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Gorham Grad Wins Miss Maine Title



Samantha Dahlborg (GHS '12) was recently crowned Miss Maine 2014 in a pageant held at Marriott Sable Oaks in Portland. In her Twitter page Dahlborg wrote, "I had such an amazing night last night. Truly a dream come true." Dahlborg will represent Maine in the Miss USA 2014 pageant scheduled for next summer.

Man Arraigned for Domestic Violence

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer



Jeremy Whynot, 35, of Limington fled the scene after striking his former fiancée with his Jeep Grand Cherokee following a verbal argument on November 26 at the victim's residence on Maple Ridge Road. Whynot allegedly was at the foot of the driveway and quickly backed up the driveway striking the woman who fell under the vehicle. She was taken to Maine Medical Center and released with minor injuries. An arrest warrant was issued for Whynot charging him with domestic violence and reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon. Whynot turned himself in to Gorham Police Department on December 1 and was scheduled for arraignment on December 2. Because this case involves domestic violence and is a felony, Whynot will have to be arraigned in front of a judge who will set bail for him.

Gorham: Second Best Town in Maine

BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Nerdwallet.com, a personal finance and credit card comparison website launched in 2010, recently evaluated small towns in Maine and rated Gorham as the second best town in Maine for young families. The site noted, "When young families buy a home, they look for more than four walls and a nice view. They invest in a community and all it has to offer, both in the local economy and school district." As stated on their website, they considered several criteria in making their determination:

Does the town have good public schools? We measured schools' academic performance with ratings from GreatSchools. This non-profit compares a given school's standardized test scores to the state average to obtain a rating on a 1 to 10 scale (10 representing the highest score).

Higher ratings led to a higher overall score.

Can you afford to live there? We looked at both median home values in

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each town and ongoing monthly home costs, including mortgage payments, real estate taxes, insurance costs, utilities, fuel and other bills. Lower costs led to a higher overall score.

Is the town growing and prospering? We assessed a town's economy by looking at average household income and income growth over the last decade. Higher income and greater

growth led to a higher overall score.

Nerdwallet noted that Gorham is the fastest growing community in the entire state. In the last decade, the population grew by 65.3%. Unemployment in the community is low, 5.1%, more than two points lower than the state average. Gorham residents have a lot to enjoy with many art events, many of which are free. Hampden, just outside of Bangor, was rated number 1.

Town Manager David Cole, in a statement to the Times, said: "The 2010 census showed that Gorham had overtaken Waterville and was now the 15th largest community in Maine. We grew 15.84% between 2000 and 2010 ... I expect that Gorham will resume its previous growth and I believe this article is a good indication of why people want to move to Gorham. We really are a great place to live and grow a family and it is nice to have others recognize our schools and overall quality of life."

Be a Santa to a Senior

BY DEDE PERKINS

Do you know of a senior citizen in Gorham or Westbrook who may be forgotten and alone over the holidays? If so, Bill Jenks, owner of Home Instead Senior Care in Gorham invites you to call him to enroll the senior in this year's "Be a Santa to a Senior" program.

To enroll a senior in the program or to help wrap and distribute the gifts, please call Home Instead Senior Care at 839-0441.

"There are so many great gift programs that make sure kids have a nice Christmas. We have a large and growing population of isolated seniors that we don't want to forget," Jenks said. "They took care of us, and now it's time for us to take care of them."

Besides personal referrals, Jenks and his staff are working with social service agencies and local churches to identify seniors who might otherwise get through the holiday season without being acknowledged or receiving a gift. Since introducing the national program, Be a Santa to a Senior has helped

provide 1.2 million gifts to more than 700,000 seniors.

"It's really something to be invited into someone's home, to see them smile as they open their gift, and to spend a little time talking with them," Jenks said. "It makes all the difference in the world."

It's easy to get involved. This year, the program will have trees in Sebago Brewing in Gorham, Blue Seal Feeds in Windham, and at the Festival of Trees in Westbrook. If you'd like to "be a Santa to a senior," remove an ornament printed with a senior's first name and gift ideas from one of the trees. Purchase one or more of the gifts listed and bring the ornament and gift back to participating store. Home Instead staff and volunteers will collect the unwrapped gifts, wrap them in bags decorated by local Brownie troops, and deliver the gifts to the seniors. Gorham Girl Scout Daisy troop 1937, with leader Laura Rancourt, made ornaments to accompany each gift request as a thank you for the donated gift.



'Tis the Season: Robie Park Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony

Photos credits Rich Obrey

Pictured on the masthead above: Santa and Mrs. Claus make their traditional arrival on perhaps the most expensive ride in Gorham, Ladder One.



As Santa and Mrs. Claus make their way to the Community Center for their audience with the kids, Tessa Farnham has her photo taken in front of the newly-lit Christmas Tree in Robie Park.

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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.

Strengthening Our Economy Through Small Business

BY SEN. JIM BOYLE

Mainers, by their very nature, are industrious people. They possess many of the characteristics necessary to run a successful business, like diligence, creativity, and self-sufficiency. Yet as a small business owner, I can tell you from experience and observation that we can't do it all on our own. State government can be a partner in helping foster the development of small businesses and entrepreneurs in Maine.

The Legislature has been working to support small businesses through the Workforce Committee. Created in January, the committee has tirelessly worked to address some of the outstanding challenges for businesses like the so-called "skills gap." Last session, the committee produced a first-of-its-kind workforce development bill to ensure workers have the skills businesses need. Now, the committee is focused on other ways to help strengthen Maine's small businesses and support Maine's entrepreneurs.

Recently, the committee held an off-site listening session at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland to hear from entrepreneurship and economic development experts and small business owners. I attended and was greatly impressed by the way committee members and panelists engaged in thoughtful and

insightful dialogue. The speakers offered valuable insights and strategies for growing and developing entrepreneurship in Maine.

Many of the small business owners emphasized how great it is to do business in Maine, and how happy they were to be able to return home to start and grow their businesses. Another common theme of the

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presentations was the importance of public-private partnerships that provide access to investment. While deserving the lion's share of credit for starting and developing their business, each owner noted specific state and federal programs that offered support and guidance in getting their businesses off the ground.

For example, Josh Davis and his business partner decided to open their own gelato shop in Brunswick. With the assistance of a Small Business Administration loan, they opened their first store on Maine Street six years ago. Today, they now operate a second store in Portland and sell their gelato at more than 100 locations across New England.

Access to capital can help small businesses—and our economy—grow. There is a strong correlation between access to financing and business owners' ability to create new jobs. Maine has the opportunity to jumpstart our economy and assist small businesses through a small business development bond to support entrepreneurship.

Bonds that provide smart investments in our innovation economy are crucial for our state's prosperity. This month at the polls, a majority of Maine voters agreed. They supported \$35 million in investments to help our universities and community colleges expand and upgrade facilities to equip the next generation of workers with the skills and knowledge needed to compete, and stay here in Maine.

As a small business owner, I can attest that running a small business is not a 9 to 5 job. It can be all-consuming and stressful, but it can be deeply fulfilling. It requires time, energy, and commitment. And it requires resources. Let's help the next generation of entrepreneurs and small business owners achieve their goals by doing our part to ensure they have the resources they need to succeed.



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Cradle Inn Daycare

By JACKIE FRANCIS
Staff Writer

Cradle Inn Daycare, a family-owned childcare provider with preschool program, has relocated to a larger facility in Gorham only a half-mile from its previous location. After several expansions and thirteen years of operating a daycare out of her Westbrook home, owner and operator Karen Flannery realized it was time for a move. "I knew I'd outgrown my home daycare because I was getting more and more phone calls and having to turn away requests for childcare. It was now or never," explains Flannery of her move to Gorham.

Often told by her daycare parents that they loved the "grandmotherly" feel of Flannery's home daycare, Cradle Inn continues to maintain that homey atmosphere at 658 Main St., Gorham. "I chose this place," says Flannery, "because it has that same at-home atmosphere that I had in my home. I think it's important for the parents to feel that warm, loving environment when entrusting me with their children." With four grown children of her own and six grandchildren, Flannery embraces the grandmotherly epithet proudly.

Raised in Presque Isle, Flannery has an extensive background in early childhood development. She began as an assistant teacher of mildly handicapped and autistic children in Okinawa, Japan while her husband was in the Marine Corps. Flannery later opened her in-home daycare almost 14 years ago.

In addition to being a fully certified, state licensed facility, Flannery takes pride that Cradle Inn Daycare offers individualized care to its children with five full-time and two part-time employees.

In addition to newly carpeted and wooden floors, the freshly painted walls brighten the individual rooms for toddlers and preschoolers to explore and play. With soothing background music, babies age six weeks to six months occupy one of two infant rooms; babies six months to 18 months occupy the other. Set on two-and-a-half acres of land, the backyard fenced-in area has ample room for children to play and exercise.



Flannery, who now has eighteen children in her care, follows Maine's Early Childhood Learning Guidelines in her curriculum. "Children learn confidence, self-esteem and communication skills in a safe, home away from home environment," says Flannery. Infants and toddlers develop judgment, memory, reasoning, critical thinking and language skills through age appropriate activities. Children experience music and movement, story time, family involvement, sensory activities, outside play and more.

Flannery encourages parents to ask as many questions as they'd like while looking for quality childcare. Licensing, adult-child ratios, cleanliness, schedules, pricing, meals and snacks are just a few of the inquiries that Flannery is happy to talk about. "We are fully dedicated to making your child's daily stay here as loving and pleasurable as possible," says Flannery.

Cradle Inn also provides before and after school care.

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Car Care

By DOUG CARTER

Goodyear developed the all-season tire in 1977. The idea caught on and other manufacturers made their own all-season tires. Today almost every new car is fitted with all-season tires, and 97% of all replacement tires are all-season. All-season tires work great on wet and dry pavement, but lack traction in snow and ice. All-wheel drive does assist with traction, but it does not help while turning or stopping. Traction control and the anti-lock brake system will assist with these maneuvers, but when the traction is decreased it takes more time to bring the vehicle under control. The composition of the rubber in a winter tire along with tread design help grip the road in snowy and icy conditions. The soft rubber composition of a winter tire will also wear more on hot summer days so they should not be driven year round.

New cars today tend to have tires with large rims with narrow side walls, which is good for handling when road conditions are good, but it can be difficult to find snow tires in that size. I recommend wheel and tire packages for this situation. Usually this will give you a smaller diameter rim with a tire that has a wider side wall so the overall diameter of the tire stays the same. These wheel packages have to be ordered for the year, make and model of your car. The wheel has to fit the lug nuts and there must be clearance for the brake components on the vehicle.

When winter tires are mounted on

their own rims, it is much easier to do the spring/fall swap. Breaking the tires down, mounting and dismounting the tires is hard on the tires and the bead of the tire can be damaged as well. The initial investment of snow tires and wheels can be costly, but it costs much less to swap the tires than to dismount and mount them. Running six months out of the year will mean they last twice as long also. An average tire will run for 30,000 to 50,000 miles so you will drive 60,000 to 100,000 miles before you need to buy another tire. Granted there are plenty of road hazards that may disrupt those estimates.

Checking alignment and making adjustments if needed will help keep the tire wear even. When alignment is knocked out of specification, it can cause the tires to wear on the edges. The rest of the tire will look fine but the edge will be worn out. Alignment checks once a year is recommended, although with all the land mines on our roads, it is not hard to knock your suspension out of alignment. Rotating tires every 7,500 miles will also keep them wearing evenly. Any unusual tire wear will be picked up while rotating

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Doug Carter is the owner of Carter's Auto Service, Inc. He's been in the auto service business since graduating from Gorham High School in 1981.

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Town Council Report

BY ROBIN SOMES
Staff Writer

At the first Town Council meeting after the November election, acting Town Clerk Jennifer Elliott swore in the newly-elected councilors Bruce Roullard, Benjamin Hartwell and Matthew Robinson. The Council unanimously elected Michael Phinney as chair and Shonn Moulton as vice-chair of the Town Council for the 2013-2014 year. The Council also appointed the following committees:

Finance Committee: Councilors Suzanne Phillips, Moulton and Roullard

Ordinance Committee: Councilors Sherrie Benner, Robinson and Hartwell

Appointments/Personnel Committee: Councilors Moulton, Hartwell, Robinson

Economic Development/Capital Improvements Committee: Councilors Benner, Phillips, Roullard

Representative to the Greater Portland Council of Governments: Councilors Roullard, Robinson

Representative Ecomaine: Town Manager Cole

PACS Representative: Town Manager Cole

Representative to Jetport Noise Abatement: Councilor Benner

Town Manager David Cole stated that the \$1.4 million dollar bond issued was granted to Raymond James, one of three bidders. The interest rate for the bond is 3.148%.

A proposal from Great Falls Construction to make improvements to the former Little Falls School failed to pass in the 1-6 vote (Councilor Phillips for; Councilors Phinney, Roullard, Benner, Moulton,

Robinson, Hartwell against). It was determined that the cost of renovating, improving and equipping the building, whose future use has not yet been decided, could exceed the \$500,000 approved by the voters in the November 2012.

In other business, the Council voted:

7-0 to approve a request from the Gorham Parks and Conservation Commission to apply for a \$14,000 Recreation Trail Grant from the State of Maine Department of Conservation with a 20% or \$2,820 local match from the town to be provided by a combination of Parks and Conservation members time, volunteer work, Planning Department staff time and assistance from the Public Works Department, for a grant to reconstruct and improve the Tannery Brook and Claire Drew trail system.

7-0 to ask the Ordinance Committee to evaluate the intersection of Railroad Ave. and Mechanic St. to determine the need for more traffic regulations to enhance safety.

7-0 to accept the recommendation of the Ordinance Committee that staff cease investing time and resources into developing a contract zone for a proposed residential subdivision on South Street to incorporate the principles of greater residential density and the extension of the sewer system down South Street.

7-0 to renew the liquor license of Sebago Brewing Company.

7-0 to renew the liquor license of Gorham House of Pizza.

4-3 (Hartwell, Roullard, Benner) to approve the contract zone requested by Anthony Kourinos for a 2.8-acre parcel located on County Road near the route 22/114 intersection.

Real Estate Transfers July 2013

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
13 Christopher Road	Berthiaume, Tyler	Coleman, Jesse & Stacy	\$202,000
34 Lincoln Street	Carrigan, Krista	Holloway, Roberta	\$181,604
36 Ossipee Trail	Charron, Judi	Gushee, Carl & Zucchi, Carol	\$208,000
33 Oakwood Drive	Dore, Charles	Cool, Linda	\$246,500
122 Narragansett Street	Dulac, Cyrus	Singh, Balwant	\$171,500
12 Rust Road	Eckstein, Peter	Kaldrovich, Mitchell	\$249,000
3 Veranda Drive	Federal Home Loan Mortgage	Towle, Stephen & Bethany	\$191,443
63 Brackett Road	Ferrigan, Brian	Ustaris, Conrad & Rosielyn	\$219,000
8 Bridle Path Way	Gardner, James	Besanko, Richard & Carol	\$350,000
139 Spiller Road	Goodine, Luke	Daggett, Charlene	\$215,500
121 Cresseys Road	Hickey, Neal	Watson Family Trust	\$170,000
29 Mitchell Hill Road	Holden, Mary	Phinney, Edwin & Freda	\$140,000
15 Wolf River Run	Kemp, Phillip	Murray, Barbara	\$339,900
9 Hope Drive	Krouse, John	Apt, Kelly & Kevin	\$215,000
67 Line Road	McGough, Blainor	Carver, Meredith	\$185,000
411 Main Street	Orris Properties, LLC	Mageles, William	\$75,000
4 Clara Mae's Way	Risbara, Jessica	Natural Resources Extraction Inc.	\$255,000
57 Underhill Drive	Rivard, Scott	Vail, Peter & Diana	\$335,000
10 Parker Hill Road	Robinson, Amanda	Bennett, Richard & Batista, Jorge	\$142,500
25 Lombard Street	Robinson, Jeffrey	Auger, Gary & Tomi	\$216,000
74 Quincy Drive	Shu Kin So, Stephanie	Delorme, Gary & Carmella	\$328,000
97 State Street	Speed, Andrew	Chalmers, Rae	\$217,000
178 North Gorham Road	Stacey, Delbert	Noble, Albert	\$175,000
16 Cider Mill Lane	Szafranski, Jessica	Beaumont, Richard	\$298,000
16 Norway Road	Tilton, Scott	Andreasson, Mark & Karen	\$316,000
152 State Street	Ustaris, Conrad	John Peters LLC	\$259,900
51 Sydney's Way	Wentworth, Daryl	Burke, Diana	\$373,000

Real Estate Transfers August 2013

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
55 South Street	Adams, Paul	Quinlan, Ellen	\$200,000
28 Clay Road	Amik Properties, LLC	Goode, Timothy	\$90,000
1 Lacey's Way	Carey, Mark	Risbara Brothers Co.	\$246,900
47 Solomon Drive	Coleman, Jesse & Stacy	Roberts, Richard & Kennedy, Carol	\$275,000
272 Flaggy Meadow Road	Cook, Matthew	Wentworth, Darryl & Kristin	\$333,000
59 County Road	Debie, Joanna	Caouette, Leo	\$259,000
22 Great Falls Road	Fasulo, Mark	Scott, Corey & Tapley, Megan	\$251,000
7 Wagner Farm Road	Fernandez, Anthony	Cook, Matthew & Stephanie	\$243,000
28 Maryann Drive	Fitzpatrick, Matthew	Hawkes, Richard	\$212,900
23 Clearview Drive	Goldman, Joanne	Hanselman, Joanne	\$245,000
39 Jennifer Way	Hebert, Jason	Juday, Mark & Jennifer	\$254,000
473 Libby Avenue	Hurteau, Nathaniel	Irish, Reginald Sr.	\$33,000
60 Gordon Farns Road	John Peters, LLC	Peters, John	\$78,000
35 Town Common	Kaufman, Christopher	Anable, David & Isobel	\$335,000
89 Wagner Farms Road	Kaul, Steven	Floyd, Eric & Brianna	\$284,900
25 Lawn Avenue	Lalumiere, Scott	Tevault, Louise	\$125,000
42 Narragansett Street	Mcinnis, Maria	Ferland, Jonathan & Farwell, Denise	\$192,500
6 Harriman Way	Morganelli, Peter	Mathieu, Thomas & Marcia	\$380,000
112 Dingley Spring Road	Murphy, James	B.I.G. Properties, Inc.	\$163,700
15 Fieldcrest Drive	Pasquerillo, Charles	Pelkey, Mark & Donna	\$336,250
11 Old Dynamite Way	Pelkey, Mark	Crossing at Tannery Brook	\$270,000
218 Burnham Road	Peters & Co. LLC	Cates, Paula	\$63,500
19 Town Common	Peters & Co. LLC	Gorham Village Green, LLC	\$130,000
21 Town Common	Peters & Co. LLC	Gorham Village Green, LLC	\$130,000
18 Green Street	Pillsbury, Evan	Kilroy, William	\$211,000
3 Heather Way	Rapleyea, Jean	Berquist, Jean	\$239,200
63 Running Springs Road	Rossetta, Steven	McVane, James	\$262,000
17 Settler's Way	Turcotte, Jill	MacKenzie, John & Deborah	\$336,000
9 Norway Road	Wise, Elizabeth	Martin, Beverly	\$306,000
35 Clearview Drive	Woods, Brian	Kaufman, Sara	\$339,000

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December 31, 2013
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Celebrate New Year's Eve in Gorham!

WHAT: New Year Gorham
WHO: Everyone
WHEN: Tuesday, December 31st
 Fun begins at 12noon
WHERE: USM (on College Avenue at the foot of the sledding hill)

By JOSHUA WOLFE
 Executive Director

Whether you like choral music, comedy, marimba music, juggling, magic, good food, fiddlers, face painting, snow sculptures, ice skating, 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. at USM (on College Avenue at the foot of the sledding hill). The sculptures will be judged at 4 p.m., and winners will be named just before the fireworks.

"The snow sculpting 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.

"We are pleased to partner with USM this year - as they will not only provide an excellent venue for snow sculpting, but also for family ice skating, which will be available from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the beautiful ice skating arena," said Joshua Wolfe, Executive Director for New Year Gorham. The skating admission is free for people with New Year Gorham buttons.

The evening events will begin at 5 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner at First Parish Church, and it will end with the traditional fireworks display at 10 p.m. at Gorham High School.

"It's important for us to seek new artists to keep our entertainment fresh and fun," said Virginia Wilder Cross, chair of New Year Gorham. "This year we are pleased to feature several local artists - some new and some back by popular request - all top-notch entertainers who will certainly make our celebration especially exciting!" New this year is the Maine Marimba Ensemble that will entertain us with the exciting sounds of the marimba. They involve the audience in their performance, so everyone should come ready to be part of the act.

"Volunteer opportunities are still available," according to Andrew McLean who helps coordinate the volunteers 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. If you are interested in volunteering, call Joshua Wolfe at 409-7361."

"We are extremely fortunate to have strong community support for our event," Joshua continued, "Local businesses and individuals contributed generously to sponsor much of our entertainment, which allowed us to keep the cost of admission affordable for all."

Individual buttons cost \$5, and family packages for \$20 are available at the Gorham Rec. Dept. through December 30th. 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.

Annual Fundraiser Turned Trivia Bee

By KRISTIN WENTWORTH
 President, Gorham
 Education Foundation

The fourth annual fall fundraiser for Gorham Educational Foundation (GEF) was held November 16 at Odd Fellows Hall. This year, GEF changed the format from a spelling bee, which has been used for the past three years, to a trivia bee, and a record fifteen teams came out to compete in the event. Over 150 people attendd-the biggest turnout yet for a GEF event.

The Trivia Bee was hosted by local comic and GEF board member, Brian Brinegar. Three other local comics, Bill Gray, Paul Hunt, and Cloud Morris, joined in the fun to help entertain the crowd. Other attractions during the event included an 85 item silent auction with items donated from local businesses, appetizers provided by local chef Mo Terry, and a cash bar provided by Aramark. Teams included groups from local businesses, neighborhoods, and groups of friends, as well as several school teams.

After many nail-biting rounds of trivia, and a tense few minutes of having money from each of the two Gorham High School teams thrown at the stage in an attempt to end with more points than the other (evidently our High School teachers

are rather competitive), the competition came down to the Gorham Middle School team, Cite Your Source (the Creative Child and Adult Arts Center), and You Have NO Clue. In the end, team You Have NO Clue, consisting of Colleen McGarvey, Tara Sommers, Anna Holm, Weston Sommers, and Mark Fisher, came out on top and took home the trophy.

GEF is a local, non-profit, volunteer-run organization that raises money for programs and projects that educators want to put in place to expand on the basic curriculum, promote student leadership, or to enhance excellence in teaching. Since 2006, GEF has granted over \$40,000 to Gorham teachers for equipment, supplies, fieldtrips, technology, training, and the like, which meets the core goals of the organization.

The Trivia Bee this year netted \$11,000 for GEF to use for grants to Gorham teachers. GEF wishes to thank to their many volunteers, local supporters and sponsors (IDEXX, Dodge Oil, Wex, Gorham Savings Bank, Rep. Andrew McLean, Kyle Bailey, POGO Realty, KeyBank, Moody's Collision Center, and Nappi Distributors).

To learn more about the work of GEF, visit, www.gorhamgef.org, like them on Facebook, or email gorhamgef@gmail.com.



Team You Have NO Clue wins the trophy at the GEF Trivia Bee. Pictured from left to right: Colleen McGarvey, Anna Holm, Tara Sommers, Weston Sommers, Mark Fisher, and the host, Brian Brinegar.

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on the tag on the driver's door jamb. New cars have tire pressure sensor systems that will illuminate the warning light, not only when the pressure is low, but also if there is too much pressure. Each manufacturer has their own system, so you'll have to check your owner's manual if the system needs to be reset. The sensors have batteries in them so they may need to be replaced if the system can't be reset.

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Arsons at Group Homes

BY NOAH MINER
Staff Writer

According to Fire Chief Lefebvre, there have been two confirmed cases of arson in Granite Bay Care group homes within Gorham in the last 18 months. In February 2013, a home at 16 Shaws Mill Road, owned by James Papi, sustained \$1,000 in damages. Another at 7 Green Street was heavily damaged in August 2012. In addition to the arson fires, in November 2012 a suspicious fire occurred at a Granite Bay Care home owned by John Pompeo at 228 Church Hill Road in Buxton. The home was a total loss.

Chief Lefebvre stated, "Group homes with two beds or less are considered single family homes and we can't inspect them unless there is an incident." Group homes with more than two beds are inspected for life safety compliance. Chief Lefebvre estimates there are about five group homes in Gorham.

The former group home at 7 Green Street that was heavily damaged by fire has since been rebuilt. The reconstruction cost \$373,000, which included demolition of the interior and several code-required upgrades. "The house was rebuilt into the existing frame," said property owner Nick Portlock, who was grateful to maintain some of the historical integrity of the building during the reconstruction.

Portlock is renting the home, but not to Granite Bay Care. He was considering evicting Granite Bay Care

due to lease violations when the fire happened. He is still pursuing them for unresolved financial liabilities not associated with the fire.

The Green Street fire was set by one of the residents, Jeremy Crouse. According to Chief Shepard, Crouse was convicted of arson in March of this year. He was sentenced to two years imprisonment with all but 190 days suspended and two years of probation.

Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) representative Gary Wolcott described the use of the community-based services model, commonly known as group homes, as residences where people who are unable to care for themselves receive the care they need. There are three categories under this program: Individuals with intellectual disabilities due to brain injury, autism, and elder care; children in foster care; and individuals with substance abuse and mental health issues.

The term "group home" is used to describe homes with four or more people, whereas "family home" is used to describe homes with three or fewer people. The larger group homes are licensed by the DHHS Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services and are inspected annually. Smaller family homes do not fall under the same regulatory requirement that the larger homes do. Larger homes also have more stringent staff requirements than the smaller ones. Hiring requirements in the family homes are dependent on client needs, but, at minimum, caregivers must



This Green Street property, once a group home heavily damaged by arson, is now a newly renovated single family home.

have a high school diploma and be at least 18 years old.

Granite Bay Care is one of several care providers for DHHS. According to Wolcott, Granite Bay Care operates 43 homes in the state and received 11 million dollars in state and federal funding last fiscal year. Furthermore, under the conditions of federal funding requirements, the state must do business with any willing qualified provider.

In response to Granite Bay Care's performance, Wolcott stated, "[The] DHHS is fully informed of the situation and actively engaging in working out these issues." He added, "DHHS is working to improve the standards of care for small home

and community service providers through performance outcome measures in its contracts."

Any information pertaining to the DHHS investigation about the fires in Gorham is not public due to the privacy rights of the Granite Bay Care clients. Granite Bay Care is a private for profit company and its accounts are not public.

Although the Gorham Town Council is aware of the situation, nothing is currently on the agenda or in the pipeline to regulate these homes locally.

If anyone has reasonable suspicion that an individual in a group home is being abused or exploited, call the DHHS hotline at (800) 624-8404.

Costello Sports Complex History

BY CINDY AND PATRICK O'SHEA

As you drive into the University of Southern Maine campus from Fort Hill Road you see the Costello Sports Complex. It consists of an Olympic size hockey rink, basketball stadium, field house, and fitness center. Perhaps you have attended an event or used the Fitness Center. If you have ever wondered for whom the Complex is named, it is named in honor of Dr. Richard "Doc" Costello and Melissa Costello. Both were accomplished and beloved professors at USM.

Melissa Costello came to USM, then called Gorham State Teacher's College, as an assistant dean of

women and a fourth grade teacher in the University's laboratory school in the fall of 1953. That same fall, Doc was hired as an instructor of health and physical education and assistant coach of the men's basketball and baseball teams. After a proper courtship, they married and dedicated the next 37 years of their lives to the University and the students they taught. They both retired in 1990. Melissa retired as professor emerita of education and Doc as director emeritus of intercollegiate athletics. Both were nationally recognized in their fields. Doc remains the only coach in the history of the NCAA to win 200 games in both men's and women's basketball.

Melissa was a prominent state and national leader in teacher education.

While noteworthy and numerous, a list of Doc and Melissa's professional accomplishments are impressive, but not how they are remembered by those who knew them. As Al Bean, the current USM Athletic Director, said, "They were very much about people." Having no children of their own, the Costello's often quietly and anonymously provided for students. A new pair of shoes might show up in a locker or tuition for a semester might have been paid in name of a scholarship. Their true legacy is the number of teachers, coaches, and business people they mentored who are carrying

on the foundation of ethics, courtesy, compassion, and hard work they established at USM.

Doc Costello died at the age of 79 on April 7, 2008 and Melissa on June 29, 2013 at the age of 81.

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In order to celebrate with our families, the Gorham Times will take a short break after the December 19 issue and will return on January 16.

Holiday Shopping? Buy Local

New Director of Gorham Business Exchange

Leigh-Paige Smith was recently appointed executive director of the Gorham Business Exchange (GBE).

Smith grew up in North Carolina, but moved to Gorham 19 years ago with her daughter, Elizabeth. She married Owen Smith and worked as an Executive Assistant for IDEXX Laboratories until she had her second child, Owen. For the next two years, she helped to get a charter airline service "off the ground", but decided the most important job for her was to stay home with her children after the birth of her third child, Kendall.

During her years at home, she was heavily involved in volunteering for the Gorham schools, The Dream Factory of Maine, her church and as a children's leader for Bible Study Fellowship. Once her children were in elementary school, she ventured back out into the workplace and has enjoyed working at Berry Law P.A. in Gorham for the past five years. When Smith heard about the opening at the GBE, she jumped at the opportunity to become more involved in her community.

Smith believes her greatest strengths are developing relationships and team building, which she hopes will serve her well in her new role. But she is realizing very quickly what big shoes she has to fill replacing Dede Perkins, the previous executive director. "Dede has done a



wonderful job of driving this organization over the past five years to build unity between business owners and the community," states Smith.

The Gorham Business Exchange Mission Statement is about "promoting business in Gorham and business involvement in the community." Smith is excited to begin developing relationships with local business owners to learn how the Gorham Business Exchange can help them thrive, not only in their own business but in making Gorham a better community in which to work and play.

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Gorham School Committee

BY ROBIN SOMES
Staff Writer

In their first meeting since the elections, the School Committee welcomed new members Kyle Bailey and John Doyle. Dennis Libby was appointed Chair of the Committee with a 7-0 vote and Darryl Wright was unanimously elected Co-Chair. Libby subsequently announced the Sub-Committee assignments.

Finance Committee: Darryl Wright-Chair, Tim Burns, Dennis Libby
Personnel: Sara Nelson-Chair, Wright, Kyle Bailey

Policy: Kathy Garrard-Chair, Sara Nelson, John Doyle

Kyle Bailey assumed the position of Vocational Education Advisory Committee Representative for the School Committee. The Advisory Committee involves the Westbrook Vocational Regional School (WRVC) and PATHS (Portland Arts and Technology High School).

In his monthly report, Superintendent Ted Sharp reported on a recent meeting between faculty at Gorham High School and five members of the Business Roundtable that included Becky Winslow of Gorham Savings Bank, Demetria Chadbourne of Demetria's Team Real Estate, Shawn Moody of Moody's Collision Centers, Mike Wing of USM and Michelle Belhumeur of Gorham House. Sharp explained that this marks "the beginning of conversations with our staff about the world of work so that we can make even better connections between the work of our students and staff and the work that's expected for them in careers, college, military, etc."

In an update of the state of financial affairs, Sharp commented on a report by former State Senator Richard Rosen, now in the Office of Policy and Management, addressed to a recent State Superintendent

Association assemblage. Sharp, who serves on the Association's Executive Committee, noted that the focus of the report was "on the continuing saga of the financial challenges faced by the State of Maine." Sharp pointed out that given the state's \$74 million deficit, FY2015's budget would present a greater challenge than this year's budget had. Rosen had suggested that the General Purpose Aid (GPA) given to Maine school districts this past June be used to mitigate the budget challenges due to the state's deficit. For Gorham, the GPA amount was \$9.4 million. Stated Sharp, "It's another year of challenges and I think we're pretty used to this ... so far I think that with the support of the School Committee and the people who work in this district and most importantly with the support of the voters of Gorham, we've been able to navigate our way through these incredibly troubled waters."

Kathy Hamblen, Assistant Director of Instructional Support, provided a review of the Kindergarten Jumpstart program. This is a summer program that entails staff teaching children letter names and sounds and exposing them to literature. This was the third summer for the program, based on one piloted in Unity, Maine. Children who have gone through the program are showing more advanced social skills, comfort with learning and the learning environment and ultimately a more successful kindergarten experience.

In other action, the School Committee approved the following policies that were recently modified: Referral/Pre-Referral (IHBAA), Child Find (IHBAC), and the Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion (JKAA). All three revised policies were approved 7-0.

Policies are available on the Gorham School District website: www.gorham-schools.org.

Gorham High School First Quarter Honor Roll 2013-14

Grade 9 – High Honors

Mary Adams
Avery Arena
Sally Aube
Katherine Bennett
Kathryn Bertin
Delaney Burns
Dean Carrier
Kathryn Christianson
Alyssa Dolley
Kara Ellsmore
Travis Emerson
Ryan Firmin
Abigail Flint
Brooke Hall
Emily Hayward
Sophia Hendrix
Brandon Howard
Sarah Jackson
Whitney King
Diana Kolb
Carli Labrecque
Allison LaFerriere
Justin Laughlin
Hannah LeBlanc
Kaylea Lundin
Thomas Macomber
Samuel Martel
Thomas Matthews
Taylor Nygren
Ethan Orach
Athena Pappalardo
Kyle Peoples
Olivia Puopolo
Samuel Roussel
Emma Smith
Samuella Spurr
Karen Stemm
Blake Wallace
Dylan Weeks
Heather Woodbury
Emily Yager

Grade 9 – Honors

Anne Acker-Wolfhagen
Elsa Alexandrin
Jordan Allen
Katherine Andrews
Kelly Aube
Georgia Baber
Trystan Bates
Jake Bear
Grace Berks
Madison Bickford
Morgan Brown
Lucas Bryant
Riley Campbell
Lindsey Caron
Jamie Carter
Nariah Cavarretta
Nikoles Charron
Seth Cook
Tony Cooper
Maira Corbett
Cameron Coro
Jenna Cowan
Kristen Curley
Jordan Currier
Haylee Dahlborg
Brandon Desjardin
Noelle DiBiase
Kara Doane
Logan Drouin
Drew Eid
Emily Esposito
Erin Esty
Jackson Fotter
Bennett Gasowski
Jordan Gaudreau
Sean Glasgow
Mia Guimond
Grant Hamblen
Ryan Hamblen
Cameron Holmes
Madeline Joyal-Myers
Jamie Juskiewicz
Allison King
Jason Komulainen
Jack Lamont
Carter Landry
Eric Lane
Elizabeth Lemieux
Narissa Libby
Theodore Lockman
Sarah Lorello
Keegan Luce
Kayley Mason
Fiona Nee
Emily O'Donnell
James O'Keefe-Neal

Miles Obrey
Padraic Owens
Marina Pappalardo
Audrey Perreault
Kent Piazzola
Emma Pierce
Maeva Pitman
Lauren Poirier
Haley Poiras
Tyler Richman
Brady Rioux
Julia Roy
Caroline Smith
Nathanael Smith
Molly Sposato
Raymond St. Cyr
Cameron Stevens
Dorothy Stickney
Alexandra Stresser
Connor Sweatt
Erica Thibeault
Hallie Thomas
Amanda Thompson
Justin Thompson
Samuel Trautman
Evelyn Turnbaugh
Jenna Marie Webster
Cameron Wright
Marc Yankowsky
Alex York

Grade 10 – High Honors

Kayleigh Bettencourt
Benjamin Bradshaw
Alexander Candello
Rebecca Cupps
Coleman Dowdle
Mia Kaufman
Emma Niles
Taylor Perkins
Calvin Riiska
Anna Smith
Molly vanLuling

Grade 10 – Honors

Diana Albanese
Erik Andreassen
Nadia Barry
Matthew Beahm
Christopher Beland
Thomas Bernier
Tyler Bernier
Kailyn Bowie
Emily Bragg
Thomas Brent
Kyle Briggs
Hailey Bryant
Stephen Burns
Mallory Campbell
Robert Campbell
Sydney Caron
Bryan Conover
Nicole Couillard
Sara Darling
Taylor Day
Renee Deering
Bregan DeLeon
Madeleine DeWitt
Sierra Doyle
Cody Elliott
Eleanor Feinberg
Isabella Griffin
Dane Heckathorn
Maeghan Higgins
Cady Houghton
Madison Keating
Branden Kuusela
Cassidy Landry
Thomas Leach
Nikolas Lieberum
Spencer Linscott
Matthew McCarty
Jordanne Mercier
Molly Merrifield
Zachary Meyers
Chatham Mills
Joseph Moutinho
Nathaniel Nadeau
Jason Nagy
Madison Ochse
Marlo Pappalardo
Robert Pellerin
Madison Poulin
Dylan Rogers
Dayna Shaw
Jesse Southard
Ciara Stillson
Sydney Stultz
Colby Sturgis
Maeva Terry

Cameron Tracy
Alyda Twilley
Nicole Walls
Connor White
Lindsey Wilcox
Nicholas Wilson

Grade 11 – High Honors

Douglas Beahm
Megan Bennett
Kristin Benson
Christian Daigle
John Ennis
Gregory Farrington
Isabelle Grant
Elizabeth Kane
Emily Lewis
Emily Peterson
Julie Pike
Margaret Shields
Abigail Sladen
Timothy Sposato
Ashley Woodbury

Grade 11 – Honors

Ashley Aceto
Hyunmin Bae
Megan Baker
Anna Barr
Ryan Bertin
Krista Boylen
Sarah Buotte
GraceAnn Burns
Brooke Caron
Michael Chapin
Carley Chapman
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Eden Runyon-Baruch
Isaac Salpietra
Evan Scott
Charlotte Smith
Julia Smith
Andrea Stemm
Katherine Stickney
Thomas Susi
Nicholas Thibeault
Benjamin Thompson
Meagan Thomsen
Kenneth Tuttle
Kerianne Vaughan
Jordan Ward

Michaela Williams
Andrew York

Grade 12 – High Honors

Emily Berrill
Thomas Bradshaw
Tyler Carroll
Griffin Courtney
April Cummings
Meghan Cushing
Emily DeLuca
Sophia Dobben
Tyler Eldridge
Sadie Guimond
Narissa Kourinos
Hannah Leclair
Matthew Leclair
Kevin Lombard
Jason Meuse
Kelsey Mitchell
Heather Nystrom
Francesco Pappalardo
Joshua Slater
Jacqueline Turner
Laura Turner
Melissa Walls

Grade 12 – Honors

Rebecca Amell
Gabrielle Bagala
Jordan Ball
William Beland
Rachel Blattstein
Nicole Brunet
Tucker Buteau
Lauren Carter
Michael Chin
Jeremy Collett
Molly Creeden
Patrick Crocker
Morgan Cushing
Kelsey Cushman
Thomas Dahlborg
Kiara Day
Samantha Doughty
Bailey Drouin
Molly Dufour
Caleb Dunlap
Megan Dunlap
William Emerson
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Anthony Booth
Westley Brinegar
Emma Callahan
Evan Chambers
Jack Collins
Julie Cooper
Samuel Coro
Charlotte Dean
Lydia Drew
Madison Firmin
Lauren Green
Maeve Higgins
Noah Jalbert
Elyssa Johnson
Aaron Jones
Brady King
Emma Linkiewicz
Nolan McCullough
Stefanie Meacham
Ethan Mercier
Peyton Morton
Anna Nault
Abigail O'Brien
Samuel Orlando
Andrew Rent
Seth Richardson
Kailyn Robie
Gianna Romatis
Camden Sawyer
Veronica Steiner
Julia Sturgis
Madisen Sweatt
Samuel Waggoner
Monica Willey
Quinn Young

Grade 6 – Honors

Grace Andrews
Joshua Ball
Nicholas Batchelder
Colby Bedell
Chevelle Berthiaume
Jonah Bird
Patrick Bishop
Jordan Bretton
Rebecca Brunner
Jessica Burgess
Lucia Burke
Haley Burns
Neila Cairnduff
Haley Caron
Margaret Caruso
Lane Charlton
Rowan Connor-McCoy
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Samuel Cousins
Kasey Cummings
Garrett Devoe
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Hannah Dimick
William DiPietrantonio
Mackenzie Dix
Meredith Donisi
Connor Donnelly
Ryan Doughty
Jeremy Duncan
Brian Edwards
Raechel Edwards
Ryan Farr
Tyler Farris
Ryan Gaudreau
Hayden Gunn
Kyle Hamblen
Jacqueline Hamilton
Joseph Hansen
Charles Hubbard
Kyle Hulit
Erin Hume
Paige Hume
Nolan Irish
Katarina Jenkins
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Travis Matheson

Abigail Miller
Caralin Mills
Sophia Minchev
Cameron Myles
Jillian Nichols
Lindsey Nygren
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Aidan Owens
Emma Owens
Marin Perry
Zachary Pierce
Ava Pitman
Lauren Preis
Glenn Redegeld
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Kendall Smith
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Ursula Steiner
Javin Stickney
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Nicholas Titcomb
Katrina Tugman
Gavin Valente
Lydia Valentine
Jack VanZandt
Kacie Walton
Isabelle Wareham
Alana Weed
Bodhi Wilkins
Jade Wu
Jacob Zelmanow

Grade 7 – High Honors

Isis Adams
Maggy Aube
Kyren Bettencourt
Brandon Cummings
Brittany Desjardin
Jacob Dupuis
Abigail Enck
Michael Evans
Riley Ferrigan
Emma Forgues
Trevor Gava
Maryam Hameed
Joshua Hayward
Autumn Heil
Kasey Jiang
Evelin Kasjanov
Kate Larkin
Kathryn Lundin
Cooper Lyons
Isaac Martel
Matilda McColl
Harris Milliken
Libby Mitchell
Hailey Morrill
Benjamin Nault
Thomas Nelson
Katherine O'Donnell
Olivia Paruk
Alice Riiska
Colette Romatis
Simon Roussel
Andrew Sharp
Sara Slager
Caelyn Smith
Daniel Spiller
Sarah Stevens
Sarah Walker
Erin Wentworth

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Peter Boswell
Courtney Brent
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Asma Sayed
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Arena Receives Gifted and Talented Distinguished Award



Avery Arena (left) was awarded the 2013 Maine Educators of the Gifted and Talented Distinguished Student Award. Diane Knott (right) coordinates the Gifted and Talented program for Gorham schools.

BY COURTNEY SMITH
Gifted and Talented Program

Avery Arena, now a freshman at Gorham High School, was recently awarded the Maine Educators of the Gifted and Talented (MEGAT) Distinguished Student Award for 2013. Avery was nominated for this honor by a number of her teachers while at Gorham Middle School for her compassion and dedication to the humane treatment of animals.

Since fostering animals as an elementary school student, Avery has utilized school-based projects to educate her peers and teachers on controversial issues facing animals today. While at GMS, she participated in the annual

Film Festival and National History Day to help inform people on topics ranging from dissection refusal to the mistreatment of marine animals. Avery has since created online petitions to help close the loopholes in laws associated with Internet sales of animals. She offers hope for lasting change by researching State and National animal protection laws and educating peers and adults on current issues in the fight for animal rights.

Avery's continued commitment and interest in these topics is truly inspiring. Upon receiving this award, she was also given funds to continue her work. Congratulations to Avery on being the 2013 Distinguished Student!

The Empty Bowls Project Benefits Gorham Food Pantry



Handcrafted pottery bowls graced the tables at Narragansett's Empty Bowl event.

BY STACY SALLINEN
School Coordinator

Families of Narragansett students gathered on November 21 for a simple supper of soup and bread, along with a silent auction featuring handcrafted bowls made by students, parents, and school staff. The school held its first annual "Empty Bowls and Jammies" event where proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to the Gorham Food Pantry for local families in need.

According to its website, Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. The basic premise is simple: Potters and other craftspeople, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and

bread. In exchange for a cash donation, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. The money raised is donated to an organization working to end hunger and food insecurity.

The clay bowls were crafted, glazed and painted as a project in Allie Rimkunas' art classes at Narragansett and Great Falls schools. In an act of compassion, several students donated their bowls, and guests had the opportunity to make a donation through the silent auction.

Students were also encouraged to wear pajamas for stories performed by Winston Barton, Narragansett's librarian, and Rimkunas.

Narragansett's event raised \$1,187 for the Gorham Food Pantry. Special thanks to Panera Bread for donating bread for the event.

Great Falls school will be hosting their "Empty Plate Family Movie Night" on Friday, December 13 to benefit the Gorham Food Pantry.

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Maine Association of School Nurses Recognized

By RUTH LAWSON-STOPPS
Maine Department of Education

On November 13, at the Annual Infectious Disease Conference, the Maine Association of School Nurses (MASN) was recognized for their contributions and received the Pump Handle Award.

When presenting the award, Dr. Stephen Sears, State Epidemiologist, remarked that "Maine Centers of Disease Control (CDC) is proud to recognize the hard work and dedication of Maine's school nurses, particularly for their dedication to organizing and operating Maine's school-located vaccine clinics (SLVC). School nurses responded to the need during H1N1 and have continued to assure availability of influenza immunization to students in the school setting because that is where children are and because they have said, 'it is the right thing to do.' Fitting with their vision, school nurses know that when students are immunized for influenza they are healthier; have fewer absences and learn better.

Last school year 18,747 flu shots were given in 85 school districts. At this point it appears that flu shots will be given to more students in more schools. This work is a job well done."

Dr. Sears continued, "In addition to promoting school flu clinics, MASN has provided leadership in promoting

SLVC in many ways. This organization has worked closely with Maine CDC and the Maine Department of Education to promote SLVC training, discussion and evaluation because these professionals know that when, as they say, "children are healthy, they learn better." Accepting the award on behalf of Maine School Nurses was Teresa Merrill, President of the MASN and school nurse at Gorham Middle School.



Teresa Merrill, President of the Maine Association of School Nurses and nurse at Gorham Middle School (center), accepted the Pump Handle Award on behalf of the MASN. Also pictured are Dr. Shelia Pinette, Director of the Maine CDC (left), and Dr. Stephen Sears, State Epidemiologist of the Maine CDC (right).

The Pump Handle Award is presented to a few individuals or groups each year at the Annual Infectious

Disease Conference of the Division of Infectious Disease, Maine Center for Disease Control, Maine Department of Health and Human Services. Awardees are recognized for their commitment and contributions to the prevention and treatment of infectious disease in the State of Maine.

The Award is dedicated to the memory of Dr. John Snow for his outstanding epidemiological contributions during the London cholera epidemic of 1854. Dr. Snow's investigation implicated the Broad Street pump as a source of cholera-contaminated water in London's Soho district. The pump handle has come to symbolize much of what is important in epidemiology and public health.

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school notes

The Gorham School Department recently launched its own Facebook page, found under the search terms "Gorham School Dept". Managed by technology integrators within the district, the fan page is another way to improve communication. The school department will continue to use e-mail, Blackboard Connect, and the website to keep people informed.

In October, Ben Hincer, a junior at Gorham High School, attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on National Security: Exploring Diplomacy, Intelligence and Defense in Washington, D.C. The Forum is an educational organization established to help prepare extraordinary young people for their professional careers. The curriculum for the Forum is based on actual world events. Throughout the program, students use critical thinking, leadership and public speaking skills to tackle the complexity of national decision-making as they examine how the U.S. plans for peace and prepares for crisis.

In addition, leading institutions open their doors to Forum students where they are educated in diplomacy, international affairs and military strategy. While attending, Ben was able to go to the Japanese Information and Cultural Center, and the Saudi Arabian Embassy. Special thanks to Mrs. Shauna Dunn, teacher at Gorham High School, for nominating him to the program, as well as the following local businesses who helped make this trip possible: Demetria's Team - The Real Estate Group; Doug Carter, Carter's Auto; Jane Bell, Allstate Insurance; Angela Sotiropoulos, Gorham House of Pizza.

SPORTS

Taking Their Game to the College Level



Three GHS girls' lacrosse team stars signed their letter-of-intent to play lacrosse at the college level November 25th at the GHS gym. From left to right, Meghan Cushing and Morgan Cushing will attend Division II Assumption College in Worcester, MA while Katie Tucker, on the right, will attend Division I Manhattan College in Riverdale, NY. The three players will also lead the Rams during the spring 2014 high school lacrosse season.

Local Race Car Driver



Brian Darling (GHS '13 and a current student at USM) finished his rookie year competing in the Mighty Truck Junior Division at Oxford Plains Speedway and Beach Ridge Motor Speedway with nine top-three finishes in 14 starts. Darling is pictured above with this uncle and crew chief, Glen Stevens, as well as several trophies Darling has won in his driving career.



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in the Zone

Qualifies for National Cross County Championship: GMS cross country runner **Anna Slager** finished second the girls' 13-14 age group of the USA Track & Field Region 1 Championships November 23rd in New York. Slager posted a time of 15:28 over the 4K course, and by finishing second, she qualified for the USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships in San Antonio on December 14th.

Swimmer of the Week: Lindsey Thomsen (GHS '13), a freshman on the women's swim team at Wheaton College (Norton, MA), is a member of the 400-meter freestyle relay team that was named Relay Team of the Week November 11th by the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference. Thomsen's relay team posted a time of 3:43.25 in defeating the Coast Guard relay team by nearly ten-seconds on November 9th.

All-Academic in College Soccer: **Kiersten Turner** (GHS '12), a sophomore on the Bowdoin College women's soccer team, was selected to the New England Small College Athletic Conference All-Academic Team. Turner led the team in scoring with 12 goals and 4 assists as the Polar Bears qualified for the Division NCAA Division III tournament. She also scored a goal in a 3-1 win in the opening round of the tournament over Christopher Newport.

Closes Out Stellar College Career: GHS grad **Hannah Prince** (Class of 2010) finished her stellar University of Massachusetts field hockey career by helping the team qualify for the NCAA Division I tournament while earning first-team honors on the National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-Region Team. Prince set personal single-season career bests in goals (8) and assists (12) over 24 games this season and finished her UMass career with 87 starts. She was also tabbed as an Atlantic 10 First Team All-Conference recipient. Prince scored a goal in the team's first-round 4-3 overtime win over Virginia in the tournament before losing to Duke. Last summer, she earned a spot on the U.S. U-21 National Field Hockey Team competed in the Junior World Cup in Germany.



Lindsey Thomsen



Kiersten Turner



Hannah Prince

4-H Thriving in Gorham

By EMILY DELUCA
High School Intern

4-H clubs are very important in the Gorham community. In Maine, 4-H is made possible by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Youth Development Program. Led by volunteers, 4-H clubs work on animal projects, community service, science, and healthy lifestyles. To successfully achieve their goals, the groups focus on leadership and community skills.

Children between the ages of five and eighteen can join 4-H clubs. Gorham has eight 4-H clubs: one each for horses, dairy cows, beef cows, and leadership along with two for robotics and two for general science. There are 27 other clubs in Cumberland County that offer further opportunities for Gorham children.

Groups generally meet monthly, and most kids join for the learning and social aspects of 4-H, but some join competitions against other clubs. In all of Cumberland County, there are 342 members. In Gorham specifically, there are 56 active kids and 17 active volunteers.

Gorham's Jenn Grant is the president for the 4-H Leader's Association. She is also the leader of two 4-H Clubs, the first of which is the Young Farmers' Beef Club, the largest 4-H Beef Club in the state with close to 30 members. They mainly focus on raising and showing beef heifers.

The second of the two clubs is the Red and White Faces Baby Beef Club, for those who catch a steer in the calf scramble at the Cumberland Fair. "They take the animal home, raise it for the year and bring it back to Cumberland Fair the following fall, where they show and sell them in the 4-H auction," said Grant.

There are six other clubs that meet in Gorham. The All-Star Dairy Club works to raise and show dairy cattle while the Helping Hooves Club is for horses. The Merry Makers and the Sunflower 4-H groups are general clubs that host a variety of events each year. The Paws and Pals group focuses on dog agility while the Interclub provides teens with leadership skills.

Numerous Gorham kids were successful in competitions this year. Participant Megan Caruso "has done very well with her dairy heifers," stated Grant. "And Tyler Goodwin won the Grand Champion Scramble steer at the last Cumberland Fair." At the end of November, GHS senior Charlene Landry repre-

sented Gorham at the 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. Grant's very own daughter, Samantha Grant, was one of three recipients (the only one from Maine) to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the beef program at the Eastern States Exposition. At the Cumberland Fair pig racing, Chloe and Luke Goodwin won first prize together while Kristin Benson was the Cumberland County representative on a national 4-H trip to Washington D.C. that revolved around citizenship.

This past year, Maine 4-H celebrated its 100-year anniversary. The All Star Dairy, Cumberland County Sheep Club, Red and White Faces 4-H Club and the Brass Knobs, all of Cumberland County, are four of the oldest in Maine, and still going strong.

It is safe to say that for as long as 4-H is around, the organization will strengthen today's adolescents by teaching leadership, citizenship, and teamwork. It is also clear that the 4-H clubs in our town and neighboring towns have a very significant and positive impact on our community.

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Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Events

Friday, December 6

4:00 p.m. Girls' Swimming vs. Windham @ Daven Pool, Westbrook
7:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball vs. Marshwood @ GHS
7:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball at Marshwood

Saturday, December 7

6:20 p.m. Boys' Hockey vs. Yarmouth @ USM
6:40 p.m. Girls' Hockey @ Yarmouth-Travis Roy Arena

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GHS Grad Wins Burn-Off-The-Turkey 5K

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

Despite the cold temperature on November 30th, close to 250 runners participated in the 14th-Annual Burn-Off-The-Turkey 5K Road Race sponsored by the Gorham Recreation Department. GHS grad Mike Caiazzo (Class of 95) won while GHS sophomore Jesse Southard finished fourth followed by his cross country teammate, junior Ben Foster, who placed sixth. Peter Downing rounded out the top ten among runners from Gorham, placing eighth. Gorham residents among the top ten in the

women's race included Jen Rush (second), Maddie Dewitt (third), Sarah Plummer (sixth), Maria McInnis (seventh), Jennifer Thoutte (ninth) and Kelley Scott (tenth).

Southard and Dewitt also won the 15-19 age groups while other Gorham residents winning their gender/age groups included Rush (30-39 females), Downing (30-39 males), Christine Southard (50-59 females), Mike Towle (60-69 males), and Sandy Utterstrom (70-79 females). Following are the time results of all Gorham residents, as reported by www.coolrunning.com. Some participants ran while others walked.

Place	Name	Time	85	Dawn Palme	27:48	160	Jon Smith	32:58
4	Jesse Southard	17:29	90	Rachel Eaton	28:02	162	Jackie Turner	33:08
6	Ben Foster	18:17	92	Michael Parenteau	28:05	163	Laura Turner	33:08
8	Peter Downing	18:37	93	Michelle Mulcahy	28:13	164	Pam Mercier	33:22
11	Peter Dewitt	19:45	95	Sam Orlando	28:16	166	Kyren Bettencourt	33:25
12	Nick Porto	19:55	96	Keith Orlando	28:17	168	Courtney Smith	33:40
15	Dick Graves	20:20	97	Brian Darling	28:21	170	Ron Lowell	33:46
22	Joey Smith	21:05	98	Matthew Caldwell	28:21	171	Hannah Lowell	33:47
26	Jen Rush	21:49	99	Andrew Tinkman	28:22	173	Sandy Utterstrom	34:12
27	Maddie Dewitt	21:55	100	Karen Tinkman	28:23	174	Molly Reinfried	34:23
28	Garrett Higgins	22:02	102	Kimberly Negrich	28:25	175	Meg Santiago	34:24
29	Jeff Rosenblatt	22:04	103	Betty Disanza	28:30	179	Cassie Pelletier	35:04
33	Abraham Eaton	22:35	105	Kelly Greenier	28:40	184	Karin Allen	35:32
34	Sarah Plummer	23:02	106	Ethan Mercier	28:46	185	Evelyn Rush	36:04
35	Maria McInnis	23:10	108	Timothy Sandero	28:52	193	Liz Bennett	37:17
38	Matt Sturgis	23:24	110	Bruce Sutherland	28:59	194	Christy Damon	37:22
39	Jennifer Thoutte	23:24	115	Natasha Jordan	29:29	195	Alan Damon	37:23
40	Joshua Lehmann	23:28	116	Ella Reagan	29:32	196	Aiden Warren-Vanhorn	37:24
41	Alex Thoutte	23:37	117	Patrick Reagan	29:36	197	Nelson Vanhorn	37:55
42	Kelley Scott	23:45	118	Larry Caron	29:39	198	Sara Darling	38:07
43	Mike Towle	23:48	119	Kristen Lehmann	29:46	201	John Herrman	38:51
44	Andrew Eaton	23:49	120	Shane Johnson	29:47	202	Colby Leavitt	38:56
46	Dale Rines	24:00	121	Russ Johnson	29:48	204	Brian Deveaux	39:00
48	Tim Higgins	24:33	123	Amy Wyatt	30:01	205	Casey Skolfield	39:11
49	Dennis O'Brien	24:35	124	Emily Spera	30:11	206	Corey Theriault	39:20
50	Emily Southard	24:51	125	Joe Chamberlain	30:15	207	Jenny Skolfield	39:22
52	Christine Southard	25:04	127	Carrie Sturgis	30:18	211	Hailey Kamenides	40:20
57	Caleb Eaton	25:51	128	Jennie Porto	30:24	213	Dawn Mn Parenteau	42:03
60	Linda Whitten	26:03	130	Alex Vanhorn	30:38	216	Mary Hoskin	43:14
61	Pamela Baldwin	26:04	131	Gary Eaton	30:48	217	Paul Eaton	43:38
63	Bruce Wyatt	26:16	135	Grace Eaton	31:15	218	David Eaton	44:47
67	Kelli Deveaux	26:35	136	Jay Bettencourt	31:20	220	Dawn Caldwell	46:14
68	Eli Wyatt	26:40	137	Erin Monkiewicz	31:23	225	Steven Caldwell	47:16
69	Sara Adams	26:42	141	Rob Gaudette	31:41	226	Nicholas Tinkman	51:06
72	Karen Gaudette	26:59	144	Ronald Tinkman	31:52	228	Gabrielle Sandero	55:14
74	Leah Sturm	27:10	148	Sara Warren-Vanhorn	32:13	229	Danielle Lewis	58:31
75	Lindsay Buteau	27:12	149	Megan Baker	32:17	230	Deanna Wickes	58:31
79	Steven Smith	27:25	154	Barbara Wyman	32:33	231	Audrey Theriault	1:04:53
81	Diane Bell	27:30	156	Erica Hayes	32:50	232	Jennifer Wickes	1:05:14
82	Laurie Nicholas	27:37	157	Tristan Hayes	32:50			
84	Gunder Sandero	27:41	158	Katrina Werbinski	32:54			



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Crushers Dance Crew to Make Their Debut Performance

The all new Q97.9 Maine Red Claws kids Dance Team, Crushers Dance Crew, will make their debut December 13 at the Red Claws home game against Springfield. The boys and girls chosen for this team, ages 8-16, underwent a formal audition process this past September where they had to compete for their spot on the team. "A formal audition is an essential experience for anyone who wants to pursue a career in performing arts," says Trish Moulton, director and coach of the team. "It takes a lot of courage for these kids to come out and give it their all. I am so proud of everyone who came to auditions, they all did such a great job. The judges had a really tough decision to make," says Trish

Moulton, Director and Coach of team. The kids have been rehearsing steadily preparing for their debut at Moulton's dance studio, Dance Studio of Maine. This team is now the second professional kids dance team in the state of Maine. Moulton, along with the teams' other Director, Kelly Ferrigan, also founded the Portland Sea Dogs Dance Team earlier this year. "We wanted to create new opportunities for kids in the State of Maine to perform and be involved in their community on a whole new level of professionalism, says Ferrigan. "We cannot wait to see all of their hard work come together. This team is made up of some of the most talented, well-rounded kids. We are so proud of them. They truly deserve this opportunity."

Gorham Man Receives Award for Outstanding Published Paper

Paul Thomas Hunt received the 2013 Dexter Brackett Award from the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA), the region's largest and oldest not-for-profit organization of water works professionals.

"This award is presented annually to a member who authored the most outstanding paper published in the Journal of the New England Water Works Association during the previous year," said Raymond J. Raposa, NEWWA executive director.

His paper, "Making Water Quality Everyone's Business," discusses how the Portland Water District, over a ten-year period, transformed into an organization where water quality information is shared throughout the company and used to make informed operational decisions.

Hunt is an environmental manager of the Portland Water District. In this position, he manages the district's environmental affairs including the lake-protection program, industrial pre-

treatment program, and operation of environmental laboratories.

He received a B.A. in geology and chemistry from the University of Maine-Farmington and an M.S. in geology from the University of Oregon. He also studied at the Water and Wastewater Leadership Center at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

Hunt is a class II water system operator, class III wastewater system operator, and a certified geologist in Maine.

He is chair of the water resources committee of the Maine Water Utilities Association, and a member of the Maine Wastewater Control Association and North American Lake Management Society.

Over the years, he has presented and published papers on water quality and treatment, source water protection, management of the multi uses of Sebago Lake, and other environmental issues for professional, scientific, and academic organizations.

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Susan Moore has been named **Sales Director at Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate/The Masiello Group** office in Gorham. A real estate broker since 2006, she has been a top-producing broker for Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate and Coldwell Banker.

The **Gorham Ecumenical Council** will sponsor a **Christmas Season Service of Comfort and Rest** on Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham. For those who feel they are out-of-step with the cheery majority this holiday season, this service will offer a quiet place to reflect with words of comfort and hope but in a quieter way. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

A selection of good used books, primarily fiction, will be on sale at the **North Gorham Public Library**, 2 Standish Neck Road, on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday baked goods and crafts will be available for sale. FMI, 892-2575.

The **Gorham Lions Club** will have **Christmas trees for sale** in the parking lot of Cook's Hardware, 57 Main Street beginning Saturday, Dec. 7. Proceeds go to local charities.

Southern Maine Agency on Aging will offer **Putting the Puzzle Together**, a four-part education series for people assisting older adult family and friends. It will be held at the SMAA office in Scarborough, on Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2014, from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Sessions include information about older adult health, community resources, living options, problem solving, and legal issues. Participants should plan to attend all four sessions. The flyer can be downloaded at www.smaaa.org. There is a suggested donation of \$50 and pre-registration is required. For more information, or to register, contact Ann O'Sullivan at (800) 427-7411 ext. 541 or aosullivan@smaaa.org.

Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate The Masiello Group will hold a toy drive for **Toys for Tots** on Dec 12. They will collect new, unwrapped toys to be donated in Gorham. Toys will be picked up and distributed by the Marine Corps Reserves to needy children in our neighborhoods. Community members may drop off donations of toys to the office at 341 Main Street. They will host an open house and toy drive at their office at 341 Main Street on December 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and a pastries will be available to anyone who stops in with a new, unwrapped toy. FMI, www.toysfortots.org

Author Lynda Sudlow will speak about her book "A Vast Army of Women: Maine's Uncounted Forces in the American Civil War", Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at the N. Gorham Library. Sudlow will share stories of how women played critical roles in the war. Books available for sale and signing. This program is part of the Local and Legendary: Maine in the Civil War grant awarded to the Gorham Arts Alliance. For more programs and events please visit <http://www.gorhamartsalliance.org/>.

Gorham Arts Alliance presents Gorham's Community Theater presentation of "Are We There Yet" directed by Janelle and John Mosey. Performances are Dec 6 & 7 at 7 p.m. at Gorham Middle School \$5/\$3/free under 5. For more programs and events please visit www.gorhamartsalliance.org.

Casco Bay Concert Band, Maine's Finest Symphonic Wind Ensemble will present **The Many Moods of Christmas**, December 14, 3 p.m. at McCormack Performing Arts, Gorham High School. FMI, www.cascobayconcertband.org.

ON-GOING EVENTS

The Lakes Region Senior Drop-In Center temporarily located at Sunset Ridge Golf Links, 771 Cumberland St, Westbrook, offers a variety of daily activities and drop-in classes for seniors on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. Stop in for morning coffee or play pickleball, poker, bingo, miniature golf, shuffleboard or cribbage. Join in on exercise, watch a movie or learn to knit. FMI, 892-5604 or email bwa31@maine.rr.com.

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 Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center, 75 South St., is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI, call 839-4579, 839-3630 or 839-3936.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS

First Parish Congregational Church "Chicken Chicks" will take orders for their **Chicken Pie Sale** on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the First Parish Christmas Fair. Pies will be ready for pick-up on Dec. 14 at the church. Phone orders may be placed by Dec. 12. 9x9 pie, \$15. 9x13 pie, \$25.

Annual Cookie Fare at Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Choose from thousands of home baked cookies and fill a box for \$7.50. Candy and fudge will also be available. Children can decorate a large sugar cookie for \$1.

Made in Maine Christmas Fair at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 919 Roosevelt Trail, Windham on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch served.

The First Congregational Church of Buxton will hold a **Christmas Fair** on December 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wreaths, baked goods, candy, crafts, and more. Rte. 4A, Bar Mills. FMI, 929-4252.

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Jayne Rowles of Gorham was one of the first to have time with Santa and Mrs. Claus in the Community Center.



Two-year-old Rowan Theriault was part of the Gorham Light Parade, arriving astride a brilliantly illuminated push bike with other members of Team Rudolph from the Chiropractic Clinic of Gorham.



Dianne Taylor of Raymond dances with a well-rehearsed flash mob, organized by Dance Studio of Maine, that popped up to entertain the Santa-expecting crowd in Robie Park.

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Mosher Road caller reported there was a confused moose in the road.

Main Street caller stated a female stole a bottle of wine from the store and they have her on camera.

Caller reported that campaign signs were pulled out of the ground and turned over from POGO Realty to TD Bank.

County Road caller reported his girlfriend lost her wallet on Friday, and someone has been using her credit card.

Beatrice Drive caller would like to speak to an officer regarding stolen political signs.

Woodland Road caller reported a female was at caller's house freaking out causing a disturbance.

Caller reported being in an accident where the offending vehicle left the scene.

Cressey Road caller reported that some of their campaign signs were destroyed.

School Street caller reported that several of their campaign signs were damaged overnight. Main Street caller made a similar complaint.

Harding Bridge Road caller reported that sometime overnight, someone stole caller's purse and GPS out of their vehicle that was parked in their driveway.

New Portland Road caller reported that a known subject stole their phone and was calling their coworkers and boss harassing them.

Quincy Drive caller reported that a suspicious vehicle backed up into a little tote road, went to pull out, and then backed in again.

Acorn Street caller reported there was a squirrel trapped in their chimney.

Burnham Road caller reported that two males on ATVs broke into their garage and stole a leaf blower and a shovel.

New Portland Road caller reported a suspicious vehicle that had a bunch of satellite dishes in it.

McLellan Road caller reported that five people were hiding in the bathroom of the residence as someone was pounding on the windows and walls and screaming outside the residence.

Caller reported a female subject ran away from the group home.

Cressey Road man was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Cooper's Way caller reported that someone kept calling them and leaving a message, but when caller called back they said they hadn't called.

Narragansett Street caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the area. It was investigated and reported that the vehicle owners were walking their dog.

Sanford Drive caller reported that someone was taking things out of their dumpster.

Buck Street caller reported a male was walking by one of the buildings on the farm and when he was approached and asked what he was doing on the property, the male took off into the woods running.

Officer investigated an abandoned vehicle on South Street. Vehicle had a note on the window stating it was broken down and someone would be there soon to pick it up.

Main Street caller reported that a customer forgot to put their pin in the credit card terminal resulting in the items not being paid for.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported that they found a pile of bones in the woods that appeared to be from a deer.

Tink Drive caller reported that there may have been drug activity occurring inside the cemetery.

Gray Road caller reported that a neighbor choked caller's son and threatened his life.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., 299-B Main St., Gorham. (St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot).
- Author Lynda Sudlow talks about women's critical role in Civil War, 7 p.m., North Gorham Public Library.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

- Gorham Community Theater presents "Are We There Yet?" 7 p.m., Gorham Middle School. \$5/\$3/under 5 free.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

- Gorham Community Theater presents "Are We There Yet?" 7 p.m., Gorham Middle School. \$5/\$3/under 5 free.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

- Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 6-7 p.m., 299-B Main St., Gorham. (St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot).
- Senior Lunch at St. Anne's Church, 12 p.m. \$3.50. Sponsored by the Town of Gorham.
- Early Release for grades K-12.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., 299-B Main St., Gorham. (St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot).
- Baby and Me Storytime for ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.
- Toddler Time for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

- Santa Breakfast & Silent Auction to benefit Operation Tribute, Sponsored by GHS Key Club, 8 to 10 a.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church, \$5pp, FMI 221-0296.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

- Potluck Supper, Christmas Story and Song, Galilee Baptist Church, 317 Main St., Gorham. 5 p.m. FMI, 839-6985.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

- Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

- Senior Lunch at St. Anne's Church, 12 p.m. \$3.50. Sponsored by the Town of Gorham.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

- Baby and Me Storytime for ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.
- Toddler Time for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library.

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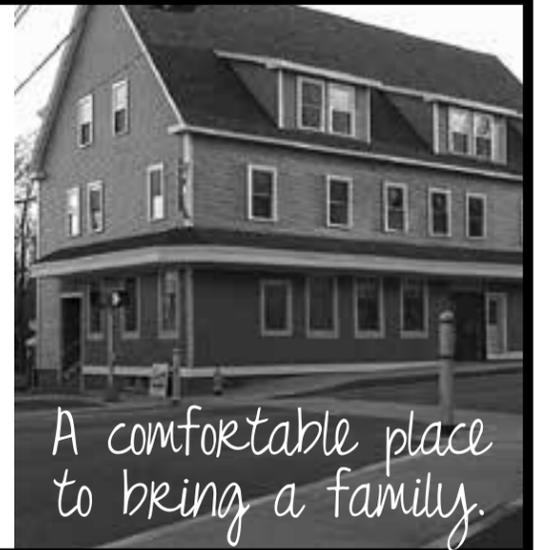
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