



Hi Joe, here is my submission for this week's Buzz. After reading the Sycophants 5 Whiners 0 issue of the Buzz and then reading the Village Soup article on the Safe Harbor Marina take over, it sure appears that the City Council has been "given an offer they can't refuse." -- Anne Pavalkis

Otters Talk with Kirk Gentalen

The Rockland Public Library presents Kirk Gentalen, Thursday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to all.

River otters (*Lontra canadensis*) are the largest member of the Weasel family (*Mustelidae*) in Maine, but they often go undetected due to their (largely) nocturnal habits. Otters are plentiful in the state, however, and especially numerous along the coast and on seaward islands. In this program, experienced tracker Kirk Gentalen will discuss river otter natural history and behavior, as well as tricks and tips to increase your experiences with these creatures. We'll go over what otter sign is and how to find it and where to put your game camera for the best chance of getting photos. Gentalen will share photos and stories of his encounters with this remarkable species and answer questions.

Kirk Gentalen has been observing nature for a while now, with 27 years of experience leading nature excursions in 11 different states. Kirk currently lives in Tenants Harbor and is the Vinalhaven Steward for the Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT). Kirk has been an active otter tracker for 17 years and is called in to survey wildlife by land trusts and private citizens, particularly when otters are involved. Gentalen also edits the "Vinalhaven Sightings Report" blog (vinalhavensightings.blogspot.com) and writes the "Nature Bummin' with Kirk Gentalen" column for the MCHT website (mcht.org).

This event will be held in-person in the Rockland Public Library's Community Room, with limited seating. The Library is located at 80 Union Street. Please note that in-person events at the Library are subject to transition to fully virtual in response to area COVID-19 transmission rates. For more information, email elewis@rocklandmaine.gov.



Six Questions with WRFR DJs

by Ron Staschak

Recently, I interviewed Francis Boscoe. He is an interesting man. Francis loves music, and he seems to want to bring his love of music to others.

1) What do you do at the radio station?

I host the music show "Friendly Society" on Thursdays from noon to 2 pm.

2) How long have you been volunteering?

Since June 2021.

3) Why did you decide to volunteer/why did you want to have a show?

I was a DJ back in college in the 80s/90s and thought it would be fun to give it another go. Now with the Internet we have the entire universe of music at our disposal.

4) Other than the show you host, what is your favorite show?

The Flipside, Mix Tape, Ghosts, Ask the Ages – for all different reasons!

5) Is there a question I should have asked you?

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My other favorite stations are WFMU in East Orange, New Jersey and Radio Blackout in Torino, Italy.

6) Tell me about the kinds of music I would hear on the Friendly Society.

I play indie pop/rock from the 90s to the present. For the first 20 episodes, I built the entire two hours around a single artist, record label, or music scene. In more recent episodes, I've cut that down to about 45 minutes and I'm using the rest of the time to feature old favorites and new songs I've discovered on Bandcamp. Some of the more well-known artists I've featured include the Pixies, Sufjan Stevens and Courtney Barnett. Other weeks I feature artists whose total sales are in the hundreds. It's all good!



Metro Show

Homelessness is all but invisible in the Midcoast, so when we hear stories of people camping in the woods it seems almost shocking. Travel to any major metropolitan city in the US and you'll find entire villages under every bridge and overpass. According to a recent article in the Village

Soup, Becca Gildred, Director of Development, and Molly Feeney, Director of Social Services for both the Homeless Coalition and the Hospitality House stated that "human beings in Knox, Lincoln and Waldo Counties are increasingly forced to sleep outdoors even as the weather begins to get colder. They are struggling to survive week to week". Evictions are on the rise and so is the cost of an average rental, forcing more and more family's into the street. Join host Joe Steinberger and co-host Steve Carroll next Wednesday from 5 to 6 PM on the Rockland Metro show broadcast over WRFR-FM radio 93.3 FM and watch us over Maine Coast TV local channel 7 as we discuss the homeless situation in our area. Leaders of the Homeless Coalition and area housing organizations will join us in the studio to talk about what we all can do, and to answer your question if you call us at 593-0013. Homelessness may be out of sight, but need not be out of mind. Join the Metro show this Wednesday, November 10, from 5 to 6 on WRFR-FM 93.3z. -- Steve Carroll



Glen Birbeck



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Saturday, November 13, 2021 1:59 PM

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WEEK EIGHTY-SIX

COVID-19 RANDOM NOTES WHILE SHELTERING IN PLACE

By Phyllis Merriam

The season is turning with cooler, calmer and brighter weather after the nor'easter's high winds beached some boats and left some households without power. The PenBay Pilot featured reporter Sarah Thompson's excellent photos of beached boats on Sandy Beach and Dick's Beach and their recoveries.

A second storm of high winds with seven inches of rain caused some power outages and flooded basements. The Lindsey Brook neighborhood, which has long been neglected by Rockland's public works department, was especially hit hard. (Check out reporter Steve Betts 2011 satirical Courier Gazette article about Lindsey Brook, the DEP and the IRS.)

While the rest of the country is seeing declines in Covid cases, Maine has the highest numbers since the pandemic started due to the unvaccinated, putting even more pressure on frontline medical staff. My sympathies align with health care providers who have done so much for so many and sacrificed so much including their own health and lives treating the unvaccinated.

The global Covid death toll has now reached 5 million, which is thought to be an undercount. The 1918-1919 flu pandemic claimed an estimated 20 to 100 million – the actual numbers will be never known. 675,000 were Americans. There were many mask mandates, mandated isolation of victims, school closures and bans on public gatherings. And no politicization of the flu compared to Covid today.

Our local school board, like so many across the country, is being harassed by anti-Vaxxer-conspiracy-theorists opposed to school masking mandates to protect students and staff. These people should just stay home and fulminate in private.

The Supremes will not block Maine's vaccine mandate for health-care workers with religious objections. This is the third time SCOTUS has refused to step in regarding vaccine mandates. Maybe there is some light at the end of the Covid tunnel?

LOCAL COLOR:

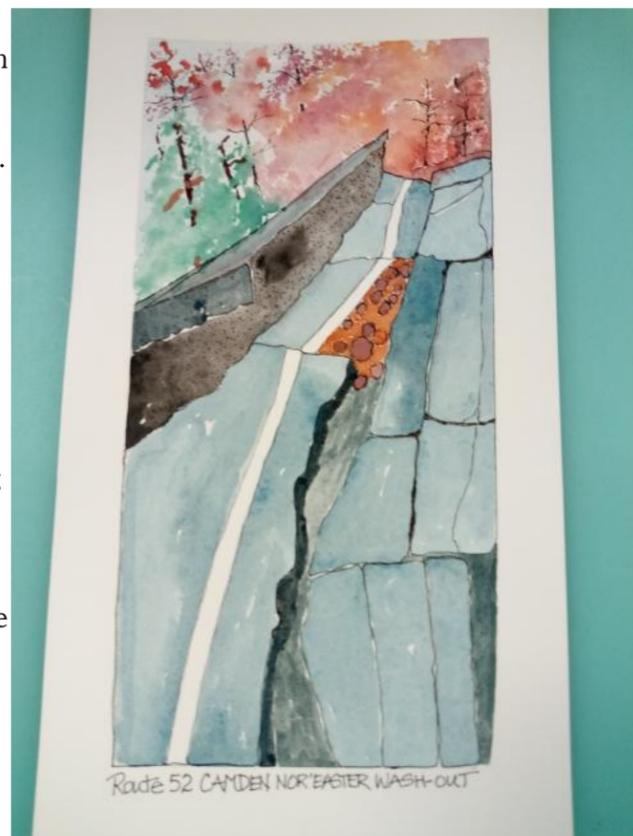
The Night Walker is back. His clever LED headgear with a blinking red light on the rear makes for safe after dark strolls around the South End.

A woman pushing her pet dog in a baby buggy cooed over the patio feline inhabitants next door.

A skeleton astride a bike and waving to passersby is the best Halloween display.

An artist set up his easel for plein air painting wearing his watch cap and parka.

My circadian rhythm is confounded by the time change. Got up at five to have my first morning coffee on the porch in the dark. I saw the Big Dipper balancing its handle on a neighbor's roof. The sliver of the new moon was like the free edge of a well-manicured fingernail.



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