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Roxanne Blais, back left, and Karen Durisko, right, serve lunch to students at Lisbon Community School in February. Maine was one of the first states to begin offering universal free school lunch after pandemic-era funding expired in 2021. (RUSS DILLINGHAM/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

How SNAP eligibility cuts will impact kids’ access to nutrition

Maine has committed to funding free lunch for students, regardless of federal cuts, for the next two years. Changes in food assistance regulations mean more of the financial burden will fall on the state.

By RILEY BOARD
Staff Writer

Maine remains committed to offering free school meals for all students, but that program could get harder to fund under short- and long-term cuts to federal nutrition benefits. “The good news is not much has changed immediately with free school lunch in Maine. This year, all kids can go to school and receive

breakfast and lunch at no cost, no questions asked,” said Anna Korsen, deputy director of Full Plates Full Potential, a nonprofit focused on ending childhood hunger in Maine. “The bad news is that the (Trump) administration and Congress did pass a bill that will impact food access for kids outside of school and will, eventually, have an impact on federal funding to fund school meals, which

will impact Maine’s school meals-for-all policy down the line,” she added. Maine was one of the first states to begin offering universal free school lunch after pandemic-era funding expired in 2021. But the state doesn’t shoulder that cost alone — it receives federal reimbursements based on the number of students who are eligible

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‘It shows I can compete with the guys out here.’



Jack Quinn, of Randolph, tees off at the 3rd hole during the Charlie’s Maine Open golf tournament Wednesday at the Augusta Country Club in Manchester. Quinn’s score put him in a four-way tie for 10th place overall. (ANNA CHADWICK/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Up against the pros, local teen plays like one

On his home course, Jack Quinn, 17, of Randolph, posts a 3-under par 67 to secure a couple of titles in the Charlie’s Maine Open: top junior player and top amateur finisher.



TRAVIS LAZARCZYK

MANCHESTER — Visualize your tee shot, strike it perfectly, drive the ball straight down the middle of the fairway. Standing on the 18th tee at the Augusta Country Club on Wednesday afternoon, that’s what Jack Quinn did. The

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Gardiner Area High senior was on the last hole of his last round in the Charlie’s Maine Open, and a pair of titles were in his sights.

Quinn, 17, promptly ripped his shot out of bounds. So much for home-course advantage. It was like telling someone to not think of the color red. Red will be all they’ll see for days. Envision driving your tee shot perfectly down the

middle, and watch it end up in the trees. “I was just kind of in my head. I was just trying to get down the middle, take it nice and slow,” Quinn said with a shrug and a chuckle. “I got a little too slow.”

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TODAY’S ALMANAC

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Today is the 233rd day of 2025. There are 132 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Aug. 21, 1831, Nat Turner launched a violent slave rebellion in Virginia, resulting in the deaths of at least 55 white people; scores of Black people were killed in retribution in the aftermath of the rebellion, and Turner was later executed.

Also on this date:

In 1858, the first of seven debates took place between Illinois senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas. In 1911, Leonardo da Vinci’s “Mona Lisa” was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris. (It was recovered two years later in Italy.) In 1944, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and China opened talks at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington that helped pave the way for establishment of the United Nations. In 2000, rescue efforts to reach the sunken Russian nuclear submarine Kursk ended with divers announcing none of the 118 sailors had survived.

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GOP-controlled House in Texas approves new maps for more seats in Congress

In a fight that has gone national, Democrats say they’re preparing for a court challenge.

By JIM VERTUNO and
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Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Republicans on Wednesday took the first step toward approving new congressional maps that would give their party as many as five new seats in the House of Representatives, spurring what’s likely to be a national battle over redistricting.

The approval by the Texas House of Representatives came at the urging of President Donald Trump, who pushed for the extraordinary mid-decade revision of congressional maps to give his party a better chance at holding onto the U.S. House of Representatives in next year’s election.

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Kmart site developers, citing financing challenges, seeking bigger tax break

By KEITH EDWARDS
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The developers proposing to turn the prominent former Kmart plaza site on Western Avenue into a \$50 million to \$60 million multi-use project with market rate apartments and a hotel are asking for a bigger tax break. George Campbell, leader of a group planning to develop the neglected property perched on a hill within walking distance of the state Capitol complex, said the development cost is going to be much higher than first thought, and they’ve had difficulty getting financing for the project that he and

A tax increment financing deal in Augusta would more than double the tax revenues that would be returned to the developers as a way to secure funds to build the project.



An artist’s rendering shows a site view of first-floor retail and 58 apartments on upper floors of the proposed Capitol Heights Center on the site of the former Kmart on Western Avenue. (COURTESY OF CITY OF AUGUSTA)

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