Tipping Point Small Business Development can open doors for new Augusta businesses

BY MICHAEL G. HALL
Augusta Downtown Alliance Special to the Sentinel & Enterprise

Welcome to Augusta businesses

Developers of a historic four-building block along Water Street are planning to add 23 units, along with amenities that will include an office co-working space, a gym, a restaurant and retail space.

Previously used for offices, the 43,000-square-foot first will house apartments ranging from one-bedroom units, a mix of market-rate to high-end, and will be the largest residences in downtown Augusta since the completion of the lofts at the old Benton's building at 283 Water St.

“We believe there is an opportunity for everybody to live in a good place,” said Kathleen LeBlanc, a managing partner of Mainevent Development which is overseeing the project. If all is approved, construction is in progress to break ground this summer and the building will be ready for occupancy by April 2020.

New apartments coming to Water Street

Major changes happening at Colonial Theater

You may have noticed a flurry of activity recently at the Colonial Theater, but did you know that this activity is the first step in a major change? In beginning March, construction began the process of abatement by removing the last bit of asbestos from the grounds of the theater. Gary Peachey, head of the Buildings Committee for the Augusta Downtown Alliance noted that before the asbestos could be removed, the theater needed to be decored and dust on old walls and floors must be removed. Many of the costs for repair and the fees paid for materials, labor, and time are greatly reduced.

The major changes planned for the Colonial are an addition to the rear of the theater, a new marquee at the old Kennebec Theater location, and a new marquee for the Old Market House.

African American history from the area is significant, and the theater is a focal point of the African American community. Although it will undergo many changes, the theater will continue to be the community theater and be a focal point of events and activities.

Major changes are ahead for Colonial Theater

Historic Water Street in Gardiner will be transformed into a pedestrian mall with artists, crafters, and specialty vendors.

This year, the Chamber hopes to add several new artists, increase community involvement and offer a variety of events, activities and workshops, food and refreshments. For more information call 207-377-5303 or email info@winthropchamber.org.

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Winthrop region offers something for everyone

The Winthrop Lakes region is a great place to visit in the summertime. The many lakes, ponds, and streams provide a multitude of opportunities for boating, fishing and other recreational activities. There are also shops, eateries, nature trails, art classes in the summer, and the Winthrop Lakes region Chamber of Commerce sponsors the antique car rally, the world’s premiere classic car rally, which will bring more than 1,000 antique cars to Gardiner. The restaurant is open April-October.

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Columnist George Smith reported last year that, at one time, there were 39 camps for kids and inns for tourists in the Winthrop Lakes region. Winthrop is still home to a number of camps and the Winthrop Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce sponsors the antique car rally, the world’s premiere classic car rally, which will bring more than 1,000 antique cars to Gardiner. The restaurant is open April-October.

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Winthrop has a diverse economy and features high-tech, manufacturing, medical and professional services, tourism and recreational businesses and several local farms that provide food for their farm stands, local farmers’ market and nearby restaurants. Winthrop offers residents and visitors alike plenty of opportunities year-round to embrace rural life. Today, it hosts students from across the state and visitors alike plenty of opportunities year-round to embrace rural life.

Winthrop is located approximately halfway between Augusta and Lewiston/ Auburn along Route 202. Winthrop has a population of around 4,000 which grows during the summer months as residents take advantage of properties along the shores of Cobbossee Lake, Annabessacook Lake, Sand Pond, Cochrinewake Lake, and Wilton Pond. The town has a small commercial district that is currently undergoing some renovation and revitalization efforts. Local agriculture is a strong focus in the region, with farms producing a wide variety of fresh produce year-round. Winthrop also offers a few summer concert series, sidewalk art festival, holiday parades, live music, theater and dance at the Performing Arts Centre, and several programs for adults and children at the Bailey Library.

The town is rural and a seasonal resort, with Echo Lake, Lewiston Pond, Parker Pond, Pond Farm and Titcomb Pond, and at least eight smaller ponds within its roughly 30 square miles. The town is home to almost 1,100 that enjoy traveling the landscape.

Winthrop is listed as one of the best in the state in U.S. News and World Report’s 2012 guide.
She said they also sell eight or the Yankee® Candles business marketed by the man who started sell Country® Candles which are jewelry and candles. They used said that they still sell a lot of some over the years, Ann Carlton the other two businesses.

A dry cleaning business and the operated an ice cream business, Winthrop area, the two couples shop in Milo. After moving to the ents who had previously run a gift shop. They eventually closed the other two businesses. While the business has changed some over the years, Ann Carlton said that they still sell a lot of jewelry and candles. They used to sell Yankee® Candles but now sell Quince® Candles which are marketed by the man who started the business. She said they still sell eight so very affordable and popular jewelry lines. “We sell Silver Forest (jewelry) from Vermont which is mostly earrings,” said Carlton. “We also sell Townsend Designs from Portland.” The shop specializes in gifts for weddings, anniversaries, and holidays. In addition to jewelry, candles, and cards, patrons can also find novelty pillows, holiday items, adult coloring books and puzzles. She said that handbags are a big seller as well.

“We sell Chala handbags with animal prints on the outside and inside,” she said. “We also sell Donna Sharp handbags.” Maine gifts and souvenirs can also be found in the shop. The couple used to attend a lot of gift shows in Boston but now they focus more on Portland too. “We don’t want to travel anymore,” she said.

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Foshay-Carlton Cards and Gifts shop still happily serving customers

BY WANDA CURTIS Correspondent

For 47 years in busi-
ness as the owners of Foshay-Carlton Cards and Gift Shop, Fred and Ann Carlton enjoy the business as much as they
enjoy the rest of the peo-
ple that she meets and being able to provide them with the type of gifts and cards they’re looking for. “It always pleases me when someone comes in and says, ‘That’s just what I was looking for,’” she said.

The Carltons originally went into business with Ann Carlton’s par-
ents who had previously run a gift shop in Milo. When moving to the area, they wanted to have a business that could operate on ice cream business. “It always pleases me when someone comes in and says, ‘That’s just what I was looking for,’” she said.

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KV YMCA Strong Kids Annual Campaign provides scholarships and opportunity for all

BY WANDA CURTIS  
Correspondent

A
favorite gathering place for Augusta-area people of all ages is the YMCA at 23 Union Street. From fitness classes to swim lessons, the YMCA offers something for everyone.

“By providing the community with an inspirational environment for the enrichment of all people through social, recreational, and learning activities, caring, fairness, integrity, and responsibility are the keys to all that we do,” the mission of the YMCA.

While the funding for several ongoing operations at KV YMCA is generated through membership and fundraising sales, the 2017-2018 Strong Kids Annual Campaign currently underway, Warren said that the annual fundraising campaign provides money for their Open Doors Financial Aid Program, which makes possible children, adults and families to participate in programs that they could otherwise not afford. He said that roughly 20 percent of those enrolled in the campaign’s fundraising efforts through the Strong Kids Annual Campaign will be designated for program assistance.

“People will contribute to the Open Doors Financial Aid Program,” Warren said. “One hundred percent of the board and staff contribute to the Open Doors Financial Aid Program. This year we have increased our goal to $260,000 to provide that.”

“We are $240,000 and we exceeded that,” he said. “The year we raised our goal to $200,000 it was over $500,000.”

According to Warren, more than 200 community members and guests received scholarships through KV YMCA’s Strong Kids Annual Campaign last year and the entire board and staff contribute because they believe that everyone in the community should be able to participate in programs.

“The board and staff believe in the Y’s mission to strengthen the foundation of our community and that means our community in every community,” he said. “Our commitment to the Strong Kids Annual Campaign is just one of many initiatives that we have very supportive of the campaign. Sometimes the people fall on hard times and need a hand up. It is the generosity of our donors that provides the Y with the ability to provide that.

Marketing and Development Director Anathah Davis also said that the scholarship program is critical because it provides young people who may be unaffordable to some people the opportunity to participate in programs because of scholarships.

One child, among the hundreds who have benefited from the Open Doors Financial Aid Program at KV YMCA is three-year old Lily-Zoe, who has a non-verbal condition that affects her coordination, balance, muscle tone and speech development.

“Lily-Zoe’s participation in the YMCA closed her to make a difference in her health and development.”

“Every little girl may be 1,000,000 differently but all she wants to is be like every other child and she is loving it,” said Tom. “The KV YMCA’s swim and dance classes have gone to her. The swim class and dance class are great for her. She is beginning to do the kicks and music and movement class is amazing for her speech development. She then gives Them for programs that can allow this to happen.”

Sponsor Programs
KV YMCA has a full slate of activities planned for this summer. Camp KV, a state-licensed camp located on 70 acres of beautiful land on Maranacook Lake in Readfield, Kiger-Kemper Camp, Julia Dyke Camp for Girls and the Counselor in Training Program to name a few.

Right, three-year-old Lily-Zoe, right, has a new medical condition that affects her coordination, balance, muscle tone and speech development, has benefited from the Open Doors Financial Aid Program at KV YMCA.

Program at KV YMCA, is three-weeks that is 24 hours per day, six days a week.

For those interested in learning First Aid training. They will also contribute to the classroom and the workplace.

The CIT program is for ages 14-18, and requires some experience. Participants are required to attend about four weeks of training. Applications for this program can be obtained by emailing the camp director at mcclay@kvymca.org.

Julia Dyke Camp for Girls
The Julia Dyke Camp for Girls will be held June 18-22 this year.

There will be traditional camp activities including swimming, archery, arts and crafts, nature hikes, field sports, and athletics.

The Splash N’ Dash is designed for ages 4 to 18. Kids will be $58 per person and $95 per relay team. Early registration is $49. The Splash N’ Dash will take place on Saturday, August 11. The Splash N’ Dash, pictured above, right, will create a 4 x 25-yard relay in the competitive pool and a 5 x 25 running the Kennebec River Trail’s Marine Housing Authority Campout.

For more information, call KV YMCA at 622-0051 or email craig@kvymca.org.
Saltbox Primitives reproductions and home décor can create the ambiance of yesteryear.

BY WANDA CURTIS

Saltbox Primitives is a store on 280 Eastern Avenue in Augusta, Maine where founder, Melissa Cameron Turner, the owner, said that she first had the idea of opening the store because of her love for country primitives and antiques. She said that when her husband was away, she would find herself looking at the items that were their best sellers, Turner said. In addition, she is a fan of the time-worn paint on the furniture, and the smell of the candles they sell.

“Trying to support Maine crafts is popular. People want to be able to see the things they spend their hard-earned money on,” Turner said.

The store, which is known for its candles and home decor, is located at 280 Eastern Avenue in Augusta. Melissa Cameron Turner, the owner, said that she first had the idea of opening the store because of her love for country primitives and antiques.

The store is open from Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 am to 5 pm. Turner said that they carry a wide range of products, including candles, primitive furniture, and home decor.

“We carry Cellar Door Winery, a local winery, in addition to Cellar Door Winery, which is located in MT. We carry other local beer, including an East Coast IPA (India Pale Ale). The interest in Maine craft beer is exploding. If it’s local, we carry it. We carry elephant beer, which is from Baxter Brewing in Lewiston. We have beer specials. Click on “Notes” to see if your brand is on sale. The Facebook page also announces a multitude of monthly beer specials. Click on the Facebook page to see if your brand is on sale. Damon’s responds to messages on their Facebook page within 1-2 our customers can find the answers to questions.

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**Family Violence Project joins with community in work to end domestic violence**

**Nominations for Maine Children’s Alliance 2018 Giraffe Awards accepted**

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![MaineShare Augusta Member](image)

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e 60 years, from 1957 to

domestic violence.

MaineShare asks individuals and organizations to join in supporting the Maine Children’s Alliance’s annual Giraffe Awards. This is an opportunity to say, “thank you,” to the individuals, organizations and businesses that give to help and show their support for the work we do to make a difference.

We want to say thank you to our communities, to the organizations we have made together, and to all those who have reached out to us. We are survivors who have moved through abuse and have our own stories. We are people who know that the choices we make can have a direct impact on the safety of our loved ones. We are people who have come to recognize the power of collective giving. We are people who have come to recognize the power of collective giving.

It’s spring in Maine - a great time to give

Join The SpringShare giving day in May, and especially on May 18 to Celebrate Maine and the Causes We Care Most! Endure and support nonprofits in Maine dedicated to building a greater quality of life for all communities.

The SpringShare is an event filled daily of giving, encouraging people who love Maine to give to the organizations that work every day to address the economic opportunity, environmental sustainability, diversity, education, the arts, health, safety, animal welfare, social justice, and peace. Follow #TheSpringShare on Twitter for events and more.

Our work will go on giving, the SpringShare is open from May 1 to May 31. Our May 16 promotion will begin at 12 noon, and we will keep the giving momentum going all day, until 11:59 p.m.

Mark your calendars for an incredible day of generosity, partnership and community building in Maine and follow our spring share on social media.

Sign up and volunteer at thegmp.org/mycause/mycommunity/support-the-springshare-ongoing-day-or-visit-us-at-the-gmp-springshare.

**Events in Augusta**

- 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Wind Park Farmer’s Market SpringShare

-SpringShare @ Gardiner Station Saturday, Thursday, May 17
- 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Gardiner Garden Gathering at Vis-À-Vis Augusta-MaineShare Augusta Member

- 6 p.m. - 12 a.m. Gardiner Garden Gathering at Vis-À-Vis Augusta-MaineShare Augusta Member

- 12 p.m. - 12 a.m. SpringShare Lemonade Stand at New Mainer’s @TheSpringshare.org (24/7 Helpline)

For more information, updates and changes to projects, please see our website at thespringshare.org.

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“Any barn is like a kid.”

Brett Trefethen captures the essence of Barn Boards and More, the unique business partnership that he and his wife, Amy Grant-Trefethen, have crafted over the past ten years. They recycle old barns and other structures before these landmarks are torn down and replaced with new ones, as painless and creating new furniture, decor, and other items. In the process, they have amassed an enormous architectural salvage, using it to find and the barn bricks to open a retail and custom-made furniture studio in a repurposed warehouse at 521 Water Street, a half-mile from downtown Gardiner. It all started in 2006, when they learned of an enormous three-story warehouse at 521 Water Street, a retail shop and custom-made furniture studio in a repurposed warehouse that has been knocked down by someone who chose to use a chainsaw to harvest a few timbers, and then walked away from the mess.

“Trefethen said. “I learned a lot from my dad, who was a builder and had his own workshop. I started building things from a young age, and it was a natural progression to start working with reclaimed wood.”

“Barns become beautiful objects at Barn Boards and More,” says Grant-Trefethen. “We are not drawn to the appearance of a small forest. By my rough calculations, we’ve saved the equivalent of a small forest. By my rough calculations, we’ve saved the equivalent of a small forest.

It’s great to think that by offering an alternative to bulldozing barns, we’ve saved the equivalent of about 6,400 10-12” diameter trees.”

Brett Trefethen and his wife, furniture designer and builder Amy Grant-Trefethen, proprietors of Barn Boards and More, Their shop is filled with treasures large and small, from barn doors to church pews to old railroad spikes now transformed into rustic coat hooks. “Every year we dismantle and remove structures of various types and sizes. Our main focus is to target barns that are no longer usable for their intended purpose but still hold lots of potential in their repurpose value. We still strongly believe that barns should be saved. If they cannot be saved, the historical wood should be salvaged and removed structures of various types and sizes. Our main focus is to target barns that are no longer usable for their intended purpose but still hold lots of potential in their repurpose value. We still strongly believe that barns should be saved. If they cannot be saved, the historical wood should be salvaged and removed.

“We enjoy working with contractors to replace old parts or to add new elements to new homes,” said Trefethen. “It’s amazing how much character one mantel or even a coffee table can lend to a space.”

They take special pleasure and pride in incorporating salvaged items into a room’s theme, whether it involves a dinner table, kitchen hutch, or small decorative item.

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Niche Inc., 5-8 p.m., 307 Water St.

For more info regarding Gardiner events, contact Gardiner Main Street

6777. barnboardsandmore.com or visit for June. For more information, visit extended. An open house is planned in the summer, the hours will be open Wednesday through Friday.

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Our headquarters in Gardiner, provides locating, tooth screening, smart grid, telecommunications, power line and construction services to utility, telecommunications, cable and gas customers throughout the Northeast.

GARDINER EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY 4 - GARDINER MITTALK
5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Downtown Gardiner

JUNE 22: FREE WATERFRONT SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
by Johnson Hall, 7-10 p.m., Waterfront, 5-8 p.m.

JUNE 23: GREATER GARDINER RIVER FESTIVAL.
9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Downtown Gardiner & Waterfront Park

JUNE 30: THE GREAT RACE
2-9 p.m., Downtown Gardiner & Waterfront Park

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