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GMS PRESENTS

“The Emperor’s New Clothes: The Musical”

Tana Krohn, Director, Gorham Middle School



Photo Credit: Tana Krohn

The cast and crew of Gorham Middle School’s production “The Emperor’s New Clothes: The Musical”.

Live theater is finally returning to Bailey-Silcox Auditorium at Gorham Middle School (GMS) after a two-year hiatus. Just under fifty students have been working hard to piece together a production of “The Emperor’s New Clothes: The Musical”.

This musical comedy, written by Karen Boettcher-Tate with music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur, is an adaptation of the familiar folktale by Hans Christian Andersen. It is sure to leave you in stitches.

In the play, the kingdom of Glump has been fraying ever since the pampered Emperor Plumptoe (played by Alex Tukey) became wrapped up in his tasteless wardrobe. Enter two con artists (played by Elle Woodman and Zachary Bourgoïn) who quickly devise an ingenious plan for fleecing the emperor in a magical cloth that they insist only the most competent people can see.

Naturally, everyone pretends to

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Local Teams Receive Maine Principals' Association Good Sportsmanship Award



Photo Credit: Amanda Landry

The Gorham Girls Ice Hockey Team earned a much-deserved sports accolade this season: The Maine Principals' Association Good Sportsmanship Award. The team was led by tri-captains, Phoebe Richards, Sadie Dyer, and Cadence Howard. Head Coach Mary Vaughan could not have asked for a more supportive, hard working group this year. Coach Vaughan explains, “This team is all heart.”



Photo Credit: Tim Spear, AD

The Gorham Girls Alpine team finished 16th of 24 and the boys finished 11th of 21 teams. Gorham Athletic Director Tim Spear emphasized how well these Alpine programs competed with small teams. Coach Muncaski’s team, comprised of only one sophomore and several Freshmen, finished the season strong. The Gorham Girls’ Team was awarded the Maine Principals’ Association Good Sportsmanship Award.

Lakes Region Senior Center Reopens

Eve Lessard, USM Intern

The Lakes Region Senior Center (LRSC) has reopened after being closed due to the pandemic. The Center has been open for 12 years after a group of retirees from Windham and Gorham decided that the seniors in the community needed a place to get together. It is a non-profit organization funded by membership and a few community benefactors.

Ex-officio, board member, and ex-president of the center for 9 years, Blanche Alexander is “so glad that they finally let us come in.” Alexander describes LRSC as taking up a lot of her life and time but “it has been wonderful.”

The Center’s mission is to provide

safe, diverse, cost-effective activities in order to promote personal growth through socialization, participation, and leadership. Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the LRSC is a drop-in center, and membership, \$20 per year, is open to anyone fifty and up.

David Alexander, the Center’s current PR contact, considers it to be an “incentive to get out of the house and be with others for conversation, great muffins and making new friends.”

Rod Nickerson, a current member of LRSC since the first grand opening, agrees that the Center “gets me out of the house” and even “helped keep my sanity.”

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Photo Credit: Clarence Wisecup, editor of the LRSC’s monthly newsletter

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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.

Maine's Fight Against Forever Chemicals

Rep. Jim Boyle

It has been just over a month since I was sworn into office as representative for House District 27. It is an honor and a privilege to be back serving our community in Scarborough and Gorham in this new capacity.

I'm particularly excited to serve on the Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee. I am deeply passionate about this subject area and have spent my entire adult life working to protect our environment and natural resources for the generations to come.

One issue that hit my desk immediately upon being sworn into office poses a grave threat to both human and environmental health.

Maine and communities across the country are grappling with the discovery of ubiquitous contamination of PFAS, a family of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances known as "forever chemicals."

So far, we believe that PFAS can disrupt the human endocrine system, may increase risk of certain cancers and reduce overall immune system function. Our understanding of the scope of contamination and options for remediation are still evolving at this point; however, my colleagues in the Legislature have been working hard to address what we can in the face of this emerging concern.

Knowledge of this issue became mainstream in 2019 when contamination on Fred and Laura Stone's Arundel dairy farm forced the farm to shut down, causing immense financial and personal hardship. Since the Stones went public with these findings, various state agencies have partnered with private labs and farmers to identify PFAS contaminated areas.

PFAS are typically found on farms or in soils that have been spread with "sludge" or other biosolids as fertilizers. These toxic chemicals come from household and industrial waste and do not deteriorate with time, even when processed by wastewater treatment plants.

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The Maine Department of Environmental Protections (DEP) has partnered with chemists, geologists, engineers and data techs to track and map PFAS contamination across the state. Focusing first on known sludge sites based on historical records, teams engage in on-site data collection efforts. This data will help inform remediation measures and risk assessments.

While data collection is ongoing, it is imperative that we codify an end to spreading this toxic sludge. One bill before my committee this session aims to do that. LD 1911 would prohibit the land application or distribution of sludge unless it has been tested for PFAS and it falls within allowable amounts as determined by the DEP.

As amended, another bill, LD 1875, directs the Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services

(BGS) to study methods to treat leachate, a liquid that has passed through matter and contains soluble or suspended solids.

The bill also directs the department to reduce the concentration of PFAS to the extent possible at the state-owned solid waste landfill. BGS will seek input from people who are directly affected by leachate from the landfill entering the Penobscot River, including members of the Penobscot Nation, as well as with the Maine DEP.

I am hopeful that this collaboration will help us keep our water and soil clean and will mitigate harmful impacts on communities throughout Maine. There is much work left to do to fully grasp this incredibly complex problem and to mitigate the human, environmental and economic threat the presence of PFAS poses to our state.

As my fourth grandchild came into the world last year, I was once again reminded of our duty to leave an environment that is safe and habitable for our children and our grandchildren. That is of the utmost importance to me and to my colleagues working on this issue. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to this work.



Rep. Jim Boyle, D-Gorham, is serving his first term in the Maine House of Representatives and previously served two years in the Maine State Senate. He is a member of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Contact him at Jim.Boyle@legislature.maine.gov.

Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

America, we failed is right. We failed by allowing politicians to drive their narrative and allowed them to use health care workers, and first responders and children as pawns.

We failed to challenge COVID "counts" most notably "deaths". We allowed the reporting of "detections" instead of actual sickness, building the COVID count and the narrative of fear. We allowed the media and politicians to count any death as COVID related. We failed to challenge the constantly changing "rules".

We became the poster child for economic loss because we failed to stop the insanity of shutting down the economy and now unabashedly claim the fastest growth in history. A health issue will happen again. We have given the "green light" to shut down our economy for any "perceived" threat. We have failed by creating an entitled society.

We failed to challenge the instant "approval" of a vaccine contrary to

years of proper testing. We failed by allowing the invention of a new medical term "breakthrough" to provide cover for an inefficient vaccine. Protect the vulnerable. Instead, we demand everyone be vaccinated. If its that good and you have it, why are you fearful?

We failed to allow individuals to think for themselves. We failed to allow opposing views and "canceled" anything one side didn't approve. We failed by forcing everyone to be the same..... based on one sides view. And as we approach an election, its curious that all seems to be getting better.

Yes America, we have failed. We failed to keep Gods commands. We failed to maintain decency and respect for our neighbor because it might "offend" them. We failed to follow our founders' guidelines and instead attempt to reinterpret their intent. As a result, we have failed to acknowledge that we have slipped further into the gutter.

Robert Williamson

Lakes Region Senior Center

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Many of the members and board members feel that the Center is especially important to help with senior loneliness. David Alexander describes the goal of LRSC, "To have people come, like they've lost a loved one, they're lonely, they live alone, they have a place to come and socialize."

Janice Dunlap has been participating in activities since the Center first opened. She is a Gorham High Alum who lost her husband in 2007. While her kids have treated her well, LRSC has given her the "chance to get out of the house. Meet new people. Make new friends. Made me not feel quite so isolated."

Between luncheons, puzzles, guest speakers, and trips, the Center has proved to be extremely beneficial to the community's senior citizens. The Gorham community is lucky to have such an open and welcoming center.

Around Town

The Gorham Business Exchange Marketplace 2022 event has been canceled.

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Trail Art Near Nelson Preserve

John Ersek, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: Tim Hofmann

Have you seen these decorative installations? What is your reaction/response? Let us know!

Anyone who has been walking or snowshoeing this winter on the trails of the Nelson Preserve, near Flaggy Meadow Road, has probably noticed the whimsical paintings of a rooster and an owl which someone has installed on some land near the main trailhead.

That someone is Tim Hofmann, a local artist who resides with his wife and children in a house just outside the land trust property.

Hofmann describes his style as Folk Americana. He says his latest round of inspiration came last June, when he saw a number of homes in the Lincoln County area where homemade lighthouses and similar wooden pieces were being used as lawn decorations. Hofmann and his family saw these whimsical creations while they were driving home after visiting the Boothbay Botanical Garden to see the giant troll installation.

Hofmann cited other influences, such as the metal creations of Gorham sculptor Chris Newcomb, whose whimsical works can be seen in front of Newcomb's home on Robie Street, as well as seeing a number of

outdoor sculptures which are visible in a field next to the Hearn Road in Scarborough.

Feeling inspired to work with wood, he first built square canvases from wooden boards, then started to experiment with cutting out various shapes with a jigsaw. He created and painted a four foot rooster as a commission for someone in New Hampshire. Hofmann decided to suspend the rooster head from a tree near the land trust trail that starts near his home, to allow it to become more weathered from exposure to the winter weather. He currently plans to install the rooster at the client's home in the spring.

Similarly, Hofmann's barn owl creation was inspired by an actual barn owl that he saw near his home. Hofmann says he is considering adding other artworks to his outdoor display, especially once the rooster is moved to its new location in New Hampshire.

Hofmann has been a multimedia artist for 25 years. Prior to that, he studied print-making, drawing, sculp-

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Food Pantry to Benefit in Fight Hunger Bag Program

Courtesy of Gorham Food Pantry

Reduce single-use plastic in the environment and give back to those in need in the local community, all while running routine weekly errands at the local Hannaford. Gorham Food Pantry has been selected by local Hannaford store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Fight Hunger Bag Program for the month of March.

The Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program is an easy way for shoppers to give back to the local community and the environment as part of the regular shopping routine. Every \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag sends a \$1 donation to a non-profit local to the Hannaford in which it was purchased.

As part of this ongoing program, every month at every Hannaford location a different local nonprofit is selected to benefit from the sale of the reusable Fight Hunger Bag. Gorham Food Pantry was selected as the March beneficiary by local store leadership at the store located at 99 Main Street, Gorham, Maine. Gorham Food Pantry

will receive a \$1 donation for every \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag purchased at this location in March.

"It's more important than ever to help reduce single-use plastic in the environment," said Bill Couch, Executive Director of Gorham Food Pantry. "Nonprofits at the local level, like us, are in need of community support. This program offers the perfect solution to multiple issues of the world today. We hope you'll support us in March by purchasing one — or two! — Fight Hunger Bags at our local Hannaford!"

Gorham Food Pantry is a nonprofit based in Gorham, Maine. Founded in 1997, Gorham Food Pantry works to help people in need of food assistance. Learn more about Gorham Food Pantry by visiting gorhamfoodpantry.org.

For more information about the Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program, please visit hannaford.bags4mycause.com.

Vehicle Accident on South St.



Photo Credit: Roger Marchand

On Monday, February 21, a car drove into the back of a parked Postal Service vehicle near 170 South St. The postal worker was in the back of the van and was injured.

Fatal Accident, Fort Hill Road

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Christopher Smith, 60, of Gorham was killed in a head-on collision on Fort Hill Road, just past the entrance to Fort Hill Farms on the side of the hill.

His wife Christine, 56, and Jade Pierce, 24, of Windham were both taken to the hospital to be treated for non-life threatening injuries.

The accident occurred on February 18 at about 10:23 p.m. Gorham Police are planning to reconstruct the accident to determine what caused the crash.

Anyone who saw the collision is asked to contact Det. Sgt. Young at 222-1660 ext. 1.

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Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670 if you have any questions.

LETTUCE BE HEALTHY

Roasted Fennel Onions & Sweet Potatoes

As a vegetable lover, this combination is delightful. Add this as a side to chicken tenders and rice for a great comfort meal.

2 fennel bulbs, sliced in strips for roasting
2 large white onions, sliced for roasting
2 or 3 sweet potatoes, washed and sliced for roasting

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Line baking tray with parchment paper. Using 2-3 tablespoons of olive oil, toss the sliced veggies in oil and a seasoning mix of varied spices — like a ZARTAR or BLACKENED seasoning mix — sprinkle generously on veggies and toss. Lay in one layer on the baking tray and place in oven. Roast till golden brown, the more golden the better. Tastes so good.

Questions about the recipe can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at btsme21@gmail.com.

Slow Cooker Creamy Chicken

1 ½ tbsp olive oil
1 cup yellow onion, chopped
1 ½ cup carrots, diced
2 stalks celery, diced
1 tsp dried thyme
1 tbsp fresh parsley minced
1 tsp minced garlic
1 tsp salt & pepper to taste

½ pound sweet potatoes diced/or turnips
1 ½ pound chicken tenders or thighs; boneless and skinless, cut into bite size pieces
2 cups broth or stock
1 can cream of celery soup or cream of broccoli
2 cups frozen peas

Sauté onions in skillet to soften; add all other ingredients to slow cooker, along with onion. Set heat to medium and cook for 4 hours or on low for 6. Healthy, easy, ahead-of-time dinner or perfect for a Sunday afternoon in the winter ... enjoy!

Questions about the recipe can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at btsme21@gmail.com.

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ture, and painting at the University of Maine at Augusta. Hofmann has also traveled around the country quite a bit over the years and has had exhibitions in places as distant as Santa Cruz CA, as well as in more nearby locations such as Monhegan Island, Maine.

Hofmann stated that he intends the installations to be decorative and amusing, without wanting to send any particular message or statement. He said he is extremely curious about the reactions of trail walkers who see his installations.



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REMEMBER WHEN

Exploring the Old Stroudwater Sawmill

Wilma Gould Johnson



Photo courtesy of the Johnson Family

The old Stroudwater sawmill was a busy part of commerce in the South Gorham area.

A recent Remember When article spoke about the area in South Gorham referred to as 'Bobadil', named after an old Spanish boat. This area and its surroundings were a busy commercial and community hub of South Gorham which included sawmills, blacksmith shops, woodworking shops, and a "rifle" shop, where they made tools to sharpen scythes, and a Baptist Church.

In the mid 1780s an old sawmill, originally called Bragdon's Mill, was located on the banks of the Stroudwater River. In those times, travel from Gorham to Scarborough ran on old logging roads, following the river.

Today, if you travel down the back field and wooded area of what was then the Knight property, and is now the location of the South Gorham Animal Hospital, you would arrive at the river where the mill once stood.

The mill was eventually sold to Samuel B. Knight, and his brother John, and was in full operation in the 1890s cutting, hauling and manufacturing lumber. In 1891 Samuel bought out his brother, John. Items included in the sale were tools, implements, oxen, horses, ox-wagons, sleds, carriages, farming tools and even a family carriage.

Water was furnished by a nearby waterfall that was dammed up to provide a pond, which was used for the boiler that powered a steam engine to saw the logs.

Many sawmills did not operate during the winter months, and logs were kept in the water to prevent worms. In the Spring, when mill operations often resumed, the submerged logs were pulled up from the pond onto a slip and then into the mill.

Although the mill was eventually destroyed by fire, this area on the river provided years of pleasure as a "playground" for the children growing up at the Knight/Johnson homestead. Memories include swimming, rafting, rock climbing, ice skating, picnic luncheons and lots of exploration.

One of the grandchildren's best memories is of the model saw mill that was built by their grandfather, George Johnson, giving them much pleasure as they played along the banks of the Stroudwater River.



Wilma Gould Johnson, born and raised in Gorham, graduated GHS ('62). She enjoys sharing Gorham History with others. Any one with a question or more information may contact her at iawilma@comcast.net

GHS GRAD NEWS: If you, your son, or daughter are GHS graduates, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times Of Interest section or in a Where Are They Now feature. Submissions should include the year of GHS graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at ckck5@icloud.com.

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Where Adventure Begins

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



Photo Credit: Michael Downing

Michael Downing and wife Lindsay with Walter and Annie own Mt. Chase Lodge in Patten.

Gorham High School (GHS) '01 grad, Michael Downing, and his wife Lindsay own and operate Mt. Chase Lodge on scenic Shin Pond. Ideally located in close proximity to Baxter State Park, Katahdin Woods, and Waters National Monument, Michael said, "If you have ever gone to the Northern Entrance to Baxter State Park, you've driven right past our driveway."

Mt. Chase Lodge was built in the 1960's as a traditional Maine Fall Hunting season camp. Michael and Lindsay bought the Lodge in 2016 from her parents who owned and ran it for 40 years as a year-round business catering to snowmobilers, fishermen, vacationers and hunters.

"Lindsay grew up right here in the Lodge, cooking, cleaning and learning how to be a great host," said Michael, who also has fond family memories of yearly treks to the area as a child.

Michael said, "We still cater to traditional Maine activities, but have expanded our offerings to include activities that we are passionate about, such as xc skiing, snowshoeing, mountain biking, canoeing, hiking and 'dark skies' stargazing."

Thanks to a grant to expand their trails, their current one-mile snow-

shoeing trail will grow to about 10 miles of multi-use trails for mountain biking, xc skiing, snowshoeing, hiking and running.

Michael explained, "With help from the International Mountain Bike Association, a concept plan is being developed to guide the expansion. We are also working with Katahdin Area Trails, based in Millinocket, to integrate our trail systems."

The Downings have made other changes and improvements. The Lodge is kid and pet friendly, featuring upgraded decor in its five private guest suites and four additional private cabins.

In addition to serving breakfast to their guests every morning, bag lunches daily and dinners Wednesday-Sunday, they have expanded their restaurant, which is now open to the public by reservation on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Downings are also building a new house, a few hundred feet away from the main Lodge, for a bit of privacy.

Michael has always enjoyed the outdoors. He ran track and cross-country at GHS, and indoor and outdoor track all four years at Bates College, where

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Chief Sanborn Reports

The Gorham Police Department currently has three vacancies for patrol officers. There has been considerable turnover during the pandemic with three officers who had been with the Gorham PD for five years or less having left to join the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department seeing that as a larger agency that could provide more opportunities for specialty positions and future promotions.

Because of the three vacancies, the Police Department is able to fill shifts for overtime because of the salary savings from the vacancies.

Long time Detective Larry Fearon has retired and is now a school bus driver for the Town.

There has been an increase in the

number of mental health and drug-related calls. Fewer drug deaths have been reported as officers now carry Narcan, an antidote, which is provided by the state.

On February 13, the Gorham PD held a four-hour fundraiser for the Special Olympics and raised \$1732.

Explorer Post, a branch of the Boy Scouts for 14-18 year old children, is a new program the Police Department is developing for youth to learn about public safety. The Scouts can also help with special events. The program is designed to attract youth who are interested in law enforcement and public safety. Anyone interested in this program should contact the Gorham Police Department.

Planning Board Report February 14, 2022

Robert Houpp requested approval of a 671 foot extension to the existing Brandons Way. This will extend the private way 671 feet into the applicant's existing 12.2 acre lot and split it into three lots. This item was discussed and approved.

Grant and David Gushee's request for approval of an 875 ft. private way to serve two lots off of Ira Drive was discussed, waiver was approved and final approval was given.

Les Wilson's request to divide 61 acre lot at 463 Fort Hill Road with 33 acres to be used for mineral extraction and the remaining land to be divided and developed as a residential subdivision was withdrawn by the applicant before the meeting.

A request by Huston Road Solar Project for approval of a ground mounted solar array, associated equipment and access road at 96 Huston Road was discussed with site walk requested once the site plan application has been submitted.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to redefine the requirements for multi-family housing was discussed and referred to the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee for review.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to allow a refund of Zoning Board of Appeals application fees was discussed and referred to a future Planning Board meeting for a public hearing.

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Rowe is a Player to Watch in the LEC Playoffs

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

Family and friends filled the stands at the Costello Sports complex/Hill Gym in Gorham February 16 to highlight the University of Southern Maine Women's basketball senior night. The senior night celebrated the team's last regular-season home game hosting UMass Boston.

Michelle Rowe (GHS '18) is a senior guard for the Huskies. Rowe had stand-out numbers in her last regular-season game racking up 15 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 assists.

The team celebrated the win and prepared for their road trip to Connecticut during Presidents Day weekend to close out the Little East Conference regular-season portion of its schedule with back-to-back wins, and three of its last four according to a recent USM press release. The Huskies had played 9 games in 14 days prior to the road game.

Southern Maine completed the LEC regular season with a record of 7-7 and was unable to play a full LEC schedule due to COVID-related scheduling challenges, a similar story all sports teams faced this season. It was determined by the LEC's athletic directors earlier this season that all nine teams would play in the tournament.

The Huskies will host the LEC Championship Quarterfinal with Keene State traveling to Gorham.



Photo Credit: Tammy Mountain Woodbury

Michelle Rowe in action v. Plymouth State

Southern Maine won both of its games against Keene State in the regular season, downing the Owls on the road (Dec 4) and at home (Jan 22). In the Huskies road game (Dec 4), Rowe had a career-high 24 points, including 7 rebounds, leading all scorers in that game.

Rowe is a player to watch for the Quarterfinal game. One last event this spring for seniors is Honors Night. This event highlights departing seniors, celebrating their collegiate careers. Rowe and her senior teammates have a lot to celebrate.

New State Records in Girls' & Boys' Track and Field



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Andrew Farr #3 on the podium at the State Meet.



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The 4x200 relay team State Champions Maddie Michaud, Ashley Connelly, Emma Green, and Sydney Connelly broke a new state record of 1:47.5. Emma Green also won the High Jump and Alyvia Caruso won the 55-meter hurdles in Class A. On the Boys' side, Andrew Farr won the 400-meter dash with a new state record of 49.54.



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GHS French IV class visits Sullivan House Bakery to celebrate "la Fête des Rois" with la galette des rois.

High school French teacher, Eteri Shvets, gave her French IV class a treat. With funding from ASPIRE Gorham, Shvets provided students an opportunity to learn more about French culture and the process of opening a bakery.

The purpose of the trip was "la Fête des Rois", Twelfth Night on January 6, to mark the end of the Christmas season in France. To celebrate, Sullivan Bakery served "la galette des rois", a flat pastry with almond filling. The students learned the history behind the traditional pastry and how it's served.

A highlight of the experience was a discussion with bakery owner, Nancy Ames, about her career choices that lead her to the bakery, including the meaning behind the Sullivan House name, her favorite pastries, and how the bakery came together. She also explained how her "rustic barn" idea transformed into what the bakery has become through friendships and new connections.

Allison Bishop, a French IV student, said, "I found it inspiring that she had a completely different career for many years before open-



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ing the bakery." Bishop also noted how motivating it is "to see someone who has completely changed career paths and created something unique and successful" after working for Progressive, IDEXX, and then starting her own business.

Once back in the classroom, the students reflected. "The food was very well made, and it was a breath of fresh air to get out of the class-

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Caleb's Creations Donates \$600 to The Wayne "Pooch" Drown Scholarship Fund



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Ten year old Caleb Yeager has donated thousands of dollars to local charities by painting pictures, selling them and donating the profit. On Thursday, February 17, 2022, Caleb donated \$600 to the Wayne "Pooch" Drown scholarship Fund at GHS. Wayne "Pooch" Drown was a much respected and beloved Gorham police officer and Student Resource Officer who died four years ago. This scholarship was set up by the family and school to honor his memory. You can see examples of Caleb's artwork and his current fundraising efforts on his Facebook page, Caleb's Creations. Pictured left to right: Principal Brian Jandreau, Elementary School Resource Officer Todd Gagnon, Narragansett fifth grader Caleb Yeager and his parents, Jeff and Michelle Yeager.

GMS Presents "The Emperor's New Clothes: The Musical"

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"see" the cloth for fear of being declared unfit for office. The emperor commissions the men to fabricate a new birthday suit immediately, and soon the naked truth is revealed (tastefully! The director promises!).

Come find out how the story ends Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 12 at 7 p.m., or Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m. in the GMS auditorium. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Masks are required and must be worn by audience members at all times.



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Gorham School Committee Special Meeting 2/16/22

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

The Gorham School Committee held a Special Meeting on February 16, 2022.

Parent, Claire Minor spoke during the public comment section of the meeting about her concerns regarding the school calendar and the impact of early release days on the learning of students the past two years and moving forward.

Kim Fadrigan, K-5 Literacy Coordinator, provided an update on Reveal Math, the new program that is being implemented. Gorham Administrators, employing the curriculum review cycle that the school department uses, had noticed that the testing scores in math, although still about the state average, have slipped somewhat. Reveal Math is strongly reviewed and provides rigor, coher-

ence K-12, dynamic problem solving strategies and lots of scaffolding support for students.

Hollis Cobb, Business Manager, updated the committee on two RFP's that have been reviewed by the finance committee: payroll software and custodial services. The committee will move forward with the recommendations for choosing companies.

There was a preliminary discussion of the school calendar for next year. Dr. Brian Porter, the Assistant Superintendent outlined the need for more staff development for teachers, particularly in light of new curricula requirements.

The school committee will not make a decision on the calendar without more information and feedback from parents and staff.

La Fête des Rois CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

room and experience something new. Our group would love to do that again ... or to have it be a yearly tradition," said Asa Farley, another French IV student.

It was a meaningful experience for students to leave the classroom, learning and tasting French cuisine as well as taking in the story behind a new local business.



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BRUNSWICK - DONNA ELIZABETH DAY BEGLEY

On January 31, 2022, a few days ago now, I went in to give Donna her morning meds. With just a little of dawn's light illuminating the room, I looked at her and knew she was gone. I sat next to her, put my hand on her chest and just sat there.

In that next hour, I thought of our three boys and their families who, just the days before, had been all around her. My/our son Jim, with Kelley and grandson Owen, her/our son Jeffrey and grand kids Stephen and Marin and our son Michael and grandson Graycen. All had been by to hold her hand and whisper to her. I thought of the impact she had on our many foster children, especially Lisa Smith and granddaughter Elizabeth.

I thought, what a full life this woman had. Donna, born on Sept 1, 1947, was the oldest of three sisters. Her two sisters, Susan Smith, who passed away several years ago, and Wendi Rogalski, who lives with her husband Paul in Tennessee, were US Air Force kid's all. They and their parents Harry (Bill) and Mary Ellen Day, both deceased, found themselves relocated, due to service reasons, often. A favorite for Donna was moving to England. This allowed her to experience her middle school years in Sheringham, UK. She loved to tell folks that while there, she was a classmate of Beatle, George Harrison. The Air Force finally settled this Portland, ME born family in Murfreesboro, TN where she finished high school. She moved back to Maine in the early 1970's.

I thought of how we met in 1977. After a fiery romance, we married and lived our first few years in Portland. We found a big old house in downtown Gorham, ME. She opened Gorham Headquarters and for 20 years, this effervescent redhead, cut hair, laughed, did nails, pedicures, laughed, and met everyone in the town. She went to every sporting event, every musical, cheered, and laughed some more. She was the ride to away all events, she traveled and escorted the Chamber Singers. MaBEGS was always with a trail of adored and adoring Gorham school kids.

I thought of our move to Boothbay Harbor. More hair, nails and laughs for the locals and seasonal clients she gathered. She loved winter traveling and working winters in St Croix with Jeff Teal at his B&B on the island.

I thought of how our church family at St Columba Episcopal Church in BBH provided and received gifts of Grace to and from Donna.

I thought of how moving to Brunswick brought us a bit closer to our boys for support. The move brought clarity to some of the curious signs of dementia witnessed in Donna. Still funny, still warm, still loving, still a fiery redhead, still a Day girl, still a mom, still a grandma but caught in the inescapable grasp of Alzheimers. As Donna's dementia consumed her, I learned how to be a caretaker by watching her friends at Bath/Brunswick Respite Care. I watched her companion Jen Hayes, I watched so many brilliant aides and nurses from Androscoggin Hospice Care. Finally I saw the tender ways of nurse Nicky Peltier, and how with her and my sons, we helped Donna finally rest easy.

A celebration with friends and family will be held noon to 3:00pm on Saturday, March 19th 2022 at Dimillo's Restaurant on Commercial St in Portland. Please come join us there. Arrangements are in the care of Funeral Alternatives, 46 Bath Rd. Brunswick, ME. Condolences may be shared at FuneralAlternatives.net



Where Adventures Begin CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Mt. Chase Lodge sample menu, using locally sourced foods

Split Pea Soup
Fresh Chia and Flax Seed Sourdough Bread
Balsamic Glazed Salmon with Strawberry Salsa
Wild Rice
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Lemon Cream Tart with Blueberry Coulis



he graduated with a degree in Physics in 2005.

After several corporate jobs, Michael decided that he wanted a different kind of life. He spent three years at Maine Huts and Trails in Carrabassett Valley exploring his interest in cooking, building upon the skills he had learned at part-time jobs at Subway in Gorham as a high school student and at his job at a campus restaurant at Bates.

Carrabassett Valley is also where he met Lindsay. She was planning to hike the Appalachian Trail, and when her hiking partner bowed out, she asked Michael instead. He jokingly said, "Our first date was a six-month hike in the woods. We knew it would either end horribly or work out perfectly."

A stint in Alaska at Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge, came next: Michael as the sous chef and Lindsey as the sea Kayak Guide. He worked directly under a professional chef at this high-end lodge. "My kitchen skills really

expanded, including my love of making sourdough bread," he said.

Michael proposed to Lindsay in Alaska. They married in 2013, finally returning to Maine and jobs with the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) in Greenville as the food service manager (Michael) and the assistant lodge manager and guide (Lindsay).

Running the Mt. Chase Lodge is a 24/7/365 job. It is definitely a family affair, requiring a wide array of skills, split between Lindsay, who runs the business side and coordinates five staff, and Michael who is in charge of food service and maintenance. Lindsay knows her way around frozen pipes and can handle other emergencies while Michael is preparing the evening meal.

They share the parenting, with help from a part-time nanny, of their 4-year-old son, Walter, and 2-year-old daughter, Annie.

The Downings can be reached at info@mtchaselodge.com at 207-528-2183, on Facebook or their website.

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Do you like to sing? The non-audition Gorham Community Chorus is starting a shortened Spring season on Monday, March 7 after a two-year hiatus. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the chorus will be practicing in a new location in the band room of the Gorham Middle School, not in the Village school as years past. Rehearsals will be every

Monday from 7-9 p.m. and an early arrival will be appreciated on the first day for initial registration and music handout. Come share the joy of group singing even if you've never tried it before; all voices and level of expertise are welcome. FMI: gorhamcommunitychorus@gmail.com.

GHS One-Act: This year the Maine Drama Festival is back on with an in-person event! As their contribution to the festival, GHS Theater is producing the short drama "White Room of My Remembering," a poignant story about making peace with the memories and ghosts of the past. Performances at Gorham High School will be on Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday March 13 at 2 p.m., and are open to the public.

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, March 8. New members are always welcome. FMI 929-9182.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meets next on Tuesday, Mar 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

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

SENIOR NOTES

Wanted, Buxton residents' ideas for living it up as they age. Join the brainstorming meeting (masks required) on Saturday, March 5 in the Old White Church, 15 Salmon Falls Road in Buxton to explore what is needed to age gracefully while living in Buxton through the Age-Friendly Community process. For more information, contact Ellen or Terri at aginginbuxton@gmail.com.

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Tink Drive caller wanted advice about suspicious mail about him being sent to his neighbors. He advised he has an internet following. It's most likely a "troll" doing this to him. Messages were not threatening in nature and it was agreed if things changed, he could file a report.

Suspicious vehicle parked by the side on Ball Park Road were six Gorham House employees having a smoke break.

Caller reported a female passed out in an Uber on Railroad Ave. Officer woke her. She refused assistance.

Driver of a vehicle which had pulled over in the Gorham Industrial Park told the officer he needed some space from his girlfriend.

Robie St. caller went out to his vehicle and located what appeared to be a college-age girl sleeping in his back seat. She asked to use his phone which he permitted. After using it, she walked away.

Officer responded to a disturbance on Gray Road. He knocked on the door several times but no one answered. Neighbors said they hadn't seen anything going on.

Dispatch called the woman who said she was not home and not coming home.

Two adults parked in a vehicle on Main Street were taking a break from driving.

Woman had questions about a possible accident she had been involved in two weeks earlier. Nothing was found indicating any incident.

Public Works turned in a wallet found on Huston Road. Officer was unable to contact either the owner or his mother. Officer went to the residence, and it had been condemned.

Officer checked on a suspicious vehicle at the Gorham High School parking lot. It belonged to the new janitor.

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The Lakes Region Senior Center, located at 40 Acorn Street in the Activity Center is now open Monday through Friday at 9 a.m. Stop by for a newsletter and a calendar, and see what it's all about. FMI David or Blanche Alexander at 892-5604.

The purpose of the Gorham, Windham, Westbrook TRIAD is to foster a partnership between seniors, law enforcement and the community through education, awareness and activities dedicated to reducing victimization, safety, and security of seniors. Meetings are on the 2nd Friday of each month. The next meeting is Friday, March 11 at 9 a.m. at the Gorham Fire/Police Station at 270 Main St (Rt 25) in Gorham. The guest speaker will be Ken Aldrich, president of the Gorham Lions Club. He will be speaking about how to maintain or revive interest in community organizations and how to redirect their mission to be ready for evolving local needs. FMI or to get involved, call 887-9222.

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.

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 Book Club will discuss *Palaces for the People* by Eric Klinenberg via Zoom on Thursday, March 3 at 10 a.m. Email nfanagan@gorham.me.us to be added to the invitation list. The Kids Book Club (ages 9-12) is also virtual, reading a chapter book that will tug at your heart strings, especially if you love animals. The first Zoom meeting will be on March 9 from 5 – 5:30 p.m. Visit the library or call 222-1190 before March 9 to reserve your spot and pick up a copy of the book to read. Then there will be a discussion on March 30 from 5 – 6 p.m. Registration is limited to 10 readers. March Story Adventures for ages 2-5 take place outdoors featuring stories, singing, dancing, and playing with Ms. Heidi and Mr. Jeff. Dress warm for the outdoors. FMI: baxterlibrary.org

UNIVERSITY NOTES

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

The USM Department of Theatre and the Osher School of Music at USM collaborate to perform the spring musical, "Urinetown" at Russell Hall on the Gorham campus, March 3-6, and 9-12. The March 5 and 11 performances will be live streamed. Music by Mark Hollman, lyrics by Hollman and Greg Kotis, and book by Greg Kotis, the satirical comedy premiered in 2001. FMI and tickets: 780-5151 or usm.maine.edu/theatre/2021-2022-usm-theatre-season.

The UMaine Cooperative Extension hosts many online events and webinars through an online calendar. How Not to Kill Your Houseplants webinar, March 4; Propagating Trees, Shrubs webinar, March 7. Registration is required at calendar.umaine.edu/events/category/cooperative-extension/

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Baxter Memorial Library Book Club, "Palaces for the People," Zoom, 10 a.m.
 USM Theatre and Music, "Urinetown, the Musical" Main Stage at Russell Hall, opening night, 7 p.m., 10 performances, 780-5151, usm.maine.edu/theatre

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

White Rock Community Clubhouse pre-order bean supper, 4:30 – 5:30, 892-9521

MONDAY, MARCH 7

Gorham Community Chorus begins, Gorham Middle School, 7 p.m. arrive early

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

VFW Memorial Post 10879, Gorham Fire Department Training Room, 5:30 p.m.
 Gorham Lions regular meeting, Moody's Community Room, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Baxter Memorial Library Kids Book Club, Zoom, 5 – 5:30 p.m., 222-1190

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

TRIAD meeting, Gorham Fire/Police, 270 Main Street, 9 a.m., 887-9222
 Maine Drama Festival, "White Room of My Remembering," GHS, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Maine Drama Festival, "White Room of My Remembering," GHS, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Maine Drama Festival, "White Room of My Remembering," GHS, 7:30 p.m.

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