

Food Delivery Robots Serving Students at USM Gorham

GORHAM, ME (August 22, 2022)

— Students at the University of Southern Maine will now be able to get food delivered via Kiwibot, semi-autonomous little robots that will travel across the Gorham and Portland campuses.

USM is the first site for Kiwibot in Maine.

“We are very excited about the partnership with Kiwibot. This state of the art technology will allow our USM Community members to have access to food on demand by utilizing our new Everyday ordering app and having their meals conveniently delivered to the building they are in. This is a game changer for our University of Southern Maine Community,” said Tadd Stone, who oversees dining at USM as the area general manager for Sodexo.

By using this new service, students will be able to enjoy their food delivery with zero carbon emissions, helping them reduce their carbon footprints and encouraging delivery services to be as sustainable as possible.

Through Sodexo’s new mobile app, Everyday, students can place an order with their chosen campus restaurant and a robot will pick up the food and deliver it to the selected drop-off location on campus.

Users receive a unique link so they can track the order, follow the robot’s location in real-time, and open the secured lid. Ten robots will be available in Gorham and five will be available in Portland starting August 22nd.

To ensure safe operations on the campuses, Kiwibot relies on advanced technology and a semi-autonomous driving system. The robots create a virtual visualization of the world in real-time, using high-tech sensors, reflective flags, night lights, and a range lidar. If additional assistance is needed, human supervisors will be on watch and on-site.

“Kiwibots will bring joy to everyone on campus: This service allows students, faculty, and staff to not only invest their time more productively but also to merge into robotics,” said John Tarin, Head of Global Operations at Kiwibot.

Kiwibot is currently available on more than two dozen college campuses, including Brandies University, Endicotte College and Morgan State University.

Registration Opens to Volunteer in Gorham Schools



GORHAM, ME (August 19, 2022)

-- If you would like to volunteer in the Gorham Schools at any time during this school year you should register now! Please visit GorhamSchools.org. Click on

HUMAN RESOURCES and then VOLUNTEER PROGRAM or contact me for more info at Kelly.reed@gorhamschools.org

Do not wait until the day or week be-

fore you want to volunteer as the approval process does take time. Registering to volunteer is quick, easy and can be done completely online when it is convenient for you!

Barn Quilting Workshop Comes to Cumberland County

SEBAGO, ME (August 16, 2022)

-- Suzi Parron, photographer and author of Following the Barn Quilt Trail, will speak and conduct two workshops on Barn Quilting, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 16 - 18, 2022, at Sew-clusion Retreats, LLC’s studio, 694 Hancock Pond Road in Sebago. Parron’s Friday-evening lecture and weekend workshops will be conducted outdoors, lakeside, rain or shine. The weekend will appeal to creative artists, painters, quilters, folk art enthusiasts, and lovers of Americana.

A barn quilt is a traditional quilt block mural painted onto metal or wood and adhered to the side of barns, garages, sheds, porches, fences, and more. Sew-clusion owner and host, Patty Sawyer, hopes this event will help support local artists and generate interest in documentation of a barn quilt trail in Cumberland County. The Barn Quilting movement has been sweeping the country for several years now. Currently, there are established trails



only in Franklin, Somerset, Penobscot and Aroostook counties in Maine.

Parron’s talk and instruction will focus on the American Barn Quilt Trail, which she has documented in two books by traveling across the U.S. with her husband and their dog Gracie in their converted bus, Ruby. Her presentation includes over a hundred photographs of barn quilts and stories of those who have painted quilt blocks that adorn barns’ walls.

The cost of the workshops will include all materials for attendees to paint their own two-by-two-foot barn quilt block. Attendees will be encouraged and inspired to install these quilt murals where they can be easily viewed and help create public art in their respective communities.

Participants may attend the lecture or any of the workshops or stay and retreat for the entire weekend. For more information, tickets, reservations or costs of available packages, visit <https://www.sew-clusion.com/copy-of-2022-barn-quilting-event> or call Patty Sawyer at 207-803-8500. Space is limited.

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

\$19.7M for Brownfields Investment in Southern Maine

PORTLAND, ME (August 2, 2022) – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) New England Regional Administrator David Cash, along with Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, Maine Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Melanie Loyzim, and Portland Mayor Kate Snyder, highlighted \$19.7 Million in Brownfields funds being awarded to 12 entities in Maine at an event in Portland. This is part of a greatly increased Brownfields investment in New England this year made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to revitalize communities across the country by cleaning up contaminated and blighted sites and redeveloping them for productive use.

“EPA’s Brownfields program has a long track record of making critical investments that are a catalyst to revitalize communities in Maine and across New England,” said EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash. “Thanks to funding from Congress and the Biden Administration in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, EPA is making a historic investment to help

communities in Maine perform Brownfields assessments and cleanups. These projects will jump start economic redevelopment and job creation, and will do so in many neighborhoods that have been underserved and are ready to turn environmental risks into economic assets.”

“Hazardous sites not only pose a health danger to Mainers—especially as extreme weather becomes more common—but they also limit important economic activity in our communities,” said Congresswoman Chellie Pingree. “As Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for the EPA, I’m thrilled to see nearly \$14 million coming back to Maine’s First District to help towns and underserved areas mitigate pollution by cleaning up and repurposing contaminated sites to create valued community spaces. Thanks to President Biden, this money from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will make generational investments in each of these towns, creating hundreds of jobs and securing more space for Mainers to create and expand their businesses.”

“We welcome this

funding from the EPA’s Brownfields Programs, which will help identify potential hazards and encourage community development across Maine,” said Senators Susan Collins and Angus King in a joint statement. “In addition to cleaning up hazardous substances and improving our environment, this investment will help communities create new development opportunities to attract businesses that create good jobs for Mainers.”

The following municipalities will each receive a \$500,000 assessment grant:

City of Bath: The community wide assessment grant will be used to address sites within the city’s downtown and waterfront areas, including the former Texas Steamship Shipyard and properties in the South End.

City of Gardiner: The community wide assessment grant will be used to assess the impact of paper mills and other brownfields within the city, including the Cobbossee stream corridor and the downtown Water Street area.

City of South Portland: The community wide assessment grant will ad-

dress the impacts of sites related to industrial and ship building activities, including the Fore River Waterfront and the Main Street Corridor.

City of Waterville: A first time grant winner, the City of Waterville will be using their newly acquired funds to assess former mills and other sites in the city, including those in the Downtown and College Avenue areas.

Town of Gray: The community wide assessment grant will be used to address sites throughout the town, with a focus on the Gray Village Center intersection and the Route 100/Portland Road corridors. This is the town’s first grant from the EPA to address brownfields.

The City of Rockland will receive a \$500,000 cleanup grant to remediate the former Shafter’s Junkyard.

The following regional organizations will each receive RLF Supplemental funding to recapitalize their ongoing and successful Brownfields RLF programs:

Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments: will receive \$1M to help fund Brownfields cleanups at important sites throughout the Androscoggin Valley, including the Auburn, Lewiston, Rumford and Lewis communities.

Greater Portland Council of Governments: will receive \$3.9M to assist in the continuation and initiation of Brownfields cleanup projects throughout the Greater Portland area.

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments: will receive \$1M to provide funding for cleanups in their member communities.

Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission: will receive \$3.9M to fund Brownfields cleanups at mills and other important sites in their member communities.

The City of Portland will receive a \$3M RLF supplemental grant to provide funds for businesses and non-profits to clean up contaminated properties within the city.

The Maine Department of Economic & Community Development will receive a \$3.9M RLF supplemental grant to provide state grant and loan assistance to a wide array of site cleanup and redevelopment projects throughout the state.

Brownfields sites often lie in proximity to overburdened and vulnerable communities where people live, work, play, and pray. These funds serve to support underserved and economically disadvantaged communities in assessing

and cleaning up abandoned industrial and commercial properties and are part of a historic national EPA investment in Brownfields remediation. Brownfields funding helps begin to address the economic, social, and environmental challenges that have burdened these communities for far too long.

The new Brownfields funding announced this year includes approximately \$180 million from the historic \$1.5 billion investment from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help turn brownfield sites across the nation into hubs of economic growth and job creation, along with more than \$75 million from appropriated funds.

EPA’s Brownfields grants and assistance to organizations in Maine this year are among other significant annual investments by EPA to help New England communities to address brownfield properties. Across the six New England states this year, EPA will be awarding over \$51 million to assess or clean contaminated Brownfields sites in 42 communities.

In New England, since the beginning of the Brownfields program, EPA has awarded \$125 million in assessment grant funding, \$122 million in revolving loan fund grants and supplemental funding and \$87 million in cleanup grant funding, totaling \$334 million. These grant funds have paved the way for more than \$4 billion in public and private cleanup and redevelopment investment and for over 23,000 jobs in assessment, cleanup, construction and redevelopment.

Background
A brownfield is a
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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Gorham Residents Invited to Register for Workshops

STATEWIDE, ME (August 27, 2022) -- The Healthy Living for ME network is offering a number of free and low-cost workshops that begin in September. The workshops are being held in different regions throughout the state by network partners and are open to adult Mainers of all ages. Additionally, the Better Health Now with Pain workshop is held by phone so it can be easily accessed by people anywhere in the state.

Healthy Living for ME also welcomes referrals from healthcare providers. The network's evidence-based programming can help patients manage and prevent conditions before they become more serious or result in emergency situations.

"From Aroostook County to the midcoast, Healthy Living for ME's partners are providing Mainers with numerous opportunities to improve their health and wellness. The numerous in-person workshops beginning in September give adult Mainers the chance to be part of a supportive group while learning strategies to manage chronic conditions or participating in fitness activities," said Monica Lizotte, Program Coordinator of Healthy Living for



ME.

Living Well for Better Health - This workshop helps participants deal with ongoing conditions such as diabetes, COPD, arthritis, and high blood pressure. Topics covered include: handling frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation; appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, and endurance; appropriate use of medications; communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals; nutrition; and evaluating new treatments.

Living Well for Better Health is being offered in-person in Fort Fairfield by Healthy Living for ME network partner, Aroostook Agency on Aging. The workshop begins on September 6, 2022. It will be held on Tuesdays, 10:00am-12:30pm, through October 11, 2022. There is no cost to participants.

Better Health Now with Pain - This workshop

is designed for those who experience long-term pain; their friends, family, and/or caregivers are also welcome to join. Participants in this workshop receive a toolkit in the mail and work with a leader either by themselves or in small groups. Topics covered include pacing and planning, medication management, and the Moving Easy Program.

Better Health Now with Pain is conducted over the phone and is scheduled to run September 6, 2022 through October 11, 2022. This workshop is being offered by Healthy Living for ME network partner, MaineGeneral's Peter Alford Prevention & Healthy Living Center. There is no cost for participants.

Bingocize - This workshop combines a bingo-like game with exercise and health education with the goal of increasing older adults' functional fitness, health knowledge, and social engagement.

There are three in-person sessions of Bingocize available starting in September; one in Lewiston, one in Caribou, and one in Topsham. There is no cost for participants.

Healthy Living for ME network partner, SeniorsPlus is offering Bingocize at their Education Center in Lewiston. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays initially, moving to just Thursdays in later weeks, 10:00am-11:00am, from September 13, 2022 through December 22, 2022.

Healthy Living for ME network partner, Aroostook Agency on Aging is offering Bingocize in Caribou on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am-11:30am. Classes begin September 13, 2022 and run through November 22, 2022.

Healthy Living for ME network partner, Spectrum Generations is offering Bingocize in Topsham on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am-11:00am. Classes begin September 14, 2022 and run through November 28, 2022.

Tai Chi for Health and Balance - This workshop is focused on practicing Tai Chi, which can help people improve balance and health as well as re-

lieve pain.

Healthy Living for ME network partner, MaineGeneral's Community Health department and the Peter Alford Prevention & Healthy Living Center is offering this workshop in-person in Waterville. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Fridays, 11:00am-12:00pm, beginning September 13, 2022. The workshop runs through November 18, 2022. There is a \$40 cost for participants.

Living Well for Better Health - This workshop helps participants deal with ongoing conditions such as diabetes, COPD, arthritis, and high blood pressure. Topics covered include: handling frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation; appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility, and endurance; appropriate use of medications; communicating effectively with family, friends, and health professionals; nutrition; and evaluating new treatments.

Healthy Living for ME network partner, Northern Light Seabrook Valley Hospital is offering this workshop in-person in Pittsfield. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, 9:00am-11:30am, beginning Sep-

tember 21, 2022. The workshop runs through October 26, 2022. There is no cost for participants.

Registration is required for these workshops. Please contact Healthy Living for ME at 1-800-620-6036 or info@healthylivingforme.org for more information and to register. You can also register via our website, www.healthylivingforme.org.

To learn more about these and other workshops offered by Healthy Living for ME, visit www.healthylivingforme.org.

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Sen. Collins Celebrates Casco Bay Lines Terminal Renovations

PORTLAND, ME (August 15, 2022) - U.S. Senator Susan Collins participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Casco Bay Lines terminal in Portland to celebrate the completion of more than 18 months of construction and significant renovations to the terminal building, site, and marine infrastructure critical to accommodating growth and enhancing the overall long-term operational capabilities of Casco Bay Island Transit District (CBITD).

In addition to Senator Collins, the event included FTA Region I Deputy Administrator Michelle Muh-

SUSAN COLLINS

U.S. Senator for Maine
 longer, CBITD General Manager Hank Berg, and other project and community stakeholders. Senator Collins is the Ranking Member of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee and worked to secure nearly \$8.5 million in federal funding for the three phases of this project to improve passenger services and safety.

CBITD is the transit operator serving the islands of Casco Bay and operates passenger, vehicle, and freight service year-round. Casco Bay Lines

ensures that passengers have safe, dependable and reliable transportation, and is considered the "lifeline" for the residents of the islands. Casco Bay Lines' ferries transport more than one million passengers, 35,000 vehicles, and over 500,000 pieces of freight annually. Casco Bay Lines also delivers the U.S. mail and transports island students to and from Portland.

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Help Local Families and Win a Trip to Paris with Veggies to Table



Veggies to Table founder, Erica Berman.

NEW CASTLE, ME (August 26, 2022) -- Veggies to Table, a non-profit farm that grows and donates organic produce to locals experiencing hunger, and flowers to bring joy, is excited to announce a once-in-a-lifetime French inspired sweepstakes. The grand prize is a week-long stay in a gorgeous Paris apartment (with panoramic views and balcony) along with many French inspired

runner-up prizes. All proceeds from this unique fundraiser will help Veggies to Table grow and donate even more farm-fresh veggies and flowers while bringing YOU to Paris or, Paris to YOU!

Veggies to Table founder Erica Berman moved from Paris to Maine 10 years ago with her French husband and co-founder, Alain Ollier. To share a bit of France

with you all, they have organized this incredible sweepstakes.

Grand Prize:

- A week stay for two in Berman's Montmartre apartment w/a balcony and panoramic views
- A chauffeur to and from the airport
- Champagne and flowers upon arrival
- Lunch for two at Le Bon Georges
- Lunch for two at Mokonuts Bakery and Café

- A gift certificate for Treize au Jardin
- A standard trip planning service by Paris, Perfected

Runner-up prizes:

- A weekend in Montreal with club access at the Le Centre Sheraton hotel
- A set of luxury French bed linens
- A language class at the Penobscot Bay Language School
- Handmade chocolates from French owned, Maine based, Chocolats Passion

- A set of French Utility Soap, dish towels and a wooden dish brush from sustainable shop du Jardin AND MANY MORE PRIZES

Hunger is on the rise — With higher costs all around, food insecurity is on the rise and more local families, children, and

elderly are in peril. Help Veggies to Table feed the maximum amount of the 1 in 7 Maine families living with hunger (1 in 5 children). In its first three seasons Veggies to Table grew and donated 31,000+ pounds of farm-fresh produce and gifted over 2,100 flower bouquets (40,000+ stems) to spread joy. With YOUR help they can provide even more top-quality nutrient dense produce to

those in need.

What you can do to help Veggies to Table feed more of the hungry in our community:

- enter the Sweepstakes
 - donate to Veggies to Table
 - visit us on the farm
 - volunteer on the farm or behind the scenes on grants and fundraising
 - connect with us
- The Sweepstakes

will run from Aug 7 - Sept 17 with winners selected online on September 18. YOU can make a difference. Help us feed our neighbors living in the crisis of hunger, and you just might win a week in a Paris apartment, a weekend in Montreal or one of the many other French inspired prizes!

To Enter: <https://veggiestotable.rallyup.com/winaweekinparis>



Erica Berman with her French husband and co-founder, Alain Ollier.



A view of the Grand Prize--the Paris apartment's bedroom.



The Paris apartment's kitchen.

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Paddlers congregate for instructions on the Throwback Cruise



A father daughter tandem canoe team blast through a hole on the Dead River



Throwback Cruise trip coordinator Kyle Duckworth navigates a rapid in a circa 1965 aluminum canoe

By Ron Chase
More than three dozen whitewater paddlers in over thirty boats recently assembled at Webb's Campground in West Forks on a beautiful summer day. They gathered for the annual Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society (PPCS) Throwback Cruise on the Dead River. Joining the Kennebec River at The Forks after sixteen miles of almost continuous Class I through Class IV whitewater, the Dead is one of the most popular whitewater outings in the northeastern United States and a PPCS favorite. PPCS founders pioneered early descents on the Dead more than 50 years ago.

Each year, eighteen Dead releases are scheduled from Long Falls Dam at the outlet of Flagstaff Lake. The levels vary from 1300 to 6000 cubic feet per second (CFS). During a typical year, the PPCS hosts numerous club trips on the Dead.

In 2017, frequent PPCS Trip Coordinator, Kyle Duckworth, introduced a novel river experience on the Dead designated the Throwback Cruise. The whitewater adventure is a celebration of old-time boats and gear, and the consequential PPCS Dead River history. Participants are encouraged to paddle crafts from the 1980s or earlier. A relatively low 1800 CFS release is selected for the event, so it is also intended to provide new paddlers with the opportunity to attempt first descents with the support of veteran club members.

Enthusiastic Chowderheads loaded a wide array of boats on Webb Shuttle Service trailers for the drive to the top. Included were a 1970s Old Town Tripper tandem canoe, a vintage Blue Hole Starburst solo canoe, and some Perception Dancer kayaks from the 1980s. The first principle of a leader is to set the example. Kyle sported

a circa 1965 aluminum canoe outfitted with inflated tire inner tubes for floatation. An elderly paddler, I have throwback boats but they're all canoes which are problematic because I can no longer kneel in them. Instead, I brought my big volume 10.5 foot expedition kayak which looks something like an old-time kayak with a pretty new face.

During the lengthy shuttle ride to the put-in at the outlet of Spencer Stream, whitewater adventures past were the primary topics of conversation. Dead River veterans related river anecdotes, many including scary mishaps, while newcomers listened with interest and angst.

The small launch area was far too crowded and chaotic to organize a trip that included over 30 boats, so paddlers were instructed to meet at a beach at the bottom of the first rapid, Spencer Rips. After plummeting through the Class

III waves, everyone congregated next to shore where Kyle announced river plans and safety protocols. Experienced paddlers were introduced and Dead River debutants were urged to follow them through the more difficult rapids. Lead and sweep boats were assigned.

Then the fun began. Paddlers navigated through some easy whitewater followed by Quattro Pitch where more skilled boaters enjoyed some stimulating surfing. Just beyond, complicated 1.1 mile Minefield Rapid was negotiated before stopping for lunch at Hayden's Landing.

Seasoned Chowderheads led the way through complex Hayden's Rapid, where a multitude of potential hazards were avoided. Everyone relaxed during a relatively placid stretch called the Doldrums. This was the calm before the storm as the difficulty level soon began to increase appreciably.

After stopping to rest

at the mouth of Enchanted Stream, paddlers encountered substantial waves and a gnarly hole at Elephant Rock. A couple of minor mishaps occurred but were quickly remedied. Shortly after, Mile Long, the longest rapid on the river, began. A baffling assortment of large waves and boulders caused a canoeist to capsize but a successful rescue was affected.

A series of easier rapids led us to the most formidable descents on the Dead, Upper and Lower Poplar Falls. Paddlers were tiring and mistakes more common. Kyle organized a team to guide the less experienced boaters through these two exacting whitewater challenges. Upper Poplar went smoothly but difficulties were encountered on Lower Poplar. Fortunately, accomplished Chowderheads trained in swift water rescue reunited errant paddlers with their boats.

The remaining float

to West Forks was a time to reflect on our unique river excursion; a throwback for some and a stimulating introduction to the world of whitewater for others.

Read about more exciting trips on the Dead River and rousing exploits on eight additional Maine whitewater streams and rivers in my book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine*.

Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, *"Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine"* is available at <https://www.northcountrypress.com/maine-al-fresco.html> or in bookstores and through online distributors. His previous books are *"The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery"* and *"Mountains for Mortals – New England."* Visit his website at www.ronchaseoutdoors.com or he can be reached at ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net.

\$49.6M Awarded for Maine Transportation Projects

WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 11, 2022) -- Today, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg announced that the Biden-Harris Administration has awarded \$49.6 million to support two projects in Maine from the Rebuilding American In-

frastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program to help move forward on projects that modernize roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports, and intermodal transportation and make our transportation systems safer, more accessible, more afford-

able, and more sustainable. This year's total allocations nationwide include more than \$2.2 billion thanks to the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which provides an additional \$7.5 billion over five years for the program to help meet the strong demand to help

projects get moving across the country.

"We are proud to support so many outstanding infrastructure projects in communities large and small, modernizing America's transportation systems to make them safer, more affordable, more

accessible, and more sustainable," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "Using funds from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this year we are supporting more projects than ever before."

Projects were eval-

uated on several criteria, including safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness and opportunity, partnership and collaboration, innovation, state of good repair, and mobility and community

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Taste Walk Golden Spoon Awarded



Receiving the Golden Spoon Award for Azul Tequila is Ramón Vargas, and with him are Fransisco Cortez, Martín Vargas, Eduardo Galván and Carlos.

GORHAM, ME (August 20, 2022) -- The Taste Walk is an annual event held in downtown Gorham where community members “walk the streets and taste the eats.” Restaurants provide food and drink samples throughout downtown and Taste Walk participants vote on their favorite treat.

The winning restaurant gets the Golden Spoon Award. The University of Southern Maine was the reigning champion from 2019, and after taking two years off from the event due to COVID, Azul Tequila won for 2022. The second place business was Junction Bowl and in third

place was the new Wormell Farms/Village Baking Co.

Young Life Sebago, an outreach mentorship program for high school and middle school students

in Gorham and Windham, is the sponsor of the event. Suzie Phillips is the Taste Walk Coordinator. We were glad to be back again for this event this year!



Representing Young Life are Ally Robinson, Hillary Robbins, and Dani Miller (from left to right).

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(Two weeks between classes will give folks time to write before the next meeting.)

Limit of six participants. Contact Mary to register at: msnell@maine.edu
The fee, donated to the library, is \$30 in advance for the four classes; \$10 per class if paid by the week. Make checks out to: North Gorham Public Library

Mary Snell, a resident of North Gorham, earned her BA in English/Creative Writing from the University of Maine, and her MFA in Poetry from the University of Southern Maine's Stonecoast MFA program. She was a staff writer and (for 30-years) a theater critic for the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram. Her work also has appeared in Yankee Magazine, Maine Times, Leisure Time, American Journal, and other publications.

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Collins, King Announce \$24.2 Million to Cleanup & Revitalize

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King announced a \$24.2 million investment from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support under-served and economically disadvantaged communities across the State of Maine to conduct brownfields assessments and clean up abandoned industrial and commercial properties.

“We welcome this funding from the EPA’s Brownfields Programs, which will help identify potential hazards and encourage community development across Maine,” said Senators Collins and King in a joint statement. “In addition to cleaning up hazardous substances and improving our environment, this investment will help communities create new development opportunities to attract businesses that create good jobs for Mainers.”

Maine is receiving nine grants under the Brownfields Cleanup and Assessment Grants, two grants under the Revolving Loan Fund program, and six grants for supplemental funding under the Revolving Loan Fund program.

The funding will be allocated as follows:

The Brownfields Cleanup Grants are as follows:

Our Katahdin will receive \$1,000,000 to assess and address the Former Great Northern Paper Company.

City of Rockland will receive \$500,000 to address Shafter Junkyard.

The following Community-wide Brownfields Assessment Grants will be used to address various sites throughout the indicated cities, towns, or planning organization service areas:

City of Bath will receive \$500,000 for community-wide site assessments, including 65 Bowery Street.

City of Belfast will receive \$500,000 for community-wide site assessments, including 126 Church Street.

Eastern Maine Development Corporation will receive \$500,000 for community-wide site assessments, including Former Striar Textile and Great Northern Paper.

City of Gardiner will receive \$500,000 for community-wide assessments, including Cobbossee Steam Corridor.

Town of Gray will re-

ceive \$500,000 for community-wide site assessments, including Cobb Equipment.

Piscataquis County Economic Development Corporation will receive \$500,000 for community-wide site assessments including Greenville, Dover-Foxcroft, and Milo.

City of South Portland will receive \$500,000 for community-wide assessments, including Fore River Waterfront.

City of Waterville will receive \$500,000 for assessment work in the downtown area.

The Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grant and Supplemental RLF grants are to the following organizations:

Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments will receive \$1,000,000 to supplement their successful RLF program which serves the Androscoggin Valley area.

City of Belfast will receive \$1,000,000 for a new Brownfields RLF program for the city to help support Brownfields cleanups at sites such as 126 Church Street and others.

Eastern Maine Development Corporation will receive \$1,000,000 for a new Brownfields RLF program to help support Brownfields cleanups throughout the area including sites such as Great Northern Paper and others.

Greater Portland Council of Governments will receive \$3,900,000 to supplement their successful RLF program which serves the Greater Portland area.

Kennebec Valley Council of Governments will receive \$1,000,000 to supplement their successful RLF program which serves the Kennebec Valley area.

Maine Department of Economic and Community Development will receive \$3,900,000 to supplement their successful RLF program which serves the entire state.

City of Portland will receive \$3,000,000 to supplement their successful RLF program which serves the City of Portland.

Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission will receive \$3,900,000 to supplement their successful RLF program which serves the southern Maine area

EPA’s Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Brownfields grants provide funding for a grant recipient to capitalize a revolving loan fund and to provide loans

and subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites. Through these grants, EPA strengthens the marketplace and encourages stakeholders to leverage resources to clean up and redevelop brownfields. When loans are repaid, the loan amount is returned into the fund and re-lent to other borrowers, providing an ongoing source of capital within a community. The supplemental RLF funds announced today are going to communities that have demonstrated success in using their revolving loan funds to clean up and redevelop brownfield sites. The supplemental funds will be used to continue their progress in reusing vacant and abandoned properties and turning them into community assets such as housing, recreation and open space, health facilities, social services, and commerce opportunities.

A brownfield site is a property that contains a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant that can hinder the potential to reuse or redevelop the site. The EPA’s Brownfields Programs assist states and local communities as they assess, safely clean up, and reuse brownfield sites for economic development projects.

Auburn’s Newest Police K-9 Makes First Apprehension

AUBURN, ME (August 1, 2022) – The Auburn Police Department’s newest K-9 has only recently completed his patrol certification and is already protecting and serving the community. Deputy Chief Tim Cogle reports that last evening at 12:25AM, emergency dispatchers received a 911 call from a female who was believed to be in distress. Officers were able to locate the female at 514 Turner Street. She reported that she had been assaulted by a male subject known to her during a domestic dispute. The assailant was reported to have fled into nearby woods once he knew the police were on their way.

K-9 Brick, Auburn’s newest police dog along with his handler, Officer Andrew Jarman were called to the scene to assist in the search for the suspect.

“Once deployed and given his search command, Brick immediately began to pull officers deep into the woods,” said Cogle. “Brick directed the officers to a large, overturned tree where the suspect was located, crouched down, trying to hide from them.”

The suspect was taken into custody without incident and charged with Felony Domestic Violence Assault and Violating Conditions of Release.

“Without Brick, this



Officer Jarman and Brick.



suspect would not have been captured so quickly and efficiently, preventing a larger police search of the area,” said Cogle. “He’s a great dog; smart and determined. And Officer Jarman

is doing an outstanding job with him. We anticipate years of exceptional work from this K-9 team.”

Brick completed his first level of training, patrol certification, on July 20.

SOURCES SOUGHT

Wreaths Across America is issuing this Sources Sought Notice to identify parties having an interest in providing approximately 2.8 – 3.0 million domestically-grown balsam wreaths for procurement to support Wreaths Across America’s wreath project and the resources needed to support this requirement for wreaths beginning with the 2023 season. It should be noted that Wreaths Across America does not provide purchase orders for wreath procurement contracts.

THERE IS NO SOLICITATION AT THIS TIME. This is a request for capability information only and does not constitute a request for proposals. The submission of any information in response to this request is purely voluntary. Wreaths Across America assumes no financial responsibility for any costs incurred.

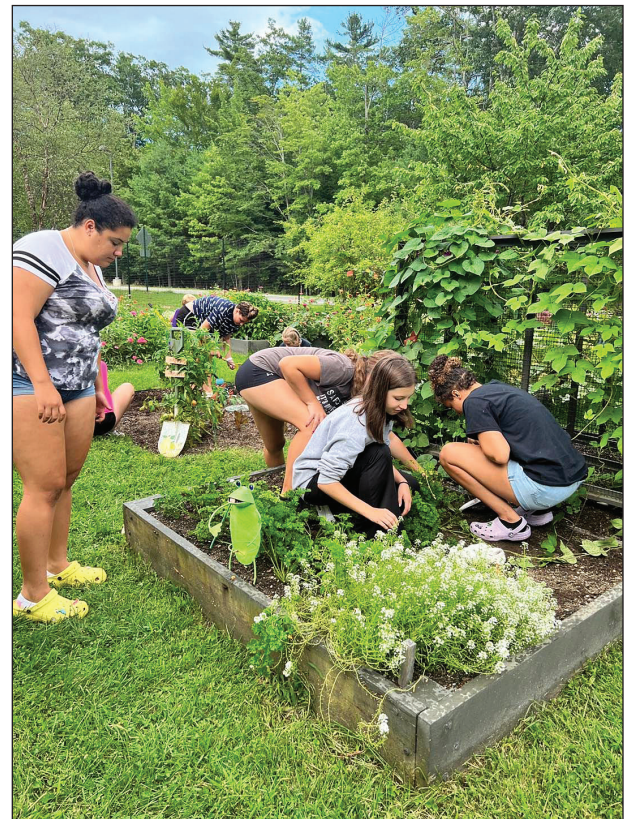
If your organization has the potential capacity to perform these services, please provide the following information: 1.) Organization name, address, email address, Web site address, telephone number, and size and type of ownership for the organization; and 2.) Tailored capability statements addressing the particulars of this effort, with appropriate documentation supporting claims of organizational and staff capability.

Telephone inquiries will not be accepted or acknowledged, and no feedback or evaluations will be provided to companies regarding their submissions.

Submission Instructions: Interested parties who consider themselves qualified to perform the above- listed services are invited to submit a response to this Sources Sought Notice within 28 business days of the first posting of this notice. All responses under this Sources Sought Notice must be emailed to domn@drydengroup.com.

If you have any questions concerning this opportunity, please send them to domn@drydengroup.com.

GHS Cheerleaders Help Fight Food Insecurity in Gorham



GORHAM, ME (August 26, 2022) -- The GHS Cheerleaders spent Wednesday afternoon working in the GMS garden in an effort to do their part to help fight food insecurity in Gorham.

Senior Captain Morgan Cole echoed the sentiments of the team: "We care so much about our community and think it's important to put our school code of conduct in action. It's our RESPON-

SIBILITY to step up and be helpful. To be a cheerleader means so much more than adding school spirit on the sidelines at a football game; it's being supportive, strong, leadership and setting an example for others in kindness. Plus, we can throw people in the air and catch them, so don't doubt our athleticism!! We encourage others to get involved in projects that help our schools and town."



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Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Seeks Sponsors, Golfers for Tourney

GORHAM, ME (August 12, 2022) – Westbrook-Gorham Rotary thanks its business partners! Sponsorships for the 28th Annual Rotary Golf Tournament supporting

30+ causes are starting to roll in. We are still in need of sponsors to help us provide thousands in scholarships and tool grants. Some of our sponsor levels include 4 player

slots in addition to all the community exposure. Fun! Choose your sponsorship level at www.westbrookgorhamrotarygolf.org Join with tournament underwriter Rock Row

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Grants Available for Early Childhood, Youth Programs

Maine Community Foundation

ELLSWORTH & PORTLAND, ME (August 22, 2022) – Greater Portland early childhood and youth engagement programs may be eligible for grants from the Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF).

MaineCF's Edward H. Daveis Benevolent Fund grant program supports early childhood education programs that help ensure a child's readiness to enter school and youth engagement programs that help develop children's as-

pirations and abilities. In 2021, the grant program awarded 12 grants totaling \$82,500. Grantees included:
§ Maine Youth Court, to empower youth in Greater Portland and relaunch as Youth-LED Justice
§ Mayo Street Arts, to provide East End Community School students in-school performances and hands-on workshops with visiting performing artists
§ The Opportunity Alliance, to foster more accessible learning and early childhood development with refugees and asylum-seekers and families who don't speak English.

The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, October 17. For a list of all recent grantees, visit www.mainecef.org/recentgrants. For more information and to submit a proposal, visit www.mainecef.org. Contact Program Officer John Ochira with questions at jochira@mainecf.org or 207-412-0837. The Maine Community Foundation brings people and resources together to build a better Maine through strategic giving, community leadership, personalized service, local expertise and strong investments. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.mainecef.org.

Gorham Lions Club to Host 9 Hole Scramble

GORHAM, ME (August 18, 2022) -- The Gorham Lions Club is hosting a 9 Hole Scramble on Friday, September 9. Hope you can

join us for this fun event for a great cause! Only 60 spots are available, register early! Use the QR code or this link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/8LdFfzqyQh-qGHdy18>

Sponsorships and In-kind donations are also welcome!

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Join us for a fun evening of golf to support projects in our community!
All player levels are welcome and encouraged!
Register as a team or as an individual - we'll match you up!

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Back To School: Early Enrollment Up 12% At MCCS

AUGUSTA, ME (August 26, 2022) — Boosted by a new Free College scholarship for recent high school graduates, fall enrollment at Maine’s community colleges is up 12 percent, according to early enrollment figures. Preliminary fall enrollment was 12,765 students as of August 25, up from 11,359 students last year on the same date. Sev-

eral thousand more early college students are expected to enroll in the next several weeks. Final fall enrollment figures are tallied on October 15. Enrollment remains open at all seven colleges and students still have time to enroll for this fall. Of the total fall enrollment, 42 percent – 5,399 students – qualify for the Free College schol-

arship. “This increase in enrollment shows how important the promise of a great education is to Maine residents. Getting the skills needed for jobs in today’s economy is close at hand, affordable, and vitally important to landing a great job with good pay,” said David Daigler, president of the Maine Community College System. “We deeply appreciate the state’s support in providing the funding for Free College, and we are eager to see these students, who otherwise may not have continued their education, thrive and succeed in pursuing their goals,” Daigler said. The Free College Scholarship, announced in April, covers all tuition and mandatory fees for full-time students who graduated from high school or passed an equivalency exam in 2020-23. The Free College scholarship was funded with a one-time \$20 million state allocation. The fall semester begins Monday, August 29, at five of the seven colleges (Central Maine Community College in Auburn, Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor, Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle, Southern Maine Community College in South Portland, and York County Community College in Wells.) Washington County Community College in Calais start August 31, and Kennebec Valley Community College starts September 6. The average cost of tuition and mandatory fees at Maine’s community colleges is \$3,700 a year. The colleges offer a broad range of two-year degree programs, one-year certificate programs, and short-term workforce training courses that take between a few weeks and less than a year to complete.

Total Enrollment for Fall Term

College	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Delta 2021-2022	
					#	%
CMCC	2,429	2,364	2,086	2,283	197	9.4%
EMCC	1,945	1,629	1,456	1,672	216	14.8%
KVCC	1,718	1,688	1,429	1,456	27	1.9%
NMCC	647	589	502	619	117	23.3%
SMCC	5,511	5,175	4,598	5,167	569	12.4%
WCCC	315	230	271	299	28	10.3%
YCCC	1,293	1,199	1,017	1,269	252	24.8%
TOTAL	13,858	12,874	11,359	12,765	1,406	12.4%

Data as of 8/25/22

Maine Collecting Unwanted Pesticides Free of Charge

AUGUSTA, ME (August 22, 2022) -- The Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program protects Maine’s natural resources and prevents agriculture pollution by promoting the safe and proper disposal of outdated, unused, or unwanted pesticides. The program is made possible by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry’s Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The program is open to homeowners and family-owned farms who are encouraged to bring unwanted pesticides—including herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, and similar products used in agricultural production or around



Photo courtesy of Maine Board of Pesticides Control.

the home to collection sites in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, and Portland. *lete Pesticide Collection Program*

Removal of obsolete and unwanted pesticides is important for protecting the public, wildlife, and environmental health. Improper pesticide handling and disposal, such as placing it in the trash or pouring it down the drain, can contaminate land and water resources. The Maine Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program ensures that they are handled properly. Since 1982, the program has saved more than 250,000 lbs. of pesticides from entering the waste stream. Collected pesticides are taken to licensed, out-of-state disposal facilities by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Learn more on www.think-firstspraylast.org.

More details coming soon, including drop-off locations.

Pre-registration is required by September 26 to participate, drop-ins are not permitted.

Details including registering and supplying the obsolete pesticides inventory form, a list of banned and unusable products, storage and transportation guidelines, other disposal options are found on the BPC website www.think-firstspraylast.org.

About Maine’s Obso-

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RE: Rejane L. Gosselin, Deceased

TO: ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DECEDENT

The above-named Decedent, established a Living Trust, entitled **Gerald and Rejane Gosselin Living Trust Dated March 22, 1994 and Restated February 23, 2004.**

The name(s) and address(es) of the Trustee(s) is/are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent’s

Trust (and/or estate) must file their claims with the Trustee listed below **WITHIN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is September 1, 2022.

Sandra Boland, Trustee
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Investment

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property for which the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

Redevelopment made possible through the program includes everything from grocery stores and affordable housing to health centers, museums, greenways, and solar farms.

The Brownfields Program delivers on the Biden

Administration’s Justive40 initiative, which states that at least 40 percent of the benefits of certain government programs flow to disadvantaged communities. EPA is committed to meeting and exceeding this goal.

This funding helps communities begin to address the economic, social, and environmental challenges caused by brownfields by stimulating economic opportunity and environmental revitalization in historically overburdened communities.

What do you think?

We strongly encourage Letters to the Editor, Op/Eds, columns or any other submissions from our readers. Agree with us or another columnist? Disagree? Write to us and let us know! Email all submissions, including name, address and phone number, to the editor.

Gorham Police Dept. to Host Citizen's Police Academy This Fall

GORHAM, ME (August 19, 2022) -- The Gorham Police Department is looking forward to hosting our 6th "CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY" this fall. We are starting the second week in September, 2022. We will be scheduling ten classes. The first class will be Wednesday the 14th, starting at 6:00pm. All classes will be held Wednesdays at 6:00pm - 8:30pm, unless otherwise noted on the actual schedule.

The purpose of the Academy is to expose cit-

izens to the functions of the Maine Criminal Justice System and to introduce and maintain a working knowledge of the Gorham Police Department and our Officers.

This fall, we will be incorporating in two classes with our Gorham Fire Department. Attendees will have the opportunity to extensively learn from, interact with, and ask questions of the experienced professionals of the Gorham Police & Fire Departments.

This as an excellent opportunity to meet and

share Gorham's first responder programs with our community.

If interested, please go to our Police Department's website and look under the "Community Programs" tab. You will find a CPA application, which you can print off and submit to us.

Applications can be mailed to or dropped off at the Gorham Police Station, or emailed to Sgt. Ted Hatch at thatch@gorham.me.us. We look forward to having you join us in the fall.

Have you ever wanted to know what it's like to:

- Perform a high risk traffic stop?
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- Experience what goes on behind the scenes of a 911 call?
- Observe a K-9 Unit in action?
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Enroll in our next Gorham Citizen's Police Academy. Starting Wednesday Sept. 14th, classes will run from 6pm - 830pm for ten weeks. ☺

The purpose of the Academy is to expose citizens to the everyday functions of the Maine Criminal Justice System. It will introduce you to a working knowledge of the Gorham Police Department and how we approach Community Policing. Attendees will have an opportunity to extensively learn from, interact with and question the professionals of the Gorham Police Department. To enroll, go to the Gorham Police Department's WEBSITE under Community Programs. There you can print off an application to submit to Sgt. Ted Hatch.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 18 Years of age or older;
- Reside in Cumberland County (Preferably the Gorham Community);
- Have no prior felony arrests or Misdemeanor arrests in the past five years;
- Must agree to a basic background check

Contact - Sergeant Ted Hatch / 207-222-1681 / thatch@gorham.me.us

Gorham Revaluation Update: Assessment Notices Mailed

GORHAM, ME (August 27, 2022) -- The Town of Gorham has undergone a Full Data Verification Revaluation. Data verification is accomplished through a physical inspection of each property. Over the past 18 months, data collectors from Vision Government Solutions visited Gorham properties for exterior and, with the owner permission, interior inspections. Appraisers analyzed data gathered from these inspections and information documented from the last assessment, including the house style, location, neighborhood (if located in one), residential grade (quality), water frontage, utilities available,

zoning, and usable land.

An analysis of market sales between April 2021 and April 2022, replacement costs, and other factors also assist in the valuation of all property to its fair market value. A third party auditor also reviewed Vision Government Solutions' work to ensure its quality.

HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED OF THE NEW ASSESSMENT?

New assessment letters (impact notices) will be mailed to property owners the week of August 28th. If you have not received a letter by September 2nd, see "How Can I See My New Assessment?" below.

HOW CAN I SEE

MY NEW ASSESSMENT?

You may review your new assessment data on the Vision Government Solutions appraisal web site beginning August 27th.

Visit www.vgsi.com and select the "TAXPAYER INFO" tab along the top of the page.

Choose "ONLINE DATABASES" from the dropdown menu.

Select the state of Maine symbol.

Scroll to "Gorham, ME," and enter search information for your parcel.

To view a copy of a generic assessment letter, see the attachment below.

I DISAGREE WITH MY ASSESSMENT.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Property owners may review their new assessment with a representative of Vision Government Solutions by scheduling an informal telephone hearing. The deadline to make an appointment is September 8th. Appointments may be scheduled in the following manner:

ONLINE: Visit www.vgsi.com/schedules, click on "GORHAM MAINE HEARINGS," and follow the instructions. To make appointments for more than one property, please use the number below.

PHONE: Call toll-free 1-888-844-4300, 9am-4pm, Monday- Friday.

Note: Call center operators taking appointments are not trained nor qualified to discuss home values or assessment data.

Informal hearings will be held primarily by phone; however, in-person hearings are available on a limited basis and will be held by appointment in Activity Rooms 1 & 2 on the Gorham Recreation side of the Gorham Municipal Center on September 7th, 8th, and 9th as needed. If you are unable to attend a hearing by phone or in-person, you may present evidence supporting your opinion of the fair market value of your property to Vision Government Solutions in writing prior to

September 12, 2022 end of day.

Letters should be sent to:

Vision Government Solutions
c/o Appraisal Dept., 1 Cabot Road, Suite 100,

Hudson, MA 01749
I MULTIPLIED MY NEW ASSESSMENT BY THE TAX RATE. IS THIS MY NEW TAX?

No. The new assessment value indicated in your property assessment letter does not include any exemptions or tax credits. Moreover, the tax rate for the 2022-2023 tax year will not be established until taxes are committed.

See *Revaluation*, page 14

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
- Purchase seasonal fence for Shaw Park
- Repair dugouts and fencing, build storage centers
- Add infield mix and relevel current fields
- Acquire tarps and field maintenance equipment
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St. Dom's Senior Named Amirault Scholarship Winner



Michael Moseley, senior at Cheverus High School in Portland.

PORTLAND, ME (July 15, 2022)—A Saint Dominic Academy student who plans to study psychology and a Cheverus High School student who is eyeing a career in medicine are this year's winners of the Lila Grace Sullivan Amirault Scholarships, each receiving \$5,000 to put towards college tuition.

"It's very exciting. It's awesome," said Michael Moseley, a senior at Cheverus High School in Portland.

"It's just a huge burden off my shoulders and also my parents' shoulders," said Patrick Manson, a senior at Saint Dominic Academy in Auburn.

The Lila Grace Sullivan Amirault Scholarship

Fund was established with the Catholic Foundation of Maine in 2013 by Patrick Amirault, now deceased. Amirault wanted to create a lasting tribute to his wife, Lila, and to show his gratitude for the care and education he received at a Catholic school in Massachusetts, where he grew up as one of nine children in a poor family. To be eligible for the scholarship, a Catholic high school senior must be accepted at an accredited college or university and must plan on working while in college.

Teachers and counselors at St. Dom's and Cheverus say this year's winners are well-deserving.

"A responsible young man, Patrick is thoughtful, caring, and has shown

on countless occasions a willingness to help others. He doesn't hesitate," said Anne Pontbriand, a theology teacher at St. Dom's.

"Michael is a model citizen. He is respectful, kind, and courteous," said Paul Johnson, a mathematics teacher at Cheverus. "He is the perfect combination of student and citizen – as well-rounded as they come."

Both students have been active members of their school and local communities. Both are avid swimmers and lifeguards. Both volunteered at church Vacation Bible Schools. And both are members of their school Key Clubs, with Patrick serving as vice-president of the one at St. Dom's. The Key Clubs engage in different charitable activities, most especially turkey drives at Thanksgiving.

"I did the turkey drive each year, which is awesome, especially when you're a senior, because you get to bring the turkeys to people," said Michael.

"It was a very cool thing to do and was very eye-opening, too, just seeing people from different walks of life who don't have the same privileges that I do but are still able to find hope," said Patrick.

Patrick, who has attended St. Dom's since pre-kindergarten, also played the title role in this year's Drama Club production of *Aladdin*, took on the

part of Jesus a few years ago in the school's Lenten presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross, and is one of the school's assistant chaplains, helping to organize the altar servers for school Masses and to plan retreats.

"We do a lot of retreats, and those have always been a favorite thing of mine to do, because I know almost everyone in the school," he said. "I know everybody, so it's awesome to go on the retreats and see how everyone has grown. It's just a really cool thing to watch the students bond, watch them learn."

Michael says he has also enjoyed the retreats at Cheverus and, like Patrick, helped plan his school's freshman retreat.

"Because I liked the freshman retreat so much when I did it, I wanted to lead it," he said. "I think it's just a good experience, getting to know people, and then, the reflective time is nice as well, because it kind of forces you to be reflective, rather than trying to do it when you're going through your day."

Michael also plays the piano, including at All Saints Church in Ogunquit, and he is studying the organ, having won a scholarship from the Young Organist Collaborative. He also has served as a greeter at church, has helped out at Knights of Columbus events and at the free



Patrick Manson, senior at Saint Dominic Academy in Auburn.

Matthew 25:35 meals put on monthly in Sanford by youth ministry members, and has volunteered at York Hospital.

Michael plans to attend Loyola University Maryland in the fall and to pursue a career in medicine, although he's not sure which field yet.

"Doctors and nurses are fueled by an unlimited thirst to help people, which I've heard Jesus proclaim ever Sunday for the past 18 years," he said.

Wanting to help people struggling with mental illness, Patrick plans to pursue a degree in psychology at Saint Michael's College in Vermont.

"I feel called to help those struggling with mental illness. More than ever, people are dealing with

inescapable pain emerging from their minds and hearts. I want to be a counselor for these people," he said. "I believe my deep empathy, compassion, and strong work ethic will ultimately lead me to this goal."

Thanks to the Amirault Scholarship Fund, both young men are a little closer to accomplishing their goals.

If you would like to learn more about how you can create a lasting legacy like the one left by Patrick Amirault, please contact Elizabeth Badger, executive director of the Catholic Foundation of Maine, at elizabeth.badger@portlanddiocese.org or (207) 321-7820. You can also visit www.catholicfoundationmaine.org.

Projects

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connectivity. Within these areas, the Department considered how projects will improve accessibility for all travelers, bolster supply chain efficiency, and support racial equity and economic growth – especially in historically disadvantaged communities and areas of persistent poverty.

In Maine, the following projects will benefit from RAISE awards:

Downtown Sanford Village Partnership Initiative – The Maine Department of Transportation will receive \$25 million to complete improvements on Cottage Street (Route 202), William Oscar Emery Drive, Main Street (Route 109), Washington Street, and School Street in Downtown Sanford. This includes constructing and/or replacing streets, sidewalks, crosswalks with ADA-compliant upgrades, traffic calming effects, roadway features that improve walkability and bike-ability, modern underground utility ducts, energy efficient streetlights, adequate parking

spaces for electric vehicles, stormwater improvements, and trail connections. It will also construct a park and ride facility on Emerson Street. The project will restore roads and sidewalks and build a modern park and ride. The project incorporates innovative technology and materials for the stormwater drainage system and lighting that can be monitored and adjusted by officials. The Complete Streets improvements provide more affordable transportation options for the community.

Interstate 95 at Hogan Road Improvement Project – The Maine Department of Transportation will receive \$24.6 million to replace Maine's busiest diamond interchange at I-95 and Hogan Road in Bangor with a safer and modern Diverging Diamond Interchange. The project will improve safety to a known hazard area by employing traffic calming features to slow vehicles along Hogan Road. The lack of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure around the interchange is a concern as Bangor's popula-

tion grows and non-motorized transportation becomes more popular.

Today, Secretary Buttigieg is in Tucson and Phoenix where he is visiting two of the projects receiving RAISE awards. Later this month the Secretary and other senior USDOT officials will fan out across the country to visit additional sites that are receiving RAISE awards to highlight the ways that the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is helping invest in communities and get important infrastructure projects moving in communities large and small.

Additional background:

2022 RAISE grants are for planning and capital investments that support roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports, or intermodal transportation.

50% of funding is designated for projects in rural areas, and 50% of the funding is designated for projects in urban areas.

Nearly two-thirds of projects are located in

areas of persistent poverty or historically disadvantaged communities.

The largest grant award is \$25 million. Per statute, no more than \$341.25 million could be awarded to a single state in this round of funding.

Among this year's selected projects, 11 included a local hire provision.

Several projects in-

clude workforce development aspects including four projects that have project labor agreements, eight projects that have registered apprenticeship programs and an additional eight projects with other workforce development provisions.

The RAISE program is one of several ways communities can secure funding for projects under

the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's competitive grant programs. Later this year, the Biden-Harris Administration will announce recipients of the first-ever National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) program, as well as the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program and the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (RURAL).



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LEWISTON – Baby Storytime held on Tuesdays, starting September 6th at 10:15am. Enjoy an interactive storytime with your baby that includes early literacy fun with books, songs, rhymes and body movement. Recommended for children ages 0 – 24 months old and their caregivers. Play and social time immediately follow the program. Siblings are always welcome. Please stay home if you or your child are sick and not feeling well.

Free. 513-3133; www.LPLonline.org

Wednesdays

GORHAM – 10:00am Weekly story time has resumed at the North Gorham Public Library! Storytime is open to children & their caregivers. Join us weekly for stories, songs and crafts every Wednesday at 10am. 2 Standish Neck Rd, Gorham ME.

September 8

LEWISTON -- South-

ern Maine Squadron SAFB will be getting together at noontime September 8th at the Governors Restaurant in Lewiston. The Squadron was formed by a group of veterans that went to Sampson AFB for basic training before going on to a tech school. Sampson was a naval training station 1942-1945 on the shores of Senaca Lake, in the Finger Lakes Region, near Geneva, NY, closing after WW2 and re-opening during the Korean era 1950-1956. Veterans of all branches and their guests are welcome to join.

FMI call 207-657-4909 Bob Sawyer or email wwmtkwkr1933@gmail.com

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Tickets On Sale at <https://chocolate.na.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/13788>

September 10

Indoor Yard Sale Fundraiser, 34 Wilson Road, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

White Rock Friendship club is sponsoring an indoor yard sale. All money raised will go toward a scholarship for a Gorham High School senior! If you have any items you'd like to donate, please message us on Facebook. We will schedule a drop off at the Community Clubhouse Building. <https://www.facebook.com/events/744288096679010>

Revaluation

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Multiplying by the current rate will not be a true reflection of your upcoming property tax bill. The new rate will be lower due to a higher town-wide assessed value.

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IS THERE ANY WAY TO REDUCE MY PROPERTY TAXES?

Make sure you are taking advantage of all the programs and assistance available to you. There are several property tax exemptions and assistance programs available to qualifying residents, including the Homestead Exemption, Veterans Exemption, and Senior Tax Assistance Programs. Find more information at: <https://www.cumberlandcounty.org/555/Property-Tax-Relief> or by stopping by the Assessing office.

Gorham Rec. Dept. Offers Osteoporosis and Osteopenia Class

GORHAM, ME (August 19, 2022) -- Have you or someone you know been told you have Osteopenia or Osteoporosis? Are you feeling frustrated or fearful about what to do next? If you want to prevent, stop or turn around this increasingly prevalent

disease, then this is the course for you! Together we will explore many scientifically proven treatment options to empower you to take back your bone health.

All references used will be provided. Over the 4 sessions we will explore:

Why this disease is currently so prevalent even if you're "healthy".

Behaviors and habits that increase your risk for Osteoporosis

Hidden Nutritional components that weaken and strengthen your bones

The power of exer-

cises proven to help and those to avoid

An opportunity to practice the 10 yoga poses to build bone health

What, when, how often and which supplements you need to consider taking.

Please wear exercise clothing and bring

a yoga mat and soft belt or strap and yoga block if you have them to each session. Those that don't will be provided one to use.

This course runs from October 18-October 27 and is held from 6:00-8:00PM in the Gorham Municipal Center's Mul-

tipurpose Room. Register online to sign up.

Send all items for What's Going On to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.



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Mackinac Island Trip - September 10-18, 2022 - Trip includes 9 days and 8 nights - 14 meals - Guided tour of Mackinaw City - Guided Carriage Tour in Mackinac Island. Boat ride through the Soo Locks with free time and sight-seeing in Sault Saint Marie, visit to Mackinaw Crossing and "Michigan's Little Bavaria" and much more. A \$75. deposit is due upon signing up. Price is \$899. pp double occupancy. Make checks

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The majority of first-year, residential students moved in Friday, with many other students arriving on Saturday and Sunday

This is the final year that our move-in will be a Gorham-only event. Beginning next fall, many students will have the

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