

AREA NEWS

Planning board reschedules

STRONG — The Strong Planning Board will meet at 7 p. m. on Thursday, Nov. 19 instead of Thursday, Nov. 26 because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

New LURC customer survey now online

AUGUSTA — A new, online survey is allowing Land Use Regulation Commission customers to comment on how well they are being helped by the state planning agency.

The survey, which is available on the LURC Web site, will be used to determine trends in customer needs and areas in which service can be improved, according to LURC officials.

“We are using the new survey to understand better what, for a majority of people, is the perception of the Land Use Regulation Commission and also what we can work on in terms of better serving our customers,” Scott Rollins, LURC Permitting & Compliance Division manager, said. “Our goal is to provide professional, knowledgeable and useful service in an efficient manner to everyone who contacts us.”

Established by the Maine Legislature in 1971, LURC acts as the planning and zoning authority for the state’s unorganized area consisting of townships that have no local form of government. LURC also serves certain towns and plantations that choose not to administer land use at the local level. LURC’s jurisdiction covers more than 10.4 million acres consisting of almost half of the land area in the state. The area is mostly the northern area of Maine but also includes portions of the western mountains, Downeast, and coastal islands, such as Matinicus and Monhegan. The commission is supported by a staff under the Maine Department of Conservation.

The new online survey will allow all customers to respond and comment on how they were treated or if their expectations were met, Rollins said. “Maybe somebody called us and got good customer service from one of our staff and wanted us to know that or they want to tell us ways we can improve,” he said. “The new survey allows that.”

The online survey takes about five to 10 minutes to complete, and it also allows the customer to answer anonymously. The survey, however, allows only one response per computer to limit spamming, but it will be updated every three months, starting quarterly for January, April, July and October. That will allow repeat LURC customers to send in other evaluations, Rollins pointed out.

For more information about the Land Use Regulation Commission and a link to the survey go to: <http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc/>.

For the online LURC survey, go to: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=PKzC1cs5LTsuLIJe7Y8bN_g_3d_3d.

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were featured next to the Chieftains on CBC television, next to Flook on BBC television in Scotland, and performed with Michel Faubert and Yann-Fanch Kemener for Les Grands Concerts Radio-France in Paris, as well as on the album *Feast*, by the Danish group Haugaard and Hoirup.

Le Vent du Nord has crowds dancing to the sound of fiddle and hurdy-gurdy, using an original repertoire. Their music is both fresh and bound to tradition. One of the group’s strengths is their stage presence: energetic, dynamic, generous and in touch with the audience.

Le Vent du Nord consists of four singers/multi-instrumentalists: Nicolas Boulerice, Simon Beaudry, Olivier Demers and Réjean Brunet, who joined the group in 2007. They sing originals and songs taken from the traditional repertoire, in their native French.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Skye Theatre at 562-4445. More information is also available at www.necelticarts.com

Strong man injured in woods accident

By Ann Bryant
Special to the Irregular

FARMINGTON — A logger from Strong was listed in stable condition Thursday night, Oct. 29 at a Lewiston hospital with an injury caused from a tree falling on his leg in woods off Route 4 earlier in the day.

Rodney Dyar of Route 4 was flown to Central Maine Medical Center after the 10:30 a.m. accident, which occurred more than a mile into the woods. It took rescuers almost two hours to get him out to the highway. From there he was taken by NorthStar ambulance to the Fairbanks Little League field to meet the LifeFlight helicopter.

Dyar was working with his son, who called 911 and met the first responders at Route 4, Fire Chief Terry Bell

said. Pickup trucks took emergency personnel part of the way in on the muddy dirt road before they were forced to walk the rest of the way, he said. An ATV from the Franklin County Sheriff’s Department ferried medical supplies to the scene.

Charles Bennett of Farmington, who lives about a mile south of Dyar’s home, shuttled ambulance personnel up the dirt road in his truck. Farmington Fire and Rescue carried Dyar part of the way out, then the ATV shuttled him to Bennett’s pickup truck which took him out to Route 4.

Officers from the Farmington Police Department and Franklin County Sheriff’s Department assisted in the rescue.



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