

Ride to End Hunger raises \$3.2K



Twenty-five motorcycles cruised around Southern Maine the last weekend in August in the Casco Federal Credit Union's 4th Annual Ride to End Hunger, raising more than \$3,200. (Photo courtesy of Casco FCU)

From Casco FCU

GORHAM - On Saturday, Aug. 28, Casco Federal Credit Union conducted their 4th Annual Motorcycle Ride to End Hunger.

More than 25 motorcycles cruised around Southern Maine to raise funds and

awareness for the Maine Credit Union Campaign to End Hunger.

A record-breaking \$3,241.85 was raised with the generous support of riders, volunteers, and event sponsors.

All of the proceeds from the Ride to End Hunger will be donated to three local

food pantries - the Gorham Food Pantry, the Buxton Food Co-Op, and the Standish Food Pantry.

To learn more about how Team Casco is fighting food insecurity in our community, visit www.cascofcu.com or stop by one of their two branch locations in Gorham.

Portland Conservatory begins 2021 season

From PCM

PORTLAND - The Portland Conservatory of Music's 2021 Concert Season includes the Dimensions in Jazz and Noonday Concert Series.

The 26th Season of the Portland Conservatory of Music's free Noonday Concert Series, will kick off on Oct. 7 at the new 28 Neal Street location.

The series will feature organist and Portland Conservatory of Music charter faculty member Harold Stover.

Concerts this fall are on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 12:15-12:50 p.m. at the new 28 Neal Street location. The concert series resumes at the Portland Public Library on Jan. 20, and will alternate between 28 Neal Street on the first Thursday of the month, and the Portland Public Library on the third Thursday of each month.

Dimensions in Jazz, directed by Paul Lichter, brings contemporary jazz to the Portland area and is sponsored by the Portland Conservatory of Music.

The season began last Saturday with "Time Zones", featuring Gary Wittner on guitar, Michael Gallant on violin and Eric La Perna on percussion, performing in Meloon Chapel at Woodfords Church at 202 Woodford Street. This was the final performance at the conservatory's old location.

Going forward, performances will be at Portland Conservatory of Music's new performance space and building at 28 Neal Street.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the concert begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$15 for seniors, \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door.

For more information, go to www.portlandconservatoryofmusic.org.

Portland Conservatory of Music is Portland, Maine's premier community music education center, located at 28 Neal Street in Portland's West End neighborhood.

A nonprofit 501(c)(3) community music school, the mission of Portland Conservatory of Music is to provide access to quality music education for community members of all ages, abilities, and financial levels. Portland Conservatory of

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\$6.2M for 29 Maine Fire Departments

From Sen. Collins

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Angus King (I-ME) announced last week that 29 fire departments in Maine have received a total of \$6,220,151 to upgrade equipment and support personnel.

This funding was awarded through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grants and the FY 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants

"Firefighters put their lives on the line every day to protect local residents, homes, and businesses," said Senators Collins and King in a joint statement. "This important investment will help improve the safety of Maine firefighters and ensure that our fire departments have the equipment and training they need to continue to protect our families and communities."

Gorham Fire Department received \$93,333 to purchase vehicle exhaust removal systems.

Albion, Waterville, Belgrade, China Village, Clinton, Fairfield-Benton, Madison, Oakland, South China, Winslow, and Sidney Fire Departments received a total of \$627,385.45 to purchase mobile radios, portable radios, and pagers.

Biddeford Fire Department received

\$285,304 to purchase rapid intervention air packs and firefighter breathing apparatuses.

Easton Fire Department received \$5,958 to purchase facepieces for firefighter breathing apparatuses and \$335,238 to purchase a firefighting water tanker truck.

Georgetown Fire Department received \$36,000 to purchase vehicle extrication equipment.

Dixmont Fire Department received \$39,893 to purchase firefighting turnout gear and a turnout gear washer unit.

Falmouth Fire Department received \$315,622.86 to purchase firefighter breathing apparatus and an air compressor system and

Frenchville Fire Department received \$51,716 to construct a fire house and purchase firefighting turnout gear.

Kennebunk Fire Department - received \$2,635,736.56 to hire 8 new fulltime firefighters and \$20,262.86 to purchase vehicle extrication equipment

Milford Fire Department received \$95,238 to purchase a fire station fire sprinkler system.

Newfield Fire Department received \$29,710 to purchase vehicle extrication equipment.

Van Buren Fire Department received \$151,142 to purchase firefighter turnout gear and a breathing apparatus.

Waterville Fire Department received \$338,181 to create a paramedic training program.

Yarmouth Fire Department received \$47,143 to purchase vehicle extrication equipment.

Buxton Fire Department received \$428,571 to purchase a Wildland Interface Firefighting Pumper.

Dedham Fire Department received \$47,571 to purchase mobile and portable radios.

Nobleboro Fire Department received \$176,190 to purchase a firefighter breathing apparatus and an air compressor system.

North Lakes Fire Department received \$323,809 to purchase a firefighting pumper engine.

Portland Fire Department received \$40,909 for firefighter wellness and fitness.

Veazie Fire Department received \$95,238 to purchase a fire station fire sprinkler system.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, Senator Collins has been a longstanding advocate for Maine's first responders. She annually leads a bipartisan letter, signed by Senator King, to the Senate Appropriations Committee urging robust funding for FEMA's firefighter grant programs, which she helped create in 2003.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Legislators remember 9/11

From Maine Senate

AUGUSTA — On the 20th Anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Maine Senate President Troy Jackson (D-Allagash) reflected on the events of that day, and the years following.

“Most Americans remember where they were when they first got word that a plane had crashed into one of the Twin Towers in New York City. I was working in the woods well out of cell phone range and miles away from the closest television when my boss called me on the radio to say that a plane had hit a building in New York City. An hour later, he called to report that a second plane had hit a building. Soon after, we learned that it was an act of terrorism. To be honest, it was hard to wrap your head around at the moment; it didn’t seem like this could be real. It wasn’t until I saw the striking images of passenger planes colliding with the Twin

Towers when the enormity of this tragedy hit me and I knew nothing would ever be the same. In the two decades that have followed the attacks, those emotions ring true today.

“On the 20th Anniversary of these terrorist attacks, we must remember the men and women who lost their lives in these horrific attacks and keep their loved ones in our thoughts. Although the attacks forever changed the lives of every American, the family members and loved ones of those who died saw their world shatter in more ways than one and then had to share that grief with an entire nation.

“We must also honor the extraordinary men and women, who saw something unimaginable — a plane smash into one of the tallest buildings in the world — and responded by running full speed towards the crash, not knowing what they would find but with the sole mission of saving lives. It’s hard to put into words the heroism Americans witnessed

that day. In the wake of unspeakable tragedy, firefighters and first responders showed up for this country with many making the ultimate sacrifice. The best way to honor their memories and express our gratitude is to ensure the first responders and survivors, who suffered physical and emotional trauma, continue getting the care they’re owed.

“As we remember this fateful day in our nation’s history, let’s hold our loved ones a little tighter, look out for our neighbors, take care of our communities and find strength in each other. After all, it’s all we have and that’s what’s important.”

From U.S. Sen. King

WASHINGTON, D.C. —U.S. Senator Angus King (I-ME) marked the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, saying, “Twenty years have passed since the horrific attacks of Septem-

ber 11th that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 people, and the horrors of that day still remain seared in the memories of so many Americans,” said Senator King. “I can recall clear as day my moment of realization that the first plane crashing into the tower was an attack, not an accident. I will never forget the fear and uncertainty of wondering which target was next. I remember the pit of despair upon learning that my son, who worked near the World Trade Center, was missing; I remember the relief and joy I felt upon learning that he was safe; and I remember the heartbreak of knowing that thousands of families across America would not receive the same good news.

“The victims of these attacks were everyday people, guilty of no crime other than going about their daily business in the wrong place at the wrong time. They were the victims of an evil few, who sacrificed innocent lives in an effort to attack America’s values. But they had a larger

goal in mind on that day — to intimidate each and every American, and drive us apart from one another. On that front, they failed mightily — because in the painful days that followed, the best of America shone through the darkness.

“We saw our heroic first responders rushing towards burning buildings to save lives — including many who traveled from far and wide to aid to their fellow citizens during a time of need. We saw resilience, defiance, and unity as Americans chose bravery over fear and love over hatred. In the face of unknown peril, we embraced the ideals that make our nation so special. We also saw the true tolerance of America in action, as our President visited a Mosque and made clear to the rest of the world that our nation’s diversity is our strength, and we knew terrorists were not religious martyrs — but evil murderers. Our unified message today, as it was then, is that we will remain vigilant and relentless in pursuing those who

would try to follow in their footsteps or enable them to do our nation harm.

“Twenty years later, we’re in the midst of another crisis — this time, a public health pandemic. Unfortunately, at this juncture, it seems that our nation’s divisions have been inflamed rather than set aside; instead of pulling us together, this pandemic has too often pushed us apart. On this solemn day, as we remind ourselves to “never forget” the events of September 11th, we must also remind ourselves how we responded — with solidarity, resilience, desire to understand, and kindness for the health and well-being of our neighbors. We knew, deep down, that none of our differences meant more than our shared identity as Americans. As we remember those that we lost on this tragic day, let us honor them by recommitting ourselves to the values they cherished and devoting ourselves to examining how to protect one another from another global threat.”

‘Preserving the Harvest’ workshop series starts today

From UMaine

ORONO - University of Maine Cooperative Extension will offer a series of hands-on workshops about preserving Maine foods, beginning today.

The Preserving the Harvest workshop series begins with pressure canning and will cover topics such as canning basics, pressure canning and fermenting. Instructors share recipes and techniques in an interactive format in this fall workshop series.

Workshops are offered in partnership with libraries and adult education programs throughout Maine.

Registration is required. Sign up and view the upcoming workshop schedule at <http://bitly.ws/boZ6>.

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Kate McCarty, 207.781.6099 or at kate.mccarty@maine.edu.

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Extension has supported UMaine’s land and sea grant public education role by conducting community-driven, research-based programs in every Maine county. UMaine Extension helps support, sustain and grow the food-based economy.

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state’s land grant, sea grant and space grant university. It is located on Marsh Island in the homeland of the Penobscot Nation.

Maine CF awards Annette M. Brown scholarships

From Maine CF

ELLSWORTH/PORTLAND – The scholarship subcommittee of the Maine Community Foundation’s Androscoggin County Committee announce the Annette M. Brown scholarship recipients for 2021. A total of \$17,100 was awarded.

New scholarship recipients are Isaac Austin and Michaellee Henry, Sabbathus; Shawn Brown, Livermore; Riley Gray and Kaitlyn Paul, Livermore Falls; Hunter Haley, Mechanic Falls; Luul Assan, Auburn; and Veda Leclerc and Byiringiro Nsenga, Lewiston. Renewal scholarships went to Jeanine Nshimirimana from Lewiston; Kayla Leclerc, Greene; and

Morgan Dalton, Livermore Falls. The students will be attending Saint Joseph’s College of Maine, Maine College of Health Professions, Bridgewater State University, Northern Maine Community College, University of Maine at Augusta, Central Maine Community College, Thomas College and Saint Michael’s College.

The Annette M. Brown Scholarship Fund provides renewable support to residents of Androscoggin County pursuing a post-secondary degree at a two- or four-year college. The next application deadline is June 1, 2022. Applications are available at www.mainecef.org.

Annette M. Brown was a teacher in the Lewis-

ton-Auburn area in the early 1900s. In her 1916 will, she left \$16,000 to establish a scholarship fund for needy students. Since then, the fund has given thousands of dollars to Androscoggin County students pursuing higher education.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Collins, Shaheen push for relief fund distribution

Money remains in Provider Relief Fund and other programs

From Sen. Collins

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) recently led 41 of their bipartisan colleagues in urging U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Secretary Xavier Becerra to distribute the funds remaining for healthcare providers.

Funding is still available in the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) and other health care relief programs.

Over the course of the pandemic, Congress has appropriated \$178 billion for the PRF as well as an additional \$8.5 billion

for rural providers. The Government Accountability Office recently reported that about 25 percent of the funding remains unspent.

“Regrettably, the PRF funding distribution process has been uneven. Shifting guidance, difficulties in reconciling tax information, the absence of a formal appeals process, and other technical problems have plagued the program,” the Senators wrote. “Some providers are still waiting for funding from PRF distributions that were announced last year. Furthermore, plans for additional PRF distributions have been opaque.”

“Financial losses occurring between the end

of 2020 and the beginning of 2021 have not been adequately considered. In addition, some provider types, such as senior care facilities, have been underrepresented in previous rounds of funding,” the Senators continued. “As the health care provider community continues to respond to the challenges posed by the pandemic, this funding should be released without any further delay.”

The Senators asked that HHS announce and implement its plans for additional disbursement of PRF. Hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living providers, health clinics, and other health care pro-

viders need these funds to help weather the financial difficulties created by the pandemic. In rural areas in particular, the PRF has prevented facilities that struggled before and during the pandemic from falling into bankruptcy or closing entirely.

Senator Collins has long been a champion of improving access to health care, particularly in rural and underserved areas amid this public health crisis. In February, Senators Collins and Manchin authored an amendment to replenish the Provider Relief Fund by \$35 billion to help hospitals, physicians, nursing homes, assisted living providers and others

with the increased costs and lost revenue brought on by the pandemic.

In addition to Senators Collins and Shaheen, the letter to Secretary Becerra was co-signed by Senators Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Joe Manchin (D-WV), Roger Marshall (R-KS), Thomas Carper (D-DE), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Jon Tester (D-MT), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Tina Smith (D-MN), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), John Boozman (R-AR), Raphael Warnock (D-GA), Rob Portman (R-OH), Christopher Coons (D-DE), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Debbie Staben-

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Emergency rural health care grants from USDA

From USDA

ST. PETER, MN - United States Department of Agriculture is making up to \$500 million available in grants to help rural health care facilities, tribes and communities expand access to COVID-19 vaccines, health care services and nutrition assistance.

“Through the Emergency Rural Health Care Grants, USDA will help rural hospitals and local communities increase access to COVID-19 vaccines and testing, medical supplies,

telehealth, and food assistance, and support the construction or renovation of rural health care facilities. These investments will also help improve the long-term viability of rural health care providers across the nation,” Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said.

Recovery Grants

Applicants may apply for two types of assistance: Recovery Grants and Impact Grants.

Recovery Grants are available to help public bodies, nonprofit organizations and tribes provide immediate

COVID-19 relief to support rural hospitals, health care clinics and local communities.

These funds may be used to increase COVID-19 vaccine distribution and telehealth capabilities; purchase medical supplies; replace revenue lost during the pandemic; build and rehabilitate temporary or permanent structures for health care services; support staffing needs for vaccine administration and testing; and support facility and operations expenses associated with food banks and food distribution

facilities.

Recovery Grant applications will be accepted on a continual basis until funds are expended.

Impact Grants

The Administration also is making Impact Grants available to help regional partnerships, public bodies, nonprofits and tribes solve regional rural health care problems and build a stronger, more sustainable rural health care system in response to the pandemic.

USDA encourages applicants to plan and implement strategies to devel-

op health care systems that offer a blend of behavioral care, primary care and other medical services; support health care as an anchor institution in small communities; and expand telehealth, electronic health data sharing, workforce development, transportation, paramedicine, obstetrics, behavioral health, farmworker health care and cooperative home care.

Impact Grant applications must be submitted to your local USDA Rural Development State Office by 4 p.m. local time on Oct. 12.

USDA Rural Develop-

ment is prioritizing projects that will support key priorities under the Biden-Harris Administration to help rural America build back better and stronger. Key priorities include combatting the COVID-19 pandemic; addressing the impacts of climate change; and advancing equity in rural America. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points.

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

Riding the Penobscot River Trails

By Ron Chase

When a friend told me there were new bike trails in Grindstone that rivaled the Carriage Roads in Acadia National Park, I was skeptical. It wasn't that I thought he was guilty of hyperbole; rather I simply had difficulty believing any trail system could compare with the Carriage Roads. That someone would endeavor to build them in the tiny northern Maine town of Grindstone seemed incredulous. Since I had a business meeting in nearby Lincoln, I undertook some research. Sure enough, a wealthy philanthropist named Gilbert Butler using his family foundation as a vehicle had constructed a network of crushed dust trails along the East Branch of the Penobscot River in Grindstone. That was sufficient motivation for me to complete an in-person investigation. Still a little dubious when I arrived at the trailhead located twelve miles north of Medway on

Route 11, my misgivings diminished upon entering a spacious parking lot with a huge information kiosk. Just beyond the kiosk, I found an impressive Visitor Center with restrooms, a communal area, and an information counter. Visitors are required to register to use the 16 mile network of trails. A brochure with a trail map is available. It includes a few common sense rules. Among them, walkers and hikers are also welcome but pets are prohibited. Major trails are one-way for cyclists. My ride was a delight. The quality of the trails was excellent. A serpentine area near the Visitor Center included junctions connecting with Long Logan Loop Trail on the southern end of the network and Silver Maple Trail which leads north along the East Branch to more distant bikeways. After traveling north for about two miles, I reached a junction with Riverside Trail and Tote Road. This is the beginning of one-way traffic for cy-



A rider crosses one of the bridges on the Penobscot River Trails beside the East Branch of the Penobscot River in Grindstone. (Ron Chase photo)

clists. Riders must proceed north on Riverside and return on Tote Road. Since Riverside Trail is a narrow twisting path with many bridges, moderately steep inclines, and exhilarating descents, one-way traffic was a welcome safety feature. Bikers can shorten the outing by connecting east to the Tote Road at four separate links. The scenic Riverside Trail closely followed the contours of the East Branch in many locations. Pressed for time due to my business meeting, I decided to return at Link 3. After a predominantly uphill

climb on the connector route, I enjoyed a gradual descent on the wider Tote Road to the Visitor Center. According to my odometer, my excursion was about 11 miles. Since the trek was thoroughly entertaining, I resolved to return as soon as possible to ride the entire system. When I reported my discoveries to my wife, Nancy, she was enthusiastic about joining me for a return trip. It seemed the ideal way to celebrate our 53rd wedding anniversary. Only one vehicle was in the parking lot when we arrived. Riding north, Nancy was immediately captivated by the trails. At Link 2, we took a right turn to visit a winter warming hut.

Open year round, the luxurious cabin easily qualifies as a "cooling hut" in the summer. While resting and enjoying the view, a retired game warden joined us. A frequent trail user who lives nearby, he extolled the benefits of skiing the trails in winter. Departing the hut, we continued our tour north on Riverside Trail. We found the hills between Links 2 and 4 to be more demanding climbs and exciting descents than the remainder of the trail. Just beyond Link 4, a large group of canoe trippers were observed on the East Branch. Friendly waves were exchanged. It was a little over nine miles to the northern terminus, Trails' End.

Just beyond was a second warming hut. This one is perched high on a hill and offers a phenomenal view of Mount Katahdin. From the warming hut, riders have a choice. Follow the Tote Road back to the Visitor Center or lengthen the trip by turning left on Long Meadow Hill Trail. We chose the latter which includes a substantial climb to the top of the hill. The reward was a steep invigorating decline to the Tote Road followed by a pleasurable primarily downhill ride to the Visitor Center. Completing the hilly Long Logan Loop before finishing our journey, ours was an outstanding day of riding on an exceptional trail system. Skiing there next winter is a must. The author of "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals – New England," Ron Chase lives in Topsham. His latest book, "The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine" is scheduled to be released by North Country Press later this year. Visit his website at www.ronchaseoutdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.

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Letter to the Editor

High-speed internet more crucial than ever

During the COVID-19 pandemic, having reliable, high-speed internet has become more crucial than ever. The world has moved even more online, yet many Mainers are being left behind due to lack of infrastructure and walled out because of unaffordable rates.

BroadbandNow, an independent group that researches high-speed in-

ternet coverage in states around the country, found that 35,000 Mainers have an insufficient broadband connection, and 12,000 Mainers have no connection at all in their homes. Talk about a "digital divide!" We can and must do better when it comes to bringing reliable, high-speed internet to all Mainers, no matter their location. There is lots of

chatter about expanding high-speed internet access right now, but I hope we'll see the needed action to back it up and get Maine connected to world's largest communities, markets, and classrooms we've ever had.

The Maine Broadband Coalition in partnership with the ConnectME Authority launched the Get Up To Speed test to help do just that. By taking this simple, 30-second test, you help map the broadband connection speeds in Maine and show local leaders where we need access the most across the state.

The test is quick and easy! All you have to do is visit www.mainebroadbandcoalition.org/ to get started. I urge everyone to take a few minutes out of their day and help bring better broadband to Maine by completing the speed test and letting others in your community know, too!

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Damariscove Island a remarkable kayak destination



A Kayaker approaches Ram Island en route to Damariscove Island. (Ron Chase photo)

By Ron Chase

I consider a sea kayak trip to Damariscove Island to be one of the most unique destinations on the Maine coast. The southern terminus of the rugged rockbound island is located about five miles off the shore of Ocean Point situated on the far end of Linekin Neck in East Boothbay.

The now uninhabited island has a rich and tumultuous history. Native Americans used primitive canoes to travel there long before European settlers arrived. Prior to the founding of Jamestown and Plymouth Colonies, English fishermen began occupying the island in 1604. During the King Philip’s War in 1676, survivors from nearby coastal settlements fled there for safety from attacking Native Americans. A cluster of offshore ledges, The Motions, have been the scene of numerous shipwrecks which prompted construction of a lifesaving station late in the 19th Century.

For me, kayaking to Damariscove is a very stimulating endeavor. It entails ten miles of paddling including navigation through the potentially treacherous Motions. An additional benefit is a visit to one of Maine’s most historic islands with phenomenal coastal landscapes.

Since a voyage to the “cove” involves significant exposure to open seas with little opportunity to land, careful planning is essential for a safe trip. Forecasts for tides, wind, seas, fog, and weather are factors to be considered. I recently identified what appeared to be a quality Damariscove day with light winds, calm seas, and summer-like conditions predicted. The tides were not helpful but winds normally trump tides.

When I announced a Penobscot Paddle and Chowder Society trip, four frequent kayaking companions enthusiastically agreed to join me. The day before the scheduled excursion, a forecast for dense fog threatened our plans. Particularly concerning was the prospect of negotiating The Motions in fog. Following several communications, a decision was made to meet late morning speculating that would provide sufficient time for the fog to lift.

Our strategy was confirmed when we met at the boat landing on Ocean Point the following day. Only a foggy haze remained and the northern end of distant Damariscove Island was visible. Seas were calm and winds light. The trip was on!

After confirming a compass bearing for near-

by Ram Island, five of us departed tranquil Grimes Cove in solo kayaks. Approximately a mile away, tiny Ram Island and its prominent light house was our first objective. Completing an uneventful channel crossing, we passed adjacent to the inactive light station now under the purview of Grand Banks Schooner Museum Trust.

Close by, Fisherman Island was next. A distinctive stone house was observed situated high on the mile long otherwise barren atoll. Light winds and seas continued as we proceeded along the west side. Two lobster boats were hauling traps a little farther offshore. Another larger vessel was maneuvering north dragging an unfamiliar device, possibly related to a scientific study. We were part of the diversity that personifies the Maine coast.

A southwest breeze increased as we concluded the one mile traverse to the northern tip of Damariscove Island. Massive granite ledges dominated the western shoreline as our tenacious band progressed south. A narrow rock-strewn isthmus separates the northern and southern half of the island. The northern sector is a bird sanctuary where landing is prohibited.

As we approached

the southwestern end of the island, cascading surf from The Motions could be discerned ahead. The capricious conditions that constitute The Motions were relatively benign on that fine day and passage was accomplished with minimal risk.

Entrance into the serene cove was in stark contrast to the rolling swells just outside in The Motions. We paddled past the decommissioned Coast Guard Life Saving Station to a gravel beach at the top of the inlet and secured our kayaks.

Boothbay Region

Land Trust (BRLT) is conservator of the island and maintains an elaborate trail system. We chose a short hike sidestepping patches of poison ivy to high ledges on the east side for lunch. The panoramic view from the precipitous location was exceptional. From the expansive overlook, seas appeared turbulent on the southeastern tip of the island so the consensus was to back-track through The Motions and return to Ocean Point on the west side of the islands. Before departing, we enjoyed a friendly chat with the BRLT caretakers.

Conditions were ideal for the return trip. Ours had been a most pleasurable undertaking to one of Maine’s most remarkable locations.

The author of “The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery” and “Mountains for Mortals – New England,” Ron Chase lives in Topsham. His latest book, “The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine” is scheduled to be released by North Country Press later this year. Visit his website at www.ronchase-outdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.



A group of kayakers pass Ram Island Light Station on their return from Damariscove Island. (Ron Chase photo)

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Development

NextGrid Peppertree, LLC: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural-Business Service (RBS), USDA

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: The RBS has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request for possible financing assistance to NextGrid Peppertree, LLC for the construction of the Lewiston Junction Road Solar Project in Androscoggin County, Maine.

FURTHER INFORMATION: To obtain copies of the EA and FONSI, or for further information, contact: Brian Wilson, P.E., Business & Cooperative Programs Director, USDA Rural Development, 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, Bangor, Maine 04401-2767, 207-990-9125, brian.wilson@usda.gov. The EA and FONSI are also available for public review at 967 Illinois Avenue, Suite 4, Bangor, Maine 04401-2767, 207-990-9125.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NextGrid Peppertree, LLC proposes to construct a 5.665-MW solar farm on an approximately 20-acre site which contains agricultural land and forestland. Approximately 20 acres of the project site would be disturbed as a result of the construction activities associated with this project. The Proposed Project Area would be located north of Lewiston Junction Road, near the intersection of Torrey Road and Lewiston Junction Road in the town of Poland, Androscoggin County, Maine. The Proposed Project would interconnect to the Central Maine Power (CMP) pre-existing electrical distribution system. The power generated from the facility would be sold to CMP through a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The Proposed Project would be accessed from Lewiston Junction Road. An interior road would be constructed inside the perimeter and is anticipated to be flat and would match existing grades to minimize earth work. The Proposed Project Area would be secured by a security fence with standard gates for emergency and maintenance vehicle access.

The availability of the EA for public review was announced via notice in the following newspaper(s): The Twin City Times, Androscoggin County, Maine on August 5, 2021, and August 12, 2021. A 14-day comment period was announced in the newspaper notice(s). The EA was also available for public review at the USDA Rural Development office as well as NextGrid Peppertree, LLC offices. No comments were received.

Based on its EA, commitments made by NextGrid Peppertree, LLC, and public comments received, RBS has concluded that the project would have no significant impact (or no impacts) to water quality, floodplains, land use, aesthetics, transportation, or human health and safety.

RBS has assessed the environmental impacts of this proposal and determined that the Lewiston Junction Road Solar Project will result in approximately 1,930 ft2 of wetland fill from the construction of an access road, resulting in permanent loss. Additionally, there will be approximately 5,590 ft2 of wetland vegetation (i.e., conversion of scrub-shrub wetland vegetation to emergent wetland vegetation with no grubbing required).

It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoiding this conversion of effect and that there is a significant need for the project. The basis of this determination is the lack of suitable alternative project areas, the mitigation efforted determined by the landowner as well as NextGrid Peppertree, LLC, and the regional need for an affordable, reliable, and consistent supply of renewable electric power at competitive rates. No public comments were received regarding the conversion of wetlands.

The proposed project will have no adverse effect on resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Agency has also concluded that the proposed project is not likely to affect federally listed threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitat thereof. The proposed project would not disproportionately affect minority and/or low-income populations.

No other potential significant impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified. Therefore, RBS has determined that this FONSI fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500- 1508), and USDA Rural Development’s Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970) for its action related to the project.

RBS is satisfied that the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed. RBS’s federal action would not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, and as such it will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its action related to the proposed project.

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Arts & Entertainment

Season rolls to an end at Junction Bowl

From Junction Bowl

GORHAM – Pocket Pounders take first place in the summer league at Junction Bowl on Railroad street, defeating God Squad in Monday night play at the end of August.

First Place Match: Pocket Pounders defeated God Squad.

Third Place Match: Pin Me Please defeated The Empire Strikes Back.

Fifth Place Match: JB House Team defeated Ice Trae.

The bowling leagues are back in full swing at Junction Bowl next week with play on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights.

‘The Eyes Have It’ opens in Gardiner

From Monkintree

“When I look into the eyes of an animal, I do not see an animal. I see a living being. I see a friend. I feel a soul.” ~ Anthony Douglas Williams

GARDINER – Monkintree, a store offering small batch or one of a kind items, is showing “The Eyes Have It”, acrylic paintings focusing on animals’ eyes, through November.

The paintings are by Barbara Chase, an acrylic artist living in Waterville, who paints a wide variety of subjects.



“Can’t Take My Eyes Off You” is one of the paintings by acrylic artist Barbara Chase on display in a show titled “The Eyes Have It” through November at the Monkintree store on Water Street in Gardiner. (Image courtesy of Monkintree)

In this show she focuses on animals, specifically focusing on the eyes. She said, “I love to find animals, birds and even bees that have distinctive eyes. The beauty in the eyes of other species serves to remind us that all living creatures have an equally special place in our universe.”

Chase likes to present a subject that is staring at the observer, providing an “animal to human” connection.

It has been said, “an animal’s eyes have the power to speak a great language.”

It can help inspire reflection and encourage connection, in “The Eyes Have It,” Barbara allows us to get up close and per-

sonal with the animals and a few insects in her paintings.

A portion of the sales of the paintings in this show will be donated to Johnson Hall as part of The Gardiner Creativity Fund Challenge, a program where The Gardiner Creativity Fund will match donations by the creative community toward the capital campaign to renovate the historic Johnson Hall into a state-of-the-art performing arts space.

Barbara Chase will also be offering bookmarks for sale, with the proceeds going to the Gardiner Creativity Fund Challenge during the length of the show.

The show can be seen at Monkintree at 263 Water

Street, Gardiner, through Nov. 5 during regular shop hours- T/W 10-4, Th/Fr 10-5, Sat 10-4.

There will not be an opening reception.

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Remains of WW II pilot found near Croatia

From DPAA

WASHINGTON—The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced last week that U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Ernest N. Vienneau, 25, of Millinocket, Maine, killed during World War II, was accounted for April 16.

In the fall of 1944, Vienneau was a pilot assigned to the 340th Bombardment Squadron, 97th Bombardment Group, 15th Air Force, based out of Amendola, Italy.

On Nov. 6, the B-17 Flying Fortress bomber on which he was serving as co-pilot came under heavy anti-aircraft fire while on a mission over Maribor, Yugoslavia, in present-day Slovenia. During the barrage, a piece of flak penetrated the cockpit and struck Vienneau in the head, mortally wounding him. While the crew treated Vienneau, the pilot attempted to fly the damaged B-17 back to base. However, the aircraft could not make it and the pilot was forced to ditch off the coast of Vis Island, Croatia.

The surviving 10 crew members made it out of the aircraft, but Vienneau's body could not be recovered from the rapidly sinking B-17. Following the war, his remains could not be found and recovered.

In 2005, an analyst from the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel

Office (DPMO), a predecessor to DPAA, received information concerning the wreck of a B-17, and later met with an official from the Croatian Administration for the Protection of Cultural Heritage, who gave them information on the wreckage. However, definitive proof that this was Vienneau's aircraft could not be obtained at that time.

In June 2017, DPAA partnered with Lone Wolf Productions to document the underwater excavation of a B-24 Liberator aircraft wreckage off the coast of Vis Island, Croatia. The film became an episode of the PBS Nova program entitled "The Last B-24," which can be viewed at <http://bitly.ws/giN7>.

When the excavation was hampered by inclement weather, the team relocated the Croatian Navy ship to conduct a brief investigative dive on other wreckage believed to be Vienneau's B-17. This effort is also featured in "The Last B-24" along with an interview with Vienneau's niece.

Enough evidence was collected from that dive to enable an underwater recovery to be planned. In the fall of 2020, personnel from DPAA, Lund University, University of Zadar, the Croatian Conservation Institute, and the Croatian military recovered possible remains, which were sent to the DPAA Laboratory at Offutt Air Force

Base, Nebraska, for analysis.

To identify Vienneau's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial and material evidence.

Vienneau's name is recorded on the Tablets of the Missing at the Florence American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in Impruneta, Italy, along with others still missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Vienneau will be buried in hometown on Oct. 9, 2021, in his hometown.

For family and funeral information, contact the Army Casualty Office at (800) 892-2490.

DPAA is grateful to the Croatian divers who discovered the underwater crash site, as well as the Croatian Ministries of Veterans Affairs, Culture, and Defense, the Croatian Conservation Institute, the University of Zadar, and the team from Lund University whose divers operated at a depth of 72 meters during the recovery, for



Second Lt. Ernest Vienneau of Millinocket was killed in World War II while piloting a plane over present-day Slovenia. His remains were found in 2020 and finally identified in mid-April, and he will be buried in his hometown on Oct. 9. (Photo courtesy of DPAA)

their steadfast partnership in this successful mission.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil or find us on social media on Facebook or LinkedIn.

Vienneau's personnel profile can be viewed at <http://bitly.ws/giNc>

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Sullivan House Bakery opens



Nancy Ames, owner of Sullivan House Bakery, cuts the ribbon at the official ribbon-cutting event with help from employees McKayla Taft and KG Wentworth. Attendees on hand to welcome Gorham Village’s newest business included representatives from the Gorham Village Alliance, Gorham Business Exchange, Gorham Economic Development Corporation, Town of Gorham, and the Gorham Town Council. The bakery/cafe is located in the Village Mall, in the former Grit and Grace CrossFit space. (Photo courtesy of GVA)

From GVA

GORHAM – Sullivan House Bakery opened in The Village Mall in mid-august with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Owner Nancy Ames cut the ribbon with the help of employees McKayla Taft and KG Wentworth.

Gorham Village’s newest business by representatives from the Gorham Village Alliance, Gorham Business Exchange, Gorham Economic Development Corporation, Town of Gorham, and the Gorham Town Council.

The bakery/cafe is located in the former Grit and Grace CrossFit space.



Kevin Jensen, Town of Gorham, Economic Development Director; Nancy Ames, Sullivan House Bakery owner; and Dan Nichols, Gorham Revolving Loan Fund Committee, pose in front of one of several commissioned paintings by local artist Sarah Couglin that decorate the bakery walls. (Photo courtesy of GVA)

Maine rangers fight western fires

From MFS

AUGUSTA — The Maine Forest Services has sent rangers and vehicles to western states to help fight the wildfires over the summer.

Maine has provided an engine and staff for Montana and an Incident Management Team (IMT) of four for Idaho and Ranger to Washington State to help lead air operations so far this year. Mobilizations are 14 days, and every one must pass federal wildland firefighter and wildland fire behavior coursework. Preparation also includes annual refresher coursework and physical test.

“Our department takes great pride in the Maine Forest Service wildland firefighters and personnel who have chosen to travel west to help battle raging wildfires. I invite all of Maine to join me expressing appreciation for our Rangers, and in keeping them and everyone impacted by these fires in their thoughts during this challenging time,” said Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Commissioner Amanda Beal.

Maine Forest Service western wildfire mobilizations are an opportunity



Maine Engine Crew 6199 Rangers Ryan Albert, Carson Hartman, and Andrew Bowman take a break from Battling the Trail Creek Fire, near Dillon, MT, <http://bitly.ws/gpRx>. (Photo courtesy of MFS)

ty to assist other states in dire need while providing invaluable experience and training for MFS rangers and firefighters, which allows them to bring those skills back to Maine. The USDA funds wildland fire-fighting mobilizations.

“When Maine rangers mobilize, it not only helps our sister states, but it also provides valuable training and qualifications for our staff to manage incidents here at home. Additionally, all costs are reimbursed by the requesting agency,” MFS Chief Ranger Bill Hamilton said.

“I am happy that the Maine Forest Service can provide help to other states, as they would return the favor if we ever needed it. Our help is always welcomed, and I am so appreciative of the quality assistance the mobilized rangers and firefighters have provided,” said MFS Director and State Forester Patty Cormier.

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Collins, King host Navy Secretary at BIW

From Sen. Collins

BATH - U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Angus King (I-ME) toured manufacturing and training facilities at Bath Iron Works with Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro last week to see first-hand the important work being done at the shipyard. The Senators also hosted Secretary Del Toro and participated in a groundbreaking at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery.

“It was a pleasure to host Secretary Del Toro in Maine to tour Bath Iron Works,” said Senator Collins. “I am proud of the highly skilled employees at BIW who build the best ships in the world. Today’s visit provided the Secretary with the opportunity to see the impressive work they do to support our Navy. The value of our naval assets and shipyards to our national security has never been greater. As a senior member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, I will continue to be a strong advocate for the shipyard.”

“Today, Secretary Del Toro got to see first-hand how critically important Bath Iron Works

is to both Maine’s economy and the readiness of our Navy,” said Senator King. “BIW’s generations of consistent excellence have cemented a world-renowned reputation that Bath Built is Best Built. As the Navy takes on a larger role in America’s national security and aims to increase the overall size of its fleet, the hardworking men and women of BIW are ready to deliver world-class ships that keep our sailors safe.”

Secretary Del Toro and Senators Collins and King toured BIW’s facilities, including the Training Academy, where workers learn the skills they need to become pipefitters, welders, tinsmiths, and other tradespeople.

Earlier this year, the Maine Delegation hosted Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas Harker and Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Mike Gil- day at BIW.

In March, the Maine Delegation sent a letter to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Deputy Secretary of Defense Kathleen Hicks, urging them to provide unequivocal support to the long-standing and congressionally mandated requirement for a larger



Maine U.S. Senators Angus King (I-ME), left, and Susan Collins (R-ME), right, hosted Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro with last week in a tour of the facilities at Bath Iron Works, and a groundbreaking ceremony at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery. (Photo courtesy of Sen. Collins)

and more capable Navy fleet. In addition, Senators Collins and King joined a bipartisan group in intro-

ducing the SHIPYARD Act, which would provide \$25 billion to make invest- ments needed to optimize,

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Maine delegation, governor oppose new lobster fishery rule

From U.S. Sen. Collins

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Angus King (I-ME), Representatives Chellie Pingree (D-1st District) and Jared Golden (D-2nd District), and Governor Janet Mills (D) recently spoke out against the new Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Rule.

The rule was put in place by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

Summary of Rule

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries department summarized the rule on its website at <http://bitly.ws/gpZW>.

Per the NOAA Fisheries website, “NOAA Fisheries announces amendments to the regulations implementing the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan to reduce the incidental mortality and serious injury to North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), and humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in northeast commercial lobster and crab trap/pot fisheries to meet the goals of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act.

“In addition, this action also proposes a small revision to Federal regulations implemented under the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commissions’ Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Lobster to increase the maximum length of a lobster trap trawl groundline. This action is necessary to reduce the risks to North Atlantic right whales and other large whales associated with the presence of fishing gear in waters used by these animals. The gear modifications required by the rule will go into effect May 1, 2022, which is the start of the American lobster/Jonah crab fishing year. The changes to the seasonally restricted areas will go into effect 30 days after the publication of this rule.”

Maine statement

The Maine delegation and Governor Mills issued a statement, saying, “The Maine lobster fishery has repeatedly made significant improvements to their practices and modifications to their gear to protect right whales, including the implementation of weak link mandates in 1997 and again in 2007. Notably, there has not been a single right whale entanglement attributed to Maine lobster fisheries in nearly two decades,” said Maine’s Congressional Delegation and Governor Mills. “In recent years, the Delegation and the Mills Administration, including the Maine Department of Marine Resources, have worked closely with the Maine Lobstermen’s Association, the Maine Lobstering Union, and other stakeholders to ensure that their input was received by NMFS with the goal of regulations that are fair, safe, and reflect the reality in the Gulf of Maine. Unfortunately, the final rule does not meet those standards.

“We agree that we must protect the fragile right whale population, but we must do so without endangering human lives or livelihoods. It is unacceptable that Maine lobstermen and women continue to be the primary target of burdensome regulations despite the multiple effective mitigation measures they have taken and the data showing that ship strikes and Canadian snow crab gear pose substantially greater risks to right whales,” they continued. “We will continue to work with our partners in the lobster industry to support this vital part of Maine’s economy and heritage.”

Opposed to burdens

The Maine Delegation has been steadfastly opposed to undue burdens that would threaten the lobster fishery – an important economic driver for Maine – but which do not meaningfully protect whales. The Delegation urged both President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump to act on their pledges to protect lobstermen’s livelihoods, citing the lack of data to support claims that the lobster fishery presents an extreme risk to whales compared to other marine activities such as ship strikes. Last week, they wrote to Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, urging her to oppose last-minute changes to this rule that would significantly harm the livelihoods of communities that depend on fishing and lobstering without meaningfully protecting whales.

Governor Mills has repeatedly stood up for Maine’s vital lobster industry and its working men and women in the face of the Federal government’s right whale proposal. Last year, she wrote to the Commerce Department urging it to deny a petition by Pew Charitable Trusts that asks for three seasonal offshore closures in the Gulf of Maine and that would prohibit the use of vertical lines in the American lobster and Jonah crab fisheries in four areas of the New England coast. She also filed comments with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on the draft Biological Opinion for ten fishery management plans in the Greater Atlantic Region, focusing on the North Atlantic Right Whale, expressing “grave concern” and warning it will be economically devastating and will fundamentally change Maine’s lobster fishery.

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Collins honors MSG Gordon at Memorial



Betty Gordon, the mother of Master Sergeant Gary Gordon, who was killed in Somalia in 1993, talks with U.S. Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) in front of a Medal of Honor memorial for her son at a recent dedication ceremony. The memorial is located in Lincoln in Penobscot County. (Photo courtesy of Sen. Collins)

From Sen. Collins

LINCOLN, ME – U.S. Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) attended the recent unveiling ceremony for the Master Sergeant Gary Gordon Medal of Honor Memorial in Lincoln in Penobscot County.

The Special Forces Charitable Trust hosted the ceremony to honor and remember MSG Gordon, a Lincoln native and a master sergeant in the United States Army’s Delta Force special operations unit. He was killed by Somali fighters while attempting to rescue a downed helicopter crew in Mogadishu, Somalia, on October 3, 1993. Michael Durant, the pilot of the helicopter that was shot down in Somalia, attended the ceremony.

“No soldier goes into battle intending to make the ultimate sacrifice. But there are rare heroes who consciously make the decision to risk their lives above and beyond the call of duty and, if need be, to

give their lives to save others,” said Senator Collins. “A few of these heroes perform acts of courage so extraordinary that they are recipients of the Medal of Honor, our nation’s highest military honor. Master Sergeant Gordon is among them.”

“This memorial to Master Sergeant Gordon commemorates a Medal of Honor soldier who fought with exceptional heroism and who gave his life so that his comrades might live. It recognizes a special fraternity whose ‘common bond is uncommon valor,’” Senator Collins said. “The integrity, devotion to duty, and courage that Master Sergeant Gordon demonstrated in Somalia nearly three decades ago were forged right here in Lincoln, in his family and in this community.”

Senator Collins had previously visited Lincoln Veterans Memorial and Master Sergeant Gary Gordon’s grave in May 2020.

In-Home Senior Services at Station Square

From Great Falls Const.

GORHAM - In-Home Senior Services has moved to 7 Railroad Ave, Suite 220 in Station Square.

In-Home Senior Services has been assisting for the last 27 years with in-home care and personal-care services that contribute to the overall well-being of senior citizens and their families. These services often allow them to live in their home longer and have been even more critical for families

throughout the national pandemic.

Station Square at 7 Railroad Avenue is a mixed-use building which is home to 33 residential apartments, as well as a bowling alley/restaurant, wine bar, and other commercial units. It is managed by JCS Property Management, and the building was constructed by Great Falls Construction.

To learn more about In-Home’s services or employment, please visit <https://inhomeseniorservices.com>.

Haddock Supper on Sept. 25

From Living Waters Ch.

BUXTON – Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton will host a Haddock Supper Buffet at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Suggested donations are \$8 for adults, \$4 for child, and \$20 for a family.

Takeout containers are available for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

Wearing of face masks for those who are not vaccinated is suggested.

Hand sanitizer is available for those who wish to use it.

Send all items for
Names & Faces to the editor.
Deadline is Friday by five pm.

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GORHAM LITTLE LEAGUE

Field Funding Campaign



The Gorham Youth Baseball & Softball Association is making a large capital investment to provide updates and add fields to accommodate practice and game schedules:

- Develop 2 fields at White Rock
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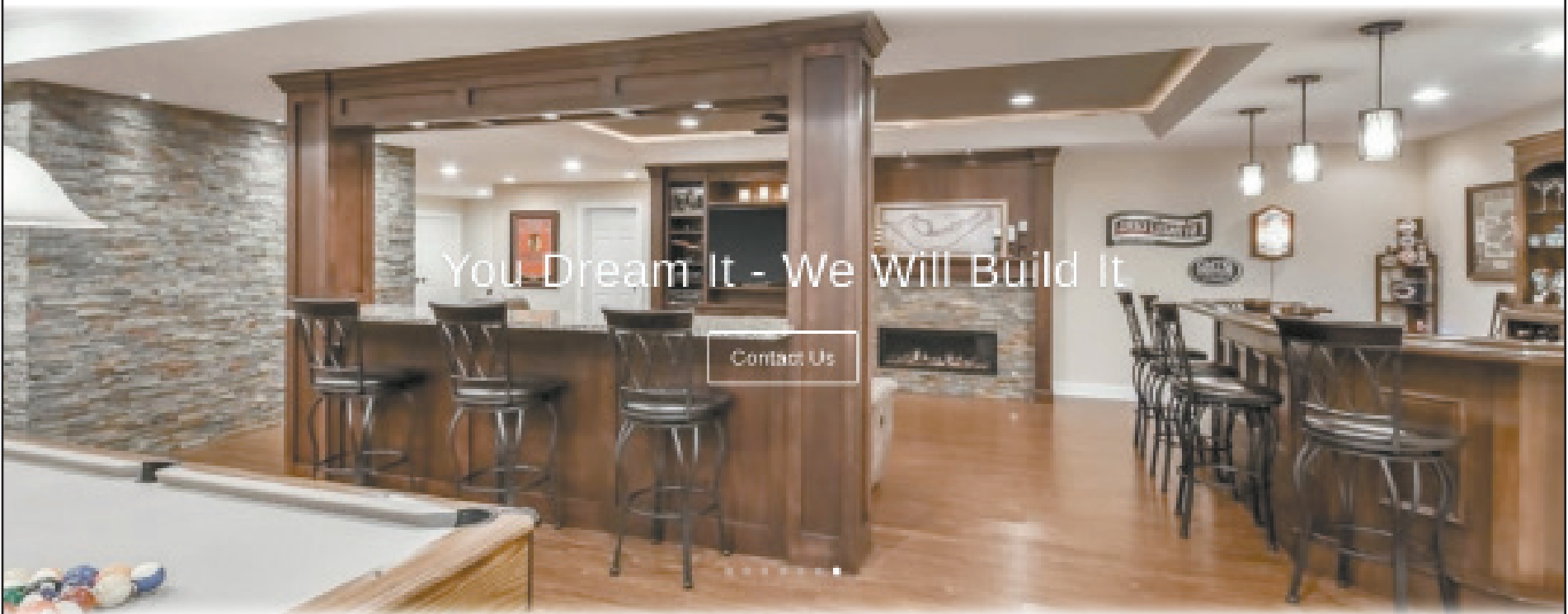
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1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS
11:30 a.m.
LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Virtual Book Chat. Join LPL staff via Facebook Live for a conversation about what we're reading. Make suggestions, share your thoughts, find resources, and get personalized recommendations from our librarians!

SEPT. 16-19
LEWISTON/AUBURN – Internationally acclaimed organist Dr. Joyce Jones will present a free concert on the the historic Casavant organ at the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul at 122 Ash Street, Lewiston, for youth through college students from 10-10:45 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 16. A program for all ages will be presented on Friday, September 17, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Jones will be the guest organist at a 9:45 a.m. service on Sunday, Sept. 19, at Court Street Baptist Church in Auburn.

THURSDAY
Sept. 16
8 a.m.
AUBURN – 9-1-1 Committee meeting.
6:30 p.m.
GORHAM – tentative Board of Appeals meeting om council chambers.
GORHAM – tentative Recurring Capital

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

Improvement Projects/
Economic Development
Committee meeting in
council chambers.
7 p.m.
AUBURN – Community Forest Subcommittee meeting.

FRIDAY
Sept. 17
7:30 a.m.
AUBURN – Auburn Public Library Board of Trustees meeting.
7:30-9:30 p.m.
BATH – Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington Street, Bath - **Schooner Fare**. Folk, Maritime.
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Main stage. \$24 adv /\$26 DOS

SATURDAY
Sept. 18
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
LEWISTON – Rally

for Recovery, at Kennedy Park, Lewiston. For those struggling with addiction, and their families. For More Information - (207) 513-3018.

MONDAY
Sept. 20
5:30 p.m.
AUBURN – City Council workshop and meeting.
GORHAM – Finance Committee meeting in council chambers.
7 p.m.
GORHAM - optional Planning Board meeting date.

TUESDAY
Sept. 21
8 a.m.
GORHAM – Ordinance Committee meeting in conference room A.
4 p.m.
AUBURN – Auburn Sewer District Trustees meeting.
6 p.m.
LEWISTON – City Council meeting, at City Hall, 27 Pine Street, Lewiston 1st Floor in the City Council Chambers. This Meeting and Workshop will be broadcast LIVE over Spectrum Cable TV Government Access Channel 7, streamed LIVE through the Great Falls Television web site, and streamed LIVE through the city's YouTube channel <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/YouTube>. Archived copies of this meeting will be available immediately after broadcast on the City YouTube Channel and within a day or two after broadcast, for viewing for up to 60 days, at the Great Falls Television web site.
6:30 p.m.
GORHAM – tenta-

tive recurring Town Council workshop in council chambers.

WEDNESDAY
Sept. 22
4 p.m.
AUBURN – Auburn Water District Trustees meeting
6 p.m.
AUBURN – Complete Streets Committee meeting.

SATURDAY
Sept. 25
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
AUBURN – Fall Festival at Auburn United Methodist Church, at 439 Park Ave, Auburn
7:30-9:30 p.m.
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LEWISTON – Finance Committee meeting, in City Hall Administrator's Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY
Sept. 29
7:30 a.m.
AUBURN – Auburn Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting.

THURSDAY
Sept. 30
1-6 p.m.
GORHAM - Q Memorial Blood Drive at Cressey United Methodist Church 1-6 p.m, as part of the Q Memorial Scholarship fundraising events.

FRIDAY
Oct. 1
9 a.m.
GORHAM - Q Memorial Golf Tournament at Gorham Country Club; 9 a.m. Shotgun Start, as part of the Q Memorial Scholarship fundraising events.

SATURDAY
Oct. 2
Noon-6 p.m.
GORHAM - Q Memorial Block Party at Junction Bowl on Railroad Ave. in Gorham, as part of the Q Memorial Scholarship fundraising events.

FRIDAY/SATURDAY
Oct. 1 & 2

NEW GLOUCESTER - SAVE THE DATE for the upcoming book sales at the New Gloucester Library - **First Dibs for Kids** on Friday Oct. 1, and **2nd Book Sale** on Saturday, Oct. 2, sponsored by the Friends of the New Gloucester Library.

SUNDAY
Oct. 3
8 a.m.
BRUNSWICK – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath/Brunswick is conducting a Run for Kids 5k Race/Walk. The race will start at 10 a.m. at Flight Deck Brewing, 11 Atlantic Ave, Brunswick, and walkers are welcome. Registration open at 8 a.m.

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