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New Trips Offered by Gorham Recreation Department

GORHAM, ME (April 22, 2022) – Gorham Rec. Dept. has new trips planned! Come join the fun!

The Maine Classic Car Museum features 50 of the world's finest motorcars and astounding curiosities. They are New England's friendliest new visitor destination!

Every car has a story, and we can't wait to share them with you!

Travel on our **mini-buses to York Harbor** and enjoy the view at Nubble Lighthouse, and then continue to Fosters for lunch. Meet the resident showman who keeps the crowd entertained with a unique blend of down-east humor and music - and don't miss the gift shop.

This traditional **New England clam-bake** features clam chowder, fresh steamers and Maine lobster with drawn butter, corn on the cob, roasted potatoes and onions, homemade rolls, and blueberry cake for dessert. You may substitute chicken or polenta for lobster.

Hop on the **Mailboat Run!** The locals favorite way to experience Casco Bay. This true working boat carries passengers, mail and freight to Little Diamond, Great Diamond, Long Cliff and Chebeague Islands. This Mailboat run not only delivers mail to islanders, it offers a glimpse of the realities of island life and the opportunity to adventure along Maine's rugged coastline. Narration provided. Bring a small cooler with your lunch/drinks.

The six time Tony Award-winning **Kinky Boots** tells the story of Charlie Price as he reluctantly inherits his father's failing shoe factory. Trying to live up to his father's legacy and save his family business, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola – a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos. Lola turns out to be the one person who can help Charlie become the man that he is meant to be. As they work to turn the factory around, the unlikely pair finds that they have more in common than they ever dreamed possible...and discover that when you change your mind about someone you can change your whole world.

Ready for miles of big waves and thrilling rapids?

Join us for a fun **trip to Adventure Bound** in Caratunk where Registered Maine Guides will share their knowledge of the river as they lead you through the exciting rapids.

As the water flattens out will also enjoy a nice float and stop for a riverside barbecue of grilled chicken and fresh summertime salads.

Barnyard Opening Day is April 30



WESTBROOK, ME (April 22, 2022) -- The Barnyard at Smiling Hill Farm is OPEN 10-5 daily, from April 30, 2022 through October 30, 2022, rain or shine. Admission is \$8.00 per person; infants under 1 are free.

Our season passes are \$58 for an individual, \$110 for a couple, \$165 for a family of 3, or \$180 for a family of 4. Season passes can be purchased over the phone, or at our

ice cream barn/dairy store in the off season. If you would like to add an additional name to a family season pass, it is \$15.

In the Barnyard, we have almost 200 animals including: chickens, ducks, geese, horses, llamas, donkeys, goats, sheep, emus, horses and cows. We have two petting areas where sheep and goats roam free. We also have several wooden toy structures and slides where children are free to play and

use their imagination, the most popular being our train.

We have maps of the Barnyard available, so you can plan your visit.

Lots of farm themed toys, books, puzzles, games and more in our Gift Shop. In addition, you may purchase lunch (11-3), ice cream, milk, cheese, yogurt & other goodies in our Dairy Store/Ice Cream Barn (10-7).

Updates from Gorham Historical Society

GORHAM, ME (April 7, 2022) – Gorham Historical Society would like to announce that we will resume meetings in May of this year! We will be having regular historic exhibits at Baxter Memorial Library, Tuesday May 10th the program will start at 5pm at the library; the theme is the Gorham Train Station.

We will have a business meeting in June to review finances and elect officers.

We have several positions open if you would like to join and help. We take the summer off and then meet again in September, October (This is our annual meeting) and November.

Our calendars are still on sale at the Baxter Memorial Library and Town Hall Clerks Office.

Our new website is: www.gorhamhistoricalsociety.org

The archives can be reached via email at: archives@gorhamhistoricalsociety.org

To join, please mail a check to: Gorham Historical Society; P.O. Box 141; Gorham, ME 04038. Include email address and telephone number.

Hope to see you in May!

The Maine Wildlife Park is seeking VOLUNTEERS for the 2022 season!

The Park needs **Snack Shack Attendants** and
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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

HEY HANDSOME Opens this First Friday Art Walk

PORTLAND, ME (April 22, 2022) -- HEY HANDSOME! Yeah, you! Do we have an exhibition in store for you! Maine Craft Portland, a Shop Maine Craft retail gallery, proudly presents a group

show of unique leather jackets, belts, jewelry and accessories for the rugged, the masculine, and anyone seeking to look their handsomest this summer and beyond! This two-month-long show includes

the work of 20 craft artists catapulting us into a new paradigm of wearables, locally designed and created.

A fun silver lining of the pandemic has been the opportunity to witness the shift of wardrobes from

traditional business casual to a more casual style filled to the brim with unique, personal expression. The ability to work from home allowed many people of all genders to find and experience the freedom to

experiment in the creation of their own personal style with a new flare, often through more sustainable means.

What: HEY HANDSOME! A Show of Rugged Attire & Accessories

When: May 6 - June 26, 2022

Where: Maine Craft Portland, 521 Congress Street, Portland, ME

Opening Reception: May 6, 2022 5-8 PM with musical guest Bass Electrix

MSMT Amazing Technicolor Yard Sale Seeks to Dazzle

BRUNSWICK, ME (April 20, 2022) -- "This is a yard sale like no other you have been to!" enthuses, MSMT Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark. "It is huge and filled with all sorts of exciting things. It really offers a kaleidoscope of riches!"

As its name (a reference to MSMT's 2nd main stage show) implies, MSMT's Amazing Technicolor Yard Sale, scheduled for Saturday April 30 (free admission) from 9 AM - 2 PM, is slated to offer treasure seekers and bargain hunters an array of pre-owned objects for sale to

benefit the theatre's Revival Fund as MSMT prepares to return to the Pickard Theater in June. The entire proceeds from the all-volunteer event - a first-time effort for MSMT - will help the theatre produce their first full season since 2019.

"The idea for the sale was born of a wish to do more financially for MSMT after two such difficult years," says David Mosley, who together with Deborah Peet have chaired the project. "While neither of us had more dollars to donate, we could give of our time. It snowballed from there." The committee, which also

included Bunny Andrews, Margy Burroughs, Sue Fitzgerald, Andy Masland, Sheila Wiken, and Edie Kilgour, representing MSMT's Angels who will help staff the event, has spent innumerable hours for the past three months, collecting, curating, pricing, and organizing the donations for the sale.

For Mosley, the joy of all this work has not only been in benefiting the Revival Fund, but also having "the opportunity to engage with our community about MSMT." He cites as one of his favorite conversations this quote from

an MSMT patron, "We are helping you because you are helping yourselves. It is so apparent," Mosely continues, "that there are so many people who wish to help an organization they care so much about."

The event will take place at MSMT's 22 Elm Street facilities where five large rooms are filled to the brim with furniture, rugs, sports equipment, electronics, home and holiday décor, china, glassware, fine art, antiques, and vintage objects. "There is something for everyone," Peet opines, "and we look forward to seeing everyone

there."

A special Preview Night on April 28, 2022 from 5 PM - 7:30 PM (\$20 admission), will allow customers an opportunity to purchase goods before the official sale officially opens on Saturday. And if shopping whets the appetite, Chef (and MSMT actor) John Edmonds will be serving homemade clam, seafood, and specialty chowders for purchase at the event with proceeds benefiting MSMT.

Clark hopes the sale will be just the first of a series of events and productions that "say to the

community and to the world 'MSMT is back celebrating live musical theatre in all its colorful splendor.'"

For more information, or to buy tickets to MSMT's 2022 season, visit msmt.org/yard-sale or call 207-725-8769.

Details:

MSMT's Amazing Technicolor Yard Sale (free admission) Saturday April 30; 9 AM - 2 PM; 22 Elm Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011

Preview Night (\$20 admission); April 28, 2022; 5 PM - 7:30 PM; 22 Elm Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011

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Pottery Tour Celebrates Maine's Unique Pottery and its Artists

MAINE (April 22, 2022) -- Springtime in Maine can mean daffodils or snow, and sometimes both, but the first weekend in May has meant the Maine Pottery Tour for a decade.

The 10th annual Maine Pottery Tour welcomes visitors on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, 2022. The self-guided Tour is an opportunity to enjoy spring in Vacationland and the hospitality of local potters in their studios. Eagerly anticipated by all who enjoy handmade pottery, as well as anyone looking for a special and unique Mother's Day gift.

Nearly 60 pottery studios around the state are organized into 4 regions, allowing several studios to be visited in a single outing. It's a fun chance to meet the artists, peek in the kilns, see demonstrations, and shop for pot-

tery and other handmade goods. Interactive maps of each region are available at MainePotteryTour.org.

About the Tour

The tour's goal is to make people aware of the potters in the state and to cultivate an appreciation and affection for handmade pots. Because of the tour, eating, drinking, and serving from one-of-a-kind plates, mugs, bowls, pitchers, platters and casseroles has become standard practice for large numbers of people. Once you drink morning coffee from a handmade mug, a production cup seems lackluster. Pots are uniquely intimate. What other art form do you raise to your lips, cradle in your hands, and trust with your food?

Don't need anything for the food and drink? You will be surprised and delighted by the artists who

sculpt, make tiles, vases, planters and other visual treats.

It's amazing what a lump of clay can do, in the right hands.

Funded in part by a grant from the Maine Arts Commission, an independent state agency supported by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Portland Area: Adrian King Pottery (Portland); Bentley Pottery (Portland); Heather Abt (Portland); Peepor Studio (Scarborough); Portland Pottery (Portland); Tall Pines Pottery (Westbrook).

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Superintendent's Update



By Gorham Schools Superintendent Heather Perry

GORHAM, ME (April 15, 2022) -- April break has arrived! Let's hope Maine's weather cooperates and we can all get a little bit more of that fresh spring air this upcoming week.

I thought it would be important to once again provide a snapshot into some of the incredible images from across our schools from the past few weeks...check them out!

On to the updates...
APPROVED 2022-23 GORHAM SCHOOL CALENDAR

I know folks have been eagerly awaiting the final results of our more recent school calendar discussions. After some very thorough discussions regarding our originally proposed school calendar, the School Committee voted last night to approve of the 2022-23 School Calendar with **NO ADDITIONAL EARLY RELEASE DAYS ADDED**. This means we will keep the already pre-existing 8 early release day schedule and add no more.

You can view a copy of the newly approved 2022-23 Gorham School Calendar by going to our website.

The civic dialogue

regarding our proposed 2022-23 calendar was very respectful and helpful. The School Committee and the vast majority of community members who shared their thoughts understood that there is a significant need for more professional development time for our teachers as we continue to do the hard and laborious work of picking up the instructional pieces of a 2+ year long pandemic. That understanding and support came through loud and clear in the process which was greatly appreciated. At the end of the day the priority that trumped all was ensuring that the time our incredible teachers spend with our incredible students was not reduced. A very good outcome indeed.

The School Committee will continue to work with administration and with our staff to seek out other creative means through which we may be able to increase professional development time while not lessening overall instructional time with students. These conversations will be ongoing and may impact future calendar conversations, but for now, next year's calendar is linked on our website.

Once again, **THANK YOU** to all who engaged in this important conversation.

It was truly heartwarming to read emails that may have been in disagreement with original proposals by the administration but did so in a supportive, caring and respectful manner. It really does make all the difference in the world when we can engage in and model appropriate civil discourse. Another great example from Gorham on how to do things right!

PROPOSED 2022-23 GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET UPDATE

The Gorham School Committee voted last night 5-2 in support of the proposed FY 23 Budget. That proposed budget totals \$48,015,345.00 which is an increase of \$3,747,202.00 or 8.46%. At this time, the estimated impact on the mil is an increase of \$1.19 or 9.43%.

The big cost drivers for this proposed budget are as follows (note: these are approximate numbers):

- Status quo costs (maintaining existing staff, which includes 8% increase on health insurance premiums) \$1,335,000.00
- Additional staffing costs associated with maintaining competitive employment environments - \$250,000.00
- Increased energy costs - \$180,000.00
- New Bond Payment for Narr. Modular Project - \$520,000.00
- Increased Special Education Costs - \$350,000.00
- Increased custodial services costs - \$60,000.00
- New Initiatives (not special education) - \$700,000.00
- Increased costs w/ new revenue streams to offset - \$150,000.00

You can see a more complete list of draft budget additions by going to our website.

The originally proposed budget had an increase of over 14% in

expenditures and an anticipated impact to the community mil rate of plus 21%, but the School Committee has worked diligently over the course of the past 5 full budget workshop meetings to reduce that original request by more than \$2 million dollars.

You can see a more complete list of draft budget reductions by going to our website.

If you are interested in learning more about the proposed FY 23 School Budget and how it came to be, I'd encourage you to check out our website. You can view the original budget booklet presented to the School Committee. You can view the videos of four of the five budget workshop meetings (we didn't record the full day Saturday one as we didn't think too many people would want to watch 5 hours or more at a time), and you can go to our website to view the meeting from Wed. night where the School Committee talked about the budget proposal before making their final votes (Note: It sometimes takes a few days for Georgia to post the recording online so if you don't see it listed, just wait a day or two and it will pop up). Next week we will post the Town Council Budget booklet on our website for viewing as well.

Next steps in the budget approval process are:

- Proposed FY 23 Budget Booklets will be created and presented to the Town Council by April 20, 2022.
- A joint budget presentation and budget workshop meeting between the School Committee and Town Council will be held on the night of May 10, 2022 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers.
- The Town Council will vote on the proposed budget on June 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers.
- Voters will vote

to approve of a proposed budget via the budget validation referendum on June 14, 2022.

Please stay tuned for additional information as we continue to move through this important process and as always - if you have questions, please reach out directly to me via email to ask (heather.perry@gorhamschools.org). I'm always happy to answer questions honestly and transparently and (more often than not) much more accurately than social media!

CONTINUED COVID 19 AWARENESS ENCOURAGED

It has now been over a month since we were able to move forward in making masking optional for students and staff. I continue to hear many express appreciation and a sense of relief that that is no longer a requirement. Masking has indeed become a personal choice, and one that is well respected across all of our schools.

I would, however, be remiss if I didn't take a moment to remind folks that just because we have moved to making masking optional does not mean that COVID has disappeared. The COVID 19 virus is still very much "present" in our lives. That statement is not intended to frighten anyone, but to simply remind folks to continue to be vigilant and use common sense approaches to making sure we are doing what we can to continue to minimize its impact upon our lives.

First, remember that those daily screening checks are still very important. If you have symptoms - and we all know what

they are by now - stay home and consider getting tested. Reach out to our school nurses with questions, and keep an eye on our COVID 19 daily data reporting. If you see cases start to go up, keep a closer eye on those symptoms, be more "suspicious" and if you want, consider adjusting behaviors. Just because you chose to remove the mask in March, does not mean you can't choose to put it back on in April during a particularly high point of active cases. Finally, if your child tests positive, please report that to the school so that we are aware and continue to monitor for potential spread. We no longer do specific contact tracing; however, if we become aware of 3 confirmed positive cases of COVID 19 in a single classroom within a 5 school day period, we will send letters home to families letting you know so that you can be even more vigilant.

The Maine Department of Education and Maine CDC has also recently announced that schools can order 2 testing kits for each student and staff member. We have placed our order and expect to get these tests kits later this spring. We are unsure when exactly they will arrive, but when they do, we'll determine if we give them out then or perhaps wait and utilize them for the safe re-opening of schools this fall. We will see what the timing looks like on that and go from there.

In the meantime, it may be a good idea to also consider picking up some home tests for use on the Sunday before returning from April break. With a whole week of travel, or *See Superintendent, page 11*

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Auburn Girl Scout Troop 5043 Holds Cookie Drive-Thru

AUBURN, ME (April 14, 2022) – On April 10, Michelle Gosselin Ervin of Fontaine Family sponsored a Girl Scout Cookie Drive Thru Booth for Auburn Troop 5043. The Girl Scouts sold over 250 boxes of cookies and collected over 100 boxes of donations for Frontline Workers!



Cookie Props on Center Street; left to right: Tamra Lambert, Clara and Katie Kauffman, Jamie Ribisi-Brale, Bella Lambert, Evelyn Irish, Ellie Kaufmann. Photo by Michelle Gosselin Ervin.



Danielle Fortin Garneau and Michelle Gosselin Ervin. Photo by Michelle Gosselin Ervin.



Tim Ervin, Marlene & Tom Jolicoeur and Wicki who was all smiles too. Photo by Michelle Gosselin Ervin.



Crystal Bergeron and Troop Leader Jamie Ribisi-Brale. Photo by Michelle Gosselin Ervin.



Mona Ervin with Troop Leader Jamie Ribisi-Brale. Photo by Michelle Gosselin Ervin.



Dea Logan and Troop Leader Jamie Ribisi-Brale. Photo by Michelle Gosselin Ervin.

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Pelletier to Receive Honorary Degree from Husson University

BANGOR, MAINE (March 25, 2022) – Husson University will hold its 2022 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, starting at 10:30 a.m. During the ceremony, Husson University will pay special tribute to Sandra Pelletier, the chief executive officer (CEO), president, and executive director of Evofem Biosciences (Nasdaq: EVFM) of San Diego, California.

“Saundra is a role model, who continues to exemplify Husson values in her successful career,” said Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA, president of Husson University. “Originally from Caribou, Maine and now living on the West Coast, she’s an outspoken champion for reliable and sustainable healthcare access for women and girls. Saundra has set a new standard for our graduates who can look to her as a source of successful inspiration. From her humble begin-

nings, Saundra continues to achieve success through hard work and persistence. Her record of developing and delivering innovative women’s reproductive health products makes her accomplishments more than deserving of this honor.”

Assisting with the hooding of the honorary degree recipient will be John Rohman, chair of the Husson University Board of Trustees. “Bestowing an honorary degree on Saundra is certainly fitting. It’s the highest honor Husson University can bestow,” said Rohman. “In addition to serving on the University’s Board of Trustees from 2013 - 2016, she has endowed a scholarship for deserving female students from Aroostook County, where she grew up. She’s also the author of Saddle Up Your Own White Horse, a motivational book designed to help women. Saundra is clearly an unforgettable force of energy

who blends substance and excitement with straight talk and refreshing opinions.”

Pelletier attended and graduated from Caribou High School. After graduating, she attended the New England School of Communications. She later attended Husson College and earned her degree in business.

“Husson provided the nurturing and safe environment that allowed me to test different ideas and thoughts,” Pelletier said. “Husson faculty offered the right mixture of mind-expanding education and perspectives with the encouragement to use those learnings to better myself and topple the boundaries I’ve encountered since graduating. I look forward to returning to my alma mater to meet the graduates and celebrate their achievements with them, as another class of Eagles goes out to better our world.”

Pelletier is a single

mother, daughter, breast cancer conqueror, CEO, and true trailblazer. As one of the most dynamic women in today’s biotech industry, she leads Evofem Biosciences, a company revolutionizing women’s healthcare with game-changing products meeting the unmet needs of women. Under her leadership, Evofem launched Phexxi, the first and only FDA-approved, non-hormonal, on-demand birth control, and she is spearheading the development of innovative science to prevent the most common sexually transmitted infections diagnosed in the United States.

Her leadership is responsible for the company’s rapid growth and evolution, including Evofem’s transition to the public market in January 2018, and multiple equity financing rounds that have raised more than \$500 million.

Previously, Pelletier founded WCG Cares, a global non-profit that cre-

ated sustainable supply chains and delivered women’s reproductive health products in more than 100 countries. Saundra is a director at TRACON Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and she is also a director at The Center for Community Solutions, a non-profit organization focused on ending domestic violence.

Ms. Pelletier was diagnosed with late-stage breast cancer in July 2018 and continued running Evofem while undergoing multiple surgeries and intensive chemotherapy. In addition to her roles as CEO and single mother of a 14-year-old son, she is also active in her community through such organizations as Padres Pedal the Cause.

Pelletier will receive her honorary degree as part of Husson University’s 123rd Annual Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the Cross Insurance Center. The Cross Insurance Center is located at 515 Main

Street in Bangor, Maine.

For more than 120 years, Husson University has shown its adaptability and strength in delivering educational programs that prepare future leaders to handle the challenges of tomorrow through innovative undergraduate and graduate degrees. With a commitment to delivering affordable classroom, on-line and experiential learning opportunities, Husson University has come to represent a superior value in higher education. The hallmarks of a Husson education include advanced knowledge delivered through quality educational programs. According to a recent analysis of tuition and fees by U.S. News & World Report, Husson University is one of the most affordable private colleges in New England. For more information about educational opportunities that can lead to personal and professional success, visit Husson.edu.

New Ventures Maine Offers Free Classes

MAINE, STATE-WIDE (April 22, 2022)—New Ventures Maine has announced tuition-free online workshops and classes for May that are designed to help people in Maine gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to start a business, build a career, and manage money.

The full class schedule with offerings for May 2022 and beyond is accessible at bit.ly/NVMEClasses.

Classes include:

Grow Your Business Online: Self-paced; complete by May 31, 2022. Gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to create a compelling web presence & website for your small business.

Making Career Choices: Tuesday, May 3, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Ready for a career change but don’t know where to start? This workshop will point you in the right direction. We will cover what

to consider when making a career choice and resources to help you succeed. (Also offered May 25, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

Managing Your Money Classes: Tuesdays, May 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. May 3: Budgeting Basics; May 10: Let’s Talk About Credit; May 17: Build Your Savings.

Connecting Women to Construction Careers: Wednesday, May 4, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. This 90-minute virtual session is designed for women and underrepresented workers to explore high-wage careers within the construction trades as well as low-cost or no-cost training programs and job opportunities.

Introduction to Self-Employment: Thursday, May 5, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Is self-em-

ployment 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. (Also offered June 1, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

Building Confidence: Wednesdays, May 11 – 25, 10:00 – 11:30 a.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.

Business Basics: Wednesdays, May 11 - 25, 6:00 – 7:00 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 Money Works: Wednesdays, June 1 - 29, 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 financial goals with a

plan to achieve greater financial stability.

My Next Career Move: Self-paced; enroll by June 1, complete by August 31, 2022. Assess your skills, interests, and experiences and relate them to career options. Identify high-growth

job fields, explore education and training options. Strengthen your resume for a targeted job search.

For the full schedule of classes and to sign up, visit bit.ly/NVMEClasses or call toll-free in Maine: 800-442-2092.



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Gorham Taste Walk Set for June 5th

GORHAM, ME (April 22, 2022) -- Sunday, June 5th from 11-2PM come walk around Gorham,

visit local businesses, try some food, and win prizes from some of your favorite spots to eat or shop! Maps

are \$5. Pick up at Robie Gym lawn (aka Preble St. Common) on the day of the event!



Video Game Expo Hosted by Esports Business Students



AUBURN, ME (April 20, 2022) -- Esports business students are running a Video Game Expo event as part of their final project. Flyers were sent

out to every Maine high school in Southern Maine, and high school juniors and seniors may participate in the esports tournament. The rest of the event is

open to the general public. Come up, play some vintage games, and take a walk down memory lane. We'll also be fundraising for Community Concepts.

Goodwill Unboxes Huge Investment in Sustainability

GORHAM, ME (April 22, 2022) — This Earth Day, Goodwill Northern New England is reducing waste by investing \$1.5 million in new methods of storing and transporting clothing and household donations. For years, the nonprofit used big cardboard boxes and wooden pallets to move items, and large metal racks to store the boxes. Starting this week, Goodwill now will

use much more sustainable materials that are safer for employees, waste less material, and save money by being so durable. Goodwill expects this sustainability project to pay for itself in less than three years.

Every single shirt donated to Goodwill goes into one of these cardboard boxes before hitting a sales floor — the scope of this project is huge.

“Our donation centers

and warehouses use tens of thousands of these large cardboard boxes each year,” said Kossi Gamedah, the Senior Vice President of Retail, Logistics, and Supply Chain Operations. “This investment will improve the work environment for our teammates, and reduce our expenses and carbon footprint. By reducing expenses, we can invest more in Goodwill’s programs that

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DOD Announces STEP FORWARD Campaign

Press Release by the US Department of Defense (April 11, 2022) -- As part of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM), the Department of Defense (DOD) launches its STEP FORWARD campaign. This year's theme, "STEP FORWARD. Prevent. Report. Advocate," is a call to action for everyone in the Department to do their part to prevent sexual assault and encourage greater assistance seeking.

Commemorated every April by both civilian and military communities, DOD observes Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month to emphasize the link between military readiness and healthy unit climate. Over a decade of research demonstrates that sexual assault occurs less of-

ten in units where members support and respect each other. Data further shows that sticking up for someone who is being hazed, bullied, harassed or abused sends a strong message that helps improve climates.

"We are all very different people that come together in the service of our country. The STEP FORWARD campaign recognizes that each of us in the military community can take action to make our units safer," said Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office Acting Director Dr. Nate Galbreath. "Prevention starts with recognizing that our day to day interactions, when respectful, can snowball into making the military a great place to work and live."

Elizabeth Foster, Executive Director, Office of

Force Resiliency said, "We are laser focused on change that benefits our people and our military's effectiveness. The destructive impact of a sexual assault is felt at the individual level and beyond, and threatens the readiness of our troops. I ask every member of our DOD community to support the STEP FORWARD campaign. Make it your business to encourage acts that help prevent sexual assault, increase reporting, and advocate for a safer, respectful workplace. Our mission demands it."

If you or someone you know in the DoD community has experienced sexual assault, please consider reaching out to DoD Safe Helpline for 24/7, anonymous, one-on-one support at 877-995-5247 or SafeHelpline.org/live-chat.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation April 2022

Press Release by SAAM

(April 1, 2022) -- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), a time to draw attention to the prevalence of sexual assault and educate individuals and communities about how to prevent it.

Sexual harassment, abuse, and assault are widespread problems. In the United States alone, nearly one in five women and one in 67 men have been raped at some time in their lives (Smith et al., 2017), and

one in four girls and one in twenty boys is sexually abused by the age of 17 (Finkelhor et al., 2014).

Sexual harassment, assault, and abuse can happen anywhere, including in online spaces. Now more than ever, screens and technology connect us with others — but for too long, harassment, cyberbullying, and sexual abuse have been seen as unavoidable behaviors online. Each of us has the power to change that.

Together, we can make a difference to build

inclusive, safe, and respectful communities that thrive online and offline.

2022 marks the twenty-first anniversary of SAAM, and the theme of this year's campaign is "Building Safe Online Spaces Together." We can build online communities free from sexual harassment, abuse, and assault by practicing digital consent, intervening when we see harmful behaviors, and promoting online communities that value inclusion, safety, and respect.

NSVRC Shares the Importance of Safe Online Spaces

Press Release by National Sexual Violence Resource Center

HARRISBURG, PA (March 30, 2022) – The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) commemorates the start of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in April with their 'Building Safe Online Spaces Together' campaign to highlight the role that each of us can play in creating safe, respectful and equitable online communities. For too long, harassment, cyberbullying and exploitation have been seen as inevitable behaviors online. During this month-long campaign, NSVRC is making it clear that everyone can practice consent, intervene when we see harmful behaviors and promote safety and respect — both online and offline.

NSVRC encourages individuals and communi-

ties to show their support for survivors of sexual harassment and abuse by wearing teal — the color of sexual violence prevention — on April 5th and posting a selfie to Twitter or Instagram using #SAAM2022. By wearing teal, you're signaling that you support survivors and are a safe person to talk to if they need to reach out.

"We know that we can build online communities that value safety and respect, and where everyone feels included," said Yolanda Edrington, Executive Director of NSVRC. "Practicing digital consent and intervening when we see harmful behaviors are key skills that anyone can use online or offline to build safer spaces."

The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence, educate communities on how to prevent it and bolster

prevention efforts throughout the year. Free online campaign materials include resources on understanding online sexual abuse, supporting survivors, building safe online communities, practicing digital consent, keeping kids safe online and taking action to intervene. NSVRC has also developed virtual event templates to help individuals and organizations host their own online events.

"Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an opportunity to educate about how each of us can prevent sexual harassment, assault and abuse," said Laura Palumbo, Communications Director at NSVRC. "Sexual harassment online doesn't have to be inevitable. The 'Building Safe Online Spaces Together' campaign gives clear examples of how we can connect online and offline in safe, respectful ways."

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NSVRC Recognizes Leaders in Sexual Violence Prevention

Press Release by SOURCE National Sexual Violence Resource Center HARRISBURG, PA (April 19, 2022) PRNews-wire -- The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) announced today 29 recipients of its 2022 Visionary Voice Awards. These honorees represent a wide range of disciplines from across the country and were selected for their outstanding work toward preventing sexual harassment, misconduct and abuse.

This year's recipients include Connecticut State Representative Liz Linehan, who used her position to increase the prevention of child sexual abuse; Maine Transgender Network, Maine's only transgender-led and focused community organization; Iowa Senator Janet Petersen, who has introduced critical legislation to eliminate the civil statute of limitations for sexual abuse; MayTong Chang,

a leader in addressing violence within and against the Hmong community in Minnesota; and Luz Márquez-Benbow, a survivor leader who has worked for more than 20 years creating strategies to prevent violence.

"We're so honored to recognize these remarkable individuals and groups who are committed to creating a safer world for everyone," said NSVRC Executive Director Yolanda Edrington. "Each of this year's honorees personifies what it means to be a visionary voice through their service to survivors and their communities."

The Visionary Voice Awards are presented annually by NSVRC, the leading nonprofit in providing information and tools to prevent and respond to sexual violence, in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). SAAM is a national campaign held

each April to raise awareness about preventing sexual violence. This year's SAAM theme, "Building Safe Online Spaces Together," highlights how each of us can create online spaces that value respect, inclusion and safety.

ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Since 2001, NSVRC has coordinated the national Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign every April. This year's theme is "Building Safe Online Spaces Together." Join the campaign by accessing free resources at nsvrc.org/saam. Resources are available in Spanish at nsvrc.org/es/saam.

ABOUT NSVRC

NSVRC is the leading nonprofit in providing information and tools to prevent and respond to sexual violence. NSVRC translates research and trends into best practices that help individuals, communities and

service providers achieve real and lasting change. The center also works with the media to promote informed reporting. Every April, NSVRC leads Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), a campaign to educate and engage the public in addressing this widespread issue. NSVRC is also one of the three founding organizations of RALLIANCE, a national, collaborative initiative dedicated to ending sexual violence in one generation.



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Data Reveals High Awareness on What Constitutes Sexual Assault

Press Release by National Sexual Violence Resource Center

ENOLA, PA (April 3, 2017) — As Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) kicks off, new research conducted by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center in partnership with YouGov reveals a strong level of awareness about what acts constitute sexual violence or assault among U.S. adults. Despite higher levels of awareness, men and young adults show lower levels of awareness across all categories of assault, underscoring the need for broader education and awareness around sexual violence.

Among the listed categories of sexual assault, a majority recognize acts such as sexual intercourse without a partner's consent (84%); unwanted touching, groping or fondling (83%); sex trafficking (77%); internet activities such as child pornography (77%); incest (78%) and masturbation (74%) as sexual assault.

Despite high aware-

ness for most categories, adults are less likely to view voyeurism and verbal harassment as assault (64% say “watching someone in a private act without their knowledge or permission” is assault, while 54% say “unwanted verbal remarks that are provocative or unsolicited” is assault). Awareness of verbal harassment is particularly low among men and younger adults; less than half view it as assault (48% of men and 46% of 18-34-year-olds).

These gender and age-group differences emerge across all types of sexual assault. Within each category, 18-34-year-olds are less likely than older adults, and men are less likely than women, to view an action as sexual assault. The gap in awareness between men and women is largest for voyeurism, sexual coercion and verbal harassment: 56% of men vs. 72% of women say “watching someone in a private act without their knowledge or permission” is assault; 67% of men vs. 79% of women say “sexual

intercourse where one of the partners is pressured to give their consent” is assault; And 48% of men vs. 60% of women say “unwanted verbal remarks that are provocative or unsolicited” is assault.

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center’s (NSVRC) annual SAAM campaign will demonstrate how all individuals and communities have a role to play in preventing sexual assault. This year’s theme, “Engaging New Voices,” is aimed at increasing engagement from faith leaders, parents, members of Greek life, coaches, men and the general public to combat this widespread public health issue. Nearly one in five women in the United States have experienced rape or attempted rape in their lives, and one in 71 men have experienced rape or attempted rape.

“Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an opportunity to broaden the national conversation on sexual violence through engaging new voices, and

we are heartened our survey reveals high levels of awareness around the serious and widespread problem of sexual assault,” said Delilah Rumburg, CEO, NSVRC. “However, the survey also pinpoints where our efforts must expand, namely among young adults and men, to foster an inclusive and productive conversation on sexual violence that will lead to better education, prevention efforts and outcomes.”

“Broadening the national conversation on sexual violence helps to build a culture of respect, foster healthy relationships, support survivors and prevent sexual violence in every community,” said Laura Palumbo, Communications Director, NSVRC. “Adults of all ages should be able to identify sexual assault in its many forms, whether verbal assault, intercourse where one partner does not give consent, or unwanted touching, such as groping or fondling. The greater the awareness, the more likely individuals will be empowered to engage as

bystanders and intervene to prevent sexual assault before or during an act.”

SAAM will be observed in communities around the country through the Day of Action on Tuesday, April 4. This nationally recognized day provides an opportunity for advocates to engage with their communities and kick off SAAM events that are planned throughout April.

ABOUT THE RESEARCH

NSVRC conducted the research on sexual assault awareness in partnership with YouGov through its online omnibus survey. The survey was fielded to 1,221 U.S. adults between March 14 and March 15, 2017. Figures have been weighted and are representative of all US adults (18+)

ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an awareness and prevention campaign observed every April. This year’s theme is “Engaging New Voices.” Join the campaign by

accessing free resources at nsvrc.org/saam. Resources are available in Spanish at nsvrc.org/es/saam.

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child care in different places, or just starting up those little league baseball games again - it may be helpful to do a preventative test before returning to school on April 25. In addition, let's keep washing those hands and continue monitoring for symptoms. If we all remain vigilant we can ensure that even though COVID 19 may still be with us, that it doesn't become the "life of the party" again! That is a "party" I'd like not to visit again for sure and I'm sure you all would agree!

360 SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE FEEDBACK SURVEY - PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

Each year, I ask parents to please take 10-15 minutes of time during the course of the next few weeks to participate in my annual 360 Leadership feedback survey. This survey is VERY IMPORTANT TO ME for two key reasons. First and foremost, I want to see your honest feedback as it helps me to better understand my strengths and my challenges as a leader. I know I am human like everyone else and I have both. I want to continue to learn and grow as a leader here in Gorham and it is only by asking and receiving this type of honest feedback that I can continue to do so. This survey is completely anonymous and I actually

do read every comment looking for themes and understanding.

Additionally, it is important to note that the summary results of this survey will be shared with members of the Gorham School Committee and will be used as part of my formal evaluation process that occurs each June with them. The data you share truly helps to guide my performance and identify my leadership goals for the coming year.

It's been a difficult couple of years, but it is now time to stop simply "surviving" and to more strongly focus on "thriving". It is time to pick our collective heads up from our feet and the task of just "getting by" to now looking up on to the horizon to better see the opportunities that lie ahead and to develop a more clear vision about what we want to do and be as a school system vs. what we have been told to "do and be" by others the past few years.

This feedback will help me to better your perspectives and understandings and to inform my own personal growth as a leader in this incredible community. I THANK YOU in advance for taking a few moments to complete it!

If you have any questions, please reach out. Otherwise - LINK IS BELOW:

[https://forms.gle/](https://forms.gle/ZqwZsYK9TJX7C5KR8)

ZqwZsYK9TJX7C5KR8 GORHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL - 6TH GRADE TRY IT DAY!

In collaboration with Aspire Gorham, GMS 6th grade students participated in "Try It Day" on April 8! On this day we had 12 community business volunteers come into our schools to provide our students with real hands-on activities to "try" different careers and to talk about their career pathways and the skills they need to do their jobs. Sessions ranged from students working with folks from Baxter Memorial Library, to folks from Moody's Collision to listening to panel discussions from our very own GHS students talking about their experiences in High School and what to expect.

We had such great feedback from students and from our presenters. One presenter from Baxter Library shared this exciting news:

"Thank you so much to Gorham Middle School and Aspire Gorham for inviting Baxter Memorial Library to Try It Day! Youth Services Librarian Heidi Whelan presented on her career path and different skills needed to do her current job. The "try it" portion challenged the students to work in groups to create a library program. They were asked to consider: program description, program title,

attendees' age range, and materials needed. Heidi told the students that she would be taking the ideas back to the library and picking one to hold as an actual Baxter Memorial Library program! All the students did so well with their program ideas! It was really hard to choose one, but the one the Youth Services Department chose as the Try It Day winner was "Creative Crafting," by Julia G., Whitney V., Riane S., and Lylly C. The students carefully addressed each of the considerations of a library program. BML will proudly hold this student-designed program on the library lawn on the Early Release of May 25th. Program details to be published soon at www.baxterlibrary.com."

Exciting for sure! THANK YOU to all our incredible community volunteers for coming out and helping our students increase exposure to their potential "Future Stories"!

TATIANA'S CLOSET PROJECT - GHS

This is an incredible project that works to provide formal wear for high school students who would like to attend prom but who may not be able to otherwise afford to. This time can be such a difficult time in the lives of our young people. Societal pressures can come to bear in ways that may prevent some of our students from having

the experience of a lifetime at their prom. Tatiana's closet is a program that tries to take a little of that pressure off by providing FREE evening wear to those who wish to participate. You can learn more about this incredible video created by our very own GHS students and teachers. What I find MOST AMAZING is that the models for this video are some of our very own GHS teachers! We can all be a little embarrassed about our body images, but these fine women of GHS modeled something far more important than dresses in this video! They modeled how to "step out" and take a little "risk" by doing something you may not be comfortable doing and in doing so - showing off a little piece of who you really are! For these GHS teachers and staff... Well - I'd say they are pretty amazing! THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

CHORUS VIDEOS FROM TUESDAY'S GMS/GHS COMBINED CONCERT

One of the things I've loved most about this school year has been that we have finally been able to get our performing arts back "on stage". Theater, music, and dance have all returned to our schools and it is just so incredible to see! Our students learn and grow so much as a result of partic-

ipating in these incredible programs! Kudos to the students and the staff who work with them each day!

I thought folks might to one video of our chorus students performing "I See Colors". If you recall...this was a song that was done by our chorus students during the spring of 2020 when we were all virtually learning and could not be together to perform. It was good then...but REALLY GOOD in person! Check it out and GO RAMS!

I See Colors - <https://youtu.be/bvsQCu3NYiQ>

K-5 END OF YEAR EVENTS HIGHLIGHT LIST

Please keep in mind that each of our schools is a very busy place as we come into the months of May and June. This is not an all inclusive list of activities, so I urge you to check out each school's website for more details. I thought folks might like to see a list of highlighted activities for all three of our K-5 Schools to give a little "taste" of some of the incredible things we have planned to close out another incredible year of learning here in Gorham. Check it out:

Grade Level Parent Step Up Videos - Shared by Email - May 2nd

NWEA Testing Schedule: May 2nd - May 27th

Grade 5 Field Day - See Superintendent, page 16

GORHAM LITTLE LEAGUE

Field Funding Campaign

The Gorham Youth Baseball & Softball Association is making a large capital investment to provide updates and add fields to accommodate practice and game schedules:

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Free College Launches at Maine's Community Colleges

AUGUSTA, ME (April 21, 2022) – Maine's community colleges are now offering up to two years of tuition-free college to all high school graduates from 2020-23 under the new Free College initiative funded in the supplemental budget signed Wednesday by Governor Janet Mills.

"This is a historic moment for Maine," said Maine Community College System (MCCS) President David Daigler. "There is nothing

more important that giving someone the tools and education they need to pursue their dreams and build a better life. Free College will help those people most in need, and boost our communities and state economy with more skilled workers earning good paychecks."

The supplemental budget includes a one-time \$20 million allocation for free college. To qualify for the Free College Scholarship, students must have

a high school diploma or equivalent from 2020-23, enroll full-time in an associate degree program or one-year credential, live in Maine while enrolled, and accept all federal and state grants, scholarships and other funding sources.

Free college is "extremely beneficial for Maine students," said student Makenzie Cowles, a human services major at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland. "It allows

people to have more opportunities to grow into a field of work that helps our society. It gives students like myself, who struggle financially, the access to achieve our goals and build successful lives. It also gives us the chance to fully establish ourselves in Maine as participating community members."

Current community college students can qualify for the program as well. Home schooled students and adult learners who earned a

GED or Hi-SET also qualify.

"These funds will translate immediately into more young people getting a debt-free, strong start on an education that will benefit them for the rest of their lives," Daigler said.

The Free College Scholarship is offered in addition to multiple other tuition waiver or free college opportunities at Maine's community colleges, such as free early college classes for Maine high school students;

free short-term workforce training programs; and tuition waivers for adult education students, service members or veterans; students from foster care; Native Americans from regional tribes; low-income parents; senior citizens; and children or spouses of Maine public servants killed in the line of duty.

The average annual cost of tuition and fees at Maine's community colleges is \$3,700.

Website Launched to Help Maine People Claim \$850 Relief Checks

AUGUSTA, ME (April 22, 2022) – On the heels of the Governor signing into law the supplement-

tal budget sending relief to Maine people, the Mills Administration announced today it has launched a

website to assist those who want to claim their \$850 relief payment.

The website – Maine.

gov/reliefchecks – aims to answer a series of frequently asked questions, including who is eligible, when

will I receive my \$850, how will I receive my \$850, and what if I need help filing my taxes, among others.

Maine people have until October 31, 2022 to file a 2021 Maine individual income tax return and claim their \$850 Relief Payment.

"We want to make sure that every eligible person is able to receive this assistance, and we are hopeful that this website can help accomplish that by answering some of the most common questions Maine people may have," said Governor Janet Mills.

"We have begun the work of getting \$850 checks into the mailbox of every Maine adult who qualifies," said Kirsten Figueroa, Commissioner for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, of which Maine Revenue Services is a division.

In the limited instances where someone has not already filed their 2021 Maine individual income tax return, on which eligibility for the \$850 relief check is based, either because they are late in doing so or because their unique financial situation has not typically required them to do so, Maine people have until October 31, 2022 to file this return and claim the \$850 relief check.

There was \$100,000 dedicated as part of the relief proposal to ensure the continued availability of CASH Maine to assist any Mainers in this situation. For free tax help, low- and middle-income Maine taxpayers may visit www.cashmaine.org, call 2-1-1, or visit 211maine.org.

For instance, CASH Maine professionals can assist social security recipients, who should use the SSA-1099 form typically sent in January by the Federal government, to finalize their 2021 state individual income tax return if they have not done so already.

In addition to filing their 2021 Maine individual income tax return by October 31, 2022, those eligible for the \$850 relief payment must file as a full-time Maine resident, not be claimed as a dependent on another's return, and must have a Federal adjusted gross income (FAGI) of less than:

\$100,000 if filing single or if married and filing separately;

\$150,000 if filing as head of household; or

\$200,000 for couples filing jointly.

The relief program, proposed by the Governor and approved nearly unanimously by the Legislature, is expected to return half of Maine's budget surplus – \$729.3 million – to an estimated 858,000 Maine people grappling with the increased costs as a result of pandemic-driven inflation.

In order to get these funds into Mainers' hands as quickly as possible and allow them to combat rising costs, Maine Revenue Services expects to deliver the first round of relief this spring – and on a rolling basis through the end of the year as tax returns are received.

The Mills Administration is additionally encouraging Maine people to carefully examine their eligibility for up to \$1,400 in additional tax relief available per person this filing season, as the result of laws already enacted by Governor Mills and the Legislature specifically aimed at supporting low- and middle-income Maine families through the Homestead Exemption Program, State Property Tax Fairness Credit, Maine Earned Income Tax Credit, and Sales Tax Fairness Credit.

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LEWISTON -- 1st & 3rd Thursdays from April-June, 4-6pm at the Lewiston Public Library: TEEN TABLETOP RPGS. Calling all adventurers and explorers! LPL Teen will be hosting a series of one-shot tabletop roleplaying games, in person in the teen lounge on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 4-6pm, from April-June. Supplies will be provided – just bring yourself and your creative mind! Each drop in session will feature a different one-shot tabletop RPG, run by game master Hallie. No previous RPG experience is required. This program is intended for teens ages 13-19. For more information, contact the Adult & Teen Services department at 207-513-3135 or lplreference@lewistonmaine.gov, or go to lplonline.org/events/teen-tabletop-rpgs/

Ap. 30

BUXTON -- Haddock Supper Buffet - Saturday, April 30, 2022 - 5:00 pm at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Sug-

Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

gested donation: \$8 Adult, \$4 Child, \$20 Family. Please note: We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating. Wearing of face masks for those who are not vaccinated is suggested. Hand sanitizer is available for those who wish to use it.

May 3

GORHAM -- 6:30pm Regular Town Council Meeting Council Chambers

May 4 and every Wednesday

GORHAM – 10:00am Weekly story time has resumed at the North Gorham Public Library! Storytime is open to children & their caregivers. Join us weekly for stories, songs and crafts every Wednesday at 10am. 2 Standish Neck Rd, Gorham ME.

May 7

GORHAM – 4:30-5:30pm Take Out Bean Supper (Pre-order Required) White Rock Communi-

ty Clubhouse; 34 Wilson Road, Gorham

Saturday, May 7, 4:30-5:30pm. Last Dinner of the season! \$20 for double or \$10 for single orders. Meal includes kidney & pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and a dessert bar. Please, pre-order by Wednesday, May 4. Call Fran at 892-9521.

May 10

GORHAM -- 6:30pm Town Council FY 2022-23 Budget Workshop with School Department Council Chambers

May 13

GORHAM -- Gorham, Windham, Westbrook TRIAD'S next meeting will be May 13 at 9 a.m. at the Gorham Police Dept. All are welcome. The guest speaker will be Lynda Adams. She is a Certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach who helps people become aware and make changes in all areas of their lives

(physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually) to improve their overall health. Lynda will guide us to review these areas of our lives and help us come up with ways to make some simple changes that will have long term, lasting positive results.

May 15

BUXTON -- AGE FRIENDLY BUXTON SPRING CLEAN UP DAY MAY 15, 2022, 9-11 AM, RAIN OR SHINE. Help our community and be part of our first annual Buxton Clean-up Day! Our project will begin at 9am at the Buxton Transfer Station. If possible, bring your own trash bag; some will be available. We will then disperse to clean our own neighborhoods, leaving the bags at curbside for the regular pickup day. Sponsored by the newly formed AARP Aging in Buxton Team. Spread the news and bring a friend!! Aginginbuxton@gmail.com for details.

June 4

AUBURN -- The Maine Iris Society announces its upcoming Iris & Spring Flower Show being held on Saturday, June 4th from 130pm to 4pm at the Auburn Middle School, 38 Falcon Dr, Auburn. Admission is free and will feature a sale of Potted Perennials and Potted Iris as well as Bare-Root Iris Rhizomes for \$1 each.

Goodwill

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help people achieve their life and work goals.”

Goodwill Northern New England handles between 50 to 60 million pounds of donations every year, diverting those items from landfills in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. This new investment is part of Goodwill’s larger sustainability plan in its

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retail operations. In 2017, the nonprofit voluntarily banned single use plastic bags from its stores. In 2021, it upgraded its fleet of tractor trailers to reduce its carbon footprint.

“Sustainability is a core value at Goodwill — we’re all about reuse, after all. When we learned about a new, sustainable approach to meet our storage needs, it just made sense to try to do right by the Earth, our employees and the people who support our work through their donations by taking this greener path,” said Rich Cantz, President and CEO of Goodwill NNE.

The nonprofit spent \$500,000 a year to replace broken cardboard boxes and wood pallets. The boxes could not stack up very high, because they lose their shape and strength. The new materials stack high and without any shelving. The new materials stack together like Legos. This space savings means Goodwill can fill its trucks, which will reduce transportation emissions and costs. It also means warehouses and the sorting area in the back rooms of every Goodwill store will be safer and can

hold more donations in these sturdier materials.

“With this new approach, we can take full advantage of every inch of space in each of our trucks,” Cantz said. “Taking full advantage of our logistics process helps us meet our bottom-line values of helping people, planet and Goodwill’s programs.”

Goodwill is phasing in these changes. Any still-useful boxes and pallets will be used until they’ve fulfilled their useful purpose.

Goodwill Northern New England is a nonprofit social enterprise in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Revenue from its thrift stores support its mission to help people achieve independence and personal stability. Goodwill NNE’s programs include workforce training programs, group homes that support adults with disabilities, active community supports for adults with disabilities, AmeriCorps programs and two business-cleaning services. Goodwill NNE operates two brain injury clinics to help people get back to their lives after a brain injury. For more information visit GoodwillNNE.org.

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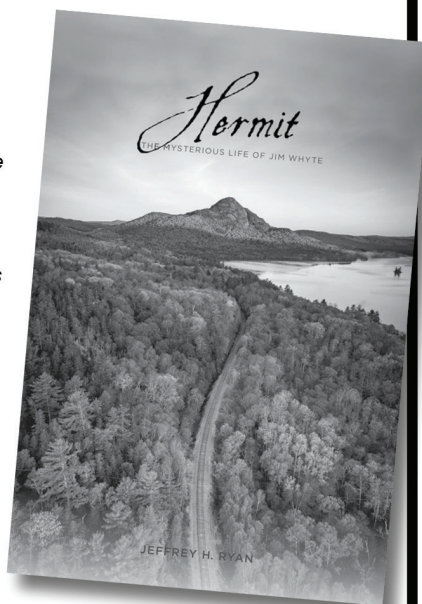
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Superintendent
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- May 27th Grade 3 Field Day -
- May 31st Grade 2 Field Day -
- June 1st Grade 1 Field Day -
- June 2nd Grade 5 Parent Step Up Night at GMS - June 2nd from 6-7 pm
- Kindergarten Field Day - June 3rd
- 5th Grade Step Up to GMS - June 6th from 12:00 - 1:30 pm
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