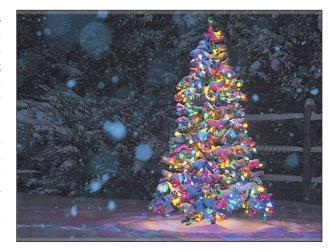
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### 41st annual Tree Lighting in Gorham next weekend

GORHAM, ME -The White Rock Friendship Club is hosting the 41st Annual Tree Lighting at the White Rock Community Clubhouse at 34 Wilson Road on Sunday, November 30th at 4:30pm.

Listen to the reading of the Christmas story. Sing Christmas carols while sipping hot cocoa around the Christmas tree. We hear Santa will join us again this year!



#### White Rock Friendship Club holds Christmas Craft Fair in Gorham

GORHAM, ME -White Rock Friendship Club hosting Christmas Craft Fair as a college scholarship fundraiser.

Many handmade crafts, bakesale, white elephant table and raffles. Lunch will be served: homemade corn chowder and steamed Road, Gorham.

Nov. 22, 2025, 9am-2pm. White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson

#### An Elf's invitation to the **Festival of Trees**

WINDHAM, ME -Ho-ho-howdy, friend! It's me, Tinsel Twinkle boots — one of Santa's top decorating elves — and I've got BIG news that jingles my bells! You're officially invited to the Anticipated Annual Festival of Trees!

We elves have been working our mittens off with the help of local businesses, and oh my gumdrops — the trees are looking more magical than a North Pole snow globe! Each one is sparkling with decorations, treasures, and surprises that would make even the Grinch crack a smile.

should Why come?

Stroll through a wonderland of whimsical trees, each one sponsored and styled by your favorite local businesses!

Tap your toes to jolly music, catch up with friends, and feel that warm, fuzzy, pepperminty holiday spirit.

Munch on delicious lunch and homemade baked goodies at the Café (our reindeer highly recommend the cookies).

And best of all? You can win a tree - yes, the WHOLE tree — gifts, lights,



decorations, and all! Imagine dragging that beauty home. (Don't worry, we'll help!)

So grab your scarf, fluff your hat, and come join the cheer. The cocoa's hot, the lights are twinkling, and the joy is real. And rumor has it, Santa will drop in for a visit!! Details to come.

Hours:

Friday December 5th 12 pm - 8 pm

Sat December 6th 9

Sun December 7th 12 pm - 4 pm

Winners will be drawn directly following the close of tickets on Sunday.

140 Windham Center Rd, Windham, ME, United States, Maine 04062.

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### Power up in Gorham with **Red Cross x PAC-MAN**

PORTLAND, ME -The American Red Cross encourages donors to Level Up their impact by giving blood or platelets this November. The last two months of the year can be a challenge for many donors trying to juggle regular donation appointments with packed schedules full of seasonal activities and holiday planning. Donors of all blood types - especially those with types O negative, O positive and B negative blood and those giving platelets – are urged to make an appointment to

donate now.

We're teaming up with Bandai Namco Entertainment America Inc. to celebrate the 45th anniversary of PAC-MANTM, the legendary video game icon. All who come to give blood Nov. 17-Dec. 7, 2025, will score an exclusive pair of Red Cross x PAC-MAN socks, while supplies last. Those who give blood or platelets during the same time frame can snag a custom Red Cross x PAC-MAN GASHAPON®, they last. This high-quality collectible won't last long - supplies are limited, so donors are encouraged to hurry in! See RedCross-Blood.org/PACMAN for details.

Join the PAC. Reserve your spot to give blood or platelets by vis-RedCrossBlood. org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED

The Red Cross is turnout this fall - a time Rd when making and keeping appointments is critical to providing lifesaving blood products for patients over the holidays. More donors are needed to help keep the blood supply strong.

To help empower and educate our blood donors, in November, successful donations will get free A1C testing, commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes. (One test result in a 12-month period; do not fast before donating). Visit RedCrossBlood.org/diabetes for more information.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities through Dec. 7:

Cumberland Bridgton

12/2/2025: 11 a.m. -3:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 166 Harrison Road, Route 117

Brunswick 11/26/2025: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Elks Lodge, 179 Park Row

11/28/2025: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., American Legion Post 20, 1 Columbus

Falmouth

11/26/2025: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., The Episcopal Church of St. Mary, 43 Foreside Rd

11/29/2025: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Holy Martyrs Church, 266 foreside road

12/2/2025: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Falmouth High School, 74 Woodville Rd

Freeport 11/24/2025: 9 a.m. -

1:30 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn Freeport - Old Town Hall Building, 5 Park Street

Gorham

12/4/2025: 1 p.m. -5:30 p.m., Cressey Road Christian Church, Cressey Road Gray

11/25/2025: p.m. - 5 p.m., American

facing a drop in donor Legion Gray, 15 Lewiston Harrison 11/26/2025: 9 a.m.

- 2 p.m., United Parish Congregational Church of Harrison and N. Bridgton, 77 Main Street

Portland

11/21/2025: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine, 1342 Congress St

12/1/2025: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Maine Medical Center - Dana Education Center, 22 Bramhall Street

Scarborough

12/2/2025: 12 p.m. -5 p.m., Saint Maximilian Church, 150 Black Point

South Portland 11/20/2025: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Southern Maine Community College Campus Center, 2 Fort Road

11/25/2025: 9 a.m. -1:30 p.m., Eastpoint Christian Church, 345 Clarks Pond Pkwy

Standish

12/1/2025: 12 p.m. -6 p.m., Gardenside Condo Association, 12 Gardenside Drive

Westbrook

11/28/2025: 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge Street

Yarmouth

11/21/2025: 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., American Legion Post 91, 196 Main

12/5/2025: 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., American Legion Post 91, 196 Main St.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## **CRC of WM hosting Tree Lighting** & Remembrance Ceremony

**NORWAY, ME** – For a \$10 donation, you can order a beautiful Cardinal ornament in memory or in honor of your loved one. We will then personalize the back of the ornament with their name and place their ornament on the Christmas tree outside of the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine during our annual Tree Lighting and Remembrance Ceremony which will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd from 4:30 -6:00pm. (Snow Day will be December 3rd)

We hope you will join us for this special outdoor ceremony, where staff from MaineHealth Stephens Oncology Department will join us to read the names of patients who have passed away this year along with some inspirational read-

The tree lighting and remembrance ceremony will start promptly at 5:00pm on the lawn outside the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine, 59 Winter Street, Norway. We will conclude the event in a round of holiday caroling. Cider and snacks will be available inside the Cancer Resource Center,



courtesy of Norway Brewing Company.

Ornaments can be ordered online (with a credit card) at www.crcofwm. org or in person (with cash, check) at the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine on Thursdays from 10-2 pm. You can also purchase ornaments at the Turkey Trot 4 Hope Race/ Walk on November 27th.

All orders must be placed by November 30th, and will be hung on the tree on December 2nd. Families can take the ornaments home following the ceremony to include in their own holiday celebrations.

Event Schedule

4:30-5:00 pm: Activities will begin with music, refreshments and viewing of the ornaments.

5:00 pm: Reading of loved ones' names who have passed away from cancer this year. Caroling and music will immediately follow with refreshments available inside the Cancer Resource Center.

#### Studio Theatre presents 12th Twisted Christmas!

**BATH, ME** – Studio Theatre of Bath presents the 12th Annual Twisted Christmas Fundraiser on December 12th and 13th at 8 PM, at Long Reach Kitchen & Catering at 387 Whiskeag Road. The variety show is for adults only and presents music, comedy, dance, improv, audience participation & classic Christmas themes with a twist. STB President Kirstin Hayward adds, "Twisted Christmas has become a new holiday tradition for hundreds of audience members for more than a decade."

Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, "like" Studio Theatre of Bath on Facebook, and visit https:// www.studiotheatreofbath. com/twistedchristmas.

Dinner reservations can be made by calling Long Reach Kitchen & Catering at 207-442-8411.

Proceeds will benefit Studio Theatre of Bath, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Founded in part in

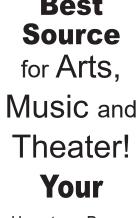


1979 by Priscilla & J. Pat Montgomery, Studio Theatre of Bath is one of midcoast Maine's oldest active community theater groups. Since 1980 "STB" has pro-

duced upwards of 140 major theatrical productions of all ranges & styles and has been a constant for community enrichment in Bath, Maine for nearly 40 years.

## A Celebration of the Season with **Augusta Symphony Orchestra**

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AUGUSTA, ME -The Augusta Symphony Orchestra invites you to celebrate the magic of the holidays with two performances at South Parish Church, 9 Church Street in Augusta. Join us on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m. for a festive program filled with timeless classics and holiday favorites.

Under the direction of Conductor and Music Director Jinwook Park, the

ASO will present a concert filled with warmth, variety, and festive spirit. The concert begins with Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2—a showcase of Baroque virtuosity featuring Sarah Heimberg (trumpet), Michael Albert (recorder), Anne McKee (violin), and Necia Enoch (oboe) as soloists.

The celebration continues with Tchaikovsky's beloved Nutcracker Suite, bringing the enchanting sounds of the season to

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life—from the graceful "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" to the exuberant "Trepak." Audiences will also enjoy Christmas at the Movies, a lively medley of favorite film scores that capture the spirit of the holidays on the silver screen.

To conclude the concert, the orchestra will be joined by singers from Coda Chorus for a rousing performance of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus—a triumphant finale that's sure to lift hearts and voices

Experience warmth, wonder, and joy of the season with the Augusta Symphony Orchestra. This holiday tradition is perfect for the whole family and a beautiful way to celebrate the music that brings us together.

As always, there is no admission fee for these concerts. Donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, visit www.augustasymphonymaine.org.

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





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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## edible MAINE Wins "Best Profile Photography"

PORTLAND, ME edible MAINE is proud to announce that it has been awarded Best Profile Photography at the 2025 Best of Edible Awards, an annual competition recognizing excellence in food journalism and photography across the Edible Communities network of more than 75 locally owned publications in the U.S. and Canada.

The winning feature, "Primo Turns 25," celebrated the 25th anniversary of Chef Melissa Kelly's acclaimed Rockland restaurant, Primo. The story, published in edible MAINE's Summer 2024 issue, was accompanied by photography from Derek Bissonnette, whose portraits of Chef Kelly capture the warmth and spirit of her full-circle kitchen. One image—Kelly seated and gently holding a piglet—was highlighted in the acceptance speech as the publication's favorite.

This marks the third consecutive year that edible MAINE has been recognized at the Best of Edible Awards. Combined with the brand's prestigious James Beard Award for Publication of the Year, it's clear that our Maine publication continues to earn recognition at the national level for excellence in storytelling, photography, and food journalism.



The publication also received finalist honors in two additional categories this year:

Best Profile Story for "The Time of His Life" by Rosie DeQuattro

Best Personal Essay for "Slow and Steady Seafood" by Barton Seaver

The 2025 Best of Edible Awards were presented at a celebration dinner in Bozeman, Montana on October 30, 2025. Winners and finalists were selected by peer voting and a panel of independent judges — Elissa Altman, Dorothy Kalins, and Katherine Miller — from a pool of hundreds of entries submitted by Edible publishers across North America.

"We're thrilled and

humbled by this recognition," said Christopher Ellis-Jacobs, Publisher of edible MAINE. "These awards are a testament not just to our team's craft, but to the strength of Maine's creative and food communities. We're proud to see stories from our corner of the world resonate on a national stage."

Edible Communities President Tracey Ryder added, "Each year, the Best of Edible Awards remind us of the extraordinary storytelling that happens across our network - work that uplifts local food systems and celebrates community. We congratulate all the winners and finalists for their dedication and creativity."

#### Lakes Region Senior Center invites Gorham seniors to activities

GORHAM, ME – If you are looking for a fun senior center with lots of activities daily, come join us at Little Falls Activity

Center, 40 Acorn Street, Gorham, Maine. We are open from 8:30 to 2 or 3 pm depending on the activity. Our calendar is online.

Call Gerry Day, President, at 839-3859 for more information

Membership fee is \$20 a year with many perks.

## Clothes galore at Gorham's **Mission of Hope Clothes Closet**

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

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

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ME - Join Scarborough Public Library for this week's events:

Thursday, November 20, 5:30pm-6:30pm

French Discussion Group at Scarborough **Public Library** 

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Friday, November 21, 5-7:30pm 1pm-2pm

The Way of Unity: Building Strong, Vibrant, Peaceful Communities Right Where We Are

Join author Robert Atkinson, PhD, for a talk about his book "The Way of Unity" followed by a discussion about building strong, vibrant, inclusive communities. Please register here: scarboroughlibrary.libcal.com/ event/15419917

Friday, November 21,

Board Game Night for ALL AGES & "Just the Sides" Friendsgiving Potluck

Bring the whole family, a couple of friends, or come on your own for this intergenerational Now, with a "Thanksgiving Sides" themed POT-LUCK! Bring a dish or snack to share or just come without! We love to see you either way! There will be plenty of food. No registration required.

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# Seniors Not Acting Their Age Stealing Away to Thief Island

Muscongus Bay in the mid-coast area offers some of the most challenging and intriguing sea kayaking on the Maine coast. A significant attraction is a myriad of islands that populate the bay. Located in the west central sector of the bay, remote Thief Island is one of the most interesting and scenic.

I stopped at Thief Island while kayaking with a group a few years ago. We had launched from the east in Friendship on a hurried, lengthy day-trip and didn't have time for an extended visit. I found it to be a fascinating island and have contemplated a return since. When that happened, I wanted to approach the island from the west while simultaneously completing a circumnavigation of substantial Louds

While discussing potential fall sea kayaking options with two frequent paddling companions who had never been to Thief, we decided on a trip to the tiny island. After communicating our intent to other friends, two more agreed to join us.

The small village of Round Pond in Bristol offers the closest public landing to Thief Island. Five of us met at the busy working harbor on a calm, partly sunny morning. Since it was shortly after high tide, we decided to take advantage of the outgoing flow by traveling south and completing a counter-clockwise circum-

navigation of Louds Island located opposite of Round Pond.

We launched from a convenient paved ramp in solo kayaks, maneuvered between a multitude of commercial and recreational vessels moored in the harbor and paddled out into Muscongus Sound. One of the first things paddlers notice when navigating the Muscongus Bay area is the abundance of lobster buoys. The bay offers ideal conditions for lobsters to flourish. Consequently, paddlers need to be alert for preoccupied lobstermen who often have difficulty spotting low profile kayaks.

We crossed the sound in gentle seas and kayaked south approximately three miles along the western shore of Louds Island. Conditions were superb as we rounded the southern terminus and navigated east through a narrow channel between Louds and Bar Islands.

We passed a cobblestone beach on the south shore of Louds Island where the 106-acre Elizabeth Noyce Preserve is located. Progressing beyond the preserve, we entered Muscongus Bay and began our paddle north along the east shore of the island.

When nearing Marsh Island, we opted to kayak west through narrow Marsh Harbor adjacent to the Louds Island coastline. Beyond the harbor, we persisted northeast to rugged Killick Stone Island where

a unique home perched on ledges at the north end captured our attention. Thief Island was soon visible beyond a collection of exposed ledges farther northeast.

Campers and visitors are welcome on Thief Island, where there are two authorized Maine Island Trail Association campsites. A large campsite is situated high on the north side and a smaller one on the rockbound southern end. Landing on the south shore appeared potentially hazardous, so we proceeded north where there is a much more accessible rocky beach.

We disembarked to reconnoiter the island and found the northern site was occupied. Two tents had been erected but no paddlers or boats were observed. We assumed they were exploring the bay.

A trail connects the two campsites. We hiked to the southern end where there are exceptional views of outer Muscongus Bay from giant boulders that enhance the dramatic beauty of the shoreline. I haven't found any information on how Thief acquired its name but there is little room for a brigand to hide on the 9-acre island.

After leaving Thief behind, we traveled northwest past Indian Island and kayaked through a halfmile passage between the northern end of Louds Island and Hog Island. Our adventure wasn't over. A feisty sea breeze had developed while we were investigating the sheltered east side of Louds Island. Strong winds and choppy waves were encountered on our port side while crossing Muscongus Sound towards Round Pond Harbor.

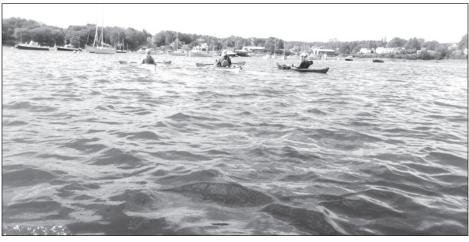
The entrance to the harbor wasn't obvious until we observed a lobster boat exiting through



A team of kayakers approach Thief Island in Muscongus Bay



Paddlers begin an exploration of Thief Island



**Kayakers enter Round Pond Harbor** 

the narrow opening. The seas calmed and winds diminished once we entered the enclosed harbor. We relaxed while passing numerous moored vessels to the landing. After loading our kayaks, we celebrated our completion of an exceptional sea kayak voyage to Thief Island in spec-

tacular Muscongus Bay.

My book, Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine features eight more exciting sea kayaking exploits along the Maine coast.

The author of "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals – New England," Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, "The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine" will soon be released by North Country Press. Visit his website at www.ronchaseoutdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.







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### Merry and Bright Parade escorts Santa to his workshop, Dec. 5

The Wiscasset community is invited to welcome Santa to the Village when a Merry and Bright Light Parade drops the rotund fellow off at his workshop, 7 Lincoln St., on Friday, December 5, around 5:45pm.

According to Wiscasset's light parade organizer, Lucy Oyster, the third annual light parade will be longer and more sparkly than ever, thanks to help from volunteers who have been recruiting more vehicles. People along the parade route will see decorated cars, trucks, and floats, including a wrecker with a car aboard, which might be carrying Santa. Along with the lights, there'll be blow-ups and costumed characters, and some surprises. Last year, one truck carried an 8' high globe, and the Alna snowmobile club's float included a real fire with live people sitting around it enjoying the warmth. Some vehicles trumpet seasonal music. "It's bright and beautiful," Oyster says, and expresses the wonderment of the holiday.

For best watching, the Merry and Bright Light Parade leaves Churchill St. at 5pm, goes down Hooper St., turns right onto Federal St., then left onto Route 1 north (Main St.), and turns right onto Water St. where

it disbands near the Wiscasset Yacht Club.

The parade is ephemeral, lasting only about 15 minutes, says Oyster, and then it's gone. But it's a magical experience while it lasts. Last year, she saw her husband and child sharing the same look of wonder when watching the Merry and Bright Parade pass by, and she wants to assure that all children have magic in their lives. "I can help provide this kind of experience to the whole community," Oyster says, both as a community volunteer and as a member of the Wiscasset Parks and Recreation staff in charge of Marketing and Sponsorships.

Even before the parade passes, the Block Parunderway at Scout Hall, the 7 Lincoln St. location for Santa's workshop. Indoors, children are treated to cocoa and candy canes and are encouraged to make holiday decorations to take home. Parents watch in the background offering encouragement and, cameras ready, record their children's handiwork. When Santa arrives around 5:45, he's greeted by children, eager to share their wish list with him.

Outside, families will find Byre Farm's sheep, gentle enough for petting and running fingers through their deep woolly coats. The farmers, Helen Costello and Jeffrey Patterson, bring 4-H Club members to help with managing the sheep and with introducing them to the kids. Also on the street is a carefully monitored fire pit where helpers prepare s'mores to order, and nearby, other food options are available including warm beverages that can be spiked for adults.

The whole block party experience, says Oyster, is meant to be full of merriment and magic. It's a time for families to come out and enjoy an evening together that doesn't cost a lot but gives them a magical moment together.

In addition to excelty, starting at 5pm, will be lent shopping, Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest offers free and low-cost experiences to the community. The sponsors to-date who make this possible are Major Sponsors First National Bank and Rock Paper Scissors, with additional support from The Bird Gallery and Carriage House Gardens.

> For Marketfest details, visit the Calendar on www.WiscassetHolidav-Marketfest.com. Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest is a partnership between Wiscasset Creative Alliance and Wiscasset Area Chamber of Commerce.



Wiscasset's Merry and Bright Light Parade in 2024 included this Alna Snowmobile Club's float with people surrounding a warming fire. This year's parade is on Friday, Dec. 5, during Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest weekend. (Bob Bond photo)



It's Santa's season and he's ready for anything, even a visit from the Grinch. Visit Santa in his Wiscasset workshop on Friday, Dec. 5, during Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest weekend. (Bob Bond photo)

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Children and parents enjoy a moment with Santa in his Wiscasset workshop on Friday, Dec. 5, during Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest weekend. (Bob Bond photo)

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## Hundreds gather to celebrate the magic of RTT

WINDHAM, ME – On October 18th, over 325 people attended the 17th Annual Triple B ~ Boots, Band & BBQ and raised a record breaking amount - over \$280,000 - to benefit the clients, horses and programs of Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center (RTT).

This year's event paid homage to all who make up "The Magic of RTT" - RTT's clients, horses, volunteers, longtime supporters, staff, and the evening's guests and sponsors. Eric Schildroth of Schilly's Catering served up another delicious and abundant barbeque to the hungry crowd, the record breaking mission-based auction was led by auctioneer, Elizabeth Holmstrom and the evening was capped by live music and dancing to the popular local band, Under The Covers. Phil Smith of Abracadabra Productions, added some table magic for the guests and emcee, Nancy Marshall of Marshall Communications, kept the program running on schedule!

The true MVPs, of course, are the courageous clients and the horses they team up with at the center. RTT client, Jack Murdoch and his mother, Rianna Keegan, teamed up to share their story and what their time at RTT has meant to them. As Rianna put it, "While RTT is here to serve its riders, I cannot tell you how special this place has been to our entire family. There's something about coming here after a stressful day that brings such peace – being at a beautiful stable with such amazing volunteers and staff, where there is a quiet and often unspoken comradery between the riders."

Jack felt the same, noting, "We love every last bit of all of the horses. Some people might say one horse makes RTT what it is. But they couldn't be more wrong. Every last horse, rider, volunteer (and annoying fly that sits



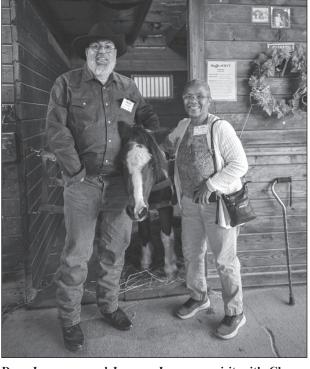
Speakers, Rianna Keegan and Jack Murdoch; and Dave Murdoch (Photo credit: Hannah Cormier, Riptide Photography)

on every horse's face and never dies) makes RTT exactly what it is."

As the bidding got underway, Art Girard, of Delta Realty, stepped forward with a special matching challenge of \$25,000 for both the Ridership and Horse Funds, which helped to get the bidding off to a great start. An anonymous donor then added an additional \$25,000 challenge to the Horse Fund making for even more excitement in the crowd.

Sarah Bronson, RTT Executive Director reflected that "the Triple B has become such an amazing community event. Year after year, we bring new people to the farm to learn about the power of equine assisted services offered by RTT. And every year, our community steps up to support our work, ensuring that financial aid is available to all who need it and that our horses receive the highest quality care so that they can be our partners in this work. We are so very grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's event—our sponsors, table hosts, generous guests, volunteers, and RTT's Board and staff-they all truly embody the Magic of RTT!"

This year IDEXX, UNUM, Bangor Savings, Martin's Point Healthcare

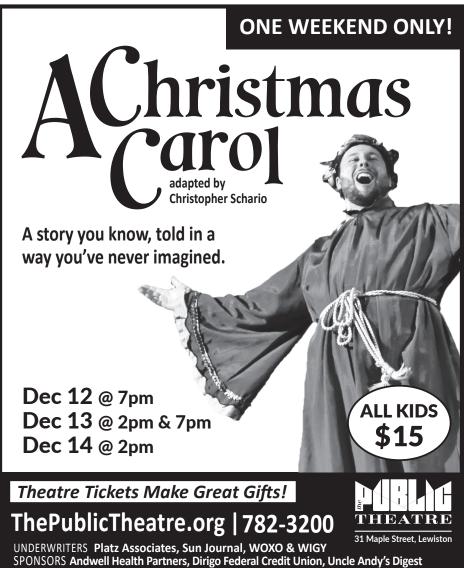


Dave Lawrence and Lauress Lawrence visit with Champ (Photo credit: Hannah Cormier, Riptide Photography)

and Stone Coast Fund Services employees joined RTT volunteers to help with set up and then again with post event "takedown." During the event, the St. Joseph's College baseball team members returned to help with food service, the auction and recycling efforts. In total, over 100 volunteers contributed over 700 hours in the various stages of the event (pre-event planning, set up, night of and cleanup days following the event).

The Triple B is RTT's largest and most import-

ant fundraiser of the year, funding nearly a third of the organization's annual expenses. Since it's inception, this event has raised over \$2.5 million dollars, while introducing the healing power of horses to thousands of community members. This year's event was supported by many local business partners led by Grand Champion Sponsors, Portland Volvo and UNUM, and Reserve Champion Sponsors, Norway Savings Bank and Headlight Audio Visual.





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#### FAME shines spotlight on achievement at Showcase Maine

MAINE - The Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) celebrated the outstanding achievements of business and education partners at its annual Showcase Maine event at the Westin Portland Harborview Hotel on Monday, November 3, 2025.

Showcase Maine is FAME's signature event, bringing together leaders from Maine's business, lending, government and higher education communities to honor collaborative success. The evening was centered around a showcase of exhibits by FAME's business and education partners from across the state.

This year's award recipients included:

Business at Work for Maine Award - Roselyn North Academy was honored for its dedication to elevating early childhood education in Maine. The Academy's owner, Angela Garrison, said, "I feel like I was put on this earth to provide safe spaces for children to learn and grow. I truly feel like that is my calling and that is why I was put here." With eight early childhood and preschool locations across southern Maine, the Academy has 125 employees taking care of and teaching close to 450 students each day. The academy's mission is to care for and nurture children, families, and educators in their communities. Angela said, "It's very hard to start a brand new business, especially when you don't really have experience in that field.... We really find value in investing in each other and without FAME's support and investing in Maine people, I just don't think any of that would be possible."

Education at Work for Maine Award - Olympia Snowe Women's Leadership Institute's (OSWLI) was recognized for its impact on high school, and for building coalitions across political and geographic lines to help young women realize their dreams. Executive Director Christina McAnuff said, "Research shows that girls lose confidence three and a half times faster than boys. It is critical

that we stem the tide now That's what the program is designed to do." OS-WLI currently serves more than 620 students and is expected to increase that number to approximately 660 in the coming year. An alumna of the program, Tessa Solomon, said, "I have somebody to look up to. I have somebody that I can see myself in and that makes a huge difference." OSWLI provides concrete outcomes including college credits, training, mentorship and development to girls from 38 schools across all 16 Maine counties and continues to explore ways to expand their impact.

Education at Work for Maine Award - Betsy Mayotte, President of The Institute of Student Loan Advisors (TISLA), was honored for her commitment to empowering hundreds of Mainers every vear to navigate a complex student loan system and gain the confidence needed to build resilient futures. Martha Johnston. FAME employee, said, "Betsy is very passionate about making sure people have access to the right information at the right time so they can manage their student loan repayment." In the past year alone, over 600 Maine borrowers have registered for Betsy's student loan webinars and TISLA counselors have provided important support to 1,200 Maine borrowers. The impact Betsy is having is especially important given federal student loan debt in Maine is over \$6 billion. FAME has also directly benefited from "Betsy Briefs" updates that are critical to FAME's success in supporting Maine borrowers. Betsy said, "I really wish more states understood the importance of providing a resource like FAME does for Maine residents."

Partner at Work for Maine Award – Northern Maine Development Com-

mission (NMDC) The Partner at Work Award is a new award presented to NMDC in honor of its significant achievements in commercial lend- FAME to make 12 loans ing, strategic partnerships, for more than \$7.6 million, and economic development. Since 2020, NMDC retaining 74.

has become a cornerstone of rural Maine's economy. Over the last five years, NMDC has deployed nearly 1,000 loans totaling \$46 million, with nearly one third of this capital leveraging FAME funding. Two businesses that have been positively impacted by NMDC are Brassica Property Management, LLC and J. W. Raye & Co., Inc. The businesses received a \$305,000 SSBCI loan through FAME, and along with making repairs and centuries-old replacing equipment, the loan enabled Raye's to retain 12 employees and will allow the company to add up to three new employees in the next two years. NMDC is also a valued partner of the Maine Funding Network. which is a platform that allows Maine businesses to connect to many resources and alternative funding solutions

Lender at Work for Maine Award (over \$1.5 billion in assets) - Camden National Bank was honored for its valued partnership with FAME and its outstanding commitment to Maine people and businesses through innovative financial solutions and community engagement. Over the past year, in partnership with FAME, Camden National made 70 loans for more than \$12 million, creating 109 jobs and retaining 472.

Lender at Work for Maine Award (up to \$1.5 billion in assets) - Acadia Federal Credit Union was recognized for its strategic partnership with FAME and its exemplary commitment to the well-being of Maine's communities and businesses. In collaboration with FAME, Acadia made 19 loans for just under \$5.5 million, creating nine jobs and retaining 74.

Lender at Work for Maine Award (most enhanced partnership) First National Bank was honored for its increased partnership with FAME and dedication to empowering Maine's businesses through forward-thinking financial services. First National partnered with creating 68 new jobs and

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## **Area Marines & friends attend** 250th USMC birthday celebration

AUBURN, ME -Central Maine Det. 810 MCL celebrated the USMC 250th Birthday. The event

Garden Inn in Auburn ME on November 10, 2025.

took place at the Hilton 140 Marines, friends of Marines and guests attended this wonderful event.





## **Congregations host Transgender** Day of Remembrance service

**BRUNSWICK, ME** - By a recent count, at least twenty-five transgender or gender variant lives have been lost in the United States since this time last year. Those are just the murders that have been made known, and in the context of the anti-trans focus of the current administration, we know that underreporting is a fact. Many victims of transphobic violence never have their deaths publicly acknowledged. With the recent bombardment of anti-trans legislation aimed to suppress the trans and gender variant community in this country, the acknowledgement of these tragic deaths is all the more critical. Now, more than ever, it is important to speak their names and honor their memories. To this end, local churches and nonprofit organizations are joining together to host a Transgender Day of Remembrance gathering in Brunswick on Thursday,

November 20. What is Transgender Day of Remembrance?

Transgender

vocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith began Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) in 1999. TDOR began as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in Alliston, Massachusetts in 1998. The vigil also commemorated all the transgender and gender variant lives lost to anti-Trans violence in the time following Rita Hester's murder. Thus began an important tradition that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance observed throughout the world on November 20th.

**TDOR** founder Gwendolyn Ann Smith says, "Transgender Day of Remembrance seeks to highlight the losses we face due to anti-transgender bigotry and violence. I am no stranger to the need to fight for our rights, and the right to simply exist is first and foremost. With so many seeking to erase transgender people -- sometimes in the most brutal ways possible -- it is vitally important that those we lose are remembered, and that we continue to fight for justice."

How can I get involved in the Transgender Day of Remembrance?

Join organizers from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick; First Universalist Church of Yarmouth; Beth Israel Congregation of Bath; First Parish Church in Brunswick; the Sexuality, Women, and Gender Center from Bowdoin College and the Brunswick Pride Committee in a service to honor the transgender and gender variant lives lost this year to transphobic violence.

This Transgender Day of Remembrance vigil will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 20 at the UU Church of Brunswick located at 1 Middle St. in Brunswick.

While this vigil is being held at a church, it is led and supported by both religious leaders and community members. This TDOR vigil is open to all who support the transgender and gender variant community.



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## Local holiday gift shop features all things handmade, Dec. 5-7

By Christine Hopf-Lovette

WISCASSET, ME - Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest has become a destination for shoppers searching the Village shops for unique, well-made gifts. During the first full weekend in December, the small retail stores, galleries, and ateliers in the Village are joined by a special marketplace in the historic Nickels-Sortwell barn on Federal St., from 10am to 4pm each day. When visitors enter the barn, they are welcomed to a wonderland of creations by local arti-

This year's Holiday Gift Shop includes many well-loved crafters from previous years as well as



The Holiday Gift Shop, an artisan pop-up shop during Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest, invites shoppers to sample cookies, chocolates, and honey during the weekend, Dec. 5-7, 10am to 4pm daily. (Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest photo)

some exciting new participants. Wreaths and baskets from Mindful Gardens, felted cat toys and ornaments from High Tail Toys. scarves and tea towels from Sheepscot Handwovens, jams and lavender products from SeaLyon Farm, Barters Island honey, and luscious chocolates from The Chocolate Pan are among the annual favorites.

New this year are wrought iron home accessories from Belkor Forge, pottery from Lin Zajchowski, totes and stuffed toys from MB Textiles, crocheted hats, mittens, and toys from Knotted Pines Crochet, small leather goods from Robyn Rae Leather, recycled wool mittens from Doodlebug, plus handknitted headbands and scarves from Wiscasset Woolcraft.

And that's not all. Shoppers can find cookies, candy, and cards, lotions and soaps, purses and carryalls, honey, maple syrup, tree decor, local wool, hand-dyed yarn, and one of a kind painted furniture. The barn becomes a magical place during Marketfest. Amidst greenery from the woods and antiques from the attic, carefully selected crafts are presented



an old barn and the large selection of hand-made items for gifts. Open during Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest weekend, Dec. 5-7, from 10am to 4pm daily. (Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest photo)



Christine Hopf-Lovette, Holiday Gift Shop manager, helps set the stage for a wonderful shopping experience in the historic Nickels Sortwell House barn during Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest weekend, Dec. 5-7, from 10am to 4pm each day. (Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest photo)

as they might be in a retail store. Tastings of honey, cookies, and chocolate will be offered throughout the

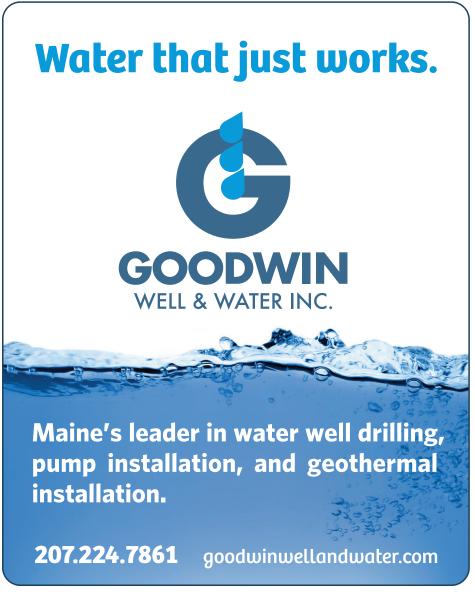
In addition to excellent shopping, Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest offers free or low-cost activities to the community throughout the weekend. The sponsors to-date who make this possible are Lead Sponsor Ames True Value Supply; Major Sponsors are Carriage House Gardens, First National Bank, Red's Eats, Rock Paper Scissors, and Wiscasset Ford; with additional support from Bradbury Art & Antiques, Red Bull Antiques, Sprague's

Lobster, and The Bird Gallery.

For Marketfest details, visit the Calendar on www.WiscassetHoliday-Marketfest.com. Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest is a partnership between Wiscasset Creative Alliance and Wiscasset Area Chamber of Commerce.

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## **November Special Section: National Diabetes Month**

# How to get your family involved with healthy eating



Contributed by American Diabetes Association

Building healthy eating habits isn't the easiest journey to go on, especially if you feel like you're doing it alone. But when you're supported by your family, it can make a huge difference in your own ability to address the challenges that come with building and maintaining a healthy lifestyle with diabetes.

Check out these tips to get your family involved and excited about the healthy eating changes you're making in your life.

What is Healthy Eating?

"Healthy eating" is a frequently used term but one that is not discussed as often as it should. Healthy eating can imply different things in different cultures, countries, and individual approaches, but regardless of this, it has certain basic characteristics that are important to consider:

Healthy eating has to be sufficient in both quality and quantity to guarantee meeting each person's individual needs.

Healthy eating takes into consideration age, sex, height, the movement you perform (at work or as an exercise), and your overall health. Healthy eating is individualized, so it also takes personal and cultural preferences into account.

Healthy eating involves variety. By eating different types of fruits, vegetables, etc., you are expanding the amount of vitamins and minerals we consume as well as the types of fiber that contribute to better nutrition for your body.

Once all the above

have been considered, the next consideration is how we can help our family eat healthily.

Four Tips to Make Healthy Eating a Family Affair

Lead by Example

One of the best ways to encourage your loved ones is by showing how healthy eating is having a positive impact on your life with diabetes. Don't be shy about how to make modifications in the way you eat, including how you keep track of what you have eaten. Show them how you maintain a healthy balance by eating a variety of foods, including foods that some may deem "bad" for people with diabetes. If you have meal planning and organization tips that keep you on track, encourage your loved ones to try them too!

Finally, track your wins and share how you've overcome challenges with your family. Everyone loves an inspirational story and your family is no exception.

Get Them in the Kitchen

Ask your family to get involved in the cooking process. Many believe healthy eating is bland and flavorless. However, asking for help preparing food, including allowing your loved ones to contribute their styles of cooking, is a great way to bond over healthy food. Are there flavors, techniques, or specific dishes your family has always wanted to explore? Use those opportunities to try something new as a group. Also, while you and your family are cooking together, this is a great time to teach them about concepts like portion sizes and the Diabetes Plate. Share your healthy cooking tips and have them try some of your recipes or recipes from Diabetes Food Hub®.

Bring Them Grocery Shopping

One of the roadblocks to healthy eating is not knowing how to read a food label or believing that you always have to buy fresh fruits and vegetables (when frozen works well too). Show them around the store and teach them how to read food labels that will aid in the decision making. Also, if you have any money-saving tips on healthy foods, this is a great time to share that knowledge, too.

It is not only about the amount of nutrients we consume, but also the quality of them. Learning to read labels is very important and, in addition, you should consider the ingredients list. A product that is low in carbohydrates or low in fat does not always mean that it is good for you, especially if it is a product that contains many ingredient names you do not understand.

Be Patient

As a person with diabetes, you're aware of how important it is for you to maintain these habits. You're also aware of how beneficial support from loved ones can be. But remember that acquiring new healthy habits is a process and it is best to gradually make changes. Everyone's health journey is different, and it may take your family some time to catch on. Communicate your desire to have your family try new ways to enjoy food with you and be open to teaching them to be the support system you need.





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### NNEPRA announces major milestone in improvement project

WELLS, ME – The Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) has announced that Great Falls Construction has installed the new passenger platforms at the Wells Regional Transportation Center, as well as the structural steel to support elevator towers and elevated pedestrian bridge connecting the new platforms. These critical steps in the Wells Area Improvement Project (Project), sponsored by NNEPRA, mark visible progress toward improved and increased Amtrak Downeaster service throughout the region. The Project, designed by VHB, is being constructed by Great Falls Construction of Gorham, ME with oversight is provided by WSP.

"We're thrilled to reach another major milestone in the Wells Area Improvement Project," said Patrick Harrington, Project Manager at Great Falls Construction. "Placing critical structures using one of the largest mobile cranes in the state required detailed coordination and teamwork. Our project team, alongside our valued partners, executed this effort with precision and a shared commitment to safety. We're proud of the steady progress and the strong collaboration that continues to drive this project forward."

The Project, funded by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the Maine Department of Transportation (Maine-DOT) and CSX Transportation, began in 2021 and includes a 6-mile extension of rail infrastructure, completed by CSX in December 2024, as well as expanded station facilities designed to increase operational efficiency. Once complete, the Project, in conjunction with signal upgrades, will enable Amtrak to operate an additional Downeaster round-trip between Brunswick and Wells scheduled to provide southern Maine commuters with car-free workday ac- as an incredible reminder cess into the Greater Port-





land region.

Quincy Henzel, Director of the Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce, noted the impact on economic growth, commenting that, "This project fuels regional growth by paving the way for expanded service that will benefit businesses, commuters, visitors and our communities across Greater Portland."

The Town of Wells staffs and manages the Wells Transportation Center per a lease agreement with the Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA). Town greatly appreciates the collaborative working relationship we have had with NNEPRA and MTA in the development and construction of this Project, which provides a fabulous opportunity to better connect Wells and surrounding communities to jobs, attractions, and schools between Boston and Brunswick," commented Michael Pardue, Wells Town Manager.

"Seeing the vision come to life on site serves of the transformative impact this Project will have on passengers and communities along the Downeaster corridor." said Patricia Quinn, NNEPRA Executive Director, noting that the new station platforms and facility are expected to be completed in 2026.

For more information about the Wells Area Improvement Project or the Downeaster service, please visit https://www.nnepra. com/project/wells-area-improvement-project-2/

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According to the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services (MBVS), Maine has a long-standing history of military service and despite it being a very rural state, it is home to over 106,000 veterans, roughly 10% of the state's overall population. In honor of Veterans' Day, the Maine Office of the State Treasurer (OST) is reminding Maine veterans about available resources, and sharing information about recent veteran-related activity in unclaimed prop-

OST runs the state's unclaimed property program, which currently holds over \$364 million in 6 million accounts of unclaimed property that belongs to Maine citizens. This includes money and other financial assets that are considered lost or abandoned when an owner cannot be located after a specified period of time of inactivity.

Treasurer Joseph Perry said, "Maine has a high population of veterans, and we are reaching out to them as part of Veteran's Day to let them know they may have unclaimed property in our care." In addition to \$364 million, the Treasurer's Office also has several military medals, pins, dog tags, and bars. "We'd love to these military items back into the hands of their rightful owners," Perry said.

In honor of veterans, OST recently scanned its accounts and found over 20 veteran-related/veteran-supporting organizations that have unclaimed property, representing well over \$30,000. Outreach to these organizations has been productive. "We've begun reaching out to these organizations to help reunite them with amounts as much as over \$6,000

and as little as \$25," said Treasurer Perry. To see if you or your organization has unclaimed property go to, www.maineunclaimedproperty.gov.

The Office of the Maine Treasurer also oversees Maine's ABLE Program. The ABLE ME Program is established and maintained by the Maine State Treasurer in accordance with Applicable Law and administered by Bangor Savings Bank. The ABLE ME Program (also referred to as "ABLE ME") is designed to help eligible individuals with disabilities save for certain qualified disability expenses on a tax-advantaged basis without jeopardizing eligibility for federal means-tested benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid. The ABLE ME Program is intended to operate as a qualified ABLE program, pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 529A, that was adopted as part of The Stephen Beck, Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014, as amended. This federal law authorizes states and state instrumentalities, such as the Maine State Treasurer, to establish and maintain qualified ABLE programs. Effective January 1,

2026, the ABLE Age Adjustment Act will expand ABLE account eligibility for veterans whose disability began before age 46, a change from the previous age limit of 26. This change, which is expected to include about one million disabled veterans, allows them to save money in a tax-advantaged account while protecting benefits like Medicaid and VA payments. To qualify, veterans must meet the age of onset criteria and either receive Social Security disability benefits or provide a doctor's certification of a disability that began before age 46.

Below is the list of organizations that have unclaimed property in Maine:

American Cold War Veterans Inc - Under \$25

Back Woods Veterans Outreach - Under \$25 Dept of Veteran Affairs - Over \$100

Disabled American Veterans - Over \$8,000

Help Hospitalized Veterans - Over \$25

Maine Veterans Home - Over \$25

Paralyzed Veterans (of America) - Over \$25 Togus Veterans Hos-

pital - Over \$1,000 Veteran s Affairs

News - Over \$25

Veterans Memorial Hospital - Over \$25

Veterans Assistance Foundation - Under \$25

Veterans Choice Programs VACAA - Over \$25 Veterans Memorial

Post 205 - Under \$25 Veterans of Foreign Wars (Waterville) - Over

Veterans of WWI Aux 2333 (Nobleboro) -Over \$25

Veterans Variety Over \$100

Fearless Nation PTSD Support - Over \$25 American Legions

(multiple from around the state)

American Red Cross - Over \$25

AMVETS (South Portland, Augusta, Yarmouth, Biddeford, Sanford, Woolwich, & Jay)

Maine Army National Guard - Over \$500

Salvation Army Over \$100

Gold Star Wives of America - Over \$300

Wounded Warrior Project - Over \$3,000

Augusta Area Military Association - Over

Military Officers Association of America -Over \$1,000.

#### **Factory 3 named Small Business** of the Year by the City of Portland

PORTLAND, ME - Factory 3, a makerspace and creative hub in Portland's Libbytown neighborhood, has been named Small Business of the Year by the City of Portland. The award recognizes Factory 3's impact on the local creative economy, its support for independent artists and entrepreneurs, and its role in fostering a strong, collaborative community.

The award will be presented at the Annual City of Portland Business Award Event, held at Ocean Gateway on November 20, 2025, at 4:30

p.m. Hosted by the City's Department of Housing and Economic Development, the event celebrates Portland businesses that demonstrate innovation, leadership, and community contribution.

Founded in 2017 by Patrick Russell and located at 105 Saint James Street, Factory 3 has become a hub of creativity and entrepreneurship. The makerspace offers facilities for woodworking, metalworking, fiber arts, 3D printing, laser cutting, bike repair, electronics, and design-along with private studios and educational classes.

"I started Factory 3 to reduce the barriers to making physical goods," said Patrick. "It's been incredible to see people use the space exactly as intended—learning new skills, starting businesses, and building an amazing community."

Over the past eight years, Factory 3 has become a cornerstone of Portland's maker community—providing affordable access to tools, workspace, and education while helping hundreds of local makers and small businesses get their start.



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## Maine author releases Here to Stay / Lives in 17th-Century Canada

**MAINE** – Known for writing his family stories, Denis Ledoux has now taken his family writing into the distant past with Here to Stay / Lives in 17th-Century Canada. In his latest book, he writes about four early family members from the 1660s. and by placing them in a vivid historical context, he has created a glimpse into the first century of Canada as Canadian settlers struggled against formidable odds to make a foothold on the continent. Here to Stay is a book filled with heroic effort, profound tragedy and perilous survival.

The exploits of these pioneer Canadians are clearly and compellingly portrayed. Here to Stay / Lives in 17th-Century Canada offers a readable account of the lives of the founding North American settlers.

"What I uncovered

was both heroism and a deep difference between these people and us. Their lives were much harder and certainly more precarious. Death—whether by disease, raids (both English and Indian) or childbirth—was always imminent."

Louis Guimont and Louis Gagné, both among my ancestors, were tortured by the Iroquois and burned to death; Marie-Marthe Pinson, with whom an ancestor lodged, died soon after childbirth, which was the case in one out of every eighty births. Since women had multiple pregnancies, the possibility of a birthing woman dying ran high.

"They were people who lived in a despotic regime that was what we would call today a dictatorship. The early Canadians also adhered to a religion that was rigid and in the service of the government.

Medicine was primitive. If you broke your arm, it was going to be "fixed" by one of your parents. No analgesics available!"

In Here to Stay, Ledoux presents the personal in the lives of four of his ancestors. Because New France was a royal colony, records were preserved in both France and Canada. This duplication provides a plethora of information. By following traces, Ledoux explored various individuals, noting their contracts-land holdings, employment, marriage, birth of children, lawsuits-and he was able to make reasonable guesses about relationships. In one case, he concluded that two men were best friends.

"How often do genealogists find that sort of personal detail?" he says happily.

Here to Stay dives deep below the facts and dates to offer a better understanding of early Canadians. "In all, I spent some ten years researching and writing. I grew to know more about Québec history than about the history of New England where I live."

While Here To Stay is structured around the lives of Ledoux's first four ancestors bearing his family names, it is written as an "everyman" and "everywoman" text.

"Whoever your early Canadian ancestors were," says Ledoux, "they were a lot like these people."

"Books such as my Here to Stay," continues Ledoux, "give voice to people overlooked by history. When you study Canada or the US, you get the names of the muckymucks but not of the average Joe and Jane—or Jeanne—who created lives that sustained the colony. These people were heroes, but they are often relegated to oblivion and so lost to history.

In 1990, Ledoux's short story collection, Mountain Dance and Other Stories, won the Maine Arts Commission's Fiction Award. In both 1992 and 1996, he won Individual

Writing Fellowships from the Maine Arts Commission. He has been helping people to write memoirs since 1989 via The Memoir Network. In 1996, the Association of Personal Historians named him Personal Historian of the Year.

Ledoux has studded this remarkable account with historical information that brings much of the past into vivid portrayal.

Soleil Press is the publishing arm of The Memoir Network, a company which helps people chronicle their lives via memoir writing. The Network has assisted thousands of individuals to start and complete their memoirs.

Here to Stay was launched on October 15, 2025, by The Memoir Network, 95 Gould Road, Lisbon Falls, Maine 04252. The book is available through the Memoir Network, through Amazon. com, Barnes and Noble or any bookstore. The office can be reached by calling 207-353-5454 or by email sent to memoirs@thememoirnetwork.com.



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### **Camden National Corporation** announces new Vice-Chair

CAMDEN, ME Camden National Corporation (NASDAQ: CAC; "Camden National" or the "Company"), is pleased to announce the appointment of Marie J. McCarthy as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), effective immediately, and as Chair of the Board, effective upon the retirement of Mr. Lawrence "Larry" J. Sterrs. McCarthy's extensive executive and leadership experience will be invaluable to the Board as it continues to focus on driving long-term value creation.

Mr. Sterrs will retire from the Board, effective December 31, 2025, after 10 years of distinguished service on the Board, including serving as Chair of the Board since 2017.

"Today's announcement marks the successful conclusion of a thoughtful and well-executed succession process led by the Board and Larry, designed to ensure leadership continuity and the ongoing success of the Company," said Simon Griffiths, President and Chief Executive Officer of Camden National. "As Larry prepares to retire after more than a decade of dedicated service, we extend our sincere gratitude for his many contributions."

Ms. McCarthy has served as an independent member of the Board since 2018, chairing the Compensation Committee and serving on the Technology Committee.



Mr. Griffiths continued, "Marie has had a profound impact on our business, consistently applying a disciplined approach to strategy, execution, and customer experience. She brings both a global and community-focused spective, along with deep expertise in people and culture. Her more than 30 years of leadership at L.L.Bean, particularly in real estate and operational excellence, make her an invaluable asset to our organization."

"Marie McCarthy has been a valued voice on the Board and a distinguished leader serving global businesses and nonprofit communities," said Mr. Sterrs. "As I retire and we celebrate Camden National Bank's 150th anniversary, I am thrilled she will step into the role of Board Chair, and am confident she will guide the Board with strength and vision. I also want to thank my fellow directors and Simon Griffiths for their leadership during this tran-

Ms. McCarthy served as Chief Operations Officer at L.L.Bean before retiring in April 2025. Ms. McCar-



thy had been with L.L.Bean since 1993, where she worked primarily in human resources throughout her career. Ms. McCarthy's role at L.L.Bean had evolved in recent years to include current oversight of Operations, encompassing Fulfillment, Returns, Manufacturing, Customer Satisfaction, and Corporate Facilities and Real Estate. Ms. McCarthy was a member of L.L.Bean's Investment Committee and Benefits Committee, Retail Real Estate Committee, and Corporate Real Estate Committee, overseeing all corporate holdings. Ms. McCarthy currently serves on the Boards of Directors of Maine Health and the Olympia Snowe Women's Leadership Institute. She has shared her talents with numerous other nonprofit organizations over the

"I am honored to succeed Larry and grateful for the chance to build on his inspiring leadership. In the years I have served with him, I have come to admire his passion, leadership, and dedication to this strong organization," Ms. McCarthy

## Awards celebrate sustainable, high performance Maine homes

ed by Green & Healthy Maine HOMES magazine, the inaugural Green Home + Design Awards was held November 5 in Portland. The awards program was created to recognize outstanding contributions in sustainable, high-performance residential design and construction in Maine. It showcased projects that minimize operational energy needs, reduce embodied carbon, emphasize occupant and environmental health, and prioritize sustainability in home and landscape.

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Award Winners and Award of Merit recipients in each category are as fol-

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applications were submitted in six categories: New Build; Addition, Remodel, Adaptive Reuse; DIY/Nonprofessional Design/Build; ADU/ Small Project; Materials/ Methods innovation; and Landscape. To be considered, projects had to be located in Maine, and residential, including single family and multi-family projects (up to four units). A panel of nine judges who are industry leaders from across the country reviewed the appli-

"I just finished judging and have to say that the quality of the projects, the solutions they presented, and the sheer number of projects show just how far the industry has come," said Michael Ingui of Ingui Architecture in New York, N.Y. "You can truly see the next steps and where the

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chitect: BRIBURN; builder: Wright-Ryan Construc-

WINNER (tie): "Riverbend" architect: Opal; general contractor: GO

rybook"—architect: Kaplan Thompson Architects; builder: Maine Passive House

Award of Merit: "Cape Haven"—architect and builder: Juniper Design + Build

ADDITION, MODEL, ADAPTIVE RE-

WINNER: "A Light-Filled Addition"-residential design: Maines Design; builder: O'Brien Wood and

Award of Merit: "Mitchell Addition and Garage"—design/build: O'Brien Wood & Iron

DIY/NONPRO-FESSIONAL DESIGN/ BUILD:

WINNER: "Art Studio with Integrated Native Landscape"—design: Jonathan Cohen, with collaborating carpenter Ben Smith

Award of Merit: "Maine Hemp Home"designer: Ethan Lavendier

ADUs/SMALL PROJECT:

WINNER: "Aisling"—architect and builder: Knickerbocker Group

Award of Merit: "Mom's ADU"—builder/ general contractor: Rabbit Run Builders; architect: Steve Hoffman

MATERIALS/ **METHODS** INNOVA- TION:

WINNER: "Brunswick Residence"-architect: Kaplan Thompson Architects; builder: Benjamin + Company

Award of Merit: "Elemental Haven"—design: Steve & Valerie Konstantino, Performance Building Supply; siding/trim/interior/finish carpentry: Howe **Building Company** 

Award of Merit: "Woodland Tea House"design: Four Winds Design SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE:

WINNER: "Art Studio with Integrated Native Landscape"—Restoration ecologist: Keystone Native Habitat & Landscape

Award of Merit: "A Sustainable Landscape that Teaches and Feeds"-The Ecology School; Master plan and construction architects: Richardson & Associates; architect firms: Kaplan Thompson Architects, Simons Architects, **BRIBURN** 

These projects will be featured in the spring 2026 issue of Green & Healthy Maine HOMES and full details, including project teams, will be available soon at greenmainehomes. com/awards, where each year's award winners will remain highlighted for years to come.

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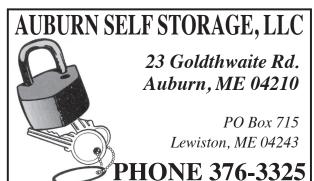
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#### Nov 20

PORTLAND - Portland Public Library invites the community to an evening of dialogue, insight, and hope at the Recovery Ready Community Discussion on Thursday, November 20, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Rines Auditorium at the Downtown Branch.

#### Nov 20

SCARBOROUGH -French Discussion Group at Scarborough Public Library. Interested in French conversation? Join other French speakers every fourth Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm for casual conversation. Beginners and experienced speakers are all welcome.

#### Nov 21-30

WATERVILLE - Irving Berlin's White Christmas performances continue at The Waterville Opera House. Evening performances November 21, 28, and 29, with 2pm matinées on November 22, 23, and

# Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

Tickets are available but selling fast. Go to watervillecreates.org/operahouse, call 207.873.7000, or visit the Ed Harris Box Office in the Paul J. Schupf Art Center, 93 Main Street, Waterville, to make reservations.

#### Nov 22

There will be a holiday fair at Six Street Church on Saturday, November 22 from 9-1. There will be a raffle table, food - fudge, cookies, pies, knit goods, white elephant table, etc,. Vendor tables will be available for \$10.

#### Nov 22

GORHAM - Christmas Craft Fair - Maker's Market at White Rock Grange #380, 33 Wilson Road, Gorham on Saturday, November 22, 2025 9am -2pm.

Over 2 dozen crafters are coming together offering a variety of handmade items. FOOD BANK COLLECTION: Drop off food bank items and receive a free raffle ticket. Follow us on Facebook for more details: https://www. facebook.com/whiterockgrange380/.

#### Nov 22

GORHAM - Christmas Craft Fair Nov. 22, 2025, 9am-2pm at White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Road, Gorham

White Rock Friendship Club hosting Christmas Craft Fair as a college scholarship fundraiser. Many handmade crafts, bakesale, white elephant table and raffles. Lunch will be served: homemade corn chowder and steamed hot dogs!

#### Nov 22

AUBURN -Gingerbread Fair, 9am-2pm. Gift baskets, baked goods, crafts, silent auction, books, plants, gift cards, and children's ac-Luncheon with tivity. holiday music from 11am-12:30pm. First Universalist Church of Auburn, 169 Pleasant St. (enter on Spring St. across from Dairy Joy). Parking; accessible. FMI 783-0461.

#### Sundays through Nov 23

LEWISTON - Lewiston Farmers' Market held every Sunday, May 11th-November 23rd from 9:30am-1:00pm. Hours change to 11:00am-1:00pm beginning first Sunday in November. Located at 2 Oxford St., Lew-

#### Nov 23

BUXTON -Free Christmas Concert with the Westbrook City Band. Family friendly event featuring seasonal favorites and a sing-along. Sunday, November 23, 2024 at 2:00 PM at North Congregational Church, 22 Church Hill Rd., Buxton, ME 04093.

#### Nov 30

GORHAM -The White Rock Friendship Club is hosting the 41st Annual Tree Lighting at the White Rock Community Clubhouse (34 Wilson Road) on Sunday, November 30th at 4:30pm. Listen to the reading of the Christmas story. Sing Christmas carols while sipping hot cocoa around the Christmas tree. We hear Santa will join us again this year! https:// www.facebook.com/ events/1316655429781649

#### Dec 3

LEWISTON Wednesday, December 3rd from 1pm to 2pm at the Lewiston Public Library: **IDENTIFYING FRAUDS** AND SCAMS

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#### Dec 5

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#### Dec 11

NEW **GLOUCES-**TER - Free artist event at Unity Environmental University. Each event highlights a Maine-based artist with a pop-up exhibition, lecture, and catered reception. Our forthcoming event: Dean McCrillis: Reading Sign: Expanding on observations through process on December 11th at 5:00 pm, 70 Farm View Dr, New Gloucester, ME 04260.

#### Dec 12, 13

BATH - Twisted Christmas: A Nice & Naughty Evening of Entertainment Friday December 12th and Saturday December 13th at 8:00 p.m. Longreach Kitchen & Catering 387 Whiskeag Road, Bath. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets available online at StudioTheatreofBath.com/twisted-

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#### **Dec 13**

LEWISTON - Join us at the Lewiston Public Library for our next fundraising event to support the Children's Department renovation, Chill Yoga Fest on Saturday, December 13th with classes going on from 9:30AM - 1:30PM in Callahan Hall.

There will be four 45-minute classes- All Levels Hatha, Chair Yoga, Stretching, Breathing & Meditation, and Children's Yoga! \$40 full pass, or \$18 per individual class. See LPL's website to purchase tickets.

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SEPTEMBER 20 - 28, 2026 **DISCOVER** PAINTED **CANYONS** OF THE WEST - Trip includes 9 days and 11 meals. Highlights are Colorado National Park, Wine tasting in the midst of Colorado Wine Country. Moab, Arches National Park. Canvonlands National Park, Dead Horse Point State Park, Capitol Reef State Park, Bryce Canyon National Park and Zion National Park all in Utah, last day in Vegas. Included in price is round trip air from Logan International Airport and all Hotel Transfers. Deposit is \$698.00 pp plus \$429.00 if you want travel protection.

May 23-31, 2026 – BILT-MORE ESTATE & ASHE-VILLE, N.C. - This trip includes 9 days and 8 nights lodging, 8 breakfasts and 6 dinners. You

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son Ranch with a scenic Wagon Tour of their majestic ranch while seeing the bison up-close and even feeding them. We will spend time shopping and having lunch at Shipshewana Trading Place which is constantly ranked one of the top five Flea Markets in the Country. We will see the show "Loves Comes Softly" at the Blue Gate Theater. Price for this trip is \$865.00 per person double occupancy. A \$75.00 deposit is due upon signing up. Trip includes bus driver tip and all tour gratuities. Add \$305.00 for single occupancy. Final payment is due 8/11/26.

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