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JULY 18-25, 2026

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## LETTER FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This summer, mid-Maine is making a splash - quite literally. The Kennebec River Ramble, presented by Main Street Skowhegan and the Mid-Maine Chamber, invites the community to paddle from Waterville to Sidney on Sunday, June 28, celebrating one of our region's greatest natural assets: the Kennebec River. Events like the Ramble remind us that outdoor recreation is not just something we "have" here - it is part of who we are. The newly launched Kennebec River District platform builds on that spirit, helping market our region by highlighting the scenery, communities, businesses, and experiences that make greater Waterville and the Kennebec Valley such a special place to visit, live, work, and occasionally lose a flip-flop near a boat launch.

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Tourism and outdoor recreation are serious business - even when the business involves paddles, tackle boxes, and sunscreen. According to the Maine Office of Tourism, Kennebec Valley welcomed **813,700 visitors** in 2024, generating nearly **4 million visitor days**, **\$528.2 million in direct visitor spending**, and **\$779.5 million in total economic impact**. That spending supports restaurants, lodging, retailers, guides, attractions, fuel stations, and many other local businesses that help keep our communities strong. Waterville's comprehensive planning work also recognizes tourism as a growing opportunity, especially when visitors are connected to our historic, cultural, downtown, educational, and outdoor assets. In other words, when someone comes here to paddle, fish, hike, eat, shop, or attend an event, the ripple effect goes well beyond the riverbank.

That is why the Mid-Maine Chamber remains active in the tourism arena through the Kennebec Valley Tourism Council, the Kennebec River District, regional marketing efforts, and partnerships with the Maine Office of Tourism and the Maine Tourism Association. We are working to bring new business to our members while keeping residents' quality of life at the center of the conversation. The Mid-Maine Fish-Off is a perfect example: a weeklong tournament that leverages our lakes, rivers, ponds, and fishing heritage to attract visitors, engage residents, and support local businesses. Mid-Maine is not just a place to pass through; it is a place to cast a line, raise a family, build a business, and enjoy the good life.

### Mike Guarino

Community Engagement Specialist  
Mid-Maine Chamber



## MMCC MTG CALENDAR

Jun. 5	KV Connect Steering	8:00-9:00 AM
Jun. 10	Super Raffle Committee	10:00-11:00 AM
Jun. 10	Workforce Practitioners	3:00-4:00 PM
Jun. 12	Marketing/Membership	8:00-9:00 AM
Jun. 16	Board of Directors	7:45-9:15 AM
Jun. 16	B2B Showcase Wrap-Up	9:15-10:15 AM

### Did you know...

Dirigo Fire can help you match the right fire extinguisher to your home, RV, kitchen, or business?

The Finery Formal Wear has you covered for summer celebrations with more than dresses - they also offer a variety of suits and tuxedos?

Pine Tree Society is celebrating 90 years as an organization and 80 years with Pine Tree Camp?

Mainebiz's annual *Work for ME* publication distributes 10,000 copies each year, reaching job seekers, career councilors and students?

Sunrise Bagel now operates 4 locations: Augusta, Gardiner, Oakland, and Waterville?

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## PEOPLE NEWS

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**Kennebec Savings Bank** is pleased to announce the promotion of Ian McCarthy to Regional Vice President & Director of Commercial Banking.

**Town of Oakland** recognized Susan Giguere with the Commitment to Excellence Award and Messalonskee High School senior Adriana Pettengill earned a full-ride scholarship to Saint Joseph's College (SJM) for putting compassion into action through SJM's TikTok Challenge.

**Dominion Law, LLC, PA** is pleased to welcome Jon Provisor, Esq. to the firm. Attorney Provisor will focus his practice on estate planning, estate administration, and small business matters.

Cheryl W. Flewelling, financial advisor with **Raymond James**, has recently completed The Exit Planning Institute's Certified Exit Planning Advisor (CEPA) MBA-style program. The CEPA program is the most widely accepted and endorsed professional exit planning program in the world, and is designed for business advisors who work closely with owners of privately held companies to align their business, personal, and financial goals as they prepare their company for transition.

**Skowhegan Savings Bank** is pleased to announce the promotion of 3 mortgage lending team members to VP roles. Jessica Everett and Shelly Lowell have been promoted to VP, Community Bankers and Nanook Tuefferd has been promoted to VP, Mortgage Operations Manager.

Congratulations to Nicole Chaplin, CFS, director of early childhood programs, for 20 years at **KVCAP!**

**Kennebec Savings Bank** President & CEO Andrew Silsby announced the promotion of Michelle Labonte to Senior VP & Chief Loan Officer.

Congratulations to Kelly Grotton, who is retiring from the **Town of China** after 30 yrs of dedicated service!

Congratulations to Roberta Tibbetts, associate professor at **Thomas College**, on her retirement. Prof. Tibbetts spent more than 5 decades shaping the lives of students both inside and outside her classroom.

Three months after becoming interim leader of **Maine Children's Home**, Daniel Booth has been named executive director. Congrats!

# MEMBER NEWS

ME ranks #17 in the U.S. for hospital patient safety in a LeapFrog report evaluating how well facilities protect patients from medical errors, accidents, injuries, and infections. **MaineGeneral Medical Center** earned a B grade. **MaineGeneral** achieved its recertification as a "Gold Cribs for Kids National Safe Sleep Hospital."

**Kennebec Messalonskee Trails** will be focused on adding signage to the new Pine Ridge Trails in Waterville this summer.

Associated General Contractors of ME kicked off a construction academy immersion program at **Kennebec Valley Community College**. The program is 1 of 5 running this yr as part of a recent partnership with the Community College System and the Harold Alfond Center for the Advancement of ME's Workforce. It's a 4-wk, hands-on program to prepare ME residents for careers in the construction trades.

**CMP** has announced the return of its Union Trade Internship Program for 2026, which will provide more ME HS students with hands-on training alongside Frontline electric union employees.

**Allen Insurance and Financial** was named ME's "2025 Diamond Achieve" by Patriot Insurance Co.

**Thomas College** has added a new degree in athletic coaching, the 1<sup>st</sup> program of its kind.

**United Way of Kennebec Valley (UWKV)** proudly announced Katie and Chris Doherty as co-chairs of its 2026 annual campaign, which will officially launch in September under the theme "United is the Way." This year's campaign will highlight youth opportunity—one of UWKV's three key impact areas—by elevating programs that help young people succeed.

**Natanis Golf Course** in Vassalboro has expanded its wellness offerings with the launch of The Studio at Natanis, now offering yoga, barre, and Pilates classes. FMI: contact Tabitha Browne at Natanis.

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**Events are held on Wednesdays, from 5:30 - 7 p.m.**

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|----------------------|--|
| <b>January 21:</b>   | <b>MaineGeneral Medical Center-Thayer Center for Health</b><br>149 North Street, Waterville                            |
| <b>February 25:</b>  | <b>Small Tech Business BAH - Held at</b><br>Kennebec Valley Comm. College, Western Ave., Fairfield                     |
| <b>March 25:</b>     | <b>Snow Pond Center for the Arts – Co-Hosted with KV Chamber</b><br>8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney                           |
| <b>April 15:</b>     | <b>Summit Natural Gas of Maine</b><br>48 Verti Drive, Winslow  |
| <b>May 13:</b>       | <b>Skowhegan Savings Bank</b><br>92 Main Street, Fairfield   |
| <b>June 17:</b>      | <b>Dirigo Wealth Management</b><br>62 Silver Street, Waterville (Redington Museum)                                     |
| <b>July 15:</b>      | <b>Quirion, Inc.</b><br>712 West River Road, Augusta   |
| <b>August 12:</b>    | <b>Prime Financial Inc. / Children’s Discovery Museum</b><br>7 Eustis Parkway, Waterville                              |
| <b>September 16:</b> | <b>Golden Pond Wealth Management / Waterville Opera House</b><br>Paul J. Schupf Art Center, 93 Main Street, Waterville |
| <b>October 14:</b>   | <b>Temple Academy</b><br>60 West River Road, Waterville  |
| <b>November:</b>     | <b>No Event</b>  |
| <b>December 16:</b>  | <b>Mount Merici Academy</b><br>18 Mount Merici Avenue, Waterville  |



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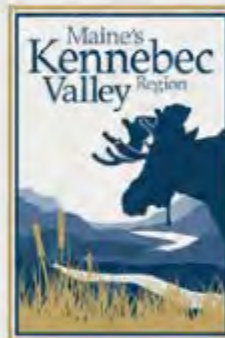
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FROM WATERVILLE TO SIDNEY

### SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

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MAIN STREET SKOWHEGAN & MID-MAINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENT




## KENNEBEC RAMBLE RIVER



A COMMUNITY PADDLE FROM WATERVILLE TO SIDNEY!  
SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2026 | 10:00AM LAUNCH



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- Jun. 5** **Pride First Friday & Pride Makers Market, 5-7 PM**  
Paul J. Schupf Art Center, 93 Main St., Waterville
- Jun. 6:** **New Dimensions' Cruisin' For A Cure Car Show, 8 AM-2 PM**  
Waterville Regional Airport, 2 LaFleur Rd., Waterville
- Jun. 6:** **Paddle for Pine Tree Camp-Kennebec River, 9:30 AM**  
Evergreens Campground, US-201, Solon
- Jun. 6:** **Concert: Dirty Deeds-The AC/DC Experience, 8 PM**  
Waterville Opera House, 1 Common St., Waterville
- Jun. 8:** **MMCC Chamber Golf Classic, 8:00 AM**  
Waterville Country Club, 39 Country Club Rd., Waterville
- Jun. 11:** **MMCC Leadership Luncheon-David Greene, 11:30 AM-1 PM**  
Amici's Cucina, 137 Main St., Waterville
- Jun. 11:** **Maine State Civics Bee Competition, 4 PM**  
Colby Gordon Center, 4000 Mayflower Hill Dr., Waterville
- Jun. 11:** **So Good! The Neil Diamond Experience w/R. Neary, 8 PM**  
Waterville Opera House, 1 Common St., Waterville
- Jun. 13:** **Concert: Jo Dee Messina, 6:30 PM**  
Bowl in the Pines, 1 Geranium Lane, Sidney
- Jun. 13:** **Concert: A Very Special Evening w/Karla Bonoff, 8 PM**  
Waterville Opera House, 1 Common St., Waterville
- Jun. 17:** **MMCC Business After Hours: Dirigo Wealth Mgmt, 5-7 PM**  
Redington Museum, 62 Silver St., Waterville
- Jun. 18:** **Kennebec Behavioral Health Annual Meeting, 5:30-7:30 PM**  
Senator Inn, 284 Western Ave., Augusta
- Jun. 20:** **National Theatre Live: Playboy of Western World, 12 PM**  
Paul J. Schupf Art Center, 93 Main St., Waterville
- Jun. 19-: 21** **Steampunk: Close Encounters of the 3rd Time, times vary**  
Castonguay Square & Greene Block Studios +, Waterville
- Jun. 23:** **KV Connect/Cynergy: Cocktails & Connect, 5-7 PM**  
Cushnoc Cantina, 150 Main St., Waterville
- Jun. 25:** **MMCC Ribbon Cutting: BWS Auto Sales, 3 PM**  
BWS Auto Sales, 23 Main St., Fairfield
- Jun. 26:** **MMCC Ribbon Cutting: West & Bloom, 4 PM**  
52 Main St., Oakland
- Jun. 26:** **KVCAP 12th Annual Tee-Off for Transportation, 9 AM**  
Lakewood Golf Course, 803 Lakewood Rd., Madison
- Jun. 27:** **Concert: The Wooten Brothers, 8 PM**  
Waterville Opera House, 1 Common St., Waterville
- Jun. 27:** **AYCC Adult Prom: Masks for our Mission, 5-9 PM**  
AYCC, 126 North St., Waterville
- Jun. 28:** **Kennebec River Ramble, 10 AM**  
Waterville Boat Launch, 20 Water St., Waterville
- Jun. 28:** **Concert: Little River Band, 7:30 PM**  
Waterville Opera House, 1 Common St., Waterville

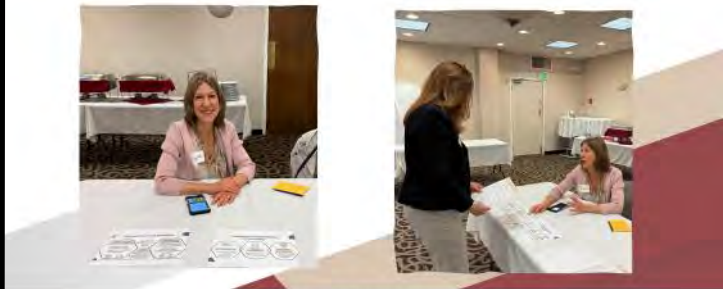
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## PFML and HR Changes David Ciullo and Peter Lowe



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## Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings

June 4 - 4:00 p.m.  
**Waterville Municipal Pool - Solar Pool House**  
132 North Street, Waterville

June 25 - 3:00 p.m.  
**BWS Auto Sales**  
23 Main Street, Fairfield

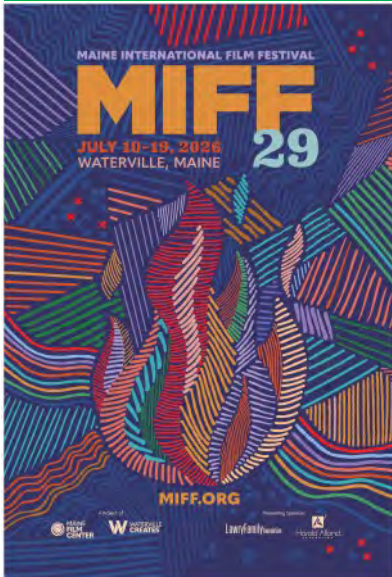
June 26 - 4:00 p.m.  
**West & Bloom**  
52 Main Street, Oakland



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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Maine Film Center



The 29th annual Maine International Film Festival will take place this July 10-19, 2026, at the Maine Film Center and Waterville Opera House, with events extending throughout downtown Waterville. This year, MIFF will host more films than ever: over 100 films representing nearly 50 countries, 20 of which were made in Maine. Thousands of filmgoers, filmmakers, and vacationers will come together to experience northern New England's largest celebration of film and enliven the central Maine region. Receptions, educational workshops, and other opportunities that bring together artists and audiences are in store.

MIFF will honor three legendary filmmakers this summer: Christine Vachon, Academy Award-nominated independent film producer (*Past Lives*, *I'm Not There*, *Far From Heaven*, *Boys Don't Cry*, and the brand-new *Late Fame*); lifetime achievement honoree Alan Rudolph, director and screenwriter (*Trouble in Mind*); and producer Mike Kaplan (*The Whales of August*), who will also receive a lifetime achievement award.

The full MIFF program will be announced in early June, and passes can be purchased in advance at [MIFF.org](http://MIFF.org). Pass holders are eligible for one week of priority reservation access to the screenings of their choice, with general admission tickets going on-sale in mid-June. As a project of the Maine Film Center and Waterville Creates, access to MIFF is supported by the Youth Arts Access Fund (YAAF), which provides youth aged 18 and under with free or pay-what-you-can access to all public, ticketed events.




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