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A Season of Light and Hope Traditions from Around the World

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As the nights grow longer and colder, many cultural and religious groups worldwide emphasize finding hope by seeking light and warmth, through celebrating their holiday traditions. In Maine as elsewhere, people of many beliefs have much in common at this time of year: the search for light, warmth, and a reminder that green growth will return in the spring.

Christians observe the pre-Christmas season by lighting Advent candles, anticipating the birth of the Christ child. Many people, both Christian and non-Christian, enjoy seeing the outdoor light displays in public parks and along city and suburban streets.

In the Christian tradition, the Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Along with all the iconic trees and decorations, carols are sung and verses are read, many of which refer to a “star in the east” that the three wise men followed to Bethlehem, a city in the ancient kingdom of Israel. Other Christmas carols mention brightly glowing angels that shepherds saw and heard above them that night, as they guarded their sheep in the fields outside Bethlehem, then went into the town to seek out the infant Jesus and his parents.

In many locations throughout the American Southwest, especially the State of New Mexico, December is the month when plazas, churches, homes, and businesses across the region are lit up with luminarias (or farolitos as they are known in Northern New Mexico). In Spanish, luminaria means “illumination.” The holiday tradition was introduced to New Mexico’s indigenous people by Spanish missionaries from Mexico in the 1600s, and originally featured torches made from local sources such as pinyon boughs. Luminarias can be seen throughout the holiday season, but are especially popular on Christmas Eve.

As part of the tradition of Las Posadas (The Inns), luminarias are supposed to light the way of Mary and Joseph as they go door to door seeking shelter, before eventually arriving at a stable. In New Mexico, these decorative holiday lanterns have generally been made by using brown paper bags since these bags first went on sale in 1872.

Luminaria traditions originating in Spain and Mexico are observed in many of the former Spanish territories across Latin America.

The history of the bûche de Noël in France is similar to the Yule log tradition which originated in Scandinavia and became popular in Great Britain. It dates back to medieval times and even prior to that, to an era when many pre-Christian rites were competing with Christian traditions. In the 1600s French colonists introduced it to Quebec. A log of wood—often from a fruit tree to ensure a successful harvest in the year to come—would be brought home and placed in the hearth, which at the time functioned as the epicenter of every family’s activities. Once lit on Christmas Eve, the log had to burn for at least three days for good luck—ideally until the New Year.

By the late 1800s, as traditional hearths disappeared from French homes, replaced by wood-burning, gas, and coal stoves, it was only a matter of time before someone realized that it would be a lot more enjoyable to eat the log rather than simply watch it. The bûche de Noël was re-invented as the popular holiday dessert of today, a log-shaped cake with a rich buttery filling of various flavors.

In addition to these Christmas traditions, there are other ways that people around the world celebrate this season of light. For instance, members of the

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Celebrating the Holidays



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Due to inclement weather, this year’s holiday light parade was canceled at the eleventh hour. That didn’t stop Gorham Rec from hosting a community holiday celebration at Shaw Gym. Families gathered to play holiday-themed carnival games, write letters to Santa, make ornaments, get their faces painted, and meet Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Little Falls-South Windham Master Plan Update

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

The project team developing the Villages Master Plan held a second public meeting on Nov. 29. They presented draft concepts and recommendations for revitalization of the Little Falls-South Windham villages and sought feedback from the community in person and online.

A collaboration between the towns of Gorham and Windham, the project has a multi-disciplinary consultant team that has been working for nearly two years to develop a vision for the area. They sought input from the community through a previous public meeting and small group listening sessions. “We were very pleased with the number of

people who participated and showed their interest in the project,” Carol Eyerman, Gorham Town Planner, and team member said after the meeting.

Located where Route 202 crosses the Presumpscot River, the study area was a busy neighborhood of homes, shops, and businesses for many years. The team presented concepts designed to create “a mixed-use New England village center” for this neighborhood encompassing both the Windham and Gorham sides of the river.

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The concept images illustrated five themes: more housing density, an inviting setting for local businesses, a streetscape that encourages a walking neighborhood, opportunities for outdoor recreation, and features that help build community.

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Project DASH: An Innovative Way to Address Hunger in Maine

Rep. Mo Terry, D-Gorham

As a retired chef, mother and small food producer, I have dedicated much of my life to ensuring that those in my community have enough to eat. While the holiday season is a joyous occasion for many families, for those of us who don't know where our next meal will come from, the holidays can be particularly difficult. That's why I was so pleased to participate in an event last month celebrating a new partnership between Preble Street and DoorDash. Their collaboration – "Project DASH" – seeks to tackle food insecurity in the Greater Portland area.

Too many of our friends and neighbors here in Cumberland County and across the state are confronted with the painful daily reality of not being able to access enough food for themselves and their families. When I first started doing this work, one in every four children in the state went hungry. We have come a long way since then, but hunger still plagues many Mainers. In the face of current economic challenges, including inflation and rising costs, the future of food access is even more uncertain.

Over the past several years, we have ensured that kids get a free meal at school every day, we have sent food home in backpacks, and we have built partnerships with local food producers to better coordinate our efforts. I am proud of this work, but, according to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Maine still has the second-highest rate of food insecure households in New England and the

highest rate of very-low food secure households. Nearly one in 10 Mainers are currently facing hunger, including one out of every six children.

While these statistics are staggering, they represent so much more than just numbers. The people behind them are our friends, our neighbors and other members of our community, many of whom often hide that they are going through tough times. We can do better.

One of the most important pieces of that roadmap was to encourage and support more local partnerships and innovative solutions to address the systemic causes of hunger and help bridge the meal gap.

In the Legislature, ending hunger in our state has been a top priority for me and for my colleagues. In 2019, we passed bipartisan legislation outlining a roadmap to end hunger in Maine by 2030, a collective commitment to create hunger-free communities and ensure that every Mainer has a stable foundation on which to build a good life.

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temic causes of hunger and help bridge the meal gap. Project DASH is exactly the type of partnership we envisioned.

Project DASH offers last-mile logistic support to Preble Street. This bold vision moves Maine closer toward establishing a comprehensive food system that extends the life of food, limits waste and broadens access to food so that more Mainers – including some of our most vulnerable – receive nutritious, culturally appropriate ingredients and meals conveniently and with the dignity that they deserve. It is an amazing example of the power of collaboration and the possibilities that we can achieve by working together.

This partnership has the potential to be transformational for Preble Street's work, playing a critical role in our efforts to end food insecurity in the greater Portland area and helping to create a hunger-free Maine for future generations. I am excited to continue working to facilitate more partnerships like this in this coming legislative session.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please feel welcome to reach out.



Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry, D-Gorham, is serving her fourth term in the Maine House of Representatives. She is the House majority leader, where she serves as head of the Democratic caucus. Outside of her legislative work, Rep. Terry is a chef and small business owner. Contact her at maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov.

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Revaluation Update

The Gorham Times had scheduled a comprehensive article on the recent property evaluation for this issue. Because of the complexity of the subject and the need to communicate with many people for their information and perspective, the article is now scheduled for the Jan. 5 issue.

Around Town

Plummer's Ace Hardware has purchased Sportsman's Hardware in Westbrook, opening on Tuesday, Dec. 6. Plummer's now has 5 locations, Buxton, Gorham, Limerick, Waterboro, and Westbrook.

"Souped Up" will be a counter service bistro-type café at 29 School Street opening in January, serving soups, salads, sandwiches, and coffee items, with as much locally-sourced product as possible, and 99% of the soups made from scratch in-house.

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Ezekiel Lockman Eagle Scout

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



Courtesy of Lockman family

Zeke Lockman's parents James and Rori congratulated him at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor. The Lockman family had been involved in scouting for years. Rori was Zeke's Den Leader and his brother, Teddy, is also an Eagle Scout.

Ezekiel Lockman of North Gorham earned his Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor at Great Falls School on Nov. 19. For his Eagle Service Project, Zeke improved a campsite at the Jam Road Preserve in Standish which included building two tent platforms and an accessible picnic table, protecting veg-

etation, and limiting human impact at the site.

Zeke was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 2019 and was Casco Bay Chapter Chief of the Madockawanda Lodge in 2021-2022. A student at Falmouth High School, Zeke is a member of the Falmouth and Gorham FIRST Robotics Team 172, The Northern Force.

New Year Gorham Update

Lucia Monaco Holloway, GHS Student Intern



Courtesy of New Year Gorham

New Year Gorham has big plans to continue this year with some favorites returning like storyteller Antonio Rocha, the Mad Science team, Wildlife Encounters, Balloon Tying, and Fireworks as some of the special events this year.

Some other activities also scheduled are wildlife encounters, face painting, twister, line dancing, Making Memories with Susan and Ray Dupuis, Mime Workshop with Antonio Rocha, etc. There will also be performances by the Gorham High School Chamber Singers, Chorus,

Timmy and the Sophomores Quartet, Matt Roberts Magic, Antonio Rocha Returns, Don Roy Trio and a Mime Presentation.

This year is not only a milestone year but the first time in two years that this event will be back in person. The committee is excited to present this New Year's Eve community event. Any questions about the program and volunteer opportunities can be sent by sending an email to Thomas Hasbrouck at trhasbrouck@icloud.com, or by phone call to Virginia Wilder Cross at 222-2248.

Gorham Community Chorus Celebrates the Holiday Season

Kerry Constantino, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Kerry Constantino

The Gorham Community chorus, led by John Rimkunas, held its winter concert "Prelude to Christmas" on Sunday, Dec. at McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School auditorium. Opening with Haydn's "Achieved is the Glorious Work" the chorus sang a variety of holiday favorites old and new. Singing medleys of both American holiday classics, "A Bit of Holiday Cheer" as well as British holiday carols "Here We Come A-Caroling."

The concert closed with a Christmas carol sing-along where audience members were encouraged to join in, singing "Joy to the World," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Deck the Halls," "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night," and ending with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The Gorham Community Chorus is already looking forward to spring, with rehearsals resuming Jan. 9, 2023. Any community members interested in participating are encouraged to join. No prior chorus experience is required, just a love of singing. Singers in the chorus can expect to learn a variety of songs that can include "everything from Bach to Broadway."

Rehearsals take place every Monday from 7-9 p.m. at the middle school auditorium. If you are interested in joining, contact director John Rimkunas via email at gorhamcommunitychorus@gmail.com.

Next up for the chorus is a performance at the upcoming New Year Gorham celebration.

*Wishing you all a
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Is a Roth Conversion Right For You?

Ed Doyle, Contributing Writer

Depending on your situation, it might be appropriate to make some year-end financial moves: one, in particular, may allow you to take advantage of the current investment climate while providing potential benefits far into the future.

This move is called a Roth IRA conversion — the process of converting all or a portion of a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Traditional IRAs are often funded with pre-tax dollars, so contributions can lower your taxable income, and earnings can grow tax-deferred. A Roth IRA, however, is funded with after-tax dollars, so you get no immediate tax deduction, but earnings and contributions can be withdrawn federally tax-free, as long as you meet several requirements, including holding your account for five years and not taking withdrawals until you're at least 59½.

If you're attracted to the prospect of tax-free withdrawals in retirement, you might consider converting some or all your traditional IRA dollars to a Roth IRA. Yet, there's one major issue to address: taxes. Any deductible contributions to your traditional IRA, and the earnings generated by these contributions, will be fully taxable the year of the conversion. If you've invested in your traditional IRA for many years, this tax bill could be considerable.

But if you were interested in converting some of your traditional IRA funds to a Roth in 2022, you might have one advantage, tax-wise — and that's the state of the financial markets. As you are no doubt aware, it's been a rough year for stocks, so the value of some of the investments in your traditional IRA may have fallen, perhaps substantially. If you were to convert these assets to a Roth IRA, your tax bill might be quite a bit lower than it would have been last year amid the lengthy bull market.

Still, lower taxes aren't the same as no taxes. Ideally, you probably don't

want to take money out of the IRA itself to pay the taxes, since this might reduce some of the benefits. So, if you don't have another source from which you can draw, you may find that a conversion might not make as much sense.

However, you could lower this tax bill by making smaller conversions over several years. And you might ultimately find this strategy worthwhile because moving from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA can offer some advantages. For one thing, since qualifying Roth IRA withdrawals won't be counted as income, they won't cause additional taxation of your Social Security benefits or bump up your Medicare premiums. (If you wait until retirement before making the conversion, the conversion itself could have these effects, at least for the years in which it takes place.)

Also, with a traditional IRA, you typically must start taking withdrawals once you reach 72, but a Roth IRA doesn't have this requirement. So, if you don't need all your Roth IRA funds to support your retirement lifestyle, you can pass the remainder, tax free, to your beneficiaries. Consequently, a Roth IRA can play an important role in your estate planning.

Whatever the benefits of a Roth IRA, it's essential that you consult with your tax advisor before making a conversion decision. It's a big move — so you'll want to be sure it's right for you.



Ed Doyle operates a Gorham branch office of Edward Jones. He is experienced in all aspects of financial planning, retirement income planning, and tax-advantaged education savings plans. This article

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Sobriety During the Holidays

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

Whether you are in recovery or not, the holiday season can be one of the most stressful times of the year. Staying clean, sober, and healthy is not only possible, it can be quite fun if we direct our attention toward people and activities that can help strengthen us on our road to recovery. These strategic tips from the Betty Ford Clinic, Recovery Institute, and Crossroads can help support your sobriety over the next few months.

Plan Ahead. Always take your own vehicle to holiday parties so YOU can control your destiny. Arrive early and leave early. Take a sober companion with you for support and pay close attention to relapse triggers: H.A.L.T: Hungry. Angry. Lonely. Tired.

Have your props ready. Always keep a non-alcoholic beverage in your hand. Whether it's sparkling water or soda, others won't be inclined to push drinks on you constantly. People never really notice or pay attention to what's in your glass.

Make Self Care a Priority. Celebrate the holiday season by taking care of your body, mind, and soul. We cannot be our very best if we are depleted. Give yourself the gift of time for a massage or yoga class, for meditation or prayer. Proper nutrition, plenty of healthy physical movement, and proper rest will make you feel stronger, both physically and emotionally.

Increase Support. The erratic nature of the season can be overwhelming. Plan each day in November and December by making 12-step support your first priority. Bookend a holiday event with phone calls to someone in recovery before and after the event. Commit to a 12-step meeting (or two) each day and invite a friend. If you're traveling to another city, plan ahead and make sure you attend meetings there as well or pick up a phone meeting.

Time with relatives — know your limits. The crazy aunt who is going to criticize your career choice or an uncle or cousin who will insist on you having his famous holiday drink are not helpful. Family relationships that have been simmering for years can lead us to rationalize and convince ourselves we deserve a drink. Surround yourself with supportive loved ones who will help you follow the steps to stay clean and sober.

Service, not self. Want to stay sober? Stay helpful. When we focus on others, we find more joy and gratitude. Look for ways to think about and serve others. Make a special family recipe and deliver to friends. Donate time at a homeless shelter or soup kitchen. Visit a home-bound neighbor. These opportunities allow us to spread happiness and cheer to others.

Create new traditions. Celebrate the fact you are re-establishing your own life. As you affirm your new self on these festive days, you are choosing to celebrate the new, better, clean and sober life that you have created. This might mean hosting a sober, festive gathering with friends in recovery.

Make sobriety your top priority. All holiday parties are optional. If you don't think the activity is going to be good for your recovery, it's okay not to go.

Maintain your spirituality. Our commercial world wants us to believe that joy comes from tinsel, booze, and shopping. Regardless of your faith or spiritual beliefs, the holidays are really about giving and gratitude. When we focus on the true spirit of the season, negative emotions such as resentment, disappointment, and self-loathing cannot find a foothold in our hearts. Recovery is a one-day-at-a-time endeavor, no matter the season.

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Meet the Recreation Director, Cindy Hazelton

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

In March 2023, Cindy Hazelton will have spent 32 years working as the director of the Gorham Recreation Department, the second person to hold that position on a full-time basis. She was born and raised in Easton, ME and graduated from the University of Presque Isle, working in several positions with the YMCA before coming to Gorham in 1991.

Hazelton commented that when she arrived in Gorham, "Daigle's were still growing potatoes and Gorham seemed like one of the small towns I was used to," as at that time the population of Gorham was roughly 8,000. As the Town quickly grew, she learned that people wanted to participate in a variety of activities. These included youth sports, summer day camps, before and after school care, community special events, and multi-generational activities which included seniors.

In 1996, the building which currently houses the Gorham Co-op Preschool was built by volunteers with mostly donated equipment and materials. Hazelton ran the Recreation Department from that location which was an improvement from the janitor's closet at the former Shaw Junior High, now currently the Gorham Health Council Loan Closet. In 2005, when Shaw was renovated and transformed into the Municipal Center, the Rec. Dept. got a permanent home.

Hazelton noted that the former PTA was able to save the Old Robie School on Rt. 202 from the wrecking ball. It now has a full kitchen and is used for large gatherings with table seating for up to 125 people. A variety of functions including weddings, receptions, reunions and even Line Dancing on Wednesday nights happen there. The former Little Falls School, now known as the Little Falls



Courtesy of Cindy Hazelton

Activity Center, has before and after school programs, a day camp, and a senior center along with senior fitness activities in the gym.

The Recreation Department staff of six manage facilities, fitness activities, child care programs, senior activities, and youth sports with 500+ signed up for basketball, 400+ for soccer and 450+ for baseball/softball each year.

In addition to all of the above, Hazelton plans mystery lunch-

es for seniors (where they travel by bus to dine at various locations in the Greater Portland area), the Burn off the Turkey Race (now in its 25th year), Glow in the Park at Shaw Park, and the Memorial Day Parade. Facilities she is responsible for managing include the new Skate Park, multi-sport courts near the skate park, Little Falls Rec Area, Shaw Park, Robie Park, Robie Gym, the multipurpose field at GMS, pickleball courts at Little Falls and now the former White Rock School, Shaw Gym, and the Mt. Division Trail (Gorham section).

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New Community Resources Liaison for Local Towns

Gorham Police Department

The Gorham Police Department and Windham Police Department have come together to hire a new joint Community Resource Liaison for the agencies to share. Please welcome Haley Berry. Haley's first day with the Gorham Police Department was Thursday, Nov. 17. She will be splitting her time between both communities. Her hours of work will be fluid, but she will primarily be working Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Haley will be utilized as a resource for the agency to assist individuals that the agency has contact with who are struggling with mental health or substance-use issues. She will primarily be utilized as a follow-up resource, not as an initial response to a critical incident. Haley began ride time with Gorham officers last week to get to know the agency and the community. For assistance with any questions, folks can contact the Gorham Public Safety Office at 222-4998.



Holiday Jokes

What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"?

Santa walking backward!

How do you help someone who has lost their Christmas spirit?

Nurse them back to elf.

What do you call an elf that runs away from Santa's workshop?

A rebel without a Claus!

What do you call a reindeer ghost?

A Cari-boo!

What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense?

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Making Magic

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

GHS ('88) graduate, Eric Saindon, will be hobnobbing with film royalty in London and LA when James Cameron's long-anticipated new movie, "Avatar: The Way of Water" premieres on Dec. 16th. The film is the first of a planned trilogy to be released over the next six years.

Saindon is a visual effects supervisor at Wētā FX, a giant in the field of animated films such as the "Lord of the Rings" series, "King Kong," "Battle Angel Alita" and of course the original 2016 groundbreaking animated 3D film, "Avatar." This blockbuster is still the world's highest-grossing film. Wētā FX is based in Wellington, New Zealand where it has grown from about 30 employees at the time Saindon was hired in 1999 to about 1800 artists from all over the world.

As visual effects (VFX) supervisor, Saindon watches over every aspect of the teams who design the environments, special characters, effects, and lighting that make an animated world come alive. Without getting too technical, they create and manipulate on-screen images that do not physically exist in the real world. VFX allows filmmakers to create environments, objects, creatures, and even people that would otherwise be impractical or impossible to capture in a live-action shot. Simply put, Saindon and his team make the magic happen.

Saindon's team was responsible for the animated scenes of Golum in the "Lord of the Rings" movies. Humbly, he said, "We had a lot of help on that

from John Howe and Allen Lee, who are world-renowned Tolkien artists."

As for the new "Avatar" trilogy, Saindon was limited about what he could share, but said, "Avatar: The Way of Water" continues the saga of Netyri and handicapped Army Veteran, Jake Sully, some 15 years later." He added, "The new film is even more stunningly beautiful and the story is engaging." Filmed in real 3D, it is also easier to watch as the big movements (which in the original film could cause some dizziness) have been slowed down to 48 frames per second to minimize visual disorientation.

Saindon is well-respected in the world of Visual Effects. Films that he and his teams have worked on have been nominated for two Academy Awards and three BAFTA's (British Academy of Film Awards) and have won four Visual Effects Society Awards. He is an active member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Like many young people, it took Saindon some trial and error to find his true career path. After high school, he took classes at a local college and worked in construction. He then received a degree in Architecture at Washington State University. The architectural work was not as satisfying as he had hoped, but he did pick up some animation software skills. He attended the Royal Danish School of Architecture and continued to hone his animation skills. He began sending out demo



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Eric Saindon and his wife at the BAFTA's, (British Academy of Film Awards) in London.

reels of his work, until he was hired by an animation company based in Santa Barbara, California. In 1999 he joined Wētā FX and moved to New Zealand to work on films.

Saindon shared advice for students interested in working in the VFX industry. Since there are many different areas of VFX, he encourages students to

work on related skills in the areas they want to pursue to become a well-rounded candidate. He said, "If you want to be a lighter, take photography classes to learn about lighting and composition. Knowing basic coding languages like Python is helpful, as are acting classes if you want to be an animator. The best animators understand motion and emotion."

Saindon believes that his Maine roots definitely contribute to his success. He said, "Mainers just dig in and work hard to get the job done. That's good advice, no matter what field you decide to pursue."

Saindon also finds many similarities between Maine and his home near Wellington, New Zealand. Both places provide great outdoor opportunities and remind him of the freedom he had growing up in Gorham, where he and his brother roamed Gorham's fields, trails, and beyond on their three-wheelers.

Saindon and his wife, Beth Arko, a former Wētā FX animator, have four children: Waverly, age 18, Hunter, age 16, Juliet, age 13 and Reider, age 9 plus two dogs and half a dozen chickens. Saindon likes to spend his free time outside (away from his computer) hiking, fishing, and doing woodworking projects.

He is the son of Joe and Lila Saindon and sibling of Mike Saindon and Tara Saindon-Picard.




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Nancy Aceto Retires After 35 Years in Food Service

RainaLee Cooper, Admin. Assistance, Gorham Schools Dining Program

After 35 years, Nov. 30, 2022 will mark Nancy Aceto's last day working for the Gorham School District. Nancy began her career in the Gorham High School cafeteria on April 27, 1987. She worked at GHS for a couple of years before spending the next 21 years at Narragansett. She is finishing her career at Great Falls, where she has spent the last twelve years.

When asked what the biggest change has been in the kitchens Nancy said, "The biggest change I have seen over the years is the food we serve. We actually cooked and baked from scratch back in the day and it was delicious. We also had a lot more help!" Nancy has seen countless students pass through her lunchline, but one thing has remained the same; they love Pizza, Hot Dogs, Breakfast for Lunch, and Nachos.

What will retirement look like for Nancy? "I look forward to not getting up and rushing to get to work. I can't wait to enjoy a cup of coffee. I love seeing the grandkids, I enjoy cooking, sewing, gardening, cleaning, shopping online, hanging out with our pup and the hubby. Oh so much to catch up with."

One thing is for sure, Nancy will be missed in the Gorham School District. As Michael Sanborn, Dining Services Director said, "You can



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always count on Nancy. One of the best I've ever had the pleasure to work with." This is a sentiment the whole Nutrition Team (past and present) would unanimously agree with.

"After 35 years I have so many great memories! This has been my life, my home away from home, for so many years. So many years, so much fun, full of good times. I would never change a thing!"

Isaac Hawkins, New GHS Band and Music Director

Ethan B., Contributing Writer

When students returned to Gorham High School this past fall, they were greeted by several new faces on the faculty. One of these new faces was Isaac Hawkins, the school's new band director and music teacher. Hawkins replaced Timothy Ebersold, who left after twelve years to take a position in Scarborough.

Hawkins' first public concert at the high school was the Gorham High School Music Department concert held in October. Under his direction, the Jazz Band performed a stunning rendition of "What a Wonderful World," most famously performed by Louis Armstrong. In addition, the Concert Band performed a lovely piece, split into four parts, called "Simple Gifts."

Prior to coming to Gorham, Hawkins taught music at North Salem Elementary School in Dover, Pennsylvania, where he taught elementary band, elementary choir and general music. He also worked with the high school marching band in the area.

He is a 2018 graduate of the Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College, where he earned his Bachelor's degree. He is currently enrolled in the hybrid master's program for music and music education at Teachers College, Columbia University.



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His favorite thing about Gorham High School is its students. He said, "They are so eager to try new ways of learning and were very welcoming to me as a new teacher." In fact, despite the challenge of being a new teacher in a new school, he led his students to the MMEA (Maine Music Educators Association) district performances, and several students were selected to perform in the honors festivals.

Hawkins comes from a very musical family. The youngest of three, it was not a question of "if" but "when" he would start playing an instrument or singing in a choral group. He began playing the piano but chose the clarinet as an instrument to play when he joined the school band. One

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Grade Science Students Collecting Ticks

Angela Gospodarek, Seventh Grade Science Teacher



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Pictured on left: Seventh Grade Student, Izzy Perkins drags the knotweed patch for ticks for the science class November Tick Drag. Picture on right: Seventh grader, Chris Rumery scours the woods for ticks.

The seventh-grade science classes are doing monthly “tick drags” through 4 different habitats (field, forest, forest edge, and knotweed patch) to see where and when ticks are present. The information will be entered into a database and students will analyze the data in the spring and following school years. This work is being done as part of the 4-H Tick Project, a community science project

engaging K-12 youth and educators, made possible through a partnership between 4-H Youth Development, UMaine Cooperative Extension Tick Lab, Maine Forest Tick Survey, and members of the Learning Ecosystems Northeast project. On Nov. 22 they did the November collection, and no ticks were found in any of the locations. Students did find some deer ticks in October.

Interesting Links:

- 4-H Tick Project - <https://extension.umaine.edu/hancock/4h/tick-project/>
- 4-H Youth Development - <https://extension.umaine.edu/4h/>
- UMaine Cooperative Extension Tick Lab - <https://extension.umaine.edu/ticks/>
- Maine Forest Tick Survey - <https://umaine.edu/foresticksurvey/>
- Learning Ecosystems Northeast - <https://www.learningecosystemsnortheast.org/>

Volunteers Bring “JA Day” to Village School

Gorham Times Staff



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The fourth and fifth graders at Village Elementary School recently participated in “JA Day,” a one-day presentation of Junior Achievement’s programs by volunteers from Junior Achievement of Maine and the Maine Branch of Acadia Insurance Company.

Junior Achievement’s (JA) mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed. Community volunteers are recruited and trained to work with students to deliver JA’s lessons and their own experience, serving as positive role models for the importance of education and critical life skills. This model allows JA to reach a whole school full of children.

Village School Principal Jodi Mezzanotte said, “We are grateful to Junior Achievement and Acadia Insurance for creating this multi-day experience for our students. By having local business leaders come into our classrooms and teach JA pro-

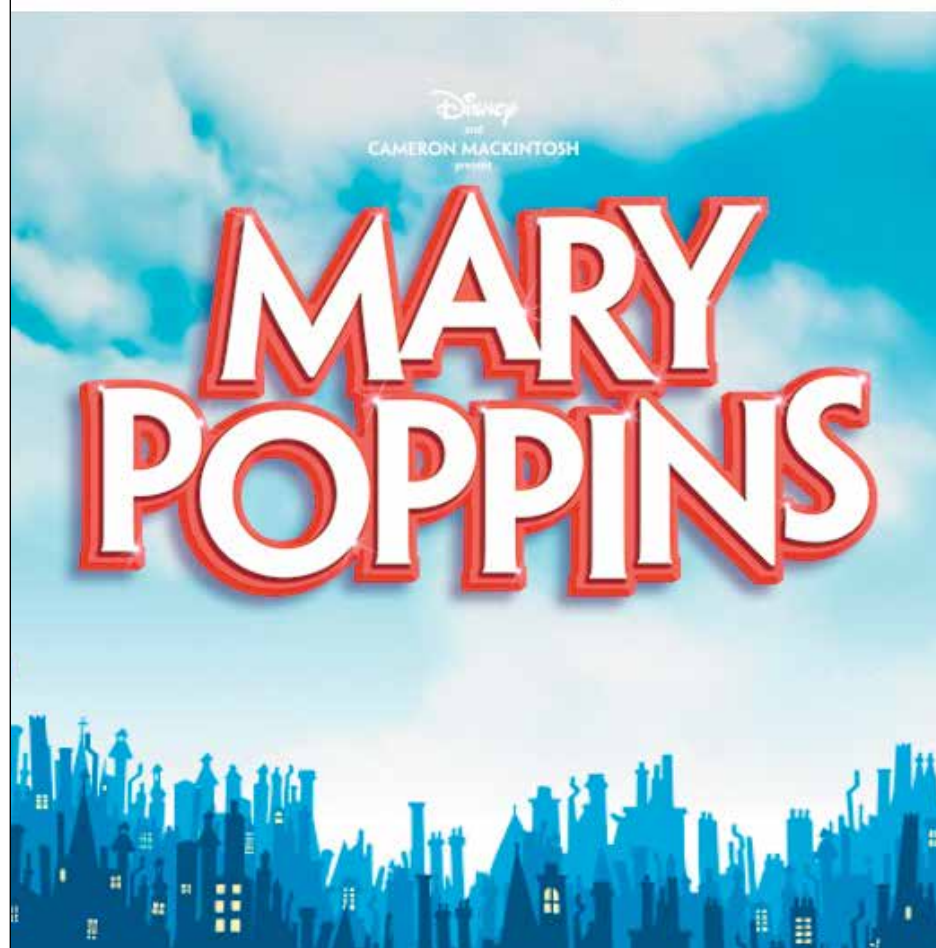
gramming, it generates excitement and increases engagement which has endless benefits for our students and our staff.”

“Junior Achievement is grateful for the commitment and partnership from Acadia Insurance to deliver JA learning experiences to elementary students at Village Elementary,” said Michelle Anderson, Junior Achievement of Maine’s president and CEO.

“Thanks to the power of mentorship, students will learn firsthand from these professional volunteers who have life and work experience to share, helping to bridge education and the local workforce.”

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Learning How to Open a Food Truck Business

Christine Karcanes, SAIL Program

Mow's Munchies food truck visited SAIL math students at Village School. Mrs. Karcanes' 5th-grade math students are learning to "open" a food truck business. They have created business plans, calculate loan interest rates, use fractions in recipes, and add/subtract decimals.

Mow's Munchies team shared their time and expertise with the students. Students asked questions, were given a tour, and made food. Co-owners Kate and Leanne were presented with a thank you card signed by the students shaped like a food truck.

It was a fantastic way to make math come alive to students and apply math to the real world.



Photo credit: Cheryl Fotter, Assist. Principal, Village School

(front-row co-owners) Leanne and Kate (back row) Audrey Krebs, Charlie Livingston, Sam Otis, Cirrus Arlet, Mrs. Christine Karcanes

Isaac Hawkins, New GHS Band/Music Director CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

of the pieces he has loved to perform is the piece "City Trees" by Michael Markowski.

In addition to being the band director at the high school, Isaac Hawkins also teaches piano, guitar, and general music classes. He continues the great work of the Gorham High School band begun by former band directors: Sidney Lerman (1961-63), John DiMillo (1963-64), Ronald Martin (1964-68), Robert Miller (1968-76), Hank Dempsey (1976-77), David Taylor (1977-78), Raymond Mathieu (1978-2010), and Timothy Ebersold (2010-22).

If you did not get to attend the fall concert, Gorham High School's Winter Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023 at 7 p.m. The



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

bands will be performing pieces as well as the choral groups. You can also find the two instrumental pieces from the Fall Concert on the Gorham Vocal Music YouTube channel.

School Safety Presentation for Parents and Guardians

Kelli Deveaux, Contributing Writer

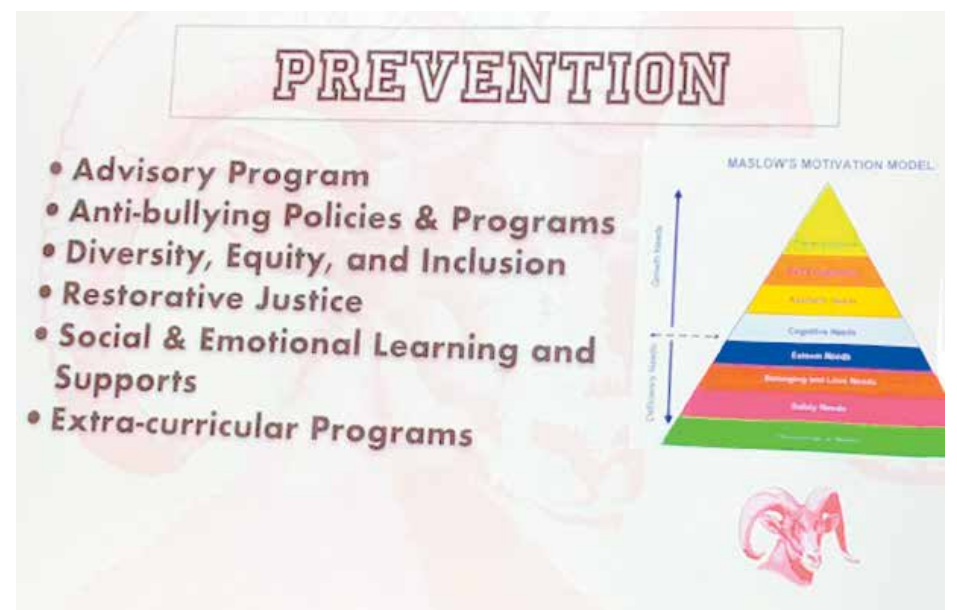


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On Thursday evening, Dec. 1, Gorham School Department and Gorham Police Department collaboratively shared an important presentation on school safety for parents and guardians of Gorham Middle School and Gorham High School.

Though the audience was small, Assistant Superintendent Brian Porter, GHS Principal Brian Jandreau, and GMS Principal Quinton Donahue kicked off the evening with a welcome and slideshow that included a videoclip from PBS Newshour about the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation. The foundation was created after 28 people were murdered at Sandy Hook

Elementary School, and seeks to help prevent further gun violence by educating youth on "knowing the signs" and speaking up if they see someone is showing the signs of potential violence.

Gorham Police Department shared information about their training at the local, state and national level to ensure they are prepared for any emergency that may arise in our schools. Chief Sanborn leads regional school safety training, and was joined by Deputy Chief Nault, as well as all three of the School Resource Officers, Gagnon, Sanborn, and Smolinsky. The officers

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Burn Off the Turkey 5K Race Event a Success

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

The annual Burn off the Turkey 2022 5K event took place on Saturday, Nov 26, 2022. Over 240 participants finished the race.

Community Recreation & Events manager, Zachary Lambert said, “the weather was great, and we had a good turnout from the community.” He reported that this year’s Burn off the Turkey ‘22 included a record breaking time by Ryan Jara on the men’s side with a time of 15:08 and the first place female finisher was 11 year old Nora Schmidt from Portland.

Jesse Orach (2nd Place) and Tom Nelson (6th place), both GHS Alumni, made top ten finishers on the men’s side. Other top ten male finishers were Christopher Dunn, Craig Robinson, Sean McDonald, Dan Dontbriand, Joshua Lehmann, Justin Brown, and Adam Bourgault. Other top ten female finishers were Laurie Gandrean, Taxia Arabatzis, Emmaline Pendleton, Sarah Plummer, Braedan Olsen, Emily Leshar, Kristin Dechene, Elizabeth Stockwell,



Courtesy of Neile Nelson

The Nelson Family post 5K Race



Photo credit: Kerry Constantino

Virginia Wilder Cross, one of the founders of Burn off the Turkey, makes her way through the crowd as runners get ready to race.



Photo credit: Kerry Constantino

Racers are ready and waiting to run in the 25th annual Burn off the Turkey Run.



Photo credit: Kerry Constantino

And they're off! Young racers start strong in the Burn off the Turkey Kids Fun Run.



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Racers in the Kids Fun Run cross the finish line and are awarded their finishers medals.

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Gorham Girl's Ice Hockey Prepare for Upcoming Season



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Signing Day



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Senior Kaci Mollison signed her NLI of intent on Nov. 17. Kaci will attend Saint Michael's College and continue with Softball.

Burn Off the Turkey 5K Race Event Photos CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12



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Runners take off in the brisk morning air as they start the 25th Annual Burn Off the Turkey 5K.



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Smiles and strollers, runners of all ages came out to burn off the turkey



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Nora Schmidt of Portland crosses the finish line to take 1st place in the women's division.



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Ryan Jara of Gorham crosses the finish line and takes 1st place in the men's division.



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Happy race finishers.

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Remember Pearl Harbor

Wednesday, Dec. 7. marks the 81st Commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The flag is traditionally flown at half-staff until sunset to honor the 2408 civilians and service members killed in the Japanese attack which precipitated the United States' formal entry into World War II.

FDR's famous speech, delivered the next morning said, "Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by the naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."

Facts about Pearl Harbor:

Early in the morning of December 7, 1941, Air Force pilot, Kermit Tyler was called about aircraft approaching

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There were over 100 warships and other service ships in Pearl Harbor the morning of the attack. Nine ships were sunk, and three were completely lost, including the USS Arizona and USS Oklahoma. The USS Nevada was the only ship to get underway but was beached under heavy fire. A number of other boats sank but were later recovered including: USS California, USS West Virginia, USS Cassin, USS Downes and USS Oglala.

A solemn reminder of the attack lies underwater, at the battleship USS Arizona Memorial, at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, Hawaii. It marks the resting

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School Safety Presentation for Parents and Guardians

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shared details of the resources and partners they work with to study and learn from events involving school emergencies.

The research has helped Gorham to shift to utilizing ALICE training, a training and response protocol that adjusts accordingly for different ages of students and different situations. ALICE is an acronym that stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate.

Both school and police officials made clear the most important prevention is the building of strong and trusting relationships, between students, staff and their two agencies. Both principals spoke about their schools'

efforts to foster those important relationships through advisory programs, social-emotional learning activities, and having open communication.

Audience members were able to ask questions, and provided feedback and suggestions for improved communications between the school and families in the event of an emergency.

The audience left with a clear understanding and appreciation that the school department and police department are working collaboratively to prepare and train for any emergency that may impact our schools, and there are comprehensive plans that are designed to be flexible and responsive to any situation.

Little Falls-South Windham Master Plan Update

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inviting setting for local businesses, a streetscape that encourages a walking neighborhood, opportunities for outdoor recreation, and features that help build community.

To illustrate how these goals might be realized, the team showed concept designs of five locations in the study area. For the village center from Huston Rd. to the former Sawyers convenience store, they envisioned a mixed-use, walkable streetscape with wide sidewalks and public space that would slow down traffic on 202. On Depot Street they suggested 68 homes of mixed housing types on 3.3 acres and on the Andrews site 32 homes on 2.2 acres which would "create needed density." They proposed a more welcoming trailhead where the Mountain Division Trail crosses near Blue Seal. For the six-acre Keddy Mill site, an EPA superfund site, they proposed sidewalks along the river that could connect the village to the Mountain Division Trail.


The team took questions from the online participants and those at the South Windham Fire Station. Questioners were concerned about the heavy traffic on 202. Team members replied they were not expecting less traffic, but that strategies to reduce speed should help. Others questioned the need for high residential density. Nick Aceto, consultant from Aceto Landscape Architects, said, "If you want a more vibrant center you need people on the street." Consultants felt that with increased density, more public space, and a more walkable


core, businesses would come back to the area.

There were questions about provisions for increased parking. Although the team thought there would be enough public and private opportunities for parking, they also said that they hoped bus service would be available in the future. When it was pointed out that people can get services nearby, consultants assured they were not trying to create another Gorham village or North Windham, but that over time increased residential density would attract the types of businesses people in the area wanted.


The concept designs identified areas appropriate for commercial and residential development, redevelopment, and for open space, but they did not make zoning recommendations. Aceto emphasized that this will not happen all at once and much is up to individual property owners. There were concerns about retaining open space. Not a lot of land is available for large parks close to the core area, but there could be small ones, and there are dedicated recreational areas nearby. Partnerships with non-profit organizations could increase opportunities for recreational spaces. In fact, partnerships between two municipalities, businesses, residents, and non-profits will be necessary for revitalization of the Little Falls and South Windham villages.

A recording of the meeting as well as all the concept images from the project can be found on the project website: <https://www.villagemasterplan.com/>.







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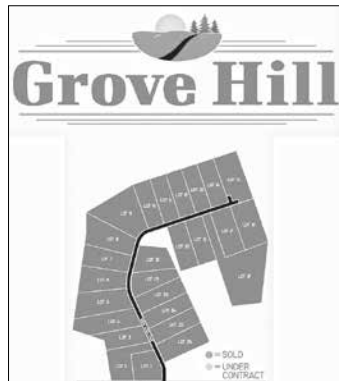
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Sunday School, Dec. 25, 9:30 a.m.,
Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.

A Season of Light and Hope

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Jewish community celebrate Chanukah each year, on eight consecutive nights in November or December. Chanukah is a remembrance of the purification and re-dedication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem in the year 164 BCE, which took place after the Hebrew leader Judas Maccabaeus and his followers (known as Maccabees) defeated a Greek Seleucid army that had occupied Jerusalem. Believers maintain that what appeared to be only a one-day supply of lamp oil in the temple miraculously lasted for eight days.

While Hanukkah is not the most important holy day in the Jewish religious calendar, the lighting of Menorah candles and oil lamps on each of the eight nights is a popular activity for Jewish families at this dark time of year, as well as visiting with loved ones, enjoying special foods, and exchanging presents. This year Chanukah is celebrated from Dec. 18 to Dec. 26, which means that the last night of Chanukah will be celebrated on the evening of Dec. 25.

Earlier in the autumn, Diwali is celebrated around the world as the Hindu Festival of Light. Diwali takes place at the time of the new moon, sometime between mid-October and mid-November.

Diwali is a family festival and involves opening gifts, sharing sweets and other special foods, and dressing up in special clothing. It always takes place on the night of the new moon and involves placing clay diya lamps along paths and walkways so that Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity, can find her way to adherents' homes. It is a time when Hindu families decorate and place diya lamps, host open houses, read special passages from sacred books, and share carefully assembled boxes of cookies and sweets.

The symbolism of Diwali involves the triumph of light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance. This year Diwali was on Oct. 24th. In 2023 it will be on Nov. 12. The rows of clay lamps seen in the towns and cities of India are similar to the rows of streetside luminarias which are popular on Christmas Eve in some neighborhoods here in Gorham.

In Buddhism, Bodhi Day celebrates the idea of advancing light in a different way, in the sense of celebrating the Buddha's enlightenment.

Bodhi Day is a holiday in Buddhist countries, which commemorates the day that Siddhartha Gautama experienced bodhi (enlightenment). Its date varies from country to country. In Japan, Bodhi Day is also known as Rahatsu, and has been celebrated on the 8th day of December since Japan adopted a western style (Gregorian) calendar in the 1860s.

According to Buddhist tradition, Siddhartha Gautama (the historical Buddha) attained enlightenment at the age of 35 after 49 days of meditation under a sacred banyan or fig tree in India, which is now known as the Bodhi tree.

Buddhists believe Gautama found the cause of suffering and realized the steps necessary to liberate oneself from it. Buddha's enlightenment is believed to have occurred in the either the fifth or twelfth lunar month.

Whatever the tradition, may all the peoples of the world know the light, warmth and hope expressed by so many generations before us.



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OF INTEREST

Dog Registrations for 2023 are open now. Current registrations will expire on Dec. 31. Online services are available at <https://www.gorham-me.org>, click Online Transactions then Dog Licensing and Renewal, or visit the Town Clerk's Office at 75 South Street. A current rabies certificate is required. FMI: (207) 222-1670.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meet next on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main St. For information contact the post at vwfpost10879@gmail.com.

The Gorham Lions will meet at Moody's Community Room on Tuesdays, Jan. 10 and 24 at 6:30 p.m. FMI: Ken Aldrich, (207) 929-9182.

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, 222-4351, visit <https://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org> or send a message on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

The Gorham Medical Closet is open for free to all Gorham residents for any medical item that is available. Open Monday – Friday between 8:30 and 4 p.m., by appointment only. Call Gerry Day at (207) 839-3859 or 756-2222 to make an appointment with a volunteer.

The Cressey Road United Methodist Church Clothes Closet at 81 Cressey Road is open on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m. to noon for anyone in need. Available are a selection of sizes and brands, including winter coats and boots. Donations are also accepted.

Gorham/Windham/Westbrook TRIAD will change its meeting time to the 2nd Wednesday of the month starting Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Gorham Police Department on Main Street.

The spring musical at Gorham High School will be Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's multi-award-winning musical "Mary Poppins," directed by Joshua Hurd. Save the dates, Feb. 3, 4, 10, and 11 at 7 p.m., and Feb. 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. Performance will take place at McCormack Performing Arts Center.

Gorham Lions' Christmas Tree Sale for GHS Scholarships starts on Friday, November 25 at Plummer's Hardware and will be open on Friday, Saturdays, and Sundays until all the trees are sold.

SENIOR NOTES

The Lecky Brown Senior Center at First Parish Church is reopening after the COVID-19 hiatus. Gather for Cribbage on Mondays at 10 a.m., all levels welcome. Join the Originals guest speaker program on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Up next: Travel to Greece, Carol Bailey

String Band Christmas, Lady spies in the Civil War (?), Loons Lessons with local author Jim Paruk, and more! Fridays, the ARTrageous Seniors group meets at the Gorham Art Alliance on Wentworth drive. Stay tuned for more upcoming events and activities. Contact Lisa Becker at Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com for more information.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

The St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will hold a drive-through Fish Dinner on Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, from 5 to 6 p.m. at St. Anne's Church in Gorham. Dinner includes baked had-dock, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, peas, a roll, and dessert for \$12. No seated service at this time. FMI, visit <https://www.gorhamknights.org/> or call (207) 653-9506.

Turkey Dinner, free to the public, will be served at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road in Buxton on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. There will be a Christmas Service immediately following dinner. Hand sanitizer is available, and face masks are suggested for the unvaccinated. Take-out dinner is available for those who do not want to eat inside.

Ecomaine calls for 2023 eco-Excellence Award nominations. Nominees can be businesses, schools, nonprofits, municipalities or staff, or individuals and will be selected based on the effectiveness, increased awareness, community impact, and ease of replication of their sustainability programs or initiatives. Preference will be given to nominees in the areas of sustainable waste management, recycling, composting, etc. Nominees may live in any one of ecomaine's communities (like Gorham). Preference will be given to nominees in the areas of sustainable waste management, recycling, composting, etc. Submissions will be judged by ecomaine's Outreach and Recycling Committee and awarded on Feb. 9, 2023. Nominations are accepted through Jan. 31, 2023. Find the nomination form at <https://www.ecomaine.org/tours-andeducational-outreach/eco-excellence-award>

LIBRARY NEWS

North Gorham Public Library's weekly story time with songs and crafts is open to children and their caregivers at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. The library is open on Mondays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 – 11:30 a.m. and 6 – 8 p.m., Thursdays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Home delivery and contactless parking lot pickup are also available. Visit <http://north-gorham.lib.me.us/>, and facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary/.

Baxter Memorial Library welcomes Andrea Lani author of "Uphill Both Ways" for an Author's Visit on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "The Ride of Her Life" by Elizabeth Letts on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. Other upcoming events include Outdoor Story Adventures (ages 3-5yrs), indoor Baby Discovery Times (birth-18mos), indoor Toddler Discovery Time (18 mos-3yrs), Sewing Club (7 and up), and Baxter Digs Reading. Library hours are Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m. The

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Christmas Day Divine Service 10:00 am

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Library is closed on Sundays, and on November 24 and 25 in observance of Thanksgiving. For Baxter's calendar of upcoming events, visit baxterlibrary.org, or call 222-1190. Events are also listed in our Calendar section.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES

Beginning on Jan. 1, now Vice President Jeanne Paquette, having served as the lead administrator for USM's Lewiston-Auburn Campus for two years, will turn her full attention to the position of Vice President for Workforce and Corporate Engagement for USM's three campuses, Portland, Gorham, Lewiston/Auburn, and online.

Nearly 40 college students are participating the new Maine Teacher Residency Program this fall, getting paid to teach while still in school, with 70 more openings next year. Administered by the University of Southern Maine, with federal funding secured by Sens. Collins and King, the program is open to education students throughout the University of Maine System, other Maine colleges, and new teachers who are emergency or conditionally certified. Students are hired by school systems as ed techs, long-term substitute teachers, or classroom teachers. Schools provide mentors and salaries, students fill needed positions, get mentors, training, and experience, and receive a \$3,500 scholarship from the Residency Program to help with tuition. FMI: teacherresidency@maine.edu

Also at the University of Southern Maine, graduate students in the Extended Teacher Education Program (ETEP) participate in student teaching throughout many schools in Maine, including Gorham. ETEP is a way for individuals with a non-teaching degree to earn an initial teacher certification in either a fast-track 9-month pathway, or a more flexible 2-year pathway. There are currently 17 education students (14 ETEP and 3 Art Ed) placed within Gorham Schools. FMI: Teacher Education Department in the School of Education and Human Development, (207) 780-5326.

CLOSE TO HOME

Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church is having a Festival of Trees at 810 Main Street, Westbrook. It is free but any donations will be going to local charities including the Food Pantry. The festival started on Saturday, Dec. 5, but will take place again on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 11 from 1-5 p.m. There will be a model train display as well as a creche display room. There will also be a Bean supper on Saturday, Dec. 19th from 5-6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Local horse rescue for standardbreds continues the annual wreath sale. The festive horse head and chicken-shaped wreaths are covered in fresh, live greenery and decorated with a colorful array of ribbons, bells, and bows. Each one is made by hand, and there are rarely two alike unless specifically requested. Available at Andy's Agway in Dayton, and Long Horn Horse and Pet Supply, 1371 Long Plains Rd., Buxton. (615) 419-3753.

Toasted Snack

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| 1 can chick peas, drained & rinsed | 1 tsp cayenne pepper |
| 2 cups pumpkin or sunflower seeds or a mixture | 1 tsp paprika |
| 1 tsp cinnamon | 1 tsp coriander |
| 1 tsp cumin | Oil for drizzling |

Combine all seasoning (you can use ZATAR seasoning to replace all of these, use @3 tsp), mix, set aside. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Drizzle with olive to coat lightly; Toss all seeds and chick peas with seasonings, lay flat on a baking sheet. Roast for @35-40 minutes until that 'toasted' taste and look. Cool completely before placing in an airtight container.

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

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

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place of 1,102 of the 1,177 sailors and Marines killed on USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor and commemorates the worst Naval event in U.S. History.

The Arizona's death toll was nearly half of all Americans killed that day. Only 334 of the 1,511-man of the Arizona crew survived.

The two last remaining survivors of Pearl Harbor, USS Arizona survivor, Ken Potts and Lt. Commander, Louis Conter, both turned 100 in 2021. Potts had been on shore when the attack occurred, but made it back to the ship, which had been strafed but was still floating. In the aftermath, Potts helped with the grim task of recovering bodies.



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When the Arizona sank, it contained about 1.4 million gallons of oil. For the last 70 years, about a quart and 1/2 of oil has leaked daily from the wreckage of the USS Arizona and risen to the surface, one drop at a time. Estimates from the National Park Service indicate The USS Arizona could continue to cry "black tears" of oil for another 500 years.

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Shaw's Mill Road caller reported upstairs neighbor was playing music too loudly. Officer went to the address but did not hear any music and no one answered the door.

Officer spoke to both parties about a Shaw's Mill noise complaint. Parties have been battling back and forth with these allegations for a couple of years. There seems to be a lot of bad blood on both sides. There was no music playing while the officer was there.

Caller called to inform police that a vehicle went into the exit side of the Hannaford parking lot.

Caller wanted a welfare check on someone on George Street who had sent her a concerning message. Officer checked the house, and no one appeared to be home. Officer suggested she message him again. He responded, was in good spirits and said he had not been home at the time of the call and that's why no one answered it.

Caller found a BB gun in a house she had just purchased. She was advised to contact the previous owner and if they did not want it back, police would take care of it.

McLellan Road caller wanted to know about resources for senior citizens. Officer advised her to speak with Sgt. Moreland who is the liaison with TRIAD.

Millet Drive caller could not remember her pin to unlock her phone and thought someone was hacking it.

School Street caller reported a vehicle parked on School St. was taking up two spaces. Vehicle was leaving when the officer arrived.

Elm Street caller reported getting into an argument eight days earlier with her spouse who packed a bag and moved out and is refusing to talk to the caller. She wanted information on how to get a divorce.

Officer spoke with a woman who was creaped out when she found a body bag on the biking trail by Queen Street. Officer found the bag about 1/4 of a mile down old Rt. 202, near shovels, buckets and a disturbed dirt pile. Bag was full of buckets, not a dead body.

Willow Circle caller reported an animal problem. Caller later canceled saying she did not know where the cat was or if it was a cat. The noise had ended.

Caller reported a dog left in a vehicle on Main Street. Owner said she had just run into the store for one item and was going home.

Simona Shores Drive parties were arguing over the rent. Both agreed to talk about it tomorrow.

Uber Driver had issues with passengers at Wolf River Run. Driver left the area before the police arrived.

A suspicious person on New Portland Road was having car trouble. A couple of lights on her dashboard had come on and she pulled over to see what they were. She went on her way.

Clerk at Ossipee Trail business was advised they could have a vehicle towed at owner's expense as it was on private property.

Fort Hill Road caller reported a suspicious person walking on the road by her house. Vehicle had pulled over and she heard yelling. Officers checked the area and did not locate anyone walking.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Baxter Memorial Library
 Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), 10 – 10:30 a.m.
 Sewing Club (7 and up), 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
 USM Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m., \$10

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Huskapellas, student led "a capella" group, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m., donations only.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meeting, Fire Department Training Room, 5:30 p.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library
 Outdoor Story Adventures (3-5yrs), 10 – 10:45 a.m.
 Author visit with Andrea Lani, "Uphill Both Ways," 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Baxter Memorial Library
 Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos), 9:30 – 9:50 a.m.
 Polar Express (in person or at home) with Conductor Jeff, 6 p.m.
 North Gorham Public Library weekly story time for children and their caregivers, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Baxter Memorial Library
 Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), 10 – 10:30 a.m.
 Book Club: "The Ride of Her Life," by Elizabeth Letts, 10 – 11 a.m.
 Sewing Club (7 and up), 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

St. Anne's Knights of Columbus drive-through Fish Dinner, 5 – 6 p.m., \$12

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Cressey Road United Methodist Church Clothes Closet, 81 Cressey Road, 9 a.m. to noon.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Baxter Memorial Library
 Outdoor Story Adventures (3-5yrs), 10 – 10:45 a.m.
 Baxter Digs Reading! Call for a 15-minute slot to read to Baxter

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Baxter Memorial Library
 Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos), 9:30 – 9:50 a.m.
 North Gorham Public Library weekly story time for children and their caregivers, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Living Waters Church Turkey Dinner, Parker Farm Road, Buxton, free to the public.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

Gorham Lions meeting, Moody's Community Room, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Gorham/Windham/Westbook TRIAD meeting, Gorham Police Department, 11 a.m.

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