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Gorham Middle School Presents Beauty and the Beast

Tana Krohn, Director



Photo credit: Tana Krohn

Gorham — Be Our Guest! Gorham Middle School theater invites you to “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast JR.” at GMS’s Bailey-Silcox Auditorium March 10-12.

Tickets are general admission at the door for \$5. Two evening performances will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11. Two matinees will show at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, and Sunday, March 12.

The show, directed and produced by Greg Walton and Tana Krohn, boasts a cast and crew of about 80 students. Based on the 1994 Broadway production and

Disney’s 1991 animated feature film, it tells the story of Belle (Sadie Woodman), a curious girl longing for adventure outside her provincial town, and the Beast (Phineas Frasier), a young prince cursed by a spell only love can break. With the help of the castle’s enchanted staff, including a charming candelabra (Zachary Bourgoin as Lumiere) and a nervous mantel clock (Mat Lampron as Cogsworth), Belle and the Beast find a beautiful friendship. Also featuring Alex Turkey as Gaston and other enchanted castle staff played by Luna Buton, Abigail McCrillis, Isla Rutherford, and Quinn

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School Budget Process in Early Stages

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

The Superintendent of Schools has just provided the proposed budget in notebook form to the school committee and some community members are already expressing concerns that it will be too high and add a significant tax burden to homeowners. It is important to remember that budget building is a process and no final decisions have been made.

The budget-building process begins in the fall as teachers and school administrators review their programs and assess educational needs that should be addressed. Each building staff member submits a proposal with rationale to building leaders who review and analyze the data and align it with building and district educational goals. The administrators meet extensively with central office staff

and a proposed budget is compiled.

This preliminary budget is what has been given to the school committee. Careful consideration and cuts have already been made at each step along the process, and, of course, in their review, the school committee will consider and review each budget line and proposal. This process will include at least six school committee meetings and began with an initial presentation on Feb. 28.

Superintendent Heather Perry provided the following statement, “I have worked to create many budgets in my 16 years as a superintendent of schools in Maine, many of which started out very challenging, but all of which ended with the “right” budget for the community.”

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Josephine Caruso at 101: Music, Kindness, Humor, and Moderation

Patrick and Cindy O’Shea, Staff Writers



Photo credit: Patrick O’Shea

101-year-old Josephine Caruso still plays her trumpet every day.

Josephine (Jody) Caruso, a delightful 101-year-old formerly of Gorham, has quite an interesting life story to share.

When her father immigrated to the United States from Sicily, the immigration official asked, “What will you contribute to this country?” Her father told him that he would marry, have a large family, and teach them all to play an instrument so they could entertain peo-



Photo credit: Patrick O’Shea

Sisters reunite with Sammy Davis Jr. Helen, Sammy Davis Jr. and Josephine.

ple. His prediction came true as he and his wife, along with their seven children all became accomplished musicians and eventually formed a family band.

In addition to playing in the family band, Josephine played in the high school orchestra and with a jazz band. During World War II, the family band got smaller when all four brothers went off to war. At the age of 15, she and two of her sisters played in an all-girl band called The Sweethearts of Swing. She also toured the country and Canada with The Sammy Davis Trio which included the young Sammy Davis, Jr. She thoroughly enjoyed that time of her life.

Josephine met another musician who

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Gorham HS Goes Green

Bruce W. Webb

The Gorham High School EcoClub recently received another grant from the Natural Resources Council of Maine to help GHS transition from plastic cutlery to reusable or compostable silverware. And EcoClub is continuing to emphasize composting by encouraging students to separate food and paper waste from plastic and tin foil waste. The compostable waste is picked up by the recycling service, Garbage to Garden; in the spring, the nutrient-rich dirt created from the compost will be applied to the EcoClub pollinator garden in Robie Park.

To prove the composting program’s financial benefits, EcoClub will conduct a second trash audit on Feb. 28 to gather data about the percentages of waste, compost, and recyclable materials. Currently, GHS pays for trash removal by weight. Subtracting the pounds of compost should offset the cost of Garbage to Garden and incentivize systemic funding next year.



Photo Credit: GHS Teacher Rachel Grady

Chloe Blanchard, one of two MEEA (Maine Environmental Education Association) Students of the Year for 2023

This significant transition to a greener GHS has been led by EcoClub Project Manager, Chloe Blanchard, who has won recognition as one of two Maine Environmental Education Association Students of the Year. She will be receiving her award in Augusta on Feb. 11. All EcoClub members are working hard to make Gorham more sustainable.

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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.

Maine's Clean Energy Future Can be Powered by Wind

Rep. Jim Boyle

With the painfully high prices of oil and natural gas driving up electricity and heating costs over the past year, Maine needs an alternative clean energy source that will be reliable and affordable. Wind energy generated in the Gulf of Maine has the potential to provide that solution.

Serving on the Legislature's Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee this session has already allowed me to work on legislation that will have a significant impact on our state's climate future and transition to clean energy. One measure that our committee is expecting to tackle in the coming weeks will be critical to reaching our goals. A proposal by Sen. Mark Lawrence, D-Eliot, would direct the state's Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to procure enough electricity from offshore wind farms to power 980,000 homes, enough to meet the needs of every home in the state and more. This ambitious number is realistic thanks to Maine's unique natural resources and forward-thinking institutions.

The Gulf of Maine is well known for its steady winds, which can provide a stabilizing clean energy source, particularly in the winter months when they are the most consistent and when Maine's energy usage is at its peak. In addition to our state's robust natural wind resource, the University of Maine system is well

on its way to helping position Maine as a leader in the field of wind power technology. The University of Maine's Advanced Structures and Composite Center is in the process of developing and testing a deepwater, floating wind turbine technology that has already garnered federal support. This means that Maine could become a hotspot for offshore wind energy for the entire region.

To capitalize on this momentum, Sen. Lawrence's bill helps set up a procurement process that is appropriately ambitious, thoughtful and equitable. His proposal sets a goal of procuring 2,800 megawatts of electricity by 2035. The PUC could begin working on those procurements as soon as 2025 if this measure becomes law.

But this bill is more than a simple procurement mechanism. It also importantly acknowledges the significance that a burgeoning industry holds for the future of our state. Rarely does an entirely new industry emerge, providing opportunities for good-paying jobs across multiple sectors. Sen. Lawrence's bill seeks to ensure that the jobs created and the benefits secured by these planned investments will help all Mainers, particularly those that have been historically marginalized. It additionally works to minimize any impacts on wildlife, commercial fishermen, and the environment in order to responsi-

bly and collaboratively build a future for our region that is cleaner, more equitable, and that honors the heritage industries that have been the bedrock of Maine's economy for generations.

Even though offshore wind has been controversial at times, the recent endorsement of the Natural Resources Council of Maine and labor union leaders with the Maine State Building and Construction Trades Council indicate that there have been many diverse voices at the table in crafting this legislation. I expect that to continue to be the case as the language is finalized and as the bill moves through the legislative process.

I am committed to working with Sen. Lawrence and my fellow committee members on this bill to ensure it lives up to its promises for Maine. Please feel welcome to reach out to me with feedback, questions or concerns about this legislation or any others before the Legislature this session.



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.

School Budget Process in Early Stages CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"I see recent headlines about Gorham's initial proposed school budget for FY 24 and wish to remind folks that this is an initial budget only. Revenue numbers are not finalized. Expenditure numbers are not finalized."

"There is a long way to go in this

process yet and I have full faith that even with all the challenges facing us (such as 7%+ inflation, increasing special education needs, and skyrocketing energy costs) the process will ensure that the right balance is found between meeting the needs of our children and meeting

the needs of our larger community whose taxes support our incredible schools."

Even after the school committee votes to approve the budget, it is presented to the Town Council in May for their approval, before a June referendum vote takes place.

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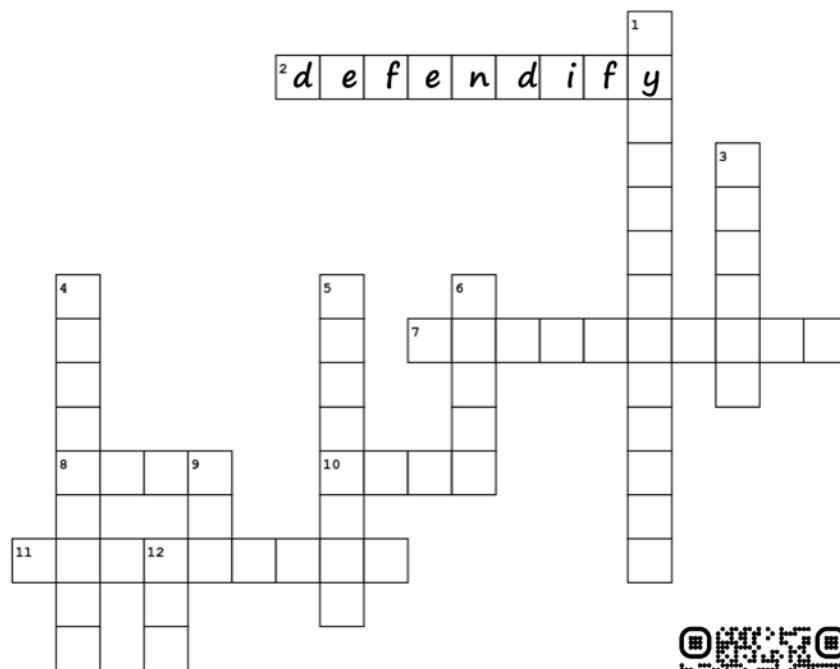
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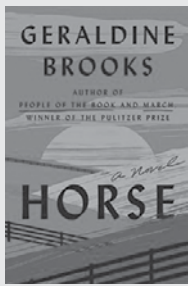
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BOOK REVIEW

Horse by Geraldine Brooks

Hey hey hey...horse racing fans, here is a great book for anyone who loves well-researched historical novels based on real events and people.



"Horse," by Geraldine Brooks, is a true history/mystery, spanning 170 years of American events from 1850 to the present day. Animal lovers, art history fans, and science geeks are also going to love some of the more technical aspects surrounding the untangling of this real life mystery.

The main character is considered by many to be the greatest horse in American racing history (sorry, Seabiscuit). He still holds the record for siring more winning race horses than any other stud and his bloodline produced many Triple Crown winners. His races preceded the Kentucky Derby, were a grueling four miles long, with double heats run in the same afternoon. He won every race he ever ran except for one, which was lost under controversial circumstances, and yet his name disappeared from history.

Brooks has crafted a beautiful story of bravery, love and steadfastness of spirit throughout the ages. The lives of ordinary people, some heroes and of some bounders, many of them real people from the 1850s to the 1920s to modern day times, are bound together through their connection with the horse.

I have read and enjoyed several of Geraldine Brooks' other books. This one is hands down my favorite and a wonderful read.



Chris Crawford is a staff writer with the Gorham Times and former librarian.

Josephine Caruso at 101

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played the saxophone, Joseph Caruso. Their love of music brought them together. They fell in love, were married, and settled in Bar Harbor, Maine. Joe had learned about flying in high school and wanted to go into the aviation business. As luck would have it there was a closed army base nearby. It was built for the war and now closed and not being used. The town leased the base to Joe and his brother for one dollar for a 100 years. The lease included the buildings, airplane hangars and office space for the new business. This was the beginning of Bar Harbor Airlines. Josephine was also involved in the making of Bar Harbor Airlines. She hand-stitched covers for the airplane wings.

When Bar Harbor Airlines decided to open another location in Portland, Josephine and Joe moved to Gorham in

1959 and raised their family of two boys and three girls there. While in Gorham, Josephine was an active member of the community and beloved by all who knew her. She recalls being in the Anna Louise Carrey Musical Society.

Throughout her life, Josephine has displayed many talents. In addition to being an accomplished musician, she has been a talented cook and artist. In her current home many of her beautiful paintings are displayed.

At 101, Josephine still plays the scales on her trumpet every day. She enjoys family gatherings with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She attributes her longevity to being kind, positive, and caring towards all. Her family says she has always been admired and beloved by everyone who has known her.

About the Revere Bells

Before 1792, Revere's foundry in Boston only did more commonplace types of metal work like casting stoves and tools. More specialized bell casting and repair was usually done in England. Between 1792 and 1828, with initial help from Aaron Hobart, the only American who had any bell casting knowledge, the Revere foundry cast a total of 398 bells that weighed from 500 to 2500 pounds. Most are still in New England with a few as far away as Michigan.

Only about half of the bells cast at the Revere foundry were church bells. Other types of bells included ship's bells, school bells, factory bells and even handbells. It is fitting that several of Revere's bells have been used to ring in the New Year, as Revere was born on Jan 1, 1735. Most Revere bells have pleasant tones, are long lasting, and have served as centerpieces of their communities. There were also a few bells that had a discordant tone and some that developed cracks and needed repairs.

According to a list compiled in 1976 by Revere Bell researchers, Edward and Evelyn Stickney, a total of 14 bells in Maine were inscribed with the name, "Revere & Sons, Boston Massachusetts." The Stickneys used information found in the original stock book from the Revere Company, which was held by a direct, male descendent of Paul Revere. More information about other Maine Revere bells can be found in the October 2010 issue of Fisherman's Voice in an article by Tom Seymour.

Valentine's Bandit Strikes Again!



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The First Parish Church Steeple received some love on Valentines Day.

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Anchored in Health - The Importance of Rest Days

Taryn Beaumont

When we find physical activity we enjoy and that noticeably helps us look and feel better, we might, understandably, become addicted. We tend to think more is better, but you know what they say: too much of a good thing can actually be a bad thing; and in the fitness world, that argument is valid. In fact, rest days are equally as important as the time you spend exercising. Read that again.

Sleep is important - both getting enough hours and getting the right quality of it. According to research, several brain functions heavily depend on

REM sleep. Other research has made a connection between disturbed sleep and acute and chronic pain - meaning poor sleep could actually make pain worse. Science has even drawn parallels between lack of REM sleep and depression. Sleep is vital to overall physical and mental well-being.

The consequences of overtraining are nothing to scoff at. When you don't rest enough, you put yourself at risk for poor performance in your training, which is usually counterproductive to your goals. You also put yourself at risk at being unable to maintain training load. Constant fatigue, a suppressed immune system, and mood imbalances can occur. Other possible indicators of a lack of rest include muscular damage, decreased aerobic and cardiac efficiency, and depression.

When it comes to rest and recovery, taking time off from training can mean the difference between success and failure. I've talked to many people in my PT practice, and from being a coach in the fitness world - anecdotally, they will say that after several weeks or even months off from training, their performance is actually significantly improved

when they return back to training. Their body has had time to rest and repair, and they feel better when they ease back into exercise.

How often should you rest? There is no one single answer to this, because humans are all different and require different things. Some people can train Monday through Friday and rest on the weekends and feel totally fine. Others

like to do two days training followed by one day off. You might experiment with different approaches and see what feels best for you.

There's another important question to explore. How exactly do you rest? Some people like to do absolutely nothing, while others like to do active recovery, which might include light movement such as walking, swimming, or yoga. Again, this is a personal decision. While there is much to be said for active recovery and still allowing the body to do some activity, it also depends on a lot of factors, including how intense and long your training sessions are. Most people would agree that getting plenty of hydration and protein on your rest days is essential for muscular repair.

At the end of the day, unless you are an ultra-athlete or your job is athletics and sports, rest for best health. Rest days should be included as a regular part of any exercise routine to allow our bodies to repair, restore, and be primed for our next adventure.

Sleep is important - both getting enough hours and getting the right quality of it.



Taryn Beaumont is a Doctor of Physical Therapy for over 12 years, most currently working in home health care. She is also a mom, a Lymphedema Specialist, and fitness lover.

Remember When

Wilma Gould Johnson

What weighs over 1,200 pounds (about the same weight as 20 young children) and can be heard at least once weekly? Does Gorham's own Paul Revere bell come to mind?

Back in the mid 1980's, one of Gorham's well known natives, Merle C. Brofee, designed and wrote a small children's book sharing the history of the Revere Bell which is located in the First Parish Church steeple on School Street. Her book, dedicated in memory of her son-in-law, Samuel C. Hoyt, Jr., was shared with many of the church parishioners, a few of whom still have a copy in their possession.

The very large brass bell was made in the bell works by Paul Revere and his sons and was delivered via ship from Boston to Portland. From Portland, it was carried to Gorham by oxen.

According to a description of its raising, the bell rested quietly on the ground on the south side of the belfry with the shears, or scaffolding, was rigged out from the bell deck and ready for hoisting. At around ten a.m. on June 7, 1822, the fall was passed through the snatch block, and secured at the bottom of the belfry and laid some fifty feet on the ground.

When word was given, every man, woman and child who was able took hold of the rope and walked slowly and steadily, raising the bell aloft. After the bell landed safely on the deck, it was fastened with an eyebolt over the bell frame and by noon time the bell was ringing. The connecting rope is 110 feet long and is attached to a wagon wheel. This rope can then "roll" the bell back and forth allowing it to ring.

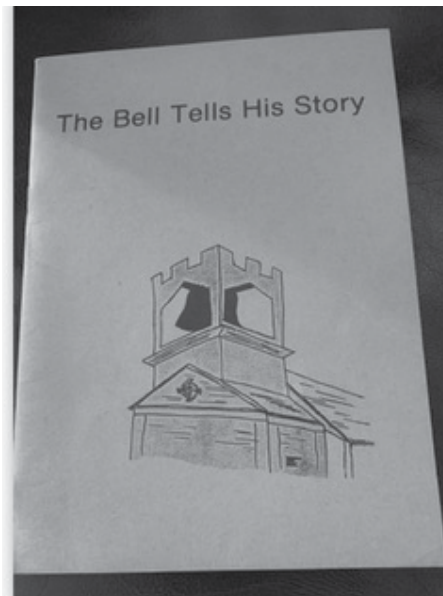


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A booklet written by Merle Brofee for Gorham 250th Anniversary, tells about the Paul Revere Bell that has chimed in Gorham Village since 1822.

Brofee's book did not say whether the bell had been blessed before being raised aloft, but without doubt, many speeches were made.

Gorham's Revere bell not only called people to church on Sunday mornings, but also was used as a fire alarm or to announce other town emergencies. Today, this same bell still rings to honor special celebrations or perhaps to mark the passing of a Gorham native.



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

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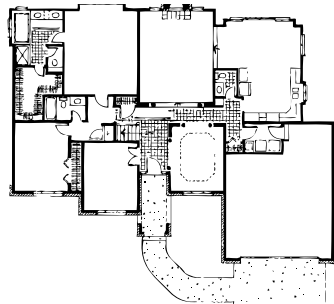
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Terry Deering, Public Works Director

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Deering has lived in Gorham his entire life, starting his career working in construction for Shaw Brothers. With a downturn in the economy, the potential for construction slowed down and in 1989, Deering took a job with Gorham's Public Works Department and decided this was where he wanted to stay. He has a staff of 22 to address the responsibilities of the Department. He has also been a volunteer with the Gorham Fire Department for 44 years.

Public Works maintains Gorham's roads and grounds at an annual budget of \$2,700,000. Dirt roads are generally graded in the fall and are then good until spring, but winter weather can be very hard on dirt roads as it has been this year. Public Works receives many complaints about road conditions, especially about potholes. They routinely plow 300 lane miles of roads, including the Town and school parking lots along with thirteen miles of sidewalks. In the summer, they do sweeping as stormwater permits require that Public Works sweep roads and clean catch basins. They also mow all Town facilities, maintain cemeteries, do road projects and help out other Town Departments as needed.

"There is no downtime," said Deering, "every season brings its own set of challenges. At times staff will work 18-19 days in a row. They always need to maintain their equipment to be ready for the next storm".

Public Works oversees the terms of the contracts and billing with Casella for waste management, and with ecomaine for recycling. Casella is one of only two companies in the area that do garbage collection. The tags we put on each bag of garbage put out for collection



Photo credit: Kelly Meslin

cover most of the contractor's collection and tipping fee costs. The economy also plays a huge role in these costs. The more we recycle, and the cleaner the recycling that is sent to ecomaine, the less the Town pays for these services.

The Public Works Department maintains all Town equipment including school buses. Under the Storm Water Act, Public Works has to review construction plans to avoid the possibility of stormwater runoff in the wrong place. Public Works also must renew their license with the federal government every five years as there are always new requirements needed to maintain stormwater permits. The purpose of this is to have controls in place to lessen the impact to waters in the state.

Deering notes that as the Town has grown, people expect from Town services. Public Works puts out as much information as possible on the Town website and recommends that people check this site as "anything pertinent is on there." Residents can also subscribe to the Town website to get the information in emails.

Board of Health Meeting February 15, 2023

Maggie Norris, USM Student Intern

The Board of Health met on Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. In attendance was Dr. Colby Wyatt, Eric Thistle, Melissa Vanmeter and Councilor Virginia Wilder Cross.

Eric Thistle was elected as chair with a unanimous vote. Melissa Vanmeter recorded the meeting minutes and shared her experience and role as chairperson. Colby Wyatt provided some history on the Gorham Board of Health.

Councilor Wilder Cross opened a discussion on the sale of flavored nicotine at various locations in Gorham, referring to the recent ban on flavored nicotine products by

South Portland and other Maine cities and towns. Dr. Wyatt reported on the effects of flavored nicotine tobacco on teens and children, and will also be sharing with the board an article he wrote about edible marijuana products and accidental ingestion.

The Board plans to review the evidence regarding the flavored nicotine products, as well as the process to bring a proposal to the Town Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m. The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29 at 6 p.m.

Public Works Reminders

Request For Proposal-South Street & Main Street Pedestrian Improvements 2023 is open until March 14. FMI, visit the town webpage or Facebook page.

Due to the current freeze/thaw weather cycle that we are experiencing, Public Works initiated "Heavy Load Road Posting" of selected Town roads on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023. These roads will remain posted through May 1, 2023. Reach out to Public Works with questions about heavy load travel on these roads.

Winter sand is available at the Public Works Dept. 80 Huston Road.

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— THE GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT IS HIRING — AGC MAINE CONSTRUCTION IMMERSION PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR

The Gorham School Department has an immediate opening for a Student Immersion Program Instructor. This position will serve as the instructor for a six week long summer program sponsored by the Associated General Contractors of Maine.

The program will operate at WRVC from June 19 - July 28, 2023, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. with the exception of holidays (Monday, June 19 and Tuesday, July 4). This is a one-time stipend position.

Responsibilities to include:

- Providing instruction and assistance to 16 to 20 participants of the immersion program in collaboration with AGC sponsors.
- Keeping attendance and other records required for participants to earn a certificate of completion, earn a stipend, and qualify for an interview for an apprenticeship
- Conducting assessments as necessary to determine participant learning through the program.
- Partnering with AGC's Program Coordinator to organize multiple site visits every week.
- Collaborating with Gorham School Department, Westbrook School Department, Adult Education, AGC and apprentice partners to ensure successful completion of the program by all participants.

This is a one-time stipend position. Experience in construction-related fields required. Maine Department of Education CHRC required.

If interested, please submit an application by going to <http://gorhamschools.org/>, click on Human Resources, Employment Opportunities. Applications close when a suitable candidate has been selected. EOE

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Rams Swim Teams Smash Records

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

Gorham's Varsity Swim Team had quite a season. This year's program consisted of 24 incredible swimmers: both leaders in the pool and off the pool deck. Caps off to the graduating senior captains, Abby Rosingana, Kate Pelletier, and Kyle Brown.

Both teams set their program goals early and worked diligently to strive towards and achieve their objectives during each practice and dual meet. These highly focused athletes carried through all season long, smashing individual and team records.

The boys set their goal to win South-Southwesterns and the girls to place in the top three at Class A states. Each week both teams promoted a culture of hard work and competitiveness by every member of the team. This culture and determination really paid off. The boys team produced and went on to win the South-Southwesterns. This energy carried over to the girls team.

Led by senior captain Abby Rosingana, and several top performances by underclassmen, the girls earned 2nd in the state final meet. The girls 4th place at South Southwesterns and 2nd place at Class A States is the highest placed in program his-

tory. The boys 1st place at South Southwesterns and 6th at Class A states is the highest placed in the programs 12 year history.

Swim team highlights this year include many electrifying individual and team performances. The Rams broke three records including freshmen Brodi Berlinger (500 freestyle), Maya Moores (100 breast), and Hanna Logan (200 IM). The top 3 finishers at States include: Rosingana (1st place) in the 500 free, Rosingana again placing 2nd (200 free). Other outstanding performances include 2nd place finishers; Hanna Logan (200 IM), Maya Moores (100 breast). The Rams Rosingana, Stella Moores, Logan and M. Moores also swam away with the 400 Free Relay with a second-place finish. Logan concluded a strong finish of 3rd in the (100 breast). On the boys side Berlinger placed third in the 500 free.

Head Coach Will York and Assistant Coach Vanessa Gauger share, "Gorham swimming came out swinging this season. We are incredibly proud of what they accomplished this year, and we know there is still more to come."



Girls Team States 2nd place win

Photo credit: Gail Berlinger

GHS Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Have Historic Season



Boys Team winning Southwesterns

Photo credit: Gail Berlinger



Photo credit: Tim Spear

Congratulations to the Gorham Varsity Girls Ice Hockey team for their repeat back-to-back season win of the SMAA Sportsmanship Award. The team finished their regular season 12-4, setting themselves up to host the semi-finals - a first in program history to host a playoff game. They went on to the regional finals v. Cheverus and that would conclude the season but not before receiving the honorary and deserving MPA award.

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3D Snowflakes at Narragansett

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Jacqueline Durant-Harthorne

Kindergarten students, Abby Stacy, Louie Lavoie, Kayla Thompson and Rhys Doyle study the 3D snowflakes.

An exciting project was completed at Narragansett in Jacqueline Durant-Harthorne's classroom. In Kindergarten, the students study the four seasons. They had been reading about each season since the start of school. For winter, their studies were linked to how the weather changes to snow using their Scholastic Let's Read Magazine to study snowflakes. Then they looked more closely at snowflakes using a Google search and learned about symmetry.

The next step was to draw snowflakes and discuss how the 3D printer is



Photo credit: Jacqueline Durant-Harthorne

Kindergarten students, Harper Bunch, Christian Crooker, Albert Ryan and Abby Stacy admire their creations.

able to print them so in came the math term 3D. Visiting the computer lab at Narragansett, they learned how the 3D printer would use software that would turn 2D drawings into a 3D shape.

Joanne Gauley, the technology integrator assisted with the digital tools. It was a great through-line unit that integrated so many skills.

Mrs. Durant-Harthorne is grateful to Narragansett School Principal Erin Epler for always supporting integrated learning and excitement for learning, and even being willing to pitch in to lend a helping hand.

Legislation to Expand Career Programs to Middle Schools

Gorham Times Staff

On Thursday, Feb. 9, Sen. Joe Rafferty, D-Kennebunk, introduced a bill to expand career and technical education programs to middle schools in Maine. The bill, LD 33, "An Act to Expand Access to Career and Technical Education Opportunities for Middle School Students," was the subject of a public hearing before the Legislature's Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

"As we have frequently heard, Maine faces numerous challenges in training the workforce needed

by businesses statewide," said Sen. Rafferty. "That is particularly evident in the trades. This proposed legislation removes roadblocks and allows for the current career and technical education centers in Maine to expand their programs to middle schools within their service districts."

LD 33 would allocate funding to career and technical education centers to provide exploration programs for middle school students.

The bill faces further action in committee.

Gorham School District Awarded an Eco-Excellence Award From ecomaine

The Gorham Times Staff, School News Editor

On Feb. 15, ecomaine, a Portland-based leader in recycling and sustainable waste management, announced the winners of the 2023 Eco-Excellence Awards with winners from across the state of Maine. Included in the category of Education/Schools the Gorham School District was recognized for leadership in keeping recoverable materials out of landfills by recycling and composting, and notably, diverting leftover food to the Gorham Food Pantry and food drives

Caleb Hemphill, Chair of ecomaine's Outreach & Recycling Committee said, "Every year, it is inspiring to see the leadership and dedication of these Mainers committed to making Maine a more sustainable place to live, work, and play. ecomaine is proud to recognize these outstanding efforts."

In all there were five individual awards, three business, one non-profit organization and three education leaders. A complete list of winners includes:

Gorham School District (Education/Schools) – for leadership in keeping recoverable materials out of landfills by recycling and composting, and notably, diverting leftover food to the Gorham Food Pantry and food drives.

Heather Keegan, Readfield (Education/Schools) – for her work with school leadership, town staff, ecomaine, and her students to establish a recycling program

that can be replicated throughout the district.

Spruce Mountain HS Envirothon Team, Livermore Falls (Education/Schools) – for their exemplary research and presentations on sustainable waste management, resulting in winning the Maine Envirothon and placing 20th in the world at the International Envirothon.

Intercultural Community Center, Westbrook (Non-Profit) – for its commitment to waste diversion through recycling and composting programs, reduction of single-use materials, and increasing public awareness of sustainability.

Grady's Motel, Bridgton (Business) – for their efforts to become a zero emissions motel and dedication to waste diversion.

MaineHealth Sustainability Committee, Portland (Business) – for incorporation of environmental and sustainability strategies in energy, waste, water, food, and transportation into its strategic plan.

Tanbark, Portland (Business) – for blazing a trail in non-plastic packaging with molded fiber that is lightweight and has potential for disrupting plastic use through innovation of a legacy Maine industry – paper.

Kathleen Athearn, Westbrook

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Gorham High School Honor Roll Second Quarter

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Gorham Middle School Honor Roll Second Quarter

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OF INTEREST

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meet next on Tuesday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main Street. For information, contact the post at vfwpost10879@gmail.com.

The Gorham Lions next meeting is Tuesday, March 14 at Moody's Community Room at 6 p.m. Visitors are welcome. FMI: Call (207) 929-9182.

Parents and grandparents are invited to bring preschoolers (9mos to 5yrs) to Story Time at Galilee Church at 317 Main Street on Mondays from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. where there are fun stories, great snacks, and lots of giggles.

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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.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

First Parish Church hosts their next chicken pie takeout dinner on Saturday, March 4, pickup from 4:30 – 6 p.m. Meals can be ordered on the First Parish webpage, or call into the office at (207) 839-6751.


White Rock Community Clubhouse Public Bean Supper. Saturday, March 4 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Eat in or take out, no preorders. Meal includes baked kidney & pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and dessert. Wearing of masks for those who are not vaccinated is suggested. \$10 adults, \$5 under 12 FMI: facebook.com/whiterockcommunityclub


SENIOR NEWS

Gorham/Windham/Westbrook TRIAD will meet on Wednesday, March 8 at 11 a.m. at the Gorham Police Department. The speaker will be Cheryl Drda, APRN-APMHN, a MaineHealth nurse practitioner specializing in Psych/Mental Health. The topic will be "Seniors Mental Health."


The Lecky Brown Senior Center at First Parish Church has reopened after the COVID-19 hiatus. Gather for Cribbage on Mondays at 10, all levels are welcome. Several different versions are being played. Join the Originals guest speaker program on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Upcoming; Stay tuned for more upcoming events and activities. Contact Lisa Becker at Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com for more information.

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LIBRARY NEWS

At the North Gorham Public Library, weekly story time continue to be held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. The library is open Mondays from 3 to 5 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. Learn more at <http://www.north-gorham.lib.me.us/contact-us>.

At Baxter Memorial Library, Family Discovery Time (ages 2-5) will be held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Baby Discovery Time (ages birth-18 months) will be held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Toddler Discovery Times (ages 18 months-3 years) will be held on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Baxter, the standard poodle therapy dog will be visiting March 7 at 3:30 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "The Indigo Girl" by Natasha Boyd on March 9 at 10:15 a.m. Creative Rice Maps, a creative expression event, will take place on March 15 at 12:30 p.m. for ages 8 and up. Everything will be provided! Find out more at <https://baxterlibrary.org>.

BUSINESS NEWS

The 2023 Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) Career Fair is looking for businesses to participate. Last year's event was a huge success and they're hoping to build on top of that. Local businesses can meet local students for summer employment and beyond. The registration period started Jan. 31 and continues to March 6. The event will take place on Thursday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gorham High School Track and Football Field. For more information contact jmg@gorhamschools.org or call (207) 712-9405.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES

The Osher School of Music and the Department of Theatre at the University of Southern Maine will be putting on a production of "Into the Woods," opening on March 3 and continuing through March 10. The production will be held on the Main Stage at Russell Hall on the Gorham campus and tickets can be purchased online through March 4 or in person. <https://usm.maine.edu/theatre>

The Osher School of Music will be welcoming Grammy-nominated pianist Andrius Zlabys for a master class on Saturday, March 4 at 2 p.m. The class will be free and open to the public, although an RSVP is appreciated. <https://usm.maine.edu/music/events>

Dr. Tek Dangi will be discussing his research regarding COVID-19 and its impact on USM students on March 9 at 12:30 p.m. The presentation will take place in Bailey Hall.

The Juried Student Exhibition Opening will be held at the Art Gallery on March 9 at 6 p.m. Refreshments and food will be served, and the event is free. <https://usm.maine.edu/gallery>

The USM baseball team will be playing Roger Williams University at home on March 10th at 5 p.m.

Visit <https://usm.usm.maine.edu/events> for more information about University events.

Gorham School District Awarded an Eco-Excellence Award
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(Individual) – for her work cleaning up litter and promoting proper waste management on social media.

Rebecca Brown, Portland (Individual) – for her efforts to divert waste from the trash at Maine Medical Center and recycle and reuse it.

David Ertz, Yarmouth (Individual) – for his work on sustainability as part of the Town of Yarmouth's Committee for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability.

Dr. Noah Perlut, Scarborough (Individual) – for his commitment to conservation of land and resources on a number of boards and commissions in Scarborough.

Jeff Tarling, Portland (Individual) – for his efforts, over his career as the City of Portland's Arborist, to promote sustainability and encourage it with area students.

"We are very excited to have the Eco-Excellence Awards ceremony in person again after missing a few years," said Matt Grondin, ecomaine's Director of Communications & Public Affairs. "The energy and inspiration is tangible, and helps to fulfill our mission of increasing public awareness about this important work."

Awards will be presented at a luncheon and ceremony at ecomaine on March 21.

Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR. CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

middle school students throughout the years," said Krohn. "This is our largest cast and crew yet. We're proud of the magic they're making onstage."

Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR is presented through special arrangements with Music Theatre International (MTI). Authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com. Music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, with book by Linda Woolverton.

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National Caregivers Appreciation Day



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February 17, 2023 was National Caregiver Appreciation Day so the Gorham Home Instead staff held a Care Pro Palooza Party celebrating caregivers for; "All that you do and are." Besides celebrating their caretakers they also asked them to bring a friend that might be interested in joining their team.

Some of the caregivers present for the celebration included: front row: Jacquelyn, Mabel (the wonder dog), and Sharon. Sitting are Carrie, Tricia, Beth, Doreen, and Sheila. In the back row Lara, Adam, Jessy, Deborah, Jenn, Sara, and Allie.

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Suspicious vehicles near the front door of Great Falls School belonged to cleaners.

Close to midnight, Officer found a vehicle parked on Bartlett Road by Alberta Way with the engine turned off and in the way of traffic. People in the vehicle said they had just stopped to talk. Officer did not observe any signs of intoxication or criminal activity. Driver was told to move out of the flow of traffic, and they did so.

Officer gave a ride to a Gorham High School student who had been suspended as there was no one home to drive him.

Buck Street caller reported a neighbor had the caller's car towed as it was on a neighbor's property. Caller wanted to know where it had been taken and the neighbor provided the information.

Maple Drive caller wanted police to know about several spam calls from CMP asking to come read her meter. She contacted CMP and they were unaware of the calls. She was told to block those numbers.

Officer observed a man walking on State Street and as it was dark and raining, he stopped to talk to the man who told the officer he was late for work and needed to keep walking as he had not committed any crime. Officer told him he was free to leave, and he left.

Officer checked on County Road for a vehicle involved in a hit and run in Scarborough.

Officer located the vehicle on County Road and notified Scarborough Police.

Officer responded to a report of a disabled vehicle on Main Street. Driver told the officer the vehicle had broken down on their way to Hollis. They had lost power at home and were staying in Portland. Office contacted Westbrook Police to assist in transporting them to their other vehicle. Family was transported to a hotel.

Officer was dispatched to a report of what sounded like someone trying to use a ladder to enter a window on School Street. Officer did not find anyone, nor did he find any ladders.

Officer spotted a vehicle on a snowmobile trail in the woods off Fort Hill Road. Vehicle appeared to have been there for a while. Officer ran the plates and it had not been reported stolen. There were junk items in the vehicle, and it appeared to have been parked there intentionally.

Complaint was received that a vehicle had almost caused three separate accidents in the square. Officer located the vehicle in a parking lot and determined the driver was not under the influence.

Bartlett Road caller reported a bunch of litter had been found in the area. The subject's name was found on a piece of trash. Officer made several attempts to contact the man, but all of the phone numbers were wrong or out of service.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

USM Musical Theatre production of "Into the Woods" opening night, continuing through March 10, (207) 780-5151.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

White Rock Community Clubhouse Bean Supper, 34 Wilson Road, 4 – 6:30 p.m.
 First Parish Church, Chicken Pie Takeout Dinner, 1 Church Street, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Gorham/Windham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, guest speaker Cheryl Drda, APRN-APMHNP, Gorham Police Department, 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Baxter Memorial Library Book Club discusses "The Indigo Girl" by Natasha Boyd, 10:15 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Buxton Centre Baptist Church Bean Supper, 938 Long Plains Road.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

Baxter Memorial Library, Family Discovery Time (ages 2-5), 10 a.m.
 VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meeting, Fire Department Training Room, 5:30 p.m.
 Gorham Lions meeting, Moody's Community Room, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

Baxter Memorial Library Creative Rice Maps (ages 8+), 12:30 p.m.

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