

Explore the world of birds at the L.C. Bates Museum

Did you know the woodpecker has a tongue too long for its mouth? Have you ever heard the “cheeseburger” call of the Black-capped Chickadee? What bird has the longest migration route from the South Pole to the North Pole in one year? If you like birds and want the chance to discover the answers come to the L.C. Bates Museum Bird Day, in celebration of our feathered friends, on Saturday, September 11, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Special for Bird Day there will be an early taxidermy Andean Condor wing on exhibit. The Andean Condor, an endangered species, is a real wonder of the world. The condor has one of the largest wing spans of any bird – 10 feet; a very long life expectancy of 75 years; and weighs a lot for a bird that can fly – up to 33

pounds.

Families are welcome to drop in anytime to explore the lovely and fascinating world of birds. The day will start at 10 a.m., with drawing and watercoloring birds in the Audubon Room and there will be a guided trail walk at 1 p.m. Other events include hearing bird songs and calls, touching feathers, dissecting owl pellets, stamping tracks, using bird beak tools, looking at the bones and skulls of birds, touring the Audubon Room and investigating the natural history of birds.

For more information about the L.C. Bates Museum exhibits and Bird Day activities, contact the L.C. Bates Museum at Good Will-Hinckley 207-238-4250 or lcbates@gwh.org. The L.C. Bates Museum is located on Rte 201 in Hinckley.



SOLON & BEYOND

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Good morning, dear friends. Don't worry, be happy!
Was really happy to receive the first issue of the “Solon School News” about the new school year. I truly appreciate their sharing of news about our children in

New Portland Lions Club Fair has new features and old favorites

The New Portland Lions Club opens its 78th Agricultural Fair and its 15th Maine Crafts Fair on Friday, September 17. The fairgrounds are located on Route 146 between Routes 16 and 27. Gates open at 2 p.m., on Friday and 8 a.m., on Saturday and Sunday. For fair information call 635-2520.

The Lions have a new midway this year, with Miller Amusements from Webster, New Hampshire. This family-run company will have a fun package consisting of rides, food, and games. Other new activities this year include The George Beane Memorial Lumberjack Contests on Saturday with the locals competing against students from Colby, University of Maine and Unity College. The Lions have also arranged for a K9 Demonstration by the State Police on Saturday. Palmer and Company and Old Friends are two new country music shows providing entertainment on that day.

Many fair favorites are returning.



Colby College Students, Samah Mahmood, left, and Fiona Braslau examining and amazed by the size and length of an Andean Condor wing that will be on exhibition at the L.C. Bates Museum for Bird Day.

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SAL to hold auction and raffle Oct. 3

The Sons of the American Legion Post #14 in Fairfield will be holding an auction and raffle to benefit veterans on Sunday, October 3, noon to 6 p.m., at the post home on Main St., in Fairfield. Donations are being accepted. For more information, call 692-7410.

NEW PORTLAND LIONS CLUB 78th ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL FAIR 15th MAINE CRAFTS FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 17-19 2010 AT THE NORTH NEW PORTLAND FAIRGROUNDS ON ROUTE 146 (BETWEEN ROUTES 16 AND 27)

FRIDAY

- 2:00 PM GATES OPEN
- 4:00 PM CRAFT AND EXHIBITION HALLS, BEANO, MIDWAY RIDES OPEN. HORSE TWITCHING MIDWAY RIDES \$14 BRACELET ALL DAY
- 4:30 PM AMERICAN LEGION FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY
- 5:00 AND 6:15 PM JACK STEPHENS SINGS SONGS FROM THE PLATTERS, ELVIS, WILLY AND JOSH TURNER
- 7:00 PM ATV PULL - REGISTRATION 6 PM
- 7:15 AND 8:15 PM COUNTRY JIM AND RUSTY NAILS MAINE'S SINGER/SONG WRITER...COUNTRY MUSIC AT ITS FINEST
- 9:30 PM FIREWORKS SHOW BY CENTRAL MAINE PYROTECHS (RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, 9:30 PM)

SATURDAY

- 8:00 AM GATES OPEN
- 9:00 AM EXHIBITION HALL OPENS
- 10:00 AM CRAFT BUILDING AND BEANO OPEN AND OXEN PULL BEGINS. OXEN WEIGH-IN 8 AM
- 10:00 AM -2:00 PM GEORGE BEANE MEMORIAL LUMBERJACK CONTESTS. WATCH COLLEGE STUDENTS COMPETE WITH THE LOCALS IN CHAINSAW, POLE FELL, PULP THROWS AND LOG ROLLS - NEW THIS YEAR
- 10:30 AM K-9 DEMONSTRATION BY STATE POLICE
- 11:30 AM AND 12:30 PM WESTERN MOUNTAIN TRASH CAN BAND - CARIBBEAN SOUND
- 12:00 PM AMAZING LOU - BALLOON SCULPTURING - ON THE MIDWAY
- 12:00 PM MIDWAY RIDES OPEN, \$14 BRACELET 12:00 TO 5:00 PM
- 12:00-4:00 PM ELKS VAN - NOON TO 4 PM FOR DIABETES, BLOOD PRESSURE AND CHOLESTEROL CHECKS
- 2:00 AND 4:00 PM MIDWAY STILT-WALKS - AND MORE BY RICK ADAM
- 2:45 AND 4:00 PM PALAMER AND COMPANY (NOEL PALMER AND DON LEVESQUE) CLASSIC ROCK, OLDIES AND COUNTRY
- 3:00 PM AMAZING LOU - AMAZING MAGIC - AMAZING RESULTS
- 5:15 PM VALERIE BURBANK AND FRIENDS COUNTRY MUSIC SINGERS
- 6:00 PM LOCAL BOYS 1/2, 3/4 TON, REGULAR AND MODIFIED TRUCK PULL REGISTRATION 5PM

- 6:30 PM OLD FRIENDS - DOUG NILE, DAVE MERRILL, RAY PAUL AND DENNIS MARTIN - COUNTRY MUSIC
- 7:30 AND 8:30 PM STEVE AND THE GOOD OLD BOYS COUNTRY AND COUNTRY ROCK

SUNDAY IS KID'S DAY

- 8:00 AM GATES OPEN
- 9:00 AM EXHIBITION HALL OPENS
- 10:00 AM CRAFT HALL OPENS
- 10:00 AM PIG SCRAMBLE - CHECK IN 9:00
- 10:30-4:30 AM SPECIAL FRIENDS ON THE MIDWAY
- 11:00 AM LOLLIPOP BOARD AGES 12 AND UNDER PULL A LOLLIPOP AND WIN A PRIZE
- 11:30 AM AND 12:00 PM SACK RACES AGES 9-12 AT 11:30; AGES 5-8 AT 12:00 PM ALL REGISTER AT 11:15
- 12:00 PM - MIDWAY RIDES OPEN - RIDE ALL DAY FOR \$14 BRACELET
- 1:00 PM SAW DUST COIN HUNT, HORSE PULL (WEIGH-IN 10:00 AM FOR HORSE PULL) FIND UP TO \$50 AGES 9-12 (REGISTER AT 12:45 PM FOR HUNT)
- 1:00 PM JOIN THE LIGHTHOUSE-JUBILEES SINGING SOUTHERN GOSPEL
- 1:30 PM EEL RACES FUN FOR ALL!! TO TAKE PART MUST BE 8, 9, 10, OR 11 YEARS OLD. REGISTER AT 1:15 PM
- 2:00 PM DEMOLITION DERBY 3 AWARDS WITH \$800 TO WINNER. TO REGISTER CALL BUSTER AT 628-3471-LIONS THANK HEIGHTS OF SKOWHEGAN, MADION AND FARMINGTON
- 2:45 PM PIE EATING CONTEST AGES 5-8, 9-12, 13-17 (LIMIT OF 6 IN EACH GROUP, REGISTER AT 2:30 PM)
- 3:00 PM THE LIGHTHOUSE JUBILEES THIS DUET SPECIALIZES IN SONGS AND SING-ALONGS FROM THE 50'S AND BACK
- 3:15 PM EEL RACES FUN FOR ALL!! TO TAKE PART, MUST BE 7 YEARS OR YOUNGER. REGISTER AT 3:00 PM
- 4:15 PM SAW DUST COIN HUNT FIND UP TO \$50 AGES 5-8 REGISTER AT 4:00 PM



the Solon School and hope it is of interest to you faithful readers also.

“The Principal’s Message” states, “The Solon staff and I wish to welcome our new students in grades Pre K - 5 and their families to our school and to welcome back those who have been with us before. A special welcome goes out to the students from Embden Elementary School who are attending school here this year. I hope all of you enjoyed a wonderful summer.

“This year I will continue to serve as principal of the Solon and Garret Schenck Schools and will also take on the K-5 part of the Carrabec Community School. I will be here on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Monday and Friday afternoons. Our school secretary Mrs. Eddie Dacey can help parents with many issues they may have and can help you make contact with me if you wish to. Please contact us if you have any questions.”

Jean Butler is the principal of the above schools again this year.

Solon Elementary School will hold an open house and chicken barbecue on Monday, September 20, from 5:30-7 p.m. Enjoy the barbecue, see the school, visit your child’s classroom and shop at the PTO Book Fair.

The Solon Elementary School has a very active PTO, which has provided lots of special activities and items for students over the years. The PTO invites members from new families and from the members of the former Embden PTFO. For information, contact PTO President Carrie Peabody or the school. The PTO meets on the second Thursday of each month, rotating between meeting at 6 p.m. and 2:45 p.m.

The PTO will sponsor a book fair during the week of September 20 - 24, to promote reading. Students will be able purchase books.

The first projects of the new year will be to install some new benches the PTO purchased for the playground and to hold a money calendar fundraiser.

Remember to send in your BoxTops for Education labels. Every boxtop helps the PTO raise money for school activities.

I had a wonderful Labor Day weekend up to Flagstaff at “The Camp!” All my children were there around me. Mark, Karen, Dave, ‘Pete’, Dave and Mary Walz, all went up on Friday. I drove up on Saturday morning and came home on Monday. Of course, Dave and Mary had to go back to North Anson on Saturday afternoon for church on Sunday, but they came back on Sunday afternoon and spent Sunday night there again. I was very excited when we received word that Peter and Sherry were coming up on Sunday afternoon and would be spending the night. Peter took over his usual job of breakfast cook on Monday morning. Lief Bull came up and spent the day on Saturday. It was nice to know there was someone behind me if there should be a tree across the road – there would be someone with a chain saw to help me continue on to see my family. It is a long trip, with zero traffic usually, so it would be a long trek to get help if I needed it.

Percy’s wise words this week speak volumes about our world today. Discipline, once considered “standard household equipment,” has fallen on hard times, and in its place permissiveness reigns.

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