



Soup's On!: Mission Food Pantry to Offer Meal for Seven Weeks



To help Downeast communities during the pause to SNAP benefits, the Mission will offer "Soup's On!," a daily lunch of soup and bread. Beginning November 4 and running through December 19, a meal will be served every Tuesday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Mission's food pantry located at 6 Weald Bethel Lane in Cherryfield.

Mission president John Zavodny said, "We are closely following the news about the disruption of SNAP benefits and what it means for the communities we serve..."

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Registration is Open for 2025 Christmas Program

Since 1905, the Mission has helped generations of children and families have a merry Christmas through its Christmas Program. If you or someone you know needs assistance in placing presents under the tree this year, the Mission offers gifts to families with children under 18.

The Christmas Program serves residents of Addison, Beals Island, Cherryfield, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Deblois, Harrington, Jonesboro, Jonesport, Machias, Milbridge, Steuben, Mount Desert Island towns, and islands served by the Sunbeam, and families that participate in the EdGE program. In 2024, more than...

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Island Communities Come Together for Inter-Island Event



From the desk of Sunbeam Education Coordinator Yvonne Thomas

What happens when more than 50 teachers, students, and families converge on one of Maine's small, unbridged islands? Friendship, food, and fun for starters, as well as the sense of being part of something important and essential. Inter Island Event, a decades-old, grassroots island custom, is a three-day gathering of the small unbridged islands. A beloved island tradition, this year's happened on Great Cranberry Island. School communities from Cliff, Chebeague, Islesford, Isle au Haut, and Monhegan traveled to be together for this annual get-together in mid-September.

The Great Cranberry Island community hosted ...

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Class of 2030 Davis Maine Scholars Announced

The Mission has selected four Washington County students for the Davis Maine Scholarship's next cohort. Through a partnership with Andrew Davis and the Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund, the Davis Maine Scholarship ensures first-generation, college-bound students living in the Downeast region of Maine can complete a four-year undergraduate degree without financial burden.

Davis Maine Scholars receive...

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Exploring the Wilderness and Bonding with Journey



From the desk of EdGE Youth Development Coordinator Jake Hunkler

Some people might consider a four-day camping trip with eleven teenagers into the Maine Woods to be a particularly cruel form of punishment, but with the ninth grade Journey cohort on their core trip, things could not be further from the truth. The long, empty stretches of highway on the way to Baxter State Park were filled with conversation, spurred by our book of questions. The questions ranged from "If you could be on any professional sports team, which one would you choose," to "If you could have dinner with anyone on the planet, who would it be?" The joking and laughing somehow continued until the cohort reached their campsites at the Wilderness Edge Campsite in Millinocket. As a staff member working within the Journey program, nothing is more fulfilling than...

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