

## The MaineLinks

### What to know...

When [winter's frosty](#) grip gives up, the [waking landscape](#) calls you [outdoors](#). You might be [tired of the snow](#), but some of the [best skiing](#) is still ahead of you [at resorts](#) like [Sugarloaf](#) and [Sunday River](#), which can stay [open](#) as late as May. If you're [looking to ditch](#) your skis but not [the trails](#), [spring hiking](#) in [Maine's 32 state parks](#) is a pursuit in [pure joy](#). You'll feel like you [have the trail](#) all to yourself (so if you're dreaming of [Acadia](#) without the crowds, [now's the time](#)), and now that [rivers are flowing](#) freely, it's time to get out [on the water](#). Spring [fishing](#) promises [hungry brook trout](#) and [freshly accessible lakes](#). For [paddlers](#), it's the beginning of [white-water rafting](#) season. Maine's [Dead](#), [Kennebec](#) and [Penobscot](#) rivers are tried-and-true [perennial favorites](#) for rolling [rapids](#) and [adrenaline-pumping](#) drop-offs.

### Veterans Corner:

The [Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee](#), today celebrated the Senate unanimously [passing legislation](#) that would [increase benefits](#) for 30,000 [Maine veterans](#) and [their families](#). As Maine people continue to struggle with rising costs, the [Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment \(COLA\) Act of 2023](#) would give the [Department of Veterans Affairs'](#) (VA) disabled [veteran compensation](#), surviving [families payments](#), and [clothing](#) allowances the [same annual](#) cost-of-living adjustment as [Social Security](#). The bill now goes [to the House](#) of Representatives where it is expected to [receive broad support](#).

### Training Talk!

[Central Maine Community College](#) is offering [Heat Pump Installation](#) through [Workforce Development Training](#). The [40 hour course](#) runs from May 22-26<sup>th</sup> and [covers](#) how to [professionally install](#) heat pump indoor units, [outdoor units](#), and line sets. Upon [completion of this course](#), and the separately [offered EPA](#) Section 608 [Refrigerant Handling course](#), the [student](#) will qualify to work [for Maine contractors](#) installing [heat pumps statewide](#). CMCC is an [Efficiency Maine](#) Registered [Trainer](#) for Heat Pump Installer [Training](#).

### CareerCorner – April – Construction Estimator

[Construction Estimators](#) determine [the cost of](#) materials, [labor](#) and [equipment needed](#) to complete [construction projects](#). Estimating is a position with a [high level](#) of responsibility, and strong [earning potential](#), suited to [candidates](#) with the following [core skills](#): excellent [time-management](#), strong mathematical aptitude, [critical thinking](#), analytical and [data-driven mindset](#), and [good communication](#) and [presentation skills](#). There are no [formal requirements](#) needed to become a [Construction](#) Estimator. There are [several common](#) routes to becoming a [successful Construction](#) Estimator. [Apprenticeships](#) are a great way to enter [the construction industry](#) with little-to-no [previous experience](#). Better yet, [you can earn while you learn!](#) [Apprentices](#) are employed within [a company](#). Other options include [Profession Certification Programs](#), bachelor's [degrees in topics](#) such as [Construction Management](#), Structural [Engineering](#) or Architecture.



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### Notable Quote:

"To [succeed](#), jump as quickly [at opportunities](#) as you do at [conclusions.](#)" --- Benjamin Franklin

### April is:

[National Financial Literacy Month](#)  
[Autism Acceptance Month](#)  
[Stress Awareness Month](#)  
[National Garden Month](#)

### Hiring Events:

(Click on the "[Hiring Events](#)" link for full list)  
 4/12- [Somerset Career & Technical Center-Skowhegan High School](#)  
 4/14 - [Lisbon Career Expo - Town of Lisbon, Lisbon High School, & the Lewiston Career Center](#)  
 4/26- [Spring Career Fair at Eastern Maine Community College](#)  
 4/26- "[Watch Your Career Blossom](#)" Hiring Event- [Brunswick CareerCenter & Southern Maine Community College](#)

### Workshops:

(click on the "[Workshops](#)" link for more)  
 Pre-register online for these virtual [opportunities](#):  
 4/11- [Maine's Employment & Training Program Info Session by Eastern Maine Development Corporation](#)  
 4/20- [Searching for Work: 55+ With or Without Health & Physical Restriction by Workforce Solutions](#)  
 4/21- [Creating a Winning Resume](#)

### and MORE!

The [Maine Connectivity Authority](#) (MCA) is a [quasi-governmental](#) agency with these [primary three goals](#): 1.) That effective, [accessible connectivity](#) be universally [available in the state](#); 2.) that there be [secure](#), affordable, [reliable](#), competitive, [sustainable](#) and forward-looking [infrastructure](#) that can [meet future needs](#); and 3.) that all [residents](#), [businesses](#) and [institutions](#) in Maine be able to take full advantage of the [economic](#), [health](#), [educational](#) and other opportunities available [through connectivity services](#).

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