

EMMC TAVR Program benefits high-risk heart valve patients

There was a time a few months ago when Horace Moffatt, better known as Spike, found himself at a crossroads in his life at the age of 83. After undergoing several coronary procedures over the years, Spike had a heart valve that was failing due to degeneration from aging. He had difficulty breathing, walking, and doing the simplest tasks. In the past, the only treatment option would have been open heart surgery to replace a valve. Fortunately, EMMC now has a new, less invasive procedure called Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement.

The procedure is appropriate for patients who are too high-risk for open heart surgery. During the procedure, physicians replace a heart valve through a tiny one-centimeter incision. This results in less discomfort and a faster recovery.

Spike's procedure was a success, and he and his wife Sharon have since returned to doing the things they love.

For more information on the TAVR program, or to see if you or your loved one is a candidate for the procedure, talk to your cardiologist or call EMMC's Valve Center clinical coordinator at 973-9504.

Free fine woodworking training offered by EMDC

Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC) is launching its second Fine Woodworking training. Classes begin in November for careers in boat building, cabinet making, furniture making and more. Interested individuals would need to apply with EMDC by October 14 to be considered for the program.

Additional testing and interviewing may be required. Applicants must qualify for and be enrolled in EMDC's workforce programs to qualify for paid tuition and supplies.

Classes will be at Eastern Maine Community College and graduates of the program will earn 14 college credits. On-the-job training opportunities are a built-in component of the program. Upon successful completion of the courses, graduates will find appropriate employment with local employers at a competitive wage with opportunity to advance in the industry.

Paint and hazardous waste drop-off set for Bangor

A FREE paint drop-off event for households and businesses in the Bangor area is planned for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, October 10 at Bangor Public Works, located at 530 Maine Avenue.

The event will be held rain or shine and most types of paint, stain and varnish will be accepted. Business that generate less than 220 pounds (20-30 gallons) of hazardous waste per month may bring in any amount of latex or oil-based paint. Businesses that generate more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month may bring in any amount of latex paint, but they cannot bring oil-based paint to this event.

Acceptable paint products include:
House paint and primers (latex or oil-based)
Stains
Deck and concrete sealers
Clear finishes (ex: varnishes, shellac)
All products must be in their original containers with original labels intact.
The following products will not be accepted at this event:
No leaking, unlabeled or empty containers

No aerosol spray paints
No drums or containers larger than 5 gallons

We cannot accept other hazardous waste or chemicals, such as paint thinner, solvents, glue, etc.

In addition, Bangor homeowners can properly dispose of electronic waste including:

- Televisions and DVD players
- Desktop printers
- Game consoles
- Cell phones
- Servers
- Computer monitors
- Laptops and tablets
- Computers, accessories and periphery
- Microwaves and other electronic kitchen equipment
- Batteries (all types except alkaline)
- Digital picture frames
- Network equipment
- Mercury thermostats

Antique Appraisal to be Held in Prospect

At 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct 12 professional auctioneer Mark Bradstreet will offer appraisals of antiques at the Prospect Community Center. Attendees are invited to bring two or three items they would like to have evaluated. Bradstreet and his wife Linda have owned and operated DownEast Auctions in Searsport since 1993. This event, sponsored by the Prospect Historical Society, is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. The Community Center is located at 959 Bangor Rd in Prospect. For more information call 207 567-3267.

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TASTE THE SENSATION



Geaghan's Brewing Company in Brewer opened its new tasting room at its 34 Abbot Street brewery. Pictured from left to right are Donne Larrivee, Brian Sturgeon, Lisa Sturgeon, Tyler Pembroke, Ryan Power, Andrew Geaghan, Logan Scott and Justin Kandel. For more information, visit geaghans.com.

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CUISINE REIGNS SUPREME



The BDN Maine Chef Challenge was held on Friday, Sept. 24 at the Gracie Theatre at Husson University, and featured three chefs from the Bangor region competing to impress a panel of judges. At the end, the winners of the evening were from Blaze Restaurants in Bangor and Bar Harbor. Left to right are Dustin Gunn, chef, owner Matt Haskell, celebrity chef and judge Sam Talbot, and chef Justin Bard.

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Senior Beat

Carol Higgins Taylor of Eastern Agency on Aging offers news for seniors

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