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Into the Woods at Gorham High School Showing the Next Two Weekends 2/4 & 2/11



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Top left: The entire cast and crew looks forward to welcoming an audience. *Into the Woods* is ready!

Top right: The dashing and charming princes of *Into the Woods*. Senior, Asa Wareham (left) and tenth grader, Alex Robbins (right) lament about the behavior of their princesses.

Bottom left: Director Joshua Hurd assists Principal Brian Jandreau in preparation of his role as Narrator.

Bottom right: Tenth grader, Nicholas Tinkham (Jack) and ninth grader, Ella Senatore (Milky White) and the Giant's Golden Harp.

All-American Mackenzie Holmes Named Top 25

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



At Quinnipiac University with Mackenzie Holmes.

Photo Courtesy of Neile Nelson

Mackenzie Holmes, a junior forward, is known as a diligent team player. She has size, she can dribble, she can shoot and she really understands the game of basketball. She is doing exactly what she did in High School but in Indiana.

One of her former classmates from Gorham High School explains, "You know someone has talent when they don't change their game."

She has a loyal local following and

for good reason. She's been IU's leading scorer to name a few.

Holmes has just been named top 25 in the country. Her stats are more than impressive, and she is averaging a team-best 18.2 points per game, 8.2 rebounds, 1.9 blocks, and shooting 61% from the floor. She also became the 30th player in program history to record 1,000 points.

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GHS Student Announced Miss Maine

Eve Lessard, USM Intern

This year, Miss Maine High School America 2022 was awarded to Mikaela Pellerin, student at Gorham High School (GHS). In June, Pellerin will be traveling to Little Rock, Arkansas, to compete in the national Miss High School America Scholarship Pageant.

There, Pellerin will participate in three categories; interview with judges, fun fashion runway, and evening gown runway.

Along with having the opportunity to win over \$100,000 in scholarships, travel, wardrobe, prizes, and photo-shoots, Pellerin has also been awarded a scholarship for \$24,000 over four years by Hollins University.

Pellerin was very optimistic when she spoke about her new position as Miss Maine High. "I'm very excited to announce my state title and have so many great things planned for my reign as Miss Maine High."

Along with her reign, Pellerin is a member of nine programs. One of her favorites is the Adopt-A-Classroom Program, in which she was an assistant teacher for 3rd and 4th grade classes at Great Falls and Village elementary schools. Pellerin described this experience as a positive one, stat-



Photo Credit: K. Garcia Productions, Fall River, MA



Mikaela Pellerin, Miss Maine High

ing, "It was a great opportunity for me to gain some leadership skills as a freshman."

Pellerin runs a podcast called, BRAVE x EMPOWER. "I want to show other people who are shy how to

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 26 and House District 27 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

Staying Safe on the Road This Winter

Rep. Mo Terry

Messy roads and bad conditions are no match for Mainers, especially those who lived through the great ice storm of 1998. However, I always find it useful to review some tips and tricks for staying safe while navigating the most bitter winter months here in the Northeast.

Each year, our family stocks a few winter safety staples in our vehicles. A basic winter supply kit can make all the difference if you find yourself stranded on the side of the road waiting for assistance. In mine, you'll find a snow brush, ice scraper, a small bag of sand, a hand shovel, a blanket, some extra winter clothes, boots and some non-perishable snacks (usually granola).

We also keep an eye on our fuel tank, making sure it stays close to full in case we need it to maintain a heat source if we do get stranded.

Investing in good snow tires, or at least checking your regular tires to make sure they have ample tread, is an important part of any smart winter driver's safety checklist. It's also a good idea to make sure your rear window defroster and windshield wipers work and that all snow and ice is cleared from your vehicle before hitting the road. This is not only important for your own safety, but also for the safety of other drivers.

It's easy to operate on autopilot while driving around town or along a familiar route, but during the winter months it's critical to stay alert and remember that the terrain has changed.

Snowbanks make the roads more narrow and can sometimes obstruct visibility. As such, accelerating, braking and turning more slowly, particularly when conditions are icy and road crews haven't salted or sanded yet, can be life-saving precautions.

A basic winter supply kit can make all the difference if you find yourself stranded on the side of the road waiting for assistance.

It's important to remember to leave a little extra space between you and the vehicle in front of you to allow for greater slide time and to reduce the need to break suddenly. It's also smart to give snow plows ample room as they clear our roads, not only to be courteous but also to help ensure everyone stays safe.

Speed limits may be reduced during particularly dangerous conditions. The blinking reduced speed signs can be a good indicator of the conditions, helping us stay on the lookout for black ice or slushy roadways.

Doing our part to stay safe on the road as we confront more extreme winter weather is essential. As your state legislator, I also take seriously the responsibility of helping our communities plan and prepare for all types of challenges,

including the inevitable transportation challenges that arise in the winter.

Last session, my colleagues and I demonstrated our commitment to continuing to improve our roads and transportation infrastructure by approving and funding initiatives that provided nearly \$106 million to the MDOT. Additionally, more than 70% of voters approved a transportation bond that resulted in a \$100 million state match for federal funds to support MaineDOT's efforts.

While the Town of Gorham is responsible for maintaining its own roads, MDOT also plays a significant role in our winter road safety.

MDOT operates roughly 400 snowplows and employs around 1,000 commercially licensed snowplow drivers to help clear the 60-110 inches of snow we get in Maine, on average. The support we get from MDOT lessens the burden on Gorham and helps ensure we all make it through winter safely, regardless of what icy winter storms we face in the coming months.



Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry, D-Gorham, is serving her third term in the Maine House of Representatives. She serves as House Chair of the Taxation Committee. She is a chef and small business owner. Contact her at maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov.

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America, we failed. We failed to protect the health care workers who took an oath to do no harm. We failed every single first responder who came to rescue us. We failed the teachers who are there every day to educate the next genera-

tion, and we failed every senior we hold so important to our country's freedoms. We chose to become the world leader in COVID-19 cases, deaths, hospitalizations and economic loss. We didn't do that for Polio or Smallpox. Being the greatest country in the world isn't about having the most anything. It's about being a leader, contributing to the greater good.

America chose to put individual wants, not needs, over every single person mentioned above and decided they were smarter than the best scientists in the world. Not every American chose that path, but we can't separate ourselves as we are all Americans "We the people..." No one person's rights are greater than the welfare of the people.

Where are we going from here? John F. Kennedy's January 20, 1961 Inaugural Address said in part, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can

do for your country." The tools to end this pandemic and return to "normal" are here. After almost 2 years America's medical staff, front line workers, first responders, teachers, seniors are tired but continue every day to bring their best. There is no magic pill, shot, or elixir or room for COVID-19 fatigue.

I urge everyone who can, get vaccinated. If you are unable for medical reasons, be safe, wear a mask. Test frequently and follow the guidelines, that will change often, to prevent more variants.

We triumph together and fail together.
Rick Linscott

Correction

In the January 20 edition of The Gorham Times, Phoebe Richards was not acknowledged as 3rd Captain of the Gorham Girls Ice Hockey team.

GORHAM REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

Jim Means, Chair of the Gorham Republican Committee, has announced that the Gorham Republicans will caucus on **Saturday, February 12, 2022** at Moody's Collision, 200 Narragansett St., Gorham. Doors open at 9AM for registration, meeting begins at 10AM.

All Gorham Republicans are invited to attend. Any unregistered voters can enroll in our Party and attend the caucus; a Town Clerk will be present to process voter registrations from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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Local Student Benefits from Workplace Learning

Megan Young, *GMS Intern*



Photo Credit: The Pellerin Family

Hunter Pellerin joined Gorham High School's Workplace Learning Experience and has begun an internship with Generac Clean Energy as a firmware engineer. Pictured above, Pellerin is hard at work running tests to ensure all codes are working properly.

What he thought would be an opportunity to get real world experience in engineering and programming has now turned into an internship working toward one of his biggest goals.

Hunter Pellerin joined Gorham High School's (GHS) Workplace Learning Experience hoping to get hands-on experience and connect with a mentor with similar interests. In November, he was able to connect with Generac Clean Energy, and after a series of interviews, Pellerin was offered an internship as a firmware engineer for the company.

"I'm working on [a project similar to] a battery backup solution, [where the battery] translates solar energy and stores it at home, and then the battery is useful in the event of a power outage because you can power your home for multiple days."

Now, as part of the team, Pellerin is developing code for this project. He is "writing tests to make sure all codes are working correctly as [Generac computer engineers] make changes".

Pellerin has been part of the GHS Robotics Team (FIRST Team 172) since his freshman year. When asked about it he said, "There are a lot of parts that make up the team: there's the marketing side, the sponsors, there's the spirit side of it and there's, obviously, the mechanical, programming, electrical and actually building the robot. So [by joining the team] I wanted to get my feet wet in all those areas."

Pellerin joined the Robotics Competition Team "The Northern Force" with minimal programming experience. Jay Crosby, a mentor for the

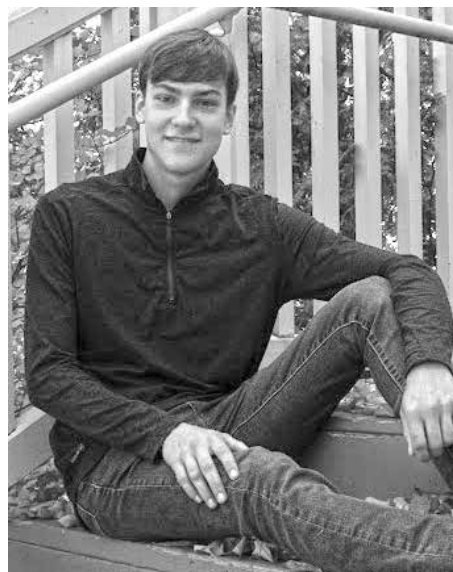


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Robotics programming team said, "In the last 3 years [Pellerin] has increased his skill level dramatically, largely through his own efforts and study."

As a result of those efforts, Pellerin is now the lead programmer for one of the robotic platforms as well as the AI (Artificial Intelligence) expert for the team. Crosby shared that Pellerin has "researched and implemented newer algorithms on his own, trained the AI, and then proved that it works".

Looking into the future, Pellerin is considering multiple colleges. He has been accepted at Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Maine and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He hopes to pursue a career in computer and electrical engineering. Pellerin plans to continue working in the sustainable energy field. He aims to "make a difference: big or small."

Gorham Times Welcomes New Board Members

Gorham Times Staff

The Gorham Times would like to welcome KG Wentworth, Rachel Flynn, and Aaron Chadbourne to the board of directors. As the Gorham Times continues to bring the news to Gorham, the board of directors bring a variety of expertise, perspective and wisdom to the operations of this organization.

For years, Mike Smith, owner of Village Physical Therapy, has served on the Gorham Times board of directors, most recently as President. His dedication and tireless support of the paper and its staff is greatly appreciat-

ed. We thank him for his time serving our community in this way and wish him the best in all future endeavors.

As we move into 2022, Thomas Biegel will serve as President of the board, with Sara Nelson serving in the Vice President role. Kate Thomas will do double duty as Secretary and Treasurer.

Welcome to our new members, farewell to those who are moving on, thanks to those continuing to serve, and warm regards to all folks who have served on the Gorham Times board of directors since its inception.

All-American Mackenzie Holmes Named Top 25 CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Being named in the top 25 in the country mid-year, she is on the list of candidates for the John R. Wooden Award. The winner will be announced following the NCAA tourney in April. Indiana is now ranked sixth in the nation. Recognized by her coaches past and present, Holmes will go down as the hardest working player.

She is currently out with a knee injury. According to the Indiana Women's Basketball media page, Holmes underwent a successful procedure on her knee and will begin the rehab process immediately.

Her hometown fans of Gorham continue rooting for her on and off the court. Her motivation and determination without a doubt will get her back quickly.



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Grand Jury, January

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Andrew Gaillard, 38 of Gorham was indicted for possession of a firearm by a prohibited person on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Stacy Leach, 48, of Buxton was indicted for unlawful possession of a scheduled drug (fentanyl) on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Tyler Ward, 24, of Standish was indicted for unlawful possession of a scheduled drug (fentanyl), and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Arrests, December 2021

South Portland male, 29, was arrested for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs, (OUI) alcohol, 1 prior and operating a vehicle without a license.

Standish male, 24, was arrested for unlawful possession of a scheduled drug, unlawful possession of a scheduled drug (fentanyl powder), unlawful possession of fentanyl powder (2 counts) and violating conditions of release.

Windham male, 25, was arrested OUI and violating conditions of release.

Windham male, 29, was arrested for OUI (alcohol).

Winslow Road male, 43, was arrested for operating a vehicle while license was suspended or revoked.

Tow Path Road male, 33, was held for probation.

Westbrook male, 20, was arrested for OUI, operating without a license, and operating after suspension (OUI).

Ash Drive male, 25, was arrested for domestic violence and criminal threatening.

Falmouth male, 23, was arrested for OUI.

Town Announcements

Community Resources

Multiple donation drop boxes located in the Gorham Police Station lobby are available to collect community donations to various non-profit organizations, including the Maine Homeless Veterans Alliance, Gorham Food Pantry, and Pittie Posse Rescue. Items in need and welcome by the Maine Homeless Veterans Alliance are gently-used clothing and new socks.

General Assistance

As a reminder, the Town of Gorham Welfare Department offers a General Assistance (GA) program to assist eligible residents, who are unable to provide for their household, with basic necessities. The program provides confidential financial assistance to Gorham residents who are having difficulty meeting basic needs for shelter, food, non-food, fuel, utility payments, and medical expenses. More information can be found at <https://www.gorham-me.org/welfare-department-general-assistance>.

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What Will You Do with a Tax Refund?

Pete Watt

If you are expecting a tax refund this year, what will you do with it? Of course, the answer largely depends on the size of your refund.

For the 2020 tax year, the average refund was about \$2,800, according to the Internal Revenue Service. But whether your refund this year will be about that size, smaller or larger, you can find ways to benefit from the money.

Here are some possibilities:

Contribute to your IRA. You've got until April 18 to fully fund your IRA for the 2021 tax year. But if you've already reached the maximum for

2021, you could use some, or all, of your refund for your 2022 contribution. Assuming you did get around \$2,800, you'd be almost halfway to the \$6,000 annual contribution limit. (If you're 50 or older, you can contribute up to \$7,000.)

Invest in a 529 plan. If you have children or grandchildren, you might want to invest your refund in a 529 education savings plan. A 529 plan's earnings can grow federal income-tax free, and withdrawals are federal income-tax free provided the money is used for qualified education expenses. If you invest in your own state's plan, you might get a tax deduction or credit. A 529 plan can be used to pay for college, vocational training and even some K-12 expenses in some states. Plus, if you name one child as a beneficiary, and that child's educational journey does not require the funds from a 529 plan, you may change the beneficiary to another eligible family member of the original beneficiary.

Add to the "cash" part of your portfolio. It's generally a smart move to keep at least a portion of your overall investment portfolio in cash or cash equivalents, because the presence of cash can help you in two ways. First, since its value won't change, it can help cushion, at least to a degree, the effects of market

volatility on your portfolio. And second, by having cash available, you'll be ready to take advantage of attractive investment opportunities when they arise.

Boost your emergency fund. You could use your tax refund to start or supplement an emergency fund. Ideally, this fund should contain three to six

months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. (If you're already retired, you might need this fund to cover a full year's worth of expenses.) Without such a fund, you might be forced to dip into long-term investments to pay for

costly housing or auto repairs or large medical bills.

Reduce your debt load. It's not always easy to minimize your debt load, even if you're careful about your spending habits. But the lower your debt payments, the more money you'll have available to invest for your future. So, you may want to consider using some of your tax refund to pay off some debts, or at least reduce them, starting with those that carry the highest interest rates.

Donate to charity. You could use part of your refund to donate to a charitable organization whose work you support. And if you itemize on your tax return, part of your gift may be deductible.

A tax refund is always nice to receive – and it's even better when you put the money to good use.

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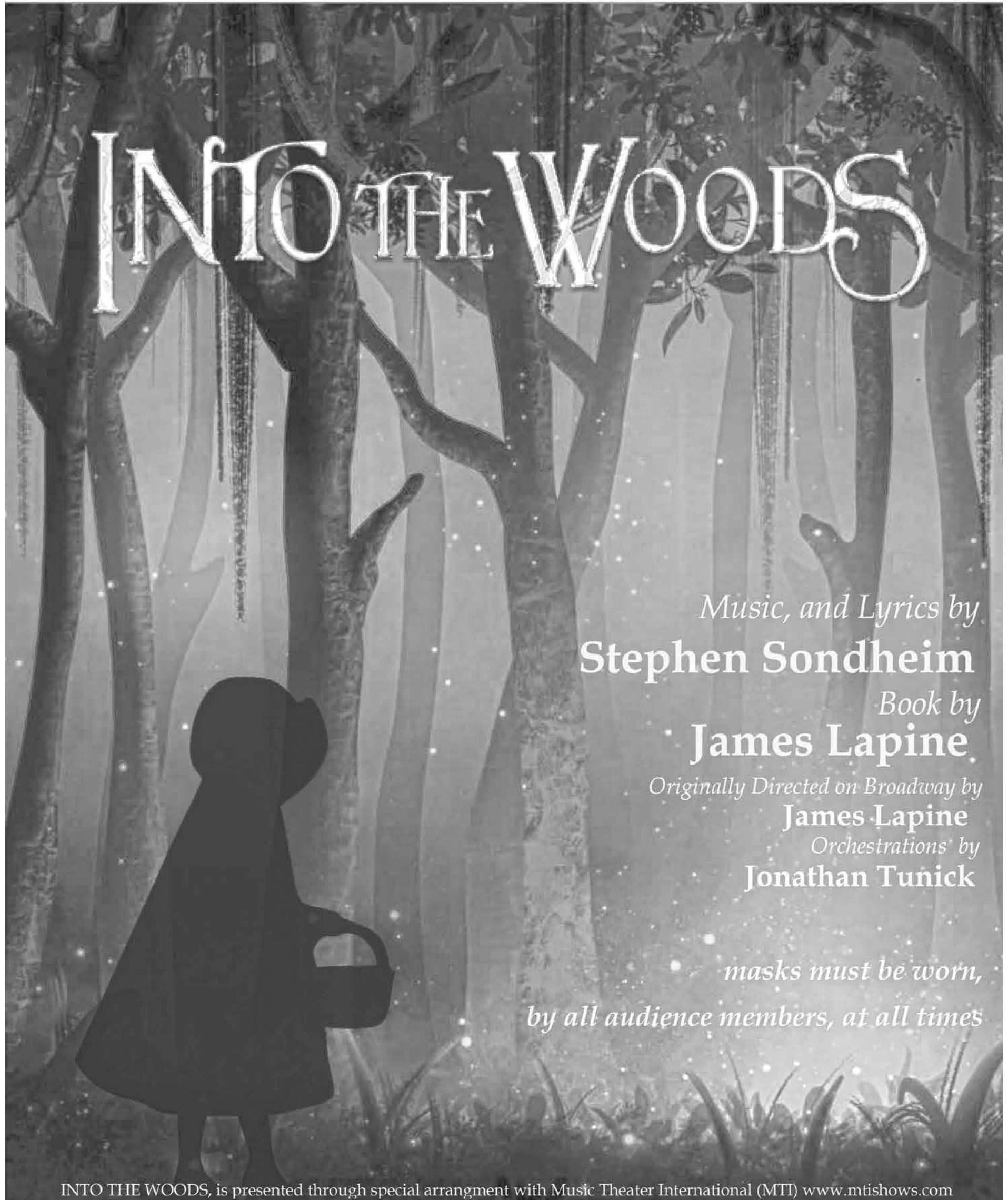
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Welcome Back

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

Highlights of Baxter State Park

Established by Percival P. Baxter as a gift to the people of Maine in 1930 with the purchase of 6000 acres. His final purchase was made in 1962.

It now covers 209,644 acres with 220 miles of trails, and is best seen on foot.

Is not actually a State park, but is governed separately by a three-member Authority

It receives no tax dollars. 60% of yearly funds come from Trusts left by Governor Percival P. Baxter, and from other private donations.

Includes several mountains, ponds, lake, streams, waterfalls, bogs and abundant plant and wildlife

About 75% of the Park (156,874 acres) is managed as a wildlife sanctuary. About 14% of the Park was designated by Governor Baxter to be a Scientific Forest Management Area. About 25% of the Park (52,628 acres) is open to hunting and trapping with the exception that Moose hunting is prohibited in the Park

The Baxter family had close ties to Gorham. Their home is next door to Baxter Library, which was donated to the town by Percival P. Baxter.

Keith Wehmeyer, (GHS '99) is returning to Maine to help care for one of the state's great wilderness areas as Transportation and Maintenance Supervisor at Baxter State Park (BSP). It seems fitting that a former Gorham resident will be taking care of the park which was founded by another former Gorham resident, Governor Percival P. Baxter, as a gift to the people of Maine.

According to BSP, Wehmeyer, an outdoors enthusiast, will head the four-member BSP maintenance team which is responsible for the care and maintenance of over 300 buildings, including remote park housing, ranger stations and visitor lodging facilities and the Headquarters compound in Millinocket.

He will maintain a fleet of more than 30 vehicles, 18 snowmobiles, and other heavy equipment, and will oversee off-grid power systems (there are no public utilities in the park) and radio communications for operations and emergency management.

It's a big job and a culmination of Wehmeyer's past work experience, both in the outdoors and his more recent experience in commercial property management. "It will be nice to work outdoors and be more hands on again," he said.

Wehmeyer holds a B.A. degree in Media Communications and Journalism from the University of Pittsburgh where he gained organizational and communications skills necessary in management. Before Wehmeyer earned his degree, he got an education of another kind, working as a carpenter along the East Coast from New Jersey to Maine, experiences which have been key to his career.



Photo Courtesy of Keith Wehmeyer

Keith, Ellie and Liz Wehmeyer on one of their many canoe trips, are happy to be back in Maine.

Wehmeyer has spent his last 10 years in the Mount Washington Valley area of New Hampshire, working most recently as a Facility and Project Manager at the Settlers Green Outlet Village in North Conway. Prior to that, he led a nine person maintenance team for the Attitash Grand Summit Hotel, in Bartlett.

He also spent four years on the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) Construction Crew. Based in Crawford Notch, he maintained the AMC's Highland Center, and was also carpenter for several reconstruction projects, including the Madison Spring Hut, one of eight high-mountain huts in the White Mountain National Forest. He has served on the Board of the White Mountain Swift Water Rescue Team and the Bartlett, NH. Conservation Commission.

Wehmeyer, along with wife Liz and 4-year old daughter Ellie, recently packed up their belongings, including a herd of 10 goats, (with a couple of pregnant does) and a Great Pyrenees dog, and moved from the Mount Washington Valley to a 16-acre farm they purchased in Benedicta, an unorganized township located about 30 miles north of Millinocket.

The Wehmeyers are pleased with the remoteness after watching as the Mt. Washington Valley grew overcrowded during the COVID pandemic. "The new house and barn

have a beautiful, unobstructed view of Mt. Katahdin," he said.

The Wehmeyers are also closer to their favorite outdoor getaways. Keith and Liz have paddled the Allagash four times, three times with Ellie, including a 90-mile trip down the river when she was only a year old.

Wehmeyer is also excited to be reunited with his long-time friend, Michael Downing (GHS '01) and Downing's wife Lindsay, who own and operate the Mt. Chase Lodge on Shin Pond. The children of both couples will be in the same school.

"It's nice to already have friends here. We're sharing weekly dinners together, and the kids are already calling each other 'best friends.'" Wehmeyer said.

Until his new job began in mid-January, Wehmeyer had been getting his animals settled in, doing house projects and also taking time for outdoor family adventures in their new area. The Wehmeyers plan to continue sustainable farming as they did in New Hampshire, raising chickens and pigs and growing fruits and vegetables.

"We have always produced a lot of our own food. Our new land will make that even easier."

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Jonas Rimkunas

Cathy Walter, Staff Writer

This New Year's Eve you may have seen Jonas Rimkunas, a 2011 GHS graduate, at New Year Gorham performing a selection of show-tunes. This gentleman has been entertaining the community with his beautiful tenor voice since he and a few friends created the barbershop quartet, The \$1800 Shoes, while he was still in high school, performing at Gorham Community Chorus and school concerts.

After he graduated from high school, Jonas headed north to the University of Maine at Orono (UMO) to pursue a degree in Music Education, which he quickly realized was not his cup of tea. He came back to Gorham for a while, singing with the chorus and exploring all of his varied interests.

In 2014 he gave UMO another shot, this time investigating Environmental Science, but quickly pivoted to an amazing opportunity as an apprentice with "The Carpenter's Boat Shop" a non-profit school in Bristol, Maine.

"This tuition free school with small class sizes, students of all ages, and hands on work is an excellent transition school because classes included a variety of social sciences, team building, and soul searching as well as boat building and carpentry and was just what I needed," Jonas explained.

Upon completion of his apprenticeship, he shared his acquired skills by teaching there as well.

But music was never far from Jonas's mind. In 2015, by chance, he met some other singers looking to create a quartet while he was attending an event. They quickly formed The Odds and Ends Barbershop Quartet and began practicing and



Photo Courtesy of Jonas Rimkunas

performing. Then in 2018 they landed a spot in the Barbershop Harmony Society's competition in Connecticut and eventually won a place in the international competition held in Orlando, Florida.

"We didn't win, but I got to hear some of the most gifted quartets out there and I learned a lot," Jonas shared about his experience.

His joy of singing again ignited, Jonas went back to school four years ago to perfect his gift at the University of Southern Maine (USM) pursuing a Classical Voice

degree and is currently working on his Senior recital. He is also applying to graduate schools as his talent prompted his teachers to encourage him to attend the Opera Studio in Maryland.

Jonas speaks highly of USM not only for the encouragement and knowledge he has received but also the depth of talent. "Everyone should check out the USM, now

This gentleman has been entertaining the community with his beautiful tenor voice since he and a few friends created the barbershop quartet The \$1800 Shoes while he was still in high school, performing at Gorham Community Chorus and school concerts.

SCHOOL

One School, One Book at Great Falls Elementary

Anna Sedenks, Grade 4 Teacher



Photo Credit: Anna Sedenks

Copies of Jelly Bean ready to be distributed to students.

All Great Falls Elementary students, for the 6th year in the row, shared in a common read aloud, known as One School, One Book. One School, One Book involves an entire school community from kindergarten all the way up through the full school staff, in the love of reading.

This year we tried One School, One Author instead of One School, One Book. Our author was the amazing Cynthia Lord. Grades K-2 read Shelter Pet Squad: Jellybean and grades 3-5 read Touch Blue.

The author and book titles were kept a secret from students until right before the winter break when they got a chance

to guess who the author might be. After the winter break, each student received their own copy of their grade level book and their class read the book together, according to a shared schedule. Weekly trivia questions and prizes helped to keep students excited.

Excitement builds more every year as One School, One Book becomes part of our school traditions and something to look forward to each winter.

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Trevor Krouse 2021 Season Recap and 2022 Preview

Kristie Krouse

2021 Stats and Highlights

Trevor Krouse, 15, from Gorham, 3rd year in a Legends Car, 6th year of racing

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Maine State Asphalt Champion – Semi Pro

Maine State Road Course Champion – Semi Pro

8th Nationally in Asphalt INEX US Legends – Semi Pro

6th Nationally in Road Course INEX US Legends – Semi Pro

4 Wins - NELCAR

12 Top 5s – NELCAR and other asphalt

1 Top 10 – NELCAR

1 top 5 – Granite State Legends Road Course

6 top 10 – Granite State Legends Road Course

10 different tracks this season for a total of 34 races

The 2022 racing season is already getting underway. The team has several races in the South in January and February. Road Course racing is up first.

The team had one race on January 15th where they finished 3rd at Charlotte Motor Speedway in a field of 22, but a snow storm caused a delay in their second race which was rescheduled for January 29th as part of a triple header race weekend.

After that they head to Florida for nine races in seven days. Four on the Road Course at the FIRM in Starke, Florida and then five oval races at Citrus County Speedway in Inverness, Florida.

There will be an 8-week break before New England racing starts in April. As of now the team is looking at about 35 races this season, but has their sights set on the National Championships in both the Road Course and the Asphalt Oval series.

Business partnerships are a huge aspect of any racing program. Without it, they couldn't compete at the level they do. They recognize Next Key Real Estate, Norcom Mortgage, Vic & Sons Fuel, and Maine State Credit Union for riding along every race as the top partners.

The team appreciates those who support them during the season. If you're a race fan and want to be involved, please reach out to TKRacing15@gmail.com, 207-929-0956 or visit www.TKRacing15.com.

The Bobadil Mystery

Wilma Gould Johnson

How Parkers Corners Became Known as Bobadil From Wrecked Spanish Bark.



Photo Courtesy of Wilma Gould Johnson and the Portland Press Herald

Uncle Bill Larrabee, reciting a poem at the raising of the new church roof in South Gorham.

Bobadil is probably a word most people have not heard before. Might it be a name, a location, a place, or something that was just plain made up? You won't find Bobadil in the dictionary and it might also be a challenge to find it on the internet.

Gorham historian, Bertha Bridges Willis, was familiar with the term, as she mentions it in her book "The Way It Was In Gorham." The research of the origin of Bobadil and its connection to Gorham has taken well over a decade, but at long last, the mystery has finally been solved.

A dear friend, Frances Knight Marsh, often shared her vast knowledge of Gorham's history. Shortly before her passing, she sent an email asking if I had determined where Bobadil might have been located and if I had any good results by googling it. I never

knew if she had the answer and was perhaps just testing my computer skills to see if I could come up with the location of what was referred to as the Bobadil area of Gorham.

Marsh was part of the Knight family in Scarborough and was very familiar with the South Gorham area. She was a knowledgeable and well-versed lady, and we shared a common interest in Gorham history. A decade after her passing, I found what I believe is the solution to the mystery of Bobadil.

The Bobadil location was synonymous with South Gorham, an area which was also more recently called Parker's Corner. We know it today as the area where Rt. 22 and Rt. 114 join and head down toward Scarborough. Bobadil became associated with the area when in 1827, the frame of the new meeting house/ church was raised on the hill, across the street from where the current church, built in 1902, now sits. The original meeting house is no longer there.

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Real Estate Transfers August 2021

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	PRICE
9 FAE LANE	HUTTON, ALLYN	PLOWMAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP	\$325,000
19 OLIVE LANE	BOURZAK, LISA & GERMAN, JESSICA	PLOWMAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP	\$130,000
11 MARATHON AVE UNIT 22	LONGINETTI, JOHN	SCALI, JENINE & BURKE, DIANA	\$449,900
16 DISTANT PINES DRIVE	SIROCKI, MATTHEW	VERCELLI, GEORGE	\$577,000
28 SOLOMON DRIVE	FILIMONCHUK, NICK & ERICA	TEWHEY, STEPHEN & DEBORAH	\$525,000
26 FIELDCREST DRIVE	KEPKA, DANIEL	PAULINE, CYNTHIA & NORDMAN	\$589,000
164 OSSIPPEE TRAIL	BOURQUE, DAVID & LYNN	DUBAY, KIMBERLY & SKILLINGS, STACIE	\$205,000
18 SHYANNE'S WAY	COLLINS, KAYLA & ROBERTS, DYLAN	SMITH, PAUL	\$385,000
51 DOW ROAD	ROBERGE, JESSE & KANDIS	SIMMONS, PATRICIA	\$475,000
10 RIDGEVIEW DRIVE	EYERMAN, MARK & CAROLYN	ESTATE OF SALLY JORDAN	\$364,500
OLIVER LANE LOT 6	CONNERS, NATHAN & MOLLIE	PLOWMAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP	\$130,000
177 FLAGGY MEADOW ROAD	FREDETTE, ALEX & HRISTINE	CARROLL, ABIGAIL & BRYAN	\$428,000
90 LOVER'S LANE	CARROLL, BRYAN	LITCHFIELD, MATT	\$330,000
186 HUSTON ROAD	DUNN, NATHAN	CATCHCART, ANGELA	\$331,000
270 DINGLEY SPRING ROAD	BUNKER, MADISON & ROBERTSON	DUBE, JUSTIN & CASSAUNDR	\$420,000
141 SOUTH STREET	CRISAFULLI, STEPHEN & BELHUMEUR	THERIAULT, JAMIE & SCHULTE	\$423,500
375 FORT HILL ROAD	SHANNON, LAURIE & KLIPPE, ROBERT	ESTATE OF DAVID NADEAU	\$505,000
202 HARDING BRIDGE ROAD	BURNETT, KYLE & KIRSTEN	LEAVITT, ANNE	\$580,000
152 BUCK STREET	CALDWELL, JOSHUA	MOODY, BENJAMIN	\$525,000
62 NEW PORTLAND ROAD	LOMBARDI, LYNDISAY & SOKOLOFSKY	ESTATE OF MAURICE ERSKINE, JR.	\$302,000
184 BRACKETT ROAD	RUSTIC FARM HOLDINGS	GOOCH, WILLIAM	\$275,000
18 MARYANN DRIVE	POIRIER, STEPHEN & HEALD, SARAH	PROCTOR, BRENDA	\$335,000
46 STANDISH NECK ROAD	GUERRIERO, ELIZABETH & NICHOLAS	HIGGINS, SAMANTHA & LUCAS	\$361,500
183 COUNTY ROAD	HUSSEY, BRANDON	ARMSTRONG, AMBER & RILEY	\$559,000
87 CUMBERLAND LANE	WILSON, GEORGE & MARGARET	ESTATE OF LORRAINE BEGIN	\$31,000
750 FORT HILL ROAD	THIBODEAU, JANE & DAVID	MOSHER, ROSS & BRYAND, VANESSA	\$435,000
113 DOW ROAD	OLSON, SLATER & JULIA	WESTON, ANDREA & ETHAN	\$500,000
52 NARRAGANSETT STREET	GLOWIK MACDONALD, CECILY	HAISS, JOSHUA & ANGELA	\$365,000
106 SEBAGO LAKE ROAD	MANTLOW, SHERRY	FARWELL, EDWIN	\$165,000
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DINGLEY SPRING ROAD	REGISTE, JAHVON & ANNA	LBMP, LLC	\$105,000
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21 ANNIE'S WAY	CHAREST, ROGER	DAVIS, WESLEY & KATHRYN	\$515,000
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12 CANTERBURY PINES DRIVE	DUQUETTE, JEAN PAUL & PAULINE	BALDWIN, PAMELA	\$453,000
25 JENNIFER WAY	RYDER, JONATHAN	YINGLING, MICHELLE & SANTONI, GINA	\$475,000
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Ice Skating Open at Cherry Hill Farm Rink



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Gorham students and their parents take advantage of a beautiful vacation day skating at the Cherry Hill Farm rink on Lower Main St. (Rt. 25).

GHS Student Announced Miss Maine CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

advocate for themselves to combat bullying, specifically young girls who are experiencing pushback in aspirations in STEM."

She attributes her ability to speak up for other young women like her to the Miss Maine High program. "Having the platform of being Miss Maine High gave me the audience."

When asked about her support system, Pellerin immediately answered "family". Specifically, her parents and brother, Hunter Pellerin, GHS senior, have helped her get to where she is today.

She also talked about her new pageant sisters. She describes these sisters as "remarkably talented, intelligent, supportive, and kind hearted."

Pellerin shared some of her favorite things about living in Gorham, men-

tioning Shaw Park, where she loves to explore nature with her dog, Paisley.

While Pellerin is staying open, her top choice of college is the University of Vermont, as her dad graduated from the university and the school has an appealing Pre-Med program. In ten years, Pellerin sees herself graduating from medical school and beginning her residency, where she'll learn what it means to be a good pediatrician.

Pellerin is full of hope and optimism not only for her future, but for her community as well. When asked if she had any advice for younger students, Pellerin answered, "My advice would be to dream as big as possible and don't let anyone keep you from achieving your goals! You can do anything and everything you aspire to do if you work hard."

Jonas Rimkunas CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

Osher School of Music, events website to get information about all of the upcoming Music Department offerings." There are five or more performances almost every week, and the quality of music is stunning," Jonas said enthusiastically.

But this young man always has more than one iron in the fire. For example, he is currently running and building a small carpentry business out of the back of his truck that both pays the bills and nurtures his soul as he helps his neighbors and works with his hands.

Jonas states, "I like to take on small restoration and home improvement projects for friends and others in

the community, but my heart still lies in boats, furniture, and small woodworking projects."

And if that isn't enough, he has created another quartet that you may have heard of, Points North Quartet. Check them out on the internet and Facebook to hear their beautiful harmonies or even book them for an upcoming event.

Fostering his love of boats and sailing, something he just calls a hobby but actually requires a lot of skill and knowledge, Jonas is going after his Captain's License now as well. Jonas Rimkunas, a good neighbor listening to his heart and following his dreams.

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During that time, it was customary at roof-raising for someone to recite an appropriate verse while sitting aloft on the ridge pole. On that momentous occasion, Uncle Bill Larrabee mounted the ridgepole and pointed to the frame below and exclaimed, "Here is a fine church that stands on a hill. Where mortals will meet to send sinners to hell. OH! Bobadel, Bobadel."

It has long been a mystery as to where Larrabee got that word and its meaning. The late Joseph Merserve was familiar with the neighborhood traditions and recalls that when someone asked Uncle Bill Larrabee where he got the Bobadil name, Larrabee told the story that one evening, while sitting in his kitchen next to his fire, he heard a knock on the door. Being a most hospitable gentleman, Larrabee would

not turn away the hungry man who was asking for food and a night's lodging. The stranger was invited in and while eating his supper, related that he was a cook on a Spanish barkentine that had been recently wrecked. The name of that bark was Boabadel.

You will note that the spelling of the name has been slightly changed over the ensuing years. Mystery solved, dear Frances.

The information for this article was obtained from the Portland Evening Express dated 10-17-1903. A collection of 42 newspaper articles, including this one, were encapsulated into a collection at the Scarborough Historical Society, probably during the 1970s. It consists of articles as early as 1884 and as recent as 1979 with most articles from the early 1900s.


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Lucien Wallace was recently initiated into the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society.

OF INTEREST

For over 25 years, the Gorham Food Pantry has served the needs of the hungry in Gorham. The Pantry was founded and is sustained by the efforts of many local churches, schools, businesses, generous donors and hundreds of active volunteers. Thanks to a very supportive community, hope is provided to our neighbors in need. There are many ways to give. Learn more at sites.google.com/view/gorhamfoodpantry. Pantry hours are Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meets next on Tuesday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gorham Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main St. For more information, please contact the post at vfwpost10879@gmail.com.

The Gorham Lions meet at the Moody's Community Room on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. for the months of January, February, and March. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 8. New members are always welcome. FMI 929-9182.

Join the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust and WinterKids for a family-friendly Snowshoe Nature Walk on the Hawkes Preserve trail on Saturday, February 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Great Falls Elementary School. This will be a fun introduction to snowshoeing and a great chance to see the forest and the Presumpscot River in the winter. This is a great program to try snowshoeing with your family for the first time because

WinterKids will be lending free snowshoes to anyone who doesn't own a pair. Participants will be split into two groups (one for families and one for adults), so the program is designed for all ages. This event is free, but registration is required at prlt.org and click on Events.

SENIOR NOTES

The Gorham Medical Closet, operating at the Municipal Center, 75 South Street, is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. Hours are by appointment only with one of the volunteers. If you don't reach a volunteer, leave a message and they will return your call. FMI, call Gerry Day at 839-3859.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Enjoy a Take-Out Bean Supper at the White Rock Community Clubhouse at 34 Wilson Road on Saturday, February 5 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Pre-order dinner to go, \$20 for double or \$10 for single orders. Meal includes kidney & pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs, and a dessert bar. Please, pre-order by Thursday, February 3, call Fran at 892-9521.

Dinner Theatre and Silent Auction with Open Mic Night (featuring Living Waters School students), Saturday, February 5 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Living Waters Church, 197 Parker Farm Road in Buxton. Dinner includes a pasta bar with three types of pasta, 3 different sauces, 2 meats, salad and dessert. There is also a vegetarian option. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per person or \$20 for a family. Proceeds benefit the Living Waters Parent Teacher Fellowship.

The St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will hold a Pre-Pay Drive-Through Fish Dinner on Friday, February 18, from 5 to 6 p.m. at St. Anne's Church in Gorham. Dinner includes baked haddock, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, peas, a roll, and dessert for \$12. FMI, visit www.gorhamknights.org or call 207-550-1320.

LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library, serving Gorham and Standish since 1897, is located next to the fire barn at the corner of Standish Neck Road and North Gorham Road. The library serves the surrounding community with a focus on fiction for adults and children, although most any book is available through inter-library loan. The library has WiFi service and computers for patron use. The library is open on Mondays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 6 – 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Home Delivery and contact less parking lot pickup are also available. Visit north-gorham.lib.me.us, and facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary/.

Baxter Memorial Library's Snow Pant Story Times for ages 2-5 are on Tuesday, February 8 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with Ms. Heidi and Mr. Jeff. Dress warm for outdoor story time that features brilliant outdoor stories, singing, dancing, and playing. The BML Book Club will be discussing "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown at

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Complaints were received about young kids riding dirt bikes on Osborne Road. Officer located the kids and explained laws for riding dirt bikes in the roadway. Kids said they understood and would discontinue with these actions.

Caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked in the area of the Bernard Rines Highway. Registered owner has a tree stand in a wooded area off the bypass. Vehicle was well off the roadway and did not disrupt the flow of traffic.

Caller reported she had taken a small battery operated toy tractor from Canterbury Trail. Caller thought it was free as there were other items left out for the taking. Caller later found out that the tractor was not available. Officer spoke with home owner and once they learned it was a mistake and the tractor had been given to a small child, they decided to let the child keep the tractor so the child would have something to play with.

Narragansett Street caller reported the temporary water line in front of his house had burst and was spraying all over the front of his residence. Portland Water District and the construction company were both notified.

Simona Shores Drive caller did not know if a stray cat or a raccoon was getting into his trash. Caller was advised that there was not much the Animal Control Officer could do if the caller did not know where the animal was.

Fort Hill Road caller reported damage to his lawn. A vehicle had left the roadway and run over two small trees, then turned around and drove back up over the embankment onto the roadway. No accidents had been reported in the area. He was going to call the State DOT to see if they would fix the banking area where he mows the grass.

Officer stopped a driver doing 65 mph on Main Street in an area with a posted speed limit of 35 mph. Driver was charged with criminal speed.

A suspicious person parked near a closed store on Gray Road was going through trash cans looking for returnable bottles and cans.

Officer was unsuccessful in an attempt to locate a driver who was reported to be "all over the road and tossing trash out the window".

Car hit a deer on Finn Parker Road. The car sustained minor damage. The deer walked away.

Truck drove very close to officer who was walking back to his car following a traffic stop. Truck did not have a license plate. Driver said he had just bought the truck from a private party in Massachusetts and hadn't registered it yet. He was advised vehicles must be registered before being driven. Vehicle was towed.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Baxter Memorial Library, Book Club, Schneider Room, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

White Rock Community Clubhouse pre-order dinner to go, Call 892-9521 by Feb 3. Living Waters Church Dinner Theatre and Silent Auction, 5-7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Baxter Memorial Library Snow Pant Stories (ages 2-5), 10-10:30 a.m., dress warm! VFW Memorial Post 10879 meeting, Fire Department Training Room, 5:30 p.m. Gorham Lions Club meeting, Moody's Community Room, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Presumpscott Regional Land Trust and WinterKids Snowshoe Nature Walk, Hawkes Preserve, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Register at prt.org, click on Events

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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10 a.m. on Thursday, February 3 in the Schneider Room. Masks are required in all municipal buildings. FMI, baxterlibrary.org, or 222-1190.

UNIVERSITY NOTES

The USM Summer Youth Music and Theatre Camp's online registration is open. Visit usm.maine.edu/summercamps now and throughout the spring for all music, theatre, and athletics summer youth programs.

All of USM's community events in music, theatre, art, athletics and more can be found at usm.maine.edu/calendar.

UMaine Cooperative Extension hosts many online events and webinars through an online calendar. Upcoming is a farm irrigation webinar on February 7, a webinar for the agricultural industry on February 16, an online workshop for youth ages 12-18 years about marshlands and climate change from 1:30-2:45 p.m. February 23, a flower growers conference starting on February 28, and more. Check it out. Registration is required at calendar.umaine.edu/events/category/cooperative-extension/.

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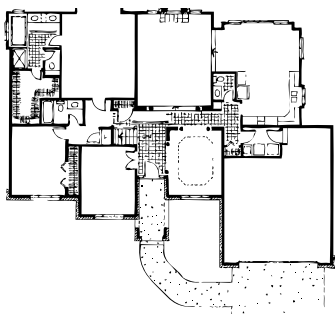
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