

The County's Fall Festival to End Hunger

On Saturday, October 5th, The County will host its second annual Fall Festival to End Hunger music festival at BigRock Mountain in Mars Hill.

The County's Fall Festival to End Hunger is aimed at raising money to support local food pantries and the Meals on Wheels program. The event will showcase an ATV ride, a golf scramble, food trucks, and several Maine bands.

"We are thrilled with the success we had with last year's event, regardless of the weather," said Dan Bagley, executive vice president of The County Federal Credit Union. "We're hopeful that this year will be bigger and raise even more money for our local food pantries."

In 2023, despite hurricane-force winds and rain the day before the event, hundreds of participants attended the festival and raised \$23,000 to end hunger locally. Funds were distributed to food pantries throughout The County's field of membership as well as the Aroostook County Meals on Wheels program.

"The Aroostook Agency on Aging's Meals on Wheels program is vital in providing essential support to vulnerable older adults," said Chris Beaulieu, director of Home Care & Nutrition Services at the Aroostook Agency on Aging. "The program serves as a lifeline for many, ensuring they receive the nourishment and support they need to remain in their own homes. The Agency is currently funded to provide about 66,000 meals for fiscal year 2024. That allows us to feed 275 older adults facing food insecurities for the year. Unfortunately, the need is much, much greater

as we have another 200 individuals on a waitlist to join the program. This wonderful donation from The County Federal Credit Union makes a real difference, another 600 meals to hungry older adults."

To learn more about the fundraiser or to participate in an event, go to www.CountyFallFestivall.org.



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Tony Lahey Named CFO

The County Federal Credit Union is pleased to announce that Tony Lahev has been hired as the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) effective August 2024.

Lahey grew up in Caribou and attended the University of Maine at Presque Isle, where he earned a double major in Accounting and Business Administration. He began his career as an accounts payable clerk at Cary Medical Center and then became the business office manager at Aroostook Home Health Services for



five years. In 2008, he became the director of finance for Pines Health Services until 2018. Lahey then joined MMG Insurance Company as an accountant and was promoted to senior accountant in 2020.

"I am thrilled to be a part of such an amazing organization that has such deep roots here in Aroostook County," said Lahey. "Having a culture of *People Helping People* that extends from the employees all the way through to our members has always made The County a highly-respected financial institution and one that people know they can go to for a friendly face and an amazing experience for whatever financial needs they have. The staff at The County treat everyone who walks through their doors as family, and that is a big reason why it was such an easy decision to join this wonderful group of people whose collective mission is always to do the right thing for everyone we serve. I am very excited about what the future holds and am truly honored to be a small part of the team that gets to move this organization even further into the future."

Lahey has spent a great deal of time volunteering on different committees and councils throughout his career. He currently sits on the Northern Maine Community College Business & Accounting Department Advisory Board, the Northern Maine Community College Foundation Board, and has previously sat on the United Way of Aroostook Board as the treasurer, vice chair, and chair. He completed the Leadership Maine Program in 2016 where he focused on leadership strengths and Maine's economy.

"We are thrilled to welcome Tony as our new CFO," said Ryan Ellsworth, President & CEO. "His extensive finance and accounting experience in the healthcare and insurance industries will bring invaluable insights to our team. His expertise is expected to notably enhance our accounting department's procedures and overall performance, driving us toward greater efficiency and financial success."

Holiday Closings

Indigenous People's Day Monday, October 14th

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25th

Veterans Dav Monday, November 11th

New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1st

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28th

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