



*Local Lodge S6
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Continued Support for Striking Workers at Woodland Pulp LLC

Members of IAM Local 1490, SEIU Local 330-3, and Millwrights Local 1121 have been on strike for over a month in Baileyville. The Company has been unwilling to budge on its proposed language that would turn all of the skilled trade workers into general mechanics. The workers are adamantly opposed to such language.

We've sent representatives to their picket line three times and passed a motion to send \$1000 to each local to help assist the strikers in their time of need. We are doing all we can to stand in solidarity with our Brothers and Sisters in Baileyville.

A federal mediator was brought in last week, but after two days of negotiations the Company still did not move on its position and the Negotiating Committee returned to the picket line. This last Wednesday we returned to their picket line as they resumed negotiations. They are grateful for the camaraderie and morale boost that comes along with our presence.

The time we spent on the picket line last Wednesday was very eventful. Police showed up in force, but we were able to speak with them to explain how our picketing activities are legally protected. We focused our efforts on slowing the flow of tractor trailer-trucks coming in and out of the facility. The frustrated truckers got more aggressive as the day went on. They became more willing to speed toward the picket line in an attempt to scare away the workers. We held the line and, on two occasions, dealt with truckers leaping out of their cabs to brandish pry bars at us. No one was injured, but one trucker was issued a criminal offense summons for driving to endanger.

Luckily, the Maine legislature recently passed a law that allows striking workers to collect unemployment if their employers hire scabs. This is great news for all workers, especially the Baileyville pulp workers who have been on strike for over a month. We hope Company management will come to their senses and offer these workers a fair contract. The fight will continue until their demands are met. As long as the pulp workers are on the line, Local S6 will be too.





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Local S6 Benefits Committee Report

Annual Enrollment for Health and Vision Insurance is Nov 15th to December 1st. Be sure to make any adjustments to your plan during that period or you will need to wait until next year's annual enrollment to do so. Call Company Benefits or the Benefits Committee at 207-443-5533 if you have questions about coverage options.

A reminder to all employees now that cold and flu season are upon us. The Company no longer has a specific protocol for COVID-19. COVID-19 has been treated like any other sickness since the Public Health Emergency Declaration was ended on May 11th, 2023. Any time off would need to be sought through the regular A&S process or covered by your own time.

Local S6 Womens Committee Report

Mothers on our Cigna medical plan are eligible for a free breast pump covered through insurance once they reach the 28th week of pregnancy. Reach out to Company Benefits, the LS6 Benefits Committee or Call 888-551-4072 and press option #5 for more information.

The Womens Committee is looking for volunteers for the Gardiner Parade of Lights on Dec 2nd at 4:30 PM. The Committee is trying to put together a group to walk in the parade on behalf of Local S6. This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to represent Local S6 at a community event. Call the hall at 207-442-2063 to have your name and phone number added to the volunteer polling list.

General Membership Meeting: 11/18/23

The next General Membership Meeting is this Saturday 11/18/23. The meeting starts at 9:30 AM at the Bath Area Senior Center, 45 Floral Street, Bath, ME, 04530. Come join us, this is the membership's opportunity to participate in Union business.

Members Always Have a Right to Representation

Any member who is in a meeting with management; including safety engineers, human resources, or ethics should have a representative present. There has been a concerning increase in reports of management discouraging Local S6 members from requesting representation. Do not be dissuaded from calling your Steward, calling the Union Hall, or asking management to get a representative for you.

In Solidarity, Local S6 Leadership

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