

## Gorham Braces for Winter Storm



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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Blood and Platelet Donation Appointments Still Critically Needed Amid First-Ever Red Cross Blood Crisis

**PORTLAND, ME (January 25, 2022)** — While there has been a significant and encouraging response to the dire need for blood across the nation, the American Red Cross needs more people to give in the weeks ahead to recover from its worst blood shortage in more than a decade. Those interested in helping are urged to schedule the earliest-available blood or platelet donation appointment in their area to help ensure accident victims rushed to the emergency room, those being treated for cancer and others who count on blood product transfusions can receive lifesaving care without delay.

Since the Red Cross issued its first-ever blood crisis alert, severe winter weather has further complicated efforts to rebuild the blood supply. Hundreds of blood drives have been canceled across

the country due to winter storms in January, forcing about 6,500 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected.

As February approaches, and the effects from the spread of the omicron variant and winter weather persist, people are urged to make an appointment now to give blood or platelets in the weeks ahead by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Those who come to give blood or platelets Feb. 1-28, 2022, will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, thanks to Amazon.\*

### Employment and volunteer opportunities available

During this challenging time, the Red Cross is also actively recruiting blood collection employees and blood drive volun-

teers who play vital roles in supporting the nation's blood supply. The Red Cross encourages those interested to join us at a Red Cross hiring event on February 10, from noon to 6 p.m. at the American Red Cross Blood Donation Center, 524 Forest Avenue, Portland, Maine.

Based in Portland, Red Cross Mobile Phlebotomists help operate blood drives throughout the community. Applicants will need a valid driver's license, a good driving record, proof of COVID-19 vaccination and must be willing to travel to blood drives throughout Maine. No experience is necessary for entry-level positions.

The Red Cross provides a paid training program. We also offer health & dental benefits, 401K, paid time off – plus a \$1,000 sign-on bonus. Those interested are reminded to bring a resume

the day of the event. Walk-ins are welcome. Masks are required. To learn more about being a phlebotomist, watch this short video: [rdcrss.org/lifesavingrole](https://rdcrss.org/lifesavingrole).

### Blood drive safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

### Save time during donation

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. With RapidPass®, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history

questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass®, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

### Health insights for donors

At a time when health information has never

been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease who require trait-negative blood. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

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For more information or to apply for the scholarship, visit the Mainly Character website: [www.mainlycharacter.org](http://www.mainlycharacter.org).

## Supreme Court Blocks COVID-19 Vaccine-or-Test Requirement for Large Workplaces

Statement From House Republican Leader Dillingham

The Supreme Court

has blocked the federal government's COVID-19 vaccine-or-test requirement for large workplaces. The court ALLOWS a vaccine mandate for workers at federally funded health care facilities to take effect nationwide.

Maine House Repub-


licans applaud today's decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to ensure OSHA does not exceed its authority. In the words of the majority:

'The Secretary has ordered 84 million Americans to either obtain a COVID-19 vaccine or un-


dergo weekly medical testing at their own expense. This is no "everyday exercise of federal power." In re MCP No. 165, 20 F. 4th, at 272 (Sutton, C. J., dissenting). It is instead a significant encroachment into the lives-and health-of

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## Superintendent's Update



By Gorham Superintendent Heather Perry

Good afternoon everyone. It's been another full two weeks of school here in the Gorham Schools and I am happy to be back once again to share the important events and happenings from our schools with each of you!

As usual, I will begin with a picture collage from around our schools - proving each time that I publish one of these newsletters that our students are indeed continuing to learn and grow safely in our schools. Contrary to some of the opinions of teenagers perhaps, I might even dare say these pictures also show our students are HAVING FUN while doing these important things too...but shhhhh - let's keep that quiet and just between us adults! :)

Now on to the other important information!

**NARRAGANSETT CIVIL RIGHTS TEAM STUDENTS PRESENT TO GORHAM SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE!**

The Gorham School Committee was honored by the presence of several students from Narragansett Elementary School's Civil Rights Team last week (and their incredible staff advisors.) They presented to the School Committee about their important work as members of the Civil Rights Team. They shared with the School Committee what their group does, its focus and priorities and then a few examples of their recent work. These students spoke articulately and passionately, sharing the important message I know that we all value which is that EVERY STUDENT is welcome in our schools regardless of their disability, religion, sexual orientation, race or any other differing factor. Their message is most certainly worth the watch! You can check it out by viewing the link below of our School Committee meeting. If you want to skip the boring stuff and get right to the

student presentation, just go to minute 14 and enjoy!

<https://view.earth-channel.com/PlayerController.aspx?PGD=gorhamme&eID=490>

**FEBRUARY - BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Black History Month is a month set aside each year across the United States (and many other countries) to celebrate the achievements made by African Americans in our country's history. It is a time to recognize their central role in making Americans who we are today, all of us. Black History Month has been celebrated officially by our country's presidents since 1976 (Gerald Ford was the first) but its origins date back well before then.

The story of Black History Month actually begins in 1915 when historian Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History

(ASALH). This group sponsored the very first Black history month in 1926. From the very beginning, the focus of Black History Month has been at the community level, encouraging schools and communities nationwide to organize lectures, history clubs, performances and more - all focused on celebrating these essential contributions of African Americans.

There is no question that Black history is American history, but Black History Month offers us all an opportunity to dig a little deeper. Our schools teach our student's American history in developmentally appropriate ways from grades K all the way through 12th grade. Teaching the standards and skills associated with understanding our country's history is something we do every month, but the month of February helps us draw a more focused lens. For example, our students may:

- Watch documentaries and films
- Review primary source materials
- Connect art and music to African American History
- Discuss applicable current events
- Read books about the African American Experience
- Learn about prominent African American figures

These things can be done across our schools in big ways like projects or papers, or in little ways like a story read aloud. The bottom line is that Black History Month allows us all to take a little step deeper. To talk about history. As teachers and as parents this is important. So I thought I'd share a few high quality resources with families who might also want to use this coming month to engage children in these important conversations. Here's a few resources

that you might find helpful (type these terms in your search bar to access them):

- \* The History Channel - Black History Month
- \* Teaching Your Child About Black History - PBS
- \* PBS Kids - Black History Month
- \* How to Celebrate Black History Month With Kids

Additionally I was made aware of what looks like an excellent online event sponsored by the Lewiston Public Library: "Black History of Maine with Bob Greene". This event was held on Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m. and was open to the public.

Please know that the Gorham schools will indeed be digging a little deeper on this important topic over the course of the next month in various ways. Hopefully, through some of the resources provided above, and others that are most definitely out there, families can be our partners in these important conversations as well.

**ONE MORE ADJUSTMENT TO MAINE CDC'S STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) THAT I NEED TO MAKE FAMILIES AWARE OF...**

I had hoped we would go more than 1 week before any further adjustments were made by the state on the SOP, but alas, that is not the case. We have one more adjustment based on a notification sent earlier this week. You can view the full notification by going to this blog online, but the biggest adjustment families should be aware of is quoted from the notice below:

The Maine CDC has done additional research

and as of today is advising that students who have returned to school no days 6-10 of isolation or quarantine DO need to mask outdoors. The Maine CDC has done additional research and as of today is advising that students who have returned to school no days 6-10 of isolation or quarantine DO need to mask outdoors. What does this mean? This means that students who have tested positive, and are returning to school after five days of isolation under the revised SOP must now wear masks for days 6-10 outside on the playground in order to be able to return to school. This is significant shift in practice from our previous procedures, but the MCDC sets the min. standards for how we deal with positive cases and this is now part of the new SOP. We can put additional procedures in place that are more restrictive, but we cannot elect not to follow minimum standards of practice. We will begin enforcement of this new standard on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022.

**TIME TO THINK ABOUT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IN GORHAM!**

Our three elementary schools will be holding Kindergarten Registration informational meetings at each school on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. As the date gets closer schools will determine if meetings can be held in person or must be held virtually so please stay tuned on that piece. In the meantime, you can get links to each schools survey form by going to <https://drive.google.com/file/d/10J7uzz-> See Superintendent, page 11

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# Maine Forest Service Launches Browntail Moth Awareness Month



Webs can look like fist-sized clumps of leaves tied together tightly with silk, or like single leaves hanging onto twigs.

**AUGUSTA, ME (January 27, 2022)** -- February 2022 has been recognized as Browntail Moth Awareness Month in Maine

to encourage people to take advantage of the dormant season of the insect and join together to reduce impacts from browntail moth

(BTM). BTM populations in Maine have been in an outbreak phase since 2015 and the pest cannot

be eradicated. Most areas of Maine, especially settled areas with significant host tree populations such as oak, apple, crabapple, pear, birch, cherry, or other hardwoods, are at risk of infestation by the caterpillars. While long-lasting tree defoliation and branch dieback are major concerns, BTM's microscopic, toxic hairs can cause trouble breathing and skin irritation similar to poison ivy from a few hours up to several weeks.

The Maine Forest Service (MFS) Forest Health and Monitoring Division coordinates with state government, local communities, and directly with citizens to respond to this issue. Winter is the best time to clip and de-

stroy BTM winter webs within reach or hire licensed arborists or pesticide applicators to reduce out-of-reach populations. Comprehensive BTM information and tools compiled by MFS, Board of Pesticides Control, Maine Center for Disease Control, the University of Maine and other partners including research, infestation tracking, FAQs, and educational resources for communities, municipalities, businesses, and healthcare providers, are available on [maine.gov/dacf/knock-outbtm](http://maine.gov/dacf/knock-outbtm).

Follow the Four Rs to "Knock Out BTM" In Our Communities and Reduce the Itch!

**Recognize:** Learn how to tell if the trees where you live, work, and play have BTM. Their winter webs can look like single leaves hanging onto twigs or fist-sized clumps of leaves tied together tightly with silk. Knowing where the nests are in your yard or town can help inform your management decisions. Learn more by participating in the BTM Awareness Month events included below.

**Remove:** With permission, use hand snips or extendable pole pruners to remove webs within reach from the ground and away from hazards such as

powerlines. Protect your eyes and skin from hairs that might be present from past caterpillar activity. After removal, destroy webs by burning or soaking in soapy water for several days, then dispose of the nests in the trash.

**Recruit:** Hire professional help to treat webs out of reach or near hazards on the property you own or manage. Line up help during winter. Licensed Professional Arborists can remove BTM webs in larger trees and shrubs in the winter. In trees where the caterpillars' hairs cause a nuisance and where it is not practical to remove the webs, Licensed Pesticide Applicators may be able to use insecticides during the growing season to manage BTM.

**Reach Out:** If you find BTM in your neighborhood, let your neighbors and town officials know. The more neighbors, businesses, and others get together to respond to the problem, the better the results.

Encounters with hairs from BTM caterpillars can cause mild to severe rashes and respiratory issues. Some people say they experience itching with fewer than ten webs per tree or shrub; others say they have no symptoms from heavier

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In large, heavily infested trees like these oaks removal of webs may not be practical because of time and cost involved in this approach. In trees like this that are a concern from the standpoint of human health or nuisance, licensed pesticide applicators may be able to use insecticides to help reduce impacts from browntail moth.

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**Moth**

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infestations around their yards.

Everyone is invited to participate in the following BTM Awareness Month events or set up community events. Use #Knock-OutBTM on social media to share your efforts. Some ideas for activities include mapping infestations on the town and public properties, hosting public service web-clipping events, creating contests for the most webs clipped or other community, and knowledge building activities.

BTM Awareness Month Events

January 27, 2022, 11 AM

Tune in to Maine Public Broadcasting's Maine Calling for a conversation about BTM. Episodes are rebroadcast at 7pm and past episodes are available on-demand.

February 1, 2022, 12 to 1 PM

Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District will host MFS Forest Entomologist Tom Schmeelk for a webinar discussion on BTM, Emerald Ash Borer and ticks, issues of growing concern in the re-

gion. Register now or contact the district for more information (207-564-2321, Ext. 3.)

February 1, 2022, 6:30 to 8 PM

Belfast Free Public Library will host MFS Forest Entomologist Tom Schmeelk for webinar on BTM and Emerald Ash Borer, two invasive insects of significant concern. Learn more and register on the library website.

February 2, 2022, 6:30 PM

Hallowell Conservation Commission is hosting MFS Forest Entomologist Tom Schmeelk for an Informational Meeting on BTM, open to the public.

February 8, 2022, 12 to 1 PM

Visit the Viles Arboretum in Augusta to learn steps you can take to manage BTM in your area. MFS Forest Entomologist Tom Schmeelk will discuss Integrated Pest Management of BTM. Check the events page on the arboretum website for details.

February 10, 2022, 4 PM

Blue Hill Heritage Trust, Island Heritage Trust, Hancock County Soil and Water Conserva-



Vehicles line the road at a community web-clipping event in Deer Isle. Foreground, browntail web in serviceberry. The more that neighbors, businesses and others get together to respond to the problem, the better the results.

tion District, Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust, and Frenchman Bay Conservancy are hosting a conversation about BTM in the region with State Entomologist and Director of MFS Forest Health and Monitoring Allison Kanoti. A brief overview of the problem and management approaches will be presented. Register for this webinar.

February 16, 2022, 9:15 to 10:15 AM

University of Massachusetts' Cooperative Extension program is hosting MFS Forest Entomologist Tom Schmeelk to talk about BTM and What You Should Know. Details may be found on the Extension's events web page.

February 17, 2022, 7 PM

The Lewiston Auburn Community Forestry Board (LACFB) and Auburn Conservation Commission are teaming up to host an evening discussion on BTM and other invasive pests with Director

of MFS Forest Health and Monitoring Allison Kanoti. Meeting details to be announced. LACFB will be coordinating a field session in March, details to be determined.

February 23, 2022

BTM and other insects and diseases of ornamental and forest trees will be topics of discussion at the MELNA educational workshop in Portland. Details will follow on the MELNA website.

February 24, 2022, 9 AM to 12 PM

The Maine Municipal Association is sponsoring the Tackling Environmen-

tal Challenges in Your Community webinar covering the topics of BTM, Emerald Ash Borer and Vernal Pools. Registration fee. More information is available on the MMA website.

March 5, 2022

Maine Arborist Association is planning a return to their annual in-person meeting March 5 in Portland, ME. Maine Forest Service will provide updates on topics including BTM, forest health and Project Canopy. Visit the MAA website for updates and registration details.



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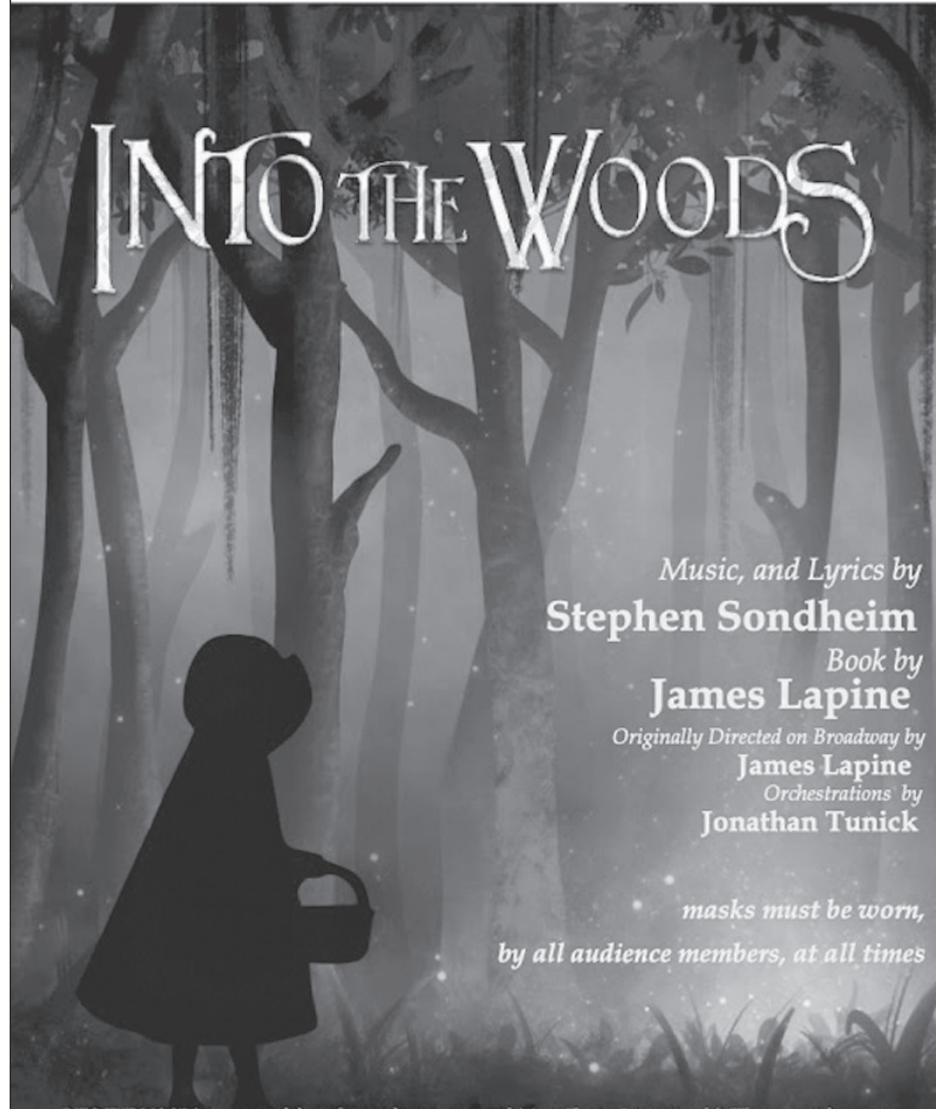
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# Local Adult and Children's Auditions for Maine State Music Theatre

**BRUNSWICK, ME (January 27, 2022)** -- Maine State Music Theatre will hold local adult non-equity auditions on Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 11 AM – 2 PM for MSMT's summer productions. The theatre will hold local auditions for children aged

5 - 12 years old on Sunday, February 27 from 11 AM – 2 PM for the productions of *The Sound of Music*, *Frozen, Jr.*, and possible other shows.

Auditions by appointment will be held at 22 Elm Street in Brunswick. Those who wish to audition should sign

up for a time slot online at [msmt.org](http://msmt.org). Call backs will be held in the afternoon.

Adult actors should bring a headshot and resume, prepare 16 bars of 2 songs that best shows your ability and range (must bring sheet music; accompanist provided).

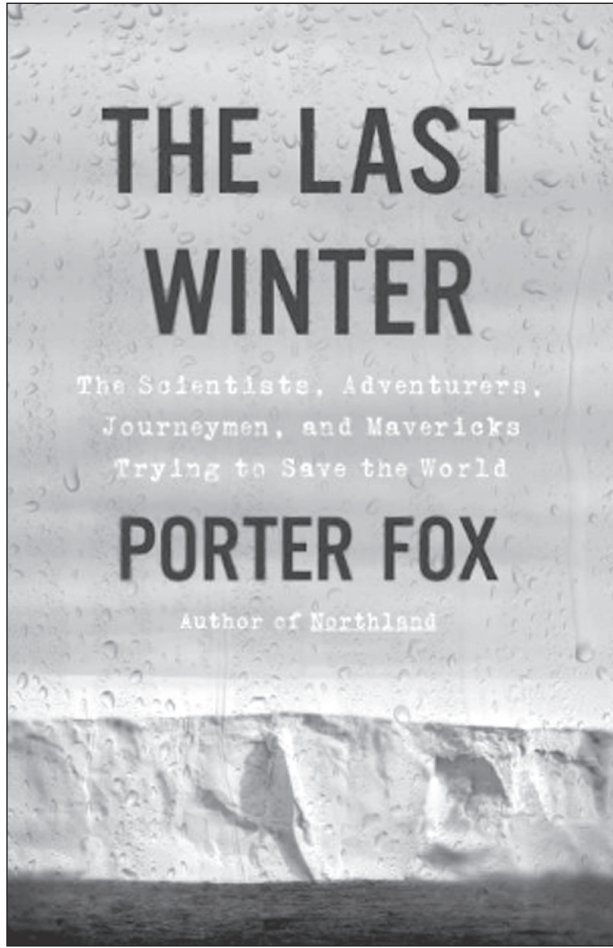
Some actors may be asked to remain for the dance call. Bring appropriate dance shoes. Not all locals will be required to dance in shows.

Children should bring a headshot and resume and prepare one song (must bring sheet music; pianist provided) and may be asked to dance (bring sneakers).

Auditionees must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and show proof of vaccination when checking in. Masks are required at all times inside the building (except when singing). Please visit the website for more details

and all COVID-19 related protocols. Maine State Music Theatre is MSMT is a professional summer theatre celebrating its 63rd season of Broadway quality musicals at the Pickard Theater on the Bowdoin Campus in Brunswick, Maine.

# Natural Resources Council of Maine Hosts Acclaimed Journalist Porter Fox



Journalist Porter Fox

ural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) online with journalist Porter Fox to discuss his deeply researched, beautifully written, and adventure-filled new book, *The Last Winter*, which tracks the scope of this drastic change and how it will literally change everything.

This original research is animated by four harrowing and illuminating journeys—each grounded by interviews with idiosyncratic, charismatic experts in their respective fields

and Fox's own narrative of growing up in Southwest Harbor on Mount Desert Island.

Join Porter on Monday, January 31 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. to hear these tales in person and find out what you can do to take action on climate this legislative session.

What: Zoom  
In: *The Last Winter*

with Porter Fox  
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# Gorham Arts Alliance Senior Outreach Team Expands

**GORHAM, ME (January 6, 2022)** – The Gorham Arts Alliance provides arts enrichment opportunities for all ages. Our senior outreach team

has expanded from 1 teacher to 4 over this past year and we are proud of what we are able to provide for our community. The need is great and we

are working hard to provide creative opportunities for all. We currently offer 6 classes in local nursing homes and a community based senior art class

in collaboration with the Lecky Brown Center (aka Artrageous Art). These classes are in addition to those we also offer through Gorham Adult Ed.



The Artrageous Seniors taking a break from our current stained glass class (also pictured) to take in the photography exhibit at the PMA before the holiday break.



Residents at Gorham House showing off their needle felting projects.



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**Superintendent**  
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z720uerd9wyDfcMwwd-fnoSGrFt/view. There is also a link on that form for pre-registration information. If you have questions, there is also contact information for each school on the flyer - please don't be bashful about reaching out with any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming our new "little rams" this coming fall!

**CONGRATULATIONS GHS NINTH GRADER FOR EARNING A \$1,000.00 GRANT!**

Gratitude and congratulations to ninth grader Amelia Olaru, who has earned a \$1000 grant from The New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts to support GHS Theater! The NYCDA "Your Start in the Arts" grants are awarded to high school programs based on student proposals. Amelia took the initiative to apply, knowing that her director Josie Tierney-Fife was investigating ways to upgrade our MPAC theater lighting. Amelia pursued the process independently, demonstrating impressive dedication to our theater program, and she succeeded! Congratulations and a huge thank you to Amelia -- her work will benefit GHS Theater for years to come! GO RAMS!

GHS PRESENTS:  
INTO THE WOODS  
Speaking of GHS

theater - this is a DO NOT MISS program with at least one very special singing guest! Check out page 6 for details...but definitely make a plan to go see this show! Feb. 4, 5, 11, & 12 at 7:30 and Feb. 6 & 13 at 2:30 p.m. at MPAC!

GORHAM ADULT EDUCATION OFFERS FREE COLLEGE COURSES...

Gorham Adult Education, in conjunction with the Maine Department of Education and the Maine Community College System is offering free college level courses to Gorham Adult Ed. students that might be interested. You can learn more about the program by going here: <https://mainedoenews.net/2022/01/07/media-release-maine-doe-and-mccs-partner-to-offer-free-college-courses-for-adult-education-students/> If you are interested, or have questions, you can reach out to Lori Frederick at 222-1095 or email her at [lori.frederick@gorhamschools.org](mailto:lori.frederick@gorhamschools.org).

WINTER KIDS INFORMATION!

Build a better winter with a family membership to the WinterKids App!

The WinterKids App is filled with dozens of free and discounted opportunities for kids and families to try various winter activities around Maine--with free skiing, Nordic skiing, ice skating, snowshoeing

and much more! They also host Family Days at participating locations where the whole family can get a deal to try skiing or Nordic skiing!

A family membership covers a family of 5 for just \$40! Families can learn more and sign-up at [www.winterkids.org/winterkids-app](http://www.winterkids.org/winterkids-app).

Gorham Schools families can save \$15 on their family membership by entering GORHAM22 at checkout!

The App membership is for children ages 4-17. It's a great way to keep kids active during the winter months without pulling too much out of the wallet!

2022 USM ATHLETICS & GORHAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORT CELEBRATION!

Looking for some fun winter activities for the young girls in the household? This is an annual event sponsored by USM athletics and Gorham Recreation. It runs Jan. 31 - Feb. 4, 2022. Go to

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Well that is it for information for this month. My next blog will be posted on Feb. 4, 2022. THANK YOU!

# Winter Sand Now Available

Did you know Public Works has winter sand available for Gorham residents? It's true, we do!

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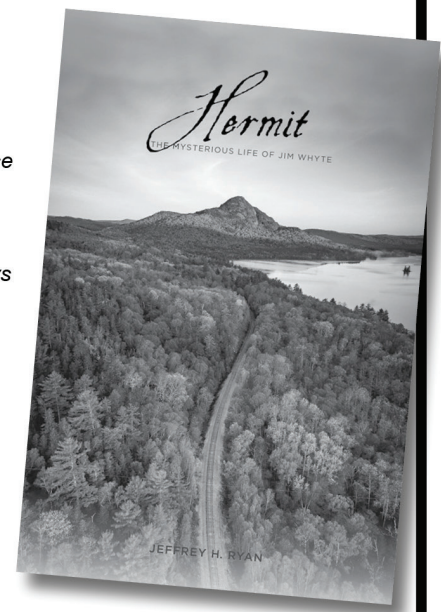
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# New Ventures Maine Announces Online, Tuition-Free Classes in Career Building, Entrepreneurship, and Money Management in February

**MAINE, State-wide (January 20, 2022)**—New Ventures Maine has announced tuition-free online workshops and classes for February that are designed to help people in Maine start a business, build a career, and manage money. The full class schedule with offerings for February 2022 and beyond is accessible at [bit.ly/NVME-Classes](http://bit.ly/NVME-Classes).

Classes include: **Making Career Choices:** Tuesday, February 1, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Ready for a career change but don't know where to start? This workshop will help point you in the right direction. We will cover what to consider when making

a career choice and the resources available to help you succeed. (Also offered Thursday, February 24, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

**Business Basics:** Wednesdays, February 2 – 16, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. This class covers the basics of a business plan, marketing, and cash planning. It will help you assess the feasibility, desirability, and viability of your business idea and get you started with your plan.

**My Next Career Move:** Wednesdays, February 2 – March 9, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Assess your skills, interests, and experiences and relate them to career options. Identify high-growth, high-wage job fields, as well as low-

and no-cost education and training options. The class meets weekly on Zoom for career planning activities and discussion.

**My Money Works:** Thursdays, February 3 – March 10, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Gain the skills and confidence you need to stretch your money, pay your bills, reduce debt, find money for savings, plan for retirement, and set personal financial goals with a plan to achieve greater financial stability.

**Building Confidence:** Thursdays, February 3 - 17, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Whether you are navigating recent changes, looking for a job, starting a business, or simply want to be more

confident, join this class to assess your confidence and learn concrete tools to help you build your confidence and keep it strong.

**Managing Your Money Classes:** Thursdays, February 3 - 17, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Learn to budget, repair your credit, and create a savings plan. Join us for one, two, or all three classes. Feb. 3: Budgeting Basics; Feb 10: Let's Talk About Credit; Feb. 17: Build Your Savings

**Job Search Classes:** Wednesdays, February 9 - 23, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Ready for a new job or a career change? Join us for one, two, or all three of these workshops. Feb. 9: Job Search Strategies, Feb. 16: Re-

sume Strategies, Feb. 23: Interview Strategies

**Introduction to Self-Employment:** Thursday, February 10, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Is self-employment the right choice for you? The class covers the pros and cons of owning your own business, steps needed for start-up, major elements of a business plan, and resources to help you succeed.

**Tax Readiness for the Self-Employed:** Wednesday, February 23, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Learn how to organize your financial records, understand your tax responsibilities, become familiar with tax forms, and file your taxes with confidence. This workshop is designed for

sole-proprietors. For the full schedule of classes and to sign up, visit [bit.ly/NVME-Classes](http://bit.ly/NVME-Classes) or call toll-free in Maine: 800-442-2092.

*About New Ventures Maine (NVME):* New Ventures Maine provides training and individual advising in planning careers, starting businesses, and managing money. A statewide education and economic development program administered through UMA/University of Maine System, NVME helps Maine people succeed in the changing economy and achieve economic security for themselves and their families. For more information visit [newventuresmaine.org](http://newventuresmaine.org).

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## New Ventures Maine Offering Free Business Online Workshop in February

**(January 13, 2022)**—New Ventures Maine (NVME) will offer a free, three-session workshop, Business Basics, to Maine business owners this winter. The class is designed for those thinking about, or in the early start-up phase of, a new business.

Business Basics will be offered online, via Zoom, on Wednesdays from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Classes meet for three sessions: February 2, 9, and 16. The class covers the basics of a business plan, marketing, and cash planning and can help assess the feasibility, desirability, and viability of a business idea.

Karin Petrin, Business Advisor for New Ventures Maine in Aroostook County and a trainer for the class, notes, "If you will be seeking bank financing for your business endeavor or just want to see if your idea will work as a business, you need a business plan. This class will give you the foundational plan for financing, marketing, start-up, or expansion."

There is no fee for

the class, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 386-1664, email [jenn.dobrinsky@maine.edu](mailto:jenn.dobrinsky@maine.edu), or register online at [bit.ly/NVME-businessclasses](http://bit.ly/NVME-businessclasses).

*New Ventures Maine creates an empowering environment for Maine people to define and achieve their career, financial, and small business goals. Through tuition-free classes and individual coaching, people find good jobs, start or return to college, launch small businesses, manage their money, and build their assets. New Ventures Maine is a statewide program of the University of Maine at Augusta, University of Maine System, an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. For more information, visit [newventuresmaine.org](http://newventuresmaine.org).*

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a vast number of employees.'

We urge the Mills' Administration to carefully review this decision and tread carefully in the coming days when considering additional mandates that

do not stop the spread of Covid-19 and further jeopardize the ability of our state to safely recover and ultimately resume everyday life.

Link to the decision: [https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/21a244\\_hgci.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/21a244_hgci.pdf)



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 ent Teacher Fellowship.

**Feb. 7**  
 GORHAM – 7pm  
 Planning Board Meeting  
 Council Chambers

**Feb. 9**  
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**Feb. 9**  
 GORHAM – 7pm  
 School Committee Meet-  
 ing Council Chambers

**Feb. 11, 12, 13**  
 BUXTON – 7pm

Feb. 11; 7pm Feb. 12;  
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For the 7th year, the  
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The Read to ME  
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 month of February, leading  
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 Day on March 2, 2022. The  
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 off the Read to ME Chal-  
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 1st with the Commissioner  
 doing a special reading –

more information will be  
 forthcoming via the Maine  
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For more infor-  
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 Elementary Literacy Spe-  
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# Gorham Lions Donate to Gorham Elementary Schools



THANK YOU to the GORHAM LIONS CLUB for their incredible donation of \$500.00 to each of our three elementary schools to support reading programs! Pictured here are: Ken Aldrich (left), Superintendent Heather Perry (middle) and Jim Burham (right) as the Lions deliver the checks to the schools! Who says Lions and Rams can't live harmoniously???

THANK YOU!

### DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CONSERVATION OPTIONS FOR YOUR LAND?

Join the Town of Gorham, Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, and Maine Farmland Trust for a presentation on conservation options, resources and potential funding whether you own a farm, woodlot, or large undeveloped parcel in Gorham. The meeting will be held on **February 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** This will be an online presentation that will include time for a Q & A.

To join the meeting, use the following link on your computer or mobile device: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84383457014> or join by calling 1 312 626 6799 and entering Webinar ID: 843 8345 7014. To make public comment during the meeting, we ask that you raise your hand using the button in Zoom, or for those joining by phone, you may type \*9.

To learn more about one source of local funding, see the new RFI "Potential Rural Lane Available to be Preserved from Future Development" at

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