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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, I am excited to remind you of the upcoming Shop Small Saturday, a special day dedicated to supporting local businesses in our community. This event will take place on November 30, and I invite you to join us in promoting our vibrant local economy.

Shop Small Saturday encourages consumers to shop at area businesses, celebrating the unique offerings that make our community special. As a valued member of the Chamber, your participation is crucial to the success of this initiative. We encourage you to take part by hosting special promotions, events, or activities that highlight your business and attract customers. Sponsorships and live remotes are available.

In addition to your involvement, I ask for your support in spreading the word about Shop Small Saturday. Together, we can raise awareness and inspire residents to prioritize shopping locally during the holiday season and beyond. Please share its social media posts.

MMCC gift certificates are also available for purchase at the Chamber or online at midmainechamber.com/member-center/chamber-gift-certificates. They make for a perfect gift option this season!

We look forward to your active participation and are excited to see the positive impact we can make together. Should you have any questions or need assistance with planning your activities for this day, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Contact Cindy at 207.873.3315 to include your

business in the coupon book. There is no cost for our members; it's an excellent opportunity for free publicity. Thank you for your continued commitment to our communities.



Martha Wentworth
Allen Insurance and Financial
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MMCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 1-Public Policy|50 Elm St., Waterville|8-9 :30 AM
- Nov. 5-KV Connect Steering Comm. |50 Elm St., Waterville|8-9 AM
- Nov. 6-Executive Committe|50 Elm St., Waterville|12-1:30 PM
- Nov. 13-Chamber Membership Refresher + New Member Orientation
50 Elm St., Waterville|4-5:30 PM
- Nov. 14-BBS | Best Western Plus |375 Main St., Waterville|8-9 AM
- Nov. 15-Marketing & Membership|50 Elm St., Waterville|8-9 AM
- Nov. 19-Board of Directors|50 Elm St., Waterville|7:45-9:15 AM
- Nov. 22+23-, 29+30-Festival of Trees| Elks Banquet Center, 76 Industrial Rd., Waterville | **10 AM-7 PM**
- Nov. 24++ Dec. 1-Festival of Trees| Elks Banquet Center, 76 Industrial Rd., Waterville | **10 AM-5PM**
- Nov. 30-Shop Small Saturday, mid-Maine region

10 - 7 pm
Thursday, November 7
Downtown Waterville

The Better Maine Conference: *Creating Equitable Workspaces* is Dirigo Labs' third annual diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) conference. In partnership with the Skowhegan Center for Entrepreneurship, the conference is focused on educating, discussing, and taking actionable steps toward DEI in Maine.

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CALENDAR NEWS

- Nov. 1** | First Friday, Downtown Waterville
- Nov. 1** | Open Daily, 11 AM-7 PM (closed Tuesdays) Holiday Bazaar
Waterville Creates + Ticonic Gallery, 93 Main St., Waterville
- Nov. 1** | 8 AM | **Kennebec Savings Bank** | 11 Washington St., Waterville | Grand Reopening & Customer Appreciation Day
- Nov. 1** | 6 PM | **Kennebec Behavioral Health** 80's Tubular Mystery
FMI: kbhmaine.org/anightout
- Nov. 2** | 8 AM –12 PM | **AYCC** Craft Fair | Alford Youth & Community Center 126 North Street, Waterville
- Nov. 2** | 1 PM | **Waterville Public Library**-Write ME Epistolary Poetry Workshop w/Arisa White | 73 Elm St., Waterville
- Nov. 2** | 1-4 PM | Elm City Community Music School Open House
The Playhouse, 17 Railroad Square, Waterville
- Nov. 2** | 7:30 –9:30 PM | **Colby** Jazz Band-Vocal Jazz w/Big Band
Gordon Center for Creative & Performing Arts, Alumni Dr., Waterville
- Nov. 4** | 5:30 PM | **Junior Achievement Maine** 35th Annual Business Hall of Fame | Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland
- Nov. 6** | 1 PM | Free Tech Help | **Waterville Public Library** | 73 Elm St., Waterville
- Nov. 7, 14, 21** | 2-6 PM | Downtown Waterville Farmers' Market
- Nov. 8** | 4 PM | Pickles, Potions & Lotions Ribbon Cutting
36 Main St., Waterville
- Nov. 9** | 10 AM | "Holiday Photo Minis at the Mansion" with **Rebekah Wheeler**, 136 State St., Augusta
- Nov. 9** | 7:30 PM | Choirs at **Colby-PLAY: Music Meets Theater**
Gordon Center for Creative and Performing Arts, Alumni Dr., Waterville
- Nov. 9** | 8 PM | Comedian Adam Hatch | **Waterville Opera House**, 1 Common St., Waterville
- Nov. 12** | 7:30 PM | **Colby** Wind Ensemble-*The Path Ahead* | Gordon Center for Creative and Performing Arts, Alumni Dr., Waterville
- Nov. 13** | 4-5:50 PM | New Membership Orientation + Refresher, MMCC-50 Elm St., Waterville
- Nov. 14** | 7:15-9 AM | Business Breakfast Series | Paid Family Medical Leave Act; Updates + HR Laws
Best Western Plus, 375 Main St., Waterville
- Nov. 15** | 7:30 PM | Music at **Colby-Armenian Melodies Through The Ages** | Gordon Center for Creative and Performing Arts, Alumni Dr., Waterville
- Nov. 16-17** | 10 AM-4 PM | **Sunset Flowerland** Open House, 491 Ridge Rd., Fairfield | 207.453.2357
- Nov. 19** | 10 AM | United Way of Kennebec Valley-Impact2032 Summit | Augusta Civic Center, 15 Enterprise Dr.
- Nov. 21** | 7 PM | Festival of Trees Kick-Off | **Waterville Elks Banquet Center**, 71 Industrial Rd., Waterville
- Nov. 21** | 4:30-8 PM | 2024 FAME Annual Showcase Maine
Portland Sheraton at Sable Oaks, 200 Sable Oaks Drive, South Portland

- Nov. 22-23** | 10 AM-7 PM | Festival of Trees | **Waterville Elks Banquet Center**, 71 Industrial Rd., Waterville
- Nov. 22-23, 29** | 7:30 PM | The SpongeBob Musical | **Waterville Opera House**, 1 Common Street, Waterville
- Nov. 24, 30** | 2 PM | The SpongeBob Musical | **Waterville Opera House**, 1 Common Street, Waterville
- Nov. 24** | 10 AM-5 PM | Festival of Trees | **Waterville Elks Banquet Center**, 71 Industrial Rd., Waterville
- Nov. 28** | 8 AM | **Champions Fitness Club** Thanksgiving Turkey Run
30 Elm Plaza, Waterville
- Nov. 29-30** | 10 AM-7 PM | Festival of Trees | **Waterville Elks Banquet Center**, 71 Industrial Rd., Waterville
- Nov. 30** | Shop Small Saturday | **FMI:** cindy@midmainechamber.com
- Nov. 30** | 6 PM | **The Children's Discovery Museum**-2024 Parade of Lights
Main St., Waterville (starting on College Ave.)
FMI: kringleville@childrensdiscoverymuseum.org
- Dec. 1** | 10 AM-5 PM | Festival of Trees | **Waterville Elks Banquet Center**, 71 Industrial Rd., Waterville

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Eaton Peabody has announced that Michael A. Hodgins has been named the firm's new managing partner.

Maine Savings Federal Credit Union has promoted Steve Gray to the role of VP of communications.

Elisabeth Bialosky is **E2Tech's** new office manager and program administrator.

Mid-Maine Regional Adult & Community Education welcomes its new HiSET Tutor Becca Nolan.

Connie Coggins, president/CEO of **HealthReach Community Health Centers**, and the **HealthReach** governing board of directors recently named Bethany Shalit as its newest volunteer board member.

Thomas College is excited to announce that Dr. Alicia McCarthy was promoted this year to full professor. Professor McCarthy teaches criminal justice and forensic science.

Congratulations to Roberta Braley and Rick Lancaster, **SKILLS, Inc.'s** '24 Direct Support Professionals of the Year.

Congratulations to Sydney McKinnis, who has been promoted to manager of **Joseph's Market**.

Northern Light Health announced that Randy Clark has assumed leadership of **Northern Light Inland Hospital** and **Northern Light Continuing Care**, Lakewood, in addition to his role as president of Northern Light Sebasticook Valley Hospital.

FMI: northernlight.org/Inland under News & Events

Matthew Pouliot of **Pouliot Real Estate** has recently been added to University of ME at Augusta's board of visitors, according to **Mainebiz**.

The Lighthouse Waterville Area Soup Kitchen welcomes Anna Holdener, KVCAP, and Angela Leary, **Huhtamaki**, to its board of directors.

Maine Savings Federal Credit Union has promoted Raymond Mayhew to the VP of information technology operations.

KVCAP welcomes the following employees: Kayla Bragg, Child & Family Services, Substitute Teacher Aide; Melissa Greenlaw, Child & Family Services, Teacher Aide; and Ashley Talcove, Child & Family Services, Teacher Assistant.

Alexander Turner, a senior at Waterville Senior HS and son of John Turner (**Colby College**) and Tammy Rabideau (**Waterville Public Library**), has been named a semifinalist in the '25 National Merit Scholarship Program. Well done!

Congratulations to Hannah Bard of **Mid-Maine Reg. Adult & Community Education** Outstanding Administrator of the Year, 2024!

Finance Authority of Maine's College Access and Financial Education Team was awarded Maine Development Foundations Champion of Education and Workforce Development award.

Maine Children's Home welcomes new Donor Engagement Director Anna Cooney.

MaineGeneral welcomes the following new medical staff to its Waterville-area primary care offices: Anderson Clement, FNP-C; Monica Graves, FNP-C; Michael Ripley, MD; Jessica Rubashkin, CPNP; Joshua Smestad, PA-C; and Jenna Smith, DNP, FNP-C.

The Town Line welcomes new columnist Virginia Jones.

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Katie Brann, CFP® named partner at **Golden Pond Wealth Management**. Katie, a graduate of Boston University has been a Certified Financial Planner since 2021. Katie was named Emerging Leader of the Year by **Central Maine Growth Council** in 2021 and named to the NextUp 40 Under 40 list in 2022 by **MaineBiz Magazine**.

Congratulations to Wesley Jordan who was recently promoted to sales manager at **Sheridan Construction Corp.**

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MEMBER NEWS

Camden National Bank is excited to share that it has made a substantial donation of school supplies gathered from employees and customers across all 57 banking centers to Ruth's Reusable Resources. This local nonprofit focuses on connecting businesses with educational needs by redistributing surplus supplies to children and teachers. **FMI:** camdennational.bank

Junior Achievement (JA) is seeking 4 volunteers for Messalonskee High School, Oakland to serve as JA Career Speakers which includes: 5 lessons/45 minutes. **FMI:** Jill Jamison—jjamison@jamaine.org

Dirigo Labs, a program of **Central Maine Growth Council**, is proud to announce the selection of its 1st incubator cohort. **FMI:** dirigolabs.org/dirigo-launch-incubator

On Sept. 21, **Educare Central Maine** hosted its first annual 5K for Kids fundraising event, raising \$25K with nearly 70 participants of all ages. The event featured activities like exploring a nature-based playground, making bubble wands + enjoying snow cones, sponsored by: **Bill and Joan Alford Family Foundation** and **Central Maine Motors**.

Spectrum Generations 12th annual *Celebrity Chef Challenge* raised over \$50k with 3 competing chefs and over 200 guests.

Participants in the 2024 Cross for **LifeFlight** crossed 5,421 miles throughout the state during the month of August and raised an incredible \$217,427 to help Maine's most critically ill and injured.

More than 2400 businesses/homes in the **town of Pittsfield** now have **Fidium Fiber's** multi gig speed internet available.

ColorGraphics invites you to check out its new website: Colorgraphics.Me

For the 10th yr., **UScellular** has made a \$41,250 donation to the **Alford Youth and Community Center** to support its academic programming and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics education for children. The co. also offers an After School Access Project, an initiative that provides mobile hotspots and free wireless service to nonprofits supporting youth outside of school hours.

Congratulations to **central Maine newspapers** that have 32 individual awards across a variety of categories for Maine's newspapers as part of the annual Better Newspaper Contest for reporters, photographers, editors, designers, production, advertising and circulation.

Bangor Savings is pleased to announce that over 146k jars of peanut butter and jelly jars have been collected at its drive since it began in '12, which translates to A LOT of PB&J sandwiches for area food insecurity resources.

More than 8,600 students and staff from 25 schools across Kennebec County took part in **United Way of Kennebec Valley's** Day of Caring (DOC), contributing to various impactful projects including **Erskine, Messalonskee, and Waterville Senior HS** students.

Every family receiving gifts from **ME Children's Home's** Christmas/Winter Essentials Program is also offered a Well-Being Toolkit for kids and a Well-Being Zine for teens, both sponsored by **New Balance Foundation**. These booklets are full of playful activities for practicing healthy habits, such as staying hydrated, eating fruits and veggies, exercising, and practicing mindfulness.

Skowhegan Woman's Club of the General Federation of Women's Clubs recently made a \$400 donation to the **Travis Mills Foundation** in Rome.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced **Dirigo Labs**, a program of the **Central Maine Growth Council**, as 1 of 44 Stage 2 winners for the 2024 Growth Accelerator Fund Competition (GAFC). The WTVL-based accelerator will receive a \$150k cash prize for its work as a Growth Accelerator Partnership in supporting the launch, growth, and scale of STEM/Research and Development (R&D)-focused small biz in the sustainability and biotechnology sectors.

Warren's Office Supplies is offering free mixed chocolates for orders of 250 or greater (code=7729) and free tootsie rolls for orders of \$150 or greater (code=2687). Exp. 11/24.

ME's 3rd-largest bank, **Bar Harbor Bank & Trust**, reported Q3 net income of \$12.1M (\$.80/share) up from \$11.1M (\$.73) in the same 3 mo. last yr. Bar Harbor Bankshares (parent company) said even after a one-time tax benefit earnings grew by 8%.

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Kennebec Valley Community College announced that it will offer lodging to 50 1st-time, full-time students starting in the fall of '25 at **Best Western Plus**, a 2 minute commute from its main campus. A shuttle service will be available.



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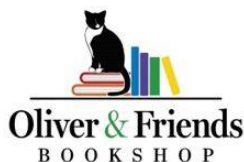
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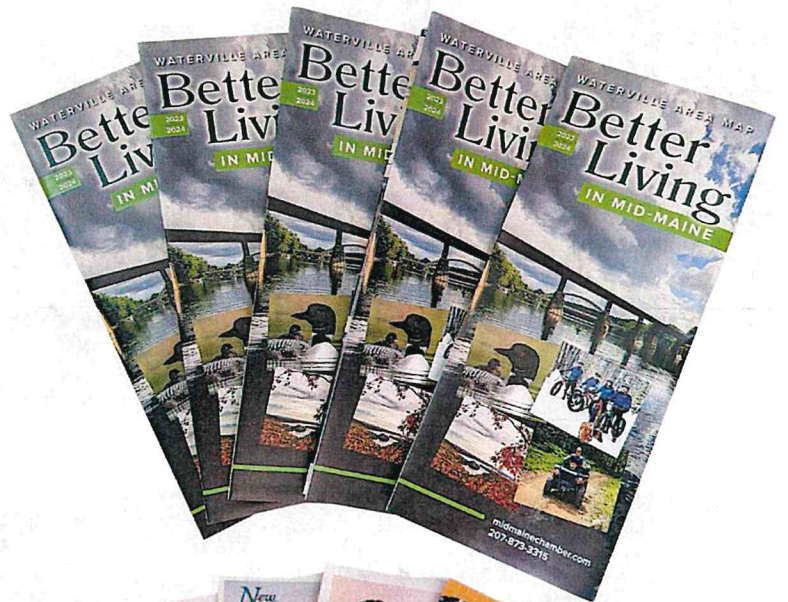


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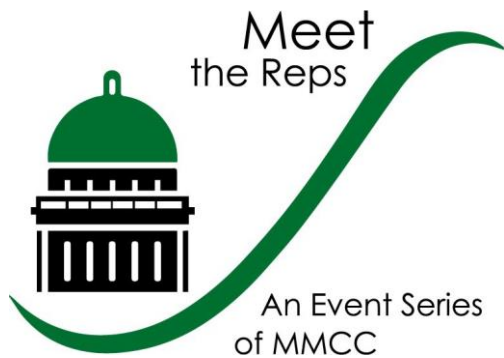
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Back by popular demand, CEO/Owner of Career Management Associates, David Ciullo, and Employment Attorney Peter Lowe, partner at Brann & Isaacson, will educate on the new paid FMLA law that will go into effect in 2025. They will also cover additional HR law topics valuable to your organization.

Entertaining and enlightening, Ciullo and Lowe will put forth great information.

Please come prepared with your questions for these two knowledgeable individuals.

When:

Thursday,

November 14, 2024

7:15 - 9:00 a.m.

Where:

Best Western Plus –
375 Main St., Waterville

Pre-register today. Cost per person:

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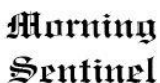


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Annual Awards Ceremony



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Do you know someone who serves the area unselfishly?
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For 62 years, the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce has given prestigious awards to deserving and distinguished area businesses and professionals.

Please take the time to review the selection criteria below.

***All nominees must be Chamber members in good standing except for the Distinguished Community Service award. ***

DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The nominee must have:

- ◆ Been involved with the betterment of the community for at least ten years.
- ◆ Demonstrated community leadership.
- ◆ Initiated creativity with no fewer than three (3) different areas of community service.
- ◆ Demonstrated unselfishness towards the economic betterment of the mid-Maine area.

Attach additional pages to explain why this person is deserving of this award.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR – Two Awards: Small and Large Business

Small Business of the Year: Less than 50 employees

Large Business of the Year: Over 50 employees

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award is given to an area business that:

- ◆ Exemplifies commitment to growth within the community through an expansion of workforce, major renovations and/or foresight.
- ◆ Contributed to the overall well-being of the community.

Attach additional pages to explain why this person is deserving of this award.

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL

To nominate a person for the outstanding professional award, the nominee must:

- ◆ Demonstrate leadership and excellence in their profession.
- ◆ Give back in support to the community.

Attach additional pages to explain why this person is deserving of this award.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Municipal Employee of the Year Award is given to an employee of a Chamber-area municipality who:

- ◆ Displays leadership in supporting the positive direction of his/her/its municipality.
- ◆ Goes above and beyond in his/her assignment or in project fulfillment, making a difference in the community.
- ◆ Demonstrates positive support of business initiatives.

Attach additional pages to explain why this person is deserving of this award.

EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Nominees in this category must:

- ◆ Be a volunteer with at least one Chamber member organization.
- ◆ Exemplify service above self through in support of the organization's mission and the community.

Attach additional pages to explain why this person is deserving of this award.

RISING STAR AWARD

The Rising Star recipient must:

- ◆ Be under the age of 40.
- ◆ Be in management or other leadership capacity within the business organization.
- ◆ Illustrate a combination of business success and community involvement.

Attach additional pages to explain why this person is deserving of this award.

CUSTOMER SERVICE STARDOM AWARD

Nominees in this category must:

- ◆ Illustrate pride in his/her job.
- ◆ Demonstrate examples of exceptional customer service.
- ◆ Not be a business owner or a member of top management.

Attach additional pages to explain why this person is deserving of this award.

ELIAS A. JOSEPH AWARD

“In honor of Elias A. Joseph, for dedication of over 28 years of volunteer and loyal service to the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce and for professional achievement and unselfish devotion to his community, effectively developing, coordinating and supervising programs and projects that greatly enhanced all the people of mid-Maine for over a quarter of a century, and acknowledging his exceptional initiative, that includes over 10,000 hours of volunteer service to this Chamber of Commerce, we of the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors hereby proclaim and declare that henceforth the *Elias A. Joseph Award* shall be awarded to those most worthy to bear the name and having displayed similar service to the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce.”

Attach additional pages to explain why this person is deserving of this award.

**To submit a nomination, please respond by mail, fax or email to the Mid-Maine Chamber office
by December 3, 2024 to:**

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce
Annual Awards Nomination
50 Elm Street, Waterville, ME 04901

P: (207) 873 - 3315 | F: (207) 877 - 0087 | E: Cindy@midmainechamber.com

Remember to review the criteria for each category, and provide your nominee's name and reason for nomination for the category. We look forward to receiving your response by December 3, 2024.

Please join us for our Annual Awards Ceremony in April 2025.



Festival of Trees

Dates

- **November 22 & 23**
10:00 am-7:00 pm
- **November 24**
10:00 am-5:00 pm
- **November 29 & 30**
10:00 am-7:00 pm
- **December 1**
10:00 am-5:00 pm



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Wednesday ~ November 13, 2024

4:00—5:30 p.m.

Zoom and in-person formats are offered, though in-person attendance is encouraged.

Once you register, you will receive the link for the meeting.

In-Person:

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce ~ 50 Elm St., Waterville—873-3315

Happy hour drinks and light appetizers will be provided for in-person attendees. **Please call/email Jamie Feyler to confirm for food count:**

Jamie@midmainechamber.com



Leadership Luncheon welcomes Karen Normandin President, Kennebec Valley Community College

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Register TODAY | midmainechamber.com

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Lunch included.**

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- 10 - 7 pm
- Thursday, November 7
- Main Film Center
Main Street, Waterville

The Better Maine Conference: *Creating Equitable Workspaces* is Dirigo Labs' third annual diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) conference. In partnership with the Skowhegan Center for Entrepreneurship, the conference is focused on educating, discussing, and taking actionable steps toward DEI in Maine.

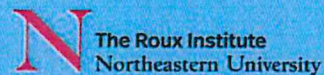
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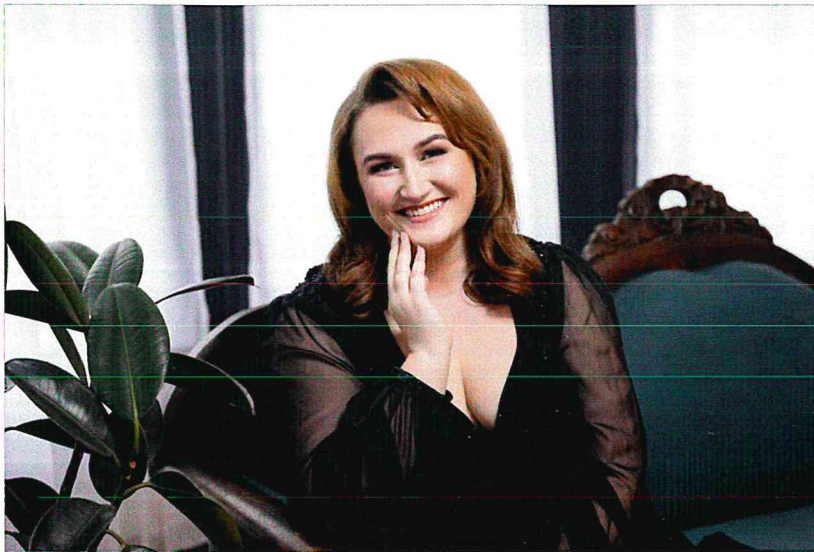




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Please join us from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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| January 15: | Thomas College
180 West River Road, Waterville |
| February 26: | Maine Savings Bank
912 Main Street, North Vassalboro |
| March 19: | Prime Financial
753 West River Road, Waterville (Location TBD) |
| April 16: | Maine State Credit Union
81 Grove Street, Waterville |
| May 14: | Educare Central Maine
56 Drummond Avenue, Waterville |
| June 18: | Kennebec Valley Comm. College and Maine Coast Creamery
Kennebec Rm., Carter Hall, 92 Western Avenue, Fairfield |
| July 16: | The Shyft Group Duramag
977 West River Road #3, Waterville |
| August: | No Event |
| September 17: | Camp Tracy— Alford Youth & Community Center
302 McGrath Pond Road, Oakland |
| October 15: | Central Maine Motors Auto Group
Location to be determined |
| November: | No Event |
| December 17: | Waterville Elks Lodge #905 and Banquet Center
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