Literacy Tutor training starts Sept. 28

In the Bangor area, an estimated 20% of the population lacks the literacy skills needed to get better jobs, help their children with homework, and participate fully in the community. Volunteer training for those interested in tutoring begins Monday, Sept. 28 from 6-9 p.m., followed by four (4) additional Monday or Wednesday evening classes.

Literacy Volunteers provides free literacy, English language instruction, and high school equivalency preparation for adults. Individual tutors are provided, all of whom are local volunteers.

Executive Director Mary Marin Lyon recently announced the fall Tutor Training Certification sessions for volunteers. This training gives community volunteers the skills to help a neighbor improve his/her life with increased literacy. A few hours a week along with patience, flexibility, and a passion to make a difference are all that is required of volunteers, Lyon says.

The training takes place

at Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor. A contribution of \$35 helps defray the costs of the textbook and materials. Scholarships are also available, Lyon noted.

For more information on the tutor training and schedule, visit www.lvbangor.org/volunteer or call Literacy Volunteers at 947-

Searsport Fling Into Fall set for Oct. 5-6

Celebrate fall at the annual Fling into Fall fair Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5-6. Activities will include concerts, hayrides, a scarecrow contest, craft and food vendors, an antique car show, a historical ghost tour of Searsport, public suppers and a free raffle for a vacation house week in Florida. The Penobscot Marine Museum will also offer free admission throughout the two days of the festival.

The schedule is: Friday, Oct. 5

10 a.m-5 p.m., Scarecrow and Jack O' Lantern Contest on the front lawn (The Crescent) of Penobscot Marine Museum. 4:30-6 p.m., Turkey supper at Searsport United Methodist Church.

5 p.m., Lighting of luminaries and jack o' lanterns on The Crescent.

These activities will take place at the Dan Rich Public Safety Building:

5:30 p.m., Face painting. 6 p.m., Children's activities. 7 p.m., Bonfire and concessions.

7:15-9 p.m., Live entertainment by First Stone, sponsored by Dunkin Donuts.

Saturday, Oct. 6 7-9 a.m., Public breakfast, Masonic Hall, corner of Elk and Main, sponsored by Searsport Masons.

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Craft Show, Public Safety Building.

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Scarecrow Contest, people's choice voting, on The Crescent.

11 a.m., Parade on Main Street.

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Antique and Classic Car Show, Mosman Park.

11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., One-hour-long Ghost Tour. Bus leaves Penobscot Marine Museum every hour on the half-hour. \$10, \$5 children. Call 207-548-0334 for tickets and information.



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Artist Rainy Brooks of Searsport paints one of the scarecrows on display at Fling Into Fall in 2009. "I think it's great," Brooks said of the seasonal festival. Her painting, along with the work of 24 other artists, was auctioned that year with at least half of the proceeds donated to the Penobscot Marine Museum.

Downtown with Rich Kimball celebrates 100th broadcast

Downtown with Rich Kimball, airing locally on WZON AM-620, celebrated several milestones this month, including the airing of its 100th show, four years on the air, and more than 6,000 guests.

"We're thrilled to reach these marks", said host Rich Kimball. "People laugh about us keeping track of the number of shows and guests... hey, we laugh about it, but it's a way we measure the promise made when the show began, that this would be a guest-driven show, different than anything else in Maine."

Downtown began it's life on the sports stations of Blueberry Broadcasting in 2011 and then switched to Townsquare Media's 92.9 The Ticket for two years before moving to WZON in January.

"We're grateful that so many people at so many stations have believed in the show", said Kimball. "We've enjoyed working with all of them, but feel a special kinship with the group at WZON, who are committed, first and foremost, to making good, local radio."

Downtown's sports guests have included ESPN's Dan Shulman, Rick Reilly, and Sean McDonough, Lesley Visser of CBS Sports, Bob Costas, Sports Illustrated's Jay Jaffe, and Maine native Gary Thorne, as well as Bostonbased Bob Ryan, Steve Buckley, Dan Shaughnessy, Gary Tanguay, and Dave O'Brien.It also features weekly segments with UMaine coaches.

Downtown also includes regular segments on the arts and entertainment with local film critic Allen Adams, Bangor City Councilor Gibran Graham, and an array of celebrities that includes actors Jeff Daniels, John O'Hurley of "Seinfeld", Mark Duplass and Katie Aselton of "The League",

and Timothy Simons of "Veep", musicians Ben Folds, Jimmy Webb, Micky Dolenz of The Monkees, Coolio, Vanilla Ice, Noel Paul Stookey, and Henry Rollins, comedians Lewis Black, Mike Birbiglia, Jeff Altman, Michael Ian Black, and Doug Stanhope, as well as Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin and documentarian Ken Burns, frequent guests. Other integral parts of Downtown include producer and co-host Bryan Stackpole, show regular Steve McKay and show partner Danny Cashman.

Downtown with Rich Kimball airs Monday through Friday from 46 p.m. on WZON and WKIT HD-3 with streaming audio available at wzonthepulse.comand broadcasts live from Seasons Restaurant in Downtown Bangor. WZON also carries the Best of Downtown Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

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