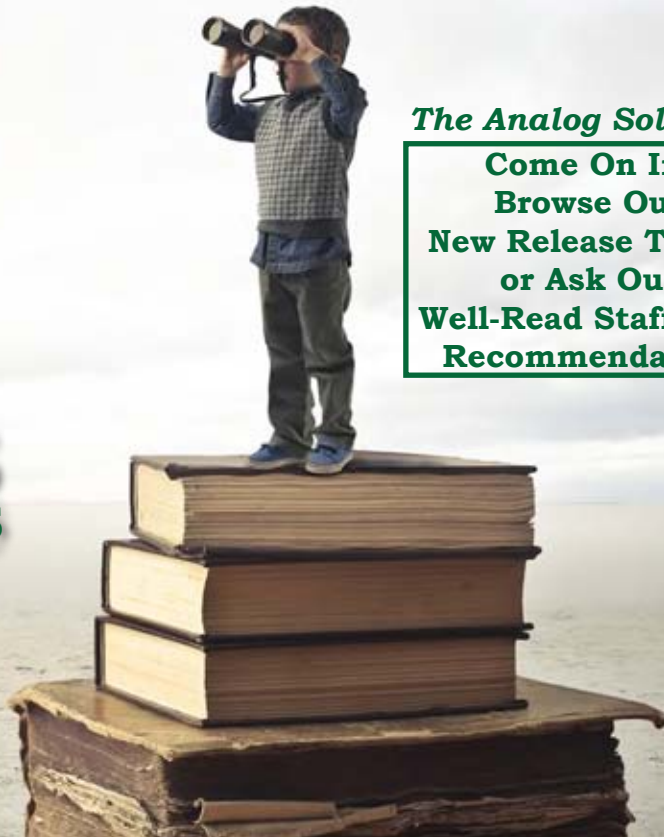
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Tuesday, Aug. 1

Summer Craft Show

Beginning at 9 a.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Botanical Monotype Printmaking

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Wednesday, Aug. 2

Paddle Damariscotta Lake. Nobleboro

10 a.m. to noon - Pemaquid Watershed Association Flatwater Paddles through Wednesday, Aug. 30. FMI: pemaquidwatershed.org/water/pwa-paddlers; 563-2196.

Wednesday Walking Tour

193 Clarks Cove Road, Walpole - 10:30 a.m. to noon - The tours are free but registration is requested at tinyurl.com/y8h2dbgs. Tours begin at the circle driveway on the DMC's lower, waterfront campus. Guides

will give an overview of the location on the Damariscotta River estuary before leading the group through the flowing seawater laboratories. Learn about current research focusing on shellfish aquaculture, lobster ecology, deep sea corals, and ocean warming. Scientists and students will gladly answer questions, talk about their research, and explain its significance to the community.

Skerryvore at the Opera House at Boothbay Harbor

86 Townsend Ave., Boothbay Harbor - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - From the remote Scottish island of Tiree, contemporary trad quartet became a multi-award winning act. Doors for seating open at 7 p.m.. Advance tickets, \$25. Day-of-show, \$30.

Heather Hardy with David Martin and April Reed-Cox

Little Brown Church, Route 32, Round Pond - 7:30 p.m. - Alternative folk, award winning singer-songwriter accompanied by guitarist David Martin and cellist April Reed-Cox. \$12 suggested donation, children free. A portion of the proceeds helps to maintain this historic church. FMI: roundpondbrownchurch.org.

Friday, Aug. 4

Friday Science Seminar: Coastal Flooding

193 Clarks Cove Road, Walpole - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - "Coastal Flooding." Held in Brooke Hall on the DMC lower, waterfront campus. This talk by Dr. Jon Woodruff is part of DMC's summer science seminar series, where eight renowned scientists in the field of marine biology will engage the public in topics ranging from the studies of the Gulf of Maine to the exploration of the deep sea. The seminars are free but registration is requested at tinyurl.com/y87uxsmw. For full list of speakers, visit the DMC website: dmc.umaine.edu.

The Seldom Scene

The Opera House, 86 Townsend Ave., Boothbay Harbor - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Doors for seating open at 7 p.m.. Grammy-winning bluegrass band. Not only talented musicians, a signature sound, and a solid repertoire, but also a sheer sense of fun. Advance tickets, \$27; day-of-show, \$32.

Saturday, Aug. 5

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Old Broad Bay Family History Association Annual Meeting

377 Manktown Road, Waldoboro - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - The featured speaker will be Nancy Milliken Mason. Her presentation is titled, "Genetic Genealogy-DNA Testing: How, When, Where and Why." A brief business meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Mason will begin her presentation at 10 a.m. Lunch, snacks and beverages will be served. A \$5 donation will be requested at the door. All are welcome!

Summer Craft Show

Beginning at 9 a.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

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Jefferson Historical Society's Annual Open House and Exhibit Day

7 Gardiner Road, Jefferson - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Photographs and displays related to Jefferson's history set up on 3 floors of the building. Tools, household items, 'mysteries,' uniforms from several branches of the military and tours of the building. Lunch available from Sully's Extra Ordinary Dogs, weather permitting. Homemade cookies sale where shoppers can fill a quart bag with their choice of cookies from a wide variety of home-baked cookies. Local history books, Jefferson memorabilia and historic photos for sale. Highlighted are businesses, homes, and people at work and play. Ralph Bond's grandfather's 1800s horse-drawn hearse will be on display.

Boothbay Harbor Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Frances Luke Accord

The Opera House, 86 Townsend Ave., Boothbay Harbor - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Doors for seating open at 7 p.m.. An independent, Chicago-based duo, dedicated multi-instrumentalists and meticulous songwriters. Nicholas Gunty and Brian Powers distinguish their music with genre fluidity, buttery harmonies and acoustic ensembles. Although prevailingly a modern folk band, they sip copious inspiration from American, Jazz, soul and rock. Advance tickets, \$15; day-of-show, \$20.

Sunday, Aug. 6

Damariscotta Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Damariscotta. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Boothbay Harbor Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Full Moon Paddle

131 Egypt Road, Jefferson - 7:30 - 10 p.m. - Spend the evening in the glow of the moon! Hike into Little Dyer Cabin at Hidden Valley Nature Center, where a rack of canoes await their passengers. Drift around the lake for an hour or so, then head back to the barn for something hot to drink. A Midcoast Conservancy volunteer leader will meet folks at the gate by the parking lot and accompany the group for the evening. FMI: midcoastconservancy.org/events/full-moon-paddle-little-dyer-pond; 389-5150.

Monday, Aug. 7

Full Moon Red Cloak Haunted History Tour of Wiscasset

Beginning at 8 p.m. on the Full Moon night, in Wiscasset. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Tuesday, Aug. 8

Summer Craft Show

Beginning at 9 a.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Wednesday, Aug. 9

Paddle Dyer Long Pond, Jefferson

10 a.m. to noon - PWA flatwater paddles - Wednesdays through Aug. 30. FMI: pemaquidwatershed.org/water/pwa-paddlers; 563-2196.

Wednesday Walking Tour

193 Clarks Cove Road, Walpole - 10:30 a.m. to noon - The tours are free but registration is requested at tinyurl.com/y8h2dbgs. Tours begin at the circle driveway on the DMC's

lower, waterfront campus. Guides will give an overview of their location on the Damariscotta River estuary before leading the group through the flowing seawater laboratories. Learn about current research focusing on shellfish aquaculture, lobster ecology, deep sea corals, and ocean warming. Scientists and students will gladly answer questions, talk about their research, and explain its significance to the community.

Arsentiy Kharitonov

The Opera House, 86 Townsend Ave., Boothbay Harbor - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Doors for seating open at 7 p.m.. After his triumphant debut at Carnegie Hall, Kharitonov has been placed "in the top ranks of keyboard players today," shares the New York Observer. An astounding classical performance coming to the Midcoast this summer. Advance tickets, \$20; day-of-show, \$25.

Greg Boardman and Friends in Concert

Little Brown Church, Route 32, Round Pond - 7:30 p.m. - A lively band featuring violin, hurdy gurdy, and cello will entertain as a benefit for the Waldo Theatre. For those seeking a pre-concert dinner, Harvest Moon Catering will be selling wood-fired pizza at the Round Pond School House (across Route 32), which will also benefit the Waldo Theatre. Enjoy a great meal and an evening of entertainment at this unique venue and help benefit a historic theater. FMI Barbara: 563-2177. Tickets at the door, \$12; cash or check only.

Friday, Aug. 11

The Villalobos Brothers

The Opera House, 86 Townsend Ave., Boothbay Harbor - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Acclaimed as one of today's leading contemporary Mexican ensembles. Original compositions and arrangements masterfully blend and celebrate the richness of Mexican folk music with the intricate harmonies of jazz and classical music.

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Friday Science Seminar: Deep Sea

193 Clarks Cove Road, Walpole - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - "Deep Sea." Held in Brooke Hall on the DMC lower, waterfront campus. This talk by Dr. Rhian Waller is part of DMC's summer science seminar series, where eight renowned scientists in the field of marine biology will engage the public in topics ranging from the studies of the Gulf of Maine to the exploration of the deep sea. The seminars are free but registration is requested at tinyurl.com/y87uxsmw. For full list of speakers, visit the DMC website: dmc.umaine.edu.

Saturday, Aug. 12

Boothbay Harbor Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

St. Columba's Blueberry Festival

32 Emery Lane, Boothbay Harbor - 8 - 11 a.m. - Pancake breakfast from 8 - 10 a.m.. The silent auction, bake sale and boutique are from 8 - 11 a.m. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$4 for 5 and under.

Summer Craft Show

Beginning at 9 a.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

45th Annual North Nobleboro Day

544 Upper East Pond Road, Nobleboro - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Come enjoy great food, auctions, and entertainment! Feast on the famous chicken barbecue, fresh corn on the cob, homemade pies and pastries, fudge, hot dogs, French fries, and ice cream. The craft booth, and trash and treasures will open at 9 a.m.. Live music by Debbie Myers and Redneck Rodeo from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and a live auction begins at 1 p.m.. A 50-50 raffle, a silent auction, and kids games are also part of the festivities. Free admission and parking. Follow East Pond Road approximately 3 miles from Route 1 in Nobleboro or 3 miles from Route 32 in Jefferson.



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Sunday, Aug. 13

Damariscotta Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Damariscotta. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Boothbay Harbor Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

9th Annual Frances Perkins Center Garden Party

170 A Main St., Damariscotta - 2 - 5 p.m. - Marking the 82nd anniversary of the signing of the Social Security Act. Members of the board of the Frances Perkins Center will present the 2017 Steadfast and Open Door Awards to two individuals whose work exemplifies the dedication to social justice and economic security that was central to Frances Perkins. Guests will be transported via open-sided trolleys to the Perkins Homestead, where wine, refreshments will be served amid the beautiful landscape surrounding the property, with all proceeds directly supporting the educational mission of the Frances Perkins Center. Tickets start at \$75 per person. Order: info@francesperkinscenter.org; 563-3374, or francesperkinscenter.org.

Monday, Aug. 14

Wiscasset Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Wiscasset. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Tuesday, Aug. 15

Summer Craft Show

Beginning at 9 a.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Wednesday, Aug. 16

Wednesday Walking Tour

193 Clarks Cove Road, Walpole - 10:30 a.m. to noon - The tours are free but registration is requested at tinyurl.com/y8h2dbgs. Tours begin at the circle driveway on the DMC's lower, waterfront campus. Guides will give an overview of their location on the Damariscotta River estuary before leading the group through the flowing seawater laboratories. Learn about current research focusing on shellfish aquaculture, lobster ecology, deep sea corals, and ocean warming. Scientists and students will gladly answer questions, talk about their

research, and explain its significance to the community.

The Rusty Hinges

Little Brown Church, Route 32, Round Pond - 7:30 p.m. - country - folk. \$12 suggested donation; children free. A portion of the proceeds helps to maintain this historic church. FMI: roundpondbrownchurch.org.

Thursday, Aug. 17

Damariscotta Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Damariscotta. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Friday, Aug. 18

Artist Reception at Pemaquid Watershed Association

PWA Office Gallery, 584 Main St., Damariscotta - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Reception with Artist of the Month Jane Page-Conway, during the Twin Villages ArtWalk. FMI: 563-2196; pemaquidwatershed.org.

Damariscotta - Newcastle ArtWalk

Galleries and art studios of the Twin Villages - 4 - 7 p.m. - Come meet the artists and see their latest work in the first ArtWalk of 2017. Many venues serving light refreshments and all will display new, creative work from Midcoast artists. kathleenmhorst@gmail.com; brochures/maps available at local shops, facebook.com/twinvillagesartwalk.



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Saturday, Aug. 19

Behind Closed Doors Tour of Castle Tucker

2 Lee St., Wiscasset - 10 - 11:30 a.m. - Come and peek into the nooks and crannies of Castle Tucker on this leisurely in-depth tour that includes rooms and stories not included on the general tour. There's something new to see whether a first-time or repeat visitor. Advance registration is required. Space is limited. \$10, Historic New England members; \$15, nonmembers. FMI: 882-7169; <http://shop.historicnewengland.org/CAT-NOOKS-2-7829>.

Summer Craft Show

Beginning at 9 a.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Boothbay Harbor Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Ed Gerhard

The Opera House, 86 Townsend Ave., Boothbay Harbor - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Grammy-winning music performed on six-string, 12-string, slide guitar, and acoustic Hawaiian lap slide; Gerhard captivates his audiences with virtuosity, generosity, and sly humor. Advance tickets, \$22; day-of-show, \$27.

Sunday, Aug. 20

The Rock 'n' Wave art show

144 Bristol Road, Damariscotta - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Reception, refreshments will be served. The show runs from Aug. 18 through Sept. 10. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.. Come see works by oil painter Will Kefauver and his guest artists. Works in oil, watercolor, gouache, acrylic, and sculpture depict the rugged coastlines and crashing surf of Midcoast Maine. Free parking.

Damariscotta Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Damariscotta. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Boothbay Harbor Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Live Edge Music Festival

Hidden Valley Nature Center, 131 Egypt Road, Jefferson - 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Live music, great local food and beer - all set in the midst of HVNC's 1,000 acres. Featuring Maine bands, food from the Alna General Store and Harvest Moon Wood-Fired Catering, and beer from the Liberal

Cup, Geary's, and Allagash to keep folks going between acts or after exploring the 30-plus miles of trails at HVNC. FMI: midcoastconservancy.org/events/live-edge-music-festival-82017; 389-5150.

Monday, Aug. 21

Wiscasset Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Wiscasset. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Summer Craft Show

Beginning at 9 a.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Mollie Tucker's Kitchen: Cooking and Dining at Castle Tucker

2 Lee St., Wiscasset - 9 - 11 a.m. - Join guide Cathy Messmer on a special talk and tour of Castle Tucker focused on the kitchen and dining room. Find out how young wife and mother Mollie Tucker prepared meals and hear the story of a special dinner she served in April 1860. Sample biscuits made from Mollie's recipe. Admission price

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PWA Flatwater Kayak/Canoe Paddle

Route 220, Waldoboro - 10 a.m. to noon - Wednesdays, through Aug. 30. FMI: pemaquidwatershed.org; 563-2196, or visit the office at 584 Main St., Damariscotta.

Bob Milne

The Opera House, 86 Townsend Ave., Boothbay Harbor - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Doors for seating open at 7 p.m.. Milne has been called the finest interpreter of ragtime music in the world. His boogie-woogie piano playing is something that must be seen and heard to be believed. Advance tickets, \$25; day-of-show \$30.

Tuba Skinny

Little Brown Church, Route 32, Round Pond - 7:30 p.m. - Genuine New Orleans jazz band. \$12 suggested donation; children free. A portion of the proceeds helps to maintain this historic church. FMI: roundpondbrownchurch.org.

Thursday, Aug. 24

BeauSoleil avec Michel Doucet

The Opera House, 86 Townsend Ave., Boothbay Harbor - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Doors for seating open at 7 p.m.. Grammy winners take the rich Cajun traditions of Louisiana and artfully blend elements of zydeco, New Orleans jazz, Tex-Mex, country, blues, and more into a satisfying musical recipe. From The Grand Ole Opry to Newport Folk, from concert hall to dance floor, the music of BeauSoleil continues to captivate audiences the world over. Advance tickets, \$25; day-of-show, \$30.

Plein Air Day at Castle Tucker

2 Lee St., Wiscasset - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Join artist Jennifer Linskey for a day of painting and drawing at Castle Tucker. Beginners welcome. Bring own materials, lunch, and a hat. Enjoy the day and gather for an afternoon critique with the instructor.



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Saturday, Aug. 26

'Guests on the Lawn' paint-out

168 and 172 Bristol Road, Damariscotta - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Join watercolorist Jan Kilburn and sculptor Marnie Sinclair (members of the Bristol Road Galleries) and their guest artists for a paint-out at their galleries. The artists will be painting under tents and on the lawns, and all work is offered for sale. Come watch the local artists at work! Free parking. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 27.

Boothbay Harbor Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Summer Craft Show

Beginning at 9 a.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Mosses and Friends: Identifying Common Bryophytes

131 Egypt Road, Jefferson - 9 a.m. to noon - Ralph Pope, an adjunct professor

of New England flora at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, N.H., will introduce all to the basic biology of bryophytes (mosses and closely related organisms) before leading a discovery of bryophytes to be found along the trails of Hidden Valley Nature Center. The event will begin at 9 a.m. at The Barn with a brief overview on the topic and will then proceed on an exploration of nearby trails in search of common specimens on various substrates along some of HVNC's trails. FMI: <https://midcoastconservancy.org/events/mosses-friends-identifying-common-bryophytes>; 389-5150.

Sunday, Aug. 27

Damariscotta Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Damariscotta. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Boothbay Harbor Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Monday, Aug. 28

Wiscasset Red Cloak Haunted History Tour

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in Wiscasset. See

page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

Summer Craft Show

Beginning at 9 a.m., in Boothbay Harbor. See page 20 of the Calendar section for more details.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

PWA Kayak/Canoe Paddle

Barter Island Road, Boothbay - 10 a.m. to noon - PWA flatwater paddles, FMI: pemaquidwatershed.org, 563-2196, or visit the office at 584 Main St., Damariscotta.

Thursday, Aug. 31

Wiscasset Art Walk

Route 1, Wiscasset - 5 - 8 p.m. - Throughout the village galleries, eateries, and shops.

Caring For Kids Benefit Concert

Pemaquid Point Education Center, Lighthouse Park, Pemaquid Point - 7 p.m. - Jud Caswell, Heather Hardy, and Tirk Wilder share the stage taking turns playing mostly originals. The suggested donation for this concert is \$10. Reserved seating can be purchased from Patricia Porter by calling 677-2924.

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