

EVENTS

Things to Do

AUGUSTA — Fourth annual Maine Humanities Summit panel and discussion on “What’s the Connection between Veterans and the Humanities?” 5:45-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, Senator Inn, 284 Western Ave. Panelists: Bob Patrick, director of Veterans History Project, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.; Lizz Sinclair, Maine Humanities Council; Jeff Sychterz, veteran and English faculty at University of Maine at Augusta, Bangor Campus; and Maine Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Thomas Hayden, University of Maine student, president of the UM Student Veterans Association, who had been deployed to Iraq 2008-2009, 2011. 581-1913.

AUGUSTA — Construction Showcase hosted by Maine Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday April 13; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, April 14, Augusta Civic Center. Raises funds for scholarships for Maine students pursuing careers in construction. nawicmaine.org.

BANGOR — Chicken pie supper and music show, Saturday, April 16, Bangor Grange Hall, 1192 Ohio St. Supper at 5:30 p.m. for \$8; the Drowned Valley band at 7 p.m. for

\$8; or both for \$14. Call 973-3976 for information.

BANGOR — Contradance with music by Whale Skull and John McIntire calling, Friday, April 15, Unitarian Universalist Society Church, 120 Park St. Beginners’ session, 7:30 p.m., dance, 8 p.m. \$8. 941-9727, bangorcontra.org or bangorcontra@gmail.com.

BANGOR — “Search Images,” wood-block prints by artist Amy Guadagnoli, through April 14, Robert E. White Gallery, Husson University. Amy Guadagnoli at 370-9202 or art@amyguadagnoli.com, Kathi Smith at smithk@husson.edu.

BELFAST — Illustrated presentation with Heather McCargo, founder and director of the Wild Seed Project, based in Blue Hill, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, Abbott Room, Belfast Free Library, 106 High St. Free. 338-3884, ext. 10.

BRUNSWICK — Brunswick Downtown Association and Maine State Music Theatre hosting ladies night out, 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 15, Maine State Music Theatre rehearsal space, 22 Elm St. Must be over 21 to attend. \$30, includes one Diva cocktail, hors’oeuvres and desserts. Cash bar available. Features chair massage, consults with hearing and optical specialists, running shoes and

sports bra fitting, selecting proper undergarments, complimentary skin analysis, complimentary hot paraffin hand treatments, raffles for jewelry, hypnosis gift certificates, photo session with professional photographer and theater tickets. Tickets, http://brunswickdowntown.org/events/celebrate-your-inner-diva/.

CALAIS — Fourth annual Hunger Games, 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, in Calais High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 per person, and all proceeds benefit the Irene Chadbourne Ecumenical Food Pantry.

CAMDEN — Gene McKeever will lead a discussion with local schooner captains on what it’s really like to run a sailing business on the Maine coast 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at Camden Public Library. The talk is part of the library’s Maritime Month speaker series. For information, call 236-3440.

CAMDEN — Tuesday Book Group discussing “The Kindness of Strangers: Penniless across America” by Mike McIntyre, 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, Camden Public Library. Nina, 470-7473.

CAMDEN — Meteorologist Ken McKinley giving analysis of weather factors affecting recent big ship disasters, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, Camden Public Library.

Part of the library’s Maritime Month speaker series. 236-3440.

DAMARISCOTTA — Seasonal cooking and spring wellness class with Alayna Morin, 5:15-6:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, FARMS Community Kitchen, 323 Main St. Free. To register, leave a message with name, phone number and date of class, 563-1161, info@mefarms.org or write to: FARMS, P.O. Box 421, Damariscotta ME 04543.

JONESPORT — Alewife story hour and art project, 11 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 16, Peabody Memorial Library, 162 Main St. Part of the Alewives: Small Fish, Big Impact series of community events. Free public events include film screenings, book discussions, panel discussion and more. http://islandreadersandwriters.org/alewives or 244-5111.

MACHIAS — Washington County Local Emergency Planning committee meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, April 11, Maine Veteran’s Home. Use Veteran’s Home entrance at Down East Community Hospital Parking Lot off Court St. Open to all. Mike Hinerman, 255-3931 or 263-5990.

ORONO — A public lecture “Veterans History Project — Collecting the Story of the Veteran in Your Life” by Bob Patrick, director, Veterans History

Project, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, 1-2:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, McIntire Room, Buchanan Alumni House, University of Maine, Orono. Light reception at 1 p.m.; lecture at 1:15 p.m.

PORTLAND — Free reading and discussion group led by Dr. Jeanine Uzzi, University of Southern Maine; and Kyle Elsea, U.S. Army, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 and 27; May 4, 11, 18 and 25, Woodfords Church, 202 Woodford St. Combat veterans of all eras invited. Space limited and registration required. Rita Siavelis, 780-3584. Offered in partnership with Portland Vet Center.

ROCKLAND — Pen Bay Christian School annual Academic Fair, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the school, Littlefield Memorial Baptist Church, 1 Waldo Ave. Refreshments, 7 p.m. school lunchroom. Student art projects on exhibit in art classroom. 596-6460.

ROCKLAND — Teen and Young Parent Program’s silent auction, dessert and dance fundraiser featuring Mid Life Crisis Friday, April 29, at Rockland Elks Lodge, Limerock Street. Auction 7-8:15 p.m. with dessert. Bidders need to be present to win items. The band starts at 8 p.m. Those who want to be sponsors, donate auction items or offer a des-

sert may contact Adrienne Randall at 594-1980 or adrienne.randall@maine.edu.

ROCKPORT — Opening reception, “Current Student Work,” 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 15, Messler Gallery, Center for Furniture Craftsmanship, 25 Mill St. Sxhibit will be on display through May 25. 594-5611 or wood-school.org.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR — Personal money management classes, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 and April 27, at the library. To register, 244-7065.

TRESCOTT — Alewives: Small Fish, Big Impact series of community events, April and May, Cobscook Community Learning Center, 10 Commissary Point Road. Includes film screenings, book discussions, story hours, art projects, panel discussion and more. Free. http://islandreadersandwriters.org/alewives or 244-5111.

WISCASSET — Old time country family dance with Sharon Pyne and Friends, 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 15, Morris Farm, 156 Gardiner Road. \$5 at the door. Snacks available. 882-4080 or info@morrisfarm.org.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.



VINCENT GUARINO

The Frontier Sugarworks sugarhouse is located just miles from the border with Quebec. Carrie Braman and VJ Guarino have signed a 20-year lease with the state of Maine for the rights to the 200-acre, state-owned sugarbush on the border.

Sugar

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kins, a maple products specialist with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, told the BDN in 2014.

According to Whitcomb, it takes a long-range plan to encourage the maple industry. That’s one reason the long sugarbush leases make sense.

“I don’t think maple is anything but growth,” the commissioner said this week. “The key is the trees. Grow it, harvest it and sell it — that’s the common theme for any natural resource.”

Prior to Braman and Guarino leasing the 200-acre sugarbush from the state, the land had been selectively logged to leave the maple trees behind. When they started working the parcel, they had no sugarhouse to process the sap, but spent the first few years selling their sap to other processors.

That changed when they obtained a \$100,000 loan through Coastal Enterprises Inc. to build a sugarhouse and buy key equipment such as an evaporator.

“For three years now, we’ve been selling syrup,” Braman said. “It’s going really well, although we’re not over the scary financial hump just yet.”

As of now, miles of plastic tubing brings clear sap from 5,000 taps to their new sugarhouse. They love the wildlife

they see on the land — with a few caveats. Squirrels, bears and moose can bite holes in the tubes.

“And what will often happen is a moose will come running through and knock over the tubing,” Braman said.

So the farmers have to keep checking on the tubes, making sure they are in good working order. And as is the case with all farmers, Braman and Guarino need nature to cooperate in order to have a good harvest. Last winter, with its record-breaking cold temperatures and many feet of snow, didn’t provide the best conditions for maple syrup. When spring came, it came fast, Braman said, and the suddenly warm temperatures put a halt to the harvest. Last spring, they made 21 barrels, or about 1,155 gallons of certified organic syrup.

This spring, with its freezes and thaws, already seems more promising. They started boiling on March 8, more than a month earlier than they did in 2015, but the sap has not stopped flowing yet.

“We’ve been doing really well this year, which is a huge relief,” Braman said. “We’re hoping to make 40 barrels. Our big joke is that we’re going to go to Las Vegas if we make 40. Neither of us wants to go to Las Vegas. But we’re still hoping the season will extend to the end of April.”

During the sap season, Guarino doesn’t leave the sugarbush.

“He’s got a maple baby,” Braman said. “He’s got to check all the equipment every three hours.”

But she does leave from time to time. They own a straw-bale house in Northport, about three hours from Sandy Bay Township, and so have been cultivating ties with stores and customers along the state’s more heavily populated coast. Frontier Sugarworks syrup is available at farmer’s markets in Camden and Northeast Harbor, at the Belfast Co-op, the Portland Co-op, the Good Tern Co-op in Rockland and Dot’s in Lincolnville, among other locales. Braman also is trying to diversify their product line and makes maple sugar, maple candy, maple-glazed nuts and more.

“We’re busy,” Braman said.

That’s for sure, according to Whitcomb, the commissioner.

“Frontier is a wonderful example. They’ve worked awfully hard running those lines and getting their boiling operations together,” he said. “It’s an immense amount of work. People think of making maple syrup as a two week or three week harvest, but it’s months of work in preparation, and then three weeks or five weeks of intensity.”

Braman said that she enjoys the work.

“I love boiling so much. The smell, the taste,” she said. “And it’s a fun way to bring in the spring, to be outdoors the whole time.”

Ronda Stone, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Cheryl Wixson, MOFGA’s resident chef, will serve as panel moderator.

The cost to attend is \$35 MOFGA members, \$50 others, including lunch. To register or for information, go to mofga.org.

Building low-cost milking parlors

HINCKLEY — Designing and building low-cost, efficient milking parlors for dairy herds is the focus of a free workshop 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at Kennebec Valley Community College Alford Campus, Recreation Center, Route 201.

Larry Tranel, dairy specialist with Iowa State University Cooperative Extension, will discuss TRANS-Iowa parlors, designed to be more ergonomically friend-

ly and improve milking speed and cow movement.

University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Maine Organic Milk Producers and Coastal Enterprises Inc. are sponsoring the workshop.

The cost of milking cows in Maine is higher than many areas of the nation, according to UMaine Extension professor Rick Kersbergen in a press release. The cost translates to lower profit margins and productivity. One reason for the high cost is the amount of time associated with milking in inefficient facilities. Additional-

ly, many Maine farmers suffer debilitating physical ailments due to poorly designed systems and barns.

The workshop, which will be held in conjunction with MOMP’s annual meeting, is free to all Maine dairy farmers and includes lunch. Pre-registration is requested and available online (extension.umaine.edu/register/product/designing-building-milking-parlors).

For information or to request a disability accommodation, contact Kersbergen at 207-342-5971 or richard.kersbergen@maine.edu.

Monday prime time

MOVIES

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2 NBC 207 Inside Ed. The Voice The remaining artists compete. (N) 2						(01) Blindspot (N) 14	News	
	4 CBC Miss Marple The National (N)						CBC Coronation Rick Mercer		
	5 CBS Big Bang Broke Girl Supergirl (N) (HD) 15				Scorpion (N) (HD) 15		(9:59) NCIS: Los Angeles News		
	52 CW Family Guy Crazy Ex-Girlfriend (N) 15				Jane the Virgin (N) 15		News Seinfeld 15	Cougar	
	6 NBC 207 Inside Ed. The Voice The remaining artists compete. (N) 2						(01) Blindspot (N) 15	News	
	7 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! 15				Dancing With the Stars (N) (1) (HD) 15		(01) Castle (N) (HD) 15	News	
	WAGM FOX The Insider Ent. Tonight Gotham (N) (HD) 15				(01) Lucifer (N) (HD) 15		News Big Bang Big Bang		
	8 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! 15				Dancing With the Stars (N) (1) (HD) 15		(01) Castle (N) (HD) 15	News	
	MPBN PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)				Antiques Roadshow (N) 15		Jackie Robinson Baseball player Jackie Robinson	J Robinson	
	9 IND Blindspot (N) (HD) 15				Gotham (N) (HD) 15		News-Lisa CTV News	Daily Show	
KIDS	13 CBS Ent. Tonight The Insider Supergirl (N) (HD) 15				Scorpion (N) (HD) 15		(9:59) NCIS: Los Angeles News		
	22 FOX Mod Fam Mod Fam Gotham (N) (HD) 15				(01) Lucifer (N) (HD) 15		FOX 22 News at 10 (N)	Law-SVU	
	IND M'A'S'H 15				M'A'S'H 15		Hogan Hero Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
	38 IND Big Bang Big Bang Law & Order: SVU				Happy Days Laverne Law & Order: SVU		WBZ News (N) (HD)	Seinfeld 15	
	NICK School Thunder Thunder Paradise Full House 15				Full House 15		Full House 15	Friends 15	
	DISN Best Fr. Girl Meets Stuck Bunk'd 15				Liv-Mad. K.C. Under.		Best Fr. Girl Meets	Liv-Mad.	
	FREE (5:30) *** The Hunger Games				*** The Proposal (2009) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds. (PG-13)			700 Club	
	HIST Swamp People 15				Swamp People (N) 15		Iron & Fire 15	Iron & Fire 15	Swamp
	DISC Street Outlaws: NOLA Street Outlaws: Full Throt				Street Outlaws: NOLA		(01) Misfit Garage (N) 15	Outlaws	
	TLC My 600-Lb. Life 15				My 600-Lb. Life: Extended (N) 15			My 600-Lb.	
LEARN	A&E The First 48 15				The First 48 15		(03) Damien (N) 15	Bates Motel	
	ANPL Insane Pools Insane Pools: Deep End				(01) Tanked 15		(03) Tanked 15	Treehouse	
	CSNE Celtics Pre. NBA Basketball Charlotte Hornets at Boston Celtics. (1)						Celtics SportsNet	Sports	
	ESPN MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at New York Mets. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y.						Baseball Tonight (N) (1)	SportCtr	
	ESPN2 NFL Live (N) NBA Coast to Coast (N) (1)						SEC Storied	30 for 30	
	NBCSP Premier League Review Premier League Match of the Week 15						Blazers Premier Down		
	NESN Behind B Behind B MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles at Boston Red Sox.						Sports Sports	Sports	
	CNBC Follow the Secret Lives Shark Tank 15				Shark Tank 15		Shark Tank 15	Billion Buyer	
	CNN Erin Burnett OutFront (N) Anderson Cooper 360 15				Why They Hate Us (N)		CNN Tonight	Cooper 360	
	FNC Greta Van Susteren The O'Reilly Factor (N)				The Kelly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)	O'Reilly	
NEWS	MSNBC Hardball Chris Matthews All In With Chris Hayes Rachel Maddow Show						The Last Word	All In With	
	AMC (6:25) *** Twister (1996) Helen Hunt. (PG-13)				(6:55) Better Call Saul 15		Better Call Saul (N) 15	Call Saul	
	BRV Shahs of Sunset 15				Southern Charm 15		Southern Charm (N) 15	Happens	
	CMT Last Man Last Man Last Man Last Man				*** Gran Torino (2008, Drama)		Clint Eastwood, Bee Vang. (R)		
	COM Futurama 15				Futurama 15			Daily Show	
	E! News (N) 15				Botched 15		Botched (N) 15	E! News 15	
	FOOD Cake Wars 15				Cupcake Wars (N) 15		Cake Masters (N) 15	Chopped 15	
	FX Rise of the Guardians (PG)				*** Despicable Me 2 (2013, Comedy) (PG)		*** Despicable Me 2 (2013) (PG)		
	GAC Building Alaska 15				Building Alaska 15		Building Alaska 15	Alaska	
	HALL Last Man Last Man Last Man Last Man				The Middle The Middle		The Middle 15	The Middle Golden Girls	
VARIETY	HGTV Love It or List It 15				Listed Sisters (N) 15		Tiny House Tiny House	Hunters Hunters Int'l	Tiny House
	LIFE (6:00) *** Derailed (R)				*** Taken (2008, Action) Liam Neeson. (PG-13)		(02) *** The Stepfather (2009)		
	MTV 2016 MTV Movie Awards Teen Mom 2 15				Teen Mom 2 15		Teen Mom 2 (N) 15	Teen Mom 2	
	OXY (05) *** ATL (2006, Comedy-Drama) Tip Harris. (PG-13)				(04) *** ATL (2006) Tip Harris. (PG-13)				
	SPIKE Cops 15				Cops 15		Cops 15	Cops 15	
	SYFY The Magicians 15				The Magicians 15		The Magicians (N)	(06) Hunters (N)	12 Monkeys
	TBN Rodriguez Potters Trinity GregLau Franklin J. Duplantis						Praise the Lord		
	TBS Family Guy Family Guy Family Guy Amer. Dad The Detour						Family Guy Full Frontal Conan (N) 15		
	TCM (5:30) *** Rio Bravo				*** One Man's Journey (1933) (NR)		*** Treasure Island (1934) Wallace Beery. (NR)		
	TMC (6:00) *** Pride (2014)				*** The Jackal (1997) (ESP) Bruce Willis. (R)		(05) *** Pulp Fiction (1994) (R)		
PREMIUM	TNT (5:00) A Time to Kill (R)				*** Olympus Has Fallen (2013) Gerard Butler. (R)		Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows		
	TRAVEL Bizarre Foods America 15				Delicious Delicious Bizarre Foods/Zimmerman		Bizarre Foods/Zimmerman	Bizarre	
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	VH1 Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta 15				Black Ink Crew (N) 15		Behind The... (N) 15	Hip Hop	
	WGN-A Outsiders 15				Person of Interest 15		Person of Interest 15	Underground 15	How I Met
	HBO (5:45) Clear History Last Week To				*** Inherent Vice (2014, Comedy) (ESP) Joaquin Phoenix, Josh Brolin. A drug-fueled detective takes on an intriguing case. (R)		Vinyl Richie begins to weigh his options. (ESP) 15		
	MAX (6:05) *** Runaway Train (1985) Jon Voight. (R)				Banshee Carrie embarks on a vigilante crusade. 15		(6:50) *** Black Rain (1989, Crime Drama) (ESP) Michael Douglas, Andy Garcia, Ken Takakura. (R)	Mi-Birdman-Un-expected	
	SHOW (5:20) Snowpiercer The Circus: Inside				House of Lies 15		Dice (ESP) 15	House of Lies 15	Billions
STARZ	Girlfriend Expr. Girlfriend Expr.				*** The Siege (1998) (ESP) The FBI attempts to hunt down terrorists in New York. (R)		Denzel Washington. The	Girlfriend Expr.	*** Sniper (1993) (R)
	STZENC (10) *** The Last Boy Scout (1991, Action) (ESP) Bruce Willis, Damon Wayans, Chelsea Field. (R)				*** Boyz N the Hood (1991, Drama) (ESP) Larry Fishburne, Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr. (R)			(10:55) * Sex Tape (R)	

MOFGA kitchen licensing workshop

UNITY — The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association will host a kitchen licensing workshop 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the Common Ground Education Center

The workshop is designed for those interested in in-home food processing for resale. Topics covered will include licensing requirements, food safety and liability insurance. Panel members will be Dr. Beth Calder, University of Maine Cooperative Extension food science specialist; and