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The Maine Public Broadcasting Network to Air "The Rivals" As Part of MPBN Community Films

(Bangor/Lewiston/Portland) — The Maine Public Broadcasting Network is announcing that it will air the film "The Rivals" on special loan from the Smithsonian as part of the MPBN Community Films series. The film was produced by Lone Wolf Documentary Group of Maine, and it will be featured on MBPN Television Monday, January 21st at 9 PM, Thursday, January 24th at 10 PM, Saturday, January 26th at 11 AM, and Sunday, January 27th at 3 PM and 11 PM.

The film is the tale of two communities in Maine, one white collar and one blue collar, united by a common dream; winning the football state championship. The physical conflict takes place on the football field, but the real story is about what kids learn about the game of life and the balance between success and respect.

"Ninety-nine percent of the people who made this film were from Maine. Cameras, sound, writers, directors, producers, the sound mixers – all Mainers," stated Kirk Wolfinger, "The Rivals" filmmaker and producer. "We have a vibrant and talented community of filmmakers here!"

Each month MPBN Community Films highlights a number of locally produced films that showcase diverse people, places, and the culture of Maine. "The Rivals" headlines January's Community Film line-up that includes Hardwater, Canvassman: The Robbie Ellis Story, and In the Blood.

"Films like The Rivals are an outstanding opportunity for MPBN to showcase the great work in the Arts that is taking place right here in Maine," said MPBN President and CEO Mark Vogelzang said Mark Vogelzang. "Our viewers appreciate this type of thoughtful and interesting slice of life unfolding in our state. It's a really engaging film!"

About the Maine Public Broadcasting Network
The Maine Public Broadcasting Network operates five television transmitters (WCBB-TV - Augusta - 10, WMEA-TV - Biddeford – 26, WMED-TV - Calais – 13, WMEB-TV - Orono – 12, WMEM-TV - Presque Isle – 10), and seven radio transmitters (WMEH-FM - Bangor - 90.9, WMED-FM - Calais - 89.7, WMEP-FM - Camden - 90.5, WMEF-FM - Fort Kent - 106.5, WMEA-FM - Portland - 90.1, WMEM-FM - Presque Isle - 106.1, WMEW-FM - Waterville - 91.3) reaching households in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Atlantic Canada. MPBN also delivers content to a worldwide audience via its website, www.mpbn.net.

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