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Maine clinics denied Medicaid funds in lawsuit

Trump’s policy blocked Medicaid to Planned Parenthood

By Patrick Whittle  
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — A network of clinics in Maine will not resume getting Medicaid funds to treat thousands of low-income patients during its lawsuit over Trump administration cuts

to abortion providers, a judge ruled Monday.

The decision came despite a ruling last month by another federal judge, who said Planned Parenthood clinics around the country must continue to be reimbursed for Medicaid funding as the provider wrangles with the Trump administration over efforts to defund it. That legal fight continues.

President Donald Trump’s

policy and tax bill, known as the “big beautiful bill,” blocked Medicaid money from flowing to Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider. The parameters in the bill also stopped funding from reaching Maine Family Planning, a much smaller provider that offers health care services in one of the poorest and most rural states in the Northeast.

Maine Family Planning says

Medicaid dollars are not used for its abortion services, which are a relatively small percentage of the overall services provided. It’s unfair to cut off funding for the clinics “solely because Congress wanted to defund Planned Parenthood,” an attorney for Maine Family Planning told the judge earlier this month.

But in his ruling Monday, Judge Lance Walker said the pay-

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Chariho seeks more success in upcoming school year

After a fruitful year for the school, educators and staff aim to constantly improve

By Joseph Volpe  
Sun staff writer

WOOD RIVER JCT. — Tomorrow marks the beginning of the 2025/2026 school year for Chariho Regional High School, and all staff are in high hopes and ready to keep up the momentum from the great strides the district has made in the previous school year.

Chariho Regional High School Principal Andrea Drake has expressed immense excitement, especially for the Class of 2026, which will be the first graduating class to present their graduation projects in mid May. It will be a school-wide event for the seniors, and will be open to the community so that everyone can have a glimpse into the senior’s hard work and dedication to these projects that they have been working on for quite some time now.

“We’re excited to see the projects that our students have been working on over the past couple years,” Drake said. “They’re guided by our essential theme, which is ‘what inspires you?’ so we gave them free reign in terms of what topics they wanted to choose. So this is the first graduating class that will be presenting their graduation project, and our seniors who just graduated were the last class to do the graduation portfolio.”

A requirement for this project is that students must show that they have completed 15 hours of ‘fieldwork’ in the creation process with a mentor outside of their families and outside the school itself. This is aimed at pushing the students to learn how to make meaningful connections and networking skills, which can serve a crucial piece in building a career.

“They have to find an expert in what they’re studying and really dig deep to connect with someone in that field,” Drake said. “That’s their big push - this needs to be a learning stretch. We need to see how they’re pushing their learning, and oftentimes it’s going to help them determine whether or not this is something they might want to pursue.”

Another large focus for the upcoming school year is student connectedness, more specifically for the students to feel that they are connected to the school community either through a trusted adult such as an educator or other faculty member, or simply getting involved in extracurricular activities that the school provides. This push in student-school connectedness will start with the freshman, some who might not have any prior connections coming

See Chariho, **A5**

Democrats demand Trump resume offshore wind project

Stopping work threatens local jobs and climate goals

By Jennifer McDermott  
Associated Press

A nearly complete wind farm off the coast of Rhode Island and Connecticut faces an uncertain future as the states’ Democratic governors, members of Congress and union workers are calling

Monday for the Trump administration to let construction resume.

The administration halted construction on the Revolution Wind project last week, saying the federal government needs to review the project and address national security concerns. It did not specify what those concerns are. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management said Monday it’s not commenting further at this time.

The Democratic politicians are getting involved because stopping work on Revolution Wind threatens local jobs and their states’ climate goals, and could drive up electricity prices throughout the region. Officials say the project is 80% complete, with all the underwater foundations and 45 out of 65 turbines already installed.

Large, ocean-based wind farms

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Wind turbine components sit at New London State Pier, April 16, in New London, Conn.

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