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Publisher's Note

Nostalgia is in the air.

Not a wistful kind of nostalgia, but rather the sweet and sentimental variety.

My kids will be returning to school next week, which means I'm sure to be getting misty-eyed again as I watch them walk back into school for another year. (And I mean this literally. I sit in the car. I watch them walk in. I keep watching until they have completely disappeared from sight. Then I stay there for an embarrassingly long time, feeling, well, nostalgic.)

There is something so sweet about routine, something so fresh about fall, and something so sentimental about the start of another school year.

*As much as I love summer, despite the business of my work in summer, I have a different spring in my step as fall approaches. That school calendar must be hard-wired into me, as fall **always** feels like a beginning.*

It's not just the school calendar, though. It's the crisp breeze and changing leaves. It's the slightly darker shade of blue in the sky. It's all the plans and goals and anticipation that come with this time of year. And it's something more than that. . .

Yes, there's something in the air.

I do believe it's nostalgia.

And I like it.

Happy late summer and soon-to-be-onset-of-fall everyone!



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Publisher



Some of you are finding us tucked into the *Maine Sunday Telegram* today, thanks to our exciting new partnership with the *Portland Press Herald*. Now, in addition to our local distribution to hundreds of drop sites throughout coastal York County, *Tourist & Town* is inserted into the *Maine Sunday Telegram*. If this is your first time reading our publication, now in its 65th year, we hope you enjoy it. And be sure to pick up our quarterly magazine!



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One exceptionally beautiful afternoon at the pool in 2011, I was struck by the ribbons of sunlight and distortions affecting my daughter through the moving water. I was also keenly aware of catching this lovely, brief moment with her before it flickered by. I grabbed the camera and took numerous photos of her in the water in hopes of finding inspiration for a new painting. I have drawn and painted all my life, but that was the beginning of the *Fractured Light* series, an exploration that excites and fascinates me to this day. In these works, I pair my dual interests of figurative imagery and colorful abstraction to create paintings that capture the unique feeling and distinct associations of the body suspended in water and time. This series allows me to paint what I love - the figure - while



Bubble Up by Michele Poirier Mozzone

exploring areas of fluid distortion that exist naturally in turbulent, sunlight-drenched water. As a vehicle for life, cleansing, change, renewal and death, water lends meaning to the work. I find this unique atmosphere extraordinary.

Michele Poirier Mozzone's wonderful work is on display on Maine Art Hill through September 6. 5 Chase Hill Road, Kennebunk maine-art.com

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Ride the rails – on rail cycles! – at the Seashore Trolley Museum

by Jo O'Connor

Have you been thinking that there are no new activities around town? Think again. Rail Revolution Maine may be what you are looking for. Jump in your car and head over to Arundel to the beloved Seashore Trolley Museum, operating since 1939. This will give you a great opportunity to ride the rails on a rail cycle and traverse scenic nature areas, all the while getting in a bit of exercise.

Whether you call them rail bikes, rail carts or rail cycles, people have been adapting bicycles to "ride" the rails since the 1800s. The 70-minute excursion has you hopping on a very comfortable, ergonomic seat and cycling along the railroad track. Don't worry, the rail course is quite flat and you don't have to be athletic to enjoy the 1 3/4 mile (each way) journey

with a 20-minute break in between.

"It's a multi-generational activity. Your mom, dad, grandparents, children and grandchildren can participate. We turn miles into smiles," said Ed LaScala, Rail Revolution partner and director of operations.

The round-trip journey is a 3.5-mile ride on an historic railroad, where you will learn about the lore of the area, while getting a bit of exercise. The rail cycles come in either a two- or four-seat size.

Admission to the Seashore Trolley Museum is also included in the price of the railbike excursion through the end of this season. You can feel free to stay on and check out the museum's incredible exhibits, and take a trolley ride too!

There is no minimum (or maximum) age limit.

Infants and children under 25 pounds may ride with an adult in a baby bjorn-style harness. Please supply your own. Car seats are not allowed, as they don't fit in the seats safely. Children able to sit up on their own or who are above 25 pounds must have their own seat. Lap riding is not allowed as it is unsafe. Children under the age of 15 must ride with an adult on the same railbike.

Bring your camera, water, sunscreen, snacks, insect repellent and appropriate outerwear based on the weather forecast (hats, windbreakers, rain gear, etc.).

By the way, don't worry if you are not in tip-top condition, as long as the other riders on the cycle can pedal. All of the pedals freewheel, so pedals will remain still unless the rider moves them. So if you have someone in your group who can't pedal, they can just sit back and enjoy the ride, while others do the pedaling. Please note: the rail bikes are not handicap accessible.

At the turnaround point, riders can enjoy a snack/drink (that they bring along) and listen to the very learned guides give a history lesson, while the bikes are readied for the return trip.

Railbikes all leave in a group, with tour lead-



The latest, greatest local activity!



Opening welcome and instructional talk before the ride with Rail Revolution Maine's Ed LaScala. Photo by Josh Hrehovcik

Clockwise from top left: Rail passengers disembark at the halfway point for a break and history lesson; Nancy Sterling and writer Jo O'Connor stretch their legs; a four-seater rail bike. Photos by Josh Hrehovcik

ers at the front and back for safety. There is no passing (no bumping into the bike in front of you allowed), and the pedaling pace is set by the lead guide at a comfortable and leisurely speed.

Hours of operation:

Thursdays-Sunday – 5 trips daily: 9:30 AM, 11 AM; 12:30 PM, 2 PM and 3:30 PM. Reservations are suggested. Rain or shine (unless there are extreme storms).

Pricing: \$60 for a two-seater and \$100 for a four-

seater. For this season only, the cost includes a Trolley ride and access to the museum. Members of the Seashore Trolley Museum ride at a discounted rate.

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I've got to stop fooling myself

mailbox (it helps having a friend who exchanges actual letters with me).

On that hot summer day, I decided to go see what Mister Postman had left me while in a state of foot-nudity – to clarify, I was the one in a state of foot-nudity; for all I know, the mail carrier may have been, too, but I can't say that with certainty. So I walked out the kitchen door onto the covered brick stoop, and then onto the asphalt driveway that had been soaking in the rays of the sun for several hours. Fun

fact: In the photosphere (the visible surface of the sun), the temperature of the sun reaches about 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit; the rays of the sun that traveled 94 million miles to my driveway that clear summer day were roughly half that temperature.

I was about six paces down my driveway when I realized I had made a mistake. All the soles of my feet needed was a slathering of butter to turn them into a main course. I blurted a few choice words commonly used by characters in *The Sopranos*, picked up my pace, and veered toward the lawn.

It's no secret that a person will retain youthful thoughts and beliefs long after one's youth has faded in the rear view mirror. Depending on the situation, we'll think (and act) as we did when we were 40 or 30 or 20 or 10. That's what I did when I decided to go fetch the mail in my bare feet; I used to run around in my bare feet as a kid, so why can't I do it now? I can say, however, with great conviction, that I will never fool myself into thinking I can do a somersault again; the last one I did (around 15 years ago) left me in a state of dizziness that is only just now dissipating.

I experienced a similar lapse in judgment

around 10 years ago, as I was approaching 50. I was on the lawn of an oceanfront house. The grass was cool, so being shoe- and sockless was perfectly sensible. Then, for some reason, I felt I had to walk down to the water's edge. To do so, I'd have to cross a large section of rocks that had washed up on the beach. At that moment, I must have channeled my boyish self, who would run across the rocks without a thought about how it would affect my feet, simply because it wouldn't affect my feet. I'd be running over rocks and sand and pebbles all summer long, and the soles of my feet were like leather. Not only that, I was considerably lighter in weight.

So, with an extra 100 pounds or so pressing down on soft, doughy, pale and pasty soles, I began to walk across the rocks toward the water. I may as well have done jumping jacks on a bed of nails. Having made it halfway to my destination already in pain, I decided to commit and just keep going. It must've looked like I was recreating a scene from a Jerry Lewis movie. Since then, it's been nothing but sandals.

The next time I feel an urge to revisit my childhood, I think I'll play it safe and buy a box of Lucky Charms.

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The Retro Roadtrip Report

Be a pinball wizard (and Pac-Man too)

by Joshua Hrehovcik and Geraldine Aikman

Get ready to flex your flipper fingers, Retro Roadtrip Nation, because we're going to enjoy the pinball renaissance by visiting some of the finest barcades (yes, that's a word) in the country, right here in New England.

We begin with the amazing Arcadia on Congress Street in Portland. This 21+ establishment has a huge number of pinball machines of all eras as well as a full bar and food court. Be sure to venture downstairs to play Skee-Ball.

Next up is Maine Silver-

ball Tavern in Saco, which describes itself as "Part arcade, part bar and one heck of a good time." And they are right. Check out their assortment of craft beers while you enjoy over 40 of the best pinball machines ever made - from the 1970s until today.

Heading across the border to the great state of New Hampshire, it's time to visit Tokens Taproom in Dover. You can feast on their famous paninis and hot dogs while enjoying the perfect assortment of pinball and classic video games.

Extra Credit: For a truly

epic Arcade Retro Roadtrip, load up the station wagon and bring the family to the American Classic Arcade Museum. Located at Funspot in Laconia, New Hampshire, this non-profit museum has every classic video game you've ever played as well as some you've never heard of (Flower and Cheeky Mouse, anyone?) When you visit the museum, you'll be helping to preserve classic arcade history, one token at a time.

Arcadia: 504 Congress Street, Portland

Open 5 PM to 1 AM. Closed Tuesday.

Maine Silverball Tavern: 35 Scamman Street, Saco

Open Wed. and Thurs., 4-10 PM; Fri. and Sat., 4-11 PM; Sun., 4-9 PM

Tokens Taproom: 282 Central Street, Dover, New Hampshire

Open Sat., 11:30 to 1 AM; Sun., 4-11 PM; Mon., 4 PM-12 AM; Tues. to Thurs., 6 PM-12 AM; Fri., 4 PM-1 AM. Whew!

American Classic Arcade Museum: 579 Endicott Street, Laconia, New Hampshire

Open Sat. and Sun., 10 AM-10 PM; Mon.-Fri., Noon-10 PM.

Joshua and Geraldine's family of travel books can be found at retroadtripper.com



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Field Notes of a Maine Birdwatcher "Southbound"

by Ken Janes

Birdwatchers have many unique terms and expressions used in describing birds in action. One of the best is "southbound," used to point out birds on the southern leg of their annual migration.

Every year billions of birds complete a trip from the southern hemisphere to North America to raise young, returning to warmer climates as the weather turns colder. Hummingbirds, robins, and warblers all make the

journey but some of the most interesting are the shorebirds; sandpipers, plovers, and sanderlings that we see on Maine beaches as they build up reserves to make the long journey.

Sandpipers arrive in the Canadian Arctic by early June, raise their young, and are southbound, heading for South America by the first of August. Remarkably, the adults leave before the youngsters are ready for the trip, but using the

information contained in their DNA, the young birds navigate across Hudson Bay and find the coast of Maine.

Then by flying day and night for thousands of miles, they catch up with their parents on the coast of Brazil, spend the winter and get ready to do it all over again.

One of my favorites is Baird's Sandpiper. Named for Spencer Fullerton Baird, the secretary of the Smithsonian Institute for many years, this little

sandpiper breeds in the tundra of North America and Siberia, then makes a 3,700 mile non-stop flight to southern South America. They are identified by a small stream-lined body and long, pointed wings designed for long flights.

Because of their habit of flying directly to the winter grounds they are never very common in Maine. I was lucky to photograph this handsome southbound traveler at Biddeford Pool a few years ago.



Baird's Sandpiper, Biddeford Pool beach. Photo by Ken Janes

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Craft Comedy will be bringing the house down in Wells on August 30 with free comedy show

Headlining Craft Comedy's 6th annual comedy event on Wednesday, August 30, will be comedian Tony V, supported by comedians Scott MacNeil and Geoff Payson. The show begins at 6 PM at the Wells Harbor Park Gazebo in Wells, rain or shine.

Named the "Funniest Person in Massachusetts" by Showtime television, Boston's Tony V brings a mix of street-wise humor and a genuine feel for the human condition to his act. He followed performances early in his career on HBO, the Arts and Entertainment Network, Comedy Central and MTV with multiple highly acclaimed appearances on Late Night with Conan O'Brien, Comedy Central's Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn and several sitcoms including *Seinfeld*, *Boston Common*, *The Single Guy* and *Dr. Katz Professional Therapist*. Tony V has worked

with Jay Leno, Dennis Miller, Bobcat Goldthwait, Steven Wright, Adam Sandler and countless other friends and nationally known acts, and has opened for Kenny Rogers, The Temptations, Billy Ray Cyrus, The Beach Boys and Joan Jett. Tony's big screen outings include *The Heat*, *State and Main*, *Celtic Pride*, *Housesitter*, *One Crazy Summer*, and *Shakes the Clown*, as well as the independently produced *By the Sea* and *Abracadabra*.

Like a finely crafted brew, Craft Comedy produces quality events for discriminating tastes at unique venues throughout New England. Craft Comedy was founded in 2015 by comedian, actor, radio personality, producer and Wells resident Geoff Payson, who got his start as a regular at Boston clubs, including Stitches, Nick's Comedy Stop and Catch a Rising Star. Payson has performed across

New England and the U.S. and is dedicated to delivering quality comedy to audiences throughout New England - and beyond.

For more information, email craftcomedypresents@gmail.com or visit www.craftcomedypresents.com.

This is a not-to-miss event, so get it on your calendar!



Comedian Tony V. Courtesy photo



The October 30 event at Wells Gazebo will be Craft Comedy's 6th annual show. Photos by Jan LeVin.

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Pastel Society of Maine's International Juried Show to be held in Kennebunk on September 1

On Saturday, September 1, the Pastel Society of Maine's 23rd International Juried Show "Pastels Only" opens at the Brick Store Museum. The show is organized by the Pastel Society's Exhibition Committee, with artist Tara Will as the Juror of Selection. This exhibition (with artworks for sale) will display works of pastel artists from the United

States, Canada and China, continues through December 19.

The show features over 60 stunning works representing Maine artists as well as national and international artists. All paintings are original soft pastels, and are framed. During the opening reception and awards ceremony on September 9, the Pastel Society

of Maine will present awards to the artists, selected by Tara Will, from 2 to 4 PM. There will be a demonstration by Terrilynn Dubreuil at 1 PM.

"We are honored to be the venue for this prestigious exhibition," said Cynthia Walker, the Brick Store Museum's executive director. "The last time we welcomed the International Show was

2017, and I think visitors will be impressed and delighted with the wide-ranging styles and subjects—from still lifes and portraiture to landscapes in every season." She adds that the show closely allies with the museum's own artistic heritage, having been founded in 1936 by artist and patron of the arts, Edith C. Barry.

The 23rd International Juried Show "Pastels Only" is open to the public during regular museum hours: Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 AM to 5 PM; Saturdays, 10 AM to 4 PM; and Sundays, 12 to 4 PM. For more information on related pastel programs and workshops for children and adults this fall, visit brickstore-museum.org.

The Pastel Society of Maine (PSME), originally established in 1999 as the Pastel Painters of Maine (PPOM), promotes public awareness of pastels and creates a network for local and regional pastel artists. The International Juried Exhibition "Pastels Only," an annual event since 2000, includes a workshop conducted by a nationally-known pastel artist who also judges the show.

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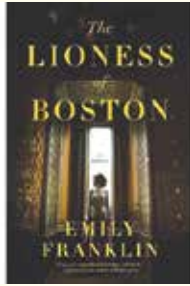
Author Emily Franklin to discuss art collector Isabella Stewart Gardner

The Lioness of Boston by Emily Franklin delves into Isabella Stewart Gardner's evolution into an art collector and spotlights her friendships with Henry James, Oscar Wilde and other literary luminaries in the early 1900s. The novel brims with period details, such as Isabella's ability to shock New England society simply by wearing blue shoes. Franklin also captures Gardner's ambition, independence and quirks.

In addition to *The Lioness of Boston*, Ms. Franklin is the author of more than 20 novels and a poetry collection, *Tell Me How You Got Here*. Her award-winning work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *JAMA* and other literary magazines.

Franklin will discuss her latest novel on Sunday, September 17, at 2 PM in the Graves Library Community Room. Copies of her book will be available for sales and signing. Doors open at 1:30 PM and light refreshments will be served. FMI on this free event, call Graves Library at 967-2778.

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On Sunday, September 24, from 1 to 2 PM, "Bohemian Sunday Poetry Readings" will showcase former Portland Poet Laureates Linda Aldrich, Steve Luttrell and local poet Paul Nelson reading powerful original poems. There will be a reception, book signing and refreshments. This event is free for all and is held at the Brick Store Museum's Program Center auditorium in Kennebunk. Your host is We-Poets & Verse, who is thrilled to welcome you all! FMI email poetryawakenings@gmail.com.

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Thursday, August 24

2023 Kennebunk Savings Summer Concert Series: Fog Ave, 20 Recreation Way, Kennebunkport, 6-8 PM. Hosted by Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation. Live music, food trucks, Batson River Brewery, Banded Brewing Co., bounce house, face painting. FMI www.kennebunkportrec.com or 207-967-4304

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Friday, August 25

Afternoon Tea Party with Kristin Parone, Arundel Farm Gallery, 76 Arundel Road, Arundel, 4-6 PM. Visit the gallery and take in Parone's wonderful gouache paintings. FMI [arundelfarmgallery.com](http://www.arundelfarmgallery.com) or 561-702-6396.

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Saturday, August 26

Kennebunk Artisans Marketplace, Waterhouse Center, 51 Main Street, 9 AM-2 PM. FMI visit www.kennebunkmaine.us/artisansmarketplace

Kennebunk Farmers' Market, Garden Street Lot, Kennebunk, 8 AM - 12:30 PM. FMI www.kennebunkfarmersmarket.org

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Wells Chamber of Commerce's 22nd Annual Chili-Fest, Wells Junior High Campus, Route 1, Wells, 11 AM to 3 PM. The "Joe Harvey Invitational" cookoff, sanctioned by the International Chili Society, is among one of the events available for "chiliheads" to qualify to compete in the World Championship which will be held this year in September in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Entrants for this cook-off have come from as far away as Florida, Nevada and Illinois. Added to the great food are vendors and crafters, who make this an event to remember. Parking is free, as is admission. FMI visit www.wellschilifest.com.

Kennebunkport Conservation Trust 50th Anniversary Bash! 57 Gravelly Brook Road, Kennebunkport, 3-6 PM. All are invited to KCT's 50th anniversary celebration! This is a momentous occasion for any organization, and it offers an opportunity to reflect on past accomplishments, celebrate the dedicated individuals who have contributed to KCT's success, and look forward to the future. The event is free, but there are limited tickets so get yours soon! Tickets will be required and are limited to 4 per registration. Food will be served, pig roast, vegetarian lasagna or bring your own picnic! BYOB - only water will be provided. We hope to see you there as we celebrate 50 beautiful years of conservation, education, engagement, and membership in the Kennebunkport community.

Baked Bean & American Chop Suey Supper, First Congregational Church, 141 North St., Kennebunkport. 4:30-6 PM. First Church bean suppers will be held on the last Saturday of each month through October 2023. There will be two types of home baked beans, American Chop Suey, hot dogs, rolls, and cole slaw, topped off with a slice of homemade pie. Church members are hoping that everyone will enjoy the meals as they have in the past, but in a safe setting. Social distancing is suggested. Exact change is required: adults and children age 12 and over \$10 per person, and children under 12 \$5 per child. There will be limited seating outdoors weather permitting. FMI call Carol at (207) 710-7060.

Monday, August 28

Outdoor Storytimes at Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main Street, Kennebunk, 10 AM. Let's get all together now for some stories and songs with Miss Maria. Storytimes will be held outside the library near the faerie garden. Bring a blanket or towel to sit on, and don't forget your sunscreen! In the event of rain or inclement weather, storytime will be held indoors.

Tuesday, August 29

Cribbage Game Night, Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Wells, 6 PM. Calling all cribbage players! Players of all ages and abilities are welcome to come and play, watch others play, learn the game, or just kibbitz. FMI contact Stefanie Claydon at sclaydon@wellstown.org or call 646-8181.

Wednesday, August 30

Find Your New Read! Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 10 AM. Visit the Book Cellar for what's in the store. Thousands of books to choose from. We also have notecards, journals, rare collectible books, ball caps, special gift books, coffee mugs, tote bags, bookmarks, and more. Cookbooks, sports, religion, fiction, biography, history, children's, classics, health, and a whole lot more! The Book Cellar is open Monday-Friday 9:30-5:00; Saturdays 9:30-12:30. For further information, please call 967-2778 or go to [graveslibrary.org](http://www.graveslibrary.org)

Jimmy Mac Concert, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 6 PM. Come enjoy some good vibes and live music in the garden at Graves Library Summer Music Series. Bring your friends, bring your chair, sit back, tap your feet, and listen to some local beat. Jimmy plays lots of cover tunes from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Let's celebrate summer, our community, and our fondness for talented artists right in our own backyard! A suggested donation of \$10 per person would be appreciated. This event will be held in the community room if it rains. Parking is available on Maine Street or at Consolidated School. For further information, please call 967-2778 or visit our website at www.graveslibrary.org.

Thursday, August 31

Evening Book Group, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport, 5 PM. The group is reading *In Love* by Amy Bloom. For further information, please call 967-2778 or visit our website at www.graveslibrary.org.

Friday, September 1

"Hands That Fashion Our World" Exhibit Opening, Speers Gallery, Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main Street, Kennebunk. This photography exhibit by Kennebunk resident Nora Ordway runs September 1-30. Nora's exhibit features 20 photographs of hands of people who work in Maine and "represent the work of hands, all sorts of hands, each pair captured in the hard labor of living, providing life and support for others." They are, as a result, expressive, as memorable as the work to which they were applied. In this particular exhibition, she wanted to catch hands at work, hands engaged in activities that would have been part of her grandmother's life and experience. It is, therefore, as recorded in the photographs, a testament to the love between that woman and granddaughter with a camera... a marker of two lives well spent. The range of activity in the exhibit is broad: biscuit-maker, black smith, nurse, broom-maker, a couple of musicians (organ and banjo) among them. Ms. Ordway describes them as salt-of-the-earth professions by salt-of-the-earth individuals. Please check the library website for current hours and gallery access, www.kennebunklibrary.org.

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Italian Supper, First Congregational Church, 141 North St., Kennebunkport. 4:30-6 PM. The meal will include sausage, pepper, onions, pasta salad, garlic bread, beverage and dessert. Church members look forward to everyone enjoying the meal prepared by church member Tina Civetta and church helpers in a safe setting. Social distancing is suggested. Exact change is required: \$12 per person. There will be limited seating outdoors weather permitting. FMI call Carol at (207)710-7060.

Monday, September 4

Labor Day Concert, First Congregational Church, 141 North St., Kennebunkport. 4 PM. The fundraising concert will feature flutist Mary Carol Kennedy and pianist Barbara Berry, both active local musicians. Mary Kennedy is a multi-instrumentalist, teacher and counselor who received a BA from Colby College, a BM from Hartt School of Music, and did graduate work at Longy/Bard School of Music. She also works as a church music director in North Saco. Barbara Berry, retired music teacher and local artist, earned her BA from the University of New Hampshire, and M.Ed in Creative Arts in Learning from Lesley University, with continuing studies at the Eastman School of Music. Barbara is music director at First Congregational Church of Kennebunkport. The duo will offer diverse works from classical, jazz, folk and tango idioms, from Bach to Bernstein, Faure to Piazzolla. A suggested donation of \$15 at the door is encouraged. FMI contact Carol Cook At 207-710-7060.

Tuesday, September 5

Technology Class, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport at 11:15 AM. Tired of feeling overwhelmed by technology? Come to our tiny tech class, we will cover a small topic leaving plenty of time for questions and practice! In September we will explore apps on our smartphones. For further information, please call 967-2778 or visit our website at www.graveslibrary.org.

Kennebunk Land Trust Annual Fall Social and Annual Meeting, near Parson's Beach, 5-7 PM. Join in with Kennebunk Land Trust to review the past year's highlights and special projects, hear next year's goals, and celebrate our volunteers, supporters, and community. The evening will include appetizers and drinks, beautiful views of the ocean and organizational remarks. Kennebunk Land Trust is also excited to host Carey Kish - nature enthusiast, outdoor writer, and author (*Maine Sunday Telegram*; 'Beer Hiking New England'; 'Best Day Hikes Along the Maine Coast') - to give a presentation on the value of land trusts and KLT from his years exploring the Maine outdoors. Tickets are no charge, but registration is required and in limited quantity. Visit kennebunklandtrust.org, call 985-8734 or email info@kennebunklandtrust.org. Registration closes August 30.

Wednesday, September 6

Wednesday Wonders, Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport from 1:00 to 1:45 PM. Join us for an early release story time that will feature picture books that celebrate wonders around the world. After the story, we will have a brief discussion of the book and then a chance to browse other books on the subject. It's sure to be wonderful time! For further information, please call 967-2778 or visit our website at www.graveslibrary.org.

Thursday, September 7

Meeting of the Newcomers and Neighbors Club of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, & Arundel, Community House, 8 Temple Street, Kennebunkport, 6:30 PM. Watch as talented artist Diane Lent creates a painting before your eyes! While she is painting, she will speak about her art and what motivates her to paint. The presentation starts at 7:15 PM. FMI www.kptanewcomers.org

C.A.R.E.S. Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library, 18 Maine Street, Kennebunkport at 6 PM. Join us for our monthly discussion with 3 Towns: 1 Community C.A.R.E.S. (Conversation, Advocacy, Resources, Education, Support). C.A.R.E.S. meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Graves Library for a

guest speaker presentation, open discussion, and overdose first aid training. Anyone is welcome! For further information, please call 967-2778 or visit our website at www.graveslibrary.org.

Friday, September 8

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Drive thru Barbeque, American Legion Post 159, 102 Maine Street (across from the police station), Kennebunkport, 5 PM 'til the food runs out. The menu consists of pulled pork, smoked chicken, bratwurst, beans, cole slaw, potato salad, jalapeno cornbread and desert. Donations welcomed. FMI call 207-9672400

Friday & Saturday, September 8 & 9

Springvale Library Book Sale and Fall Festival, 443 Main Street, Springvale. Book sale is 9 AM-3 PM on Friday. Book Sale and Fall Festival is 9 AM-3 PM on Saturday. Rain dates are September 15 and 16.

Saturday & Sunday, September 9 & 10

35th Annual Laudholm Nature Crafts Festival, Wells Reserve at Laudholm, Juist off Route 1, Wells. FMI wellsreserve.org/crafts

Saturday, September 9

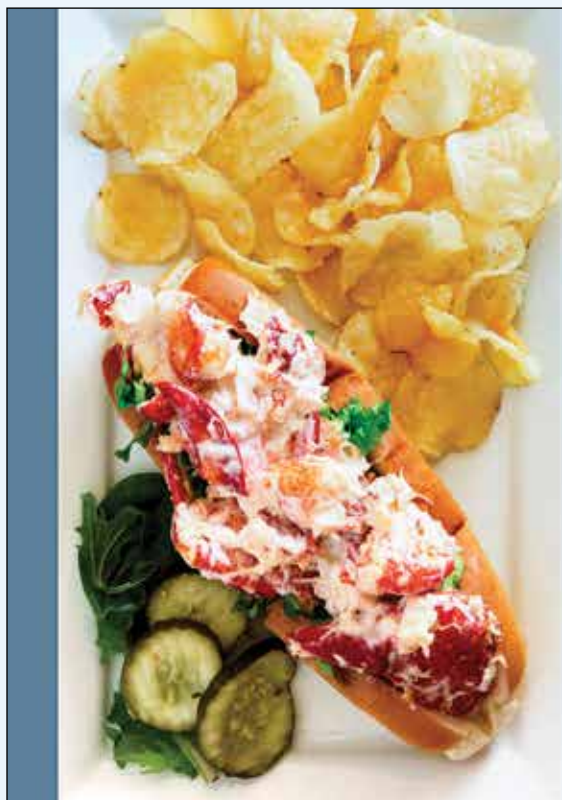
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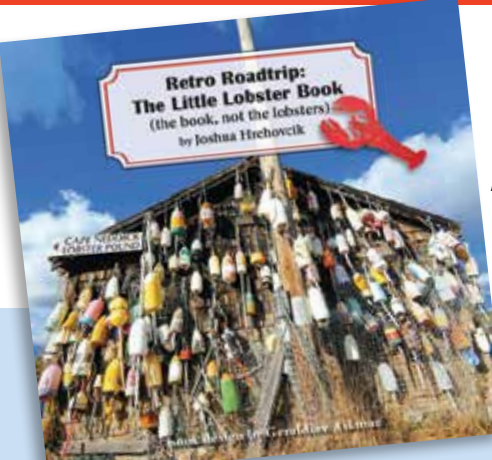
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Tonight, as I write this, the rain is pounding on the roof.

It's a glorious sound, especially combined with hours of rumbling thunder while I'm snug in my bed.

Today was cool, too, also a marked change from the steamy temps we've experienced this year.

And, of course, all of this has me thinking of fall...

It might be because we just held our Sharon Staz Free School Supplies Days, which saw us shopping for backpacks and lunch boxes and notebooks - something I haven't done in years.

It might also be because the stores are already full of Halloween candy and decorations.

Or it might just be that this is part of my annual rhythm, the longing for fall - my favorite season - before it gets here.

Some (and you know who you are) have said it's because I'm a season jumper, but I don't think that's the case. Sure, I look forward to Christmas for months and it is by far my favorite holiday and always has been. But I'm not dying for winter to arrive. I love a good snow storm here and there, but if winter ended mid-January, I'd be fine with it.

I find myself looking forward to spring if only to put winter behind me. The long, dark days and gray landscape can be trying to one's soul.

While spring might be full of mud up here, at least it heralds a return to lighter, brighter days.

Despite being born in July, I've never been a summer girl. And while I may be a water sign

(crabs unite!), I prefer to be near the water, looking at it, than splashing around in it.

Instead, come summer, you'll find me huddled in the air conditioning, dashing from air conditioned car to office to home, with nary a sweaty step in between.

But fall ... that's another story.

I look forward to the cooler days and even cooler nights, with a hint of woodsmoke in the air.

I yearn for bright fire-hued leaves to blanket the lawn and surrounding countryside, with each tree competing to outdo the next one.

I look forward to apples and cider doughnuts and pies and bright

orange pumpkins piled outside my door and along my mantel. And, of course, I look forward to pumpkin in my coffee, in my baked goods and anywhere else I can use it.

I love sweaters and digging that first jacket out of the closet and pulling on boots.

I love cozy weekends baking and curled up with a book or watching favorites like "Practical Magic" and "Hocus Pocus."

And I love love love Halloween, with all the little trick-or-treaters and the decorations and the glory that is Summer Street in Kennebunk.

So really, it's the whole season that I love - the only one I feel this way

about - so you'll have to forgive me if I jump - or should I say fall? - in a little early.

If you need me I'll be over here with the ac cranked, wearing a sweater, drinking a pumpkin spice latte...



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Sanford Performing Arts Center – an inspirational resource for students and community

by Steve Hrehovcik

The Sanford Performing Arts Center, part of the Sanford High School and Technical Center, has become a major cultural community gathering place since it raised its curtain in 2018.

The center has been designed with state-of-the-art theatrical equipment, including a sophisticated sound and lighting system. It also has an expansive backstage area and space above to accommodate quick set changes for theatrical shows. The modern decor of the 860-seat auditorium provides a welcoming atmosphere for events that take place throughout the school year.

Brett Williams has been director of SPAC since it started. He said, "It's exciting to see the impact the theater has on the local area during the fall and winter months. In a sense we have become the town square when the town square is covered with snow. Each year more people discover the 'magic' the center provides, and they come back and share their enthusiasm about us with family and friends."

SPAC is a public facility, owned by the city of Sanford and operated by the Sanford School Department. Williams points out the three ways SPAC can be used. First, as a

venue for school events. This includes student productions, concerts, school graduations, awards presentations and a speaker series. Williams said, "It's a great treat to see how the impact the center has on the next generation of students."

The second important use of the center is a facility for rental opportunities. This helps raise funds for its operation. Daily rental fees range from \$500 for local non-profit organizations to \$2,000 for professional groups.

The third popular use of the center is the Partners Bank Spotlight Series, which brings professional touring shows to Sanford. For the 2023-2024 Spotlight Series, SPAC will present thirteen entertaining productions.

**SPAC 2023-23 Season
Saturday, October 21:
7 PM - The Capital Fools**

Formerly The Capital Steps. Washington, D.C. political satire group skewers both sides of the aisle through outrageous songs and skits.

**Friday, November 24:
7 PM- Comedian Juston McKinney**

Back by popular demand with the Parentally Challenged humor he performed on Comedy Central, Showtime, Amazon Prime and multiple Tonight Show appearances.

**Saturday, December 2:
7 PM – Holiday Pops**

The 55-member Strafford Wind Symphony performs favorite holiday songs highlighted with a traditional sing-along. This marks their seventh performance on the SPAC stage.

Saturday, December 10: 2 & 7 PM – Portland Ballet: A Victorian Nutcracker

Set to Tchaikovsky's timeless score, Portland Ballet returns to tell the classic story of a young girl's dream inspired by the gift of a mysterious nutcracker.

Wednesday, January 3: 7 PM – The Greatest Love of All – A Tribute to Whitney Houston

Whitney Houston's musical legend portrayed by Belinda David in a critically acclaimed tribute to the pop legend. Features a live band, backing vocalist and choreographed dancers.

**Saturday, January 20:
3 PM – Fruit Flies Like A Banana – The Fourth Wall**

Part chamber music, part modern dance, part circus act, part theater, The Fourth Wall blends all the arts in an award-winning variety show.

Sunday, January 28: 7 PM – Step Afrika!

Touring more than 50 countries, Step Afrika! integrates songs, storytelling, humor and audience participation in traditional



A full house gathers to enjoy Strafford Wind Symphony on the Sanford. Courtesy photo

Zulu dance where percussion dance uses the body as an instrument.

**Saturday, February 10:
7 PM – The Four C Notes, a Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons Tribute**

Created by Jersey Boys star John Michael Coppola and backed by a seven-piece horn section, the Four C Notes are the premiere tribute to Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons.

Sunday, March 3: 1 PM – Hanna Powell Memorial Piano Competition

The third annual competition recognizes the talents of Maine's brightest young pianists, while remembering Hanna Powell who inspired and taught countless young musicians.

Saturday, March 9: 7 PM – The Mind Reader, An Evening of Mischief and Magic

Master magician and mentalist Kent Axell re-

turns home to Maine from his popular residency in Las Vegas featuring magic, psychological illusions, misdirection and humor.

Saturday, April 6: 7 PM – Neil Berg's 101 Years of Broadway

Back by popular demand, this sprawling revue of treasures from the best-loved musicals of all time. Features a company of Broadway performers delivering show-stopping numbers.

Sunday, June 3: 3 PM – Menopause, The Musical 2, Cruising Through 'The Change'

The hysterical sequel to the smash-hit *Menopause, The Musical*, presents a hilarious and heartfelt look at the joy of menopause and friendship – this time reuniting on a cruise ship.

Monday, May 20: 9:15 & 11:30 AM – Pete the Cat The Theatretworks USA

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Tried and True Homemade Tomato Sauce

My back garden is finally bursting with ripe tomatoes of various sizes. Every August, I make a sauce from a decades-old recipe I found in *Cook's Illustrated*. The sauce is light, aromatic and actually tastes like a fresh tomato. Plus, it can be doubled, then frozen and stored in airtight containers for up to 3 months.

Fresh Tomato Sauce

(makes 5 cups, enough for 2 pounds of pasta)

Ingredients:

5 lbs. ripe tomatoes (cored)
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
1/4 tsp. dried oregano
1 cup fresh basil leaves, shredded
Salt

Directions:

Cut tomatoes in half along equator. Set fine-mesh strainer over medium bowl, then gently squeeze tomato halves, cut sides down, over strainer to collect seeds and jelly, scraping any seeds that cling to tomatoes into strainer.

Using rubber spatula, press on seeds to extract as much liquid as possible. Discard seeds. Set aside 1 cup liquid and transfer any remaining liquid to large bowl.

Cut tomatoes into rough 1 1/2-inch pieces. Working in 2 or 3 batches, process tomatoes in blender until smooth (approx. 30-45 seconds). Transfer puree to large bowl with strained liquid. (Should be about 10 cups puree.)

Heat 2 tbsp. oil in Dutch oven over medium heat until shimmering.

Add garlic, pepper flakes and oregano; cook until fragrant (approx. 1 minute).

Stir in tomato puree and 1 tsp. salt; increase heat to medium-high and bring to simmer. Then reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, stirring occasionally, until reduced to 4 cups (approx. 45 minutes to an hour).

Remove pot from heat and stir in basil, reserved tomato liquid and remaining 2 tbsp. oil. Season with salt.

Use immediately or let cool, then freeze.

(Hints: Using whole tomato without core yields a more complex flavor. Also, leaving in jelly and seeds produces a sauce with a better sweet-savory balance. And ... I sometimes add a tablespoon of sugar.)

August Ambrosia Peaches or Blueberries with Amaretto Sauce (Serves 4)

Ingredients:

3 cups fresh berries
4 tbsp. Amaretto liqueur and 4 tbsp. powdered sugar
8-oz. Ricotta cheese (non-fat works just as well)
8-oz. cream cheese
1/2 cup sugar
4 egg yolks
2 tbsp. heavy cream
3 tbsp. Amaretto liqueur

Directions:

Toss 3 cups of fresh berries or peaches with 4 tbsp. Amaretto liquor and 4 tbsp. powdered sugar. Set aside and chill.

Using a blender or food processor, mix ricotta and cream cheese.

Add sugar, egg yolks, cream and 3 tbsp. Amaretto. Beat until smooth.

Pour into serving dish and chill.

Place chilled fruit in dish (serving in a crystal champagne glass takes this dessert to a new planet!) and pass sauce separately to spoon over.

For a special August evening in Maine....

Lobster Stuffed Lobster – with Artichoke Risotto (Courtesy of Tides Beach Club Restaurant)

This classic seafood entree was created by Executive Chef Joe Schafer at the Tides Beach Club Restaurant. With their signature cocktails (the Watermelon Cosmo is a fave), comprehensive wine list and "South Beach vibe," reservations are strongly suggested at this sole waterfront restaurant on Goose Rocks Beach. (Tides Beach Club Restaurant located at 930 King's Highway, Goose Rocks Beach. Lunch: 11:30 AM-3 PM; Happy Hour: 3-5 PM; Dinner: 5-9 PM. Live music Sundays, 3-5 PM, through Labor Day Weekend. FMI call 967-3757.)

Lobster Stuffed Lobster

(Serves 2)

Ingredients:

1 1/4 pound fresh lobster
4-oz. cream cheese
2-oz. grated Parmesan
1 Idaho potato (boiled and mashed)
1 tbsp. fresh chives
10-oz. goat cheese
4 each canned artichokes
1 tsp. granulated garlic

Directions:

Cook lobster in boiling water for 7 minutes, then place in ice water.

Drain and let cool.

Using a sharp chef's knife, split lobster in two, slicing directly from center of head to tail. Remove knuckle and claw meat. Rinse well with cold water to remove all innards. Place chopped lobster in a bowl and refrigerate until ready to make stuffing.

Bring cream cheese to room temperature; place in mixing bowl, add lobster meat and all other ingredients. Mix, season with salt and pepper, and stuff into empty lobster shells.

Photo, above right: This Lobster Stuffed Lobster is served over Artichoke Risotto, a specialty of Tides' Executive Chef Joe Schafer. Photo courtesy of Tides Beach Club



Artichoke Risotto

Ingredients:

1 cup Arborio rice
1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 shallot (diced)
1/2 cup dry white wine
6 each canned artichokes (for garnish)
1/2 cup grated Parmesan
2 tbsp. butter
3 cups water

Directions:

Dice shallot and sweat in olive oil.

Toast rice in oil with shallot, then add white wine and cook until evaporated. Add water and stir continually.

Once water is absorbed and rice is tender, add Parmesan and butter until fully melted.

Bake stuffed lobster shells for 8-10 minutes in 350 oven until warm in the middle of the stuffing.

Spoon risotto on plate and place stuffed lobster shells on risotto.

Garnish with remaining artichokes and brush lobster tails with butter before serving.

Miles' and Henry's Favorite Blueberry Pancakes

Whenever my New Jersey grandsons visit, they beg me to make Chocolate Chip Pancakes. NOT in August. This is when they prefer my home-made flapjacks with fresh Maine wild blueberries.

Blueberry Pancakes from Scratch

(approximately 16 pancakes, 4 inches in diameter)

Ingredients:

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1 egg
1 1/4 cups buttermilk (or sour milk)
2 tbsp. liquid shortening
1 1/2 cups fresh wild blueberries (and they're at farmsteads now!)

Directions:

Sift dry ingredients into a large bowl.

Beat egg, milk and liquid shortening together, then gradually add to dry ingredients. Mix thoroughly.

Gently stir in blueberries.

Pour or ladle batter in pools on hot griddle. Turn pancakes as soon as they are puffed and full of bubbles (but before bubbles break).

Turn and brown on the other side.

To keep hot, place between folds of paper towels in 200 degree oven.

(Note: When the boys visit at other times of the year, I substitute 1 cup of semi-sweet miniature chocolate chips for the blueberries. There are never any leftovers.)

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him after that meeting, telling him that by being ridiculous, he makes it harder for other citizens – like herself – to be taken seriously in that public forum. The thing is, he



Harriet Harris and Ben Kingsley co-star in the comedic and touching *Jules*.

Ben Kingsley brings his A game to *Jules*, in which he plays Milton, a lonely, quirky widower in a small western Pennsylvania town. His is a constant presence at select board meetings, in which he typically harps on the same subject matters week after week, like the need for a crosswalk at a certain intersection. One day, after repeating his litany of concerns, he informs the board that a UFO crash-landed in his backyard and did a number on his azaleas and birdbath.

Milton has a reputation in town; he's considered an oddball. One of his neighbors, Sandy (the wonderful Harriet Harris), confronts

wasn't being ridiculous: A spaceship indeed crash-landed in his backyard, and its pilot, a willowy little humanoid alien out of a 1950s comic book, is now living in his house. *Jules* takes a familiar sci-fi theme – here come the spacemen – and turns it into something fresh and engaging. Yes, there are moments of laugh-out-loud levity, but director Marc Turtletaub, writer Gavin Steckler, and the actors all take this material seriously; they're not playing it broadly, which makes it all the more believable.

This is a bittersweet movie. Milton's relation-

ship with his daughter/caregiver Denise (Zoe Winters) is fraught with tension, and his estranged son remains offscreen the entire time. Sandy and another neighbor, Joyce (Jane Curtin), have their own issues as they muddle their way through their golden years. Oddly enough, it's the alien they've christen Jules who plays a role in how they address their innermost thoughts and fears.

There's a bit of *E.T.* here,

as shadowy federal agents threaten to capture the friendly alien and do nasty things to him. But we need that, to have something to race against. Not that the plot is the driving force here. Rather, it's a profoundly moving story of an old man who finds someone to talk to, and every living creature's desire to be accepted, to be loved, and to belong.

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by Jo O'Connor

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Can I get an alright for Kennebunk-based Community Outreach Services? They raised \$900 and garnered 145 pounds of food at the free concert (with 6 local bands) for Band Blast VI, which was coordinated by the extraordinary Faith Gillman, event producer. Faith is also a feature write for T&T.

According to The Travel, Camden was ranked #1 in small towns in Maine.

In the growth category, Aroma Joe's has opened a second coffee shop in Kittery on 523 U.S. Route 1, as the chain grows to more than 100 locations.

Ever wonder was the most photographed Maine location is? In recent data analysis, Floridapanhandle.com analyzed hundreds of hashtags and attractions of every U.S. state, along with global data of the most hash tagged, liked and followed attractions. In Maine, Acadia National Park was voted as #1.

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Kennebunkport's Graves Library sponsors a conversation with best-selling authors Richard Russo and Andre Dubus III

It's a rare event when two best-selling authors sit together on stage to discuss their writing techniques and story collections, but Kennebunkport's Graves Library is spearheading this unique evening at Arundel's Vinegar Hill Music Theater on October 19, starting with a reception at 5:30 PM. It's the first time longtime friends Richard Russo and Andre Dubus III will appear together in Kennebunkport.

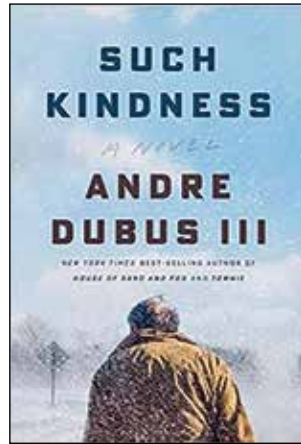
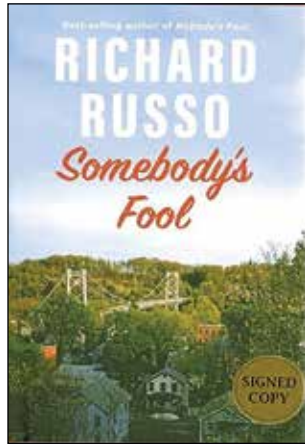
Both authors have recently released new novels. Dubus' *Such Kindness* is the story of a working-class white man's terrible fall and a "portrait of recovered dignity." Russo returns to North Bath, in upstate New York, in *Somebody's Fool*, and to characters that captured the hearts and imaginations of millions of readers in his beloved

bestsellers, *Nobody's Fool* and *Everybody's Fool*. Each novel brims with the authors' trademark heart-rending observations and wry humor.

Moderating the conversation is former Graves Library board member Joshua Bodwell, editorial director of Godine and Black Sparrow Press. The event is sponsored by Friends of Vinegar Hill Music Theater.

There will be a cocktail hour (with cash bar) beginning at 5:30. A bookstore will sell a variety of the authors' works during the first hour of the event. Both Russo and Dubus III will stay after their talk to personalize any purchases. Proceeds of all tickets (\$50 each) sold will benefit the Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library.

Mary-Lou Boucouvalas,



director of Graves Library, says, "This will be an amazing and popular event. We hope those who are interested will purchase their tickets soon because this could sell out early."

Vinegar Hill Music Theater is located at 53 Old Post Road, Arundel; telephone 985-5552. FMI on tickets or the event, email mlbgraves@gmail.com or call 967-2778.

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Note: The number for each high and low tide indicates the height in feet above or below sea level. This chart shows tides for the mid-coast of York County; tide times are a few minutes earlier to the north (Old Orchard Beach) and a few minutes later to the south (York Beach). Tides are affected by the weather and cycles of the moon; the actual times and tide heights can differ slightly from the predictions above.

Southern Maine Saltwater Fishing Report: Great striper action this week

by Captain Greg Metcalf

It was another great week of fishing along the southern Maine shoreline for saltwater anglers. Offshore anglers enjoyed some good tuna action this week and the shark fishing has been picking up. Mackerel, stripers and a few bluefish pleased inshore fishermen fishing from shore, kayaks and boats.

Kennebunkport: The striper fishing from Cape Porpoise to Parsons Beach is very strong. Mother's Beach, Kennebunk Beach and the rocky shoreline along Ocean Avenue have been very productive. Fishing in the Kennebunk River has also been consistent. Anglers aboard my boat the *Striper Swiper* had a great week catching stripers measuring up to 48 inches.

Wells, Ogunquit: Webhannet River Bait and Tackle reported Wells Harbor and the beaches from Ogunquit to Parsons continues to produce stripers. Both live bait and fresh-cut bait like mackerel, squid and sea worms have been working well. There are still mackerel around, although they have not been at the bell where they can usually be found. You have to search or chum for them, but they are there.

Bibb rock produced a lot of macks with a few herring over the weekend. The mackerel are pretty large, so you might



PJ Nee from Charlotte, North Carolina caught this nice striper while fishing aboard the *Striper Swiper* on August 16.

want to size up on the Sabiki hook. A size 14 or 16 hook works well for those bigger baits.

The Kennebunk jetty has a lot of small pollock. Although they are softer bait than mackerel, if they are used for live bait, stripers will gobble them up.

Goose Rocks Beach and Biddeford Pool: Captain Dave Rand told me the fishing was very good this week. There was a lot of top water activity of small stripers but they were hard to catch due to the abundance of sand eels. Chunks of mackerel are still the bait of choice for Captain Steve, and they have actually been

out-producing live bait. York: Captain Phil Breton from Breton Charters told me the shoreline from the Cliff House all the way down to York has been very productive.

The stripers are between 24-inches to jumbo over 40-inch fish. They move around and are not in the same place every day. You have to look for them, but when you find them the action can be fast and furious.

Captain Phil has heard the ground fishing is still pretty decent. He has also caught a handful of bluefish, but the action has not been consistent. He thinks September is going

to be a great month. Saco River and Saco Bay: Captain Cal Robinson of Saco Bay Guide Service told me that mackerel were tough to find this week. Fishermen sailing out of the Saco River had to travel to Bluff Island, Stratton Island and Pine Point to catch them.

Striper fishing is still very good, but it requires a lot of patience – and being in the right place at the right time. There were some reports of bluefish sightings but very few landings.

Offshore tuna fishermen had a good week catching giant tuna not too far from Wood Island.

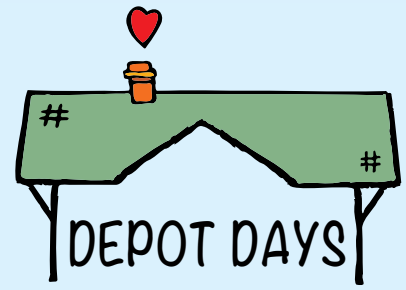
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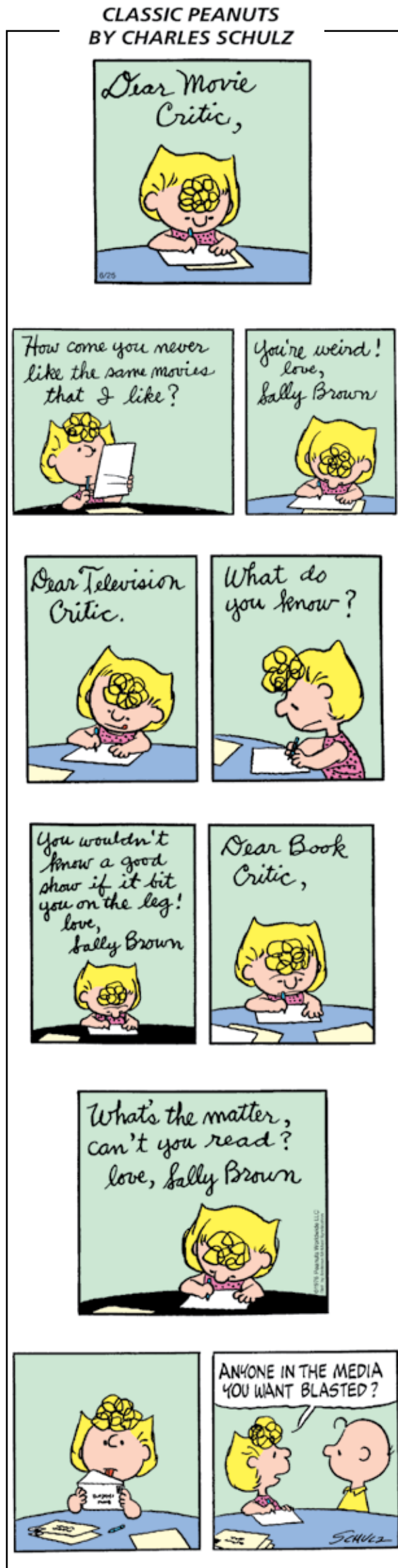


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Q: We are about to begin our search for a new home. I find all the noise about the real estate world to be very confusing. Can you suggest some ways that we can bypass all the real estate noise and confusion and get us going on our buying process in a way that is right and works for us. Thanks, Carl and Eva



A: I totally understand your confusion as there is lots of real estate noise out there. I would recommend the following procedure to help you have a positive experience. First I would meet with a lender that you have been recommended to and find out what amount of loan you can take on. The lender should be able to help you see the amount that you can afford and would be approved for. Then I would find a knowledgeable real estate broker to represent you. Choosing someone you trust and have confidence in will be a real plus as you go through your search and then your negotiations. These steps will definitely help you work through a successful and not confused buying process.

Q: We recently had a house under contract and as we did our due diligence we found that we would not be able to do all the things to the house that we would need to do to make it a good fit for us. It took a fair amount of time to find out all we could not do and we were truly disappointed. Is there a way that we could find out what we can and cannot do before we put a place under contract? The brokers had no information to help us and neither did the current owner. Just checking as we truly do not want to go through that process again. It was costly,exhausting and truly disappointing. Alex

A: Yes there are ways to make this process less complicated. When you find a place that you want to buy you should go to Town Hall and meet and discuss your plans with the Code Enforcement Officer. This will enable you to have an accurate overview of what is and is not allowed to be done to the property as per town rules, etc. Then you can also contact a reputable contractor and investigate the costs, etc, to do the work you want done. The more of this you do the better you will be to move forward on the sale or back away.

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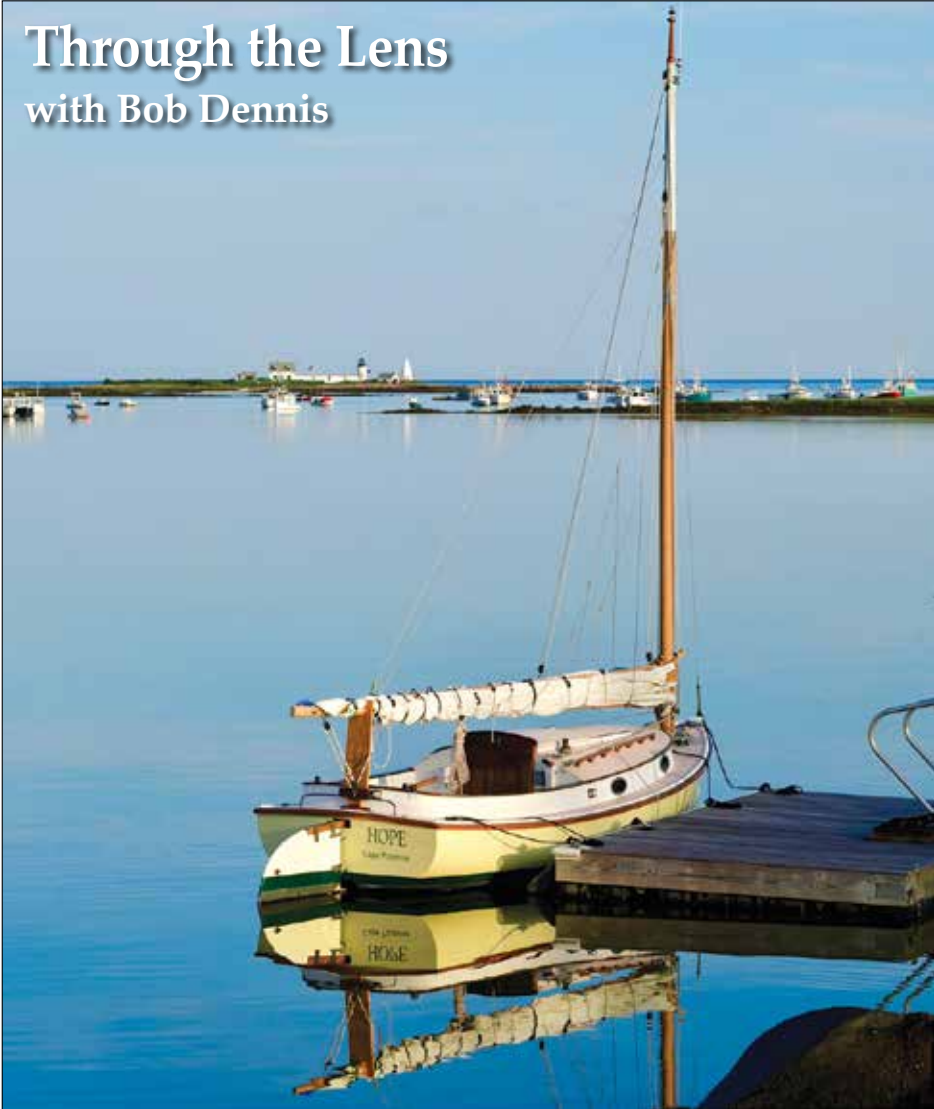
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"I considered sharing one of my several photos of dramatic cloud formations over the ocean from the past week but I think readers would much prefer a colorful image from one of the few really beautiful summer days we've had in recent weeks. On the photo-sharing sites I participate in, this is actually my most popular image of the summer. Taken on private property in Cape Porpoise during the late afternoon of Sunday, August 6, it shows the sailboat "Hope" at rest at its dock, with perfectly calm water and clear blue skies. Goat Island Light and several lobster boats are in the distance. I "hope" we enjoy many more days like this before summer 2023 comes to an end." ~ Bob Dennis @portimages kportimages.com

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ACROSS

- 1 Teacher of the Torah
- 6 At a great distance
- 10 Softball implements
- 14 Neptune's home
- 15 Ad award
- 16 Elite English prep school
- 17 Mall anchor, often (In this answer, note the first 2 letters + the last 3)
- 19 Rational
- 20 Clark of the Daily Planet
- 21 Gymnast Mary ___ Retton
- 22 Sunny courtyards
- 23 Very concerned (first 3 letters + last 1)
- 26 Throat ailment, in brief
- 29 Crafted
- 30 Taj ___
- 31 Physicist Niels
- 33 Earsplitting
- 37 Jekyll and Hyde, e.g. (first 2 letters + last 2)
- 40 Garment under a dress
- 41 Fully stretched
- 42 ___ Elise Goldsberry ("Hamilton" star)
- 43 Emphatic lead-in to "yes"

- 45 Puts a label on, say
- 46 "You and me both!" (first 2 letters + last 1)
- 51 Early Peruvians
- 52 Objective
- 53 PBJs' meaty cousins
- 57 Singer Paisley
- 58 Tries something dangerous (first 2 letters + last 2)
- 61 Bronte heroine Jane
- 62 Ready for business
- 63 Egyptian peninsula
- 64 Buck or doe
- 65 Emotional wreck
- 66 Not prone to goofing around

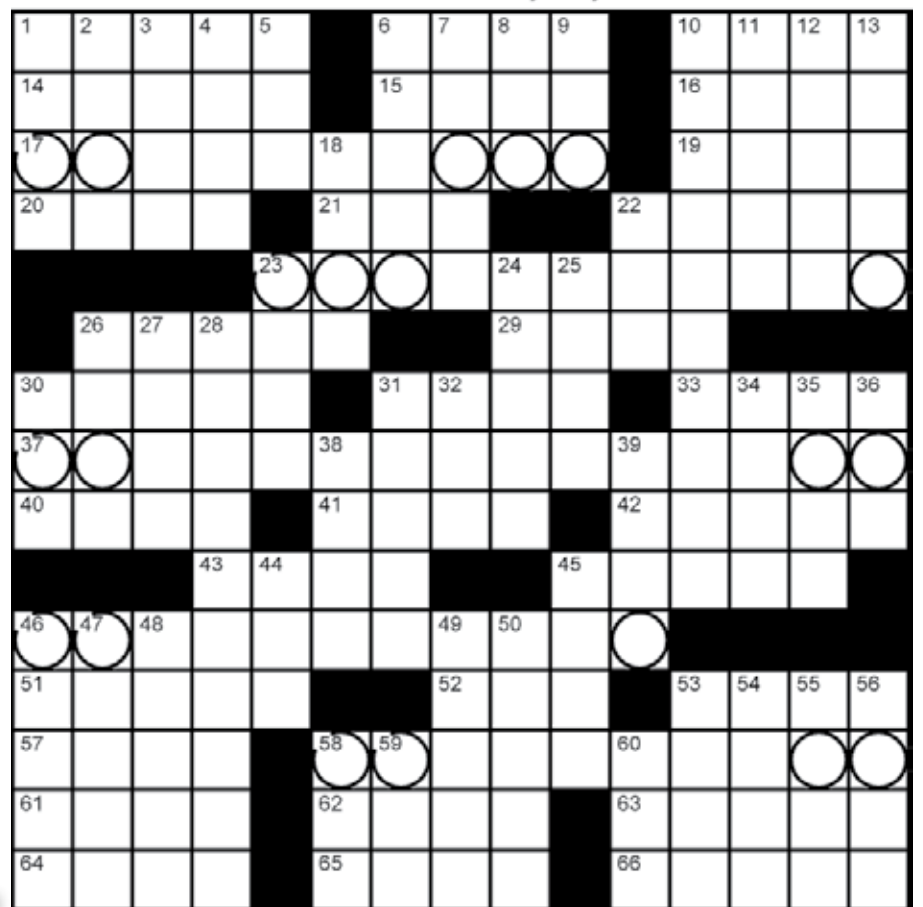
DOWN

- 1 Genre for Styx and the Stones
- 2 Soreness
- 3 Coffee source
- 4 Fishing lure
- 5 Road trip lodging
- 6 Hardy or Holland
- 7 Bakery sackful
- 8 Voice, as grievances
- 9 Sturgeon eggs
- 10 It flies off the shelves
- 11 Video game pioneer
- 12 Invigorating concoction
- 13 Quarterback's plunge play

- 18 Sty serving
- 22 Contribute
- 23 Modern slang for "Alas ..."
- 24 "It's a sauna in here!"
- 25 Bring home the bacon
- 26 Title character in a "Breaking Bad" spinoff
- 27 Spicy Asian cuisine
- 28 Consumer advocate who ran for president four times
- 30 Many OB-GYNs
- 31 ___ lights (car parts)
- 32 Columbus sch.
- 34 Sty sound
- 35 Great Basin tribe
- 36 Give color to?
- 38 Set in stone?

- 39 Many a Yemeni
- 44 Little green men: Abbr.
- 45 Flowers at Texas homecomings, briefly
- 46 Were in accord
- 47 End of a sandwich order
- 48 "It matters to me"
- 49 Wedding desserts
- 50 Claims used as collateral
- 53 Hardy or Holland
- 54 Script part
- 55 Bygone Russian royal
- 56 Body covering
- 58 Hardy or Holland
- 59 Gorilla, e.g.
- 60 Beast of burden

Division of Labor by Billy Ouska



Universal Crossword
Solution on page 20
(no peeking)

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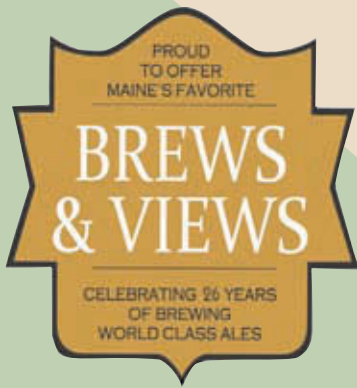
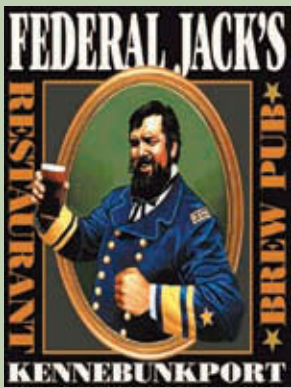
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