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# Annual summer music in Bridgton



Patrick Vanmater and friend Hailey Crowley from Gorham await the monthly Music on Main Street.



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**NORWAY:** Chair Yoga at the Cancer Resource Center, Thursdays 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., chair yoga can help improve core strength and balance,

**NORWAY:** Men's Rally Group meets the third Friday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Cancer Resource

**BRIDGTON:** Women For Sobriety, 11a.m.-12 p.m.

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Find the four differences between the two pictures.

A



B



Answers: 1. Letters missing on wall 2. Drum in front 3. Recorder different color 4. Missing watch

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY



**1814:** British troops capture Washington, D.C., and set the Presidential Mansion and other buildings on fire.

**1909:** Workers start pouring concrete for the Panama Canal.

**1991:** Ukraine declares itself independent from the Soviet Union.

## People FACT:

August and September are the months when many children return here.

Answer: School

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## Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: School bus



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## A woman is sitting on a large, red, Adirondack-style chair. The chair's backrest is composed of several vertical slats, each featuring a large white letter. Together, the letters spell out 'CASCADIA DAY'. The base of the chair has a white rectangular sign with the number '2026' in blue. The woman is wearing a light blue baseball cap with an anchor logo, glasses, a white t-shirt, and blue jeans. She is holding a yellow drink in a white cup with a straw. She has a backpack on and is smiling at the camera. In the background, there are green trees, a white balloon, and other people at what appears to be a festival or event.

A group of people are sitting around a wooden picnic table outdoors. A woman in a black shirt and sunglasses is smiling at the camera. Other people are visible in the background, some wearing hats and sunglasses. There are drinks and food containers on the table.

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# Conserving fuel as prices rise

Metro

Fuel is a necessity for millions of drivers on the country’s roadways. According to a recent report from Experian Automotive, approximately 1.4 percent of the 292.3 million cars and trucks on the road in the United States in 2024 were electric. Even though the number of EVs is rising, there are still plenty of people behind the wheels of gas-powered vehicles that require routine fill-ups.

As of late March 2026, the national average gas price in the United States at the same was \$3.98 per gallon. When gas prices rise due to various factors, drivers are increasingly interested in ways to conserve fuel and stretch their dollars further. Here are some ways to mitigate rising gas prices.

- Reduce your speed. Driving at moderate speeds increases efficient consumption of fuel. Some vehicles may feature an “ECO” mode that optimizes fuel consumption by restricting engine power, among other changes, or notifies the driver when they are driving in a manner that is using fuel wisely. Driving above 50 miles per hour reduces fuel economy considerably.
- Practice smooth driving. Drivers should avoid aggressive starts (gunning it) and hard braking, which can eat into fuel efficiency. Letting off the accelerator early and coasting to red lights or stop signs helps.



Metro photo  
Drivers can use various strategies to conserve fuel when gas becomes more expensive.

- Rely on cruise control. Cruise control helps maintain a steady speed, which can save fuel on highway travel.
- Keep tires inflated. Properly inflating tires to the manufacturer’s recommended PSI can improve fuel economy by roughly 0.6 percent to 3 percent for most drivers, offers the U.S. Department of Energy. Driving on tires that are 20 percent under-inflated can reduce fuel economy by as much as 10 percent. Removing unnecessary heavy items from the vehicle also can help to reduce drag.
- Limit idling and combine trips. Turn off the vehicle when stopped for more than a few minutes. When running errands, combine short trips to keep the engine warm, which is more efficient.
- Skip the premium fuel. Unless a vehicle owner’s manual specifically recommends filling up with premium fuel, drivers will not see an increase in performance by choosing this more expensive option, offers Progressive Insurance. A person will just be paying more for premium, which is always more expensive than standard 87-octane fuel.



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# MAINE OUTDOORS

v. Paul Reynolds

## TROUTLESS IN TIMBUKTU

If you were to drive your dinged-up old Chevy pickup, or even your shiny new Ford 150, to my favorite remote trout pond near Timbuktu, Maine, it would take you about the same time as a driving trip to watch the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park.

You get the idea. It is a haul, a lot of it on dusty logging roads where heavily log laden Peterbilts may be just around the corner or over the brim of the hill.

But, if you like to catch trout on a fly, it is worth the trip. Or at least it has always been so.

Back in early June my sons and I made our annual pilgrimage to Timbuktu and “the pond” for our trout fix. There was no disappointment. The brookies were as accommodating as they have always been this time of year over the more than half a century that I have fished this Heritage Water. Only one fly was needed when the fish were feeding. A # 14 or 16 Hornberg with a yellow body filled the bill for the duration.

This year, for the first time ever, Scotty and I decided to try the pond in early July. Of course, we realized that the fishing might be slow due to warming waters. But the old timers always maintained that on this particular trout trove you could always manage a hookup all summer long, at least during the evening rise. We knew, too, that a vaunted Green Drake hatch was always an alluring possibility.

A wise man once said that “Disappointment is simply expectation meeting reality.”

It was not to be, this dream of ours about revisiting our delightful June trouting experience on the pond. Reality came upon us in a variety of ways, mostly weather related. The forecast for a “chance of showers” in Northern Aroostook County turned into a mostly drizzle with a few breaks in between for setting



Submitted photo

up our tents and camp. We got on the pond with fly rods just before dark, but no matter how much you gink up your fly, it is not easy to get a good float in a steady drizzle. Scotty tried a Maple Syrup with a sinking line, but no avail.

We turned into our camp tents fishless, but not before we found some solace in pan fried moose steaks, a few cribbage games and a couple of Old Stump blowers.

On day two, the weather looked like it might break. The sun peaked through, and with high hopes we spent the morning fishing nearby pond number two, which seemed to have cooler water. Again, we tried them all: dry flies on top, fast stripping the Black Ghost and assorted wet flies, and even down below with Maple Syrups, Golden Retrievers and Wooly Buggers. Nothing, nada.

And then, at midday, the wind began to blow. Blue sky transformed itself into low-hanging, fast-moving clouds with dark edges.

We checked the forecast on our weather radio: “Severe thunderstorms expected in Northern Maine with wind gusts to 75 mph. Possible tornadoes.”

The fishing trip is over. Time to pack up. Those skimpy, nylon Big Store tents with the pathetic toy stakes don’t do well in high winds, not to mention a tornado.

Timbuktu is a long way to go for just one night, fish or no fish. On the trip home we looked at each other with slight smiles of resignation, unspoken acknowledgement that fishing can be like that, and at least we tried.

Fishing writer and armchair philosopher Arthur Macdougall, Jr. hits the proverbial nail on the head when he opines that “If we knew all there is to know about fishing for trout, would we not give it up for something more interesting?”

Golf is fun, but I would still rather fish for trout if given a choice. That special pond near Timbuktu is not going anywhere, and one fishless July day there does not dampen our passion. It only makes us count the days and months until next June when the hatch is on, and the trout are active once again.

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**Congratulations to this year’s winners:**  
1st Place: #1949 – Hannah Byrne (\$500 prize)  
2nd Place: #0539 – Jeremiah Schrader (\$250 prize)  
3rd Place: #2354 – Jeff Tuly (\$100 prize)

President Rick Whelshel, who came on board as President just days before the big event, shared his gratitude during the awards presentation:

“We were blessed with a beautiful day, hot but sunny, which made things easier for both the ducks and the Rotarians in the water and on land. We were exhausted by the end of the Race but were happy campers. Thank you to everyone who played with us—whether you bought tickets, joined us at the Third Annual Pasta Dinner, cheered us on, and/or volunteered. Your support helps us carry out meaningful projects in our community and beyond.”

Proceeds from the Duck Race and Pasta Dinner support local scholarships, early childhood literacy, veterans’ initiatives, food pantries, and more.



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Rotary Club President Rick Whelshel congratulates 1st place Duck Race winner Hannah Byrne, #1949.

The Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:30 AM at Bridgton Alliance Church Fellowship Hall, 368 Harrison Rd. To learn more, visit [www.lakeregionrotary.com](http://www.lakeregionrotary.com) or follow the Club on Facebook.

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