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Support Locally-Owned Businesses

WHAT: Small Business Saturday
WHO: Support our local businesses
WHEN: Saturday, November 24
WHERE: Stores in Gorham or the surrounding communities

Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Black Friday, was created in 2010 to encourage shoppers to support their locally-owned businesses. "I can't think of a better way to support your community, your shop owners and, most importantly, your neighbors than to spend locally," said George Gervais, Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development. This November 24th, consider patronizing stores in Gorham or the surrounding communities instead of setting out to a big box store this year. Not sure where to start? How about our advertisers?

Village Parking Plans

BY SHERI FABER
Gorham Times Staff Writer

Several months ago, the town purchased two properties: 21 Main Street and 10 Preble Street. The properties were purchased with plans for public parking with initial plans to tear down 21 Main and to create parking behind the Preble Street property. Community members expressed strong opinions about tearing down the buildings to turn them into parking lots.

A review of parking in the Village showed a shortage of parking at the intersection of Main and State Streets and at School and South Streets. Current municipal parking in the Village includes seven spaces on Main Street, 37 spaces on School Street, five on State Street, 60 on South Street and 15 in front of Robie Gym. At present there are a number of empty stores and businesses, which, when rented, will increase the need for parking spaces. These properties include the former Art Guru space, the former Performing

Arts Center, 5,000 square feet underneath Thatcher's and, the Gorham House of Pizza, which is presently closed for renovations after a major fire.

The town developed the Gorham Village Parking Survey to which 76 people responded. The survey results showed that the business locations that most need more parking are those on the north and west sides of the intersection of Routes 25 and 114. However, roughly two thirds of the survey responses noted that because of the high traffic volume at the intersection, they believe it is unsafe to cross the street to get to their destination; therefore they would be unlikely to park on Main Street.

Rev. David Butler of First Parish Church recommended that Cross Street, which runs between Main and Church Streets, should be made one way with parking along the sides. However, further discussion made it clear that there were probably too many problems with this plan for it to be feasible.

People responding to the survey seemed to feel the parking problems were not that severe for most business, excluding the buildings housing the Dance Studio and the Centre of Movement in part because they have a number of children attending classes there. The property next to the Centre of Movement - recently sold to a new owner - might have been an excellent site for a parking lot.

Town Manager David Cole noted that some years ago, the town purchased a house with plans to build a short bypass road from the Post Office to New Portland Road. However, a decision was made to improve the intersection of Main Street, New Portland Road and Mechanic Street in lieu of building the bypass. Once that decision was reached, the house was put back on the market and resold.

Cole noted that there are no immediate plans to tear down 21 Main Street and if the ultimate decision is that the property is not needed for parking or for some other purpose, the house can be resold.

Highest Honor for Service Presented to Betsy Nygren

BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Betsy Nygren was among the earliest and most enthusiastic supporters during the extremely busy developing and building years of establishing the Ronald McDonald House® in Portland. In these early years, her marketing expertise and ability to put people at ease with her friendly, outgoing personality was a huge plus in getting the story out to communities statewide. Whether promoting the Beanie Babies fundraiser on the radio or helping to raise \$25,000 from the sale of donated books or sharing why this home away from home is so important in helping children and families through a most challenging time, she was a major reason why so many people knew about the services the House would provide, before it even opened its doors in May 1995. Nygren still continues to be there when needed. By offering her extensive expertise at the three signature major fundraisers, we are always assured they will be a



Photo courtesy of the Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House, at their Helping Hands Caring Hearts Gala, presented Betsy Nygren, a long-time supporter and Gorham resident, with the Heart of Gold. This award was given in highest honor and recognition for her tireless efforts and extraordinary service, dedication and compassion given to the House that Love Built®.

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Dog Rides Shotgun in Sidecar



Photo credit Peter Arneemann

Enjoying the fall weather on her 1981 Harley Davidson is **Joyce Arneemann** and her one-and-a-half-year-old Golden Doodle, **Zeke**, who rides in the sidecar wearing goggles.

Thanksgiving: We are thankful for our advertisers, volunteers, and readers.

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Maine Companies Competing Successfully in Global Markets

BY REP. LINDA SANBORN
State Legislature

I know I have written several times about the Maine Technology Institute and how they work with innovators, entrepreneurs, businesses and institutions to connect them to resources that will help them commercialize their technologies, accelerate progress to the market and expand their economic impact. I get so excited when I read about all the great businesses that are growing here in Maine and competing successfully in global markets. After all, all the candidates running for office recently heard at the doors and wrote in their campaign literature that it is all about “jobs and the economy,” right?

So today I share with you a list of businesses across Maine that are standouts in representing Maine’s technology sector. Clearly we need to educate a skilled workforce that is qualified to work in these industries and spin off new businesses. These examples are taken from the Maine Technology Institute’s blog post on May 7, 2012.

Ocean Farm Technologies in Searsmont is an aquaculture company, founded by a former commercial fisherman, which has developed, manufactures and sells an open ocean system for sustainable fish farming that is used widely throughout Central and South America as well as Indonesia.

Immucell in Portland, a bioscience company, has sold more than 10,000,000 units of its first product to prevent diseases in newborn calves

throughout the US and in Canada, Japan, South Korea and Mexico.

Harbor Technologies in Brunswick, a composites technology company, recently manufactured and delivered the world’s largest vehicular composite bridge beam at 105.6 ft.

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wide and 5 ft. deep from Maine to the State of Missouri Department of Transportation.

Ocean Renewable Power Company, Portland and Eastport, an environmental technology company, recently installed a tidal turbine in Eastport and received approval from the Maine Public Utilities Commission to sell their power on the grid, making it the first long term Power Purchase agreement for tidal power in the US.

Gladstone’s Under the Sun in Bar Harbor, an advanced forestry and agriculture technology company, produces and sells products across the European market because of Europe’s particular market need for sugar and GMO free products.

Kepware Technologies in Portland, an IT company, sells their manufacturing automation technology throughout the US and has just announced new distributor partnerships in Italy and

Brazil to manage their automation devices and software applications.

CashBar in Portland, an IT company, made the list of top mobile apps for Black Friday during last year’s holiday retail shopping season and has grown from two employees to 80 since 2008, and services global clients around the world including Travelocity, Pottery Barn and the Gap.

Fluid Imaging Technologies in Yarmouth, a precision manufacturing company, supplies the New York City Department of Environmental Protection with a particle imaging system to monitor city water for algae cells.

MaxTorque in Limerick, a precision manufacturing company, has joined forces with Cameron International, a five billion dollar global provider of flow equipment systems to worldwide oil and gas industries to sell and service their valve technology.

Check out the MTI website at <http://www.mainetechnology.org/> to learn about the many other ways MTI has helped fuel Maine’s innovation economy and created good jobs across the state.



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POLICY ON NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

The *Gorham Times* asked our three state legislators from Senate District Six, House District 129 and House District 130 to provide us with “News from Augusta.” We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest to and have an impact on Gorham residents. The *Gorham Times* reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

Letters to the Editor

Letters must be less than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the *Gorham Times*. Submission of a letter constitutes the writer’s consent to publication. Letters are published at the discretion of the *Gorham Times* and are subject to editing.

Dear *Gorham Times*,

Election campaigning is over (for now—sort of) and most folks are glad. This was the year where advertising supporting a particular candidate or issue funded by Political Action Committees (PACS) and super-sized Super-PACS, came into full bloom, largely thanks to the 2010 U.S Supreme Court decision that essentially makes it possible for wealthy individuals and corporations to throw as much money as they wish at candidates who support their agendas, anonymously. As we saw and heard, the main tactic used is so-called “negative ads”. Could this have been the first election where we were told much more about what evil will

befall us if we vote for some person or issue than we were about what good each candidate or issue will do for us?

Political analysts keep telling us that “negative ads” are used because they are effective; supposedly we will not vote for someone if we are convinced they are the devil’s spawn.

Here is my completely un-scientific analysis as to whether negative ads were effective with Gorham voters this election. Gorham elections results: in the race for State Senate District 6 “negative” mailings ran about 3 to 1; the target of those ads won with 60% of the vote. In the race for State Representative District 130 “negative” mailings ran 2 or 3 to 1; the target of those ads won with

60% of the vote. In the race for U.S. Senator from Maine, there was a barrage of negative television ads; the

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around town

Timothy Burns was elected to School Committee after winning 70 write-in votes. **Darryl Wright** was reelected to a second term on the school committee.

Work has begun on the Maine Power Reliability Program that involves construction of a new 345 kV transmission line from the south Gorham sub-station south through Scarborough.

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2012 CALENDAR

UPCOMING ISSUE DATES:

Deadline	Issue Date
Nov. 28	Dec. 6
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There will be no issue on January 3rd, due to the holidays.

target of those ads won with 68% of the vote. Is it possible that negative ads are not effective and that voters are so disgusted with them that such ads may actually work against the candidate they are intended to help get elected? At least, with Gorham voters?
Jeff Christiansen

Dear Gorham Times,

In your 10/25 edition of the Gorham Times, you printed an email I had written. You included that email as a letter to the Gorham Times. My email was misrepresented and miscategorized when in fact the email was only one out of a series sent to Maynard Charron dating back into early September. In those emails I was critical of the paper's editorial policy and had expressed my frustrations with regards to your "News from Augusta" pieces.

I think it is important for the people of Gorham to understand that what you printed as a "letter to the Gorham Times" was in fact an email sent to Maynard Charron's and Karen DiDonato's private email addresses and not to any official Gorham Time email box. In addition, it is important for the people of Gorham to understand the email was not printed with permission nor was it ever intended on becoming public fodder.

I sent both Karen and Maynard a private email hoping we could discuss a very important issue privately. I can only assume that your release of my email in the GT was meant to embarrass me publically, hurt my candidacy and to bring about a slanderous outcry since no one else was privileged to have read the entire correspondence. As the subsequent letters to the editor show, this has had a negative impact on the people of Gorham affecting myself, my family and my business.

Your attempt to embarrass me publically speaks precisely to the core of my emails and validates my original point of your bias. As I wrote, if your desire is to promote like minded individuals than only those with like minds will promote you. And that my good friends will seriously jeopardize the future of this paper.

Matt Mattingly

Response from Gorham Times:

Mr. Mattingly was told his letter would be published. He responded and did not object.

With respect to violating Maine Ethic laws, Mr. Mattingly wrote in an email dated September 7, "The Maine Ethics Committee has determined that Linda's article did not violate state ethic laws." (The article to which he referred was Rep. Linda Sanborn's News from Augusta column dated August 30, 2012.)

I, and all members of the Gorham Times staff, do not want to embarrass or bring attention to Mr. Mattingly in any negative way. We are a group of volunteers who want to provide Gorham with a local paper that covers as many newsworthy topics as we can possibly provide. We also encourage citizens to voice their point of view in the Letters to the Editor section. With Mr. Mattingly's letters to our editor and me, I felt we were living up to our mission of providing citizens an opportunity to voice their opinion.

Sincerely,
Maynard Charron, President
Gorham Times Board of Directors

Dear Gorham Times,

At the beginning of this year, I launched my campaign for State House and started a conversation with Gorham families about how to build a stronger future for our town and our state. Over the course of this campaign, we held 18 house parties, knocked on more than 4,500 doors and listened to people's cares, concerns and ideas to solve the challenges we face as a state.

Two weeks ago, you entrusted me with the great responsibility to represent your family in the Maine House, and I promise, whether you voted for me or not, that I will work hard every day for you in Augusta.

I want to thank everyone in Gorham for their well wishes and congratulations, and to my incredible supporters who lent their time, energy and credibility to our campaign and me.

I would also like to take this opportunity to mention my honorable opponent, outgoing Representative Jane Knapp,

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business profile



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Amanda (Pastore) Bacon (left) stands with Lisa Allen, co-owners of Eventfull Planning, Inc., an event planning business started in Gorham.

For Your Party and Event Needs Eventfull Planning Opens in Gorham

By JACKIE FRANCIS
Gorham Times Staff Writer

Amanda (Pastore) Bacon, co-owner of Eventfull Planning, Inc. on Ossipee Trail in Gorham, stated that planning events has always been a passion of hers, a trait, she says, she inherited from her Mom. The most gratifying part of her job as an event planner is seeing a project through from start to finish. "There's nothing more rewarding than watching someone's vision come to life time after time."

A 2005 graduate of Gorham High School, Bacon's academic background in business and communication, together with 13 years of experience in the customer service industry, has given her the necessary tools to pursue a career in event planning. "I know the best caterers, the best DJ's and I work directly with the best rental companies," explains Bacon. She says not only can she plan your event, she can also furnish it. Bacon is very proud to be affiliated with co-owner, Lisa Allen who owns Party Time Rental, along with her husband, Mark Allen, who owns V & M Rentals. "They have the best quality rentals around - from tents, to lighting, tables, chairs, linens and even dance floors, along with a knowledgeable and reliable workforce to set everything up."

A natural multi-tasker, organizer and negotiator, Bacon guarantees she can save you money by allowing her to do your event planning. Whether it is a dream wedding, an office party, trade show, conference or golf event, Eventfull Planning knows the right venues, entertainment and photographers to hire. Bacon says she will organize the transportation, the lodging, send the invitations and handle the RSVP's. "It's like choreographing an entire event," says Bacon.

Maine is a beautiful state and the possibilities for planning an event are endless.

Amanda Bacon

One of the biggest misconceptions people have regarding this type of service is that event planners are too expensive and are only for those with big budgets. Not true, says Bacon. Her expertise and connections with other related service industry providers truly saves her clients money, whether it is for a child's birthday party in the backyard, a family reunion or a bachelorette party, Bacon says she can work within anyone's budget. She is happy to sit down with you to help brainstorm your event, asking questions that may help trigger ideas that you had not possibly considered.

"Maine is a beautiful state and the possibilities for planning an event are endless," says Bacon, who is also eager to work with local venues such as the Odd Fellows Hall in Gorham and the newly renamed banquet/performing arts center now called Spire 29 on the Square, which is on School Street. Having grown up here, Bacon believes her unique connections to the greater Gorham area will help her provide the best possible service to her clients, no matter what their needs. "This is not just my job or my career," says Bacon, "it's my passion."

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Dr. Annah Fox, Optometrist, has joined the Eye Care & Eye Wear Center of Maine



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Dr. Fox received her Bachelor of Science degree from Grand Valley State University and her Doctor of Optometry degree from Michigan College of Optometry. She completed her residency in pediatrics and ocular disease at Beth Israel Medical Center, New England College of Optometry, Veteran's Affairs Medical Center and Duane Waters Hospital.

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who has served our town and state for many years. Representative Knapp's commitment to our town and state should be recognized and honored by all.

As we look forward to the next two years and beyond, there is no doubt that our state faces real challenges. As we debate public policy that will impact our community and shape our future, I want to hear from you. As your Representative, I will always be open and accessible; I will always listen to what you have to say; and I will be a better legislator and neighbor as a result.

Again, my sincere thanks for placing your trust in me. I look forward to working with you, and for you, over the coming months and years.

Sincerely,
Andrew McLean,
State Representative-Elect
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Dear Gorham Times,

Every time the Portland Press Herald mentions its employer, Donald S. Sussman, the billionaire hedge fund manager from Greenwich, Ct. or his spouse, U.S. Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, it inserts an obligatory qualifier reminding its readers of their relationship as a married couple and the fact Sussman owns the paper.

Similar to the qualifiers attached to millions of Wall Street-generated documents over the years like "past performance is not indicative of future performance," these perfunctory reminders are often skipped over by readers.

But reflexively dismissing warnings is done at one's own risk, as countless Wall Street debacles have proven.

The Sussman/Pingree alerts are equally instructive and don't absolve the PPH from bias. Indeed, this past election cycle may well go down as one of the most embarrassing debacles in Maine media history.

It's one thing for Sussman's servants to be at his beck and call, but quite another when the hired help includes the supposed unbiased editors of Maine's largest newspaper. Think about it: can anyone name one significant piece of legislation rubber stamped by those editors over the past six months that didn't come directly from the Sussman/Pingree talking points memo? Just one?

A few weeks back Maine's newspapers listed the ten largest political donors in the state this year. No one came close to the millions Sussman deployed in an egregious attempt at force feeding his "value system" onto Mainers.

A value system that resulted in

Barack Obama referring to his industry as "enemy #1" because of its obscene exploitation of the carried interest tax loophole that allows the Sussman's of the world to pay a 15% tax on ordinary income versus 35% for the Main Street's higher earners.

The Democrats won at the polls, but the loss of media integrity in southern Maine will be felt for generations to come.

Christopher Smith

Dear Gorham Times,

On behalf of the families of Breezy Point, NY victims of Hurricane Sandy, I would like to thank the voters and people of Gorham. Your generosity of \$2,445.06 on Election Day went to the Rockaway/Breezy Point Catholic Club Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund and will be used to help the Breezy families as they not only re-build their homes but their lives.

I was personally touched by the many stories I heard from fellow Gorham residents connected to victims of Hurricane Sandy and the people who have already been to, or plan to go to the disaster areas to personally help. These hurricane victims have many months/years to recover from this disaster. I would encourage anyone in a position to help to continue to aid them through the many relief funds that have been set up, especially during the upcoming holidays.

Thank you!
Kathy Maurer

Dear Gorham Times,

I am a devoted parent and educator writing to ensure an important issue doesn't get swept under the rug following the elections. The issue that means the most to me is protecting our children from the harmful chemical BPA.

Many Mainers have come together insisting the state remove BPA from baby and toddler food packaging. The Maine Board of Environmental Protection is considering the rule to require the removal of BPA from food packaging. Removing BPA will protect children from a chemical that is linked to hormone disruption, which can cause breast and prostate cancer, reproductive issues, and behavioral/attention problems.

I am calling on my Representative and Senator in Augusta to support the health of our future by standing up for the ruling to discontinue the use of BPA in baby and toddler food packaging. To protect Maine's future, we must ensure the safety of children's foods.

Sincerely,
Anna Walker

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Should You Prepare for "Fiscal Cliff"?

BY ED DOYLE

Edward Jones Financial Advisor

As an investor, you can sometimes feel that you are at the mercy of forces beyond your control. This may be especially true today, when the Federal Reserve warns of an approaching "fiscal cliff." What can you do in the face of such a dire prediction?

First of all, you need to understand what led to the Fed's remarks. Some \$1.2 trillion in spending cuts are scheduled to begin in 2013 while, simultaneously, the Bush-era tax cuts — including the reduction in capital gains and dividend taxes — are set to expire. This combination of spending cuts and higher taxes could take some \$600 billion out of the economy, leading to a possible recession — and maybe something much worse, at least in the eyes of the Fed.

Still, there is no need to panic. Despite the political infighting, Congress is likely to reduce the "cliff" to a smaller bump. But as an investor, you may need to be prepared for two significant events: market volatility, at least in the short term, and higher taxes, probably for the foreseeable future.

To combat market volatility, you need to own a broadly diversified portfolio that can handle "bumps," "cliffs" and other rugged investment terrain. This means you will need a mix of stocks, bonds and other securities that are suitable for your needs. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the impact of market volatility, it cannot guarantee profits or protect against losses. You may also need to "rebalance" your portfolio to ensure that it is still aligned with your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, despite the impact of volatility.

Now, let's turn to taxes. Even if taxes on income, capital gains and

dividends do rise, they will still, in all likelihood, be much lower than they have been at various points in the past. Nonetheless, you may want to consider a variety of steps, including the following:

Take advantage of tax-deferred vehicles. Contribute as much as possible to your traditional IRA, your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, and any education savings accounts you may have, such as a 529 plan.

Consider converting your traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. A Roth IRA provides tax-free earnings, provided you do not start taking withdrawals until age 59 ½ and you have had your account for at least five years. Be aware, though, that this conversion is taxable and may not be appropriate if you don't have money readily available to pay the taxes.

Consider municipal bonds. If you're in one of the upper tax brackets, you may benefit from investing in "munis," which pay interest that is free of federal taxes, and possibly state and local taxes as well.

Not all these choices will be suitable for your situation, of course. Before taking action on these items, you may want to consult with your tax and financial advisors. But give these options some thought because they may prove helpful in keeping your financial goals from going "over a cliff."

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Ed Doyle operates the Gorham branch office of Edward Jones. He is experienced in all aspects of financial planning, retirement income planning, tax-advantaged education savings plans.

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BY CONNIE LOUGHRAN
Town Clerk

Congratulations, Gorham! 9,141 ballots were cast on November 6th, which is 75 percent of the registered voters. I would like to thank our wardens, ward clerks, election clerks, deputy registrars and the Clerk's office staff for their hard work on Election Day and the weeks leading up to it. 2,691 voters cast absentee ballots prior to Election Day. 4,060 voters visited the Middle School and 2,390 residents voted at Shaw Gym in the Municipal Center.

Now that the election is behind us we are collecting Real Estate and Personal Property taxes. Tax due date was November 15th. If you sold your home after April 1, 2012 you should forward the tax bill that was sent to you to the new owner.

It is also time for 2013 dog licenses. All dog licenses expire on December 31st. You may come into the office with the current rabies certificate or license your dog online from our website, <http://www.gorham-me.org/>.

2013 snowmobile registrations are also now available and, beginning December 1, Hunting and Fishing licenses for 2013 will be available.

Excise tax must be paid on all vehicles before they can be registered. Excise tax must be paid in the town where the vehicle is garaged. Another reminder, vehicle registrations with any changes cannot be done online nor can new vehicle registrations. A first time registration must be done by whoever purchased the vehicle.

As always we are here for the citizens of Gorham. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office at 222-1670.



Connie Loughran can be reached by e-mail at cloughran@gorham.me.us or by phone at 222-1670.



Chief Shepard Reports

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in November:

- Daniel Bracy, 20, of Gorham was indicted for gross sexual assault on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Billie Joe Burgess, 37, of Gorham was indicted for robbery, theft (priors) on charges brought by South Portland Police Department.
- Michael Emerson, 48, of Frye Island and Gorham was indicted on six counts of unlawful sexual contact on charges brought by Frye Island Police Department.

• Mitchell Thorpe, 28, of Gorham was indicted on two counts of possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by Westbrook Police Department.

James Fowler, 31, of Scarborough was killed in a single car crash on November 9 at about 2:30 a.m. Fowler was a member of a well-known racing family in Scarborough. He failed to negotiate a turn on Burnham Road between Hodgdon and Nonesuch Roads. Fowler was ejected from his vehicle and died at the scene. The vehicle was engulfed in flames when police arrived. Police believe excessive speed was a factor.

Real Estate Transfers August 2012

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
125 Burnham Road	Sexton, Wendy	Watson, Gary	\$130,000
8 Middle Jam Road	Duong, Steven	Kennedy, Anne Marie	\$285,000
20 Snowberry Drive	Woods, Peter & Kristin	Norman Berube Builders, Inc.	\$274,000
Libby Ave. (lot)	Glidden, Earle & Lisa	Pirone, Rbecca	\$43,000
314 Gray Road	Millette, Kaitlynn Anne	Thurston, Pamela	\$204,870
110 Narragansett St.	Anderson-Mulrey, Stacey	Keenan, Samantha & Flagg Russell	\$184,000
3 Pleasant Street	Federal Nat. Mortgage Assoc.	Varney, Nathan	\$213,139
171 State Street	Gallagher, Jamie & Shane	Hulit, Luke	\$185,000
20 Woodside Drive	Kilroy, William	Scott, Frank	\$160,000
42 Barnfield Lane	Burke, John & Diana	Great Falls Builders	\$79,000
6 Kiara Lane	Andersen, Karl & Joanne	Porter, Judith	\$213,000
14 Glenwood Avenue	Berks, Elizabeth	Reynolds, Robert	\$177,000
39 Brackett Road	Fournier, Louis	McCalmon, Irving	\$261,855
47 Annie's Way	Pesce, Kevin	Sierra Construction, Inc.	\$263,642
11 Wintergreen Drive	Seeley, Bryan & Michelle	Marden's	\$213,600
3 Shelby Drive	Sylvain, Doreen	Federal Nat. Mortgage Assoc.	\$159,900
27 Town Common	Curran, Albert	Lapointe, Jo-Ann	\$85,000
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GMS Apologizes for Inappropriate Talk

By STACY SALLINEN
Gorham Times Staff Writer

Gorham Middle School (GMS) Principal Robert Riley issued an apology after a discussion, deemed appropriate for middle school students, that took place during the school's Diversity Day held on October 25.

The Civil Rights team at the school, which sponsors Diversity Day, invited the Proud Rainbow Youth of Southern Maine (PRYSM) to speak to students about gender diversity and discrimination. The presentation to a group of about 25 students concluded with a question and answer session that turned sexual in nature. The teachers who reported the incident to Riley said the discussion happened so quickly it was difficult to stop.

Sarah Rubin, a teacher at GMS and advisor for the Civil Rights team, said in an e-mail that this year's Diversity Day offered over fifteen presentations, most of which were created by students from GMS and Gorham High School, some students from Windham, and Seeds of Peace International Camp. Presentations covered topics that students are most likely to be bullied or harassed about, such as culture, religion, autism and other disabilities, sexual orientation and gender, body image and cliques.

"I am extremely proud of these students' planning and professionalism. It isn't easy presenting to peers about harassment, bias and bullying, but our students were truly inspirational," wrote Rubin.

Others presentations included a discussion on intellectual disabilities from Special Olympics; poverty and homelessness from the Preble Street Resource Center; and from Speaking Up for US, an organization that supports adults with physical disabilities.

GMS plans to hold Diversity Day again next year but with some changes to ensure the incident is not repeated. Parents will be informed of topics and presenters prior to the event, and students will be given an option to sign up for certain presentations they would like to attend. This

year, advisory groups were assigned to a particular session. While PRYSM has presented at GMS in prior years without incident, the group will not be invited back to take part next year.

In his blog post titled "End of the 1st Quarter...Where Has the Time Gone?" Riley wrote, "As difficult as this has been for our school and community, I am so very proud of the way we all have responded to this incident and the range of comments it has evoked."

Diversity Day still remains important to GMS as they continue to make school safe for all students, not just a group

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Principal Robert Riley

Gorham Savings Bank Inspires "Anything is Possible" Contest

By STACY SALLINEN
Gorham Times Staff Writer

For the second year, Gorham Savings Bank inspired local fifth grade students through participation in their "Anything is Possible" poster contest. Students were invited to create a poster depicting what is possible with hard work, dedication, and imagination, and were eligible to win \$1,000 for their classroom to help expand educational programs, fund field trips and purchase supplies.

Five students from Gorham were selected to be among the thirty-four finalists in the poster contest: Madison Firmin, Kaitlyn Crockett and Sophia Minchev from Great Falls; Peyton Morton from Narragansett; and Ethan Allen from Village.

Schools are continually experiencing budget cuts that directly impact a student's experience. Through the support of local businesses, such as Gorham Savings Bank, more programs can be developed and opportunities outside of the classroom are made possible.

Friends, family and community members voted on the poster that best represents, "Anything is Possible." The grand-prize winner will be announced on November 30. In addition to \$1,000 for their classroom, the winning design will appear on reusable shopping bags that will be given away at Gorham Savings Bank branches, while supplies last.

Posters are available for viewing at www.gorhamsavingsbank.com/Anything-is-possible.

Miracle Worker at Gorham High School

Gorham High School's theater production of "The Miracle Worker," by William Gibson adapted from Hellen Keller's autobiography, "The Story of My Life," hit the stage in the McCormack Performing Arts Center in November.



Photo credits Martha Harris

Annie Sullivan says goodbye to students at the Perkins School for the Blind as she heads out to begin her life as Helen Keller's governess. Pictured from left to right: **Stefanie Farrington** as Blind Girl; **Mikayla Martorano** as Beatrice; **Molly Stewart** as Annie Sullivan; **Jordanne Mercier** as Blind Girl; and **Meghan Reidy** as Alice.



Annie Sullivan, played by **Molly Stewart**, attempts to awaken the magic of meaning and awareness in Helen Keller, played by **Chloe Gray**.



The Kellers watch with concern as a doctor examines their fever-ridden infant daughter. Pictured is **Collin Young** as the Doctor, **Kristin Nelson** as Mrs. Keller, and **Ryan Hohman** as Captain Keller.

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Village Food and Fitness Night Huge Success

By JENNIFER BANKS
Parent Contributor

Village School recently held their first Family Fun Night of the year which was organized and sponsored by the school's Partners in Education (PIE) Group. The evening was entitled "Food and Fitness Fun Night" with a goal of creating a fun, family event with healthy food, such as whole grain pizza and salad; exercise, which included a fun obstacle course created by My-Fit-24; and a give-back to the community campaign where students brought non-perishable food items to be donated to the Gorham Food Pantry.

Village Assistant Principal Jodi Mezzanotte said, "As a Village School Community, we are dedicated to educating the whole child. An important piece of that is citizenship and giving back to our community. In addition to citizenship, Village School is committed to families' health and wellness. The combination of the two commitments was the inspiration behind our family night," Mezzanotte went on to say, "This event brought our school community together to have fun and make a positive contribution to our Gorham Community."

All Village School students participated in an assembly the week prior to the event where Stacey Coleman, owner of My-Fit-24, got them excited

for the obstacle event that would happen at the evening event. The children learned about the pantry and were shown a behind the scenes video. The Gorham Hannaford donated a reusable shopping bag for each student to take home, and committed to match the first 500 food items that were raised by the students.

As the 200 participants arrived at the Food and Fitness Night, they made food donations and participated in a "super market sweep" style obstacle event. The course started with families filling a grocery cart with food items and racing through tunnels and hoops. The race ended by unloading the cart as if donating the items to families in need.

This event brought our school community together to have fun and make a positive contribution to our Gorham Community.

Asst. Principal Jodi Mezzanotte

The Village School students rose to the challenge at their non-traditional food drive, and brought in over 525 food items. Hannaford generously came through with 500 additional items as promised.

"It is important for students to learn how to be good citizens and to give back to their communities. To have Hannaford give so generously to our cause really demonstrates what good citizenship is all about. This experience not only provided assistance to our community, it was an opportunity for students to see that organizations and businesses work together to make Gorham such an incredible place to be," Mezzanotte added.



Photo credit Stacey Coleman

Bode Coleman hands food donations to **Zoe Coleman** at the **Village School Family Fun Night**. Over 525 food items were collected and donated to the Gorham Food Pantry.

The Gorham Food Pantry was thrilled with the response of Village School's event. The goal of the event was simply awareness. The Gorham Food Pantry is available for ANY

Gorham family in need, no questions asked. They work hard to share the message that no Gorham child should be hungry.

Well done, Village School!

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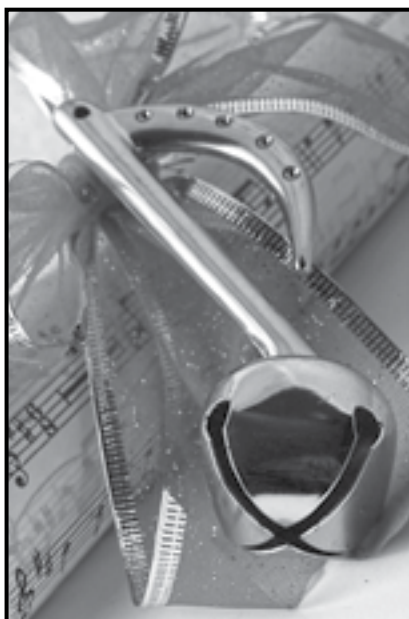
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Ross to Play NCAA Division I Basketball



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GHS senior **Kristin Ross** signs her letter-of-intent at the GHS gym November 14 to play basketball for Binghamton University, an NCAA Division I college in New York. Since earning a spot on the varsity as a freshman, Ross has played in every game of her high school career, starting in 44 of 57 games. She has scored 462 points while pulling down 368 rebounds to go along with 82 steals and 74 blocked shots. As a junior, she was a first-team SMAA All-Conference selection and an All-State honorable mention. Pictured with Ross, on her left is her father, Bill Ross, along with her mother Paula Ross and GHS girls' basketball head coach Laughn Berthiaume.

GHS Fall Sports Awards

Team Awards

Football: Most Valuable Player-**Matt McKenney**; Coaches Award-**Cameron Willette**.

Girls' Cross Country: Co-MVPs-**Jackie Turner** and **Kelsey Mitchell**.

Cheering: Most Improved-**Allyson Webber**; Most Spirit Award-**Hannah Rovillard**; Coaches Award-**Kara Stahl**.

Field Hockey: Most Valuable Player-**Patricia Smith**; Defensive Player of the Year-**Caitlin Shaw**; Leadership Award-**Evelyn Viernes**.

Girls' Soccer: Golden Boot-**Kali St. Germain**; Coaches Award-**Erin Smith**; Most Versatile-**Libby Andreassen**.

Boys' Cross Country: Most Valuable Runner-**Jesse Southard**; Most Improved Newcomer-**Spencer Linscott**; Most Improved Returner-**Ben Foster**.

Volleyball: Most Valuable Player-**Lindsay Chapman**; Ram Award-**Kaitlyn Seehusen**; Coaches Award-**Lexi Merrifield**.

Boys' Soccer: Most Valuable Player-**Kyle Curley**; Offensive Player of the Year-**Connor Reagan**; Defensive Player of the Year-**Chris Hardy**.

Golf: Legacy Award-**Mike Caron**, **Nathan Roop**, **Andrew Scontras** and **Spencer LaPierre**.

Senior All-Academic Awards

Golf: **Spencer LaPierre**, **Andrew Scontras**.

Field Hockey: **Evelyn Viernes**, **Celeste Carpenter**, **Patricia Smith**.

Boys' Soccer: **Alex Owens**, **Milan Vidovic**, **Mike Lubelczyk**, **Kyle Curley**, **Mike Sullivan**.

Football: **Collin Bowie**, **Cameron Willette**, **Damon Wallace**.

Volleyball: **Quincy Shaw**.

Boys Cross Country: **Elliott Speirs**.

Cheerleading: **Grace Bourgault**, **Meaghan Gilbert**, **Kara Stahl**.

Girls' Cross Country: **Rachel Eaton**.

*Look for the All-Conference Awards in the next issue of the Gorham Times.

sports Etc.

GHS Alumni Basketball Games: The GHS girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams will take on GHS alumni teams November 23 at the GHS gym. The girls' game starts at 4:30 p.m., and the boys' game starts at 6:30 p.m. Any alumni interested in participating are encouraged to contact Coach Laughn Berthiaume or Coach Ryan Chicoine.

Basketball Tip-Off Tournament: GHS is hosting a boys' and girls' pre-season basketball tournament November 24 that features teams from Lake Region, Poland, Sanford, Greely and Mt. Ararat. The GHS girls play at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. while the boys play at 10:45 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. Games involving other teams will run throughout the day.

Fall Baseball Champs



Photo credit Debbie Damon

Gorham-Dearborn won the Gorham Babe Ruth Fall Baseball league after compiling a record of 8-2 record and defeating a team from Bonny Eagle, 4-0 in the league championship. The game featured a complete-game shutout by **Corey Nadeau** combined with solid defense all around the diamond. Playing for the team and pictured above, front row from left to right, **Jamie Frager**, **Paddy Owens**, **Michael Walls**, **Jordan Ward** and **Eric Komulainen**. Back Row: Assistant Coach **Jim Sturgis**, Head Coach **Bob Schmidt**, **Andrew Schmidt**, **Colby Sturgis**, **Corey Nadeau**, **Billy Ruby** and **Calvin Riiska**.

Gorham Youth Soccer Wins State Championship



Photo credit Raina Cooper

The Gorham Youth Soccer Association boys' U14 team finished their six years together by winning the Soccer Maine State Championship with a 3-1 victory against Hampden November 4 at Yarmouth High School. The boys finished the regular season in third place in the Metro Division and then had some key players return to health to make a strong push into the playoffs. On the season, the team scored 44 goals while allowing only seven, and the team also won the Sanford Columbus Day Tournament. Playing for the team and pictured above, kneeling: **Nick Sturtevant**. First row from left to right: **Gerek Brown**, **Zac Meyers**, **Grant Hamblen**, **Dylan Weeks**, **Matt Dostie**, **Carter Landry**, **Jackson Fotter**, **Ethan Orach**, and **Ryan Firmin**. Second Row: **James Benson**, **Tyler Richman**, **Bryan Nelson**, **Ryan Hamblen**, **Connor Sweatt**, and **Tony Cooper**. Back Row: **Coaches Kim Fotter** and **Adam Sturtevant**.

GHS Sports Freeze Frames



From left to right, **Connor Dunn**, **Jesse Southard**, **Matt Esposito**, **Thomas Bradshaw** and **Jeremy Collett** jump off to a fast start during the GHS boys' cross country multi-team September 25 at Massabesic.



Laura Turner, **Karen Knight** and **Kelsey Mitchell** (from left to right) grind it out midway through the GHS girls' cross country multi-team meet September 25 at Massabesic.

in the Zone

College Stars: Bowdoin College freshman **Kiersten Turner** (GHS '12) helped the women's soccer team reach the second round of the NCAA Division III tournament and finish the season with an overall record of 11-4-4. From her mid-field position, Turner started 16 of the team's 17 games and was second in team scoring with six goals and also handed out two assists. University of Massachusetts at Amherst junior **Hannah Prince** (GHS '10) helped the field hockey team earn a #16 national ranking and qualify for the NCAA Division I tournament where the Minutemen lost to #5 Syracuse in the first round. Prince started all 24 of the team's games and scored two goals while handing out five assists from her defender position. She was named the Atlantic 10 Field Hockey Player of the Week on August 26 after scoring two overtime game-winning goals to help the team open the season with a pair of wins against ranked opponents.



Kiersten Turner



Hannah Prince

Soccer All-Stars: GHS senior **Kali St. Germain** was named to the girls' Western Maine Class A Regional All Star Team as voted by Maine Soccer Coaches. Fellow seniors **Connor Reagan** and **Kyle Curley** were named to the boys' team.

State Cross Country Champ: Gorham Middle School cross country runner **Anna Slager** won the 3K midget girls' division (ages 11-12) of the USA Track and Field Cross Country Maine Championships in Augusta on November 3. She finished with a time of 13:19.43 to win by nearly 30 seconds. In the youth girls' 4K division, **Hayley Bickford** finished 17th with a time of 23:55.47.

All-State Volleyball Selection



GHS Senior volleyball player **Lindsay Chapman** was one of eight players statewide selected to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Volleyball Team. Shown above during a regular-season win over Falmouth, Chapman, led the Rams to the semifinals of the Class A State Tournament and during the season tallied 112 kills, 111 digs, 77 serving points and 60 blocks.

Great Job Gorham Rams!

New Year Gorham Seeks Snow Artists!

By VIRGINIA WILDER CROSS
Chair, New Year Gorham

This year New Year Gorham will host a Snow Sculpting Contest in Robie Park (between the high school and municipal center). The sculpting will take place on December 31 between noon and 4 PM, and folks attending New Year Gorham will judge the sculptures. The winner(s) will be announced just before the fireworks during the New Year Gorham celebration.

"We are really excited about this addition to New Year Gorham, as we are always thinking of new ways to expand this annual community-wide family celebration," said Cindy Hazelton, Director of the Gorham Rec. Dept. "We hope lots of families, friends, neighborhoods, school groups, and individuals will think of

WHAT: Snow Sculpting Contest
WHO: Anyone interested in creating a fabulous snow sculpture
WHEN: Monday, December 31 between noon and 4 p.m.
WHERE: Robie Park (between the high school and municipal center)

ways to amaze us with their fabulously creative snow art."

This event will rely on a little help from Mother Nature, but if there is snow on the ground, the event will happen. The Rec. Department will provide equal size "plops" of snow for each team and the sculpting will be limited to the time between noon and 4 PM on New Year's Eve afternoon. Anyone interested in creating a fabulous snow sculpture should contact the Gorham Rec. Department prior to December 27. Please call 222-1630 for details.

Village School Turns 50 Seeking Village Alumni, 1962-2012

By KIM MEGGISON
Village School Teacher

Village School first opened its doors to students in the fall of 1962, which means the original part of the school turns 50 this year. During a construction project in the late 1980's, Village School tripled in size and housed grades four through six with students throughout the town. 1962 was also the year that White Rock School first opened.

Were you one of the students who walked the (two) halls of Village School each day in the 60's, 70's, or

80's? Or did you meander throughout the newer portions of the building in the 90's or even more recently? If so, the school would like to "hear" memories of life at Village School. Written memories and photos may be emailed to kimm@gorhamschools.org or sent via U.S. mail to Kim Meggison, Grade 4 Teacher, Village School, 12 Robie St., Gorham, ME 04038. Original photos will be scanned and returned. (Please write your name and identifying information on photos and provide a return address.) If you would prefer to be interviewed, please contact Meggison at (207) 222-1270.



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Village School as it appeared before the construction in the 1980's.



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Local Woman Works to Stop Pet Stores from Selling “Puppy Mill” Animals

By SHERRIE BENNER

In recent years, there has been significant media coverage concerning large-scale dog breeders that failed to provide humane treatment for the animals under their care. Negatively referred to as “puppy mills” (aka large scale breeding facilities), they have stirred the interest of the public, Congress, and animal rights groups. Lynn Fracassi is the founder of the Gorham-based Maine Citizens Against Puppy Mills (MCAPM). The group hosts educational events informing the public about the link between puppy mills and Maine puppy/kitten-selling pet stores, as well as protesting at area stores that choose to sell “puppy mill” pups.

When owners of pet stores disclaim that all their breeders are USDA licensed and inspected it may not be the seal of approval potential buyers expect. “Unfortunately,” Fracassi explains, “most USDA-licensed breeders house dozens or even hundreds of breeding dogs in small wire cages for their entire lives—and sadly, this is legal under current USDA regulations, which require only minimal standards of food, water and shelter.” USDA facilities have been found in violation of even these minimal standards and there are hundreds of USDA licensed puppy mills with long lists of violations that regularly sell to pet stores, many of which are located in Maine. These “puppy mill” puppies are known to experience serious health and behavioral issues.

The Humane Society of United States (HSUS) has compiled a list of the 12 Worst Breeders in the United States, labeling it the Breeders Hall of Shame.

One particular Maine store receives its puppies from five different breeders on this list. Puppies are transported in small crates for up to two days without food or water. Shipments are received and unloaded late at night, after the store is closed, customers are gone, and the parking lots are empty. As part of the group’s mission, MCAPM members have witnessed these after-hours deliveries. Offers to have these stores provide shelter dogs to adopt as alternatives to mill puppies have been declined.

MCAPM along with other grassroots movements nationwide are working locally to stop the sales of puppy mill animals in stores and online through education, protests and enacting new animal welfare legislation, beginning with local ordinances. Next on the group’s agenda is to draft a carefully worded proposal for town ordinances that would prohibit the sale of puppies and kittens from large scale breeding facilities. Since Maine has effective animal laws in place, the group is careful to not offend respectable breeders doing business in Maine. However, the group is hoping to cap Maine breeders at a manageable-to-care-for 25 animals. When the proposal is ready, members will attend area town council meetings, beginning with the town of Scarborough.

The real tragedy of puppy mills is that it is perfectly legal to keep breeding dogs in horrific conditions. Only the public can stop the cruel cycle of puppy mills, by refusing to buy the puppies that keep these kinds of breeders in business.

For more information please contact mainecitizensagainstpupmills@yahoo.com or “like” them on Facebook at Maine Citizens Against Puppy Mills.



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Among other protestors, **Milo Cutting** holds a sign for passersby to read during a recent protest at an area pet store.



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It's Time to Test Your Well

By CHRIS CRAWFORD
Gorham Times Staff Writer

Even though your well water looks, smells, and tastes fine, it may NOT be safe to drink. It could harbor bacteria and viruses that can cause diarrhea and vomiting. Or nitrates and nitrites, both of which can cause infant blood problems. Other dangerous particles your family might be drinking include arsenic (cancer), radon (cancer), uranium (kidney problems), lead (brain damage), or fluoride (too little, increased tooth decay; too much, stained teeth).

Gorham well owners have a particular reason to take notice. After extensive testing of private wells across the state, the U.S. Geological Survey ranked Gorham third for the highest concentrations of arsenic out of 20 towns in Maine. Arsenic is a toxic heavy metal known to cause skin, bladder and lung cancer and other forms of cancer, developmental problems in children, circulatory problems, and more.

It costs \$15 to \$25 for an arsenic test and \$60 to \$70 for a more comprehensive test for other contaminants, such as manganese, radon and uranium. The Maine Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends testing:

- Every year for bacteria, nitrates and nitrites.

- Every three to five years for arsenic, radon, uranium, lead, and fluoride. Additional testing should be done if:

- You are expecting a baby.
- Your water changes in smell, taste, or color. If this is the case, drink bottled water and call the Maine CDC to learn which tests to do.

- You put in new parts to the system, like a new pump or new pipes or water softener. Test for bacteria.

- The well runs dry and comes back. Test for bacteria.

- You put in a water treatment system to fix a problem. Test the treated water each year for that problem.

Some water quality problems are fairly quick and easy to fix. If the arsenic is found at only slightly elevated level, a homeowner may simply need to switch to bottled water for drinking. Other water issues may take longer and cost more. You may qualify for a low-income loan to fix a problem.

If you need help understanding your lab report and before you spend money to fix a water problem, call the Maine CDC, a toll free call in Maine, at (866) 292-3474 or for the hearing impaired, call (800) 606-0215, or visit <http://well-water.maine.gov> for a wealth of information including a list of Maine Water Testing Labs.

Betsy Nygren CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

huge success. Because of her enthusiasm, her talents and her grounded friendly demeanor that she has brought to the House over these many years, leaving a lasting imprint in such a positive way, the Ronald McDonald House presented Betsy Nygren with the Heart of Gold, their highest honor and recognition.

Ronald McDonald House program provides a "home-away-from-home" for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost. Lengths of stay for families can range from one day to 14 months. Although a family is asked to pay \$10 per night, oftentimes their budget is pushed to the breaking point and lengthy stays in the hospital can make these \$10 a night fees add up. At the Ronald McDonald House no family is ever turned away. They provide a home away from home - a home-cooked meal after a long day at the hospital, a good night's sleep in a caring environment and a place where families support each other through a most difficult time.

With a degree in business and economics from the University of Maine at Farmington, Nygren worked as a manager for five restaurants. She also co-owned and operated a local McDonalds restaurant, where she first became involved with the start-up of the local Ronald McDonald house.

After the birth of her second child, Nygren left the business world and

never looked back. Her dedication and enthusiasm for volunteering carries over into many facets within the Gorham community. Nygren is known to many as one of the dance instructors at the Dance Studio of Maine, where she began student teaching at age ten. She currently teaches tap, jazz and ballet to children aged two-and-a-half to ten. Nygren is also an active volunteer of the Cressey Road United Methodist Church, where she teaches Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and volunteers wherever she is most needed. For the last nine years, Nygren has led three different Girl Scout troops, and also mentors new Girl Scout leaders.

Nygren is an active volunteer in Gorham schools, and most enjoys helping out in her children's classrooms, school-wide events, and teacher appreciation luncheons. She also served as a grade level volunteer coordinator, where Gorham Adult Education Director Kate Rotroff describes her as "pouring her heart into everything she does."

"We're all put on this earth to help someone else," said Nygren. "The best gift we can give our kids is to give back, take care of one another and be a leader."

Nygren (GHS '88) is married to her high-school sweetheart, Kirk (GHS '86), and together they are raising their four daughters; Taylor, 13; Lindsey, 10; Erica, 6; and Kara, 3.

You Don't Say! Oddities when it comes to animals

By CHRIS CRAWFORD
Gorham Times Staff Writer

There sure are a lot of oddities when it comes to the animal kingdom. Consider the following:

Nine-banded armadillo: the only animal to regularly give birth to identical quadruplets

Naked mole rat: the only furless rodent

Maned wolf: the only member of the dog family that digs with its teeth instead of its claws

Cheetah: the only great cat that cannot retract its claws

Sloth bear: the only bear with no front teeth

Burrowing owl: the only owl to live underground

Ostrich: the only two-toed bird

Sharp-ribbed salamander: the only animal that uses its ribs as weapons

Starfish: the only animal that takes its stomach to its food instead of the other way around. When a starfish finds a clam, it uses its strong gripping arms to force the clamshell open. Then its stomach bulges out through the creature's mouth and covers and digests the soft clam.

Bloodhound: The only member of the animal kingdom whose testimony is allowed in a court of law. Its sense of smell is one million times more powerful than that of a human, so if a bloodhound tracks down and so identifies a criminal, that evidence is admissible in court if it meets the following criteria:

The dog has an acute power of scent determination;

The dog was trained to track humans and could do so with a high degree of accuracy;

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Military News

The Maine National Guard announced the promotions of the following soldiers from Gorham: **Chelsea Marcantonio was promoted to sergeant**, with the 133d Engineer Battalion, Forward Support Company and **Jared Gowen was promoted to specialist** with the 262nd Engineer Co., Detachment 1.

Officer Ted Hatch, Gorham Police Department intern Kim Palumbo, Buddy Calabraro, Kathy Garrard, Dyana Rossignol, Georgia Humphrey and Gorham Police Chief Ron Shepard.



Photo credit Terry Calabraro

Gorham's First Community Theater kicked off its second season in October with rehearsals of the production "Twinderella," under the direction of **Janelle Mosey**.

Performances are **Dec. 7 & Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.** in the Gorham Middle School Auditorium.

The First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham will hold a pre-ordered pie sale between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. through Dec. 1 with a pick-up date of Dec. 9 at the church. These are the same chicken meat pies that are served at the church community dinners. A 9x9 pie can be purchased for \$15.00 and a 9x13 pie for \$25.00. FMI, 839-6751.

The Gorham Ecumenical Council is sponsoring a Christmas Season Service of Comfort and Rest for those who do not feel like celebrating. Perhaps the loss of a loved one, uncertainty of employment, a serious illness, a broken relationship...any of these or more may make a person seem out of step with the cheery majority. This service will offer a quiet place to be with one's sadness and also realize no one is alone, providing words of comfort and hope, but in a quieter way. **You are invited to attend this Service of Comfort and Rest on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church.** Light refreshments will be served following the service.

The Gorham Arts Alliance will present a Parent/Child Class: Holiday Hotplates on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Shaw Gym Multipurpose Room. \$10/ materials. Open to all students. FMI, gorhamartsalliance.org

Dancers from Gorham who will perform in Maine State Ballet's "The Nutcracker," are Estelle Ballard, Annmari Dellasala, Angela Dellasala, Nathaniel Dombek, Charlotte Feinberg, Kate Larkin, Hailee Willey and Monica Willey. Dombek, GHS '12, plays the Mouse King and now studies at the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts. Charlotte Feinberg was recently named as an apprentice with the Maine State Ballet Company. **Performances will be held Nov. 24, 25 & 30 and Dec. 1 & 2.** FMI, 842-0800 or tickets@porttix.com.

Casco Federal Credit Unions's Marti McNichol, pictured on right, welcomes the Maine Credit Unions' ending Hunger Walking Tour to Gorham. Brenda Davis, left, one of the state's leading end hunger advocates, is walking throughout the state during the month of November to raise awareness about the issue of hunger. The stop in Gorham was one of 10 communities the Tour visited in Cumberland County. A food pantry in each community received a contribution including the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry.



The GHS Key Club will host a Santa Breakfast & Silent Auction on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham. Bring the kids and enjoy breakfast and a meeting with Santa! \$5/pp. FMI, 222-0296.

The Gorham Business Exchange will hold its annual holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall, 34 School St. **Hosts Bruce Roullard, Duane Dreger, and Lisa Allen will collect donations for heating assistance for Gorham residents in need.** FMI, www.gorhambusiness.org.

The Southern Maine Agency on Aging will hold office hours every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham to help seniors with questions regarding Medicare benefits, prescription drug programs, property tax and rent rebates and more. FMI, call SMAA at 396-6500.

The Lakes Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn St., Gorham, offers a variety of daily activities and drop-in classes for seniors. Stop in for morning coffee or play pickleball, poker, bingo or cribbage. Join in on exercise, watch a movie or learn to knit. FMI, 893-9088.

Avon representative Alice Grover will help raise funds for the Fuel Assistance Program in Gorham by selling "stuffed bears" for \$20 each. All profits will go toward the fuel program. Those purchasing the two foot tall bear named "Curly" may keep the bear for themselves OR choose to give it to one of the following: Gorham Fire & Police for traumatized children; St. Anne's Christmas baskets; Barbara Bush Children's Hospital; Toys for Tots (Marines); or Connections for Kids or an organization of their choice. FMI, email nanagrov@yahoo.com



Once again the Bookworm in Gorham will ask its customers this holiday season to donate \$2 to toward the purchase a gift-wrapped new book with a small toy attached. These books are donated to the Town of Gorham to accompany Christmas baskets being prepared for needy families in the area. The Bookworm has been able to donate more than 100 books a year for each of the last 14 years and they look forward to having your support again this year.

Maine author Monica Wood will discuss her latest book, When We were the Kennedys, at the North Gorham Public Library on November 29 at 7 p.m. Set in Mexico, Maine, Wood's memoir chronicles upheavals in the town and in her family in 1963. Free. FMI, call 892-2575.

Lloyd W. Alexander will hold his first book signing event, Let's Take A Journey; Inside Nature's Mystical World on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Gorham Grind. Lloyd uses his love of nature and photography to bring to light things most people just pass over in this busy world.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cassidy Avis Files, weighing 8 lbs 5 oz and measuring 20" long, was born on October 29, 2012 to parents **Meredith and Michael Files** and sister **Annabelle**. Grandparents: **Chris Crawford and Nick Kirby** of Gorham. Great Grandparents: **John and Dede Files** of Gorham.



OF INTEREST

Jason Badeau was inducted into the Alpha Chi Honor Society at Thomas College in Waterville. Alpha Chi students must be within the top ten percent of their class.

In conjunction with the Gorham Police Department and TRIAD, Boy Scout Troop 73 and their parents raked leaves for senior citizens living in Patio Mobile Home Park off Libby Avenue in Gorham. L-R (back row): **Sgt. Michael Nault, Riley Campbell, Grant Hawkes, Adam Petrin, Kyle Grass, Bailey Daigle, Adam Harrington, Mark McShane, Sgt. Daniel Young, Parker Lane.** Front row are two residents from Patio Mobile Home Park. Others not pictured who helped rake are: **Ben Nault, Jean Green, Shawn Harrington, Jim Petrin, Tracey Daigle, Julie Grass, Christian Grass and Tom Bahun.**



The Montalvo Corporation at Hutcherson Drive named **Tony Rossetti**, pictured at right, as **inside sales representative** at its headquarters in the U.S. Montalvo Corp. is an international specialist in industrial web control systems.



Dr. Mark J. Wasowski, from North Windham Chiropractic and Rehabilitation will be a guest speaker at the Lakes Region Senior Center in Gorham on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 11:45 a.m. Please come with questions. Bring a bagged lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Open to the public. FMI, 892-5604.

The following students from Gorham participated in the 70th anniversary of the Portland Youth Symphony and the USM Youth Ensembles Concert held recently at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland: **Nathan Bachner**, voice; **Stanislav Butenko**, violin; **Esther Eaton**, voice; **Karina Fox**, violin; **Chloe Gray**, trombone; **Melody Hasbrouck**, flute; **Grant Hawkes**, cello; **Mason Hawkes**, voice; **Autumn Heil**, voice; **Rebecca Kushner**, violin, **Arthur Lockman**, trombone; **Justin Reyes**, euphonium; **Victoria Saunders**, voice; **Roman St. Ours**, violin and **Dorothy Stickney**, viola.

Several Gorham residents recently completed an eight-week course taught by Southern Maine police departments and social service agencies. C.O.P.S. (Citizen Oriented Policing School) provides an overview of all aspects of police department operations to citizens, including a session in firearms simulation training. (L-R): **Gorham**

All You Can Eat Baked Bean Supper Sat. Dec. 1, 4:30-6:00 p.m., White Rock Community Club Wilson Rd., Off Rte 237. Beans, hot dogs, mac & cheese, biscuits, salads, and homemade desserts. Adults: \$7; Kids: \$3.

HOLIDAY FAIRS

The First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham will hold a Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Silent auction, dessert auction, baked goods, greens, crafts, gifts, Santa, toys and more!

Sebago Lake Congregational Church Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 410 Northeast Road, Standish (Route 35). Coffee and a hot lunch along with silent auction, baked treats, crafts, white elephant table, and Christmas tree ornaments will be available.

The Dorcas Society of Buxton and Hollis will host the 149th performance of the Kate Douglas Wiggin play, "The Old Peabody Pew" on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Buxton (Rts. 202/112). This old-fashioned romantic comedy has been performed annually since 1916 with the exception of the war years. Tree lighting and carols to put everyone in the holiday spirit and warm cider and cookies served in the back of the church before the performance. FMI, 929-6356.

USM NOTES

USM Jazz Ensemble, under the directorship of Chris Oberholtzer, will perform

on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus. \$15/\$10/\$5.

USM Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform on Friday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus. \$6/\$3.

USM Composers Ensembles will perform on Saturday, Dec. 1, 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus. Free.

An Opera Workshop Scenes Concert with director Ellen Chickering will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus. \$6/\$3.

USM Theater presents "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams, now through Dec. 2 at Russell Hall Theater, USM Gorham campus. \$15/\$11. FMI, 780-5151.

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• Hunter's Breakfast, Cressey Road UMC, 5 - 9 a.m. Free breakfast with donations accepted for church mission to Guatemala. FMI, 839-4383.

MONDAY, NOV. 26

• Evening Story Time, "10 Turkeys in the Road," 6 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27

• Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 yrs., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
• Graphic Novel Workshop, 3-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

• Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
• Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. Everyone welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
• Toddlers in the Library, for children under 3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

• Baby and Me, ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
• Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m.
• Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
• Baxter Memorial Library Sewing Group, ages 7 and older, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

• Christmas Fair, First Parish Congregational Church, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Silent auction, dessert auction, baked goods, greens, crafts, Santa and more!

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

• Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 yrs., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.
• Gorham Arts Alliance Meeting, 5-6 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

• Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-311.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

• Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
• Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. Everyone welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
• Toddlers in the Library, for children under 3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

• Baby and Me, ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
• Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m.
• Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
• Baxter Memorial Library Sewing Group, ages 7 and older, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
• Gorham Business Exchange Holiday Party, 5-7 p.m., Odd Fellows Hall, Gorham.
• Baxter Memorial Library Sewing Group, ages 7 and older, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Activities listed above are located at:
Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.
Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd.
First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church St.
Gorham Food Pantry, St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd.
Odd Fellows Hall, School St. and College Ave.
St. Anne's Catholic Church, 299 Main St.



Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

Dogs Will be Dogs

Sleepy Hollow Drive caller reported their two dogs ran off after a porcupine.

Dingley Spring Road caller was approached by a male in a vehicle who stated they were part of a "welcoming committee" in the area.

Gray Road caller stated they were getting secondhand information that a male and five other juveniles who showed a knife stole her friend's shoes.

Caller reported receiving a counterfeit \$20 bill from a deposit left by a local store.

Lawn Avenue caller received a phone call from a subject stating he was her grandson and was arrested for drug possession and needed money sent.

Tink Drive caller wished to file a report on the theft of an engagement ring.

Gray Road caller reported they had a female in the store who stole some items and they had her on camera.

The owner of vacant property on Parker Hill Road, who was checking on their unsecured property, advised there were 15-16 teens in the area and it was unknown what they were doing.

Spiller Road caller stated that her boyfriend was annoying her so she told him to leave, but he would not go.

Wintergreen Drive caller reported a couple of males in the woods behind her house who had her "freaked out."

Heather Way caller reporting that someone had put water in her oil tank as her furnace tech had taken out 50 gallons at the time of the call.

Plummer Road caller reported a disturbance that happened at a store, where caller was hit in the head with a gallon of milk.

Men from Westbrook and Baldwin were arrested for OUI.

Sanborn Street woman, State Street man and Elliott Road man were arrested for OUI.

A Scarborough man was arrested for criminal speed (30+mph over the limit).

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Choices for Electricity Suppliers Increase

By KAREN DiDONATO
Gorham Times Editor

Gone are the days where electricity customers had only one option on their electricity bill. Thanks to Maine deregulating its energy market in 1999, the industry became open to competition. In Gorham, the electric company is Central Maine Power (CMP), the company that delivers the power, but customers now have three choices for which company supplies their electricity.

The options now are Electricity Maine, based in Auburn, Maine; Gulf Electricity Services (Gulf Oil), based

in Framingham, Massachusetts; or to continue with the standard offer through CMP. In either option, CMP will continue delivering the electricity, but Electricity Maine or Gulf Electricity will supply the electricity while, they claim, saving you money.

There are no fees to switch electricity suppliers. You will continue to receive only one bill from CMP. The switch will not interrupt the power or the reliability of the power. Both power supply companies claim to save money on the power supply portion of the electricity bill by completing with the standard offer through CMP.

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Gorham Hunting

By JASON BEEVER
President of C E Carll Agency

This article is intended to educate residents about hunting seasons, opportunities, regulations, and safety issues in Gorham. Our town has long been a popular destination for hunters, and continues to be today. Gorham is close to the larger metropolitan areas that prohibit hunting and/or the discharge of firearms, and is still a relatively rural town with areas of undeveloped woodland that attract hunters.

Hunting remains one of the safest of outdoor activities, and hunting and other outdoor activities are not mutually exclusive. Still, it is a good idea for non-hunters to be aware of various hunting seasons and dress accordingly if you plan to be in the woods or adjacent areas. I remember growing up in rural Gorham my mother always wore an orange hat or vest when she hung laundry out on the line! Also, pet owners should take care to adorn pets or livestock with an orange collar or vest that might be roaming in or around hunting areas.

Hunting in Maine is regulated by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife www.maine.gov/ifw/. This website provides all the rules and regulations for hunting in Maine, as well as seasons, bag limits, license information, and more. You can purchase hunting licenses online as well. You can also purchase licenses and obtain a paper copy of the hunting and trapping regulations at the Gorham town office.

Hunting is currently illegal on Sunday in Maine, and the Town of Gorham has a firearm ordinance that can be viewed at http://www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_Codes/firearms

Here is a partial list of hunting seasons during which you might see hunters in Gorham's woods and fields, or hear the sound of firearms:

October 1: This is traditionally "opening day" for many upland bird, waterfowl, and small game seasons. Pheasant, grouse, turkey, woodcock, and duck seasons typically open on October 1. Small game species include rabbit and squirrel and some of these seasons extend through December. Rabbit season ends on March 31.

The statewide archery season for deer typically runs during the month of October and ends before firearm season.

The last Saturday of October is always the first day of firearms season for deer, and this season always ends on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Muzzleloader (single shot, black powder firearm) season for deer immediately follows firearms season, usually opening the Monday after Thanksgiving. There are two zones for muzzleloader season, North and South. The North zone season lasts one week, and the South zone, which includes Gorham, is two weeks. Check the IF&W rules and regulations because these dates change from year to year.

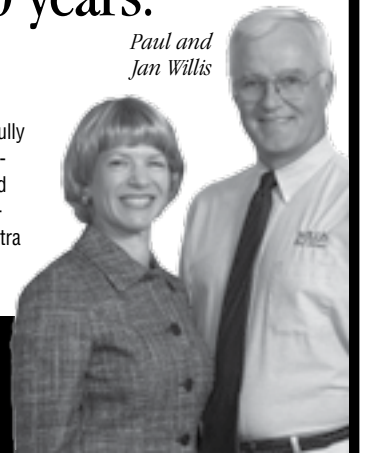
May 1: The month of May is typically the spring season for turkey. Again, start and end dates vary from year to year so consult the rules. This season has become very popular, and it is not uncommon to see camouflage-clad turkey hunters grabbing a cup of coffee at local stores. Only a male (tom) turkey may be harvested in the spring, and hunting is only allowed from 1/2 hour before sunrise until noon. Firearms for turkey hunting are limited to shotguns only.

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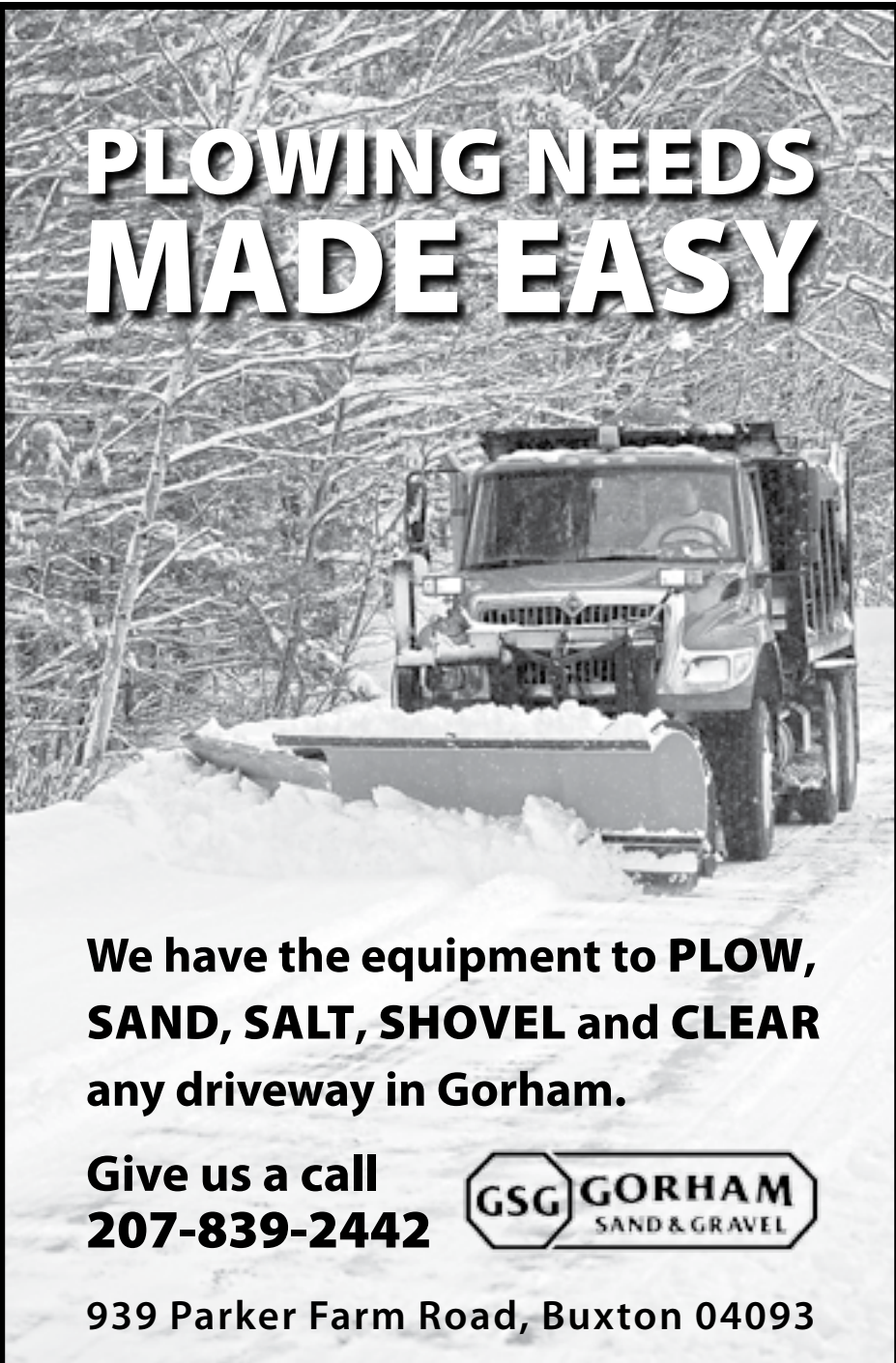
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