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GORHAM, ME -- Registration is Now Open for James and the Giant Peach Jr.! Join us for a magical adventure as we bring Roald Dahl's classic tale to life!

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James and the Giant Peach Jr.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Ages: 2nd-8th Grade

Auditions: January 6th & 7th 6:00pm-7:30pm

Rehearsals: Tuesday & Thursday 5:30pm-7:30pm

Performances: March 7th @ 7pm, 8th @ 10am & 2pm & 9th @ 2pm

www.gorhamarts.org to Register!

Town of Gorham election, referendum information

GORHAM, ME -- A General Election, Referendum Election, and Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 in which voters will have an opportunity to vote to elect the President, one of Maine's two United States Senators, Maine's two Representatives to Congress, all members of the Maine Legislature (State Senators and State Representatives), certain county officers (which could vary by county), as well as appointments to the Gorham Town Council and Gorham School Committee. The Referendum Election will also allow Maine's citizens the opportunity to vote on People's Veto Referenda, Direct Initiatives of Legislation (i.e. Citizen Initiatives), Bond Issues, other referenda proposed by the Legislature, and Constitutional Amendments.

The Town has two seats open for three-year terms on the Town Council, and two seats open for three-year terms on the School Committee.

Absentee voting will take place in the Council

Chambers starting October 21st thru October 31st during regular business hours (Monday - Thursday, 7:00am - 5:00pm)

Extra voting hours will be offered on Saturday, October 26th from 8:00am - noon and Wednesday, October 30th until 7:00pm.

Voter Registration Unenrolled voters

can enroll in a party at any time, including Election Day, since the State of Maine offers Election Day voter registration.

Absentee Voting Absentee ballot requests are now available. You can request an absentee ballot by calling the Clerks office or by going

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Shawn Moody endorses Hamill

Don Hamill ran for Scarborough Town Council in November 2018 when I ran for Governor. He has served with distinction as a leader and outspoken advocate for his constituents.

I have had the chance to get to know him better this year through his Senate campaign. He listens to the voice of the people and has offered practical solutions to our current financial and social challenges in Maine.

I look forward to partnering with him to improve the future of all Mainers. Join me in vot-



ing for Don on November 5 for Maine Senate D30 - Gorham and Scarborough.

Thank you.
Shawn Moody
Founder - Moody's Collision Centers

Gorham Maine Living needs your help this Thanksgiving

GORHAM, ME -- This year, Gorham Maine Living is aiming to provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need, and we need your help! Last year, we reached 25 baskets, but with your support, we know we can do even more this year!

Our goal is to double or triple Blessing Baskets filled with everything needed for a memorable THANKSGIVING dinner.

GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Simply fill out this Google Form <https://forms.gle/Mp4cSBQHYtPR4ntp7>

Send all items for What's Going On to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.



How Many Families Can We HELP?
Thanksgiving 2024

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

CMMC gathers to commemorate Lewiston tragedy, one year later

LEWISTON, ME -- Central Maine Medical Center (CMMC) team members gathered for a somber ceremony on Oct. 25 to mark the one-year anniversary of the mass casualty incident in Lewiston.

The event took place in the main hallway of CMMC where the final patients who were wounded in the mass shootings were escorted out as team members lined the hallway to say goodbye.

Following a moment of silence and invocation by staff chaplain Claire Curole, several members of Central Maine Healthcare's senior leadership team spoke to those who gathered.

"Whether you were at CMMC that night or in the day or days after the lockdown was lifted you made a difference," said Steve Littleton, DBA, president and CEO, Central Maine Healthcare. "And here we stand together, grateful that we are here at this hospital that, for almost 140 years, has cared for our community."

"In all the chaos, we were nurses," said Kari Paradis, vice president of



Steve Littleton, DBA, president and CEO, Central Maine Healthcare and CMMC team members gather for Oct. 25 commemoration ceremony.

tal, urologic, plastic and general surgery.

They were aided by more than 100 nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other CMH healthcare professionals, all of whom have had extensive training in mass casualty incidents.

A total of 15 severely injured patients were transported to CMMC. Two were deceased upon arrival. One patient died after being admitted. Thirteen lives were saved.

Most admitted patients were discharged from

Nursing and Patient Services at Bridgton Hospital. "We put our training and skill to the test and into practice. We assumed roles, took charge, stayed focused and saved lives."

"What was most touching about the past 12 months was the way we came together," said John Alexander, MD, chief med-

ical officer, Central Maine Healthcare. "And although it's hard, and we will never forget, we now make our way to the future carrying this with us along the way."

On the evening of the shooting, CMMC quickly assembled a large team of surgeons who have expertise in orthopedics, cardiovascular, thoracic, colorec-



CMMC within the first few weeks following the incident. Three, however, had an extended stay in the ICU because of their extensive injuries and the complicated, multiple surgeries they required.

Shortly after last year's tragedy, Central Maine Healthcare established the Compassionate

Care Fund to provide resources for trauma response and support, including emotional and behavioral health services for the community and first responders, as well as trauma care for patients who can't pay. To learn more about the fund or to donate, please visit the "ways to give" page on www.cmhc.org.

Turkey Trot 4 Hope walk/run returns

NORWAY, ME -- The sixth annual Turkey Trot 4 Hope Scenic 4 Mile Run or 1 Mile Run/Walk will be held Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, at 9am at the Norway Fire Station, 19 Danforth Street, Norway. Our many sponsors this year have guaranteed that this will be a great event to benefit the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine

(CRCofWM). This is indeed a day of THANKS where individuals, teams, businesses, and communities can support the work that the CRCofWM does throughout the western Maine region.

You can register at raceroster.com/93093. All Oxford county Maine students K-12 can register for FREE, thanks to a very generous donor. Awards



The 7th Annual Turkey Trot 4 Hope will be held in-person and virtually this year. All proceeds benefit the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine. Visit raceroster.com/93093 to register.

will be given out starting at 10am so participants can get to their Thanksgiving celebrations.

If you are away for Thanksgiving or do not live locally we encourage anyone to join in the fun VIRTUALLY to support the CRCofWM. Your route can be a favorite trail, a walk with your dog, a daily running route, or even a treadmill. If you run virtually, we would love to see where you chose to participate by posting on our Facebook page or #turkeytrot4hope.

"This is the signature fundraising event for Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine and this year we hope to have many more participants actively fundraising," commented Caleb Grover, 2024 Turkey Trot 4 Hope Committee Chair. "We challenge each Turkey Trot 4 Hope participant to help us raise much needed funds to support people in western Maine affected by cancer."

CRCofWM's mission is to embrace anyone affected by cancer in a community that offers hope and caring through support, education and concepts in healthy living. CRCofWM offers one to one support, free wellness programs and classes, support groups, travel and food assistance, and comfort items to anyone impacted by cancer...because no one should face cancer alone. For more information www.crcofwm.org or 207-890-0329.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Maine musicians memorialize Lewiston shooting in song

TURNER, ME -- "Private Person," a song by Maine musicians Jason J. Carey and Scott K Fish, tells the story of the October 2023 Lewiston, ME mass shootings by Robert Card; imagining how history might have changed if just one of several authorities had heeded the warnings and calls to help the troubled Card.

"Card referred to himself as a 'private person.' The night Card went on

his rampage, we had already been working several months on a video documentary about mental illness. Particularly about the difficulty of sufferers getting proper help, because of the nature of the illness, and lack of available resources," said Carey.

The Lewiston shooting tragedy was an awful demonstration of the worst aspects of mental illness.

* A man in denial clearly in need of help

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* Family and friends pleading with authorities to help the man

* Authorities ignoring or dismissing the calls for help

* And finally, the man reaching a mental breaking point

After absorbing news stories laced with quotes

from victims' family members, Card's family, law enforcement officials, military personnel, elected officials, and the general public - Fish and Carey responded to the shooting through song.

"Private Person" imagines what conversations might have gone through the shooter's head, as well as conversations about what went wrong, and how we could have done better in Lewiston and Statewide.

Fish said, "Someone with mental illness often doesn't know they're ill. That's part of what makes sufferers tough to help."

"Add to that a shortage of trained mental health professionals, a lack of mental health facilities. We basically ask our neighbors with mental illness to fend for themselves," said Carey.

"Private Person" makes clear that doing nothing is neither a strategy nor an option.

How many times should someone have to ask for help before help is given?

Carey and Fish hope "Private Person" will help persuade people to consider the wisdom, the humanity, the decency, of providing a helping hand to individuals grappling with mental illness.

Private Person is available at: <https://pineconerecords.com/privateperson>

Evergreen CU plays disc golf to fight hunger

PORTLAND, ME -- Evergreen Credit Union raised over \$18,000 at their annual Disc Golf Scramble at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester. All event proceeds benefit the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger.

19 teams conquered the Minuteman course at Pineland Farms and finished the day with raffles and competitions for disc golf memorabilia. "We love planning this event year after year," said Cole Rowland, planning committee lead for the tournament. "It gets us outside and supports our communities. At the end of the day, what more could you ask for?"

Maine Credit Unions' The Campaign for Ending Hunger allows Maine's credit unions give back to their communities by feeding those in need. 100% of all funds raised for this campaign directly support



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organizations that fight food insecurity. "Raising money for the Campaign is vital to Evergreen's mission and purpose," said Jason Lindstrom, Evergreen Credit Union's President/CEO. "With our financial support, we can help many communities at once. That's what we're all about: people helping people."

The Campaign for Ending Hunger in Maine contributed \$1.2 million in 2023. Evergreen Credit Union is the 5th largest credit union in Maine, with over \$564 million in assets and 5 branches serving all of southern Maine. Explore Evergreen's community impact at egcu.org/community.

Clothes galore at Gorham's Mission of Hope Clothes Closet

GORHAM, ME -- The FREE Clothes Closet at Cressey Road Church (Mission of Hope Clothes Closet) is open to all who need Fellowship, Friendship and Clothes. We are located at 81 Cressey Road, Gorham, and we are open on the FIRST and THIRD Saturday of each month from 9 o'clock AM to 12 Noon.

We focus on clothes and accessories (gloves,

scarves, hats, etc.) and welcome your donations during our operating hours. Clean clothes in good shape help the most, as they go right out to help people locally or in nearby communities. An attempt is made to have season appropriate clothes available to you. After we have displayed them for a time, they are donated to our local second-hand shops.

In addition to helping

folks find clothes, we want to spend time with you! There are tables to sit, talk and to share a cup of coffee and usually a goodie with volunteers or others. Come see us! You might make a new friend. All are welcome!

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Watercolor painting workshop offered

RAYMOND, ME – Have you always wanted to learn the art of watercolor painting? Or do you want to brush up on your skills? Suitable for any skill level, Kathleen Gerdes’ watercolor workshop is coming to Nathaniel Hawthorne’s Boyhood Home in Raymond (40 Hawthorne Road) on Monday, November 4, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cost

is \$45 per student, which includes the use of the instructor’s supplies and materials. Everyone wishing to participate is asked to please register in advance by emailing workshop instructor Kathleen Gerdes at gerkat214@gmail.com. Designed to be a fun, stress-free community experience among fellow artists, Ms. Gerdes’ workshop will cover, step-

by-step, what each student needs to know about paints, brushes, and paper, plus all the basic watercolor skills and techniques. Plenty of time will be offered to practice what you learn, and each student will leave with his or her own painting, along with the knowledge and skills needed to continue painting at home. More about Kathleen



Image courtesy of Kathleen Gerdes.

Gerdes Kathleen Gerdes of Naples is a mostly self-taught artist who teaches watercolor classes at Scarborough Adult Education. A painter for more than 20 years, Kathleen believes that everyone is an artist and her love of teaching reflects that. Her work is unique and whimsical, and she loves to paint everyday objects

that have lots of color. Her upcoming workshop at Nathaniel Hawthorne’s Boyhood Home in Raymond reflects her hope to expand and share her work throughout the Naples-Raymond-Bridgton area. For more information, please visit www.hawthorneassoc.com or send email to gerkat214@gmail.com

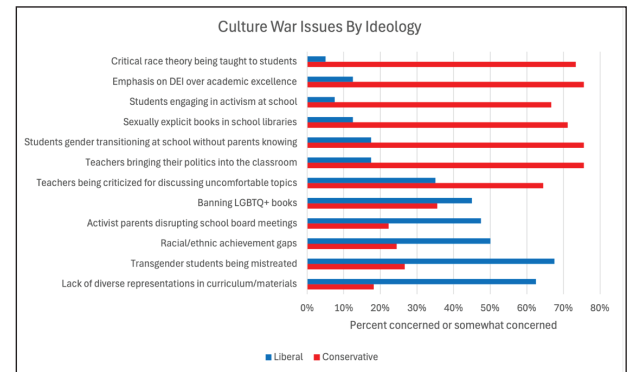
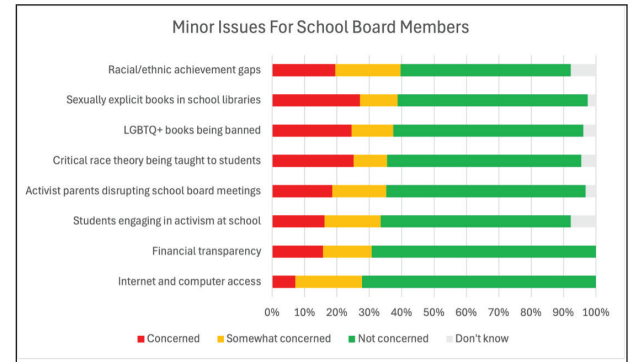
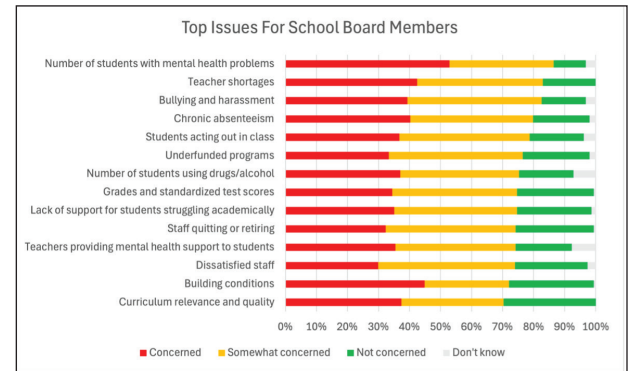
Maine Policy releases school board member survey

PORTLAND, ME – Maine Policy Institute released the Maine School Board Member Survey, its newest publication, which surveyed current Maine school board members on 40 education-related issues to identify board members’ top concerns across the state. The survey found a majority of school board members view the performance of their individual board as “good” or “excellent” and said their board engages in Maine Policy’s school board best practices. It also found that self-identified liberal and conservative school board members are increasingly polarized on controversial “culture war” issues in K-12 education.

Top Issues School board members across Maine are most concerned about mental health, staffing and behavior issues within schools. Eighty-six percent of respondents were concerned about mental health problems among students, 83 percent about teacher shortages, and the same number expressed concern about bullying and harassment. Four-in-five board members also identified chronic absenteeism as an ongoing concern. “Over the last few years, the number of students struggling with mental health and behavioral issues has increased. These challenges, among others, are driving teachers to leave the profes-

sion, worsening the state’s teacher shortage,” said Jonah Davids, research fellow at the Maine Policy Institute and creator of the survey. “The fact that school board members across the state, regardless of political views, identify these as their top concerns shows that these problems go beyond political perception and are affecting nearly everyone.” **Minor Issues** Among the 40 issues surveyed, board members were least concerned about racial/ethnic achievement gaps, controversial curriculum, activism from parents, financial transparency and internet access. Just 39 percent were concerned about LGBTQ+ book

bans, 38 percent about sexually explicit books, and 36 percent about critical race theory. **Political Polarization** Board members who identified as liberal or conservative generally share the same top concerns as all board members but diverge on issues related to activism by students and parents, gender and sexuality, and diversity, equity and inclusion policies. Only five percent of liberal board members identified critical race theory as a concern compared to 73 percent of conservative members. Similarly, 63 percent of liberal members expressed concern about the lack of diverse representations in curriculum and learning materials while only 18 percent of conservative members identified this as a concern for their district. “Many people care deeply about these culture war issues and genuinely want to make progress on them. But results like these show that when it comes to these inflammatory topics, liberals and conservatives are almost in different worlds,” said Davids. The survey was created by Davids and distributed electronically to Maine school board



members. Maine Policy collected the names and email addresses of 1,034 Maine school board members from district websites. Those board members were emailed a link to the survey three times over the course of the summer. Roughly 220 board members responded. Survey participation was completely voluntary.

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Final Days on the Petawawa River



Bill & Sally Blauvelt navigate Schooner Rapids

For the fourth consecutive day, six of us awoke to glorious weather while on a Petawawa River expedition in Ontario. The weather had been phenomenal. The days had been hot and sunny with light winds and the nights cool but comfortable. A brief rain shower the night before had been the only imperfection. Even more remarkable, blackflies had been nonexistent.

We were camping at Natch Rapids, the last of three demanding sections of whitewater. With the exception of chipmunks and red squirrels, wildlife sightings had been rare on the trip. However, early that morning, a bull moose crossed the river just above our campsite.

Natch Rapids consists of two falls, the first being the most difficult. Four of us had lined our boats around upper Natch the previous day. Two of our companions, Ken Gordon and Eggman DeCoster, had decided to run the steep two-stage descent first thing in the morning. We set up safety with throw bags on both sides of the river in anticipation of their attempts.

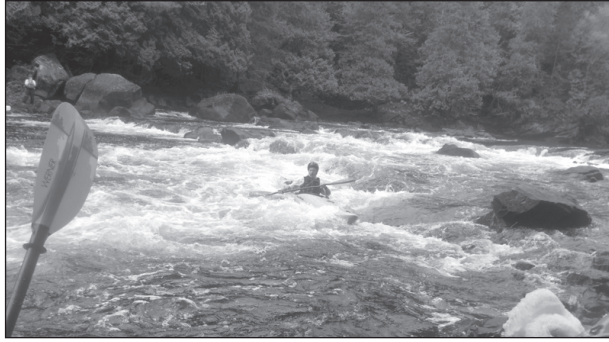
The falls begins with a horizon line, so locating the correct entrance is problematic. Paddling a canoe, Eggman missed the preferred route and scraped down a narrow chute between two boulders but stayed upright

before plunging effortlessly over the second ledge drop. Ken navigated his expedition kayak down the correct channel angled left to avoid an ugly pour over below. However, he was unable to correct his boat angle and plummeted diagonally over the lower ledge but landed smartly at the bottom.

Buoyed by their successful descents, our steadfast band proceeded through a narrow canyon towards lower Natch falls. Bill and Sally Blauvelt had previously scouted the two-stage pitch so we followed them in their tandem canoe. They flawlessly negotiated down the twisting rapid and everyone replicated their route one boat at a time. The river description rates both Natch rapids Grade 3. I consider the upper significantly more challenging than the lower.

Below, a series of well-spaced waves provided the perfect opportunity to play. Eggman was able to execute a superb wave-surf in a loaded canoe while everyone cheered him on. Shortly after, vertical cliffs that exceed 300 feet in elevation marked the end of the canyon. Rare ferns reportedly grow on the cliffs.

Following an extended section of flatwater and a few easy rapids, we arrived at the beginning of Schooner Rapids, a two-mile stretch of almost



Ken Gordon completes upper Natch Falls

continuous whitewater we had enthusiastically anticipated. The very entertaining rapids lived up to our expectations. Midway through, we passed under Hydro Line Bridge, the first sign of civilization since the beginning of our journey.

After Schooner Rapids, we entered scenic mile-long Coveo Lake. At the outlet of the lake, Five Mile Rapids begin. We stopped at cluster of rocks at the top for lunch. From that vantage point, feisty waves at the start appeared very inviting. As expected, navigating through them was very stimulating. Unfortunately, they gradually diminished over the next two miles, not five.

Subsequently, strong currents propelled us along at a rapid pace. We were surprised when several islands were encountered in an area where the river widens. A review of our maps indicated we were ahead of schedule and had unexpectedly arrived at the top Whitson Lake.

After careful inspection, we selected the best of four campsites on the south shore of the lake. The spacious location provided plenty of room for five tents and included a large communal area with a fire ring. This was the best site since our first night. Every campsite we stayed at on the Petawawa included a wooden box toilet, a much appreciated amenity.

The exceptionally good weather continued for our final day. Sunny skies and mirror calm waters facilitated easy crossings of Whitson, Smith, and McManus Lakes. Short exhilarating rapids separated the lakes.

The takeout at the northeastern end of McManus Lake where Algonquin Portage Outfitters had delivered our vehicles was easily located. Our vehicles were a welcome sight.

The six of us parted company for our separate road trips home. We had the satisfaction of knowing we had experienced a truly remarkable wilderness river trip with phenomenal weather, an abundance of excitement, great friends and no blackflies.

My book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine* narrates six outstanding Maine river expeditions.

Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, "Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine" is available at www.northcountrypress.com/maine-al-fresco or in bookstores and through online retailers. His previous books are "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals - New England." Visit his website at www.ronchase-outdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net



Paddlers encounter high cliffs at the end of Natch Canyon



The group stops for lunch at the top of Five Mile Rapids



Paddlers raft up to study maps when arriving at Whitson Lake



A moose crosses Petawawa River near Natch campsite

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Maine songwriters release “Leave the Maine Flag Alone”

TURNER, ME - Leave the Maine State Flag alone. It ain't broke. Don't fix it. That is the core message in a new song/music video released Monday, Sept. 30th, by Maine songwriters Jason C. Carey and Scott K Fish. Their target audience, say Carey and Fish, are Maine voters who are asked this Election Day, November 5th, to choose between keeping Maine's current flag, or replacing it with an old design, replaced by the Maine State Flag 115 years ago.

Carey said the song idea came about during

a conversation he and Fish were having about nonessential matters on which Maine government wastes time and taxpayer money, while essential, tougher issues are left undone.

“Car-killer roads, homelessness, underperforming public schools, drug addiction, high electric costs. These are just a few of Maine's essential matters Maine lawmakers ignore,” said Carey. “Let's solve those problems. Then if there's time and money left over we can talk about the wisdom of changing the Maine State Flag,” he said.

“Maine's a wonderful place to live, to work, and to visit. But it's not without serious issues. We hope our song at least prompts Maine voters to think about urging Maine legislators to focus on the important stuff,” added Fish.

“Leave the Maine Flag Alone” is available on the web (<https://pineconerecords.com/>) and on popular social media outlets: https://youtu.be/JW4iGluue_4?si=T_qck-0WuPGpzK2T4

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Campers get a glimpse of college life at USM

PORTLAND, ME - Campers from Camp Susan Curtis were given the opportunity to experience college life firsthand through an informative tour of the University of Southern Maine (USM) as part of CSC's Leadership Development program for Maine youth facing economic hardship.

This camp-to-campus visit encourages economically disadvantaged youth to pursue postsecondary opportunities by exposing them to the possibilities and benefits of higher education.

Camp Susan Curtis, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of Maine children facing economic hardship, partnered with USM's Promise Scholarship Program to organize this enlightening experience. The visit aimed to show these young students that college is an achievable goal, regardless of their socioeconomic background.

Campers started their day learning about the USM Promise Scholarship, which is designed to help underserved young achievers from Maine overcome financial, academic, social, and



cultural barriers, remain in school, and graduate in four years with little or no debt.

Campers had the opportunity to speak with Promise Scholarship Program Director Daniel Barton to learn about an affordable path to college. Campers also took a fun tour around campus, looking at classrooms, libraries, and dormitories; and finished the day with lunch in the dining hall.

These tours provided a vivid picture of the academic and social environment at USM. The Camp-to-Campus Field Trips program high school campers to attend tours of Maine college


campuses, demonstrating the postsecondary opportunities available to them after high school graduation.

Scott Merrow, Executive Director of Camp Susan Curtis, emphasized the transformative potential of such experiences. “Exposure to higher education can be life-changing for our campers. By visiting USM, they see that college is within their reach and that there are resources and communities ready to support them in achieving their goals.”

To learn more about Camp Susan Curtis and its programs, please visit www.susancurtis.org.

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License to Chill 2024 silent auction kicks off

PORTLAND, ME – WinterKids invites you to be a part of creating lifelong healthy habits for children across Maine at our 2024 License to Chill Silent Auction and Live Event! Starting October 24, the silent auction offers exclusive experiences, luxury items, and unique packages that not only deliver excitement but also directly support WinterKids’ mission to keep kids active and engaged outdoors during the winter months.

Through fun outdoor activities and educational programs, WinterKids reaches over 50,000 participants annually, helping them develop healthy, active habits—even in our longest, coldest season. This November, you can

help us continue this important work by joining us for License to Chill 2024!

The silent auction will run online from October 24 to November 7, offering something for everyone—from unique experiences to luxury getaways. But the highlight of the evening is our exciting Live Auction & Fundraiser at Après, located in Portland’s trendy East Bayside neighborhood.

Join us on November 7, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM, for an evening of fun, food, and community! Blake and Kelly from Coast 93.1 will emcee the event, featuring live music by TJ Swan, dinner from Meet on the Street, and craft cocktails by Après. What truly sets the night apart is our exclusive live

auction—offering rare, one-of-a-kind items available only to those attending in person. Featured live auction items include:

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Pizza Lovers’ Bundle- Roccbox Portable Pizza Oven by Agren and \$100 Monte’s Fine Food Gift card

Every bid—whether in the silent or live auction—directly supports WinterKids’ mission to help children stay active and healthy during Maine’s winter months. With a goal of raising

\$50,000, we aim to expand our programs, ensuring more children have access to outdoor winter activities through initiatives like the WinterKids Winter Games, which empowers schools to incorporate outdoor play into learning, and our WinterKids App, which gets kids outside having fun at a reasonable cost.

Why Attend the Live Event?

Exclusive Auction Items: Bid on experiences you won’t find anywhere else.

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spire children to get outdoors, stay active, and embrace the magic of winter.

“We’re looking forward to welcoming our community for our season kickoff!” says Courtney Holub, Executive Director of WinterKids. “License to Chill is more than a fundraiser—it’s a celebration of community and the joy that outdoor play brings to children’s lives. Seeing everyone come together to uplift Maine’s kids is truly inspiring.”

Event Details:
Date: November 7, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Après, 148 Anderson Street, Portland, ME

Tickets: starting at \$75, available at Winter-

Kids.org/LicenseToChill
Don’t miss this unforgettable evening where fun meets purpose—buy your tickets today and help us ensure more Maine children thrive outdoors this winter!

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://winterkids.org/licensetochill/>

The 13th Annual WinterKids License to Chill is made possible thanks to Presenting Sponsor, Mt. Abram, and thanks to generous support from Snowman Sponsor, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, and Snowball Sponsors, Acadia Insurance, Chalmers Insurance Group, Charcutemarie, Eighty8 Donut Cafe, and The Little Gym of Scarborough.

Patients needing blood, platelets rely on committed blood donors

PORTLAND, ME — The American Red Cross is highlighting the ongoing need for blood and platelet donors as festive schedules ramp up this fall. Eligible individuals – especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets are encouraged to make a donation just ahead of the holiday season.

Blood supply momentum must remain steady, as the Red Cross has worked this month to recover blood products uncollected due to recent hurricanes. Any disruption in the ability to collect blood can lead to an impact on routine and life-saving medical care.

The seasons may change but the need for blood donors stays the same. Give blood or plate-

lets and make a big difference in someone’s life by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

In thanks, those who come to give by Oct. 31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Treat.

Those who come to give in early November, Nov. 1-17, will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$7,000 gift cards. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Thanks.

Upcoming blood do-



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nation opportunities Oct. 24-Nov. 17:

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Auburn

10/31/2024: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Central Maine Community College, 1250 Turner St

Poland
11/9/2024: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Poland Town Hall, 1223 Maine Street, Rt. 26

Cumberland
Cape Elizabeth
11/14/2024: 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Saint Bartholomew Church, 8 Two Lights Rd

Falmouth
11/8/2024: 9 a.m.

- 2 p.m., The Episcopal Church of St. Mary, 43 Foreside Rd

Gorham

11/7/2024: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Cressey Road Christian Church, 81 Cressey Road

Gray

11/12/2024: 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., American Le-

gion Gray, 15 Lewiston Rd

Portland

11/6/2024: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Cross Insurance Arena, 1 Center Street

11/15/2024: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Deering High School, 370 Stevens Ave.

South Portland

11/12/2024: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Eastpoint Christian Church, 345 Clarks Pond Pkwy

Standish

10/31/2024: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bonny Eagle High School, 700 Saco Road

11/15/2024: 9 a.m. -

1:30 p.m., Standish Town Hall, 175 Northeast Road

Westbrook

11/8/2024: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge Street

Windham

11/11/2024: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., North Windham Union Church, 723 Roosevelt Trail, Route 302

Yarmouth

11/1/2024: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., American Legion Post 91, 196 Main St

11/15/2024: 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., American Legion Post 91, 196 Main St

Free classes with New Ventures Maine

AUGUSTA, ME -- New Ventures Maine is offering free workshops and classes statewide in October in three program areas: career building, starting businesses, and financial education. NVME’s redesigned website provides information about classes, instructors, and locations as well as individual coaching and matched savings programs.

Upcoming classes include (partial list):

Build Your Career
My Next Career Move (self-paced)

Building Confidence (one-hour online workshop)

Start Your Business
Tax Readiness for the Self-Employed (one-hour workshop)



Build Your Business Website (six sessions)

Bookkeeping Solutions (one-hour workshop)

Manage Your Money

Matched Savings Information Session (one-hour workshop)

My Money Works (five sessions)

Let’s Talk About Credit (one-hour workshop)

A schedule of free workshops and classes is

regularly updated and accessible online. To learn more and choose a class that’s right for you, visit newventuresmaine.org or call 207-621-3440.

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MDIFW offers reminders for local hunters

MAINE -- Hunting continues to be one of Maine's safest outdoor activities. With over 230,000 licensed hunters, our state has averaged less than six hunting related incidents per year over the last ten years. Last year was Maine's safest year on record, with only one hunting-related incident!

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries &

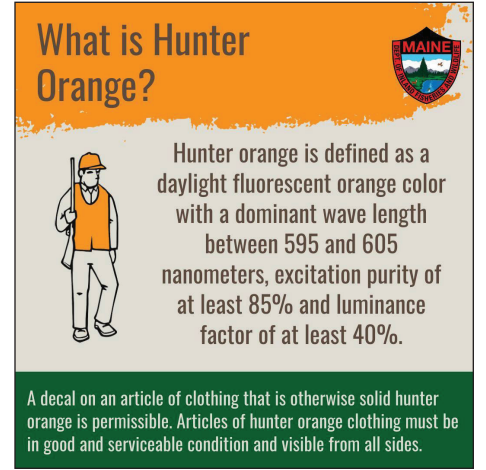
Wildlife reminds readers that hunter orange is an essential component of safety during hunting season for hunters as well as non-hunters who recreate on land open to hunting.

In addition to treating every firearm as if it is loaded, keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times, and using safe carrying methods, hunters are taught

from day one to always be certain of their target and beyond. In the Maine woods, orange is obvious!

Hunter orange laws vary by state and season. Below is an outline of Maine's hunter orange clothing requirements. Let's get another safe season in the books!

Learn more at me-fishwildlife.com/huntinglaws



FAME financing to assist Sawyer Enterprises, LLC

AUGUSTA, ME — At their monthly meeting held on September 19, 2024, the board of directors

of the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) approved \$1 million in financing for Sawyer Enterprises, LLC

d/b/a FISBA North America, a Portland-based precision manufacturer of microphotonics.

Microphotonics is a branch of technology that deals with directing light on a microscopic scale and is used in optical networking. Sawyer Enterprises, LLC uses microphotonics in optical designs that are used in medical and life sciences.

FAME approved a \$1 million FAME Direct Loan to the company. The financing will be used to help the company expand its Maine operations and finance a portion of construction costs at its Portland facility. FAME's financing is expected to help to create more than eight Maine jobs in the near future and retain

an additional ten Maine jobs.

"We are pleased to provide support for Sawyer Enterprises as it expands its operations here in Maine," stated FAME Board Chair Richard Trafton. "Precision manufacturing is one of Maine's targeted industries as outlined in Maine's Economic Development Strategy. We hope this financing will enable the company to grow and innovate utilizing Maine's STEM workforce."

Sawyer Enterprises, LLC, formed in 2017 and originally operated as Gray Optics, was acquired in 2023 by FISBA North America LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of FISBA AG. FISBA AG is a Swiss

company that develops and manufactures microphotonics for medical and life sciences industries.

The planned renovations to the Portland plant will allow the parent company to move operations and equipment from Tucson, Arizona to Maine.

"We are grateful for FAME's support, which will enable us to expand our Maine operations and create more good paying jobs," stated Wallace Latimer, President of FISBA North America. "We appreciate Maine's talented workforce and look forward to creating more innovative products that are in demand within the medical and life sciences markets."

FAME's Direct Loan

provides access to operating capital for startups and existing businesses for most business purposes. Loans up to \$1 million may be available if substantial public benefit is demonstrated and sufficient funds are available.

The Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) is a quasi-independent state agency whose mission is to enrich business and educational outcomes through relevant, timely financial support to Maine's people. Our vision is a Maine where all people have access to improved economic outcomes through business growth and education attainment. To learn more about FAME, please visit www.famemaine.com

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Don't miss Blues on Sunday at Saco River Theatre

BAR MILLS, ME -- The Blues on Sunday Quartet will be playing at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, Friday, November 8 at 7:30 PM. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org

"Blues on Sunday" was launched in 2022 as a monthly Sunday afternoon residency at Cadenza in Freeport, ME, with the goal of presenting classic blues covers and original material in a traditional vein that features special guests each month. The core Blues on Sunday Quartet features all-star players from the Seacoast region.

Drummer Per Hanson, original drummer with Ronnie Earl and the Broadcasters has laid down the beat, on stage and on record, with a Who's Who of national blues acts including James Cotton, Pinetop Perkins, Charlie Musselwhite, Debbie Davies, Tab Benoit, David Maxwell, Little Milton, and more. Per also plays harmonica and sings



with Blues on Sunday. Jon Ross, multi-instrumentalist on bass, guitar, steel, and mandolin, has toured or recorded with blues luminaries Duke Robillard, Kim Wilson, Joe Louis Walker, Monster Mike Welch, and other internationally renowned acts. Jon most recently completed a fall 2022 East Coast tour on bass with harmonica player Mark Hummel and the Blues Survivors. Nelson Cheekoway, keyboardist and guitarist has played pedal steel with the Command-

er Cody Band, guitar and keyboards with members of the Greg Allman Band and Dickie Betts' Great Southern, and his combo Nelson and the New Breed Thing represented Massachusetts in the 2015 International Blues Challenge in Memphis. Rounding out the quartet is Kris Day, bassist and guitarist who is equally at ease on the electric and stand-up bass. Kris has toured with legendary rock and roll and rockabilly artists Link Wray, Dale Hawkins and Ronnie Daw-

207 Beer Week is back!

MAINE -- 207 Beer Week is a week-long celebration of the artistry and science of Maine's finest beer, those who love it, and the unrivaled

hospitality community that support it from Kittery to Fort Kent.

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This Nov. 4th-10th we'll be gathering at your favorite breweries, beer bars, and craft-loving restaurants in recognition that the bonds formed over a pint, or a shared meal, but always in good company create the most powerful connections in our local communities.

EVENTS.

Check out the live online calendar in the coming weeks via 207beerweek.com for up to date event locations, programming details, and ticketing information.

THE OFFICIAL 207 BEER WEEK GLASS.

In its inaugural year, 207 Beer Week is offering a limited count of local-artist designed keepsake glassware for purchase at participating breweries and beer destinations across Maine.

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4-H offers online info session for aspiring volunteers

MAINE -- University of Maine Cooperative Extension will host a two-part online informational session for adults interested in becoming Maine 4-H volunteers from 6-7 p.m. on November 12 and 19.

“Start Your 4-H Volunteer Journey” will provide participants with information about the UMaine Extension 4-H youth development program through four short e-Learning mod-

ules. Attendees will also participate in an experiential educational activity, learn about the key aspects of positive youth development and be introduced to the ages and stages of youth. The two one-hour virtual sessions will wrap up with an outline of next steps and an introduction to a county staff contact to help with the application process if desired.

A 4-H volunteer is



Photo courtesy University of Maine Cooperative Extension / Edwin Remsburg.

many things: mentor, advisor, friend, teacher, referee, role model, pacesetter and much more. 4-H volunteers have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of children, teach them valuable skills, help them achieve a positive self-image, accomplish personal goals and earn a sense of accomplishment.

The informational sessions are free, registration is required on the pro-

gram webpage.

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Jennifer Lobley, jennifer.lobley@maine.edu, 207.255.3345.

Send all items for What's Going On to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.

DFD Russell Medical Center to expand services

BRIDGTON, ME - DFD Russell Medical Center is pleased to announce the expansion of its behavioral health and medication-assisted treatment services in Bridgton, Maine. This expansion is made possible by federal grant funding from the Health Resour-

ces and Services Administration (HRSA). The funding and subsequent expansion are intended to enhance access to crucial behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services for individuals in Central and Western Maine.

As part of HRSA's nationwide initiative, grants were awarded to more than 400 community health centers across the country that care for more than 10 million people. Funding aims to integrate mental health and substance use disorder treatment into primary

care.

DFD Russell Medical Center remains steadfast in its commitment to providing stigma-free, culturally competent, and accessible behavioral health and substance use services to individuals in need. The expansion will

help address the mental health and opioid crisis impacting Maine communities.

In line with the expansion efforts, DFD is now seeking to hire a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) at its Bridgton location. The LCSW will play a crucial

role in providing comprehensive psychotherapy, counseling, and support services to patients in need. Interested candidates are encouraged to learn more on DFD's website at www.dfdrussell.org/career-opportunities/employment-openings/.

King urges review of suicide prevention efforts

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Angus King (I-Maine), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC), has written a letter to Comptroller General Gene Dodaro urging the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) to begin work on a report that reviews suicide prevention matters of the reserve component of the Department of Defense (DOD). The Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) requires the GAO to conduct a review of suicide prevention and response policies for re-

serve personnel, and the extent to which the DOD and military services have coordinated these policies at the federal, state and local levels. Senator King's letter comes just weeks ahead of the first anniversary of the Lewiston shooting that was carried out by an Army reservist, who failed to receive adequate mental health care.

Over one-third of U.S. military service members serve in the reserve component, which provides trained units and qualified personnel in times of war or national emergency, or to fill the needs of the Armed Forces

whenever more units and personnel are needed. In 2023, the DOD reported that the suicide rate among reserve component personnel was generally similar to that of the U.S. population. However, reserve component personnel often have limited access to military suicide prevention resources.

“It has been nearly a year since Sergeant First Class (SFC) Robert Card II committed the deadliest mass shooting in Maine's history, killing 18 and wounding 13 on October 25, 2023, in Lewiston, Maine. Since the tragedy, multiple press

reports, investigations by the Army, and the Governor of Maine's special commission have revealed troubling matters. I urge you to consider these investigations and to meet with all stakeholders as you conduct your review,” wrote Senator King.

“Service members in reserve status are critical to our Armed Forces and represent nearly one-third of the total force. I am concerned that they experience limited access to military-supported suicide prevention resources. Authorities can be confusing and blurred for service members including com-

manders at all echelons. Effective coordination between unit commanders and local authorities is misunderstood, yet it is critical to ensuring public safety and that service members receive the care that is needed,” continued Senator King.

Representing one of the states with the highest rates of veterans per capita, Senator King is a staunch advocate for America's servicemembers and veterans. He has been among the Senate's most prominent voices on the need to address veterans suicide, and has repeatedly pressed for action from top De-

partment of Defense officials on this issue. Most recently, at the request of Senator King, the Department of Defense (DoD) released a new report breaking down suicide rates in the Armed Service by job function. Additionally, he recently wrote a letter urging further investments in traumatic brain injury research, the signature wound of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars that has unfortunately led to a high number of veteran suicides. This past August, he introduced legislation to provide safe firearm storage for veterans in an effort to reduce suicides.

\$2M to train next generation of fishermen, women

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King and U.S. Representatives Chellie Pingree and Jared Golden announced that two commercial fishing associations have been awarded a combined \$2,067,434 in grant funding to support training and workforce development for the next generation of Maine fishermen and women. The grants were awarded through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA)

Young Fishermen's Development Program.

“Maine is known around the world for our proud fishing heritage thanks to the generations of hardworking men and women who have sustained it,” said Collins, King, Pingree, and Golden. “These investments in youth workforce development will help ensure that young Mainers entering the commercial fishing sector have the skills and support they need to succeed, preserving the strength of this vital

industry now and into the future.”

“MCFA's mission of advocating for sustainable fisheries and vibrant fishing communities is focused on doing this work with the goal of building a brighter future for the next generation of fishermen and fishing businesses in Maine. The Young Fishermen's Development Act, which was identified as a priority by the Fishing Communities Coalition, provides much needed resources to invest in our next generation and we are pleased to be able to deploy funds to create educational tools to advance fishermen wellness,” said Ben Martens, Executive Director of the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association. “Thank you Senator Collins, Senator King, Representative Pingree, and Representative Golden who co-sponsored this important legislation

and who have continued to lead in ensuring it is annually funded.”

“Thanks to YFDA support, MCCF's Eastern Maine Skippers Program will be able to continue to meet our next generation where they are, and provide them with very authentic maritime and marine science learning to support future maritime careers, including fishing and science - skills that directly translate into the workforce here in Maine, and elsewhere,” said Alexa M. Dayton, Ph.D., Executive Director of Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries. “The future of lobstering and maritime careers in Maine is bright, and this program is helping to keep kids in school to complete their education, and providing mentorship to help them put it all together for the long run. The great news is, we have demand for

the program from teachers, students, families and that's a signal that we're still going strong with a vibrant fisheries economy in Maine.”

The funding is allocated as follows:

Maine Coast Fishermen's Association - \$1,771,092 to establish an online knowledge hub targeted toward young fishermen and women that will include educational training content focused on career development and caring for your physical and mental wellbeing as part of the commercial fishing industry.

Eastern Maine Skippers Program - \$296,342 to provide targeted career development opportunities for young fishers. The program will serve eight rural Maine coastal schools and train 80 high school students and 16 post-graduates annually through

workshops, vessel-based activities and mentorship.

NOAA's Young Fishermen's Development Program was established by the Young Fishermen's Development Act, legislation that the entire Maine Delegation helped lead to final passage in 2020.

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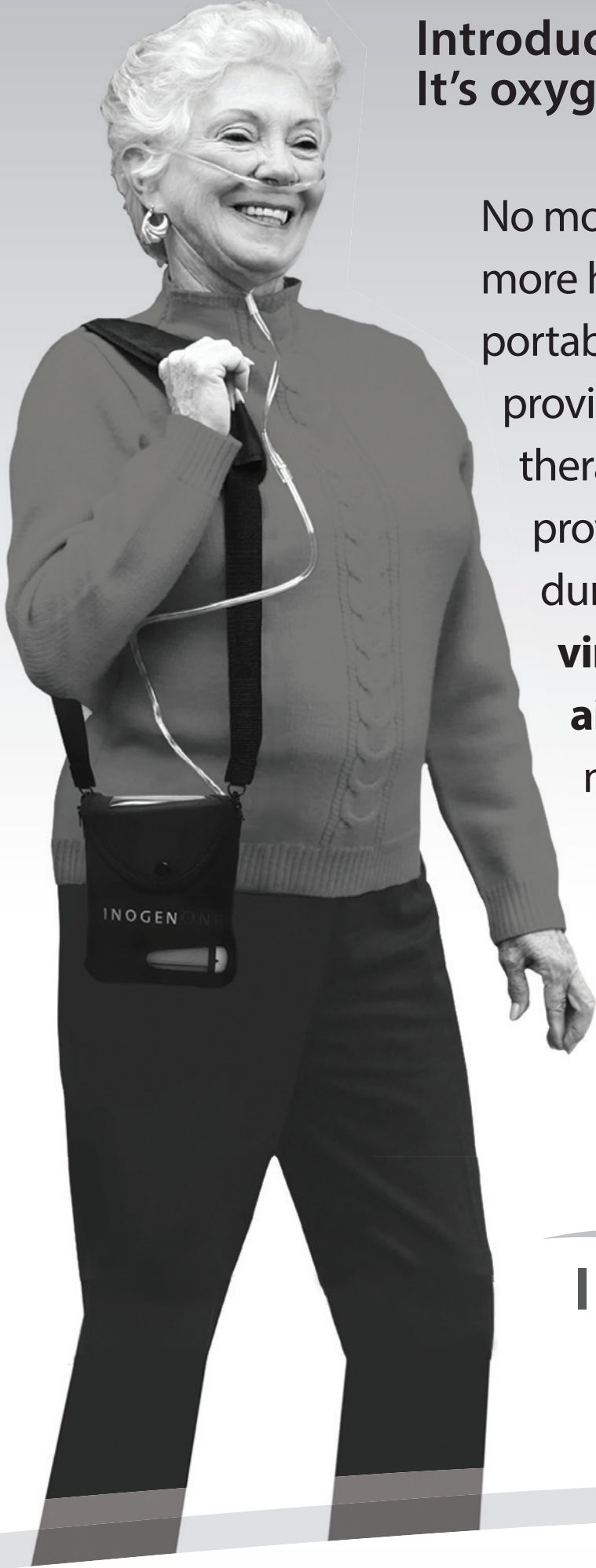
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Air National Guard announces promotions, change of command

BANGOR AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, ME -- The Maine Air National Guard is pleased to announce the promotions of Maj. Gen. Frank Roy and Brig. Gen. Ian Gillis, and the change of command on Oct. 20, 2024. The Bangor Air National Guard Base first hosted Roy's promotion in the morning, with Gillis' promotion in the afternoon, immediately followed by the Maine Air National Guard change of command, where Roy transferred command to Gillis.

The change of command ceremony, attended by several hundred members of the Maine Air and Army National Guard and special guests, highlighted the longstanding tradition of leadership transitions in the military and celebrated the accomplishments of both officers. Brig. Gen. Diane Dunn, Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, and Adjutant General, presided over the ceremony.

"The Maine Air National Guard Commander plays a critical role in advocating for our Air Guard units in South Portland, Augusta, and Bangor," said Dunn. "Maj. Gen. Roy has done remarkable work strategizing long-range plans, securing the relevancy of the Maine Air National Guard for future generations of MAINEiacs. Brig. Gen. Gillis, with his wealth of experience, is more than prepared to con-

tinue this legacy and lead the Maine Air National Guard into the future."

This leadership transition comes at a critical moment for the Maine Air National Guard, which continues to adapt to evolving global security challenges while maintaining a strong commitment to the local community and the state of Maine. The 101st Air Refueling Wing was recently named one of seven basing locations being considered to field the newest air refueling jet, the KC-46. If selected the 101st Air Refueling Wing would transition the KC-135 to the KC-46.

"The MAINEiacs have an incredible reputation based on our dedication and commitment to excelling at every opportunity and challenge we face," said Roy. "I'm confident the members of the Maine Air National Guard will expand on this reputation with Brig. Gen. Gillis' outstanding leadership. The MAINEiacs will continue to lead the way."

With his first remarks as commander, Gillis expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity to lead the MAINEiacs.

"To the men and women of the Maine Air National Guard, I thank you for your continued support," said Gillis. "Your support and readiness will be pivotal over the next several years so that we can be prepared for any future challenges. 'Be ready to fight tonight' is not just a



Brig. Gen. Diane Dunn, Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, and Adjutant General, congratulates Maj. Gen. Frank Roy on his promotion during a ceremony at the Bangor Air National Guard Base on Oct. 20, 2024. Roy, of T1R9, was recently named the Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander of the Air Education and Training Command headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

saying; it must continue to be our calling."

Roy, of T1R9, was recently named the Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander of the Air Education and Training Command headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, after serving as the MEANG Commander since April 2022.

During his promotion ceremony, Roy was joined by his wife, Joy, and daughter, Mollie, his parents, and other family and friends at the event. His son, Jake, watched the broadcast live, as did other family members and friends who could not attend.

"I've been incredibly honored to be a member of such an outstanding organization," said Roy. "The members of the Maine Air National Guard have continued to excel at everything they do, and I will always cherish my time with you."

Roy enlisted in the U.S. Army prior to his high

school graduation from Lee Academy in 1986. He initially served as a combat medic and was later trained as a helicopter pilot as a commissioned officer in the Army before transferring to the Air National Guard in 1993. Roy has served as Flight Safety Officer, Chief of Wing Safety, and Wing Commander. He is a command pilot with over 3,900 combined flying hours in rotary-winged and fixed-winged aircraft.

"Maj. Gen. Roy's leadership and vision have been a cornerstone of the Maine Air National Guard's success, and his tenure as commander has been marked by operational excellence and innovation," said Dunn, who presided over Roy's promotion ceremony. "I wish him great success in his new opportunity."

During his comments, Gillis thanked his wife, Marcia, and his daughters, Valery, Mackenzie, and Delainy, for their continued support even following a brief period of retirement. His mother and numerous family members and friends were in attendance.

"Everyone in this hangar has had an impact



Brig. Gen. Diane Dunn, Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, and Adjutant General, congratulates Brig. Gen. Ian Gillis on his promotion and command of the Maine Air National Guard during a ceremony at the Bangor Air National Guard Base on Oct. 20, 2024, where he assumed command from Maj. Gen. Frank Roy. Gillis, of Glenburn, joined the Maine Air National Guard in 1988 and will now oversee the readiness and employment of almost 1,200 Airmen assigned to the MEANG.

on my career, an effect on my leadership style, from the youngest Airman, to the oldest retiree, and I want to thank you all for helping bring me to this point," said Gillis. "I'm a second-generation MAINEiac, I've seen the proud tradition of those who've served before us. The MAINEiac emblem is a reminder of our strengths and talents, and our ability to accomplish even more."

Gillis, of Glenburn, brings extensive experience, having served in multiple leadership capacities at the 101st Air Refueling Wing throughout his career. Gillis has earned a reputation for his innovative approach to mission success and commitment to the welfare of his fellow Airmen.

After enlisting in the Maine Air National Guard in 1988, Gillis received his commission in 1992 and served with the 132nd Air Refueling Squadron and, as Director of Training for the 101st Operations Support Squadron, he was recognized as an expert in KC-135 Training and established the Air National Guard Tanker Training Advisory Council. He also served as the 101st Air Refueling Wing Commander from November 2021 to October 2023, leading over 850 Airmen to meet worldwide requirements.

In his new position,

Gillis oversees the readiness and employment of almost 1,200 Airmen assigned to the Maine Air National Guard across the State of Maine. He is directly responsible for the full spectrum of their command, training, and morale, ensuring combat readiness to support worldwide, state, and local missions.

"The Maine National Guard has demonstrated superior performance and capability, and we know that Brig. Gen. Gillis has all the capabilities and the talents to continue to move us forward at the strategic level," said Dunn. "We are ready for his leadership and excellence to lead us forward."

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Thursdays

LEWISTON -- Baby Sensory Playtime in the Lewiston Public Library's Children's Department every Thursday morning from 10am to 12pm.

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Recommended for babies ages birth-18 months and their caregivers. Siblings are always welcome. This program is free, open to the public and no registration is required.

Oct 31; Nov 1, 2, 3

AUBURN - Opening night of the Community Little Theatre production of the musical '1776.' The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. as the Founding Fathers come alive in this classic American musical. Performances will also be held at 7:30 p.m. on October 26, 31, and November 1, 2. Matinees will be held at 2:00 p.m. on October 27 and November 3. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors/students, and \$17 for children aged 13 and under. Tickets and more information are available online at <https://www.laclt.com/>.

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

Nov 1

TURNER -- We are having a Bean Supper on Friday, Nov. 1st at the Turner Center Universalist Church on Route #17 across from the Gazebo from 4:30 to 7:00. We're having two kinds of Beans, Hotdogs, Coleslaw, Rolls, Beverages, and Desserts. The cost is \$10 and \$5 for children 10 and under

Nov 2

WINTHROP -- Award-winning children's author Margy Burns Knight will host a book launch event for her latest children's book "Who Needs a Statue?" at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 2nd at the Bailey Public Library in downtown Winthrop

Nov 2

AUGUSTA -- Join us for HOME for the Holidays Craft Fair on November 2, 2024 from 9am to 4pm at the American Legion, 396 Eastern Ave., Augusta! Enjoy browsing many different vendors as you get into the holiday season!

Nov 3

LEWISTON -- **PAUSE FOR PETS** Craft & Vendor Fair to benefit our community's pets and the life saving work of the of the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society. Make

sure to join in on the fun on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd** at the **LEWISTON MEMORIAL ARMORY** from 10am to 3pm.

Nov 4

AUBURN -- Auburn Art Club will hold its Scholarship Auction at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4, at Sacred Heart Church on Western Avenue in Auburn. Members are asked to bring their items to be auctioned by 1:30 in order to give members time to look over the items to be auctioned as well as time to look over raffle items. Members are encouraged to invite relatives, neighbors, and friends.

Nov 6

AUBURN -- Auburn Public Library hosts Author Talk with S. Mason Pratt: On The Knife Edge, Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 4 PM.

Nov 8

BAR MILLS -- The Blues on Sunday Quartet at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, Friday, November 8 at 7:30 PM. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at www.sacorivertheatre.org

Nov 15 - Dec 15

LEWISTON -- Opening November 15th and closing December 15th is an exciting exhibition of

painter Robert Shetterly's Americans Who Tell the Truth portraits at the Bates Mill Atrium on 35 Canal Street in Lewiston, Maine.

Nov 16

SABATTUS -- Our Lady of the Rosary Christmas Craft Fair at 131 High st. in Sabattus is running 9-3 on Saturday, November 16th. 28 vendors, raffles, and a bake sale, come enjoy this small town Christmas Fair charm!

Nov 23

BRUNSWICK -- The 2024-25 UUCB Concerts for a Cause Series season will include folk, jazz, blues, celtic, and choral singing for justice. This season's charities receiving 100% of the profits from the concert are Brunswick Area Teen Center and Maine Family Planning. For further details about the concerts, go to <https://www.uubrunswick.org/events/>.

Novel Jazz Septet - Sat, Nov 23, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Doors open 7:00 pm.

Novel Jazz Septet, one of Maine's premiere jazz groups, is now in their 20th year of keeping the musical legacy of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn alive and swinging. The band embarked on a project to go through the massive archives at the Smithsonian Museum of American History as well as the Strayhorn Collection at the Library of Congress. finding compositions by Ellington

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and Strayhorn, transcribing some lesser-known gems for the band and reinterpreting them with a 21st century sound.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and \$10 for students/children and will be available at the church office, Gulf of Maine Books, or online at ticketstripe.com/novel-jazz7.

Nov 23

LEWISTON -- Visit with Daniel Tiger at the Lewiston Public Library on Saturday, November 23rd at 11am in Callahan Hall! This event is in partnership with Maine Public Radio and PBS Kids.

Daniel is so excited to visit the Lewiston Public Library for an hour of creativity, book giveaways and literacy. Join us for storytime fun with children's author Chris Van Dusen and playtime making masks. Daniel is certain he is going to have a Grriffic time and can't wait to meet and take

a photo with you! Don't forget your FREE ticket to the event at the link below.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration required on Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/2w47jfpw>

Election

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to the Town's website. Ballots will be mailed out in early October once the Town Clerk's Office receives them.

Absentee voting will be available in the Council Chambers at the Gorham Municipal Center (75 South Street, Suite 1). The last day to obtain an absentee ballot will be Thursday, October 31 at 5pm.

To be counted, absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by 8pm on Election Day - November 5, 2024 by you or an immediate family member.

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We will visit the Smithsonian Museum and the Museum of the Bible which contains some of the oldest and most important biblical artifacts in human history. On our way home we will stop and enjoy the National Harbor which is a unique waterfront wonderland of shopping, dining and more. **A \$75.00 deposit is due when signing up for this trip. The price is \$985.00 per person double occupancy. Add \$305.00 for single occupancy. Final payment is due 3/22/25.**

SEPTEMBER 11-19, 2025 - BLUEGRASS COUNTRY & THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS

- Price includes round trip air from Logan International Airport, hotel transfers, and all transportation while on tour, 9 days, and 13 meals. Highlights of this tour are Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky – Churchill Downs, Kentucky Derby Museum, Louisville

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Gatlinburg, Tennessee – Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Theme Park, Guided tour of the Great Smokey Mountain National Park (UNESCO), Cherokee, Old Smoky Moonshine Distillery. Asheville, North Carolina – Blue Ridge Mountains, tour of the Biltmore Estates Mansion and manicured grounds.

Deposit for this trip is \$698.00 per person and due by March 11, 2025. Early bookings save \$100.00 per person. For more information on pricing call Claire.

OCTOBER 6 - 10, 2025 - ATLANTIC CITY, CAPE MAY, & PHILADELPHIA

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