

PRESUMPCOT POST

Maine's largest direct mail community publication company serving over 200,000 homes and "It's All Good News"!

A Product of
Turner Publishing
INCORPORATED
A Maine Owned Company

2 PAPERS IN 1!
PRESUMPCOT POST

Is now included
in the Moose Prints!

Direct Mailed to Windham, S. Windham & Gorham

October 2026 • Vol. 7 - Issue 9 www.turnerpublishing.net/news

Turner Publishing, Inc., PO Box 214, Turner, ME 04282 • 207-225-2076 • Fax: 207-225-5333 • E-Mail: articles@turnerpublishing.net • Web: www.turnerpublishing.net

Cumberland Fair



Bill Van Tassel photos
Clara Lewis, of Bucksport, grooms her month-old Belted Galloway, Enzo, at the Cumberland Fairgrounds. She and Enzo won a 1st Place ribbon in the Youth Show class. Her sister, Eliza also took a win with her two-year old calf, Lightening.



Sulky racing is a big favorite event at the Cumberland Fair. Photo is from the first lap of an October 1 race just as the split to the finish began, and the many betting spectators in the grandstand began yelling for their favorite.



Angie Garnet of from Canada is driving this pair of Belgian Draft Horses in the Cumberland Fair Pulling Arena. This pair of "Red" and "Sunny" are working in the 5000lb. Division held on October 1.



More fair photos
on page 2

**SEBAGO
LAKES
REGION**
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Single Item Pick-Ups
Apartment, Basements & Attics
Boat, Camper & Mobile Home
Garage & Shed Tear-Downs
Oil Tank & Boiler Removal
Hot Tub Removal - Hoarders

**DUMP
Guy**

207-450-5858
www.theDumpGuy.com

JUNK REMOVAL
Commercial & Residential

\$50 OFF JUNK REMOVAL

With this ad. Expires 10/31/26

**BRING YOUR
VISION**

SET UP AN APPOINTMENT
WITH ONE OF OUR
PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED
DESIGNERS AND WE WILL BE
HAPPY TO HELP YOU CREATE
THE SPACE YOU'VE
DREAMED ABOUT!

Kitchen,
Bath & Flooring
Center

Inspiring Ideas
Knowledgeable Advice

A Division of
**Hammond
Lumber Company**

WWW.HAMMONDLUMBER.COM

MOVIE REVIEW

by Lucas Allen

THE END OF OAK STREET

(Warner Bros. Pictures/Bad Robot)

Back in 2011, producer/director J.J. Abrams delivered a classic Spielbergian film for the 21st century with his excellent “Super 8.” This time, he helps writer/director David Robert Mitchell (“It Follows”) bring to life a different kind of 80’s nostalgia adventure with a sci-fi twist with “The End of Oak Street.” Think of this as like the show “Stranger Things” combined with the Sid & Marty Kroft-created “Land of the Lost,” and blend them together with the thrills of “Jurassic Park.”

Although their lives are idyllic in their Oak Street neighborhood in the summer of 1982, the Platt family are secretly harboring an internal crisis. Mom Denise (Anne Hathaway) is feeling unsatisfied in her marriage trying to complete her first novel, while Dad Greg (Ewan McGregor) struggles to keep things afloat working part-time as a pizza deliveryman. Worse, their fighting is having an effect on their two children, teenager Audrey (Maisy Stella) and younger Brian (Christian Convery) with the latter starting to lash out. One night, a mysterious white light from the sky causes a massive power outage all over the neighborhood. It wasn’t until the next morning that the family discovered something more like unusual plants growing in the yard, hot water bursting from the ground, and creatures roaming everywhere.

It’s then they realized that the white light is actually a portal that transferred their entire block back around two hundred million years to a time where dinosaurs populated the world. Witnessing their neighbors getting eaten and

with no chance of escape, their fear quickly escalates their strained relationship as a family. Things take a turn when Brian snuck out of the house in the middle of the night searching for their dog Starbuck leading to a bigger fight for survival.

Anyone who loves Spielberg’s movies or 80’s nostalgia in general will certainly have a blast with this one. Sure, they could’ve catered to a wider audience by adding a pet dinosaur like last year’s “Jurassic World: Rebirth” or having a caveman companion like in “Land of the Lost,” but Mitchell and Abrams are no fools. They understood that this is a kind of movie where an adventure in someone’s neighborhood can be a fun and dangerous one to experience. With the addition of prehistoric creatures, it becomes a terrifying and thrilling ride that’ll have everyone in the theater screaming their heads off. It can be joyous one scene and then dark the next, but the tonal shift is nicely balanced throughout.

By having the story focused squarely on the family front and center, it’s also a realistic portrait of a family falling apart in the midst of their sudden new surroundings. The buildup and tension between those two worlds become much rawer and more palpable that it amplifies the drama without veering towards melodrama. Granted, the writing isn’t 100% sharp when it sometimes shows some unnecessary dinosaur gags and a minor subplot with Brian, and a neighboring bully doesn’t feel resolved. However, these are just small potatoes in an otherwise fun experience.

In the end, most people will watch this film for the dino-

saur alone and this one does not disappoint. Not that they look scary at times, but they seem to be more scientifically accurate than the Jurassic Park films, including having some of them resemble their early bird-like appearance. It may be odd for some, but they do retain their vicious demeanor, which is all that matters.

Each of the main actors did the heavy lifting well, making this a surprisingly well-acted blockbuster. Hathaway continues her year in 2026 with another stunning portrayal like her role in “The Odyssey” with more action beats. McGregor also handles action and drama wonderfully with a nice dose of humor that fits his character. The real star of this film, surprisingly enough, is Michael Giacchino’s score evoking that John Williams feel, with its whimsy and dark aesthetic, perfectly in tune with its nostalgic roots.

“The End of Oak Street” makes for a nice cap to this summer movie season that sees superheroes, ancient warriors, talking toys, and now, dinosaurs taking over the box office. In this highly cynical age, movies like this remind us that the magic of cinema is still here and it is not going anywhere.

THE MOVIE’S RATING: PG-13 (for some strong violent content, bloody images, some strong language, and suggestive material)

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



Bill Van Tassel photos

Ted Nixon celebrates his 98th Birthday in Waterford



Submitted photo

WATERFORD - Ted Colburn, at top, and Ted Gerber on the right offer Ted Nixon a three-way handshake in celebration of his 98th birthday. Ted Colburn and Ted Gerber are Waterford residents. Ted Nixon, formerly of Waterford and Fryeburg, now resides at the Market Square Health Care Center in South Paris. After a celebratory service at the Waterford Congregational Church, parishioners and townspeople gathered at the Wilkins House Community Center for coffee and cake and a chance to chat with Ted Nixon and wish him well.

Scam Alert Bulletin Board



Lock Down Your Data: Cybersecurity Awareness Month

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a good reminder that we can make it harder for criminals to steal our personal information or take over our accounts. Scam messages often include a link or an attachment that perpetrators use to introduce malware onto your device or send you

to a site that will seek to collect login or payment information. Protect all online accounts with strong, unique passwords (strongly consider using a password manager) and turn on multifactor authentication when available. Also, keep your device software updated – the updates often include important security fixes. Learn how to spot and avoid scams with AARP Fraud Watch Network™. Suspect a scam? Call our free helpline at 877-908-3360 and talk to one of our fraud specialists about what to do next. Need a scam prevention speaker for your group? Click the link to fill out our online form or send an email to me@aarp.org.

2026 Dempsey Challenge

by Bill Van Tassel

LEWISTON - Lewiston, Auburn, and surrounding areas experienced the eighteenth holding of the Dempsey Challenge on September 19. Since its inception in 2008 the popular event has been held in Lewiston's Payne/Simard Park, formerly Railroad Park that borders the Androscoggin River. The annual Fall event was the brainchild of local television and movie star Patrick Dempsey. Dempsey spent his early years in Lewiston, Turner, and Buckfield, attending schools in Turner, Buckfield and Saint Domi-

nic in Auburn.

He started the Challenge as a fundraiser for the Dempsey Center for Cancer Care and Support after his mother's cancer was diagnosed. With additional offices in Portland and Westbrook, the main site is at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. The Center offers a variety of support and strategies for cancer patients and their families.

The early Dempsey Challenge happenings featured several biking events from 25 to 100 miles for touring bike enthusiasts. Partici-



Bill Van Tassel photos

Patrick Dempsey (far right) leads the Survivors/Honor Walk around Payne/Simard Park in Lewiston on September 15 Dempsey Challenge fund raiser.



Turner Publishing reporter Bill Van Tassel (Left) and his former sixth-grade student (1976) Patrick Dempsey meet again at the September 15 Dempsey Challenge in Lewiston.

pants could enter the challenge by getting financial sponsorship, either individually or with a team. The starting and finishing point was in Simard/Payne Park, where other activities were available for the curious spectators. Running, walking and children's events were also held for non-biking fundraisers.

Patrick himself participated in the biking events doing the 50-miler in the first Challenge, finishing the distance along with a few of his professional

biker acquaintances. He always made himself available to the people gathered in Payne/Simard Park for conversation and photographs. Dempsey annually led an Honor/Survivor Walk around the perimeter of the park as well as giving his opening and closing comments to everyone in attendance.

There have been some minor changes to the overall event. It has been condensed into a one-day occurrence, with a special awards ceremony and dinner the

evening before to thank the major fundraisers. The biking distances are now 64, 50 and 25 miles, along with 5-K and 10-K running events. The Challenge remains a large crowd draw for both the fundraising participants as well as the curious visitors.

This year's Dempsey Challenge nearly met its \$2 million goal. Since 2008 the Challenge has raised over \$20 million. This money is used for services such as counseling, support groups, nutrition and finance class-

es, and wellness programs. The overall event also involves the work of many willing volunteers.

Reporter's Note: I took part in the first Dempsey Challenge 50-mile bike ride, in addition to covering the event as a reporter. I did so for two reasons. One: I had lost my young wife to cancer in 2006 and trained for the ride in her honor. Two: I got to know Patrick well, as he was a sixth-grade student of mine at Turner Elementary School in 1975-76.

STUDENT NEWS

Emmanuel College announces Spring 2026 Dean's List

Boston, MA – In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 850 students to the Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Claudia Peterson of Gorham, Haley Atherton of Windham, Maeve Donnelly of Gorham, Bella Bragdon of Windham and Addison Profenno of Windham.

SNHU announces Summer 2026 President's List

Manchester, NH – It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2026 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Eric Sawyer of Windham, Lisa Gamage of Windham, Maddie Clough of Gorham, Shaun Patten of Gorham, Olivia Falagario of Gorham, Grace Forant of Windham, Melinda Vaughan of Windham and Miranda Gleason of Windham.

Darasz of Gorham named to the Regis College Spring 2026 Dean's List

Weston, MA – Regis College today recognizes Michael Darasz, Class of 2026, of Gorham, whose academic excellence and commitment to learning have earned them a place on the spring 2026 Dean's List.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher. First-year students qualify with a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

University of Rhode Island celebrates more than 4,000 new graduates during 2026 Commencement

Kingston, RI – The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,000 of its newest alumni during the University's 2026 Commencement. Approximately 3,800 undergraduate degrees and 900 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during the ceremonies which took place May 15-17, 2026.

Among the graduates were:

Abigail Houpp, of Gorham, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics.

Riley Parker, of Windham, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Alyvia Caruso, of Gorham, graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Textile Fash Merch & Design.

The smallest details make the biggest difference.

The day we start making compromises is the day we stop building boats.

We craft with intention and tradition at every curve and cabinet - using skills sought the world over - and found right here in the Lakes Region.

Join our team of the best boatbuilders in the world, apply today!

NOW HIRING-ALL POSITIONS

 **4-Day Work Week** with Optional Overtime on Fridays

 **100% Company-Paid** Healthcare Plan

 **Year-Round Employment** Conveniently located in Raymond

APPLY NOW
SABREYACHTS.COM/CAREERS


Hire for Attitude, Train for Skill

Susan Collins. Independent Leadership, Delivering for Maine

PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

- ✓ **Social Security Fairness Act.** Susan authored the law that provides full Social Security benefits to more than 25,000 retired Maine teachers, law enforcement, and firefighters.
- ✓ **Protecting Medicaid and Investing in Rural Health Care.** Susan secured more than \$190 million this year alone to maintain & improve access to quality healthcare and she was named a “Medicaid Champion.”
- ✓ **Paycheck Protection Program.** During the pandemic, Susan wrote the law that saved more than 250,000 Maine jobs and small businesses.

Susan Collins’ experience and leadership are making a difference for Maine.

SUSAN ★ COLLINS
our senator

SUSANCOLLINS.COM

PAID FOR BY COLLINS FOR SENATOR. PO BOX 1096, BANGOR, ME 04402.



CASH PAID

FOR JEWELRY - GOOD or SCRAP
Gold, Silver, Platinum, Plated Silver
All Coins & Currency

M.A Storck Co., Inc.
32 Main St., Suite 21, Freeport, ME
774-7271
www.mastorckco.com



Established
1950



WE MOVED TO
A NEW LOCATION!

DIRFY
Generators

POWER
WHEN YOU NEED IT.
Quality Generators. Professional Installation. Fair Prices.

KOHLER	10 KW	\$9,000	basic installation
	26 KW	\$13,800	basic installation
GENERAC	10 KW	\$8,600	basic installation
	26 KW	\$12,300	basic installation
BRIDGES & STRATTON	13 KW	\$9,850	basic installation
	26 KW	\$14,200	basic installation (10 Yr parts, labor, & travel warranty)
CHAMPION	8.5 KW	\$8,150	basic installation



dirfygenerators@yahoo.com | Call Today: (207) 637-3346



JOIN TODAY. GROW THROUGH 2027.

Connect. Collaborate. Thrive.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVE:

- ✓ **FREE** remainder of 2026
- ✓ Membership through December 2027
- ✓ New Member Spotlight
- ✓ Social Media Welcome Post
- ✓ Chamber Newsletter Feature
- ✓ Ribbon Cutting (where applicable)

Join the Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce and connect with **over 200 businesses**, community leaders, and regional partners working together to strengthen our economy.



**SEBAGO LAKES REGION
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
Your Region. Your Chamber.

JOIN NOW & START BENEFITING IMMEDIATELY!

 www.sebagolakeschamber.com
 (207) 892-8265

**FREE
REMAINDER OF
2026**



*Stronger Together.
Better for Business.*

APPLIANCE WAREHOUSE

Guaranteed Lowest Prices and Expert Advice!

207-761-0000

**EXPERT ADVICE, LOWEST PRICES
AND LOCALLY OWNED SINCE 1974**

KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EXPERIENCED SALES TEAM
QUALIFIED AND DEDICATED DELIVERY TEAM

    

WWW.MAINEAPPLIANCEWAREHOUSE.COM
**411 WESTERN AVE,
SOUTH PORTLAND, ME**

