

YESTERDAY ...

10 years ago — Sept. 24, 2005

(As reported in the Bangor Daily News)

Bangor is home to many treasures: The American Folk Festival summers on the waterfront. Stephen King keeps West Broadway lively. Heck, even Paul Bunyan has a place on Main Street.

But there's one thing that's never called the Queen City home: a bed and breakfast.

Sure, there are plenty of hotels, motels and rooming houses. But if you wanted the cozy, friendly experience of a B&B, the yummy popovers and blueberry jam, the llamas and roosters, then you had to go elsewhere. Until now.

Nonesuch Farm, a full-service B&B complete with fancy livestock, gourmet breakfast and a ghost – more on that later – recently opened on the Hudson Road. It's the city's first, and owners Jim and Mary Louis Davitt couldn't be happier.

"We like to stay at B&Bs and Mary will take notes about what works and what doesn't," Jim Davitt said while giving a tour of the Agnes suite (each of the three rooms is named for the couple's sheep – Agnes is the head ewe). "We like to ask ourselves, if we were here, what do we need?"

More important, the Davitts know what guests want. In the suite, a bucket full of local apples and Poland Spring water rests on a dresser, while the bathrooms are fully stocked with Tom's of Maine toiletries. Cozy terrycloth bathrobes and slippers hang in the closets.

In the breakfast room, pottery by Rowantrees, Rackliffe and Monroe Salt Works graces the table, while thick bacon and sausage from Luce's Meats tempt the palate. The couple also hope to serve eggs from their own laying hens before long.

"We try to pump Maine products wherever we go," Mary said. "You discover [artisans and craftsmen] and you feel like you've got a really special thing."

support groups

Support group listings run as space permits. Items are due at least seven to 10 days before the Thursday of publication. Email: weekly@bangordailynews.com. Mail: The Weekly, P.O. Box 1329, Bangor ME 04402.

BANGOR:

- Al-Anon meetings for relatives and friends affected by the excessive drinking of someone else, Bangor area and throughout Maine. Meeting times and locations, maineafg.org or 800-498-1944.
- Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Groups, 7-9 p.m. second and last Thursdays, Westgate Center for Rehabilitation and Alzheimer's Care, 750 Union St. 942-7336 or kminer@nathealthcare.com.
- Bangor Area Narcotics Anonymous meeting for families and loved ones of addicts. 6-7 p.m. Thursdays, St. Francis Center (old

25 years ago — Sept. 24, 1990

J. Michael Gainor eases his burden knowing that bearing it gives him the chance to spread the word of Jesus.

He set out more than four years ago shouldering a wooden cross. The 12 by 6 foot cross made with 4 by 4 lumber weighs 80 pounds. One end of the cross arm sports a reflector. A wheel lightens the load.

"I carry it simply because it's symbolic," Gainor said resting a spell on a park bench under the gaze of the Paul Bunyan on Main Street in Bangor. "Jesus told us to deny ourselves and take up the cross and follow him. It draws people and opens up the opportunity to talk to them," he said.

His journey consists of a series of frog leaps -- walking stretches with the cross, back tracking, and jumping ahead with a pickup truck towing a trailer. He figures that he's covered about 10,000 miles during the past four years three months and 20 days. He averages 10-15 miles a day and takes time off during the harsher months of winter.

He started the walk June 2, 1986, in Oklahoma heading south to El Paso. He then walked through the borderlands of the Southwest to California where he turned north to Canada and then east to Maine. From here he's headed south along the Eastern Seaboard and then west back to El Paso.

In 1980, the 35-year-old Gainor left his Pennsylvania home to work the Oklahoma oil patch. The born-again Gainor said he started reading the Scriptures in 1977 and was baptized in 1980.

He has the calloused, firm handshake of a workman and the woody, smoky smell of one who cooks on a campfire. Watching the passersby from his perch in the shade, he allowed how he might stay in Bangor a day or two.

50 years ago — Sept. 24, 1965

Another 24-mile link in the Kittery to Canada Interstate 95 highway

firehouse) across from St. Joseph emergency entrance, 368 Center St. Janice, 299-8802.

- Bangor Area Parkinson's Group, 2-3:30 p.m. third Sundays, Acadia Hospital. Room reserved. Open to patients and caregivers.
- Bereavement support for parents who have lost a child. 6-7:30 p.m. third Wednesdays, Brookings Smith Family Center, 163 Center St. Judy, 889-9025.
- Celiac Sprue Support Group, 7 p.m. third Tuesdays except in December, St. Francis Center. 294 Center St.
- Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder, or CHADD, 6-7 p.m. third Tuesday, office of Barry Rubin, Bangor Family Counseling, Suite 335, 96 Harlow St. Free. 990-1555.
- Eastern Maine Crohn's and Colitis Support Group for IBD patients, caregivers and family members, 6-7:30 p.m. second Thursdays, Dr. Frank Chapman Conference

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PICTURE FROM THE PAST



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Irving and Maurice Emple (left) find themselves on the short end of the URA wrecking plan September 1973. Deputy Sheriff Joel Rudom (center) and deputy Daniel Warwick serve the notice to vacate.

system, scheduled to open October 29, was unveiled Thursday for the Maine press by the State Highway Commission as part of its observance with the Maine Good Roads Association of National Highway Week.

When opened next month Maine will have completed 215 miles of Interstate highway system and 79 more miles are actively under construction from Howland north and from Dyer Brook easterly to Houlton. The Penobscot River is being bridged at Lincoln.

The Orono Howland section starts in Stillwater

Village and continues to a full interchange at Route 43 in Old Town with four-lane traffic. From here to Howland it is two lanes with wide shoulders, smooth as a billiard table, engineered for 80 per cent passing visibility and beautifully landscaped. The speed limit will be 60 miles per hour.

"Uncle Billy," as he is known to all is a man of many accomplishments, yet he is a modest man. William L. Packard, the oldest resident of Newburgh, was 95 years old

Wednesday. He makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Burgess.

Born in Newburgh on September 22, 1870, he was the youngest of 11 children. They were all born and raised on a farm and continued in the farming and cattle business in one form or another for most of their lives.

Mr. Packard had only one year of high school but became a very successful man.

The greatest changes he has seen in his lifetime were brought about, in his opinion, by the depression.

members who are raising a relative's child, 6 p.m. first and third Tuesdays, Families and Children Together, 304 Hancock St. 941-2347 or 866-298-0896.

- Nicotine anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, conference room, Maine Veterans Home. Provides help for those who have quit smoking and want to stay that way. Larry, 843-7563.
- Ostomy Support Group oostomy patients, their families and caregivers, 3-5 p.m. second Tuesdays, Felician Conference Room, second floor, St. Joseph Hospital. Free. Rose Cyr, 907-1550 or rosanne.cyr@sjhhealth.com.
- Overeaters Anonymous for those with eating disorders, 10 a.m. Saturdays, 5 p.m. Sundays, Strauss meeting room St. Joseph Hospital, Center Street; and 10 a.m. Mondays and noon Thursdays, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 540 Essex St. Barbara, 990-2025.
- Safe Place, for those who

have lost someone to suicide, 6:30-8 p.m. first Wednesdays, St. Joseph's Healthcare Park, 900 Broadway. Peer led group with no fee. Associated with American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. afsp.org.

- Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance support groups for women affected by partner abuse. Day and evening groups; child care activities. Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance, 800-863-9909.
- St. Joseph Diabetes and Nutrition Center Diabetes Support Group, Willette Conference Center, Building 1, St. Joseph Healthcare Park, 900 Broadway. Meetings facilitated by certified diabetes educator. Group members share tips on diabetes management. Open to all. Free. 907-1187.
- Bangor TOPS 0311, (Take off Pounds Sensibly), 9-10:15 a.m. Fridays, Nason Manor community room, 140 Hancock St. Vicky, 852-9061.

At that time he and his brothers owned six farms and the banks were given the right to sell these farms. Besides losing these farms, they had to face the results of 18 bankruptcies from the notes they had let out on credit for cattle, oxen and horses. However, they recovered from these losses through hard work and persistence.

Mr. Packard admits that he has had "as rough a life as any man who ever lived." When he was five years old he helped his father in the slaughter house, skinning sheep and calves. At the age of eight he began going to dances and continued until he was 90. When 17 he took the honor of being the best dancer. In addition to his love for dancing, he played the violin. He had a fine tenor voice and often sang at funerals and other events. He sang at the first Spiritualist meeting at Camp Etna and continued to do so for six years.

100 years ago — Sept. 24, 1915

It is expected that an order for oil will be placed soon by the city, that it may be applied to the streets this fall and so reduce the awful dust nuisance which usually afflicts Bangor in cold weather, when water cannot be used for sprinkling.

Mayor Robinson stated some time ago his intention of having this done. He is still confined to his house by illness, but it is understood that as soon as he resumes his duties in City Hall the matter of ordering oil will be taken up at once.

Many streets have suffered damage by reason of the lack of oil, the roadways wearing out quickly. The application of oil would save much wear and tear on the roads, Street Commissioner Pressey state on Thursday. An example of it is found in Centre Street, a thoroughfare which has much heavy traffic and constant travel. It has been repaired many times, but goes to pieces rapidly with water sprinkling.

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BREWER:

- Bangor Area Recovery Network recovery education and support, 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays, BARN Community Recovery Center, 142 Center St. Free. 561-9444 or bangorrecovery@gmail.com.
  - Central Maine Brain Injury and Stroke Support Group, 4-5 p.m. third Mondays, conference room, Brewer Center for Health and Rehabilitation. Open to survivors and caregivers. Patty, 989-7300, ext. 134.
- BUCKSPORT:**
- Cancer Support Center of Maine support group for cancer patients, 12:30 p.m. first Wednesdays, Bucksport Regional Health Center, 110 Broadway. Bring bag lunch or snack. 469-6383.
- HOLDEN:**
- Vestibular Support Group for those experiencing dizziness, imbalance, vertigo or ringing in the ears, Brewer Physical Therapy and Spine Clinic, 51 Main Road. 989-4122.

Farmers Markets

BANGOR:

- Bangor Farmers' Market, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, early May through early November, Abbott Square parking lot, corner of Franklin and Harlow Streets. Accepts SNAP.
- Ohio Street Farmers' Market, 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays through November, Bangor Grange parking lot, 1192 Ohio St. Accepts SNAP.
- European Farmers' Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays, 117 Buck St. by Sunnyside Greenhouse, year-round.

BREWER:

- Brewer Farmers' Market, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Brewer Auditorium parking lot, Wilson Street. May through November.
- BUCKSPORT:**
- Bucksport Bay Farmers' Market, 2-6 p.m. Thursdays, post office parking lot, May-October.



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Dan Tierney, a farmer at Cornerstone Farm in Palmyra stacks vegetables at the Bangor Farmers Market e bread, meat and cheese.

CASTINE:

- Castine Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, Town Common, School Street.

HAMPDEN:

- Hampden Farmers'

Market, 3-6 p.m. Fridays, Public Safety Building parking lot, May-October.

HERMON:

- Hermon Farmers' Market, Thursdays 2-6 p.m. Hermon Hardware

parking lot, through October.

ORONO:

- Orono Farmers' Market, 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, Steam Plant parking lot, May-November, University of Maine campus; also every Tuesday from 2-5:30, from the fourth Tuesday in June until Halloween, Steam Plant parking lot.

WINTERPORT:

- Winterport Farmers' Market, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. first and third Saturdays of the month, downtown parking lot, Main St.



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