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Faculty Concert Features the Corthell Pipe Organ

Lori Arsenault, Editor



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Photo courtesy of Justin Murphy-Mancini

Osher School of Music resident organist and artist faculty member, Justin Murphy-Mancini, makes his inaugural Faculty Concert Series concert debut this winter, live from the Corthell Concert Hall stage, performing on the Corthell Hall Organ.

The concert will be held on Friday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for the general public, and \$10 for students, seniors, alumni, faculty, and staff. Tickets can be purchased online, at the door, or by calling the Music Box Office at (207) 415-1979. The concert is sponsored by Murray, Plumb, and Murray.

While concert audiences have long become familiar with the sight of the Corthell Hall pipe organ, it has been

many years since the instrument has been featured in a concert. The organ is named after Eric Sexton and Howard Davis, men whose vision and efforts have provided the University with a unique musical instrument.

Eric H.L. Sexton, originally from Philadelphia, later from Camden, Maine, was a scholar and collector who had an interest in pipe organ building. After acquiring several electro-neumatic organs over a period of several years; a smaller Aeolian organ, and the larger eighteen-rank concert organ. His wife, Beryl Sexton, heard of USM's music education needs and bestowed both pipe organs to USM.

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Winter and Summer Camping

State of Maine Department of Agriculture

Reservations for Summer 2023 camping at Lily Bay and Sebago Lake State Park can now be made on Wednesday, Feb. 1 starting at 9:00 a.m. Remember, prime sites and locations fill up fast so plan to make your reservation as early as possible to secure a site.

In the meantime, off-season and winter camping is available at select Maine State Parks and Public Lands. If you are new to winter camping plan to camp at a Maine State Park first.

The locations below provide the challenge of winter camping and offer a good range of front country and more remote locations to test your skills. New or moderately experienced campers should start the season with an easily accessible location as a test run before heading out to more challenging terrain. Highly experienced winter campers, or those who will be led by a Registered Maine Guide, are ready for the remote

settings found on Maine's Public Lands.

Primitive tent camping with a 7-day limit only is found in the Parks. Self-sufficiency is a must. There will be no water, amenities, or cleared campsites and trails. Campsites are accessed by snowshoe or skis, with very limited walk-ins. Camp only at designated sites. Fires permitted only at designated fire pits using Maine local wood only—Protect ME forests & parks from harm—Buy It Where You Burn It! Carry in/Carry out - please do not leave any trash.

On-site self-registration is required and available at the entry booth. Camping fees apply—payable by cash or check at self-registration. See for more info https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/camping/reservations/campground_fees.shtml

Park & Trail Conditions are available online. Contact the Park directly for more information.

GHS Production of Mary Poppins Opens Feb. 4

Grace Johnson, GHS Student Intern

The Gorham High School (GHS) theater department has been working hard to make sure that this year's musical is ready to take the stage. With just a few weeks left until opening night, the cast and crew are perfecting musical numbers and ironing out the little details to turn "Mary Poppins" into one of their best shows yet.

The musical adaptation is similar to the movie many have watched on the big screen. Mary Poppins, a whimsical nanny, arrives at the Banks household and teaches the kids about the world around them. The musical pays a bit more attention to the parents, George and Winifred Banks, in an attempt to highlight some of the unspoken struggles of parenthood.

"It's a revamped version of the classic musical!" said Maddie Downey, a senior at GHS, "There are two smaller plot points in the musical version that don't exist in the movie, but I won't spoil them. There are also a few new songs."



Photo credit: Joshua Hurd

Downey is taking on the lead of Mary Poppins herself. She has been involved in the Gorham theater department since middle school, and is looking forward to

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Crash into Building on Narragansett Street Rte 202

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Gorham Police Department

On Jan. 4, at about 10:15 a.m., Bartley McNeel, 65, of Westbrook was headed south on Narragansett Street (Rt. 202) when he crossed the center line and sideswiped a car driven by Gary Lique, 55, of Bellows Falls, Vermont. McNeel was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Neither Lique nor his two passengers were injured.

McNeel's pickup plowed into cars parked next to an apartment building at

162 Narragansett Street. Four vehicles were damaged with one being pushed into the exterior wall of the apartment, which was occupied by Markglen, who was playing a video game. The impact caused part of the wall to fall and injure him. "I was sitting in my recliner, minding my own business," he said. He suffered a forehead fracture along with cuts and bruises. He was treated and released from the hospital.

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 109 and House District 110 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.

Tackling Maine's Housing Crisis Beyond Emergency Assistance

Rep. Jim Boyle

Earlier this month, my colleagues and I in the Legislature passed a significant bill that will help Mainers stay warm and housed this winter. After facing initial opposition from Senate Republicans, the bipartisan Emergency Winter Energy Relief Plan successfully made its way to the Governor's desk, delivering \$450 direct relief checks to roughly 880,000 eligible Mainers, amounting to \$900 in relief for the average family.

The measure also provides \$40 million to supplement the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), \$10 million for Maine Community Action Partnerships (CAP) to help them deliver emergency fuel assistance and \$21 million to bolster the Emergency Housing Relief Fund.

The income thresholds in the measure, \$100,000 for single filers and \$200,000 for those filing jointly, are set to make sure there are resources available for most Maine families that are feeling a financial strain right now. Incomes that once kept a family comfortable are just not the same. The rising costs of basic living expenses like housing, groceries, health care, child care and heat leave little left to keep families feeling secure. The passage of this bill, although signed into law later than we had hoped, will make a big impact.

Meanwhile, I'm looking ahead at opportunities to address some of the factors at the root of these cost increases. As a member of the Legislature's Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, I am committed to working with my col-

leagues to find ways to make our energy supply more efficient and affordable. It just so happens that what is more affordable in the long run and more efficient overall is also better for our environment. That's why I continue to support legislation that will further the development of Maine's renewable energy infrastructure.

I am also committed to promoting solutions to our housing crisis. One barrier to housing development in certain parts of our state comes from a perceived tension between protecting our environment and reckless development. Having worked in the environmental permitting and inspection world for over 30 years, I'm all too familiar with this misleading framing.

When I first began doing this work, the available technology and expertise was such that it required multiple levels of review and oversight, particularly because local municipalities did not have the know-how or capacity to competently evaluate environmental impacts of certain development projects. Over the past 30 years, we have come a long way, and municipalities are doing really good work to make sure that our natural spaces are protected while allowing for the development of housing that is affordable and accessible to average Mainers. At the same time, new laws and regulations administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection provide excellent protection for streams, wetlands, shore lands and wildlife habitat.

Unfortunately, relics of a time when municipalities could not adequately evaluate risk remain and result in onerous and redundant permitting and review processes. This slows development and further exacerbates our housing availability and affordability issues. With fewer housing units on the market, the price of each individual home will stay high, remaining out of reach for far too many Mainers. That's why I've introduced a bill that makes a small change to existing site law. This change would empower municipalities to handle permitting for a greater number of subdivision requests, streamlining the permitting process and enabling smart and responsible development to occur with greater ease.

Addressing our housing crisis and ensuring that Mainers can meet their basic needs will be key focuses for me this session. I look forward to continuing this work and welcome your input throughout the process. As always, if you need assistance accessing resources or navigating available programs, please reach out to me.



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

Letter to the Editor

Letters to the Editor must be fewer than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. The Gorham Times reserves the right not to publish letters that include personal attacks or inflammatory language. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times as space allows and are subject to editing.

To the editor:

Your headline seems to imply the Town of Gorham is actually revising (re-doing?) our recent stunning home real estate reevaluation giving false hope to those 75% of Gorham homeowners facing tax increases as much as 20%. Realtor Aaron Chadbourne advises "Gorham needs to diversify and attract more businesses if it wants less reliance on the residential tax base." If the current 10% commercial properties tax base were to double to 20%, while the residential base stayed the same, our residential property share of the tax load would decrease from 90% to 82% and reduce our homeowner's tax by 18%, thus restored to the previous level. What is left unstated, in your otherwise complete report, is that commercial properties do not add any kids to our overloaded school systems. And that is why Gorham needs more commercial taxbase. Needless to say, Gorham faces massive capital expenditures for school expansion. Remember a few years ago we were hearing of replacement High School costs ranging close to \$100 million? Our senior homeowners have to make the choice; pay the ever-increasing cost of staying in Gorham, downsize, or

move elsewhere. That is why existing Senior Tax Relief and Tax Freeze must be maintained or expanded.

David Alexander

To the editor:

I'm one of the lucky few. My property taxes went up but missed the 20% increase mentioned in the Times's article. They made it to 28.4%. Amazing, if only because it is a one-bedroom house built in 1982. It can't be a 2-BR house; a legal emergency exit can't be created. It has 688 sf of living space, partially finished basement, 1-1/2 baths, garage, porch, and deck. The house (no land) was assessed at \$73,400 in 2007 and \$74,700 in 2016. In 2023 it is \$178,400.

How do I ascertain the value now that the Town has changed the description? After 40 years, the county assessor found a "canopy" hiding on the back of my garage. A canopy is a structure that is supported by a house, along with posts or columns. It was added to the property description. The line drawing on the "house card" was modified. It shows 66-sf of the total increase of 96-sf in living area. A Gorham home builder called the Town's "canopy" an "extension." At least one other house in Gorham has a

"canopy." The original roof of the house extends over the roof of the addition.

The County assessor also says that "assessment" and "appraisal" are the same thing. They are similar and related – they are not the same. Maine's Constitution requires local assessors to determine "just value," which is a measure of market value – the willing buyer and willing seller. Just value is a starting point that considers all sorts of market factors. Assessed value does not have to equal just value. But all properties must be valued similarly. If one house is assessed at 85% of just value, all houses must be valued at 85%. Mortgage lenders usually require a licensed appraiser to determine a property's value, so they don't lend you more than the property is worth.

The Town Council must withdraw Gorham from Cumberland County's assessment department. Our elected and appointed officials remain responsible. If Gorham is "out of the assessing business," property owners should be out of the tax-payment business. Gorham citizens deserve the assurance that our homes are properly valued, and we are fairly taxed.

Priscilla Wheatley

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Police Department Holds Annual Awards Ceremony

Police Chief Christopher Sanborn



Photo courtesy of Gorham Police Department

The Gorham Police Department held their annual awards ceremony on December 19th.

Detective Stephen Rappold received a 10-year service award.

Animal Control Officer Scott Nystrom, Officer Eric Sanborn, Detective Stephen Rappold, and Sergeant Sears Edwards all received perfect attendance awards.

Twenty-one officers received safe driving awards:

Officer Aaron Erikson, Detective Stephen Hinkley, and Detective Sergeant Dan Young received merit commendations.

Detective Stephen Rappold and Sergeant Ben Moreland also received merit commendations for their work

with peer support and critical incident stress management.

Officers Aaron Erickson and Eric Sanborn and Sgts. Mike Coffin and Ted Hatch all received life-saving awards.

Sergeant Sears Edwards received the 2022 Wayne "Pooch" Drown Community Service Award.

Administrative Assistant Julie Flanagan received the 2022 Employee of the Year Award.

Sergeant David Bruni received the Cops Cop Award for his teamwork as a supervisor.

In all 33 awards were presented to employees for outstanding job performance.

Congratulations to all the recipients.

Crash into Building on Narragansett Street CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Eileen Kalikow, owner of the building for 30 years, was told that all the tenants would have to find another place to live until the building can be inspected and repairs made. She was helping to find hotels and motels for the tenants.

The cause of the crash is under investigation and police have not yet determined whether charges will be filed. Anyone who may have witnessed the crash is asked to contact Officer Bryce Randall at 207-222-1660 ext. 1.



Photo credit: Gorham Police Department

BUSINESS PROFILE

Rustic Taps and Catering

Cori Shaw, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Cori Shaw

If you've been around Gorham or the surrounding areas for any period of time then you've heard of the traveling bar and pizza oven, Rustic Taps and Catering. Their fleet consists of four vintage trucks and one airstream that have been restored to boast multiple beer taps attached to the back, creating a unique bar experience for any occasion. Three of these trucks have a wood-fired pizza oven to provide food service as well.

This idea first came to fruition six years ago by owners and operators, entrepreneurial husband and wife Dave and Jessica Golden. Since 2016 the couple has expanded throughout Southern Maine making a name for themselves as the first beer truck in this area, started right here in our town. Their pizzas are all homemade, ranging from their DIY options to their more specialty pizzas like pesto chicken prosciutto. A lot of the ingredients on their menu are home-grown and fresh, which brought the Golden to their latest business venture: a green farm located in Gorham.

This farm on Brackett Road has been a project the Golden have been working on for some time, having lived in Gorham for over seventeen years the duo felt this central location was the best place to plant their home base. The

brand-new barn is finishing up a few construction projects and will provide more space for a commercial produce kitchen. This kitchen will give them the opportunity to process produce and other catering items for events directly on-site. It also gives them the space to house their ever-growing fleet of vehicles. The property also has a greenhouse to grow herbs such as oregano and basil for their pizza and sauces. The convenience of having their own garden will help Rustic Taps and Catering bring a "farm-to-table" experience to each catering event. "We really need this space to continue our growth," Co-owner Jess Golden explains. "Also, we wanted to give back to the community in some way." This old property is in the process of quite the facelift thanks to the Golden and their vision.

The future plans for Rustic Taps and Catering is to continue expanding and growing in every sense of the word. With more physical space there will be more opportunity to create, grow and plant for the years ahead. This clever mobile catering business is putting a whole new spin on catering in Southern Maine. You can find out more information about Rustic Taps and Catering on their website and on their Facebook page.

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Pet Ponderings: The Changing Face of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Linda Mulski, Contributing Writer

For long-term clients, there have been many changes in the routine workings of veterinary clinics. The pandemic was (and still can be) difficult for service industries that rely on face-to-face contact and conversation to assess the health needs of a nonverbal patient. Social distancing prevented veterinarians from assessing facial cues that demonstrate a client's understanding of a situation. Many pets were distressed by separation from their "emotional support humans", although we were surprised at the very large number of pets that relaxed without their owner's anxiety also present during the examination.

Lockdown situations resulted in a large number of new pets as people realized how important our fur beings are for our emotional well-being. Spending more time observing our pets often uncovered concerns and problems. This led to more clients seeking veterinary care, often for the first time. Pandemic concerns also resulted in an influx of new Maine residents accompanied by beloved pets. Many veterinary clinics were challenged and sometimes overwhelmed by the influx of new patients, a shortage of healthy staff, and very stressed clients who often were not on their best behavior. Empathy fatigue is real. There were days veterinarian staff felt like abandoning our careers.

In the Greater Portland area, many veterinary clinics had to stop seeing new clients and emergencies. A considerable number of experienced veterinarians, technicians, and support staff opted to retire early as emotional stress took its toll. Many small local clinics are now owned by corporations. Our costs have escalated due to manufacturing and supply problems. A nationwide veterinarian and support staff shortage has resulted in considerable wage increases. The cost for veterinary care has increased dramatically, but it is still extremely low compared to the cost of human medicine, although we use many of the same supplies and drugs.

A heavier reliance on emergency and specialty hospitals for critical care further inflates the cost of keeping your pets healthy.

Virtually gone are the days when you could get your pet's routine veterinary care within the week. It can be two to three months to get an appointment. As a veterinarian, it is very frustrating for our critical patients to experience similar delays for specialty evaluation and care. It is now common for a moderately serious pet illness to cost five to ten thousand dollars.

A vehicular injury, resulting in several broken bones, can cost significantly more.

I find myself recommending that all pet owners at least consider catastrophic pet insurance to help... when euthanasia might be the only other merciful option. Pet insurance does not usually cover any pre-existing problem. The rates are the least expensive if you start when your pet is young and healthy. Please speak with your pet's veterinary caregivers to help decide which coverage might work best for you.

My aim, with this article, is to give folks a "head's up" regarding access to routine veterinary care. I hope it will help owners budget for their pets' possible needs. Few things are as difficult for veterinary staff as being unable to help an owner and their pet due to cost constraints or an overwhelmed schedule. We are all suffering from ongoing and post-pandemic stresses. Remembering to be kind can help us all to work together for the best outcomes.

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Linda Mulski, VMD, veterinarian, has worked in Maine for the past 33 years. She and her husband, Tom Niedermeyer, VMD, own the Animal Hospital of South Gorham where a wide variety of pet species are welcome. They have raised six daughters (all proud "Maine-iacs").

News from the Land Trust

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Presumpscott Land Trust

A new outdoor classroom at the high school and a new storybook walk are among the projects recently completed in Gorham by the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust.

The Land Trust and Gorham High School collaborated to create an outdoor classroom at Frazier Preserve, adjacent to the high school. Catherine Paul, an English teacher at Gorham High School, provided leadership in this project.

Paul said, "We created outdoor seating so teachers can feel comfortable incorporating the outdoors into their teaching." Students, teachers, and Land Trust staff worked together to decide on a location and develop a plan for the classroom. The Land Trust was grateful to collaborate with Gorham High School staff and students to cre-

ate a beautiful outdoor space for learning.

At Hawkes Preserve, near Great Falls School, a new book has been installed called Winter Dance by Marion Dane Bauer. The story follows a fox as he learns how different animals prepare for winter. Enjoy a walk along the beautiful Presumpscot River to discover what happens to the fox. The Land Trust thanks partners at United Way for the story walk and board member, Mikki vanSummern for installing the latest book.

The Land Trust has great winter trails for hiking, with parking even when there are snowbanks. All the best trails and preserves can be found on the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust website at www.prlt.org. Remember to dress warmly, in layers, and please leave no trace.

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Public input will be shared with the Robie Park Master Plan Steering Committee as the Master Plan process moves forward.

The Town will be collecting surveys until Friday, January 27, 2023 at 4pm.

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Meet the Town Staff: Kenny Fickett, Fire Chief

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer



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Kenny Fickett, Gorham's fire chief has lived in Gorham all his life. He joined the Fire Department, 48 years ago at age 17 and started driving fire trucks his senior year in high school. In 2001, he was appointed the full-time deputy chief and 20 years later, in 2021, he became Gorham's full-time Fire Chief.

Maine's Emergency Services program contracted with the Town of Gorham to be one of three locations in Cumberland County to spearhead a program to get first responders vaccinated against COVID-19 and Fickett agreed to oversee the program. The Town was paid \$16.38 per shot. Payment for a second shot was \$28.00. Fickett saw this as an opportunity to increase the number of people vaccinated, hoping they would then be safe from COVID-19.

After all Fire and Rescue Department members were vaccinated, Fickett moved on to offer vaccinations to the public. From December 2020-March 2021, more than 2400 shots were provided to the general public. But getting vaccines was difficult as they often were sent to more populous areas. Paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) associated with the Fire Department gave the shots and did the extensive paperwork involved to receive reimbursement. All of this work went on in the middle of the pandemic when many people were out with COVID. To date the Town is still owed approximately \$30,000 for the work Fickett and his staff did to get people vaccinated.

Fickett remembers many of the fires that have occurred during his years with the Fire Department:

In 1975 the North Gorham Library burned, losing the roof and with books falling on firefighters as they fought the blaze.

A fire on Rust Farm killed 90 cows with the Fire Department there for 30 hours pumping water on the fire.

A man living on Fort Hill Road, where Gordon Farms is now located, died in front of his wood stove as his house burned down.

In March, 2010, a fire at 8 Newell Street in the Little Falls area at the intersection of routes 202 and 237 at the home of Ron and Darlene Meserve could be seen from as far away as the USM campus. The Fire Department received permission from Central Maine Power to "dump the grid" shutting down power to approximately 5,000 homes in the area for forty minutes so firefighters could raise ladders to the upper stories of the house and barn, both old buildings which were fully engaged by fire.

In 2016, a fire on College Avenue which destroyed an historic old house was believed to be started by steel wool and batteries rubbing together in the trash. The house has been rebuilt and now has eight apartment units.

On August 9, 2022, a fire started in an electrical panel in the front of a barn on Flaggy Meadow Road. Only six cows were lost as all the others were outside at the time of the fire. The Fire Department was able to save two houses, the garage, silos and the milking room. The remaining cows were sent to another dairy farm.

SOPO Police Officers Join GHS Forensics Class

Aislyn McLean, GHS Student Intern

South Portland Police officers were invited to join students in a newly-implemented CSI forensics class at Gorham High School just before winter break. Detective Lieutenant Chris Todd and Evidence Tech. Jesse Peasley first came to GHS in late November of 2022 when the school hosted a Science X Day for students interested in science-related occupations.

During their return, the pair was joined by patrol Sergeant Jay Sutton, father to one of the students in class. His daughter, along with all of her classmates, have been learning about various topics in forensics science such as crime scene evaluation, observation skills, differing types of evidence, fingerprinting and DNA testing, etc.

Using their three specialties, the officers discussed investigation processes from start to finish and how forensics science is involved. One example followed an old case of Sergeant Sutton in which he was the first responder to the scene. He

and the class talked through the case, evaluating his duties and responsibilities. Sutton explained that Detective Lieutenant Todd arrived later with his supporting detectives, which eventually led to a call bringing in Evidence Tech Peasley. Peasley described how evidence was collected and connected it to topics the class had been practicing.

The officers provided a great space and opportunity for students to see real life applications of forensics. "It was really cool hearing directly from professionals working in this kind of field. It tied everything we have been learning together and gave us lots of insight as to what these jobs are really like," reported junior GHS student Jacob Mora. Sutton, Tood, and Peasley additionally proved that Hollywood doesn't always portray CSI or police affairs accurately. The officers plan to come back and join the next forensics class during the second semester of the school year which begins in late January.

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GHS STUDENT JACOB MORA

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Elementary Schools Continue to Support and Motivate Students

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



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Carlos the Courageous Crocodile, Ricky the Respectful Raccoon, Kiki the Compassionate Kangaroo, Billy the Responsibility Bunny, and Olly the Honest Octopus bring the Code of Conduct to life Great Falls Elementary School

Much has been written nationally about the effects of the pandemic on students' learning and motivation. There are many articles and television documentaries with concerns about the academic losses that students have suffered and the challenges that public education is enduring at this time.

In Gorham, teachers and staff are meeting these challenges directly and head-on. Staff is committed to continuing the positive atmosphere, climate of positivity, and learning structures to support the students in their care.

The Gorham community has always been proud and supportive of their schools and teachers. Teachers work diligently to meet their students' needs and connect with families in supportive and collegial ways. If you ride by any of the elementary schools early in the morning or late into the day or on a Sunday afternoon, you might be surprised to see ten to twelve cars in the parking lots. These are teachers planning, organizing, and creating activities for their classrooms. The teachers are incredibly committed to their students.

Each elementary principal was asked about some of the ways that teachers are supporting students right now. Following are examples from each building, knowing that there are dozens of other daily occurrences in each building. In the next several editions, we will



Photo credit: Erin Eppler, Principal, Narragansett School

Ninety-five Narragansett students participated in the fall session of Kids Connect clubs, enjoying a variety of activities. Pictured above, first graders Watson Keene, Finnian Hartnett, Robbie Johnson and a parent volunteer enjoy Kids Connect Game Club -

continue to highlight examples of ways that teachers and staff are motivating and supporting their students each day.

At Great Falls, Mrs. Fortier said that the New Year's message is, "Kindness is the way to be in 2023! Stay positive and focus on ways you can be kind each and every day throughout the new year!" The Great Falls community continues to build a positive spirit daily by working together teaching, modeling, and supporting the code of conduct, symbolized by the five characters, Ricky the Respectful Raccoon, Billy the Responsibility Bunny, Olly the Honest Octopus, Kiki the Compassionate Kangaroo and Carlos the Courageous Crocodile. The portrayal of these characters by staff members is a fun way to bring the principles of the code of conduct to life.

At Narragansett School, Mrs. Eppler reported that "Third Grade teacher Stephanie O'Donnell has gone above and beyond by creating Kids Connect Clubs for students by recruiting staff and community volunteers to donate their time and talents to host before school clubs. In this setting, students can connect with each other while enjoying fun activities of their choice.

Mrs. O'Donnell has been supporting students in and out of the classroom for years and, as a Gorham resident, is committed to working with families and the

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SPORTS

Gorham Girls Varsity Basketball Team Off to a Big Start

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Colleen Heal

On Jan. 3, the Girls Varsity Basketball team celebrated Coach Laughn Berthiaume's 200th career win with the Rams. The milestone was achieved v. Noble on their homecourt in a landslide 72-17 win. Two days later the lady Rams handled Falmouth by a double-digit margin @ Falmouth. On Saturday, Jan. 7 the team beat a .500 Bonny Eagle team at the buzzer, after being down 10 points.

The Rams have had a sensational week. They go into their next contest with a 6-2 record. They hope to keep their stride going into games against a 0.44% South Portland team and a strong 9-1 Thornton Academy Team. Junior, Ellie Gay is the only starting returning player and is putting up big numbers this season. Six other returning varsity players are key contributors too. This team is quick and fun to watch.

The typical Gorham Girls basketball season consists of 18 regular season games and five non-countable exhibition games. This program also competes in one or more preseason tournaments as a means of preparing for the regular season. One of these tournaments takes place in Fort Kent, home to Coach Berthiaume and Assistant Coaches Neile Nelson and Aaron Ouellet.

With the calendar flipped to 2023, the post season action will be in our sights soon, with the focus on the high school basketball tournament. The Rams are the SMAA Regional defending champs.

Following a win v. Scarborough, Coach Berthiaume shared with the Portland Press "It's a great group," Berthiaume said. "They want to learn, and they work hard. I think we'll get better. The team has a lot of room to grow, and they want to, so I'm really excited." He continued, "The schedule is very good for us, having challenging games late in the season. We'll find out how much we've learned, and we'll get ready for a playoff run."

The Girls Basketball program has represented the community of Gorham for the past decade with state champion wins in 2015-16 and 2016-17, in addition, State Runners up - Southern Maine Regional Champions in 2017-18 and 2021-22 seasons.

The Rams enjoyed back-to-back undefeated seasons in 2015-16 and 2016-17, when they captured the first two AA State Championships. Coach Berthiaume has coached 6 Division I players at GHS. This is his 16th season as head coach.

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Osher School of Music Faculty Concert Series CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

In the fall of 1995, Mr. Howard Davis of Falmouth, who also had an interest in pipe organs, became aware of USM's efforts to restore and install the Sexton organs. Following his untimely death, the Davis Family Foundation agreed to fund the restoration of the concert instrument in his memory. The David E. Wallace & Company Pipe Organ Builders of Gorham has been responsible for the organ's renovation and installation.

The concert program is described here by Murphy-Mancini:

"The program investigates the variation form throughout the history of the organ's repertoire. There might be something about the organ that makes composers want to write variations—unlike most other instruments, the organ's design includes a wide variety of timbres and pitch levels without the need to extend the basic playing technique. It's almost like a little orchestra for one, so perhaps there is a natural marriage between easily changed sound qualities and the alteration of a basic musical idea."

"Nowadays, playing variations gives audiences who might not be familiar with how an organ works the opportunity to hear all of the tonal combinations that are possible. I started my repertoire selection with one of the greatest sets of variations ever written: the Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor by Johann Sebastian Bach. This work presents 20 continuous variations over the same bass line, but Bach ups the ante by then composing a fugue using the bass line plus an additional,

new subject not yet heard in the piece. From there, I branched out, selecting music by some of Bach's predecessors (who may have inspired his Passacaglia) and those who bear Bach's influence."

"While the organ is not as popular today as it once was, great composers still write beautiful music for the instrument. We should be seeking out the music of living composers to broaden our taste and to increase our appreciation of the greats by hearing their continuing impact."

Justin Murphy-Mancini came to the Osher School of Music in the fall of 2022. He began studying piano at an early age before quickly developing parallel interests in the double bass and the organ. These early experiences led to an interest in composition, which was nurtured by his early mentor Nicolas Scherzinger. Justin is a graduate of Oberlin College and Conservatory of Music, where he earned degrees in historical performance, organ, composition, and philosophy. His principal teachers included Jack Mitchener, Webb Wiggins, Marie-Louise Langlais, Steven Plank, and Catharina Meints. He earned a Ph.D. in composition at the University of California, San Diego, where he was mentored by Katharina Rosenberger, Rand Steiger, and Natacha Diels.

For those needing special accommodations to participate fully in this program, contact the Music Box Office at (207) 780-5555. Hearing impaired: call USM's telex / TDD number (207) 780-5646.

GHS Theater Preparing to Present Mary Poppins CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

performing in "Mary Poppins," her last GHS musical.

COVID-19 is still having an impact on cast numbers, but director Joshua Hurd was flexible in adapting to what he had to work with. While this show typically calls for a larger cast of around 40, GHS will be performing it with a group of roughly 20 high schoolers and two middle schoolers, playing the children.

"Everyone has come together to make this show as good as it is," said Downey, "despite the fact that many people are relatively new to theater."

The show is sure to be a very exciting one. "During several scenes, Mary and/or Bert have to fly, which is a new challenge to work through for the cast and crew." They have also decided to use the original Broadway choreography for "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious."

"Mary Poppins" will be performed in the GHS auditorium during the first two weekends of next month. The dates are as follows: Fridays; Feb. 3 and 10 at 7 p.m., Saturdays; Feb. 4 and 11 at 7 p.m., and Sundays; Feb. 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are selling fast, so mark your calendars and get excited to watch what is sure to be an incredible show.

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community to create unique opportunities for students at Narragansett."

Mrs. Mezzanotti stated that "Village School started the school year by reading, "The Energy Bus" by Jon Gordon. "The Energy Bus" features five rules for staying positive and overcoming challenges. Ms. Mezzanotte and Mrs. Fötter have monthly assemblies highlighting the rules to help motivate students. In the book, the bus driver, Joy, encourages George, the main character, to fill his tank with positive energy throughout his school day. She teaches him to say, "I am ready for a great day. I believe in myself. I trust that I will accomplish my goals and dreams." This positive self-talk gives George the tools to have a great day, every day, no matter what comes his way."

The teachers and staff of the Gorham Schools are fully committed to motivating students to succeed each day and teaching students the skills necessary for life.



Photo credit: Christine Karcanes, SAIL Program

At Village School, *The Energy Bus* teaches students how to fill their tanks with positive energy.

Gorham Girls Varsity Basketball Team Off to a Big Start CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

The success of the program is a testament to Coach Berthiaume and his assistant coaches Neile Nelson and Aaron Oulette. Congratulations to the coach on his 200th career win.

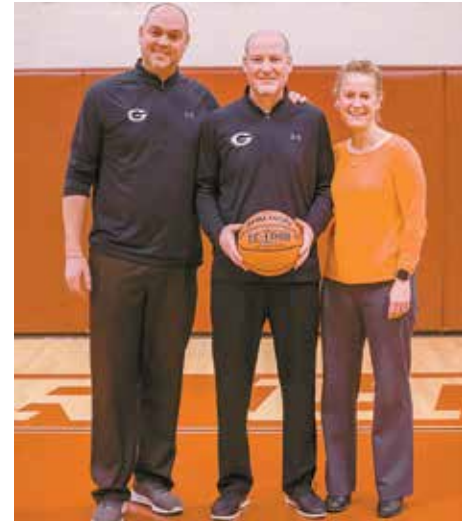


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All Coaches post game of the 200th win

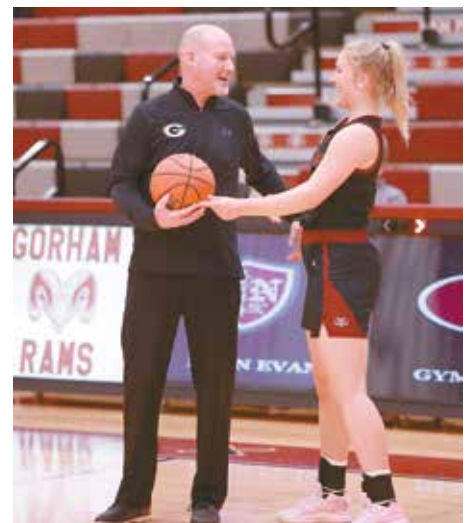


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Game ball handover from Co-Captain Ellie Gay



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Congratulatory handshake from Athletic Director Timothy Spear

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OF INTEREST

Climate Action: What Maine Towns are Doing - the third in a free film and discussion series by the Climate Caretakers. Fellowship Hall at First Parish Church, 1 Church St. Friday, Jan. 27, 6:30. Please join us.

Wednesday Walk at Black Brook Preserve - Join the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust on Wed., Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. for a new monthly series called Wednesday Walks. Each month participants will go to a new preserve, this month to the Black Brook Preserve in Windham. The Black Brook Preserve trail network has rolling hills, mature trees, and brooks, along with a variety of wildlife. The trails are a good location for bird-watching and enjoying the historic charm of Windham. Learn about local flora and fauna along the way. Wednesday Walks are held monthly; they last about 1.5 hours and include about two miles of walking. An adult program, the event is free, but space is limited, and registration is required at www.prlt.org/events

Gorham Rec's Walking Club takes place Monday through Friday from 8 to 9 a.m. in Shaw Gym (75 South St, Gorham). This free program allows residents a safe space to walk indoors during the winter months. 16 1/2 laps around the gym is equal to 1 mile. If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Jennifer Kenneally at jkenneally@gorham.me.us.

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 message us on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South St is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. Hours are by appointment with a volunteer. Call Gerry Day at (207) 756-2210 and she will connect you with a volunteer.

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Cressey Road United Methodist Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. They have all types and sizes, and many winter coats.

The Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club Charities was selected as beneficiary of the Hannaford Community Bag Program for January at the Westbrook Hannaford location. The Charity will receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 Hannaford Community Bag is purchased. A Giving Tag is attached to each bag with other giving options for the customer. The Rotary Club serves the Westbrook and Gorham Communities in a variety of ways. Learn more at wgotary.org.

The Gorham Knights of Columbus host another Free Throw Competition for kids from 9 to 14 at the Shaw Gym basketball court on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 3:30 - 5 p.m. One winner and a runner-up will be selected from each age group. Each participant is given 15 chances at successfully completing free throws. The winners have the opportunity to participate in the state championship on Saturday, March 11, at the Old Town High School Gym, with the runners up as alternates. Sign-ups in Gorham take place on the day of the event, participation is free. Participants need to bring proof of birthdate. FMI: Mike Chabot, (207) 400-1814.

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Senior Meal Site is held on Wednesdays at 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$4. Meal site is closed if school

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Living Waters Church will host a Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 5 p.m. Suggested donation is \$8 adult, \$4 child, \$20 family. Face masks suggested for those who are not vaccinated, hand sanitizer is available. Takeout option available. Parker Farm Road, Buxton.

LIBRARY NEWS

At the North Gorham Public Library, 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. Visit <http://www.north-gorham.lib.me.us/> and <https://facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary/>

Baxter Memorial Library serves families with the Baby Discovery Time (birth-18 mos.), the Toddler Discovery Time (18mos.-3yrs), and the Family Discovery time (ages 2-5). Children aged 7 and up are welcome to attend the Sewing Club. Children under 8 years old must have a parent or other caregiver in attendance. Follow the Gorham Times calendar to schedule these events for your family. On Wed., Jan. 25 at 6 p.m., meet Elizabeth Macalaster, author of "War Pigeons: They Got Their Messages Through" and Jon

Bernhard, pigeon hobbyist featuring live local homing pigeons he has raised. On Thurs., Jan. 26, the Book Club will discuss "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Learn more at baxterlibrary.org.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES

Welcome back USM students from winter break. Here's to a new and productive semester!

The Art Gallery will host an opening reception for an exhibition of works by artists Kate Cheney Chappell and Annie Lee Zimerele on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. The exhibition spans book arts and other primarily 2D mixed-media. The central themes of the exhibition, called "Hidden Stories," are identity and loss. The colorful and engaging artworks speak to resilience. Learn more at <https://usm.maine.edu/gallery/hidden-stories/>

The Osher School of Music Faculty Concert Series features artist faculty member in organ Justin Murphy-Mancini presenting a program of organ music from past and present exploring the many possibilities of variation form. The concert shows off the sonic capabilities of the Corthell Concert Hall organ. Friday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10/\$15. Earlier that same day, the Visiting Artist Series presents a free master class with world-class classical guitarist Pepe Romero, in collaboration with the Portland Symphony Orchestra. Along with several other performances coming right up, find all the information at <https://usm.maine.edu/music/events>. The Summer Youth Music and Theatre Camps registration opens on Feb. 1 at 9 a.m. Be there, <https://usm.maine.edu/osher-school-music/youth/>.

Find out what's happening this spring in USM Theatre at <https://usm.maine.edu/theatre>, (207) 780-5151, and USM Athletics at <https://southernmainehuskies.com/>. More of what's happening at USM can be found at <https://usm.maine.edu/news/>.

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Osborne Road caller thought her iPad had been stolen. She really wanted someone to come out and check her property because she thought she could hear kids in the area and she thought they might have come into the house and taken her iPad. Officer was tied up with priority calls and by the time he was able to respond to the residence, she had located her iPad.

The muffler fell off a vehicle by Towpath Road and his girlfriend was putting it back on. Man was out on bail and consented to a search. No contraband was found. He was told to leave the area and he complied without incident.

Woman called and wanted an Officer to drive her around town looking for her car that she had left parked on someone else's property. She was unaware of which house or street the vehicle was on. Officer told her that the Police do not give private rides to people but that he would keep an eye out for her car. She called again to ask for an officer to look for the vehicle and told Officer the owner of the property had threatened to tow it if she did not remove the vehicle. Yaz Towing of Windham towed the car and the caller was advised of the vehicle's location.

Osborne Road caller was concerned because she found what she believed to be a suspicious footprint on her property. Officer compared the footprint to the bottom of her shoe and it was an exact match.

Caller reported a male and female on the bridge on Gray Road in North Gorham yelling at cars. Windham and Gorham officers searched the area but did not locate them.

Subject came into the Police Department to turn in an item he found in the roadway. It was a dollar bill folded into the shape of a star.

Caller complained about traffic lights in the Village area and how traffic was backed up. Officer advised this was due to construction in Westbrook that had closed New Portland Road. There was no issue with traffic lights.

Caller came into the Police Department with a container of coffee he had purchased. Seal on the container had been broken and some of the granules looked different. He was afraid someone had put drugs in the coffee. Officer advised him to return it.

Caller reported someone had stolen his scooter. Before the Officer arrived he called back and said he had found it on the other side of the house.

Caller reported being followed. He didn't want anything done. He pulled into the Police Department lot so she would stop following him.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported "cannon" going off in the area. Officer determined it was fireworks being shot off in Windham.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Gorham Food Pantry, open 10 a.m. to Noon.
 Baxter Memorial Library
 Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), 10 – 10:30 a.m.
 Sewing Club (7 and up), 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
 Osher School of Music, Thomas Parchman, clarinet and Chiharu Naruse, piano, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m., \$10/\$5.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

St. Anne's Fish Dinner, 5 – 6 p.m., \$12

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Mission of Hope Clothes Closet, 9 a.m. to Noon, Cressey Road Church.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

Baxter Memorial Library Family Discovery Time (ages 2-5), 10 – 10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

North Gorham Public Library, Story Time for children and caregivers, 10 a.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library
 Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos), 9:30 – 9:50 a.m.
 War Pigeons: They Got Their Messages Through, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

Gorham Food Pantry, open 10 a.m. to Noon, St. Anne's Parking Lot.
 Baxter Memorial Library
 Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), 10 – 10:30 a.m.
 Book Club: "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman, 10:15 a.m.
 Sewing Club (7 and up), 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
 University of Southern Maine Art Gallery, Opening Reception "Hidden Stories," 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

Osher School of Music
 Pepe Romero Classical Guitar Master Class, 2 – 5 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, Free.
 Faculty Concert Series: Justin Murphy-Mancini, Corthell Concert Hall, \$15/\$10.
 Climate Action: What Maine Towns are Doing – First Parish Church, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Gorham Knights of Columbus, Free Throw Competition, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Shaw Gym.
 Living Waters Church, Haddock Supper Buffet, 5 p.m., \$8/\$4/\$20.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

Baxter Memorial Library Family Discovery Time (ages 2-5), 10 – 10:45 a.m.
 Eco-Excellence Award nomination deadline.
<https://www.ecomaine.org/tours-andeducational-outreach/eco-excellence-awards/>

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

North Gorham Public Library, Story Time for children and caregivers, 10 a.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos), 9:30 – 9:50 a.m.
 Presumpscott Regional Land Trust, Walk at Black Brook Preserve, 10 a.m.

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