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Mt. Blue Area Garden Club awards three community grants

FARMINGTON – The Mt. Blue Area Garden Club awarded three Community Grants this year, expanding the program beyond a single annual grant. Inspired by the quality of this year's applications, the club awarded \$1,500 in three grants to support projects that beautify public spaces, strengthen community connections, and promote environmental stewardship.

The Community Grant Program was introduced last year to support beautification and community gardening projects throughout the Mt. Blue region. Its inaugural grant helped the Farmington Public Library complete a landscape redesign that removed invasive plants and replaced them with native species, creating a more welcoming, environmentally sustainable entrance. Building on that success, the club expanded the program this year by awarding three grants.

"This year's applications demonstrated just how many meaningful projects are happening throughout our area," said Lisa Laffin, Chair of the Community Grant Committee. "We were delighted to support three organizations and help bring their ideas to life."

The 2026 MBAGC Community Grant recipients are:
**Cape Cod Hill
Community School
(New Sharon)**

Students and staff at Cape Cod Hill Community School will revitalize the school's front entrance with colorful native plantings, creating a vibrant and welcoming first impression for students, families, and visitors. The school's student-led Seed Squad already completed community planting projects at locations including the Holman House and the



Submitted photo

Franklin County Courthouse, and this project continues with that tradition of community stewardship.

**Work First, Inc.
(Farmington)**

Work First will create a welcoming garden around

its new Little Free Library and transform an existing gazebo into an inviting outdoor reading space. The project includes raised planting beds, flowers, shrubs, and containers that will encourage visitors to stop, read, and enjoy

the landscape while supporting the organization's mission of serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**UMF Campus &
Community Garden
(Farmington)**

The University of Maine at Farmington Campus & Community Garden will use its grant to repair greenhouse doors and ventilation systems, improving accessibility and extending the garden's ability to grow food and pollinator plants. Operated entirely through grants, donations, and fundraising, the garden has produced hundreds of pounds of fresh vegetables for local food pantries while also serving as an educational resource, community gathering space, and volunteer site for Master Gardener Volunteers.

The Mt. Blue Area Garden Club established its Community Grant Program to encour-

age beautification projects that enhance public spaces and promote environmental stewardship throughout the Mt. Blue region. Applications for the 2027 Community Grant Program will be accepted beginning early next year, with an April 1 deadline. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, schools, businesses, and community groups located in Farmington, Wilton, Chesterville, New Sharon, New Vineyard, Temple, Starks, Vienna, and Weld.

The Mt. Blue Area Garden Club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Maine and National Garden Clubs, Inc. The club promotes gardening in all its phases, civic beautification, conservation, and community education throughout western Maine. New members and guests are always welcome. More information is available at www.mtbluegardenclub.org.

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While preparing breakfast for my two grandchildren, my 9-year-old granddaughter Arabella and I were having some girl talk. We mentioned how us girls have to stick together.
MY 5-year-old grandson Odin piped in “OH, you’re not a girl Nani?”

Puzzled, I said, “you didn’t know I’m a girl?” His rational explanation was, “well, you had your hair cut really short, so I wasn’t sure.”
He had always known me to have medium length hair.
- Deborah of Lewiston

It was around Halloween time when our little Susan was learning her ABC’s. She very confidently told us: A is for Apple; B is for Boy, C is for Cat....then hesitation. She faltered... D is for....? D is for....? Then she jumped up and excitedly announced: D is for Dhost!!
- Ann of Farmington

Dear Friends of the Ray Haskell Golf Invitational

For many years, the Ray Haskell Golf Invitational brought together golfers, sponsors, and community supporters to make a lasting difference for the youth and families served by the

Alfond Youth & Community Center. Since the tournament concluded in 2023, we’ve reflected on the tremendous impact it had—not only through the funds it raised, but through the friendships,

camaraderie, and amazing supporters welcomed to our mission.
To everyone who played, sponsored, volunteered, or supported the tournament over the years, thank you.

Your generosity helped strengthen our mission and created opportunities for thousands of young people in our community.
Today, we’re excited to invite you to be part of the next chapter.
On Wednesday, August 19, we will host the inaugural Deuces Wild Golf Tournament at Waterville Country Club.
While this event carries forward the same commitment to supporting our mission, our goal is to create something wildly different from the traditional charitable golf tournament. From unique on-course challenges and exciting prize opportunities to an elevated player experience, Deuces Wild is designed to surprise golfers, create memorable moments, and give participants something they’ll look forward to

year after year.
We’re especially grateful to Central Maine Motors Auto Group for stepping forward as the Presenting Sponsor and helping bring this inaugural event to life. Their leadership and commitment to our community have been instrumental in launching what we hope will become another signature AYCC tradition.

breakfast, and awards
As someone who helped make the Ray Haskell Golf Invitational such a meaningful event, we hope you’ll consider joining us for this inaugural tournament. Whether you return as a player, sponsor, or both, your continued support will help us build a new tradition that honors the past while looking toward the future.
Registration is now open, and sponsorship opportunities are still available. We’d be honored to have you with us as we tee off this exciting new chapter.
Thank you again for everything you’ve done for AYCC over the years. We look forward to seeing you on the course.
Warm regards,
Patrick Guerette (He/Him)
Chief Operations Officer



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Maine Calendar

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JULY

July 26 — Leavitt Institute Class of 1963 will observe the 63rd class reunion on July 26, 2026 at the home of Dale Talbot. Come and get acquainted again with our classmates (family). It will be a great time. Contact Dale at 207-251-5788 or Marion at 207-946-5579.

July 27 – Gem Presentation, 5 p.m., Jay-Niles Library 983 Main Street, Jay, free for all, you do not need to have a library card or be a Jay resident to attend, FMI call (207) 645-4062

July 30 – Crow Party, 6 p.m., Treat Memorial Library, 56 Main Street, Livermore, making and trading trinkets, and playing CAWesome games, including a scavenger hunt for shiny treasure, optional Dress Code: All Black or SHINY clothing.

AUGUST

August 3 – Dino Dance Party, 5 p.m., Jay-Niles Library 983 Main Street, Jay, free for all, you do not need to have a library card or be a Jay resident to attend, FMI call (207) 645-4062.

August 12 - Mosher Hill Falls Community Forest (Farmington), 10 a.m., 200-acre community woodland with an informal loop trail featuring a 45-foot waterfall, conifers, and wetlands, ongoing High Peaks Alliance conservation project, registration is free but required, as space is limited, <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/highpeaksalliance/event/woodswalks/>.

August 17 — Dave Sturtevant, traditional ballads, 3 p.m., United Parish, 77 Main St., Harrison, tickets \$20-\$25 available for cash or check purchase door (no credit cards), or online at Eventbrite.com, free parking and refreshments for purchase at intermission.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

TURNER: At Turner

Public Library Stay & Play is on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Story Hour is at 10:30 a.m., and Silent Book Club is from 4-6 p.m. on Thursdays.

WAYNE: 30 Mile River Snowmobile Club meetings are on the first Monday of the month, meet at the Ladd Center in Wayne at 6:00 p.m., RSVP on Facebook page each month so we can have a count for pizza, salad and dessert at each meeting, sharing the cost of the pizza.

WAYNE: Tot Time at the Ladd Center is a relaxed, informal playgroup every Monday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., parents must stay with their children, and everyone is welcome, FMI call Ladd Center Director, Adam Brooks 685-4616.

LIVERMORE FALLS: Craft Circle, Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., Treat Memorial Library, 56 Main St., Livermore Falls, bring your own project or learn along with us, craft group for all ages, FMI call 207-897-3631.

TURNER: Silent Book Auction, every Thursday from 4-6 p.m., Turner Public Library, 98 Matthews Way, Turner, (207) 225-2030.

TURNER: Story Hour, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., Turner Public Library, 98 Matthews Way, Turner, (207) 225-2030.

OQUOSSOC: Rangeley Region Skeet and Trap Association (RRS&TA) announces its 2025 shooting schedule, welcoming members and visitors to experience clay shooting sports, Wednesday: Trap and Skeet starting at 4:00 p.m., Thursday: Sporting Clays and Skeet starting at 4:00 p.m., Saturday: Five Stand and Skeet starting at 10:00 a.m., Sunday: Trap and Skeet starting at 1:00 p.m.

WAYNE: Cary Library Book Sale, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 3rd Saturday every month, Williams House, 14 Old Winthrop Road, Wayne, FMI call 685-3612 or visit our website <https://www.cary-memorial.lib.me.us>.

BETHEL: Every Wednesday, Story time at the Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street, Bethel, 10 – 11a.m.

LIVERMORE FALLS: Craft Circle, 5:30 p.m., Treat

2026 MUSIC FOR MAVIS Tuesdays at the Gazebo 98 Matthews Way, Turner



July 21..... **The Fossils**
July 28..... **Smith Collaboration**

August 4..... **The Terry Swett Band**
August 11..... **Denny Breau**
August 18..... **Bonnie and the Practical Cats**
August 25..... **Dirty McCurdy**

September 1..... **Hot Damn**
September 8..... **Pam Weeks**

Memorial Library, 56 Main St., Livermore Falls, bring your own project or learn along with us, this is a craft group for all ages, FMI call (207) 897-3631.

LIVERMORE FALLS: Ernie Steward from Spruce Mountain Adult Education visit the library to help our patrons with their technology needs, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Treat Memorial Library, 56 Main St., Livermore Falls, sign up by calling (207) 897-3631.

FARMINGTON: Nami Farmington Family Support Group, for family and friends of people living with a mental illness, 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30-8 p.m., Maine Health Franklin Hospital, 111 Franklin Health Commons, Farmington, Contact Louise (207) 592-9933 or Kathy (207) 318-1075

AUGUSTA: AL-ANON meeting, Sunday evenings, 5 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 69 Winthrop Street, Augusta, both in person and

on Zoom (for Zoom info please refer to maineafg.org)

LIVERMORE FALLS: Story Time, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., Treat Memorial Library, 56 Main St., Livermore Falls, favorite picture books, sing-a-longs, and other activities, any questions or for more information, please call the library at 897-3631.

MONMOUTH: Friends of Cumston Public Library book sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. third Saturday of the month, lower level, Cumston Hall, 796 Main St., Friends of Cumston Library on Facebook.

FARMINGTON: St. Joseph Nutrition Center, corner of Quebec and Middle Street (across from St. Joseph Church) A “Blessing Box” in front of the building. More information or to help out: (207) 778-2778.

JAY: St. Rose of Lima Food Assistance, 1 Church Street (Parish Hall) A “Bless-

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ing Box” faces the street in front of the building. More information or to help out: (207) 897-2173.

JAY: St. Rose of Lima Community Meals, 1 Church Street (Parish Hall), Community meals offered on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information or to help: (207) 897-2173.

RANGELEY: The Lakeside Contemporary Art Gallery’s spring/summer show, paintings by Ashton F. LeCraw, will run from May 29 - July 6th. All is welcome & artwork is available for purchase. LCAG is located at 2493 Maine Street, Rangeley & open Tues - Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. & during theatre showing. <https://rangeley-arts.org/event/lcag-artist-reception-ashton-lecraw/> or call 207-864-5000.

FARMINGTON: The Farmington Chess Club meets every Tuesday from 6-8 pm at the Parks and Rec Center, 127 Middle St., Farmington. All skill levels are welcome.

FARMINGTON:

Nine-ish- NA Meetings (In Person), 9:15-10:30 a.m., Franklin Memorial Hospital, 111 Franklin Health Commons, Farmington.

Food Addicts Meetings FREE - Food addicts in recovery meetings: Tues Zoom and phone, Thurs phone and Sun in person. foodaddicts.org FMI call 441-8002 or 623-1924.

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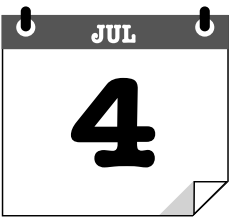
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	8		18
	15	11	29
14	29	24	

11	51	3
6	8	1
4	9	10

Solution

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1634: The city of Trois-Rivières is founded in New France.

1776: The United States Declaration of Independence is adopted by the Second Continental Congress.

1939: Lou Gehrig informs the crowd at Yankee Stadium that he is retiring from baseball due to his illness.

Animal FACT:

These animals perspire (give out sweat) through their paws to cool down when it is hot.

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.
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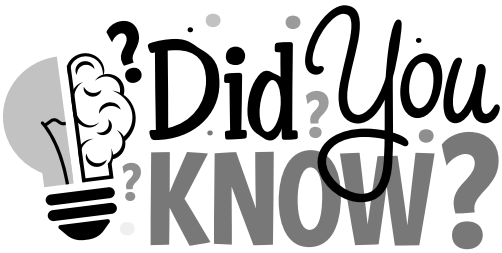
Answer: Hot and steamy

NEW WORD

HUMIDITY
the amount of water vapor in the atmosphere

How they say that in...

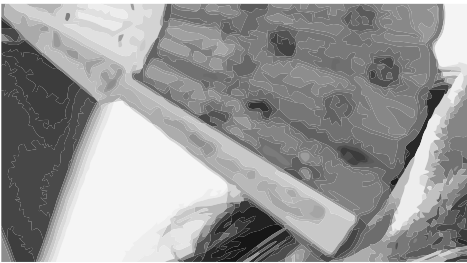
English: Hot
Spanish: Caliente
Italian: Caldo
French: Chaud
German: Heiß



The hottest time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere occurs between July 3 and August 11. This period aligns with the rising of Sirius, the "Dog Star."

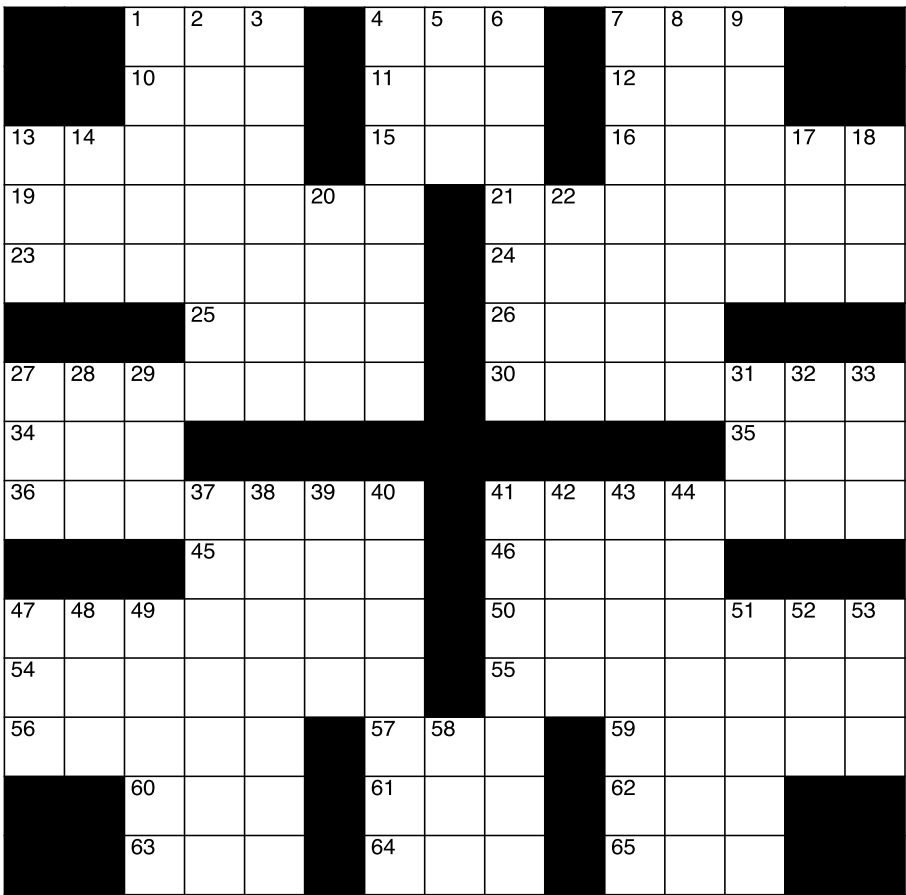


Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Paper fan



1. Tire pressure measurement
4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator
11. Adult male
12. God of battle (Scandinavian)
13. Cloths spread over a coffin
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Earl's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Affected by injury
26. Member of a Semitic people
27. Withdrew from a union
30. Woman's cloak
34. Spanish river
35. Prohibit
36. Something you can take
41. Dish soap brand
45. Ottoman military commanders
46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
47. Makes somber
50. Discuss again

55. Support
56. Informal term
for money
57. Catch doing
something wrong
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Vehicle
62. Georgia rockers
63. High resolution
microscope
64. Pitching statistic
65. Attempt

1. Indoor plant
2. Marketable
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A bag-like structure
in a plant or animal
6. Irish hip-hop trio
7. Ageless
8. Course requirements
9. Pokes at
13. TV channel
14. They —
17. Cooking material
18. Investment account
20. Iron-containing
compound
22. Swiss river
27. Small coin (French)

28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Item to be addressed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Intrinsic nature of something
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place for ships
44. One who sings holiday songs
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Scottish town
49. The most worthless parts
51. Sticky
52. Put to work
53. Precursor to the EU
58. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)



Solve the code to discover words related to the grilling.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 20 = O)

Clue: Popular grill food

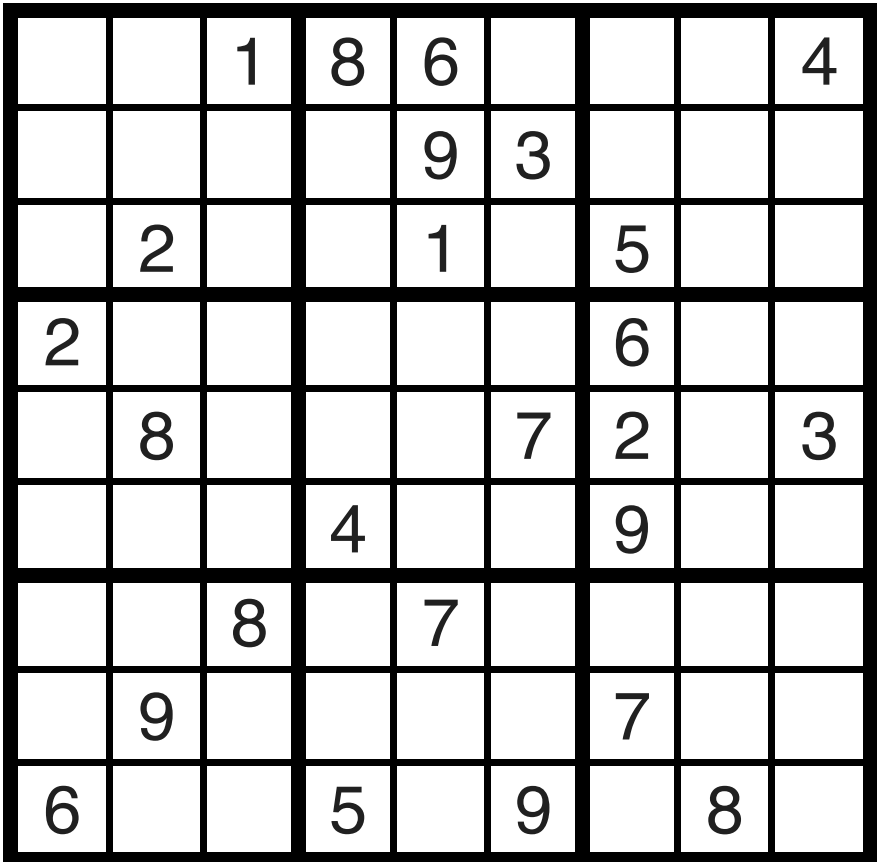
Clue: Fire

Clue: Grill fuel

Clue: Not in the house

Answers: A. burgers B. flame C. charcoal D.outdoors

SUDOKU



Level: Advanced

WORD SEARCH

[illegible]

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

BACKYARD
BARBECUE
BURGER
CHARCOAL
CHICKEN
DELICIOUS
FLAME
FLAREUP
GRATE
HEAT
MARINADE
PROPANE
SAUSAGES
SEAR
SEASONING
SIZZLE
SKEWERS
SMOKE
SPATULA
STEAK
SUMMER
TEMPERATURE
TONGS
VEGETABLES

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
How you respond to a situation matters more than how quickly you react, Aries. Interactions with others will feel more charged than expected, but will be effective.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, slow down so you can see what actually matters right now. You may feel slightly off if you move too quickly; give yourself time to respond to those seeking your help.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
You may want to say yes to something quickly, Gemini, without giving it ample time for consideration. Do not jump into things without careful reflection. It's hard to backtrack.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
What you prioritize this week will shape how stable you feel, Cancer. Focus on those things that matter to you the most and give them your full attention.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, when your messages are clear and direct, others will understand you more easily and this will keep discussions moving forward. Clarity comes from simplicity.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
This week you may feel a pull between staying comfortable and going deeper into something that has been on your mind, Virgo. When you stay grounded, your decisions will be easier.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Tell others what you need without conforming to what you think they want you to be, Libra. You may feel pulled between your needs and theirs. Stay clear about what works for you.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Set clear boundaries around your time this week, Scorpio. Your work will be consistent and controlled. This is how to find success.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, plans will move better this week when you keep them simple and flexible. Progress will build when you have a clear and manageable plan.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
It is important to be direct with others about your limits, Capricorn. Identifying what you are willing to do and what you are not can help you and others to achieve your collective goals.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
A shift in your perspective this week helps everything make more sense to you, Aquarius. You may feel tension, but take a moment to think before responding to others.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
You may be pulled to either avoid a topic or resolve it quickly, Pisces. Progress builds when you stay present and define what's actually beneficial.





MOVIE REVIEW

by Lucas Allen

DISCLOSURE DAY

When Steven Spielberg directed “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” in 1977, he gave the world something to believe: that we are not alone in the universe. Five decades later, the Oscar-winning director is now giving us a different kind of outer world experience with his new original sci-fi thriller “Disclosure Day.” His take on the alien conspiracy thriller a ’la “The X-Files” is scripted by David Koepp, who previously wrote for the filmmaker “The Lost World: Jurassic Park” and “Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.”

Margaret’s (Emily Blunt) average morning with her musician boyfriend Jackson (Wyatt Russell) took a weird turn one morning when she suddenly speaks other languages like Russian and Korean, plus gaining the knowledge of the people that she talks to by looking into their eyes. Then, during her meteorology job at a local news station, she stands in front of the camera and bizarrely begins speaking in some sort of alien language. Meanwhile, a young man named Daniel (Josh O’Connor) is on the run with his girlfriend Jane (Eve Hewson) from the mysterious Wardex after stealing a whole archive of classified information pertaining to the existence and experimentation on extra-terrestrials. The group leader, Noah (Colin Firth), is using means to locate them, including using an advanced device to create a psychic link to one of the fugitives.

Soon, both Margaret’s and Daniel’s paths converge as each of them starts to discover that they had been through a traumatic event from their childhood that brought them together. The answers they seek come from Wardex defector Hugo (Colman Domingo), who leads an underground resistance in an attempt to open the stolen archive and reveal all the secret data to the entire world. However, it is only a matter of time before Noah and the rest of Wardex catch up to them, hoping to protect such information that the whole world may not be ready for.

Each Spielberg film can be represented by a timeless theme that brings a certain emotional response to mind. If “Close Encounters” represented curiosity and “E.T.” about friendship, then this film’s theme can best be described as empathy. Being empathetic about humanity and understanding the unknown carries that feeling throughout the movie. It also understands that while we are living in cynical times, there is a time when rediscovering what was thought lost could be found again.

Right from the beginning, this movie raises some important ideas and questions regarding the political, religious, and moral implications of revealing such secrets. While there are no real answers, it still gives the viewer something to ponder about, especially with their own views on the matter. Whether or not you do agree with what the characters are doing, it makes this otherwise overlong (at 146 minutes) journey to its stunning conclusion all the more worthwhile.

There are not too many action scenes, but the few shown also shows Spielberg’s mastery of suspense and excitement once more. Much of the film becomes a big chase scene with some vehicular damage and one part involving a train. It’s those brief moments of heart-stopping fun and shock that wonderfully recalls the cliffhanger-style action of the Indiana Jones series.

Spielberg assembled a pretty good cast for this sci-fi drama, yet it’s Blunt giving probably an award-worthy performance that could also be one of the best in her career. Her emotional range and her character’s journey help to ground the film in its humanistic approach to the story. O’Connor’s performance is decent enough, though his best scenes are the ones with Blunt in the second half. Firth does a good job as the antagonist without resorting to mustache-twirling, while Domingo does a fine “wise sage” part even though his dialogue can range from ambiguous to overly explaining.

“Disclosure Day” certainly has a place among Spielberg’s finest works in his astonishing nearly six-decade career. He brings all the right ingredients, cooks them carefully, and presents a real dandy of a cinema meal. No matter which kind of Spielberg film you like best, this one will definitely be a favorite for a lot of people.

THE MOVIE’S RATING: PG-13 (for action/violence, some bloody images, and strong language)

THE CRITIC’S RATING: 3.75 Stars (Out of Four)

Public invited to tour Wilson Lake Inn Gardens with the Mt. Blue Area Garden Club

WILTON – The Mt. Blue Area Garden Club (MBAGC) invites the public to a garden tour at Wilson Lake Inn, 183 Lake Road in Wilton on Tuesday, June 16, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Located along the wooded shores of Wilson Lake, the inn features extensive gardens that have evolved over many years under successive owners. Current owner Dorothy Lehmann and her family will host the tour and share the story of how they took on the stewardship of the property’s gardens after purchasing Wilson Lake Inn in 2022.

A Garden Continues to Evolve

While many of the original gardens were established by former owner Sue Atwood, the Lehmann family has continued to expand and enhance the landscape through hands-on experience and the support of knowledgeable gardeners in the community. Their efforts have resulted in a diverse collection of ornamental trees, flowering shrubs, perennials, annuals, and lakeside plantings throughout the property.

Over the past several years, the gardens have become a distinctive feature of the inn and a familiar sight to many local residents. Seasonal displays of trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, window boxes, and hanging baskets contribute to the property’s appearance throughout the growing season.

Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the gardens alongside Dorothy and learn about the challenges and rewards of maintaining a large landscape.

“As no one in my immediate family was a gardener, myself included, it was a great challenge learning about the different plants, soils, and insect control,” said Lehmann. “Luckily,



we’ve met some great, knowledgeable people both inside and outside the garden club who have worked alongside us to educate and help. We’re all still learning because there is so much to know.”

During the tour, Lehmann will discuss lessons learned about plant selection, soil improvement, insect management, and the ongoing process of developing and caring for the gardens.

Highlights include lilacs, peonies, crabapples, Japanese maples, tulips, and numerous other ornamental plantings in an open wooded setting. This year’s display features a yellow-and-red color theme with more than 200 annuals planted throughout the property in garden beds, window boxes, and hanging baskets.

The lakeside setting offers visitors an opportunity to see how ornamental gardens can become an amenity for any



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property while creating attractive outdoor spaces for guests and events. The grounds also serve as the setting for weddings and other special occasions.

This event is free and open to the public. MBAGC invites guests to bring their gardening questions and arrive at 5:30 p.m. to mingle with fellow gardening enthusiasts and enjoy complimentary refreshments before the guided tour begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. Guests may wish to bring a folding chair for the opening portion of the program before the garden tour begins.

All community members interested in gardening, sustainability, and beautiful landscapes are encouraged to attend. For more information on this and other events, visit, www.mt-bluegardenclub.org or email mtbluegardenclub@gmail.com.



Developing healthy eating habits for children

Good nutrition and physical activity throughout life translates into good mental and emotional health and decreases the risk of illness and disease. One in four children are overweight or obese between the ages of 2 and 5, says Paula Peters, Professor of Human Nutrition, Kansas State University. Americans have slipped into many unhealthy habits and with the growing awareness of this we are in the process of correcting adult and childhood obesity. Trying to correct obesity in the US is a cultural process, cultural changes happen slow and over time.

As far as prevention there is so much we can do with children at a young age to teach them healthy habits that will last a lifetime. If you are a parent or a grandparent and or have the opportunity to mentor

a child here are some suggestions;

1. Don't use food as a reward for good behavior or performance instead try other rewards such as spending time with them, going for a walk with them, (if old enough to walk), playing one of their favorite games or reading a book together.
2. Avoid putting a child on a diet. That just sets them up for eating disorders and self-image challenges later in life. Instead offer healthy food options and increase physical activity opportunities such as helping with household chores and not allowing them to sit in front of the TV or computer for lengthy times.
3. Planting a garden with a child teaches them about fresh vegetables that they will be more eager to eat knowing they helped in grow them. It teaches them how to work and nurture. It also teaches them responsibility as they must water and weed the garden in order for it to grow.
4. Only keep healthy foods in the house. Moving away from the cookies, chips, crackers, soda and sweetened beverages is good for the entire family.
5. Bring the kids to the grocery store and give them some ownership over their food choices. Read the labels and show them good choices.
6. Be aware of what is being offered to them while they are away from home. Look into school system programs and day care treats.
7. Cook together and eat meals together as a family. Make dinner time a regular habit and make snacking in front of the TV or throughout the day a non-issue.
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8. Most importantly, mom, dad or daycare provider, you're a role model for your child and for children in general so practice what you preach when it comes to nutrition and activity. Don't hang on your phones, computers or TV's, get up and move and engage in activities with the kids. Make healthy food choices. Have regular balanced meals with a protein source and lots of veggies and salad and a smaller portion of complex carbohydrates such as rice or sweet potatoes. Desserts should be fruits and snacks should consist of veggies, or protein sources like cheeses, grill chicken, boiled eggs, nuts and seeds and fruits.

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Prevention is the plan for healthy families and a healthy future. I hope these tips have helped you and your family.

Live long, Live well.

Op-Ed: Togetherness on the Trails

The last time I was at an airport, harried and yearning for home, something struck me. In an airport, almost everyone seems vaguely hostile: we are tense, irritable, anxious to get on with our journeys. An airport is an intermediate step between where you are at that moment and wherever it is you're going. We regard each other as extras in a movie.

On the trail, though, while there are always exceptions, running into someone is a welcome thing. You exchange smiles (unless they're carrying a portable speaker and blasting music, in which case it's eye-daggers), you engage in small talk. You share, and then you move on. The kinship we feel on trails is real, maybe because there's no separate agenda like there is at an airport. You're out to be present, and being present helps us see one another as individuals, not extras.

Trails can equalize. It matters much less on the trail about who the other is, or what they believe, or where they're from—you recognize them as a fellow because you're sharing something precious together. The sights, the sounds, the smells, the last curve before the trail unveils a vista that only you and they have seen so far today. The other person you encounter might be someone you haven't seen in years, or your neighbor, or it could be the president of your bank. It almost literally does not matter; the trail has you meet together as equals on a kind of shared journey.

Trails are precious because they're one of the few public spaces left where we let our guards down almost entirely and operate from a place of welcome and openness. To me, that's a powerful benefit we overlook amongst all the other fantastic reasons to support public access and conservation. But it's important—the whole notion of community is predicated on the idea of connection on some level, and so these public places where that connection is most apparent should be preserved.

Preserving them takes hard work. Not everyone can volunteer their money, though thankfully, volunteering and service can take many forms. The High Peaks Alliance is always looking for people to help—trails need to be blazed and maintained, for example. That was how I got started with HPA, equipped with a high-powered weed whacker and some sturdy boots, helping a few other volunteers clear an overgrown trail. Even this column is an example of how to make an effort, even from far away.

It is a joy to greet others on the trail. We should remember the many who work so hard to make that possible. Think of them when you step on a carefully placed stone to forge a stream or see a trail blaze just ahead as you start to wonder if you've lost your way. And if you can, volunteer, however you are able. And when I see you on the trail, I'll be sure to stop, smile and to greet you in the spirit of fellowship.

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Local students recognized in Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

FARMINGTON – Students from two local elementary schools were recently recognized for participating in the National Garden Clubs’ annual Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, a long-running educational program that encourages children to explore wildfire prevention, conservation, and environmental stewardship through art.

The local contest effort was organized through a collaboration between Libby Kaut, past president of the Mt. Blue Area Garden Club and volunteer aide at Cape Cod Hill School, and art teacher Leah White of Cape Cod and WG Mallett elementary schools.

Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest has been sponsored nationally by National Garden Clubs, Inc. for decades in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. The program encourages students to use creativity and artistic expression to



promote environmental awareness and responsible care of forests and natural resources.

Kinsley P. of W.G. Mallett School earned first place in Maine and throughout the New England Region for second-grade entries with her Smokey Bear poster. Haley S. of Cape Cod Hill School earned first place in the state of Maine for fifth-grade entries.

A ceremony was held April 27 to recognize the many students who participated in the contest.



Award certificates were presented to each child by Karen Rea, past president and Awards Chair of the Garden Club Federation of Maine.

Two separate pro-

grams took place during the day. In the morning, second-grade students gathered to celebrate their artwork and learn more about wildfire prevention from a very



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special guest: Smokey Bear himself. Later that afternoon, fifth-grade students met outdoors with Forest Ranger Sergeant Lisa Byers of the Maine

Forest Service. She spoke about the responsibilities of forest rangers and the importance of protecting Maine’s forests and wildlands.

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How to drive safely with a trailer in tow

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Summer road trips create a sense of adventure during a popular time of year. That’s especially true for those planning driving vacations. Seasoned road trippers know to expect the unexpected when taking to the open road, and the surprises that emerge during a summer road trip make such excursions even more memorable.

Many drivers will be hitching a trailer to their vehicles when taking to the open road for summer vacation. Trailers can be used to transport bicycles, boats, jet skis, kayaks, or even extra luggage. Driving with trailers can be tricky, but drivers can keep these safety strategies in mind when driving a vehicle with a trailer hitched to the back.

- Familiarize yourself with the trailer. Consumer Reports notes that travel trailers can

sometimes weigh more and be even taller than the vehicle pulling them. That can make it challenging to drive safely with a trailer in tow. But practice makes perfect, and drivers are urged to practice driving with a trailer in tow before they depart for a road trip. A large and empty parking lot can be a great place to get a feel for driving with a trailer hitched to the back of your vehicle.

- Practice turns. Turning when driving a car or truck with a trailer hitched to the back requires a different approach. Wide turns are necessary to reduce the likelihood that the trailer tires hit the curb.
- Consider using towing mirrors. Towing mirrors are specially designed side-view mirrors that extend beyond standard side-view mirrors to offer drivers wider visibility, which can be necessary when wide

loads are attached to the back of a vehicle. Towing mirrors can make it safer to change lanes and drive in reverse when a trailer is attached to the back of a car or truck.

- Recognize trailers swing. Consumer Reports urges drivers to give constant consideration to the swing of a trailer when turning. A trailer sometimes swings in the opposite direction when turning, which can increase the chances of hitting other vehicles, signs and even pedestrians. Carparts.com notes that the longer the distance between the rear wheels to the back bumper of the trailer, the greater the tail might swing. Managing and calculating swing is one of the reasons why practicing before taking to the open road can be so helpful.
- Adjust the trailer brakes. Consumer Re-



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ports notes that many trailers have electric brakes, and these brakes can and should be adjusted depending on what’s being towed. When towing a heavy boat, the brakes should be set to use a lot of force. But brakes should be adjusted when towing lighter weight to avoid tires

locking up and skidding.

- Use the tow/haul mode if your vehicle has one. Many modern vehicles, and particularly trucks, come with a tow/haul mode option. When engaged, that system automatically adjusts the transmission when it senses a vehicle is go-

ing downhill. That takes some strain off the brakes and generally makes driving with a trailer in tow a lot safer.

These tips can make driving with a trailer in tow more comfortable. Additional tips are available at consumerreports.org and carparts.com.



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Main Street Skowhegan's Outdoors Initiative expands Summer Programming, Gear Access, and Adventure Opportunities in 2026

SKOWHEGAN — Main Street Skowhegan's Skowhegan Outdoors AmeriCorps Program is entering summer 2026 with its largest and most ambitious season yet, expanding free and low-cost outdoor programming, free gear lending and consignment through the Basecamp Gear Library, and introducing new opportunities for residents, families, youth, and visitors to get outside.

Rooted in the mission of ensuring access to the outdoors, Skowhegan Outdoors continues to build on several years of steady growth. In 2025, the program offered 370 outdoor programs, served 3,672 participants, created more than 1,800 youth experiences, and welcomed nearly 1,000 new participants. The Basecamp Gear Library also continued to grow as a community resource, with more than 200 reservations and over 750 pieces of gear circulated outside of regular program use.

Outdoor recreation has long been a driver of both community wellbeing and economic vitality in rural Maine. For Main Street Skowhegan, the Skowhegan Outdoors AmeriCorps Program is not just a programming effort—it is a strategy for community transformation. By building infrastructure for access, developing local leaders, and connecting residents to the natural assets in their own backyard, the program advances Main Street Skowhegan's broader mission of rural revitalization through the outdoor economy. With the Skowhegan River Park poised to become Maine's first whitewater park, the region is emerging as a true recreation destination.

"Skowhegan Outdoors has become one of the clearest examples of what it looks like when a community invests in its own people," said Kristina Cannon, President and CEO of Main Street Skowhegan. "When we make it easier for a kid to get on a river or a family to borrow a kayak for the weekend, we're not just offering recreation, we're improving

health outcomes, building rural resiliency, and creating the kind of community where people want to stay, grow, invest, and put down roots."

This summer, momentum continues.

"Main Street Skowhegan has grown the Skowhegan Outdoors AmeriCorps Program from a community programming effort into a year-round outdoor recreation platform," said Amber Albe, Director of Outdoor Recreation for Main Street Skowhegan. "We're not just offering activities. We're building the systems that help people feel confident getting outside, whether that means free youth programs, affordable gear access, instruction, transportation, leadership development, or simply creating a welcoming place to start."

A Full Summer of Programs for Youth, Families, and Adults

Summer 2026 programming will include a wide range of opportunities across paddling, mountain biking, hiking, outdoor skills, nature exploration, and community-based recreation. Programs are designed to meet people where they are, from first-time participants to those looking to build more advanced skills.

A major focus this summer is the expansion of the Youth Summer Learning Series, a free outdoor adventure program for youth ages 11–17. The series has grown from five weeks in 2025 to seven weeks in 2026 and will include whitewater kayaking, mountain biking, coastal paddling, fishing, camping, trail exploration, and leadership-building experiences.

Thanks to generous funding from the Morton Kelley Charitable Trust and Maine Timberlands Charitable Trust, these programs are offered at no-cost and include gear, instruction, transportation, and lunch, helping remove common barriers to participation for families.

Skowhegan Outdoors will also continue offering free community programs



throughout the summer, including beginner-friendly paddling opportunities, outdoor workshops, family-friendly activities, mountain bike clinics, river-based programs, and guided experiences designed to help participants continue building skills beyond an introductory level.

Participants reflect the full spectrum of the community — from first timers to long-time regulars, from teenagers to seniors. "I'm newish to the area," wrote one 2026 participant. "Having a group to do a new activity with was amazing." Another noted simply: "I love this program — will keep coming back for it."

Basecamp Gear Library Expands Rentals, Retail, and Consignment

Located at 65 Water Street in Joe's Flat Iron Cafe in downtown Skowhegan, the

Basecamp Gear Library continues to serve as the hub for Skowhegan Outdoors programs and public gear access.

This summer, Basecamp Gear Library will continue promoting gear access for individuals and families looking to borrow outdoor equipment for personal adventures. Available gear includes items for paddling, camping, hiking, biking, and family outings, with new items continuing to be added based on community needs. Basecamp Gear Library is free to use for residents of Somerset County with a small membership fee for residents of surrounding counties. Reservations are required and should be made in advance using the Skowhegan Outdoors website.

Main Street Skowhegan is expanding Basecamp's role as a community out-



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door hub by introducing a consignment program for outdoor gear. The consignment program will create a local option for people to sell gently used outdoor equipment while making affordable gear more available to the community.

The goal is to keep quality outdoor gear in circulation, reduce barriers for people looking to get started, and create another pathway for residents to access equipment without having to purchase new gear at full retail price.

Revenue from rentals, retail, consignment, and paid guided experiences helps support Skowhegan Outdoors' larger access-based mission, including free and low-cost programming, youth opportunities, and gear access for Somerset County residents.

How to Get Involved:

Community members can explore upcoming programs, youth and opportunities, gear rentals, and Basecamp Gear Library offerings at skowheganoutdoors.com.

Those interested in borrowing gear, learning more about consignment, or inquiring about volunteering or upcoming programs can contact Basecamp at basecamp@mainstreetskowhegan.org.

Businesses and individuals interested in sponsoring a youth scholarship, which will help ensure rural teens continue to enjoy free access to summer programming, can learn more and give at mainstreetskowhegan.org/sponsorship-opportunities. Donations of any size help sustain free and low-cost programming, gear access, and youth opportunities throughout the year and are deeply appreciated.

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A large scale version of the fabled, elusive trout, White Nose Pete.



Rangeley guide and outdoor writer Bob Romano and his wife Trish chatting with Mary at the Fly-Fishing Festival.

A Quebec brookie mounted by the late David Footer.

Those outdoorsmen and women who have been there would rarely give you an argument if you contended that Rangeley, Maine is ground zero for those whose passion is to cast a long line on the Magalloway River or the Kennebago. So, it was fitting recently that the 5th annual White Nose Pete Fly Fishing Festival took place at the historic Rangeley Inn and Tavern.

Who the heck is White Nose Pete? It is a fish, a purely fictional big trout that, as the story goes, haunts the pocket waters of the fabled Rapid River, a real hook-jawed, fat-bellied slobberknocker! Legend holds that a few trout men have hooked him long enough to see his white nose, but never long enough to get him anywhere near the net.

Sponsored by the Rangeley Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, the festival was a two-day affair with lots to see and do. And a great chance to get caught up with old friends and make some new ones. Friday night at the Inn, two

well-known and unforgettable fly-fishing characters had their names added to the Fly-Fishing Legends Honor Board. The new inductees were Rangeley guide Herb Ellis and angler and artist Dave Tibbetts. Both men follow in the long shadows cast by such local and even national angling icons as Flyrod Crosby and Carrie Stevens, not to mention Herb Welch, Don Palmer, Ed Grant, Bud Wilcox and others.

Following the induction, a live auction was held, hosted by the always witty and sardonic Bill Pierce. A pile of money was raised from the donated items. My newest trout watercolor painting titled "Rapid River Runner," which retailed for \$195.00 and sold for \$400. Also auctioned off were some marvelous prints by Dave Tibbetts and the late David Footer.

The festival kicked off Saturday morning in full force, despite a light drizzle. Many of the vendors set up their displays in the Inn while others were under tents outside.

For me, one of the

most remarkable and eye-catching displays was a number of brook trout mounts by the late David Footer. Footer's son was on hand to answer questions about the background of the impressive trout; many caught in Labrador or Quebec. Footer was a rare combination of superb taxidermist and fine artist. His trout under glass are alive like no other board mounted brookies you will ever see.

While a friend looked after my Northwoods Sporting Journal vending table, I took a break and sat in on a wonderful and informative slide presentation by guide and outdoor writer Bob Romano. Bob, an Italian from the Bronx, showed up in Rangeley to fish more than 40 years ago and never left the Western Mountains. He is as colorful as he is informed about Rangeley and its precious fishery. Romano surveyed area guides and asked them to name their favorite two flies. He also chatted about why these flies got top billing with the Rangeley fishing guides. As you might suspect, no two guides think alike when it comes to their go to flies. Angler/historian Leslie Hilyard, for example, hoves to the Green Beauty and the Jitterbug.

What's a Jitterbug? It was news to me. Sounds like a bass bug, but it is a serious trout fly, and surprisingly it was tied and created by the boss lady herself, Carrie Stevens!

What I also learned was that a highly effective wet fly is the Hare's Ear. Bob Romano swears by it. The only Hare's Ear I ever used or heard of is the Hare's Ear

nymph, which is almost as popular as a Copper John.

Isaac Walton, or some other angling forebear, observed that angling is much like mathematics in that it can never be fully learnt. And as you know, if you fish that is part of the fun of it all. The Rangeley Lakes Region White Nose Pete Fly Fishing Festival is a gathering of more than just interesting and convivial souls. It is a treasure trove of the most seasoned and experienced anglers in Maine. And they will talk to you.

In 12 months, Rangeley will do it all over again. Put it on your calendar. It is well worth the drive.

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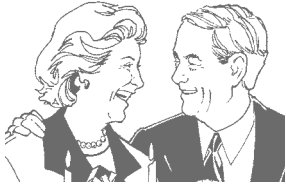
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higher doses. Vitamin D is included in most multivitamins, usually in strengths from 50 IU to 1,000 IU. Vitamin D toxicity is rare. There is a greater risk of poisoning if you have liver or kidney conditions, or if you take some diuretics. There are different forms of Vitamin D. The major forms—the ones important to humans—are vitamin D2 and vitamin D3. Vitamin D2 is synthesized by plants. We get vitamin D in our diet. Very few foods in nature contain vitamin D.

It is found in eggs, dairy products, fish, oysters and cod liver oil. Foods, such as milk, may be fortified with vitamin D2 or D3. Fortified foods provide most of the vitamin D in the American diet. Vitamin D3 is synthesized in human skin when it is exposed to sunlight. About 10 minutes of daily exposure to the sun is considered enough to prevent deficiencies. Vitamin D's primary job is to maintain normal amounts of calcium and phosphorus in your

blood. Vitamin D helps keep your bones strong. Research suggests that vitamin D may protect us not only from osteoporosis (loss of bone density) but also from high blood pressure, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, multiple sclerosis and psoriasis. Populations at a high risk for vitamin D deficiencies include the elderly, obese individuals and people with limited sun exposure. Osteomalacia—also known as adult rickets—is found in older patients deficient in vitamin D. Osteo-

malacia causes bone and muscle weakness. People older than 50 are at increased risk of developing vitamin D insufficiency. As people age, skin cannot synthesize vitamin D efficiently, and the kidneys are less able to convert vitamin D to its active hormone form. Recent studies indicate that vitamin D reduces the risk of falling, which is especially dangerous for seniors. However, to obtain the benefits of the vitamin, you must take 700 to 1000 IU a day.

These studies buttress other research that has shown that vitamin D improves strength, balance and bone health in the elderly. Each year, one third of people 65 and older, and one half of people 50 and older fall at least once. Almost one-tenth of these falls puts their victims in an emergency room. Many seniors who fall end up in nursing homes.

Rangeley Congregational Church Women's Fellowship donates \$12,000 to charity

RANGELEY - This past year, Rangeley Congregational Church Women's Fellowship participated in two summer festivals in Rangeley and our Annual Holly Fair, where handmade crafts, Rada cutlery, jams, and baked goods were sold. All proceeds from these events are donated to charity. On Friday, May 8th, the women of the Rangeley

Congregational Church and our Women's Fellowship community met to distribute \$12,000 to charity. Once again, we were fortunate to be able to distribute donations to 15 wonderful organizations, with a large percentage of these benefiting people in the Rangeley region. Following is a partial list of organizations which received funds

from our proceeds: Rangeley Meal Site, The Giving Tree, Rangeley Library, Grandmother's Purse, Rangeley Ski Scholarship program, Sargent Family Community Fund – Just One Day, Arbor House, Safe Voices of Farmington, Andwell Health Partners, Western Maine Community Action, Farmington Animal Rescue, and other national & international

charities. The Rangeley Congregational Church Women's Fellowship's participation in summer festivals and Holly Fair have generated proceeds which have benefited many organizations for over 30 years. Since 2017, the Women's Fellowship organiza-

tion has donated over \$80,000 to charity. This year marks our 31st Annual Holly Fair which will be held on November 21st at the Rangeley Congregational Church Barn from 10 am to 2 pm. Please come and find our tent at the 2026 Strawberry and Blueberry Festivals where your

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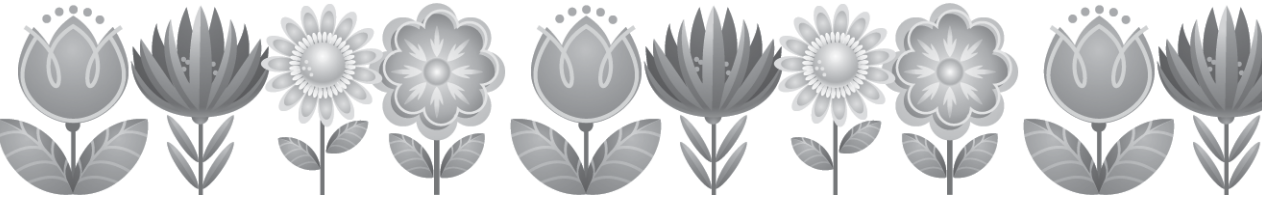
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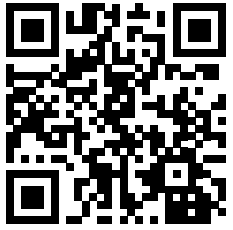
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New Dimensions Federal Credit Union raises over \$23,000 for the Maine Children’s Cancer Program

WATERVILLE – The 12th Annual Cruisin’ for a Cure Car Show, held on June 6, 2026, raised an incredible \$23,040.48 for the Maine Children’s Cancer Program (MCCP), a division of the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital in Scarborough.

Despite a few sprinkles throughout the day, the weather held with over-cast but dry conditions, creating the perfect setting for another successful event. With the support of dedicated volunteers, enthusiastic spectators, generous sponsors, and an impressive 186 registered participants, this year’s car show was one of the strongest yet.

This annual event continues to serve as a powerful reminder of what can happen when a community comes together for a meaningful cause. Rooted in the credit union philosophy of People Helping People, Cruisin’ for a Cure has become more than a car show—it has become a tradition of hope, generosity, and compassion. Funds raised from this event directly benefit the Maine Children’s Cancer Program, helping support children and fami-



On June 29, New Dimensions Federal Credit Union presented a check for \$23,040.48 to the Maine Children’s Cancer Program from proceeds raised during the 2026 Cruisin’ for a Cure Car Show. Pictured from left are Sandra Isaac, Angela Hallee, Emi Paradise of MCCP, Jon Paradise of MCCP Board of Directors, Sharon Storti, Ryan Poulin, CEO of New Dimensions FCU, Dani Farmer, Ed Thompson, and Molly Herman of MCCP.

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The official check presentation for this year’s event took place on June 29, 2026, at the

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(MCCP).

New Dimensions FCU extends heartfelt gratitude to every sponsor, volunteer, participant, and attendee who helped make this year’s event a success. Your generosity continues

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