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Tribute Wall for Ukraine

Pam Irish, Volunteer Girl Scouts Leader



Photos credit: Deb Feagans, Volunteer Co-Leader

L to R (Emily Feagans, Izzy Densmore, Katelyn Estes, Grace Pierce, Kaitlyn Bradley, Emily Donnelly) Front (Taylor Jordan)

At their meeting on March 3, 2022, this group of Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts from Troop 2300 in Gorham made a tribute wall to those suffering in Ukraine.

They were working on their Global Action/Awareness Award. The plan was to do a mural for "Break The Bias" and International Women's Day as their take action project. Then,

they discussed how the current situation in Ukraine is affecting everyone globally and wanted to show their support.

The Scouts made these giant paper sunflowers, and their display was at the Gorham Recreation Department outside Shaw Gymnasium for a week. They hope to display it in other areas in Gorham each week.

Gorham Girls Wrap Up 18-4 Basketball Season

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: Amanda Landry

The team celebrates with the student body after defeating Scarborough for the South Regional championship win

The Gorham Girls defeated Noble (Quarterfinal) Massabesic (Semi-final) and Scarborough (Regionals) in the MPA Class AA South tournament to advance

and compete in the State championship game. Following the Scarborough game, the girls celebrated their South

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Schools Lift Mask Mandate on March 7, 2022

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

At an emergency meeting on Thursday, March 3, the Gorham School Committee voted unanimously to make masks optional for all school students and employees as of Monday, March 7. This followed the decision of Governor Mills and the Maine CDC to allow for voluntary masking the same week.

During the week before the change, school leaders and staff had been working to plan and ensure a smooth transition from required masking to optional masking. They spent time talking with staff and students about the importance of making sure that individual choices in this matter are fully respected and encouraged.

It is essential that the decision to mask be viewed as an individual's choice. Everyone in the school community will continue to be supported through their decisions.

Superintendent Heather Perry, in her blog on March 4, thanked the community for the two plus years of hard work and dedication that it has taken

for us to move successfully from the pandemic phase to the endemic phase.

"In order to stay here and to keep COVID-19 at bay," she encouraged, "the continued importance of the safety precautions that need to be followed are:

- * Continue your daily health screening routines. If Sick - STAY HOME.

- * If experiencing symptoms, test.

- * If you test positive for COVID-19, report to the school nurse so she is aware and can help guide you regarding specific protocols. Isolate for at least 5 days. If asymptomatic on day 6, return to school is possible but A MASK IS REQUIRED to be worn on days 6-10.

- * Wash/sanitize hands frequently.

- * Maintain physical distancing of 3 ft to the extent possible.

- * Strongly consider getting vaccinated/boosted if you haven't already done so.

By continuing to work together we will ensure continued forward progress — I have no doubt! GO RAMS!"

Azul Tequila Welcomes Customers to Larger Space



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

Azul Tequila has moved next door to a much larger space. They have purchased new tables and chairs as well as art on the walls of the entry. The menu and prices are the same, and Azul Tequila hopes customers will enjoy the new space.

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

Making College More Affordable and Accessible for Mainers

Rep. Mo Terry

As a parent of two kids currently in college and one who just started paying her student loans, I'm keenly aware of the cost of higher education and the strain it places on families. Piecing together tuition and navigating the numerous financial aid and scholarship opportunities for our kids is no small feat.

For so many more families in Maine it's not just a difficult task, but a completely unrealistic option. This year, my colleagues and I in the Legislature are considering several measures in Gov. Mills' recent supplemental budget proposal to make higher education accessible for more Mainers.

Over the past several weeks, the proposal has gone through a public hearing process before the Legislature's budget-writing Appropriations and Financial Affairs (AFA) Committee where members of the public and legislators from the relevant committees offered testimony. The AFA Committee will deliberate before making a decision on the governor's proposal, and then send the budget to the Legislature for approval.

I am excited about a number of these measures and what they mean for Maine families and students. If passed, the proposal would constitute the eighth year out of the past eleven years that Maine's public university system has not increased tuition.

With oil and gas prices on the rise, the cost of living increasing and pandemic-related pinches on folks' wallets, a tuition hike would seem unfathomable.

But the absence of one could easily go unnoticed. The university system's ability to keep tuition levels stable for Maine residents despite financial blows on their end due to the pandemic, including lost revenue and increased costs to keep our students safe, is extraordinarily impressive and meaningful.

Another measure before the Legislature includes an amendment to an existing program that provides an income tax credit for certain eligible Maine residents, the Maine Opportunity Education Tax Credit. The credit was established in 2008 as a way to encourage Mainers to earn their college degree from a Maine institution and to pursue a career in Maine, post-graduation. Similarly, the program also encourages Maine businesses to stay or expand in Maine and to hire employees who have graduated from a Maine college or university. While this program is well-intentioned and has served over 13,000 Mainers, the application process and eligibility criteria are onerous and complicated. The new proposal before the Legislature would dramatically simplify the program, making it easier for more folks to afford a college degree.

A final boost to students through the University of Maine system is the proposed plan to pay for up to two years of community college for eligible students who graduated from high school in Maine between 2020 and 2023. Not only does this help kids and their families access higher education, it also bolsters

workforce development in areas that offer higher wages for more specialized skills. This could directly benefit some of our neighbors in Gorham who utilize the feeder program between Southern Maine Community College and our USM campus here in town. At a time when workforce shortages plague communities around the nation and threaten serious consequences regarding economic development for generations to come, this measure will do a lot of good.

As the Legislature considers these measures and works to make college more affordable and accessible, I'd also like to highlight that there are a variety of resources currently out there for folks to get help with paying for college.

The Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) has several useful resources on their website to support students and families in this endeavor, including information about available grants, scholarships, work-study programs and loans. Additionally they provide a great overview of the process for filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For help with completing the FAFSA application, visit FAME's website.



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

Senate Enacts Brenner Bill to Help Coastal Homeowners Afford Flood Insurance

On Wednesday, March 9, the Maine Senate enacted a bill from Sen. Stacy Brenner, D-Scarborough, with unanimous, bipartisan support. The bill, LD 1809, "An Act To Allow Exceptions to the Height Limitations under the Shoreland Zoning Laws," will help owners of shoreline property protect their homes and afford flood insurance amid rising water levels.

"This bill will ensure that homeowners can raise their properties higher off the ground as they respond to rising water levels," said Sen. Brenner. "This is about making sure folks can adapt to the effects of climate change as it con-

tinues to impact different aspects of life here in Maine, which will be especially important in communities like ours. I thank my colleagues for their support."

Currently, height limitations in the state Shoreland Zoning Act can pose a conflict with standards set forth in the National Flood Insurance Program, which require a property's lowest floor to be a minimum of 1 foot above the base flood elevation.

As flood water levels continue to rise, the need for homeowners to raise their properties off the ground to protect their investment will continue. However, state law currently

limits the maximum height of a structure, while at the same time federal standards require properties be a certain height above base flood elevation.

By changing state law to allow properties to be modified for compliance with federal guidelines, property owners will be able to raise their homes to protect them from flooding, while also maintaining the ability to hold reasonably priced flood insurance.

LD 1809 will now go to the desk of Gov. Janet Mills, who has 10 days to sign the bill into law, veto it, or allow it to become law without her signature.

Around Town

Lakes Region Senior Center has been awarded a grant by the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation in the amount of \$2400. Grants awarded by the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation focus on helping communities throughout Maine and New Hampshire to prosper by providing vital access to resources, education, and societal programming. The awards during this round of giving ranged from \$2000 - \$5000.

On November 19, 2021, a small amount of cash was recovered in the Burger King parking lot and turned over to the police. On February 18, 2022, a silver Kershaw folding knife with someone's initials was found in a snowbank near the Gorham Middle School. The owner of the knife will be asked to provide the initials to claim the property. To reclaim either of these items, please contact Det. Stephen Hinkley, (207) 222-1689, or email shinkley@gorham.me.us.

Women's History: Firsts & Trivia

15 states never ratified the Equal Rights Amendment which promised "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex": Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia.

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OTTO Pizza - Gorham

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

OTTO Pizza has added Gorham to their chain of nine stores in Maine. Owner Greg Ingrao knew there were several other pizza places in Gorham but noticed that they were all busy and believed there would be enough market share to make OTTO successful.

Ingrao noted that the location in front of Hannaford was an excellent site, one to which they plan to add a patio on the Main Street side of the building this spring.

OTTO is well known for its unusual pizza varieties, with the most popular ones including mashed potatoes, bacon and scallions. Also popular are chicken, caramelized



Photo credit: Gorham Times Staff

pear and fontina, as well as butter-nut squash, ricotta and cranberry. Pizzas are available by the slice or by the whole pie.

OTTO is open seven days a week, 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

Sebago Brewing Company Renovation Update

Krista Nadeau, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Gorham Times Staff

A reminder that the Sebago Brewing Company (SBC) is set to begin renovations at 29 Elm Street at the end of March. The brewpub will be open through March 26.

“We’ve wanted to update it for some time, but building the brewery and then the pandemic pushed us off track a bit – but we’re back on it!” said Kai Adams, co-founder of SBC. “The brewpub will still have that local vibe but with a more modern feel and better flow for staff and guests.”

Great Falls Construction will be building out the renovations. SBC is eager to collaborate with Great Falls again after working with them to

build the brewery and tasting room located at 616 Main Street.

Whipple Callender, the architect firm who designed the Scarborough brewpub, will also be redesigning the Gorham pub.

Renovations will add an additional 700 square feet to the building, mostly for new bathrooms and an expanded vestibule. Patrons can also expect a bigger bar area with “an expanded draft system and additional tap lines to offer more specialty and small batch beer produced right down the road at the Sebago brewery on Main Street.”

The brewpub will reopen in June.

Gorham Business Exchange 2022 Marketplace Canceled

Christie Paul, Gorham Times Editor

For the second year in a row, the Gorham Business Exchange (GBE) board of directors made the difficult decision to cancel the 2022 GBE Marketplace. Cancellation of the March event was announced in February.

“I support their decision and would have done the same thing if I were in their shoes,” said Virginia Wilder Cross, one of the founders of the event. “I will definitely miss the annual chance to see our businesses highlighted in such an exciting way, but I look forward to 2023 when I am sure the Business Exchange will bring it back — bigger and better than ever!”

GBE business members were polled in January regarding participation in the Marketplace come March. Due to the understandable concerns of staffing challenges, health risks, difficulty with preparing for COVID protocols,

and the lack of interest in event participation, the decision was made to cancel the event.

A virtual Marketplace was discussed as a potential alternative. The past success of this event has stemmed from the unique opportunity for local businesses to engage with their potential customers face-to-face.

“Members of our community would come out to see some of the attractions (farm animals, bounce house, Dance Studio of Maine show, face painting, etc.) and then interact with businesses while they are there. Without the attractions and actual live interaction, it just wouldn’t be the same,” said Ethan Johnson, GBE President.

The GBE is hoping to bring back Marketplace in 2023, but that will depend on the response from business members next year.

Gorham Sightings



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Did you know that there is a bridge that goes from the back of the post office to the back of Village School?

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Women’s History: Firsts & Trivia

Katharine Graham became the first woman to become a Fortune 500 CEO in 1972. Under her leadership, The Washington Post flourished and famously broke the story of the Watergate Scandal to the world.

In 1868, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton began publishing a newspaper whose slogan on the masthead said: Men, their rights, and nothing more; women, their rights, and nothing less.

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Women's History Month— It's More Than Just a Month

Mary Wallace, USM Student Intern

Every March, for the past thirty-five years, Women's History Month has been nationally observed. So why is Women's History Month so important?

Despite society's advances since 1920, women are still underrepresented in cultural, societal and historical contexts.

Women's history has been grossly overlooked throughout time and is often ignored by writers of history.

Women's History Month provides much-needed opportunities to

highlight accomplishments, achievements, advancements, milestones, and innovations of historic women.

"For me, in this context of what I do for work, it is really about taking the opportunity to highlight voices of women who are/were doing interesting research, and helping to bring those voices to the USM community," said Clara Perka, graduate assistant in the Women and Gender Studies Program at the University of Southern Maine (USM).

A modern example indicative of the importance of women's history can be found in a 2019 bill, titled "An Act Regarding Pay Equality", signed by Governor Janet Mills. This bill states, "An employer may not discriminate between employees in the same establishment on the basis of sex by paying wages to any employee in any occupation in this

State at a rate less than the rate at which the employer pays any employee of the opposite sex for comparable work on jobs that have comparable requirements relating to skill, effort and responsibility" (SP0090, LD 278, item 1 Maine Legislature).

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Since women have, historically, been paid less than men, this bill states that an employer cannot base pay on what an employee has been previously paid. This brings to light the issue of

the wage gap and prevents unequal pay on the basis of sex for the same job. The fact that this bill's implementation was so recent says a lot as to why women need equal and equitable representation.

It is an individual choice to bring marginalized voices, like those of women, to the forefront of conversations, but that individual choice has a great impact on the outcome of history.

Representation matters; it is indispensable. "More effort has to be put into the varying experiences of what women's history looks like – they're half the population. When you don't know what's happened from the many perspectives of half the population, that's a problem," said Dr. Julianne Siegfriedt Ph.D., a lecturer of the Women and Gender Studies Program and the Sociology Department of USM.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

How Does Social Security Fit into Retirement?

Ed Doyle

You could spend two, or even three, decades in retirement. To meet your income needs for all those years, you will generally need a sizable amount of retirement assets. How will Social Security fit into the picture?

For most people, Social Security won't be enough to cover the cost of living in retirement. Nonetheless, Social Security benefits are still valuable, so you'll want to do whatever you can to maximize them.

Your first move is to determine when to begin taking Social Security. You can start collecting benefits when you reach 62 — but should you?

If you were to turn 62 this year, your payments would only be about 71% of what you'd get if you waited until your full retirement age, which is 66 years and 10 months. "Full retirement age" varies, depending on when you were born, but for most people today, it will be between 66 and 67.

Every month you wait between now and your full retirement age, your benefits will increase. If you still want to delay taking benefits beyond your full retirement age, your payments will increase by 8% each year, until age 70, when they "max out."

Regardless of when you file, you'll also receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment.

So, when should you start claiming your benefits? There's no one "right" answer for everyone. If you turn 62 and you need the money, your choice might be made for you. But if you have sufficient income from other sources, are in good health and have longevity in your family, or are still working, it might be worthwhile to wait until your full retirement age, or perhaps even longer, to start collecting.

Another key consideration is spousal benefits. If your own full retirement benefit is less than 50% of your spouse's full retirement benefit, you would generally be eligible to claim spousal benefits, provided you're at

least 62 and your spouse has filed for Social Security benefits.

Survivor benefits are another important consideration. When you pass away, your spouse would be able to receive up to 100% of your benefit or his/her own retirement benefit, whichever is higher. Thus, delaying Social Security could not only increase your own benefit, but also the benefit for your surviving spouse.

An additional issue to think about when planning for how Social Security fits into your retirement is your earned income. If you are younger than full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for each \$2 you earn above a certain amount, which, in 2021, is \$18,960. During the year you reach full retirement age, your benefit will be reduced by \$1 for each \$3 you earn above a set amount (\$50,520 in 2021). But once you hit the month at which you attain full retirement age, and from that point on, you can keep all of your benefits, no matter how much you earn (although your benefits could still be taxed).

One final point to keep in mind: The more you accumulate in your other retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, the more flexibility you will have in managing your Social Security benefits. So, throughout your working years, try to contribute as much as you can afford to these plans.

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Town Council Report, 3/1/22

Jacob Adams, *Town Council Reporter*

Councilor Hager disclosed that the Finance Committee would meet March 28, 2022.

Councilor Kuech reported that the Little Rams Committee will be meeting on March 17, 2022 to discuss learning and play, and will put together a report for the School Committee.

Councilor Wilder-Cross attended last month's GPCOG meeting where they discussed the housing problem for asylum seekers and homeless individuals. She also attended a public transit meeting where they discussed the future of public transportation for Gorham.

Councilor Phillips stated this year's Maine Maple Weekend will be March 26-27 and encouraged residents to visit the many maple farms in Gorham. She also announced that the Gorham Outdoors Club has upcoming events, including fire safety and fire building. For a list of all events you can visit their Facebook page or email them at gorhamoutdoors@gmail.com.

Councilor Hartwell reported that the Ordinance Committee met on February 15 and discussed making outdoor seating for restaurants permanent. The item was tabled. They also discussed the next phase in the Village expansion zones. The next Ordinance Committee Meeting will be March 15.

Chairman Pratt attended the latest Jetport Noise Abatement Committee meeting where they discussed a runway closure that will take place from April 18-June 13. He stated that there might be increased noise during this closure. He also reminded citizens of the blood shortage at blood banks and to donate blood if possible.

Town Manager Paraschak reminded homeowners of the on-going town-wide revaluation by Vision Appraisal. He also stated that nomination papers will be available March 4 for a seat on the Portland Water District, due to a resignation. Those papers are due back in the Town Clerk's Office by April 15. He also reported that there will be a Town Council workshop March 15 to discuss ARPA funding for rec projects.

Town Council approved the Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing for District #12. (7 yeas)

A Medical Use Marijuana License was issued to Corey Harmon of White Pine Farms, LLC, located at 11 Industrial Parkway, Units B & E. The property is owned by Jack McInerney. (7 yeas)

A Medical Use Marijuana License was issued to Connor Shaw of New England Care Group, located at 11 Industrial Parkway, Unit C. The property is owned by Kodiak Hollow. (7 yeas)

Ordered that Town Council issue renewal massage licenses to Heather Theriault, Elizabeth Berks, Rhonda Lodgek and Natalie Bagley. (7 yeas)

Ordered that Town Council amend the Fire Suppression Systems Ordinance exemptions to include tiny homes as exempt. (7 yeas)

Town Council appointed the following citizens to various Town Boards and Committees:

Planning Board: Russell Frank, Seven Siegel, David Burrows

Gorham Economic Development Corporation: Mark Curtis, Benjamin Gilman, Peter Mason

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Chief Sanborn Reports

The Detective Division Investigated a total of 223 cases in 2021. The Gorham Police Department received approximately 1,300 more calls for service in 2021 than they had received in 2020. Self initiated calls increased by more than 1300. Traffic stops decreased by almost 1800 and arrests increased from 26 in 2020 to 149 in 2021.

Calls for Service	2020	2021
Total Calls for Service	12,014	13,315
Self Initiated Calls for Service	3,993	5,365
Traffic Stops	1,982	3,773
Arrests	26	149
Criminal Summonses Issued	279	302
VSAC Summonses (Traffic Violations)	753	778
Parking Tickets	22	41
Disturbance Complaints	131	118
Domestic Complaints	54	49
Mental Health Related Complaints	76	80
Drug Related Complaints	45	46
Drug Overdoses	5	4
Drug Overdose Deaths	0	1
Deaths Total	13	9
Thefts	64	70
Traffic Crashes	426	499
Traffic Fatalities	1	2
Animal Complaints	-	546

Planning Board Results 3/7/22

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to allow a refund of Zoning Board of Appeals application fees was referred to the Town Council with a recommendation to adopt.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to allow for agricultural event centers, agricultural centers and agricultural tourism was referred to the Town Council with a recommendation to adopt.

Hans Hansen's request for final

approval of the site plan/subdivision amendment to combine 6 existing residential lots into one condominium lot with mixed commercial and residential uses to property on Map 3, lot 22.502-507 (contract zone) was discussed and postponed.

Ricky Jones's request for approval of a 5 lot clustered subdivision at 36 Middle Jam Road was discussed.

James Davenport's request for approval of a private way with the Fort Hill Road subdivision for Kirk Nadeau was discussed.

Clerks Corner

Laurie Nordfors, *Gorham Town Clerk*

The weather is starting to look like spring, and the snow is melting. The extra daylight is a welcome sight!

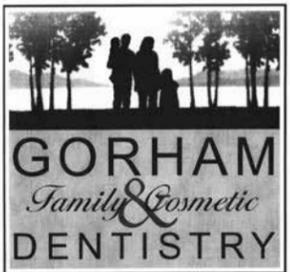
Nomination papers are available in the Clerk's Office for a seat on the Portland Water District Board of Trustees due to a resignation on the board. This position will expire in November. The board generally meets twice monthly: a workshop and a regular business meeting. Trustees receive a stipend of \$100 per meeting, up to \$2400 per year. The special election will take place June 14 to fill this seat.

Motorcycle re-registrations are due March 31. You can re-register your motorcycle online or in the Clerk's

Office. You will need your old registration, current insurance card and mileage.

Fishing season starts April 1. Hunting and Fishing Licenses can be obtained online or in the Clerk's Office. Boat re-registrations can also be done online, and starting May 1 you can re-register your ATV for 2023.

Dog licenses for 2022 were due January 31, 2022. There is now a \$25 late fee added. If you haven't licensed your dog for 2022, you will need to do it in person as the online registration program is turned off. The Animal Control Officer will be out issuing summons in the next few weeks.



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Local Residents Honor Veteran with Quilt of Valor

Vet to Vet Maine



Photo credit: Courtesy of Vet to Vet Maine

Vietnam veteran John Nason, a member of Vet to Vet Maine, was honored on February 20, 2022, with a Quilt of Valor. He was joined by his Vet to Vet Maine volunteer peer companion Richard Robichaud of Westbrook; his wife, Sally Nason; Donna Brookings of Gorham, Maine State Coordinator of Quilts of Valor; and Kathy Lavigne of Gorham, leader of the Vet to Vet Maine Caregiver Support Network. (L-R: Richard Robichaud, Sally Nason, John Nason, Donna Brookings, Kathy Lavigne)

John Nason, a veteran of the Marines who served in the Vietnam War and resident of Scarborough, was joined by his Vet to Vet Maine (V2VM) volunteers, the Southern Maine Marine Corps League, family and friends when he received a Quilt of Valor during Sunday services at Thornton Heights United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 20.

Nason was nominated to receive the Quilts of Valor Foundation quilt by Gorham resident Kathy Lavigne, the volunteer leader of the V2VM Caregiver Support Network. Nason's wife, Sally Nason, is a member of the Network.

Quilts of Valor is a national organization that employs volunteers to create quilts for veterans. Lavigne learned about Quilts of Valor Foundation from Gorham resident Donna Brookings, the

Maine State Coordinator for the organization, and then asked friends Ed and Kathy Dyson of Hollis Center to create the quilt for Nason. The quilts are made to the exacting standards of the Foundation and are designed to endure many commercial washings.

Nason became a V2VME veteran friend after a 2017 stroke left him a quadriplegic. The organization matched him with Richard Robichaud of Westbrook in December of that year. Robichaud, a trained veteran peer companion, has been a faithful friend visiting and calling Nason since the two met more than four years ago.

A second V2VME peer companion, James Inglis of Scarborough, also visits

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8th Grade GMS Team. Front row: Taylor Ernest, Sydney Quimby (7th), Winni Moreland Back Row: Mateiah Asali (7th), Lauren Dunbar, Grace Cunningham, Jocelyn Clark, Brooklyn Spearin Coaches: Bill Clark, Rachel Dunbar, Aimee Campbell

The 8th Grade Gorham Middle School (GMS) Girls basketball team beat the Jay Phoenix team 27-14 to win the Maine Hoops Town Team Silver Division Championship this past Sunday in Augusta. Two 7th graders played in the championship.

In the Zone

Gorham Athletic Director Tim Spear announced Gorham's Swim Coach, William York, was named coach of the year in the South-South Western Division. This is well-deserved recognition for Coach York and both the Boys and Girls Swim Teams respectively.

In the Class A Girls' State Swim Meet, Abby Rosingana took home silver in the 500 Freestyle while Caroline Bishop, Kate Pelletier and Alison Bishop all had personal records in their individual events.



Photo credit: Amanda Landry

Evan Russo in action

Evan Russo was named 'Male Swimmer of the Meet' for his performance at the South/Southwestern finals. Russo also took home the gold in all three of his events (200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke, 400 freestyle relay), breaking school records in all events.



Gorham Boys' Hockey Team

Photo credit: Amanda Landry

Brady Sawyer (senior/forward) has been named one of five nominees for the Evan Spear Award for the most outstanding senior player in Class B South. The Coaches Association presents the award not only for success on the ice, but equally for character, sportsmanship, and spirit. Sawyer led the Rams with nine goals and six assists and has maintained all-academic honors.

Freshman Jacob Shvets (defenseman) has been named Rookie of the Month. Shvets played a key role on defense all season long. He finished the season by scoring a goal and adding three assists in the last four games, while also contributing to special teams.

Optimistic About Optional Masking at GHS

Grace Johnson, GHS Student Intern

When students walked into Gorham High School (GHS) on Monday, March 7, they were able to do so without a face mask on for the first time in nearly two years.

The decision to make Gorham Schools mask-optional moving forward was recently made by the School Committee after Maine dropped the mask mandate in schools. Now, nobody will be required to wear a mask at school, on school buses, or to any school-sponsored event — though they still can if they so choose.

Mixed feelings have been circulating GHS in regard to this decision. Most see it as a positive step forward. Some are hesitant to take their masks off due to health conditions, living with immunocompromised family members, or simply personal choice.

“I think it’s surprising how few people are still wearing masks,” said Erin Lawrence, a junior at GHS. “I guess I just expected more to keep them on. Personally, I was really conflicted, but decided to take mine off for now and put it back on if cases start to rise.”

Students and teachers were faced with choosing whether they would continue to wear their masks. Principal Brian Jandreau made it clear that everyone had the right to their decision, but no one could

judge somebody else for their choice. In addition, it’s been a long time since some students have seen each other without masks on, and it is proving to be an interesting change to get used to.

Claudia Peterson, another junior at GHS, comments, “People have definitely changed. They look different from how I thought they would, but I like seeing faces again.”

Taking masks off changes the school environment for practically everyone. Teachers can see their students’ faces again when teaching lessons and friends are able to have conversations more easily.

Safety protocols, like quarantining sick students and maintaining a safe distance from one another, are still being carefully followed at GHS. Hopefully, if cases stay low, the mask change will be permanent.

“I think that we won’t know what comes from this for a while,” Peterson said. “It could go really well or it could backfire, but I trust that changes will be made if necessary.”

Taking off masks gives a lot of people optimism for the remainder of the school year. While the future is still unsure, for now, many at the high school are glad to be able to see the faces of their friends and teachers again.

Gorham School Committee Meeting March 9, 2022

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

Brian Jandreau and the directors of the high school theater program, Josie Tierney-Fife, Josh Hurd and Matthew Murray, along with students Annikka Mocchiolo, Asa Wareham and Alex Robbins reviewed the success of the GHS Theater this year. GHS Theater has survived COVID and is looking forward to future productions; “The White Room of my Remembering”, the entry into the state-wide one act festival this spring and the presentation of “Disney’s Mary Poppins” next February.

Mocchiolo, a senior and president of the GHS Thespian Society, reflected on her experiences in the past four years on the Gorham stage and her future plans for continued education and an ultimate career in theater.

Wareham, after singing a duet from “Into the Woods”, with Alex Robbins, reviewed his first theater experience,

this past February. “It has helped me in so many ways. It has helped my memory and built my confidence in myself and my abilities.”

After each of the sub-committee reports, the committee continued the important discussion about next year’s school calendar.

Superintendent Heather Perry reflected on the numerous discussions she has had with parents. “It is important to find a balance between the need for students to be in front of their teachers and the need for teacher professional development. The pandemic has presented challenges to our schools that we have never had before. We have to find ways to support our teachers.”

Committee member Darryl Wright, discussed the importance of the school calendar decision. “The past two years,

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Anya Mazaris-Atkinson, Flute Performance

Megan Young, GHS Student Intern

At a young age, Anya Mazaris-Atkinson, Gorham High School (GHS) senior, learned to love music, from classical music in Jane Austen movies to listening to 12-hour scores and recalling specific melodies.

Anya started her musical journey in 4th grade. Since elementary school, Anya has participated in band and homed in on the flute. In middle school, she joined chorus, steel band, and jazz band. Since then she has learned to play guitar, ukulele, piano, alto saxophone, and trumpet.

Anya realized that she was serious about pursuing music after watching the “Lord of Rings” trilogy with her dad. “I’ve grown up watching that movie series, I just remember thinking “if another Lord of the Rings movie comes out in Tolkien’s Universe, I want to play in the orchestra soundtrack for it.”

After this epiphany, Anya dove deeper into studying the flute. She started taking lessons and auditioned for ensembles at USM. By sophomore year in high school, Anya was so advanced on the flute that she switched to a flute teacher who could challenge her and help her technical and musicality skills progress more.

As Anya prepares for life after high school, she has been busy: “I’ve been zooming around for auditions. Some are in person and some are virtual, and I try to practice two to three hours a day.”

Anya has completed eight flute auditions at colleges within the span of January and February. Her top choices are the University of Southern California, Boston University, and John Hopkins University.

Anya is most drawn to Southern California as it will set her up to pursue a career in Los Angeles. Boston



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University and John Hopkins also have a strong appeal as they have advanced music programs and flute professors.

Anya hopes to play in orchestras and do solo performances. Ultimately, her goal is to perform for movie soundtracks like the “Lord of Rings” score that inspired her dreams. As Anya explores her options for the future, don’t be surprised if future movies are filled with melodies recorded by Anya Mazaris-Atkinson.

Local Residents Honor Veteran with Quilt of Valor CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

Nason. V2VME now serves the needs of veterans statewide through peer companions and phone pals.

Sally Nason credits V2VME volunteers with keeping John’s spirits up, saying, “Both peer visitors have been terrific.” She is also grateful for the work of Kathy Lavigne who plans quarterly programs for the caregivers of veterans enrolled in V2VME and sends

cards and notes to let them know they are not forgotten.

For more information about how V2VME can make a difference in the life of a veteran, contact V2VME Program Director and Gorham resident Judie Alessi O’Malley at 207-579-4024. For more information about Quilts of Valor Foundation, contact Donna Brookings at 207-523-9322.



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every decision that we have made has been to encourage and support time for students with their teachers. We have to be creative to support the professional development of our teachers without impacting their time with their students.”

Anne Schools, School Committee Chair, encouraged parents to continue to contact school committee members to offer input and suggestions for next year’s calendar.

The discussion will continue at the Workshop meeting in the Superintendent’s Office on March 23 and the regular monthly meeting on

April 13. It is hoped that a decision would be made at the April meeting.

The committee continued their annual review of School Board policies by accepting wording changes to seven policies and having a first reading of three additional ones.

In other action, by a vote of 7-0, they approved the Finance subcommittee’s recommendation to accept the proposal for contracted custodial services from Benchmark Cleaning. Also, by 7-0 votes, they approved the Superintendent’s recommendations for Spring Schedule B positions and Lindsey Goodrich, .50 Speech Pathologist, as a new hire.

Town Council Report CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Board of Appeals: Gary Baca, Craig Stirling, Michael Weisman

Fair Hearing Board: Eric Thistle

Conservation Commission: William Moreno, Thomas Mazza, Brian Rancourt

Board of Trustees-Baxter Memorial Library: Gerry Day, Barbara McLean, David Arthur Fogg

Historic Preservation Committee: Lawrence Peterson, Linda Whitten

Board of Assessment Review: Marilyn Amoroso

Board of Voter Registration Appeal: Sara Fleming, Tony Taylor, Michelle Plourde

Revolving Loan Fund Committee: April Edwards, Jeremy Hanken

Board of Health: Eric Thistle (7 years)

The release of up to \$4,000 from the Contingency Account was authorized for the purpose of a structural and long-term maintenance analysis of the Gorham Civil War Memorial. (7 years)

Town Council approved the Board of Education recommendation to establish a School Capital Reserve Fund. They also approved the procedure adopted by the Board of Education to fund and use the School Capital Reserve Fund. (7 years)

Town Manager was authorized to execute and deliver a municipal release deed on behalf of the Town to Randell Rice, with regard to the property located at 10 Old Orchard Road. (7 years)

Town Council will hold a workshop to discuss fire department station staffing and efforts to assist with recruiting and retaining employees within the department. The meeting will be held on April 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. (7 years)

Town Council entered into executive session pursuant to discuss the Town Manager’s annual performance evaluation.

The full meeting minutes and amendments can be found on the Town’s website.

Gorham Girls Wrap Up 18-4 Season CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



Photo credit: Amanda Landry

Sophia Michaud celebrates cutting down the net for Gorham.



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Kate Dupuis and Anya Mazaris-Atkinson - preparing to sing the national anthem at the Girls State Championship game at Cross Arena.

Regional win by taking down the nets, a basketball ritual. Anna Nelson earned and received the tournament’s Most Valuable Player Award.

The state game at Cross Arena in Portland began with Kate Dupuis and Anya Mazaris-Atkinson (GHS students) absolutely crushing the National Anthem in front of a crowd of approximately 5,000 spectators. That kicked off the tone of the game with high energy on the court; going after loose balls and hitting the outside shot on offense.

Heading into halftime, Gorham and Cheverus were tied up. Cheverus changed their defense to start the third period, and it proved to shake up the Gorham offense for a stretch of time. The game continued to be played at a high caliber; tough defense on both sides and an up-tempo style.

Gorham’s Anna Nelson, Sophia Michaud, Nicole Walker, Leah Woodbury, and Ellie Gay stood out in playing tough defense and quickly bringing their offense down the court to chip in some key baskets. One of Cheverus’ guards, Julia Kratzer became red hot from the floor, scoring four 3-point shots, giving the Stags momentum.

Kratzer grew up in Gorham, attending Gorham schools until moving on to

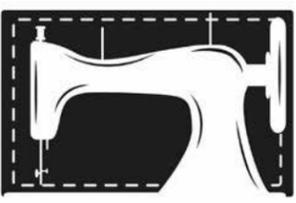
Cheverus and joining her twin siblings, Ryan and Mia, in her freshman year of High School. The Cheverus defense in the second half of play and Kratzer’s crucial 3-pointers were a combination that would change the course of the game.

The Gorham team, however, never let up and fought back to cut the lead to within nine going down the stretch into the 4th quarter, a testament to this team’s level of competitiveness and talent.

Getting to the State championship game is no easy feat. It takes assiduous play, adjustments, and high energy in every game. Special team chemistry showed all season long, and this team’s heart and hustle were evident throughout the tournament.

Gorham Coach Laughn Berthiaume was named coach of the year leading the team to the State Championship game. Assistant Coach Neile Nelson was inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. Anna Nelson, Ellie Gay, and Brylee Bishop were named to the All-Tourney Team in South AA.

Congratulations to all the coaches and the entire Gorham Girls 2022 Class AA South champs and State Runners up.



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See Something New

Krista Nadeau, Staff Writer

Caleb Dunlap (GHS '14) steps out of his Portland apartment and has the bustling city at his feet. Now, able to navigate the hectic city transportation system with ease, Caleb waits for a bus that will take him to his job at St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center — a job he has held for seven years.

When Caleb isn't working at the nursing home, he can be found with a camera draped around his neck, capturing unique photos around the city. He discovered a passion for photography in middle school. A few years ago, Caleb turned that passion into a small photography business called Good Eye Photography.

In the Home section on his website, goodeyemaine.com, it reads: "My name is Caleb Dunlap and I own Good Eye Photography. I have Down Syndrome. I love taking photos. I see things differently than other people. I hope my photographs will help you see something new."

Now, 26, Caleb not only works and has his own successful business, but he also advocates for others with disabilities. Through the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) program at the University of New England, Caleb has worked as a self-advocate to educate others about the needs of people with disabilities.

It was through LEND that Caleb had the opportunity to speak with Senator Susan Collins about the need for laws that provide good work opportunities

with competitive pay for those who fall under the neurodiverse umbrella.

Many programs Caleb has participated in, and experiences he's had, gave him a strong foundation that can be seen by his success. Programs like PATHS, offered through Gorham High School (GHS), where Caleb took food service classes and the Vocational Rehabilitation (Voc Rehab) program offered to juniors and seniors with disabilities gave Caleb work skills and job opportunities. He has built upon these skills that have paved the way for independent living.

Voc Rehab's mission is to provide "support and treatment for individuals living with a range of disabilities that will assist them in realizing their vision of a full and meaningful life." All these opportunities, along with family and friends who wanted to see Caleb live his very best life, guided him to his next life-changing experience — college.

Caleb graduated from Strive U in Portland, in 2017. Strive U is a comprehensive, on-campus program directed at teaching its students necessary skills to live independently in the community. After graduation, he moved into his own apartment in Portland, where he and his cat, Sweetie, currently live.

It has been a journey for Caleb. His mother, Debra Dunlap said, "He has had to navigate some hard things and has done it with flying colors."

May Caleb's story be one that allows other families on this journey to be inspired, and know that it isn't too much to dream of a life well lived.



Caleb with a selection of his photography prints designed as greeting cards. "When I put my eye into the camera, I see nature and buildings close-up. When I take a picture of the clouds, I feel like a cloud. When I take a picture of a building, I feel like the building. I want people who see my photos to feel things too. I hope your eyes will be opened by my photographs and about Down syndrome as well." - Caleb Dunlap via goodeyemaine.com



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HONOR ROLL

North Yarmouth Academy announced honor roll status for the following Gorham students. Highest honors: Lillian Smith, grade 5; Daniel Smith, grade 6; Jackson Bartick, grade 8; Hailey Rickett, grade 9; Carly Sanzo, grade 12. High honors: Gavin Thomas, grade 8; Levi Li, grade 12. Honors: Samuel Grady, grade 8; Wyatt Thomas, grade 11.

OF INTEREST

Maine Behavioral Healthcare's Deaf Services program will present "The Journey as a Deaf Parent" on Thursday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. This is a free, one-hour webinar for parents and caregivers of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, or parents who are deaf or hard of hearing, and providers who work with them. Online registration. FMI: Gile at (207) 619-5747.

The Gorham Lions meet at the Moody's Community Room on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. for the months of January, February, and March. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 22. New members are always welcome. FMI 929-9182.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meets next on Tuesday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gorham Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main St. For more information, please contact the post at vfwpost10879@gmail.com

White Rock Grange #380 at 33 Wilson Road will hold a Spring Vendor/Craft Fair on Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 2 dozen crafters and vendors will offer items for Easter, Mother's Day, Hostess Gifts, Just Because Gifts and more. Follow the Grange at facebook.com/whiterockgrange380.

The Bangor Savings Bank Foundation recently announced the recipients of their 2022 Small Dollar Grant cycle. The Foundation distributed \$119,900 across 26 organizations serving Maine and New Hampshire, including Lake Regions Senior Center in Gorham. The grant award recognizes the work of these organizations in environmental protection, career support, arts and culture, and youth programming.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton hosts a **Haddock Supper Buffet** on Saturday, March 26 at 5 p.m., Suggested donation is \$8 adult, \$4 child, \$20 family. Take out containers and hand sanitizer are available; face masks are recommended for those who are not vaccinated.

White Rock Community Club hosts a **Pre-Order Bean Supper to Go** on Saturday, April 2 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. \$20 for double or \$10 for single orders. Call Fran at 892-9521 by Wednesday, March 30.

There are many ways to give to the Gorham Food Pantry. Learn more at sites.google.com/view/gorhamfoodpantry. Pantry hours are Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

SENIOR NOTES

The Southern Maine Agency on Aging offers a lineup of virtual exercise classes, caregiver support groups, and more. Learn more at smaa.org/events.html, call 1-800-427-7411 for more information.

The purpose of the Gorham, Windham, Westbrook TRIAD shall be to foster a partnership between seniors, law enforcement and the community through education, awareness and activities dedicated to reducing victimization, safety, and security of seniors. Meetings are on the 2nd Friday of each month. FMI or to get involved, call 887-9222.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Baxter Memorial Library's Book Club will discuss "White Ivy" by Susie Yang via Zoom on Thursday, March 17 at 10 a.m. Email nflanagan@gorham.me.us to be added to the invitation list. March Story Adventures for ages 2-5 on Tuesdays, March 22 and 29 take place outdoors featuring stories, singing, dancing, and playing with Ms. Heidi and Mr. Jeff. Dress warm for the outdoors. FMI: baxterlibrary.org

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

UNIVERSITY NOTES

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

The Osher School of Music at USM presents a faculty concert "Viola Music of Women Composers featuring Kimberly Lehman on Saturday, March 26 at 8 p.m., the Portland Brass Quintet on Friday, April 1 at 8 p.m, and the USM Concert Band conducted by William Kinne on Sunday, April 2 at 2 p.m. at McCormack Performing Arts Center. Visit usm.maine.edu/music for more information or call the Music Box Office at 780-5555.

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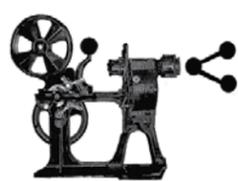
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Officers responded to Primrose Lane for a report of a young male sitting in the grass by the curb. Officer recognized him from a previous call and confirmed that he was all right. He waits on the corner of Sunset and Primrose for someone who picks him up there.

Fort Hill Road caller wanted to know if there had been any reports of a dead cat in the area by Martin's Farm. Officer drove and walked the area and informed the caller he had not seen the cat.

Officer spoke to a man parked in front of a closed business on Main Street. Operator was very upset that the officer spoke to him. Officer advised him that the store was closed and issued a verbal trespass warning.

Brackett Road caller wanted to know what he should do about people hunting on his property despite his no trespassing signs. Officer advised him of his options, and he decided to try to resolve the issue without pursuing criminal action.

Officer issued a disorderly conduct warning to a couple arguing on Austin's Way.

A couple arguing on the side of Huston Road were moved along.

Two vehicles at Fort Hill Park were USM students. They were told the park is closed after dusk and they were moved along.

Vehicle backing out of a driveway on Mosher Road, missed the road and went into the ditch. They made arrangements to be towed out.

Caller reported that while at Hannaford, she was approached by an unknown older male who began asking her personal questions. She did not give him any information and left the store. No other calls were received about a male subject.

Man wanted the badge numbers of the officers involved in his arrest. He was given the officer's cell number and told how to obtain discovery.

Officers responded to Dingley Spring Road for a report of a disturbance. Parties had had an argument that morning. One party threw a pop tart at the other, accompanied by harsh language. No one was injured and no one wanted to press charges.

Brookwood Drive caller reported a car driving by his house multiple times, pulling into driveways. Officer checked the area but did not find any suspicious vehicles.

Suspicious person on Mosher Road was checking for coyotes for the upcoming season.

Cleaner locked himself out of Great Falls School while taking the trash out.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Baxter Memorial Library Book Club discusses "White Ivy" by Susie Yang, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Baxter Memorial Library's March Story Adventures (ages 2-5) from 10-10:30 outside. Gorham Lions meet at Moody's Community Room, 6:30 p.m. FMI: 929-9182

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Maine Behavioral Health "The Journey as a Deaf Parent" webinar. 6:30 p.m. FMI: 619-5747.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Living Waters Church Haddock Supper Buffet, 5 p.m. Osher School of Music Faculty Concert, Kimberly Lehmann, viola. 8 p.m. 780-5555.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Baxter Memorial Library's March Story Adventures (ages 2-5) from 10-10:30 outside.

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USM Summer Youth Music and Theatre Camps, a week of music, theatre, friends, and fun for grades 5-12 on the USM Gorham campus. Easy online registration. Register early, some sections fill quickly! usm.maine.edu/music/summercamps, loria@maine.edu, 780-5142.

Community CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

The University of Southern Maine returns to in-person graduation with the 142nd Commencement on Saturday, May 7 at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland. Speakers will include Dr. Nirav Shah and departing USM President Glenn Cummings. Honorary degrees will be conferred to Dr. Shah, poet Betsy Sholl, and philanthropist Dan Crewe.

The UMaine Cooperative Extension hosts many online events and webinars through an online calendar. Upcoming courses include product safety for Maine growers, food safety for volunteer cooks, rural living workshops, farm tractor safety, weed management, seed-starting, climate change, agriculture, food preserving and agricultural leadership. Registration is required at calendar.umaine.edu/events/category/cooperative-extension/

CryptoVerse SOLUTION FROM PAGE 3

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Median Day on the Market - 10

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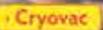
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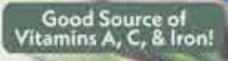
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