

Corinna Bicentennial Celebration

August 11-12, 2016

Corinna Bicentennial celebration includes full weekend of activities

CORINNA – The town of Corinna rolls out the red carpet for its 200th birthday on the weekend of Aug. 11-13 with a lengthy list of family-friendly events.

The Penobscot County town, which was named Corinna after the daughter of one of its founders – Dr. John Warren of Boston – has evolved from a farming and industrial community to a quieter, residential community.

The bicentennial celebration will honor Corinna's past, present and future.

The weekend begins with Ladies of the Era Pageant on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 5-8 p.m. at Corinna Elementary School, featuring music by the H.J. Crosby Community Band.

Pageant events include a meet

and greet from 5-6 p.m. as the ladies will be dressed in whatever garb they choose to wear from the past 200 years.

From 6-7 p.m., participants will answer questions from the judges based on their questionnaires they filled out and some entertainment is also planned for the audience.

Finally, from 7-8 p.m. the Ladies of the Era will be crowned by members of their families and presented with their rightful titles.

On Friday, Aug. 12, enjoy a spaghetti supper at the Corinna American Legion Post on Maple Street from 4-6 p.m., followed by a musical jam session at the Legion gazebo.

At 7 p.m., the Levi Stewart

Community Theater presents the hilarious comedy "Dearly Departed" at the Levi Stewart Auditorium. Admission is \$6 per person.

The Bicentennial Parade gets under way Saturday, Aug. 13 at 9:30 a.m. It begins at the corner of Elliot Street and St. Albans Road, turns onto Hill Street and Main Street to Route 7, crossing over Route 7 onto the Exeter Road and dispersing on Winchester Avenue. Spectators are asked to stay on the sides of the roads that the parade route will follow. Parade participants will have walkers to hand out candy to those on the sidelines.

There is also a Children's Bike Decorating Contest at 2 p.m. in two age categories: 8 and under and 9-15. Registration forms,

rules and parental permission slips will be available Saturday at the main stage.

Other events on Saturday's schedule include musical entertainment by the Dexter Brass and the Fossils, an ice cream social and tours at the Corinna Union Academy Historical Society Museum, a classic car show at Corinna Elementary School, a sidewalk art contest, Brothers of the Beard contest and judging, a chicken dinner hosted by the Corinna Fire Department and the second performance of "Dearly Departed" at the Levi Stewart Library auditorium.

The day is capped off with a fireworks display at Corundel Lake at 9 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, the musi-

cal duo Fred and Deb will perform at the Main Street bandstand at 9 a.m. and the rededication of the veterans' plaques at the American Legion Memorial by Cub Scout Pack 63 will take place at 11 a.m.

The Bicentennial Committee is also looking for volunteers to help with children's games on Saturday from 12-4 p.m. and to bake a birthday cake for the celebration. All decorated cakes will be sliced up and offered free to anyone attending Saturday's events.

For more information, contact Darlene Bagley at 278-3415.

Updates will also be posted on the Corinna Bicentennial Events Facebook page.

Corinna's landscape has changed dramatically over the years

CORINNA – It was first called T4 R4 NWP (or Township 4, Range 4, North of the Waldo Patent).

But after Dr. John Warren of Boston bought more than 23,000 acres from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and built a combination sawmill and grist mill, the town was incorporated in 1816 and named Corinna after Warren's daughter.

Corinna evolved from a farming community to a small industrial center after the arrival of the Newport Railroad in the 1860s.

There were sawmills, textile mills, boot and shoemaking shops, an iron foundry and a door, sash and blind factory.

Two of the largest employers in town were the Eastland Woolen Mill and Snow Flake Canning Company, and their demise dramatically changed the layout of the community.

In January 1968, firefighters from Corinna, Dexter and Newport battled a blaze that destroyed the Snow Flake Canning Co. and forced the evacuation of 24 families threatened by the presence of two ammonia tanks used for refrigeration. According to published reports, 200 people on the two evening shifts were apparently evacuated safely.

Snow Flake packaged frozen vegetables, dehydrated potato flakes and potato prod-

ucts.

In 1996, Eastland Woolen Mill closed its doors after 90 years in business, eliminating 250 jobs. Many attempts were made to save the mill when the market for its products was threatened by cheaper imports, and the Financial Authority of Maine loaned the company \$1 million in 1993 to shore up its finances.

But when the property went on the auction block in 1997, there were no bidders and the structure was eventually demolished. It took years to clean up the contamination from dyes with the solvent chlorobenzene used in the manufacturing process.

In 2000, demolition of the mill began and eventually, Main Street was rerouted after the town's few remaining stores closed and the Parian Masonic Lodge relocated to nearby Stetson Road.

Six years later, Corundel Commons, a senior citizen's housing project, was built behind the former Eastland property.

One aspect of community life has not changed in more than a century, however.

The major landmark in Corinna and the center of community activity is the Levi Stewart Free Library which also houses the town's municipal

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offices.
Thanks to a grant from the Next Generation Foundation and private donations, extensive renovations are underway to the 118-year-old structure. These include rebuilding the clock tower, installing an elevator for easier access to the second-floor auditorium and adding additional restrooms.

Updates on the project are posted at www.corinnapreservation.org.



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CORINNA BICENTENNIAL SCHEDULE

AUGUST 11-14, 2016

THURSDAY: AUGUST 11

5-8 PM LADIES OF THE ERA PAGEANT, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
THE LAST LIBRARY MUSIC CONCERT, FEATURING THE H.J. CROSBY COMMUNITY BAND NORMALLY HELD AT THE BANDSTAND WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LADIES OF THE ERA PAGEANT.

FRIDAY: AUGUST 12

4-6 PM SPAGHETTI SUPPER HOSTED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION ON MAPLE ST. ADMISSION \$7.00
MUSIC JAM SESSION AT THE AMERICAN LEGION GAZEBO. BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND ENJOY THE SOUNDS. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
7 PM LEVI STEWART COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS 'DEARLY DEPARTED' AT THE LEVI STEWART LIBRARY AUDITORIUM ADMISSION \$6.00

SATURDAY: AUGUST 13

ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS TAKE PLACE ON THE FIELD (GREENSPACE) ON MAIN ST. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

8-9 AM PIE BAKING AND BEST BISCUIT BAKER CONTESTANTS MUST HAVE THEIR ENTRIES AT THE MAIN ST. BOOTHS FOR JUDGING
9 AM MAIN ST. CLOSURES FOR ALL VEHICLE TRAFFIC. ENTRY FROM HILL ST. ALLOWED TO THE FIELD FOR VENDORS & VOLUNTEERS ONLY.
AT THIS TIME ALL VEHICLES MUST BE OFF MAIN ST. FOR THE PARADE.
9 AM THE BICENTENNIAL BAZAAR FEATURING ARTISANS, CRAFTERS, VENDORS, INFORMATIONAL AND DEMONSTRATIONAL BOOTHS OPENS
9:30 AM PARADE BEGINS
DEXTER BRASS WILL PERFORM ON THE MAIN STAGE ON MAIN ST. UNTIL THE PARADE STARTS
PARADE ENDS MUSIC AT BANDSTAND FEATURING 'THE FOSSILS'
ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT THE CUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
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TILL 1:30 PM LUCKY THE MAGIC CLOWN MAKING BALLOON ANIMALS
11:30-2 PM CLASSIC CAR SHOW AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MUSIC PROVIDED BY PAUL BROOKS
NOON-3 PM REPTILE MAN FEATURING JOHN GILLIS
NOON FREE FACE PAINTING BY ARIEL
NOON-5 PM CHILDREN'S GAMES ON MAIN ST. FIELD
NOON-3 PM HORSE CARRIAGE RIDES AT VILLAGE SQUARE PARKING LOT featuring NOSTALGIC LIMO HORSE & CARRAGE SERVICE
NOON SIDEWALK CHALK ART CONTEST (ages 12 & up competition, under 12 for fun) STARTING ON THE SIDEWALK AT THE CORNER OF HILL ST. & MAIN ST.
NOON CORINNA BIRTHDAY CAKE EATERY OPENS. ALL CAKES WILL BE CUT AND SLICES OFFERED FREE UNTIL GONE
NOON REPLICA SUBMARINE AND CHILDREN'S GAMES AT BARB'S RESTAURANT
NOON BICENTENNIAL BROTHERS OF THE BEARD CONTEST AT THE MAIN STAGE, JUDGING AT 12:30
1-4 PM CORINNA MEMORIES AT THE STEWART LIBRARY (UPSTAIRS)
1-3 PM JOHN FORD AND MARK NICKERSON (telling tales)
1 PM STATE TROOPER CANINE DEMONSTRATION
1 PM PIE EATING CONTEST FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-8 AND AGES 8-12
1:30 PM HOPSCOTCH CONTEST OPEN TO ALL AGES
2 PM CHILDREN'S DECORATED BIKE PARADE ON MAIN ST
2-4 PM SCAVENGER HUNT BEGINS**
2:30-4 PM MAIN STAGE: OLD LIBERTY STRING BAND PERFORMING
4 PM FIRE DEPT CHICKEN BBQ \$8.00
4 PM-6 PM KATAHDIN VALLEY BAND AT THE BANDSTAND
4 PM CUA ALUMNI REUNION AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6:30 PM LEVI STEWART COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS 'DEARLY DEPARTED' AT THE LEVI STEWART LIBRARY AUDITORIUM ADMISSION \$6.00
6-8 PM 'BICENTENNIAL IDOL' KARAOKE featuring REBEL WOLF PRODUCTIONS AT THE MAIN STAGE
6 PM BINGO AT THE AMERICAN LEGION ON MAPLE ST.
8-10 PM STREET DANCE ON MAIN STREET
9-9:30 PM FIREWORKS CELEBRATION AT CORUNDEL LAKE.

SUNDAY: AUGUST 14, 2016

8:30-10:30 AM FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST UNDER THE BIG TENT ON MAIN ST.
9 AM FRED & DEB AT BANDSTAND ON MAIN ST.
11 AM REDEDICATION OF THE VETERANS PLAQUES AT THE AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS MEMORIAL BY THE CUB SCOUT PACK #63
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CORINNA – The Corinna Bicentennial celebration on Saturday, Aug. 13 will include two contests featuring homemade kitchen goodies: Pie Baking and Best Biscuit Baker.

Both contests are open to all ages and you do not have to be a Corinna resident to enter.

Rules for both are simple. For the Pie Baking contest, all pies must be made from scratch including crusts and fillings. Pies must be delivered to the pie baking booth near the Main Stage on Saturday, Aug. 13 before 9 a.m. Your name and phone number should be taped on the bottom of the pie plate for entrants.

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For the Best Biscuit Baker contest, all biscuits must be made from scratch as well.

Biscuits must be delivered to the biscuit booth near the Main Stage on Saturday before 9 a.m. A minimum of six biscuits is required per entry.

Be sure to tape your name and phone number on the bottom of the plate for entrants.

Registration forms can be filled out when delivering your entries.

Judging for both contests will be done shortly after the parade ends, and winners will be announced around noon at the main stage. Ribbons and money prizes will be awarded for three places for each contest.

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