## THE MAINE SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2016!



The Telephone Museum joined other science and technology oriented exhibitors at The Maine Science Festival at Bangor's Cross Insurance Center in March. The Festival, which took place on March 18, 19 and 20 at various locations around Bangor, is in its second year. The mission of the Festival is "to stimulate interest in science among the general population, to heighten awareness of the impact of science on everyday life, and to demonstrate the diversity of scientific enterprise in Maine. This year's Headliner speaker was Nate Silver, statistician, author and founder of the website FiveThirtyEight.

The Telephone Museum was among the hands-on exhibitors at the Cross Insurance Center on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19. The museum's portable Strowger systems introduced the complexities of electro-mechanical switching, and lead to discussions ranging from the transmission of sound, to (calling) traffic analysis. The switches and associated dial phones also added a buzz, clunk and ring to the hum of the exhibit hall – you couldn't miss them!