



COUNTY NEWS

Maine County Commissioners Association Newsletter

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October is Cyber Security Awareness Month

The World Wide Web stretches across continents and oceans connecting even the most remote corners of the earth. With billions of people surfing the internet at all times, and very few rules in place, people's identity, credit, possessions and privacy are constantly at risk. Recognizing the importance of cybersecurity awareness, President Obama designated the month of October

as National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM). In collaboration with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, NACo dedicates a webinar each week to a specific theme to bring awareness to cybersecurity and individual cyber hygiene. This week, NACo will focus on the "smart world" in which we live, where we envision technology taking us and how to continuously implement cyber security best practices as technology advances. [~ Click here for more information.](#)



Larry Post Androscoggin County Administrator

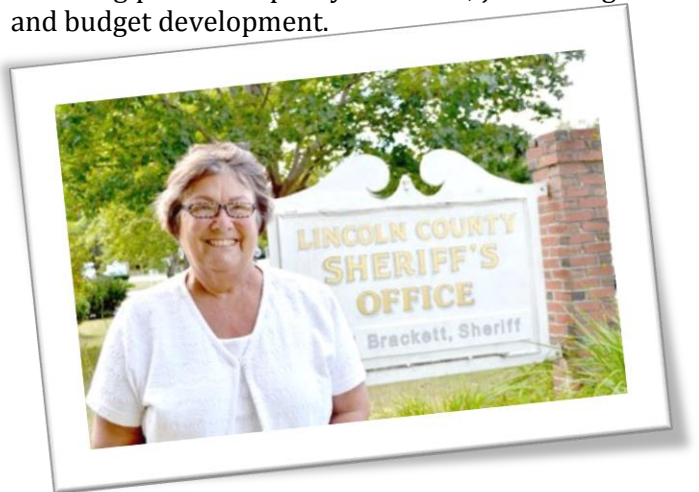


On October 19 Larry Post took his place at the helm in Androscoggin County as its first County Administrator. At the conclusion of the intensive process of choosing the best candidate for the position, the board of county commissioners selected Mr. Post who had served for 30 years as town manager in St. Albans and also as Hartland's town manager, Somerset's county administrator, and Eastport's city manager. Mr. Post intends to face the current challenges in Androscoggin by, "looking at the immediate situation and bringing harmony into the environment." Presently residing in St. Albans, Mr. Post is looking for living accommodations closer to his job, his wife Bonnie to follow when possible. When asked about his hobbies, Larry states, "I love to work." This is fortunate, as work will not be in short supply. In his spare time, he enjoys canoeing, reading and keeping up on current events. As he settles in, be sure to send a warm welcome to Larry at lpst@androscoggincountymaine.gov.



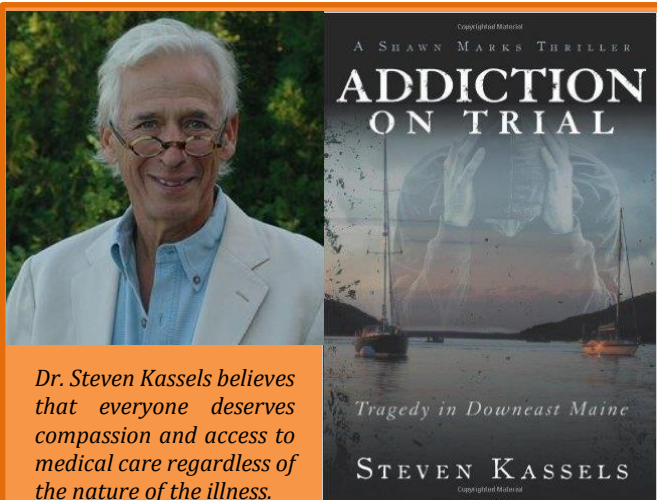
Oxford County Commissioners' Meeting

If you really want to get away from it all, take a scenic drive up to Lynchtown, Maine, which is where the September meeting of the Oxford County Commissioners was held. The venue, Bosebuck Mountain Camps, is on Aziscohos Lake about 13 miles north of Wilson Mills Route 16 on the Parmachenee Road and approximately 18 miles south of the remote Quebec border. Present at the all-day meeting were the Oxford County Commissioners, Administrative Staff from Oxford County, County Labor Consultant, Communications Staff, District Attorney, Finance Committee members, citizens and Officials from the Oxford County Sheriff's Office. The workshop at the sporting lodge addressed a full agenda of items including personnel policy revisions, jail strategies and budget development.



Lincoln Deputy Ellie Grover Semi-retired & Making a Difference

After nearly 20 years working to change inmates' lives for the better, Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Ellie Grover retired from full-time duty. She has trips to the Bahamas, Las Vegas, and Texas on her calendar, although she continues to work about 20 hours a week for the county and plans to stay "as long as they'll have me," she said. As the first-ever programs coordinator for the sheriff's office, Grover works to decrease recidivism through various programs, the most visible being the inmate work crew. She and her Sagadahoc County counterpart supervise Two Bridges Regional Jail inmates as they complete projects. In 2000, Deputy Grover was the recipient of a Maine Department of Education award as the programs coordinator with the most inmates to earn their GED certificates in one year. Lincoln County Sheriff Todd Brackett named her Deputy Sheriff of the Year in 2012. [~Click here to read the Lincoln County News article by J.W. Oliver.](#)



Dr. Steven Kassels believes that everyone deserves compassion and access to medical care regardless of the nature of the illness.

Addiction on Trial

Author Steven Kassels was the guest speaker at the October MCCA Board of Directors' meeting. Reading excerpts from his book, "Addiction on Trial", and explaining statistics, societal discrimination and biases toward drug addicts, Dr. Kassels shed light about this chronic illness that crosses age, gender, socio-economic, racial and religious boundaries. This book is a must read, written as a spellbinding story to educate readers about the downward path of destruction caused by the disease using characters we can all understand, relate to, and sympathize with.

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