

Gorham Area Hikes



by Jeffrey Ryan

Hawkes Preserve Nature Trail is one mile long. The trail is rated as easy, on average taking 25 minutes to hike. The property is managed by Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. For more information visit www.PRLT.org.

This is one of my favorite times of year to explore our woodland trails. Even though our snow totals have been relatively sparse this winter, there's still enough in the woods to cover the forest floor and

the nights are still cold enough to ensure you can walk on top of the snow without frequently having your legs plunge down through it, a phenomenon seasoned hikers refer to as "postholing."

I recently took advantage of an unseasonably warm day to hike the one-mile Hawkes Preserve Nature Trail managed by the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. Located just over four miles from downtown Gorham, the trail provides an easy walk

through the woods that most will complete in under a half-hour.

I started my hike at the end of Tow Path Road. A wooden kiosk marks the beginning of the trail and includes pertinent trail information. (Hiking Tip: If there's a map at a trailhead and/or information about the trail that may have changed (i.e. new section of trail has been added), I take a picture of the map and trail description with my phone or tablet, so I can refer to *See Hikes, page 8*

"Birthday Bag" Collection: Gorham BackPack Program



Roxy Rovin

Roxy, A 7th grader at Gorham Middle School, is working with the Gorham BackPack Program to create "Birthday Bags" that will be distributed to participants of the program throughout the year.

Donations are needed to support the Birthday Bags, and Roxy's initial goal is to assemble at least 100 bags. The items needed include Blank birthday cards; Cake

mix; Boxes of birthday candles; Small disposable cake pans; Sprinkles; Frosting/icing; Packs of birthday hats; Tissue paper; Medium size gift bags; Birthday banners or streamers; Packs of balloons; Small gifts (examples: coloring books with crayons, slime or putty, \$5 gift cards to Target or Five Below)

Monetary donations are welcomed. Checks should be made

out to Gorham School Department and sent to Gorham School Department, 75 South Street, Gorham, Maine 04038, with "Birthday Bags for BackPack Program" in the memo line

Donations of items can be brought to Gorham Middle School by March 31.

Roxy is doing this project as part of her Bat Mitzvah studies this year and has chosen the Gorham BackPack Program as an organization that's important to her. She wants to make sure that all kids who are part of the BackPack Program not only have food throughout the year but can have a special treat to celebrate their birthday, knowing that this may be a hardship for some families.

Roxy's parents, Amy Starr and Mike Rovin, are happy to answer any questions and connect media with Roxy as she takes on this exciting project.

Gorham Library events

The Baxter Memorial Library has lots going on for you and your family!

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Agents from the company's 34 offices in New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont were recognized for their achievements in real estate sales including; Linda Davis, Linda Beaulieu, Roger Begin, Faith Morse, Glenn Garry, Trisha Fletcher and the team members from the THE GINA TEAM: Gina Letourneau, Hannah Clark, Sierra Lemieux, Jane Lidstone, Diane Marquis Monaghan and Judy Prentice; TEAM DUBE & BENNETT: Susan Dube, Lorraine Bennett, Evan Dube and Kayla Larrivee; CYR TEAM: Jane Cyr and Evan Cyr; RENEE'S REALTY NETWORK: Renee Roy, Christie Gravel and Travis Bashaw (Auburn), Les Priest, Karen Ramsay, Stacey Frost, Debra DelMonaco, Joel Alexander, Diane Garcell, Allyson Karter and

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These agents and the firm's other top performers from Maine will be honored at a prestigious awards ceremony at the Portland Doubletree on March 11.

Christopher J. Masiello, President and CEO credits the firm's success to the high cali-

ber of agents who have a passionate commitment to their clients. "For more than 53 years, our firm has been providing quality real estate experiences to clients throughout New England," he states. "Ninety-eight percent of our customers indicate that they would refer us to friends and family. This is a direct testament to the professional expertise and dedication of our agents and the high-caliber service they provide." Overall, the firm closed nearly 7155 real estate transactions in 2019 which resulted in \$1.7 Billion in sales volume.

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Maine Justice Foundation Honors Justice Champions

The Maine Justice Foundation (MJF) has named its five founders as the organization's first-ever Honorary Directors. According to MJF Foundation President William S. Harwood, "Our foundation was established under the name "Maine Bar Foundation" back in 1983, thanks to the vision and hard work of these esteemed advocates, and we are incredibly proud to have them as our first-ever Honorary Directors. This is well-deserved recognition of their important work to advance access to justice in Maine and sets a standard for future honorees."

Referred to over the years as the "Gang of Five," the five founders represented the Maine State Bar Association, University of Maine School of Law, and Pine Tree Legal Assistance and enjoyed illustrious legal careers.

The recipients of the 2020 Honorary Director title:

Phyllis Givertz, practiced family law and worked as a mediator. She gavelled to order

the first meeting of the Maine Bar Foundation at the Roma Café in December 1983, where the first order of business was a proposed contract with Pine Tree Legal Assistance to operate the Volunteer Lawyers Project.

Mary Schendel, recently retired from UNUM, where she served as Assistant Vice President and Special Counsel. She played a major role in launching the Campaign for Justice in 2004, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support legal aid in Maine.

Justice Howard Dana, who practiced law at Verrill Dana from 1967-1993 and was appointed by President Reagan in 1981 to serve as a Director of the Legal Services Corporation, where he championed the cause of funding for legal aid. Justice Dana was appointed by Governor John McKernan to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in 1993, where he served until his retirement in 2007. He helped create and lead the Justice Action Group, a co-

alition of Maine organizations committed to the goal of justice for all.

Judge John David Kennedy, former leader at Pine Tree Legal Assistance, also served as Maine's Revisor of Statutes from 1988-1994. In addition, Kennedy held several positions in Maine's Judicial Branch, including his appointment to the District Court from 2002-2014. Today, Judge Kennedy is Sr. Counsel at the law firm of Eaton Peabody.

L. Kinvin Wroth, held various positions at the University of Maine School of Law from 1964-1996, including serving as Dean from 1978-1990. He also served as a Research Fellow at Harvard University from 1968-1974. Wroth moved to Vermont Law School in 1996, where he served as President, Dean and Professor of Law and today as a Professor of Law Emeritus.

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Estate Team does not allow anyone into their listings that hasn’t been through the prequalification process.

There are many different ways to get your financing; your local bank, credit union or a mortgage broker. John & Janice Real Estate Team recently met and spoke with Aimee Campbell of HarborOne, a Gorham resident with her office in Gorham.

They asked Aimee what she needs for information to get a buyer pre-qualified. Aimee replied, “This process couldn’t be easier to be honest. Once my application is completed, I have the ability to pull your credit history and then review your

income and assets so we can determine a baseline for a maximum purchase price. I then gather up your most recent paystubs, W2 and bank statements for any funds you would be using for the transaction.”

John & Janice Real Estate Team: “If a buyer doesn’t qualify at first what can you offer to enable them to get that point?”

Aimee: “Oddly enough this is one of my favorite scenarios, there are so many people who don’t think home ownership is an option, yet it can be right around the corner! Credit counseling—line by line we will go through your credit report to see how your scores are being negatively impacted. Many times, it’s lack of credit history that hurts you. A 90- or 180-day plan will be created and from that point forward we will “hold hands” and get you to a point of being able re-pull credit and hopefully be in what we call “credit eligible” status!”

John & Janice Real Estate Team: “What should someone expect to have in cash for a down payment?”

Aimee: “The four major loan programs offer a variety of down payment options! However, take into consideration the fact that you also have closing costs which will need to be figured in. The actual down payments are as follows and are based on the purchase



John & Janice Real Estate Team

price of your home (these are for primary residence purchases): Conventional loans: as low as 3%; FHA loans: 3.5%; VA loans and RD loans: 0 down payment. In addition to this down payment some programs require that you show you have liquid funds for what we call “reserves” which basically just means—back up funds equivalent to two months of your

soon to be mortgage payment. Pre-approvals from me are 100% the way to go in this hot market. I do your financial work upfront and make the process quick—another negotiating plus. It basically allows you to show sellers you have done your prep work and are serious about your offer. Additionally, it takes some of the stress out of the process and you are in

a position where you are prepared to “shop” for the house that feels like it could be your home!”

John & Janice Real Estate Team can be found at Bean Group 352 Main Street, Gorham. Contact them by calling (207) 808-9557. Aimee E. Campbell, Cory Scott Team with HarborOne Mortgage, can be contacted by calling (207) 329-6628.

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What's Going On

Grants Available from Frances Hollis Brain Foundation Fund

Grants to nonprofit organizations that serve disadvantaged, underserved, and/or vulnerable communities in Maine are available from the Frances Hollis Brain Foundation Fund of the Maine Community Foundation.

The Brain Foundation Fund awards grants to nonprofits that focus on individuals who live in Greater Portland, Lewiston/Auburn, Bath/Brunswick, and Biddeford/Saco/Sanford, or to organizations with a statewide mission in the fund's focus areas. Grants support early childhood care and education; extended-day learning; community clinics and oral health initiatives; hunger prevention and food security; homelessness alleviation; and legal services connected to these areas.

The application

deadline is April 9, 2020. Online applications, guidelines and a complete list of 2019 grants are available at www.mainecef.org.

In 2019, the committee awarded grants totaling \$141,500 to 21 nonprofit organizations, including:

Community Dental, to support Low-Income Oral Health Access Program to provide oral healthcare services for low-income people living in the Lewiston area

Count ME In, to reduce chronic/at-risk absenteeism in Sanford linked to academic proficiency in early years

MaineHealth, to improve access to healthcare and health outcomes for patients experiencing homelessness in greater Portland.

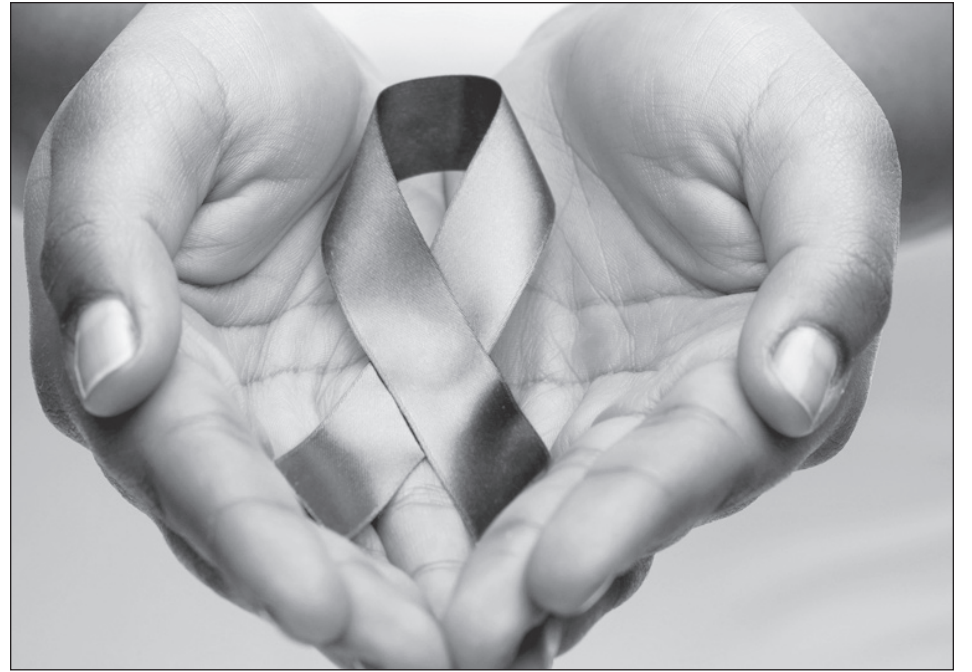
David and Frances Brain established the Frances Hollis Brain

Foundation in 1993 to address social issues and encourage the family's future generations to contribute to the well-being of communities in Maine, Georgia, and Kentucky where they live.

If you would like more information about the fund, please contact Director of Grantmaking Laura Lee at 1-877-700-6800 or llee@mainecf.org.

Headquartered in Ellsworth, with additional personnel in Portland, Dover-Foxcroft, and Mars Hill, the Maine Community Foundation works with donors and other partners to provide strong investments, personalized service, local expertise, and strategic giving to improve the quality of life for all Maine people. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.mainecef.org.

Two-day training on intimate partner violence



The University of Maine Hutchinson Center, in partnership with New Hope for Women of Rockland, will offer a professional development program, Intimate Partner Violence, March 12 and 13 at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast.

The two-day program, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, is designed for social workers, substance abuse counselors and other mental health professionals, as well as clergy, police officers and first responders. The fee is \$150 per person; \$60 per University of Maine student, with need-based scholarships available. A continental breakfast and catered lunch will be provided each day.

The program provides 12 contact hours and include the following topics: foundations of domestic abuse, addressing the lasting impact of domestic abuse, intervention strategies of domestic abuse and trauma-informed and culturally competent responses to domestic abuse.

By January 1, 2021, an applicant for social

work license renewal must demonstrate a one-time successful completion of the equivalent of 12 hours of continuing education or coursework in family and intimate partner violence.

Facilitators include Kelly O'Connor and Jesse Lucas of New Hope for Women.

O'Connor is the education & outreach director for New Hope for Women where she oversees violence prevention programs. She previously worked for the Carter Center in South Sudan, and Oxfam America in Boston, Massachusetts. O'Connor has a master's degree in international human rights and humanitarian assistance from the University of Denver. Her specialties include South Sudan and sexual-gender based violence in armed conflict.

Lucas, the community-based advocate at New Hope for Women, is responsible for advocacy and outreach in Knox and Waldo Counties. She holds a bachelor's degree in women and gender studies from the University of Southern Maine.

Lucas started her career as a helpline volunteer an intern at New Hope for Women.

For more information, to register, or to request an accommodation or scholarship application, contact Michelle Patten, 338.8093; michelle.patten@maine.edu or visit <https://hutchinsoncenter.umaine.edu/intimate-partner-violence-march-2020/>.

The Hutchinson Center, an outreach center of the University of Maine, is committed to offering high-quality professional development programs to the greater midcoast Maine community.

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's land grant and sea grant university. As Maine's flagship public university, UMaine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from Maine and 49 other states, and 67 countries. It currently enrolls 11,240 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. The University of Maine offers 35 doctoral programs and master's degrees in 85 fields; more than 90 undergraduate majors and academic programs; and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campus-wide aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.

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USPS to unveil Maine Bicentennial postal stamp



U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Angus King and Representatives Chellie Pingree and Jared Golden applauded the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) announcement that it will begin issuing a Forever stamp celebrating the 200th anniversary of Maine statehood next month. Last year, on Maine's 199th birthday, the Maine Delegation wrote to USPS to express their strong support for creating a commemorative postal stamp honoring Maine's bicentennial.

The new stamp features the painting "Sea at Ogunquit" (1914) by

American artist Edward Hopper (1882-1967), which is currently held by the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City. USPS' art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp. A First Day of Issue Dedication Ceremony to unveil a large reproduction of the new stamp will take place on Sunday, March 15, at 1 p.m. at the Augusta Armory as part of the Maine Statehood Day Ceremony activities.

"Since joining the Union as the 23rd state in 1820, Maine has made enormous contributions to our nation," said Sena-

tors Collins and King and Representatives Pingree and Golden. "The people of Maine are hard-working and kind, and they exemplify community spirit at its best. With one of the highest percentages of veterans in the U.S., Mainers have also demonstrated their strong commitment to serve others above themselves. We strongly supported the creation of this commemorative stamp honoring Maine's rich heritage, and we appreciate USPS' efforts to celebrate our state's bicentennial. We look forward to seeing this new stamp in circulation!"

USPS last issued a stamp honoring Maine's statehood anniversary in 1970. Maine's sesquicentennial postal stamp pictured The Lighthouse at Two Lights, Maine, also by Edward Hopper. The original painting hangs in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Maine Grain Conference in Orono

University of Maine Cooperative Extension will hold the annual Maine Grain Conference 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., March 13, at the Black Bear Inn and Conference Center, 4 Godfrey Drive, Orono.

Topics for this year's conference include farming grain organically on Prince Edward Island, value-added farm enterprises, malt barley varieties for local brewers, marketing strategies, the role of UMaine's Pilot Plant and grain project updates. Presenters include faculty and staff from UMaine, UMaine Extension and Cornell Cooperative Extension; the Maine Potato Board and Maine Grain Alliance; and farmers, malthouse owners and brewers.

The \$35 per person fee; \$45 after March 3, includes snacks and lunch; registration is required by March 6. Register online. Certified crop adviser credits will be offered. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Ellen Mallory, 207.581.2942, ellen.mallory@maine.edu. More information is also on the conference website.

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Maine Cooperative Extension has supported UMaine's land and sea grant public education role by conducting community-driven, research-based programs in every Maine county. UMaine Extension helps support, sustain and grow the food-based economy. It is the only entity in our state that touches every aspect of the Maine Food System, where policy, research, production, processing, commerce, nutrition, and food security and safety are integral and interrelated. UMaine Extension also conducts the most successful out-of-school youth educational program in Maine through 4-H.

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's land grant, sea grant and space grant university. As Maine's flagship public university, UMaine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community service. UMaine is the state's only public research university and among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast. It attracts students from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. UMaine currently enrolls 11,561 undergraduate and grad-

uate students who have opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research with world-class scholars. UMaine offers more than 100 degree programs through which students can earn master's, doctoral or professional science master's degrees, as well as graduate certificates. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campuswide to conserve energy, recycle and adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.

What's Going On

Bill would help save Maine's struggling recycling programs

A bill heard by lawmakers last Wednesday will help save taxpayers money and improve Maine's struggling recycling programs by asking large corporations to share in responsibility for managing the flood of wasteful packaging entering the state.

LD 2104 would apply a proven solution called Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging that is already being used in 47 jurisdictions across the world, including the entire European Union and five Canadian provinces. EPR creates a structure in which multi-national corporations help ensure the long-term viability of recycling by reimbursing towns for the cost of managing wasteful packaging materials.

"The cost of recycling has skyrocketed, forcing Maine communities to abandon recycling efforts to stem huge price increases that fall on the property taxpayer," said Rebecca Graham of the Maine Municipal Association. "LD 2104 is a step in the right direction by asking producers to be part of the solution."

It costs Maine taxpayers more than \$16 million annually to manage packaging waste because their towns

have no control over the flood of packaging that needs to be disposed of or recycled. 19 municipalities across the state representing more than 211,000 residents have expressed support for LD 2104 because they want to protect taxpayer money and ensure the long-term viability of their recycling programs.

"Nearly 60% of our waste now is comprised of non-recyclable packaging and we have no option except to include these plastics with our household trash," said John Shepard, Town of Union selectman and board president of the TriCounty Solid Waste Management Organization. "LD 2104 will help start us down the path of reducing waste by asking packaging manufacturers to share in the responsibility of tackling the mountains and oceans of plastic trash we are producing and bequeathing to our descendants."

Under EPR, producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can be more easily and profitably managed by municipalities. Hundreds of international brands sold in Maine includ-

ing Amazon, Best Buy, Kimberly Clark, Hasbro, Home Depot, McDonald's, Mattel, Nabisco, Samsung, Tyson, Unilever, and Wal-Mart are already participating in existing EPR programs worldwide.

"Taxpayers have for too long been paying for a waste problem they didn't create," said Sarah Nichols, Sustainable Maine Director at the Natural Resources Council of Maine. "LD 2104 will make Maine's recycling programs more effective, sustainable, and equitable by incentivizing waste reduction and requiring producers to compensate municipalities for recycling costs."

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection drafted LD 2104 in response to a resolve passed by the Maine Legislature in 2019. The bill will receive a public hearing before the Legislature's Committee on Environment and Natural Resources on Wednesday February 26, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 216 of the Cross Building in Augusta.

To learn more about LD 2104 visit recyclingreform.org or listen to a 12-minute explainer on Soundcloud with NRCM's Sarah Nichols.

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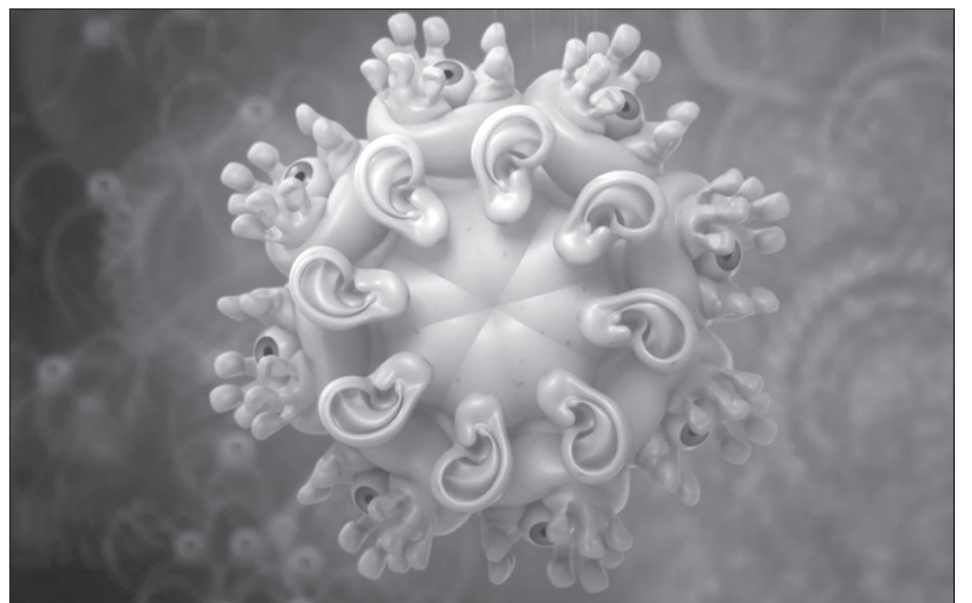
Arts & Entertainment

Gorham Youth transform Library into Candyland



The Youth Services staff transformed the Baxter Memorial Library into a giant candyland board. Families rolled giant dice, hopped through lollipop woods, got stuck in choc-swamp, and ended up in the giant candy castle. Don't worry if you missed it, the library is saving their giant candy land pieces so they can repeat this amazing event in the summer.

Lusus naturae exhibit and performance USM Gorham



Come to the USM Art Gallery in Gorham Maine on Thursday, March 12 to enjoy a live performance in the gallery by USM School of Music students at 6:15 p.m. followed by a brief Q&A with Artist-in-Residence Ólöf Nordal.

This video and music collaboration were performed at the Hafnarborg Centre of Culture and Art, Iceland, 2014. Lusus naturae is a Latin concept; lusus means 'joke' and therefore lusus naturae is a joke of nature, when nature shows its playful side. Lusus naturae pres-

ents a dreamlike vision of the deep seas. It tells the story of the circle of life: the birth of fictional beings, their existence, death, and rebirth. Are they prototypes of life or visions of an inescapable future?

The creatures remind us of the grotesque, a term originally used for vivid Roman murals with monsters and satyrs. Presently, the term rather refers to bad taste, ugliness, disgust or excess, evoking the discomfort we experience when the laws of nature are broken. The creatures

in Lusus naturae lead us into grotesque territory, evoking feelings of discomfort, pity, and unexpected empathy. The shape and construction of the creatures, which are both familiar and strange to us, are puzzling as they comprise different aspects such as humour, horror, and beauty.

The event is organized by the Departments of Art and Theatre, and the School of Music. Sponsored by the CAHS Dean's Cultural Affairs Fund and USM Student Life. It is free and open to the public.

Gorham art studio offers lessons, parties and more!

Owner and artist, DaraLyn McColl of DLynDesigns Studio, located in Gorham, provides a variety of art services, from lessons, to parties, to graphic design, to volunteer opportunities!

Daralyn offers afterschool and summer art sessions for young artists where each student begins at their level and is taught individually within a small group based on their age. Many young artists also choose to have private sessions. DaraLyn provides the young artist the opportunity to plan their artwork, teaching them to slow down and to observe. At the same time, they learn more about their chosen medium and proper art techniques, providing all art supplies.

Nurturing creativity is always the primary learning objective. All art sessions begin with the young artist's chosen subject matter and instruction with specific art techniques in mind. Private art sessions are always individually interest-based on what the young artists wish to learn more in a relaxing atmosphere. Students may review

other's work in a small, informal critique, providing constructive criticism. This process teaches everyone more about what and how we see other's work, and it encourages the proper way to give and receive positive feedback, building adequate communication skills.

DaraLyn provides MinorBrushes Birthday and Group Art Themed Parties, coming your choice of venues with all the needed supplies, including table upon request. The cost is \$150 for children's birthday party of 10 (*Add \$15 per additional child) or \$250 for after school and adult groups of 25 (*Add \$15 per additional child or adult).

DLynDesigns™ Studio has also provided freelance graphic artist services since 2002. Clients receive personal and friendly customer service/marketing collateral consultation, competitive market rates, exceptional quality, press-ready finals sent to the printer of choice, and all forms of digital/web files provided with every project. DaraLyn also provides print bidding services for those

clients without a printing service established.

The studio also assists Gorham High School students with volunteer hours by providing local businesses with window painting for holiday marketing. "It's providing Gorham businesses with unique advertising but also allowing Gorham's young artists to share their talents through community service opportunities," says DaraLyn. "The business owners love it, and the high school artists build their portfolio and community service hours."

To book art sessions, an art birthday party, photography, or request graphic design services you can find DaraLyn on the web at DLynDesigns.com and on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

DLynDesigns Studio Art session times are Monday through Thursdays 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., closed Friday and Saturday and open Sunday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. (by appointment). For more information, contact DaraLyn at daralyn@dlyndesigns.com or 207.332.1342

Girl Scouts of Maine member sign-up event in Gorham

Girl Scouts of Maine (GSME) announces that it will host New Member Sign-Up events for potential members and volunteers at locations throughout the state every month. Below are the event details for Gorham.

These events will bring together girls from kindergarten through third grade and their caregivers, as well as allow them to discover why Girl Scouting is important to the development of girls, how it

relates to the success of young women today, and the important role that adults play.

"Girl Scouts helps girls develop their full potential," says Joanne Crepeau, CEO of Girl Scouts of Maine. "When a girl becomes a Girl Scout, she grows into a young woman who is self-confident, strong and compassionate. She learns how to build and maintain healthy relationships. She becomes more aware of the world around her and uses her

skills and talents to make her world a better place."

These New Member Sign-Up events are just some of the many events that GSME will be holding this year. The member sign-up event in your area is on March 25 at Narragansett Elementary School, 284 Main Street, Gorham, 8 p.m.

For more information about Girl Scouts or to see a full list of New Member Sign-Up events, visit girlscoutsofmaine.org or call 888-922-4763.

Brunswick High School Players present "The Addams Family"



The Addams Family Cast Photo. Front Row l to r: Ariel Siegfried, Helen Walter, Lillian Haberski, Ellis Noetzel, Dakota Ryan, Hannah Driscoll, Carly Mershon, Haleigh Favreau, Bella Carsaro, Zoe Temple. Second Row l to r: Molly Palese, Sean Lyne, Rachel Dumont, Josh Pratt, Rowan Joyce, Lukas Welzel. Third Row l to r: Chantelle Knowles, Tatiana Scott, Siara Ambs, Jack Lowell, Andrew Lyndaker, Logan Whelan, Grace Clendening, Eva Tebbut, Grace Confer, Ezra Chazin-Mills, Samuel Wright, Kolby Matthews, George Walter. Top Row l to r: Liberty Krauss, Charlotte Blakemore, Laura Chavoustie, Hannah Leitzell, Ella Perham, and Audrey Pantaz. Missing from the photo are: Suzette Chasse, Samantha Melquist, Victoria Pulver, Inua Saibou-Baldi

What do you get when the Addams family tries to be normal for a single night, in order to impress the family of Wednesday's secret fiancé? "Delicious anarchy," as Uncle Fester calls it. BHS Players are excited to present "The Addams Family." Book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice and music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa. Presented through special arrangement by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW). This performance is helmed by director/choreographer Linda Gardiner, with music direction by Ashley Albert. The shows production team is filled out by producer/costumer/make-up artist Carla Selberg; assistant costumers/make-up by Scout Krauss and Cornelius Exodus; lights by Paul Wyman; sound by Jud Caswell; set construction by Chris Boll and Dan Allard; And Maddie Wayne rounding out the team as stage manager.

As Wednesday Addams (Rachel Dumont) prepares her family to meet her "normal" boyfriend, Lucas Beineke (Samuel Wright) and his "normal" parents, Mal (Ezra Chazin-Mills) and Alice

(Grace Confer), she reveals to her father, Gomez (Lukas Welzel), that she's actually engaged, but no one can know until after the two families meet. This includes her own mother, Morticia (Rowan Joyce), her annoying brother Pugsley (Josh Pratt), or her ancient and quirky Grandma (Molly Palese). Meanwhile, Uncle Fester (Sean Lyne) has enlisted the help of a singing and dancing ghost army of the Addams' ancestors to help Wednesday, played by Liberty Krauss, Samantha Melquist, Laura Chavoustie, Logan Whelan, Charlotte Blakemore, George Walter, Hannah Leitzell, Grace Clendening, Audrey Pantaz, Ella Perham, Siara Ambs, Bella Carsaro, Suzette Chasse, Hannah Driscoll, Haleigh Favrea, Lillian Haberski, Chantelle Knowles, Kolby Matthews, Carly Mershon, Ellis Noetzel, Victoria Pulver, Dakota Ryan, Inua Saibou-Baldi, Tati Scott, Ariel Siegfried, Eva Tebbutt, Zoe Temple, Helen Walter.

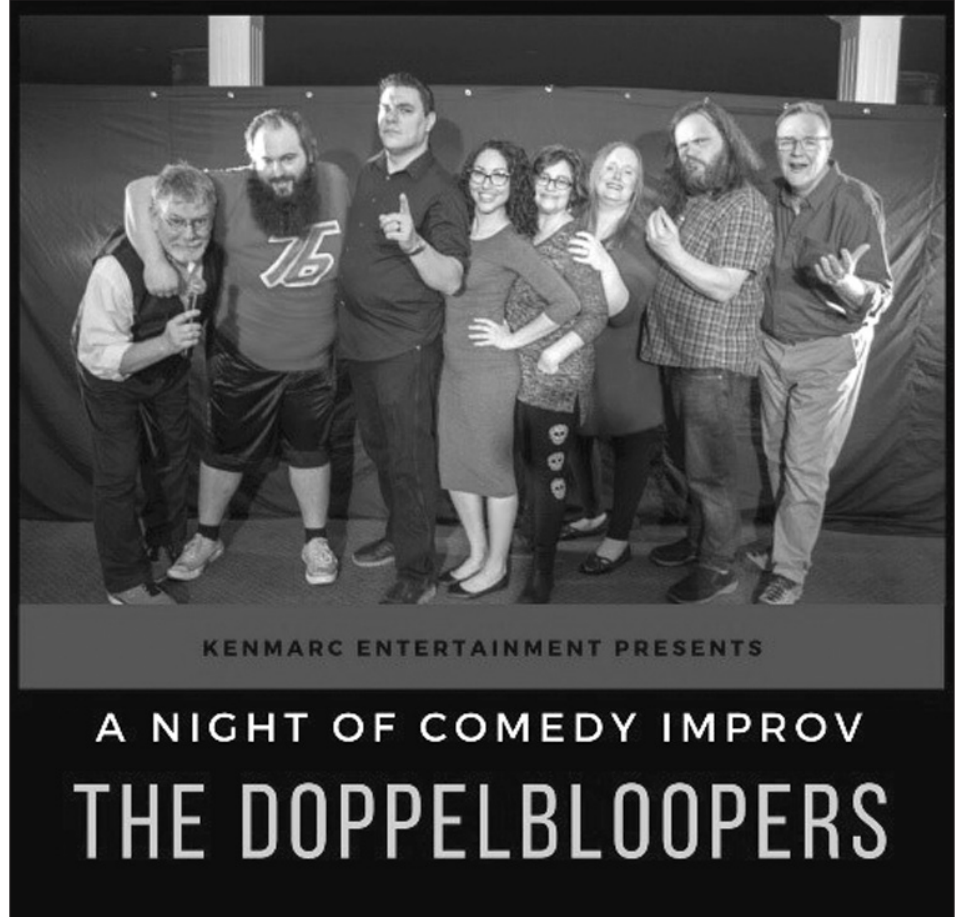
Add in Fester falling in love with the moon, a mishap with a powerful potion, a zombie butler named Lurch (Jack Lowell) and Thing creeping

across the stage, and you've got a show that can only be described as weird.

Behind all the dark humor, however, is a surprisingly sweet story about a parent struggling to accept that his oldest daughter is growing up and moving on. "Delicious Anarchy" may be the perfect way to describe this production. It's weird and unpredictable. It's absurd at times and always keeps the audience on its toes as it moves quickly from one silly antic to the next, but it's always funny and also strangely sweet at times. "The Addams Family" proves that the macabre, medieval torture and a preoccupation with death can be a fun time for the whole family.

BHS Players production of The Addams Family takes place at the Crooker Theater at Brunswick High School and features a live orchestra. The show runs Thursday, March 19 through Saturday March 21 at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. show on the 21 as well. Tickets are available at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com>, or at the door for \$15 per adult and \$12 per students/seniors. All seating is general admission.

Doppelbloopers Comedy at Chocolate Church



The Doppelbloopers are back to play and they've brought more special guests, new games, and even more laughs! Arguably Maine's funniest, improv

troupe, Doppelbloopers offers up hilarious and unpredictable comedy in the 'Whose Line' style.

The show takes place on March 13 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets

are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Seating is limited. Adult themes and content. May be suitable for teens 16+. Parental discretion is advised.

March Irish Heritage Center events

Forget March Madness, March is the Month of The Irish!

Beginning March 5, the Burns Sisters will be conducting a Ceili dance class every Thursday at the MIHC for 5 weeks. For more information email Burnsisters@gmail.com.

Friday, March 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. Opening of Irish art exhibit "Ca Bhfuil Sinn Fein?" This year we are incredibly excited to bring together as part of Portland's First Friday events, current and former MECA artists as they reflect on their Irish American histories and its relation to their artistic practices, identities, connections and collective struggles. Opening

night features traditional Irish and American music by Maine musicians and a reception in the sanctuary. Artwork will be featured at all of our events and during our Friday open hours. Closing reception Saturday March 21, 4 to 6 p.m. For more information email maineirish@maineirish.com

Sunday, March 8 at 1 p.m. The MIHC will be the setting for this year's Irish American Club's Annual Saint Patrick's Dinner. This is a popular event so be sure to make your reservations early! Dinner by SoPo Catering. Live music and performances by the Stillson School of Irish Dance. Cash bar. For more information email club2@irishofmaine.org

Saturday, March 14 at 1 p.m. MIHC and Greater Portland Landmarks will observe the month of the Irish by raising the Irish flag over the Portland Observatory on Portland's Munjoy Hill. For more information visit maineirish@maineirish.com

Sunday March 15 at Noon the Irish American Club St. Patrick's Parade will kick off from the Portland Fish Pier parking lot on Commercial

St. Participants should arrive at 11 a.m. Parade goes east on Commercial St. to Buoy Park. For more information email club2@irishofmaine.org

Sunday March 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. after the Parade Celebration, warm up after the parade with lots of food, fun, music and dancing at the Maine Irish Heritage Center. Cash Bar. For more information email maineirish@maineirish.com.

Tuesday March 17 Saint Patrick's Day, will begin with the raising of the Irish Flag over Portland, join us at 8:30 a.m. on the steps of the Maine Irish Heritage Center as we walk through the old Irish neighborhood and raise the Tricolor at Harbor View Park. Coffee tea and soda bread will be served from 9 to 10 a.m. For more information email maineirish@maineirish.com.

Friday March 20 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Irish Singing and Storytelling at the Portland Public Library, Main Branch. Enjoy an evening of Irish singing and storytelling presented by Kate Chadbourne. For more information visit <http://www.portlandlibrary.com>.

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Hikes

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it as I hike).

The well-marked trail ambles along next to the historic Cumberland and Oxford Canal for a little under 1/2 mile, then heads into the woods, passing through beech and conifer stands along the way. On this sunny day, the chickadees were celebrating the unseasonable day almost as much as I was. Their constant chattering brought a smile and encouraged me to stop and listen for a while. The trail climbs gently upslope until it reaches the Great Falls Elementary School. The trail briefly pops out into the open near the school trailhead, re-enters the woods, crosses a private driveway, then continues gently downhill to rejoin the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Towpath for the hike back to the Towpath Road Trailhead.

It's a wonderful short hike you can take almost any time of year.

A note about navigation: The Hawkes Preserve Nature Trail is marked with green blazes (2" x 6" squares of green paint) and signs with arrows. In winter, many parts of the trail are snowmobiled as well, which makes route finding and walking easier. (Snowmobiles are the only motorized vehicles allowed on the trail at

any time of year.) Getting there: The Nature Trail can be accessed from two locations: The Towpath Road trailhead, with room for one or two cars, is located at the end of Towpath Road off Route 202. Look for the trail sign on the left. Please make sure not to block the driveway of the homeowner to the right of the parking area. More parking spaces are available at the Great Falls Elementary School trailhead. Park at the back of the school's lot, then walk downhill until you see the trail on your left.



Hawkes Preserve
Gorham, ME

The Hawkes Preserve has two trailheads. The main trailhead is at the end of Towpath Road, which is off of Route 202 in Gorham. There is also a trailhead along the northern parking lot of Great Falls Elementary School.

TRAIL DISTANCE
The full trail loop is 1.2 miles.

Legend:
 - Preserve Boundaries (Green outline)
 - Trail (Dashed green line)
 - Trailheads (Green 'P' in a square)
 - Paddle Access (Blue square)
 - Contours (20 feet) (Grey lines)
 - Scale: 0 125 250 500 Feet

Map labels include: End of Towpath Section, Private Property, Great Falls Elementary School, Presumpscot River, Cumberland-Oxford Canal, Towpath Rd, Route 202, Depot St.

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Upcycle Maine Home Furnishings of Gorham



Stephanie Sands, owner of Upcycle Maine Home Furnishings, 18 South Street, Gorham, Maine shares, "I'm so thrilled to share our first two months open in our new location has been hugely successful. We would like to give thanks to our loyal customers and community support in Gorham."

In May of 2018 Sands took the leap of turning her furniture refinishing hobby into a business. She opened her first retail location, previously at 102 Main Street in Gorham. Sands had been in school studying criminal justice full time as well as working for a behavioral health company full time—she was at a turning point in deciding the next steps for her career. In order to make the shop feasible for herself as a college student working

full time and starting her own business, she sought out eight local crafters to contribute to the shop. In turn, this curated a one-stop made in Maine home decor shop. The vendors have become the core of the retail location. Now having expanded to a new location, Sands' shop encompasses the work of 26 local artists and crafters who contribute their talents and wares to the shop. On the third Friday of each month the shop host their community event 'Wine Not Friday'. This open house, from 4 to 7 p.m., includes complimentary snacks, wine, and has really created a social environment for local business owners and residents alike to just come and share in this space. Often the shop's event response then spills over into dinner in Gorham after,

which in turn supports amazing locally owned eateries in town. Upcycle Maine is excited to keep expanding and growing in the lovely town of Gorham.

Upcycle Maine has expanded into other services including custom furniture refinishing, kitchen cabinet refinishing, home design consultations, shiplap installation, faux brick installation and other home renovation projects. They have done jobs from South Carolina, Cape Cod Massachusetts, locally in Southern Maine and up through Bangor Maine. Stop by soon and experience the new shop for yourself!

Upcycle Maine can be reached in store Monday through Wednesday by appointment, Thursdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call (207) 233-4968 or email upcyclemaine@gmail.com. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram @Upcyclemaine-home.



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UUCB Concerts for a Cause Brunswick



Back by popular demand, Heather Masse and Jed Wilson return to the UUCB Concerts for a Cause series on Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick, 1 Middle Street, Brunswick. Proceeds from this concert will benefit Tedford Housing (providing housing and services for the homeless) and Oasis Free Clinics (providing free medical and dental services for those who are uninsured and can't afford insurance)

Maine native Heather Masse is well-known

to audiences as a regular guest on the NPR radio show "A Prairie Home Companion," both as a solo performer and as a member of the Billboard-charting folk supergroup, The Waylin' Jennys. On the show, Heather has collaborated with artists such as Elvis Costello, Wynton Marsalis, Sheryl Crow, Renee Fleming, and Emmylou Harris. She has also performed in many venues and with other popular groups such as the bluegrass band The Wayfaring Strangers on NPR's "World

Cafe," and at Boston's Symphony Hall with the Boston Pops.

For this concert, Heather joins forces with jazz pianist Jed Wilson. Heather and Jed met as jazz students at the New England Conservatory of Music and have been performing together for more than 10 years. Heather's background is steeped in the jazz tradition, which informs her distinct approach to singing folk, pop and bluegrass.

Ms. Masse has released 2 CD's of jazz-inspired folk duets with

Mr. Wilson. The title track of her first solo CD "Bird Song" won her 1st prize at the International Acoustic Music Awards. She also won a prestigious Juno Award for "Bright Morning Stars," her latest recording with

The Wailin' Jennys. "Masse exhibits impeccable phrasing and a lush sound that suggests the sensuousness of Sophie Milman shot through with somber, Sarah Vaughan threads." —Jazz Times.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, \$10 Students/Children. Tickets available at the church office (729-8515), Gulf of Maine Books or online at <https://masse.brownpapertickets.com/>.



Maine Skills USA Championship

On March 19 and 20, over 1,000 Career and Technical students will gather in the Bangor/Hampden area for their annual Championship.

During the two-day Championship event, the best students from their tech centers, middle schools or community college will be going up against each other for the chance to achieve a Gold, Silver, or Bronze medal. Gold winners will have the chance to go on to the

National level in Louisville, KY in June.

Driven by employer demand, SkillsUSA helps students develop necessary personal and workplace skills along with technical skills grounded in academics. This SkillsUSA Framework empowers every student to succeed at work and in life, while helping to close the skills gap in which millions of positions go unfilled. Here in Maine there have

been numerous news stories of the shortages that will be open to these students across the state. To learn more about our event, please visit skill-susamaine.org or reach out to your local Career and Technical Center, middle schools or Community College. Or better yet come join us on March 20 to see first hand the skills these young adults have achieved. The theme for this year is "We're Ready!"

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Tuesday, March 3:

Preschool Discovery Time: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. For ages 3 to 5. All of our Discovery Times are designed to introduce children to books and libraries in a positive and enjoyable way. We use stories, music, and movement to present and enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. Every week we offer 3 different age-specific programs and one all-ages music program. *Discovery Times are not held during regular Gorham school vacations and holidays or when they are closed due to inclement weather.

Baxter Digs Reading: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library is pleased to have our friend Baxter available again! Baxter is a Standard Poodle Therapy Dog who loves to be read to! He will be visiting the library the first and third Tuesday of the month. Call (222-1190) or visit the library to sign up for your 15 minute slot to read to Baxter.

Wednesday, March 4:

Baby Discovery: 9:30 to 9:50 a.m. For Infants through 18 months. All of our Discovery Times are designed to introduce children to books

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Thursday, March 5:

Toddler Discovery Time: 9:30 to 10 a.m. For 18 months through 3 years old. All of our Discovery Times are designed to introduce children to books and libraries in a positive and enjoyable way. We use stories, music, and movement to present and enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. Every week we offer 3 different age-specific programs and one all-ages music program. *Discovery Times are not held during regular Gorham school vacations and holidays or when they are closed due to inclement weather.

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Tuesday, March 10:

Preschool Discovery Time: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. For ages 3 to 5. All of our Discovery Times are designed to introduce children to books and libraries in a positive and enjoyable way. We use stories, music, and movement to present and enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. Every week we offer 3 different age-specific programs and one all-ages music program. *Discovery Times are not held during regular Gorham school vacations and holidays or when they are closed due to inclement weather.

Chess club: 3 to 5 p.m. For ages 11-18. Come to the library for chess club! Boards will be provided along with snacks. Drop in, between 3 and 5 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month, to learn how to play or continue advancing your skills.

Wednesday, March 11:

Baby Discovery: 9:30 to 9:50 a.m. For Infants through 18 months. All of our Discovery Times are designed to introduce children to books and libraries in a positive and enjoyable way. We use stories, music, and movement to present and enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. Every week we offer 3 different age-specific programs and one all-ages music program. *Discovery Times are not held during regular Gorham school vacations and holidays or when they are closed due to inclement weather.

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Thursday, March 12:

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Tuesday, March 17:

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Book club: 10 a.m. Discussion of The Turner House by Angela Flournoy.

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Tuesday, March 24:

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Thursday, March 5
Shakespeare's Romeo and Julieta at University of Maine at Farmington, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students 18 and under, and \$5 for UMF students with I.D. Tickets are available at the time of the performance and can be reserved by calling the Theatre UMF box office at (207) 778-7465.

Thursday, March 5
Snowboarder Kevin Pearce, bran injury survivor, speaking at Westbrook Performing Arts Center, 6 p.m. This is free, but you will need a ticket. Tickets: gwnne.org/35Xp3tz This is an ASL-interpreted event.

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Friday, March 6
Block printing workshop at Bates College Benjamin Mays Center, 95 Russell Street, from 3 to 5 p.m., for children 8 years and older (under 12 must be accompanied by adult). Space is limited, registration required. For more information and to register email eboyle2@bates.edu or call 207-786-6417.

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available at the time of the performance and can be reserved by calling the Theatre UMF box office at (207) 778-7465.

Friday, March 6
Chiharu Naruse to present special piano series at the Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Box Office, calling 689-2000 or online at francocenter.org. Students are admitted at no charge to all Piano Series events, and for this recital, adults accompanying students will also be admitted at no charge.

Saturday, March 7
Surviving + Thriving post-treatment cancer program information session, at the Dempsey Center, 29 Lowell Street, Lewiston. To learn more or to register, visit DempseyCenter.org or call 877-336-7287.

Saturday, March 7
Boiled ham and corned beef supper at 5 Kezar Road Church (near Melby's store) North Waterford. \$10 for adults and

\$5 for youth 6 to 16 with kids 5 and under free. For the benefit of the North Waterford World's Fair. For more information contact Louise Lester 207-894-8185 or louise1@maine.rr.com.

Saturday, March 7
Hayley Reardon performs at Village Coffeehouse located at 19 Gloucester Hill Road, New Gloucester, at 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday, March 8
Maine State Music Theatre auditions for The Sound of Music, at 22 Elm Street in Brunswick, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with call backs if selected at 2 p.m. Audition is for children 8 through 17 years old. Come prepared with 16-bar cut (less than 1 minute) that best shows ability and range. Must bring headshot and resume, and sheet music printed and clearly marked. Pianist will be present. More information and details at www.msmt.org or email auditions@msmt.org.

Sunday, March 8
MIHC setting for Irish American Club's Annual Saint Patrick's Dinner. Catered by SoPo Catering. Live music and performances by the Stillson School of Irish Dance. Cash bar. For more information email club2@irishhofmaine.org

Monday, March 9
March Madness boiled dinner at Lakes Region Senior Center to sign up give your money to Blanche, Gerry or Jan Fos-

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Jumanji: The Next Level (PG-13)	12:30	3:30	6:35	9:25
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Dolittle (PG)	1:20	4:20		
Birds Of Prey (R)			6:40	9:10

ter by March 1. Cost is \$8 for members, non-members is \$10.

Tuesday, March 10
Preschool Discovery Time at Baxter Memorial Library from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. For ages 3 to 5. *Discovery Times are not held during regular Gorham school vacations and holidays or when they are closed due to inclement weather.

Tuesday, March 10
17th Annual Real Heroes Award Breakfast at the Gendron Franco Center, 46 Cedar Street, Lewiston 7:30 to 9 a.m. For more information or to

buy tickets, visit redcross.org/maineheroes.

Tuesday, March 10
Chess club at Baxter Memorial Library from 3 to 5 p.m. For ages 11-18. Come to the library for chess club! Boards will be provided along with snacks.

Tuesday, March 10
Author Matthew Cost and the Cuban Revolution at Auburn Public Library, 1 p.m., in the Androscoggin Community Room. He will talk about his research and writing process and share short readings from his novel. Free and open to the public.

Word Search

Spring is fast approaching and here in Maine we appreciate the warmer temperatures and longer days more than most. With that comes the transformation of our fields, forests, stream beds and even our roadways into beautiful displays of color and texture.

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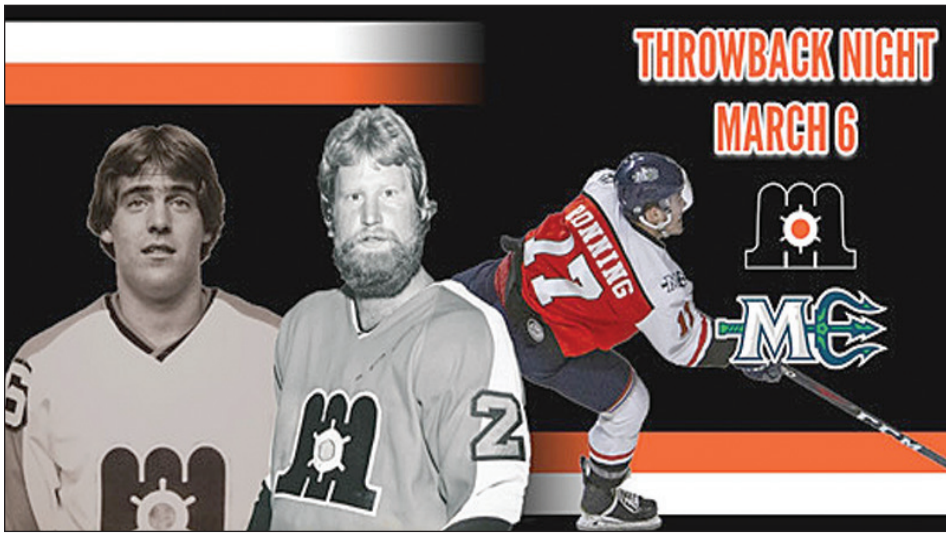
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Maine Mariners Throwback Night



Maine Mariners are throwing it back to the 80's and welcoming back members of the original Maine Mariners Friday, March 6. The Mariners will wear jerseys inspired by the original franchises' white uniforms as voted on by you, the fans! The jerseys are up for auction until the 3rd period on March 6 on the Handbid app.

Gorham HS/MS Music Departments Mattress Fundraiser



Come get a better night's sleep and support the Gorham Highschool/Middle School Music Mattress Fundraiser on

Sunday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.! There will be over 20 different mattress sets on display including top-name brands like Simmons Beautyrest and Restonic Mattresses for up to 50% off retail prices at the Gorham Highschool. Prices start at \$259 and all sizes and styles are available! This is one

day only, so help spread the word by inviting all your family and friends! Every purchase benefits the HS/MS Music Departments! Credit/debit card, cash and checks accepted. Financing is available. No Hassle, just great savings—stop by and support Gorham kids!

Gorham Community Concert by The Pond Lilies

The North Gorham United Church of Christ will host a free community concert by The Pond Lilies at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15. The church is located at the intersection of North Gorham and Standish Neck Roads. Tasty homemade treats will be served following the concert. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Pond Lilies are a local band whose members live in North Gorham and Standish near North Gorham Pond. They formed in 2014 and perform frequently at numerous venues in Cumberland and Oxford counties—from weddings to farmer's markets, from pubs to apple orchards.



They encourage audience participation by inviting members to clap their hands, tap their feet, hum along and even dance.

The band plays traditional-style music from Ireland, Scotland, Québec, Acadia, U.S. and beyond.

Members include Leanne Daniels Cooper, flutes and whistle; Polly Lawson, guitar; Kristin Goodall, accordion and bodhrán; Jodee Davidson, double bass; and Jeanne DiSciullo, fiddle and bodhrán.

The Impact of Gorham Unified Basketball



By Krista Nadeau

What does it mean to be the parent of a child with a disability? We have to call it that for the sake of receiving services that will help our children now and in the future. But most of us think of our kids as having different, fascinating abilities. There are so many "disabilities" and within those there is a spectrum of ability.

As parents, all we want is for our kids not only to be accepted but offered a chance to experience new things, have friends, and feel like they belong in some capacity. Perhaps the easiest way for someone who doesn't understand this is to imagine

all the things they wish for your child—that is exactly what we wish for ours.

Enter Unified basketball. It has been around for a few years and continues to impact the players and the partners in profound ways. It doesn't stop there; it impacts the parents and the spectators in a way that hits us right in the heart. It's where we see humanity, the kind of innate humanity that we all want to see in others. Kindness, compassion, goodness, teamwork, and encouragement—all those are palpable at a Unified sporting event. Unified is defined as be-

coming whole, united, or uniform. In our world today, it feels pretty good to see unity.

Eric Lelansky and Abe Tabachnick are two men who are impacting our kids in a way that words cannot fully describe, both in the classroom and on the court. To say they matter or are exceedingly important in the lives of our kids is an understatement. As a parent of a child with autism, it does the heart good. If you need to see goodness in action go to the next Unified basketball game.

To all the kids who partner with ours—thank you for being their peers, their mentors, and most importantly, their friends. We know that with all of you working together it is a win-win situation.

To Mr. Lelansky and Mr.T, thank you for investing in our children. The Gorham community appreciates you both!

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CANNABIS AND THE ADOLESCENT BRAIN

Dr. Mark Publicker will be speaking about the effects of marijuana on the adolescent brain. This event is proudly supported by the Gorham Action Team for Youth and the Gorham School District.

Gorham High School
Tuesday, March 17th
6 to 7pm

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