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Town Manager Issues New Rules for Council and Staff

BY SHERI FABER
Gorham Times Staff Writer

In response to problems that have developed over the past few years between the Town Council and Town staff, Town Manager David Cole has developed guidelines he hopes will make the Town Council members work together more effectively. In a memo dated November 2, Cole asked all Town Council members to participate in an

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David Cole, Town Manager

orientation meeting that Cole described as “an opportunity for council members to get to know each other in a less formal setting” and “to establish a better opportunity for the council to be more productive this year.”

Cole listed characteristics of effective and ineffective groups asking councilors to consider whether or not they have adhered to these positive

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Happy Holidays, Gorham



Photo credit Colleen Donley

Celia Waldo, in her holiday best, sits in the wagon with her goat named Meadow, while getting pulled by Bartholomew the horse.

Angelo Whips Up A Batch of Holiday Cheer for the Town of Gorham!



Photo credit Sue Dunn

Just one week before Christmas, Gorham House of Pizza (GHOP) reopened for business after a fire devastated the building in April 2012. Continuing with the holiday spirit, GHOP owner Angelo Sotiropoulos began a new community foundation that will offer funds to Gorham residents in need. Sotiropoulos said he was lucky to receive such help, but not everyone has that opportunity. In order to pay it forward, the Reed Allen Community Foundation was started in honor of Sotiropoulos' friends who both passed away at a young age: John Reed, a Gorham police officer well-known in the community for his involvement in coaching numerous teams, and Dana Allen, a star high school basketball player who tragically died of cancer in his early 20's. To raise money for the foundation, GHOP auctioned off meals to bidders and raised over \$5,500 in the first week. The foundation will continue accepting pledges until December 31. For more information about the foundation and fundraising efforts, look to the next edition of the Gorham Times or contact Fotine Sotiropoulos at fsotiropoulos@hotmail.com.

GHS and USM Chosen to Host Theatre Conference

BY MOLLY STEWART
GHS Intern

For the first time ever, Maine was chosen to host the NorthEast Educational Theatre Conference. So it was truly an honor when Gorham High School was asked to co-host this event with the University of Southern Maine. On November 30 and December 1, 325 students attended from throughout New England and from schools as far as New York City. The two-day festival featured workshops that ranged from mask performance to stage combat to tech challenges. There were also guest

speakers who talked about the range of possibilities in pursuing a career in the arts, which was both eye-opening and inspiring.

Beyond the workshops, there was also an opportunity for students to perform in Individual Events to be judged. The highest level of honor was the superior rating, and three GHS students received that ranking. Kevin Lombard and Molly Stewart earned Superior ratings in the Monologue event and Stefanie Farrington earned superior rating in the Solo Musical Theatre event. At the Festival closing, selected superior performances from Individual Events were asked to

perform as “Best of the Fest.” Kevin Lombard was selected to perform his two monologues.

Although the festival was a blast, it was also a great learning experience for everyone there. This experience provided everyone who attended with a deeper definition of what theatre and art is. It also linked our small GHS drama community with other kids from different states who have similar interests and passions as we do. Events like this widen perspectives and create connections to communities around us, which, I believe, is often the link that inspires kids to follow their dreams.

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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.

Looking Forward to Maine's 126th Legislature

By REP. ANDREW MCLEAN
Town Representative

Two weeks ago, members of Maine's 126th Legislature were sworn into office. It was a wonderful day at the State House with the families and friends of the newly elected members.

With the new Legislature now in session, there are significant challenges that lay ahead; however, the leaders of both parties in the House and Senate are committed to working together to find bipartisan solutions.

Kevin Raye, former Senate president, recently commented at a dinner being held for newly elected legislators that in other countries transitions in power are often accompanied by injury, death and even war. "Here, in America," he said, "we sit down and have dinner together," referring to weekly dinners of he, former Speaker Robert Nutting, former Senator Barry Hobbins and former Representative Emily Cain. In addition to weekly bipartisan leadership dinners, the new Republican leadership in the House graciously seconded the nominations of Mark Eves for Speaker of the House and others - a move that will set the tone for the session.

On the day of the swearing-in ceremony we also elected constitutional officers: Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer

and State Auditor. Each of these elected individuals has significant expertise and will serve the people of Maine well.

Earlier this month, the Appropriations Committee held its final interim meeting for the 125th Legislature that covered a variety of topics including a \$35.5 million budget shortfall. When the new Legislature reconvenes on January 8th, filling this gap will be one of the first issues we address.

The Legislature's Office of Fiscal and Program Review (OFPR) also briefed the committee on the upcoming Biennial Budget and the revenue gap that will accompany it. OFPR estimates the revenue gap (the difference between expected state revenues and expenditures) is approximately \$707 million over the next two years. The Legislature will be working to develop a comprehensive budget that balances our state's spending priorities while ensuring that we are eliminate inefficiencies and waste.

The Legislature will also begin working on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The final word is still out on whether the Governor will set up a state-run insurance exchange or ask the Federal government to set one up; however, we should know in the coming weeks. The insurance exchanges, which are

government-regulated, standardized health plans, will allow people without insurance to purchase a private insurance plan that best suits them and their families. Over the next year, implementation of the ACA will be the greatest healthcare priority of the Legislature. This new law will expand access to private health insurance and lower costs for Maine families and small businesses.

Additional challenges facing the new Legislature include education reform, rebuilding our roads and bridges, and increasing job opportunities. However great the challenges we face, Republicans, Democrats and Independents alike are committed to finding bipartisan solutions. I look forward to the work ahead, and I hope that you will be in touch with questions, concerns or comments about proposed legislation or other issues of concern to you. I look forward to hearing from you.



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traits. "Please note," added Cole, "that none of these characteristics require members of the group to always agree with one another or vote the same way. In other words, for a group to be effective, how we all treat each other (the democratic process of discussing and debating an issue) is as important as the final vote."

Cole went on to talk about the fact that Town staff was "being caught in the middle of different groups of Council members" leading to situations where information was available to some Council members and not to others which "exacerbated disagreements and contributed to unproductive behavior of the council." The Town Charter (section 218) and the Council Rules (Section 32, Policy four) clearly states, "Council members are not to freelance with staff and are to deal with staff only through the Town Manager." As a result, Cole is calling for the following changes:

Whenever a Council member seeking information contacts Cole, Cole will notify all Council members of the inquiry and will share the answer with all council members.

Individual Council members have no authority to contact the town attorney for legal opinions. The Town Council may only act (by at least a majority vote) as a group. If Council members feel there is an issue that is important enough to warrant the expenditure of money necessary to pay for a legal opinion, they may contact Cole or the Council Chair.

In accordance with the Town Charter, Council members should not be directly contacting staff or visiting their offices. If council members contact staff, they will be politely reminded that they are violating the Town Charter and that they need to contact the Town Manager's office. If Council members refuse to comply, in effect, putting staff in a "no-win" situation,

this will be reported to Cole who will report it to the Town Council for the Council to deal with.

Cole ended by saying, "If Council members will truly commit to being fair and to being more effective as a group, then next year can be more productive. However, if individual Council members are not truly committed to being more effective and doing the job they were elected to do, then no set of rules or code of behavior will be effective."



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Newly Refurbished Building Houses New Daycare

By JACKIE FRANCIS
Gorham Times Staff Writer

The Children's Adventure Daycare and Learning Center located on School Street in Gorham, is now open for business after months of extensive renovations and remodeling, says owner Sherri Adams. Sherri has 19 years of experience operating established daycare centers in both Portland and Windham and is anxious for the residents of Gorham to see the transformation of her freshly painted and newly decorated licensed daycare center.

We are a center-based, child and family oriented center with a nurturing and safe environment, with a full and structured curriculum every day.

Sherri Adams, Owner

The first floor toddler room will accommodate two to three year olds with its mint green, art covered walls

and large play area. Pre-toddlers, ages 15 months to two-and-a-half years, will have three adjoining rooms painted yellow, green and purple in which to explore and play. New changing tables, cubbies and diaper units have been added as well as refurbished tiled bathrooms. The newly carpeted infant rooms are painted yellow with pack 'n plays, rocking chairs, exersaucers and baby seats lining the spacious area.

Along with the newly carpeted, tiled and wooden floors, 7,000 sq. ft. of freshly painted walls brightens every room in the two-floored licensed facility. Wainscoting follows the carpeted stairs that leads to the downstairs pre-school area, where age-appropriate activities fill the 40' x 70' area with a stage area for plays, art centers, book centers, blocks, trucks, and kitchen play area.

Extensive work was done to the exterior foundation, as well as interior walls, says Adams, to eliminate the mold problem of the previous tenant. (Adams points out that Children's Adventure Daycare is not affiliated with the previous owners.) "We are a center-based, child and family oriented center with a nurturing and safe environment," says Adams, "with a full and structured curriculum every day."



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

The Children's Adventure Daycare and Learning Center offers a before and after school program for children up to the age of twelve including a sibling discount of 10 percent. Discounts are also available to USM students and staff with children enrolled at the Center.

Head teacher Jessica Hurd has ten years of experience working in the Portland and Windham Adventure Centers. "We're looking forward to meeting the families in the Gorham

community," she says. "They'll be happy to know the staff here is well trained with a very low turnover."

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Village Physical Therapy, Inc.

By SARAH GAVETT-NIELSEN
Gorham Times Staff Writer

Village Physical Therapy, Inc. is a Gorham company that opened in August 2012, and specializes in orthopedic and sports rehab, in addition to manual therapy, ergonomic evaluation, post-surgical rehab, cancer-related fatigue, and work-related injuries. According to the company's website, "The mission of Village Physical Therapy is to assist patients by providing optimal physical therapy services and to promote wellness through patient education. In order to match care to each individual's needs, we provide a hands-on approach, using a variety of manual therapy techniques as well as exercises and activities drawn from several disciplines."

Village Physical Therapy, Inc. is run by Tom Thoman, DPT, Jim Stevenson, PT, FAAOMPT, Hayes Sweeney PT,

and Michael Smith, PT, ATC. This company is affiliated with two other Maine clinics: Massabesic Health Resources in Waterboro, and Foothills Physical Therapy in Cornish. Sweeney and Stevenson run Massabesic Health Resources as well as Foothills Physical Therapy in collaboration with Thoman.

Thoman completed his Doctorate in Physical Therapy at Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions. Stevenson completed his Physical Therapy degree at Northeastern University, and completed a post-graduate program at the Institute of Orthopedic Manual Therapy. Smith received a Master's of Science Degree in Physical Therapy from Simmons College, and also completed post-graduate courses in manual therapy from the University of St. Augustine, and is also a licensed Athletic Trainer. Sweeney received a Master's of Science degree in Physical Therapy at the University of St. Augustine.

For more information regarding the company, staff, and services provided,



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Physical Therapist Michael Smith stands among several pieces of equipment available at Village Physical Therapy on lower Main Street.

please visit www.villageptme.com. Appointments are scheduled by avail-

ability. For inquiries, or to schedule an appointment, call the clinic at 839-9090, or send email via the company website.

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Home for the Holidays: Know the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

BY BILL JENKS

Visiting aging relatives over the holidays may raise questions about their physical and cognitive health. Although some changes in cognitive ability are normal as we age, serious memory problems are not a part of normal aging. Recognizing the difference between what is and what is not normal can help you identify when it may be time for you or your relative to see a doctor.

The Alzheimer's Association has a helpful list, Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease, which is contrasted with what may be normal with age:

Memory loss that disrupts daily life.

One of the most common signs of Alzheimer's is forgetting recently learned information. Others include forgetting important dates or events; asking for the same information repeatedly; relying on memory aides, e.g., reminder notes or electronic devices, or family members. What's normal: Sometimes forgetting names or appointments, but remembering them later.

Challenges in planning or solving problems.

Changes in one's ability to develop and follow a plan or to work with numbers such as trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills. What's normal: Making an occasional error when balancing a checkbook, but understanding when it's pointed out.

Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure.

It can often be difficult to complete daily tasks like driving to a familiar location, managing a budget or remembering the rules of a favorite game. What's normal: Occasionally needing help to use the settings on a microwave or to record a television show.

Confusion with time or place such as losing track of dates, seasons and the passage of time.

They may forget where they are or how they got there. What's normal: Getting confused about the day of the week but figuring it out later.

Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships, perceptual problems like difficulty judging distance or determining color or contrast.

They may pass a mirror and think someone else is in the room. What's normal: Vision changes related to conditions such as cataracts or macular degeneration is not Alzheimer's.

New problems with speaking or writing.

People with Alzheimer's or dementia may have trouble following or joining a conversation, get lost in the middle or repeat themselves. They may struggle with vocabulary, have problems finding the right word or call things by the wrong name (e.g., calling a "watch" a "hand-clock"). What's normal: Sometimes having trouble finding the right word.

Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps.

They may put things in unusual places and be unable to go back over their steps to find them. They may accuse others of stealing. What's normal: Misplacing things from time to time, such as a pair of glasses or the remote control.

People with Alzheimer's may experience changes in judgment or decision-making.

They may use poor judgment when dealing with money, giving large amounts to telemarketers. They may pay less attention to grooming themselves. What's normal: Making a bad decision once in a while.

People with Alzheimer's may withdraw from social situations, work projects, or hobbies.

They may have trouble keeping up with a favorite team or remembering how to complete a favorite hobby. They may also avoid being social because of the changes they are experiencing. What's normal: Sometimes feeling weary of work, family and social obligations.

Changes in mood and personality.

They can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. They may be easily upset at home, at work, or in places where they are out of their comfort zone. What's normal: Developing very specific ways of doing things and becoming irritable when a routine is disrupted.

Early diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other dementias is an important step in getting appropriate treatment, care and support services. If you have questions or need information, please contact the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 toll-free helpline at (800) 272-3900 where experts are available to help individuals concerned with their own cognitive health and family members or friends who are concerned about loved ones.

Bill Jenks serves on the Board of Directors of the Maine Alzheimer's Association, and owns Home Instead Senior Care, which provides in-home non-medical care for seniors and free Alzheimer's workshops for family caretakers of loved ones with Alzheimer's or a related dementia.

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Reminders from the Clerk

BY CONNIE LOUGHRAN
Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office would like to wish all Gorham residents a happy holiday season and a very prosperous New Year. Here are a few reminders:

- The Municipal Center will be open during regular hours on both Monday, December 24 and Monday, December 31. Town Clerk's Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 2013 dog licenses are now available online or in the office.
- 2013 registrations for boats, snow-mobles and ATV's can now be done online or in the office.
- 2013 hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased online or in the office.

- Use our website www.gorham-me.org. It is easy to choose what you are looking for by going to our website and looking for the section called "Where do I go for?" The links will allow you to print a copy of your tax bill, learn a variety of town-related information, or watch taped meetings.
- The January Town Council meeting has been rescheduled to January 8, 2013 due to the holiday.
- Don't forget New Year Gorham!



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

Town Council Report December 4, 2012

BY ROBIN SOMES
Gorham Times Staff Writer

In Councilor Communications, Councilor Suzanne Phillips commented on Hank Hamblen, a volunteer member of the Gorham Fire Department for some 39 years, who passed away on December 2. She introduced Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre, who elaborated on Hamblen's dedicated service to Gorham, noting that he was one of the town's first paramedics and had also served Westbrook for 25 years as a Firefighter/Paramedic.

As part of the ongoing efforts towards enhancing the Gorham Village area for improved parking and pedestrian passage, Gorham Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) Chair Arthur Handman presented survey results on Gorham Village traffic, made available on the Town's website. According to Handman, the survey represented 93 responses, and indicated that:

Parking is inadequate on the north side of Main Street within the Gorham Village area.

The Gorham Village area does not accommodate pedestrians well and is not sufficiently safe.

The 21 Main St. and 10 Preble St. properties that the town recently acquired to accommodate additional parking would not address existing parking issues.

As a result of the findings, the GEDC recommended that the town work with MDOT to identify and address pedestrian safety, and change Cross Street, between Main and Church streets, to be a one-way street with parking designated on one side. Changing traffic light patterns and providing warning signs to enhance pedestrian safety were also recommended.

At Town Manager David Cole's recommendation, the Council voted 7-0 to increase the originally proposed \$18,500 amount to \$21,000 towards demolition of the 21 Main Street property. However, concerns about demolition continue to be expressed. Councilor Matthew Robinson stated that prior to moving forward to tear down the house—a fixture on Main Street since 1827—he wanted to know the paving costs involved before voting on the matter. Councilor Sherrie Benner noted that razing the property would be detrimental to the goal of maintaining a charming village character. The Town Council subsequently voted 7-0 to have the Capital Improvements Committee investigate options for the Main Street property as well as for 10 Preble Street that the town has acquired for possible space for additional parking, thereby delaying any demolition or other physical undertakings.

In other action, the Town Council: Voted 7-0 to abate any remaining real estate taxes on town properties including 55 Morrill Avenue, 21 Main Street and 10 Preble Street.

Voted 7-0 to authorize the Ordinance Committee, working with staff to negotiate and develop a contract zone for the proposed Sawyer Estates subdivision located on South Street, to incorporate the principles of the greater residential density as well as an extension of the sewer system down South Street for the Council to consider in the future.

Voted 7-0 to accept the bids by Ferrara Fire Apparatus of \$437,856 and \$445,856 for two new fire engines.

Voted 7-0 to reject a request for an abatement of taxes in the amount of \$700 based on poverty for a property on Brackett Road, because the applicant, LuAnn Littlefield does not own the property.



Chief Shepard Reports

The Maine Bureau of Highway Safety, as part of the Maine Drive Sober Campaign, has awarded the Gorham Police Department \$9,863 to pay overtime costs for extra police patrols in sections of town where OUI arrests and accidents are most frequent. Gorham Police Department has participated in this program for many years and has always met or exceeded the set goals.

In December, the Grand Jury returned the following indictments:

- Michael Emerson, 48, of Gorham was indicted for gross sexual assault, unlawful sexual contact (two counts) on charges brought by Frye Island Police Department.
- Leonard McIlroy, 54, of Littleton, NH was indicted for possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by Gorham Police Dept.
- Michael Newton, 48, of Gorham was indicted for three counts of gross sexual assault on charges brought by Gorham Police Dept.

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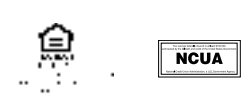
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Correction

In the November 14 School Committee Report that appeared on page six of the December 16 edition of the Gorham Times, Andrew Scontras and Brian Rex were omitted as being part of the championship golf team. We are sorry for this error.

Catherine McAuley High School First Quarter Honor Roll 2012-13

Grade 9 – Honors
Sarah Schnupp

Grade 10 – High Honors
Amanda Spink

Experimenting with Eggs

BY LUKE WALKER

Narragansett Student, Grade 5

An egg has to be strong to hold a 100-pound bird like an ostrich. In November, Mrs. Adolf's fifth grade class held an egg experiment to find out how strong eggs really are. To figure this out, we wanted to learn how many books we could stack on an egg before it broke. We used butcher paper and plastic wrap, and to hold the egg up we used clay and little square tiles to make a tripod-like structure. We put plastic wrap on the books and gently placed them on top of each other until the eggs broke. One group of kids got five textbooks on the egg before it broke – and that was with the egg standing up. They then got three textbooks on the egg before it broke with the egg on its side. So, an egg is strongest standing up and that solved the question.



Photo credit Susan Adolf, Meghan Revis

Ryan Howlett tests the strength of a raw egg.

Shells for the New Jersey Shores Fundraiser

Gorham Times Staff

Remember Hurricane Sandy? While it didn't really affect us here, the people of the New Jersey Shore had a very different experience. Some people lost their homes and many students lost their schools or school supplies to flooding.

It's for this reason that Mrs. Rimkunas' art students at Great Falls and Narragansett Schools are doing something about it. We talked about one of our Code of Conduct words - compassion - and how to apply it to folks in need. Compassion is when we see someone who needs help and we help them.

We have been collecting and decorating seashells to sell and raise money for some of the hardest hit schools in New Jersey. The finished shells will be converted into magnets. So far, we have raised over \$1,000. Who knows how much we can raise when all the orders are tallied!

The students designed many extra shells that are available for sale in the lobby at Narragansett or Great Falls until after the winter break. Checks should be made out to the school with "Shells for NJ Shores" in the memo line and placed in the donation box. There



Photo credit Allie Rimkunas

Shells for the New Jersey Shores are available for sale in the lobby of Narragansett and Great Falls Schools. Proceeds will benefit those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

is no set price, just donations of whatever people are willing to donate.

Thanks to all the parents who sent in donations and to the students who showed their compassion by donating their works of art for the benefit of the greater good.

These kids worked really hard in art class to do their best for the Hurricane Sandy survivors. For more information on what other schools are doing, visit <http://shellsforNJshores.weebly.com>.

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Teachers Creative Use of a Marketing Tool

BY BARBARA MORGAN
GHS Instructional Technology Specialist

You can't miss them! Whether you are flipping through a magazine, reading a flyer in the mail (especially during our most recent election) or the newspaper, you have seen a pixelated black box and wondered what it is for. It's called a QR code. Companies and schools are taking advantage of this unique marketing tool. They are simple to create and can be used in unique ways. Here's an example of what one might look like.



On December 12 teachers gathered at the high school to learn more about using this unique tool to market their content to 21st century learners. Gorham High School teachers are constantly learning prevailing technologies and are dedicated to ensure that the curriculum and instruction engages the students in creative and meaningful ways. They are using this handy tool for school, home and community communication.

What is a QR Code: A QR (quick response) code, in short, is a barcode. It is used with a smart device, such as an iPhone or iPad, and links the user to websites, video, documents, maps, pictures and much more.

QR Code Reader Apps: A majority of smart devices have an app that can be downloaded to read QR codes. A

couple of the more familiar free apps are Scan and I-nigma.

How to Make a QR Code: Making a QR code is very easy. There are multiple QR code generators from which to choose. I-nigma not only has an app, but a website as well. All you do is add your URL and it generates a code you can save to laptop and embed into a document. Another quick and easy to use generator is kaywa.com, which works in the same manner as I-nigma. Just type your information and it generates the code. Even Google has a QR generator that is easy to use and shortens the URL at the same time. To generate the code using Google, visit <http://www.google.qr>.

Creative Educational Uses: When you visit Gorham High School, you will notice QR codes throughout the building. Teachers have created vCards (virtual business cards) for sharing their contact information. The QR codes generated from a vCard can be placed in emails or posted outside their classrooms. The library has been placing QR codes on books linking patrons to book trailers to learn more about the book's content. Next year the plan is to make a virtual map of the school, using QR codes, for incoming freshman to feel more comfortable with their surroundings. The next time you come to visit Gorham High School, bring your mobile device and stop by the "If Walls could Talk" project created by David Patterson, Creative Writing teacher, and other interactive QR code displays that students and teachers at Gorham High School have created.

Barbara Morgan, instructional technology specialist at Gorham High School, writes this recurring column to give insight into how technology is being used in the classroom.

Design and Engineering: Maine Robotics

BY EMILY LEWIS
GHS Intern

Having good problem solving skills, neat craftsmanship and being a cooperative teammate are all things that lead to the positive experience of Robotics. Members in Robotics do something unique that no other team does: they spend hours creating a robot with which to compete. Competitions range from community-wide to nation-wide and teams/robots are judged on their core values, project, and robot design.

Maine Robotics, a not-for-profit corporation, was founded in 2004. The mission of the program is to not only promote an interest in engineering and computers in children, but also give teachers a unique opportunity into the field. In Maine, there are over seventy teams - Gorham High School is proudly one of them. Gorham is a part of the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Team 172. Currently, the team is in their preseason which involves clinics and fundraising to prepare for the season.

To begin the season, all teams attend the kickoff event, which is where they find what the game will be for the year. Depending on the game, teams start planning ideas for their robot and pos-

sible strategies to use in competition. Following this event, FIRST Robotics Team 172 will compete in two regional competitions. This year is special for Maine because for the first time it will host two of these events: the kickoff on January 5 and the Pine Tree Regional Competition on April 5 and 6. The other regional competition the team is attending is held in New Hampshire on February 28 through March 2.

Sponsors are crucial to a team's success as they provide space and money needed to build the robot. FIRST Robotics Team 172 is generously sponsored by Lanco Assembly Systems who provide a facility for building. Building these incredible feats takes a lot of work. In full swing, members work every night from 5 to 8 p.m. for six weeks straight. On weekends, Lanco also provides employees to assist with designs, using software, and making parts. IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. and Fairchild Semiconductor Corp., who make generous donations, also sponsor the team.

The team is looking forward to a great year and is hoping to place well in competition. Entry is free to the Pine Tree Regional Competition for any people interested in supporting the team. The time and effort put in is extraordinary and should not be overlooked.

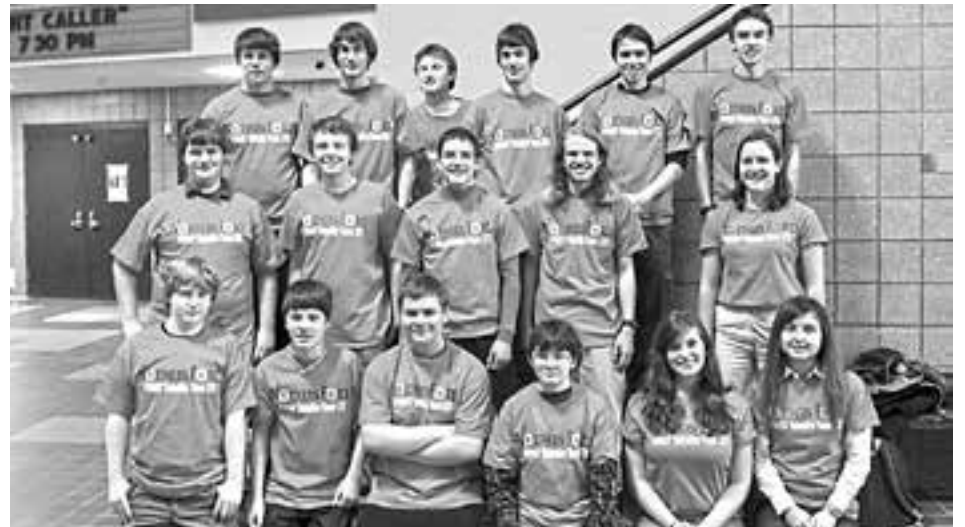


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Pictured above are the Gorham High School members of FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Team 172. The entire team also consists of members from Falmouth High School.

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Post-Season Soccer Accolades Pour In for Connor Reagan

By JEFF PIKE
Gorham Times Sports Writer

When GHS senior soccer player Connor Reagan was named to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Team on December 9, the honor capped one of the greatest careers in the history of Gorham soccer. Reagan was a four-year varsity starter who ended his high school career with 47 goals and 29 assists while leading the Rams to an overall record of 50-11-4.

In 2012 he was the team's captain and named the Offensive Player of the Year by the SMAA Conference as well as the Class A Player of the Year by the Maine Soccer Coaches. And for the top recognition of all, the Maine Soccer Coaches also selected Reagan to the All-New England Team.

After earning a starting position on the GHS team as freshmen in 2009, Reagan established himself as a star player as sophomore, earning an SMAA First-Team All-Star slot. He helped the team reach the Western Maine Class A finals in 2010 and 2012,

and he was selected to the Western Maine Class A Regional All-Star and Western Maine State teams in 2011 and 2012.

"Connor stepped in right as a freshman and played a key role on a very strong team," said GHS boys' soccer head coach Tim King. "I knew before that season that he had a lot of talent, and he immediately impressed me during the summer soccer season. As soon as he stepped on the field, he became a difference maker. His quickness and speed are first-rate and make him a dangerous player. He's also a great teammate that everyone enjoys being around. It's been a pleasure to coach him."

During his senior season, Reagan scored 15 goals. His career total of 47 goals ties him with Joel Mundy (GHS Class of 2008) as the leading career goal scorers for Gorham since 1991 according to research conducted by King.

Soccer is the lone sport that Reagan focuses his efforts on, and he began playing soccer competitively for the

Gorham Youth Soccer Association at the U10 level followed by Premier Soccer at the U12 level. Early in his career, Reagan played defense but moved to offense full time in eighth grade. He has played in the striker position all four years of high school.

"One of the things that drove me this year was the GHS scoring record," Reagan said. "At the beginning of the season, Coach King told me I was within range and I set that goal as one of my goals."

Now that his GHS career is over, Reagan will play for the Seacoast United U18 Premier Soccer club team, which won the Maine State Cup championship the last two years to qualify for the U.S. Youth Soccer Region I tournament that includes teams from 13 states in the Northeast. Reagan then plans to play soccer after high school and is currently considering prep schools.

As for advice to younger players, Reagan recommends, "Work as hard as you can in practice and make the effort to get into good shape. That's what allows you to do well in games."



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GHS senior soccer player **Connor Reagan**, shown above during a regular-season home game, has earned a host of post-season honors including selections to All-Conference, All-State and All-New England teams.

in the Zone

All-State and All-Academic Field Hockey Honor: GHS senior field hockey goalkeeper **Patty Smith** was named to the All-State Team and the All-Academic State Team by the Maine Field Hockey Association. During the regular season Smith had 120 saves and shutout opponents six times while helping Gorham qualify for the post-season tournament with an 8-6 record. Smith received her honors December 2nd during a ceremony at the Augusta Civic Center.

National Soccer Stage: **Kate Hopkins**, a sophomore at GHS, participated in the United Soccer League Super Y North American championships December 7-11 in Florida as a member of the Seacoast United Maine Soccer Club U15 girls' team. The team finished the tournament with a record of 4-1-1 and earned a spot in the finals before losing to a team from Atlanta.

Middle School Cross Country Star: Gorham Middle School seventh-grader **Anna Slager** finished in 12th place for the Midget Division (11-12 year olds) of the USA Track and Field Region 1 Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships held in New York on November 18. She completed the 3K race in a time of 10:38.20.

Fast Start for Gorham Bowler: **Austin Hicks** helped the Gorham Casco Bay Cyclones area high school bowling team defeat Cony High of Augusta in the opening match of the season. Hicks bowled strings of 194 and 200 to tie for high bowler of the match as the Cyclones took both strings with team totals of 831-624 and 876-700.



Kate Hopkins



Anna Slager

Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Events

Thursday, December 20

7:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball vs. Bonny Eagle @ GHS

Friday, December 21

6:40 p.m. Girls' Hockey vs. Falmouth @ USM Gorham Ice Arena
7:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball @ Bonny Eagle

Saturday, December 22

8:30 a.m. Girls' Track Multi-Team Meet @ USM Field House
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4:30 p.m. Girls' Swimming vs. Thornton Academy @ Northern York County YMCA (Biddeford)
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7:20 p.m. Boys' Hockey vs. Falmouth @ Family Ice Area (Falmouth)

All games subject to change. For up-to-date schedules of all GHS sports teams, visit www.digitalsports.com



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GHS Winter Sports Highlights

Girls' Hockey: The Rams were off to their best start in years after winning two of the first four games to match the win total for the entire previous season. Leading the way thus far have been goaltender **Maddy Hamblen**, who had 19 saves in a December 1st 9-2 win vs. Mt. Ararat, and defenseman **Rachel Litif**, who had four goals and one assist in the same game. Also contributing to the win was **Shayla Wing**, who had three goals. Litif continued to shine in an 8-5 win over Cape Elizabeth/Waynelete on December 7 by scoring five goals.

Girls' Swimming: The Rams won their first two meets of the season December 7 against Yarmouth (86-81) and December 11 vs. Windham (105-60). **Lindsey Thomsen** led the way winning two events during each meet—the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke against Yarmouth; and the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke against Windham. Thomsen was also a member of the winning 400 freestyle relay team that won vs. Yarmouth as well as the 200 freestyle and 400 free relay teams vs. Windham. **Ashley Clark** won two events against Yarmouth (500 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay) followed by three wins vs. Windham: the 200 freestyle, 100 butterfly and 400 freestyle relay. The other members of 400 freestyle relay team that won at both meets were **Logan Letourneau** and **Meagan Thomsen**. Letourneau also won the 100 freestyle vs. Yarmouth while and Meagan Thomsen won the 50 and 100 freestyle vs. Windham.

Boys' Swimming: **Tim Sposato** and **Tim Smith** both won two individual races and participated on two winning relay races as GHS defeated Yarmouth 74-66 on December 7 in its opening meet of the season. Sposato won the 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle while Smith won the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke. Both also participated on the winning 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay teams. Smith also won the 50 and 100 freestyle races during a December 11th 91-52 loss to Windham.

Boys' Basketball: At press time the Rams were 0-2 on the season but came close in a December 11 53-51 loss vs. Cheverus, one of the strongest programs in the state in recent years. Paced by 13 points from **Elliott Spiers** and 10 points each from **Nick Greatorex** and **Alex Owens**, Gorham came back from a 12-point deficit at the half to tie the game with 10 seconds remaining only to lose on a shot at the buzzer.

sports Etc.

Developing Basketball in Tanzania: **Al Sokaitis**, a former Gorham resident and the USM men's basketball coach from 1990-1996, has been appointed to lead the national basketball program for both men and women for the country of Tanzania. Sokaitis is leading an effort to develop both teams to the point where they can compete internationally. He is also the current men's basketball coach at Post University in Connecticut and runs a basketball program in Alaska. His daughter Amy Sokaitis, who attended GHS but then graduated from Monroe High School in Fairbanks, Alaska where she played on two state championship teams, is also involved in coaching. Her

coaching career includes two years at Yale before becoming the top assistant at Southern Connecticut State University the past two years.

Free-Throw Shooting Contest: The Gorham Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a basketball free throw contest at GHS on January 12 at 10:30 a.m. for boys and girls between the ages 10-14 as of January 1. Participants may register the morning of the event. Proof of age is required, and there is no entry fee. Winners advance to district, regional and state championship competitions. For more information, contact Mike Chabot at 839-3963.

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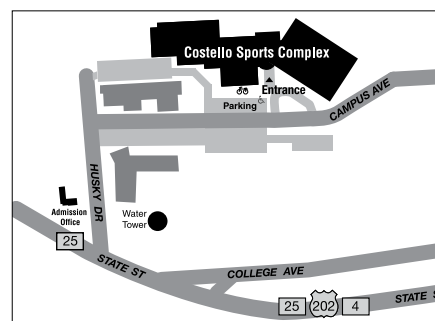


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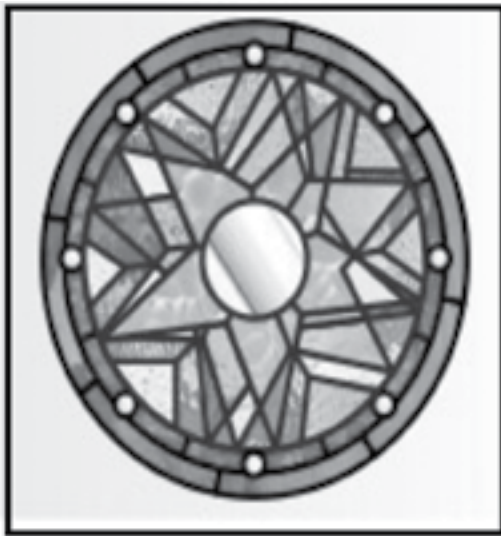


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By VIRGINIA WILDER CROSS
New Year Gorham Chair

Whether you like choral music, comedy, steel drums, juggling, magic, good food, fiddlers, face painting, snow sculptures, marionettes, science, a hayride, dancing, or fireworks...New Year Gorham offers all of that and more.

The fun begins at noon with a snow-sculpting contest that will take place until 4 p.m. in Robie Park (between Gorham High School and the Municipal Center). The sculptures will be judged throughout the course of the celebration, and winners will be named just before the fireworks.

"The contest is open to individuals, families, and groups that pre-register to reserve a "plop" of snow for sculpting," said Cindy Hazelton, Gorham Rec. Department Director. "There is no cost to register, but we need to know how many people plan to enter the contest, so we can make sure we arrange for enough snow. We are working with Mother Nature on that."

The evening events will begin at 5 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner at the Odd Fellows Building (Corner Route 114 and College Avenue), and it will end with the traditional fireworks display at 10 p.m. at Gorham High School.



New Year Gorham will feature several local artists - some new and some back by popular demand.

"Volunteer opportunities are still available," according to Pastor Tom Hasbrouck (Galilee Baptist Church) who serves as the volunteer coordinator for New Year Gorham. "Most volunteers work about an hour on New Year's Eve and they all receive a complimentary admission button for their time." For more information, call 837-1838.

Individual buttons cost \$5, and family packages for \$20 are available at the Gorham Rec. Dept. through December 30. There is a nominal additional charge for the spaghetti dinner - those proceeds will benefit the missions project planned by the First Parish Church Youth Group. Complete schedules and buttons are available at: Hannaford-Gorham, Casco Federal Credit Union, and the Gorham Rec. Dept. You can also access information at www.newyeargorham.org.

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Dan Grady Productions
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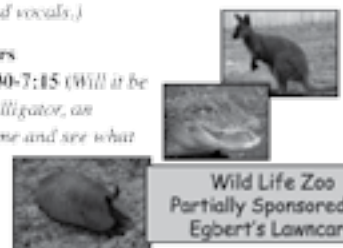
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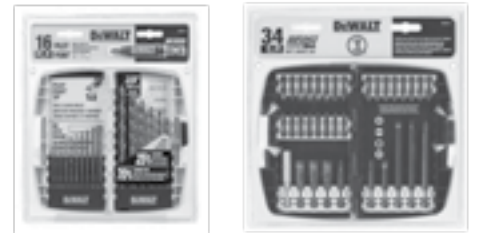
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Choral Arts Society Carolers
6:30-7:30 Gorham House (New Portland Road)
- Two-Morrows**
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- Gorham Community Chorus
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- Wild Animal Zoo**
5:30-7:15 Shaw Gym

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- Spaghetti Dinner**
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- Mad Science**
6:00-7:30 PM Odd Fellows Building 2nd floor
- Dan Grady Productions (Marionette Theater)**
7:15-8:15 Gorham High School Performing Arts Center
- Dana Perkins and his Puppet Friends**
6:30-7:30 Shaw Gym
- Wild Animal Zoo**
5:30-7:15 - Shaw Gym
- Face Painting**
5:30-7:15 PM Shaw Gym
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Lower Floor Performances 6:30-8:00 Don Roy Trio
Upper Floor Theater 6:00-7:30 Mad Science

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6:00&7:30 Family Fun Variety Show
7:30-8:30 Drum Circle
8:30-10:00 Live Music
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Multi-Purpose Room 6:30-7:30 Dana Perkins and his Amazing Puppets (Magician and Ventriloquist)
Entrance & Foyer 6:00-7:15 Face Painting
Light Snacks Available for sale (Citizens for a Greener Gorham)

GORHAM HIGH SCHOOL
Gorham Performing Arts Center
Entrance Foyer 6:45-7:15 Steel Drummers
Main Stage 7:15-8:15 Dan Grady Productions (Marionettes)
8:30-9:45 Randy Judkins
Immediately after Randy Judkins Fireworks - High School Athletic Complex
Snacks available for sale (GHS Key Club)

FIRST PARISH CHURCH
Sanctuary Performances 5:30-6:00 Two-Morrows
6:00-6:45 Gorham Community Chorus
7:00-7:45 First Parish Church Choir

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Caller saw a hit and run accident. He chased down the vehicle that hit the parked car and made that vehicle stop at Cumberland Farms.

Sebago Lake Road caller stated that a male across the street sings all night on a sound system.

Katahdin Drive caller stated their 12-year-old daughter was home alone and said that someone was in the house.

College Avenue caller inquired if anyone found a large black folder with job contracts in it that they thought they left on the roof of their van.

Burnham Road caller reported an accident involving a turkey and a motor vehicle.

Maple Drive caller stated that a male called her and stated he would burn her house down and kill her.

Valley View Drive caller reported that a young male subject was getting violent and bashing things because he was being punished.

Subject in the parking lot was taking up two parking spaces. It was unknown what was wrong with him, so rescue was called.

Burnham Road caller advised there was a turkey laying in their yard acting strange.

North Gorham Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding being scammed out of money by an out of state company.

White Rock Drive woman wanted the police to come remove a goat from her back deck.

Dingley Spring Road caller reported going to a residence where a male answered the door and there was a smell of something herbal coming from the house.

Day Road caller wanted to speak to an officer regarding someone charging their father \$200 to jump-start his vehicle.

School Street female got a phone call from a male saying she had won a million dollars, but she had to go to Rite Aid and buy four green tickets costing \$1,900.

Multitasking: Musical Yard Work

Goodall Road caller requested information regarding the town ordinance on noise. Caller advised that their neighbor had been mowing their lawn and practicing heavy metal music.

Westcott Road caller reported a male subject with a large backpack and a young girl who didn't seem like she wanted to be walking behind him.

Hurricane Road caller reported that their diaper bag was missing.

Hillview Road man was arrested for shoplifting.

Burnham Road caller reported about 10 horses were loose on the road and on caller's property, which caller said was an ongoing issue.

Phinney Street caller reported a small boy, maybe about 13 years old, was walking down the road with no shoes. Caller found this odd.

Caller reported they were walking to the Police Department to get a registration permit as their vehicle was being moved from a family house to a location on Main Street.

Meadowbrook Drive caller requested to speak with an officer regarding questions about cocaine use.

White Birch Lane caller requested to speak with an Officer regarding their grandmother who received a scam telephone call stating that the caller was getting arrested in Canada and that she needed to wire money to him.

Maple Drive caller reported being solicited by the Gorham-Windham Firefighters Association for donations. Caller left a check outside and noticed the person who took the check was driving an out-of-state vehicle.

Huston Road caller reported that their adult child was out of control, drunk, and damaging property.

Samuel's Way caller reported their 13-year-old daughter left the residence without permission.

COMMUNITY

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jason and Naomi Schucker are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter **Grace Katherine Schucker**, arriving on November 14 at 9:33 p.m. weight 8 lbs 1 oz and measuring 19.5 inches in length. Grace joins her big sister **Nora**, grandparents, **Eric and Joan Anderson, Bruce and Bonnie Schucker**, and great-grandparents, **Brenton and Dorothy Crossman** all of Gorham.



OF INTEREST

Owen Mann, a Gorham resident and 4th grade student at the Greater Portland Christian School, was selected as a winner in the First Lady's (of Maine) Art Contest. Winning pieces are being published in her upcoming book due out in June of 2013.

Taylor Nygren pictured with Dance Instructor **Rachel Willis**, was one of nine dancers selected by Dance Studio of Maine Instructors who have made a positive impression on them so far this season. Along with Nygren, the other dancers recognized were **Meaghan Gilbert, Mikki Leskowsky, Maggy Aube, Nicole Brunet, Lexus Amoroso, Kailyn Bowie, Shelby Leach and Megan Acker**.



Dancers from the Dance Studio of Maine and other local studios attended a workshop highlighted by Kyle Brooks, a well-known hip-hop dancer, actor and musician known for his roles in the popular movies *Battlefield* and *Grown Ups*.

A Gorham Community Christmas Eve Blood Drive will be held on Monday, Dec. 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Narragansett School Gym in Gorham. Sponsored by Gorham Fire Dept. and Biospecialists, LLC. Make appointment at 1-800-RED-CROSS.

An All You Can Eat Spaghetti Supper Benefit for a Gorham family will be held at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham on Saturday, Jan 12 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. \$7/\$5. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus & Women's Council.

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a "Free Throw Contest" at the Gorham High School gymnasium on Saturday, Jan. 12 at 10:30 a.m. No entry fee! Winners have a chance to advance on to district, regional and state championship rounds. Proof of age is required at registration. Girls and Boys ages 10 to 14. FMI, Mike Chabot 839-3963.

Friends and family of **Andrew McLean** and residents of Gorham gathered on the Speaker's Rostrum in the House of Representatives Chamber after the swearing-in ceremony of 126th Maine Legislature on December 5. Over 15 people from Gorham made the trip to the State House to take part in the ceremony. L-R: **David McLean, Jim Crowley, Marilyn McWilliams, Harold McWilliams, Kathy Corbett, Kristin Uhlig, Kyle Bailey, Andrew McLean, Susan McLean, Jan Willis, Judy Ringo, Carol Hardy & Linda Webb**.



Photo courtesy of Linda Webb

Members of the Music Ministry at St. Anne's Church released a CD of music to celebrate their 40th anniversary of their involvement with music at the parish. The 13-song album is free to members of the parish who are homebound and unable to attend services. FMI, visit the church office at 299 Main Street or call 839-4857.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 20

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

- 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, JAN. 3

- Baby and Me, ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Baxter Memorial Sewing Group, ages 7 and older, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- Story Hour, ages 3-5, No. Gorham Public Library, 10 a.m. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5, Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Toddlers in the Library, 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.

THURSDAY, JAN. 10

- Baby and Me, ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Baxter Memorial Sewing Group, ages 7 and older, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- Story Hour, ages 3-5, No. Gorham Public Library, 10 a.m. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.

FRIDAY, JAN. 11

- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, Westbrook Safety Bldg., 8:45 a.m. FMI, 839-2948.

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

- All You Can Eat Spaghetti Benefit Supper, 5-6:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. \$7/\$5. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5, Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

- Toddlers in the Library, 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.

Activities listed above are located at:
Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.
Gorham Food Pantry, St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot, 299 Main St.
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First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

One Church Street, Gorham
Rev. David Butler, 839-6751

Associate Pastor - Rev. Larry Kalp

Dec. 24 - Family Christmas Celebration, 5 p.m.; Service of Lessons, Carols & Candle Lighting, 7 p.m.; Midnight Candlelight Service, 11:30 p.m.

Galilee Baptist Church

317 Main Street, Gorham

Rev. David Christensen, 839-6985

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.

Grace Bible Church

74 Deering Road, Gorham

Pastor Bob White, 839-8800

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.

LifeChurch

New Portland Road, Gorham

Pastors Brian Undlin and Gordy Johnson, 839-6354

Dec. 23 - Candlelight Service with Children's Program, 4 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (no children's program), 4 p.m.

Little Falls Baptist Church

Gray Road, Gorham

Pastor Tony Vafiades, 892-4240

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.

Orchard Community Church

1 North Street (Rt 114), Gorham

Pastor Gary Groves, 671-3612

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

410 Main Street, Gorham

Rev. Edward Balfour, 839-7100

Dec. 24 - Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.

St. Ann's Episcopal Church

40 Windham Center Road (Off River Road), Windham

Rev. Tim Higgins, 892-8447

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service with Children's Pageant, 4 p.m.; Service with Carols and Youth Choir, 7 p.m.; Full Service with Choir, 10 p.m.

St. Anne's Catholic Church

299 Main Street, Gorham

Rev. Joseph Koury, 839-4857

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve, 4 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass, 10 a.m.

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Mass, 4 p.m.

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day Mass, 9 a.m.

South Gorham Baptist Church

53 County Road, Gorham

Rev. Peter Beckwith, 839-3457

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service of Carols & Candles, 5 p.m.

United Church of Christ at North Gorham

4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham

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Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service of Carols & Candles, 5 p.m.

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Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Family Service, 4 p.m.

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