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Fire Damages Home in Friendly Village

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Fire officials believe misuse of a heating oil treatment similar to dry gas led to an explosion and subsequent fire at a Chestnut Circle home on December 10th.

The homeowner, Linda Rose, reported her furnace had not worked for several days but had been fixed earlier that day. The original problem appeared to have been water in the oil tank. If an oil tank is not full and water (condensate) gets into the tank, the water can freeze in the filter that leads to the furnace. Many mobile homes are heated with kerosene because their tanks are stored outdoors and oil tends to gel in the tanks when extremely cold.

Rose had a family member work on the furnace who put four to five bottles of the heating oil treatment into the furnace. The appropriate ratio of this product is 16 ounces for 275 gallons of oil, but this tank was only about one eighth full. A licensed repairman later bled the furnace, removing about four bottles of water. The furnace was running properly when he left. Shortly after the repairman left, Rose said she heard "kaboom" and, knowing it was the furnace, told the other occupant of the home to switch the furnace off.

Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre believes the fire was accidental and caused by excessive use of the heating oil treatment.

Damage to the trailer is estimated to be \$7,000 to \$10,000. The bulk of the damage was contained to the furnace, bath and hallway. Firefighters were able to save many of her personal items.

Another Development for South Gorham Contract Zones

BY NOAH MINER
Staff Writer

The recent rezoning of South Gorham via the contract zone process is starting to bear fruit. In addition to the Cumberland Farms store recently approved by the planning board, Maine Automation is planning to convert a residential building at 63 County Road into office space.

Located two houses to the west of South Gorham Baptist Church, the building has already been gutted and the windows, roof and boiler have been replaced. The plan is to finish the interior into office space, install new siding, pro-

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Town to Develop Updated Master Plan

BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

In the 1990's Gorham developed a master plan for Main Street in the Village— the area from Pine Street to New Portland Road and from Church Street to Lincoln Street—with an emphasis on the major intersection of Routes 25 and 114. The plan was finalized in 1998 and, in the ensuing 15 years, the town has implemented a number of the recommendations as well as developing additional projects within the area. The town is now looking at proposals to evaluate current needs and to create a revitalized master plan.

In their request for proposals, the town presented a list of goals to be reviewed in a current master plan. The items include:

- Improving the aesthetic appeal of the Village Center to enrich the livability and enhance the economic vitality of the community
- Developing a consistent, unified streetscape on Main Street with the Village commercial districts
 - Improving pedestrian, bicyclist and vehicular circulation and safety
 - Providing for efficient and adequate parking without compromising aesthetics
 - Maintaining and protecting historic buildings
 - Developing implementable cost-conscious recommendations
 - Developing regulatory and zoning measures and policies that encourage the desired pattern, mix and quality of buildings and uses

- Developing recommendations about the use of municipally-owned properties in the area
 - Evaluating the use and density of large historic homes
 - Developing specific recommendations to better connect and unify USM and the town

The Master Plan update is being funded by a Community Development Block Grant and town funds.

Proposals were due by November 22nd and are currently being reviewed by town staff. Public hearings will be held to seek input from the community and later preliminary findings and recommendation will be reported, which will be used to create a final plan and recommendations.

Land Trust Works To Close Funding Gap in Randall Orchards Project

BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) is in a final drive to raise \$15,000 for transaction costs to complete the Randall Orchards Conservation Project. PRLT is counting once again on the continuing generosity of area businesses and residents. As Dale Rines, co-chairman of the Gorham Conservation Commission, stated of this lofty effort, "The Randall Orchards and adjacent woodlands on the Gorham/Standish line offer a long list of benefits to a growing urban population. The conservation of this 482-acre block of Cumberland County would offer the opportunity to continue the production of food near the consumer." Consumer awareness of the importance of available healthy local food is growing every day.

When Dick Randall originally proposed this project to PRLT and partner Maine Farmland Trust, PRLT agreed to be the fiscal agent responsible for procuring the funds needed to cover the many transaction costs associated with this effort. The original budgeted costs included an appraisal, a survey, title work, legal fees, title insurance, environmental site assessment, baseline documentation and recording fees. PRLT found tremendous initial community support with donations from individuals and businesses totaling close to \$25,000

and foundation grants of \$80,000 from the Elmina B. Sewell Foundation, Fields Pond Foundation, Maine Farmland Trust, Maine Community Foundation's Twombly Family Fund as well as a generous allocation from the Town of Gorham Open Space fund.

Months later than initially planned, closing for this project is now slated for

"The Randall Orchards and adjacent woodlands on the Gorham/Standish line offer a long list of benefits to a growing urban population."

March 2014. PRLT must cover supplemental appraisal, environmental site assessment, survey, and legal costs, all of which amount to \$15,000. The original budget allowed for one appraisal with a projected cost of \$20,000, however, both the State and Federal partners on this project did not accept the original appraisal. PRLT had to find a second appraiser and start that part of the project all over again.

"When working to satisfy both the State of Maine's Land for Maine's Future Program and the USDA Farm and

Ranchland Protection Program, who both have their own standards, policies and procedures with differing timelines for review, it is not uncommon with projects of this scope and nature to require at least one appraisal revision and oftentimes, more than one," states PRLT Executive Director, Stefan Jackson. "This was disappointing to PRLT, but certainly not insurmountable, and now we have an appraisal that has met both State and Federal requirements. Most of the budget shortfall is attributable to the appraisal part of the costs, and this is truly a remarkable feat, that PRLT has been able to keep so close to the original budget prepared when this project was in its infancy." Jackson continues by saying, "Our hope is that our community of supporters will understand the challenges faced during a project of this magnitude and find within themselves the resolve and financial support to ensure the successful completion of the Randall Orchard Conservation Project."

PRLT stresses that the Randall Orchard property is truly a landmark in Southern Maine, situated in one of the fastest growing areas in Maine and a true gift to the community. "Thanks to the vision and generosity of Dick Randall, we have the chance to keep vast tracts available for commercial agricultural and forest management, to preserve and pro-

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Kate Hopkins National Soccer Champion

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Trouble with MaineCare Ride Provider

By REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

This summer, the Department of Health and Human Services made changes to the MaineCare rides program in an effort to come into compliance with federal rules. The department opted for a broker system and serious problems have ensued since the changes went into effect on August 1.

The program provides non-emergency transportation to appointments for dialysis, mental health services and other medical and nonmedical appointments for low-income MaineCare eligible riders. In place for decades, the program serves around 45,000 riders a year. The federal government pays 63 percent of the costs.

In 2010, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services informed the state that the system at the time needed to be changed.

The concerns cited included the lack of a formal contract with ride providers, the potential conflict of interest of having the same people scheduling and providing the rides and that the state was reimbursing mileage to drivers when riders were not in the vehicle. Federal rules only allow a

volunteer driver to be reimbursed for "loaded miles"—when the rider is in the vehicle—not the mileage from the volunteer's home to the rider's home.

The department opted for a broker system and serious problems have ensued since the changes went into effect on August 1.

While there were a number of options available, DHHS chose a broker model in which agencies would get a contract to arrange for rides. The winners of the competitive bidding process were Logisticare, which has the contract for York County, PenquisCap, which retained their contract for Penobscot and Piscataquis counties, and Coordinated Transportation Solutions, which has the contract for the rest of the state.

From the time the changes went into effect, there have been problems, including unacceptably long wait times for callers trying to arrange rides, callers not being able to get through to the broker arranging the rides, rides failing to show up even when they had been scheduled and more than one ride showing up to pick up a passenger.

Coordinated Transportation Solutions, a Connecticut-based organization, has been plagued by prob-

lems. Thousands of patients have missed rides to their appointments. Some ride recipients have missed so many rides that their primary care providers have dropped them as patients.

The company, which has a one-year and \$20 million contract with the state, has asked for more money to supplement the contract. This came after the December 1 deadline for them to fix their problems.

It is outrageous that four months into their contract, CTS is still having problems. Maine's most vulnerable citizens deserve better. They should not be missing rides to critical medical appointments.

The administration has made the situation worse. The governor's gag order preventing commissioners from appearing before legislative committees remains in force for this issue as well.

We need CTS to solve its problem and we need the administration to be actively engaged with the people's representatives for the sake of Maine people. If you or someone you know has experienced a problem with a ride, please contact me so we can document the complaint and work to fix it.

I wish you a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.



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Happy Holidays, Gorham!

In order to celebrate with our friends and families, the Gorham Times is taking a short break and will return on newsstands January 16.

Holiday Shopping? Buy Local

around town

Gorham Savings Bank recently had solar panels installed on the roof of their 64 Main Street branch.

Neu 2 U clothing store, located at 2 School Street, will be closing at the end of this year. Neu-Du Salon, currently located in the same building, but at the other end, will be relocating to the space once vacated.

Town Manager David Cole issued a five-year service pin to driver/operator Larry Gallant, and a 10-year service pin to Public Works Director Bob Burns.



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Holidays in Gorham Are...

A great community is defined by the quality of the people in it... Gorham is a great community and the charity and graciousness of its people is heightened at Christmas time... and is evident all of the year round. That is what Christmas means to be living here in Gorham.

Jeffrey Carpenter

Christmas in Gorham is love, caring, charity, and family. I could not think of a better place to share all of this with my family and friends.

Shonn Moulton

Christmas Eve in Gorham means a slow drive to see the luminaries with just our parking lights on and Christmas music playing in the car... one of our favorite traditions!

Katie Buckley Rosingana

We enjoy meeting our neighbors in the middle of the round for a variety of treats, hot and cold drinks, Christmas singing, a bonfire, and luminaries lighting up our Christmas Eve.

DaraLyn McColl

We are a military family. Christmas means we get to spend time together this year as a family, with Dad home to celebrate. There is nothing better than spending Christmas Day in your home, warm and cozy, listening to laughter, seeing joy all around you.

Lynette Munsell Wheeler

Christmas in Gorham represents happy thoughts of my family and friends together celebrating... Knowing that they are in my hearts, prayers and thoughts while I'm away on deployment with the Maine Army National Guard here in Afghanistan.

Todd C. Mills

Listening while the kids pick their favorite snowflake design that decorates the village. The family piling into the car and going for a Christmas Eve cruise to check out the luminaries. Helping the kids find that little red elf that shows up once the tree goes up. It's the simple things that help me recognize why Christmas is such a special time of year, like time with family and friends, reactions from people receiving gifts of holiday cheer, and the realization that the days only get longer from here until June.

Noah Miner

The real faces of Christmas are still filled with wide-eyed wonder and joy. The real faces of Christmas aren't afraid to smile at a stranger. The real faces of Christmas know that love can't be bought at the mall. The real faces of Christmas have eyes unafraid to trust and hearts unafraid to love unconditionally. The real faces of Christmas are filled with hope for a better tomorrow.

Growing up in Gorham, we used to be these children. We used

to find it hard to fall asleep on Christmas Eve as we strained to hear the sound of prancing hooves on the roof. And you know what? We heard them. We once believed in magic...in endless possibilities. Now look at us. Our faces are filled with stress as we struggle to juggle work, home, kids, all while trying to create the "perfect" Martha Stewart holiday. But you know what? The best gift you will ever give your children is the gift of time, the gift of listening, the gift of play, the gift of reading them their Polar Express at bedtime. The real gift of Christmas doesn't come from a store. And the real faces of Christmas know that.

So what's done is done. If it doesn't get wrapped, so what? Santa doesn't always have time to wrap all those gifts anyway. If your kitchen floor is dirty, smile and be grateful for the dirty little boot prints. Both my grandmother and my mom used to say that Santa couldn't come until the kitchen floor got washed. But you know what? He came anyway.

So sit back, order take-out and watch It's A Wonderful Life with your family. Hug your kids. Count your blessings. And the next time you get stressed, just look at the real faces of Christmas and remember what this holiday is all about and how blessed we truly are.

Richard Bump

Photo credit Martha T. Harris, 2012

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protect the natural condition, wildlife habitat, scenic and open space, to conserve water quality, wetlands and riparian values of the property which contains some of the upper headwaters of Branch Brook watershed, to protect vernal pools and associated wildlife habitat, and also to provide the opportunity for traditional low-impact recreation with permission" states Jackson.

All contributions to this fundraising effort would be gratefully accepted by PRLT and can be mailed to PRLT at P.O. Box 33 Gorham, ME 04038. For further information, contact PRLT at info@prlt.org or at www.prlt.org.

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vide parking for six vehicles to the right of the building, install a sign, and landscape the lot.

Dan Winslow, president of Maine Automation stated the company "provides process control and instrumentation services to the power generation, pulp and paper, pharmaceutical, semiconductor, and solar power industries." Most of the work is done onsite at industrial locations all over the country.

Winslow plans to have an office staff of three individuals in Gorham to manage the billing, invoices, estimating and payroll functions. Maine Automation has 12 permanent employees who work in the field and 25-50 union contractors to provide support services as needed.

Winslow chose Gorham because it is the geographical center of the work they have in Maine, and also due to the local connections that he and company Vice President Scott Richards have to the area.



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DECEMBER 13, 2013

Town Council Report

BY ROBIN SOMES
Staff Writer

During Councilor Communications, Councilor Shonn Moulton reported on the need for volunteers on various Town committees. These include the Gorham Parks & Conservation Committee, Recycling Committee, Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Gorham Economic Development Corporation, Baxter Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Board of Health, Fair Hearing Board and Board of Voter Registration Appeals. "We need citizen volunteers to make this town work, and we can't do without you, so please start thinking about what you can do best towards helping the town," stated Moulton in his plea to encourage Gorham citizens to volunteer.

Councilor Bruce Rouillard spoke about New Year Gorham and announced that the schedule of events can be obtained at the Recreation Department and that buttons are now on sale at businesses throughout the town.

In his monthly report, Town Manager David Cole announced that the Public Safety Building and the Little Falls School Project would be the two topics at the upcoming Council Workshop on December 18th at 6pm at the Municipal Center.

Prior to the Council's vote to approve a Victualler License for iSpoon Frozen Yogurt, co-owner Peter Davis spoke of the business that opened last month and is located next to Olympia Sports in the Village Mall in Gorham. He related that the yogurt is from Honey Hill Farms and, in addition to multiple flavors, numerous toppings are available. "It's a great place to hang out, and it has a good atmosphere. This is what we wanted to provide, and I think we did it." The license was approved 7-0.

In regard to an agenda item that he sponsored, Councilor Matthew Robinson explained he had heard from two Gorham residents who wanted to pursue limited business related efforts in their homes. In noting the number of businesses run from homes throughout Gorham where no requests had been made to the town, Robinson explained the intention of his agenda item was to facilitate having home occupied businesses. Robinson's item to ask the Ordinance Committee to develop a proposal to provide flexibility to run home businesses was approved by the Council 7-0. The proposal from the Ordinance Committee will be considered at a future meeting.

In a vote of 3-4 (Councilors Rouillard, Moulton, Benner, Hartwell),

the Council rejected having a Contract Zone document drafted that would be consistent with the other Contract Zones in South Gorham, but not allow the sale of gasoline. The Contract Zone was requested by Joseph and Karen Nadeau for their property at 60 County Road, and, had approval been granted, would have been referred to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and their recommendation. The request for the Contract Zone did not include an indication as to future intentions for the property.

In other action, the Council voted: 7-0 to schedule a Public Hearing for the January 7th Town Council meeting on a proposal to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

7-0 to accept a proposal from Wright Pierce to update the Gorham Main Street Master Plan, and to appropriate \$4,000 from the Contingency Account for the Town's share to go with a \$21,000 Community Development Block Grant, for a projected cost of \$25,000. The Master Plan was originally adopted by the Council in March 2000.

7-0 to accept Snowberry Drive in the Peterson Fields Subdivision, located off Brackett Road, as a Public Road, and for Snowberry Drive to be classified as a Rural Access Road.

Clerk's Corner

BY JENNIFER ELLIOTT
Acting Town Clerk

Dog Licenses, Dog Licenses, Dog Licenses! Okay, I am trying to get your attention if you are a dog owner in the Town of Gorham. State law requires all dogs over the age of six months to be licensed in the town in which they reside. The license runs from January to December. If you need to renew a dog license, you can do so online through our website, gorham-me.org, or by coming into the office. It helps to bring in your dog's current rabies information as well. The cost is \$6 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$11 for an unaltered dog. The late fee is \$25, which is why we would like to make sure all dog owners are on time in paying for the license.

Taxes were due on November 15, so if you still need to pay, remember that interest accrues daily.

You can purchase a hunting or fishing license for 2014. They make great Christmas gifts for your favorite outdoorsman.

Our office also has a new part time employee, Heather Martel. Stop by and say hello. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.



Acting Town Clerk Jennifer Elliott can be reached by e-mail at jelliott@gorham.me.us or by phone at 222-1674.

Complete meeting minutes are available at: www.gorham-me.org.

Performance Descriptions

Choral Art Society Carolers
Gorham House 6:30-7:30
(Carolers-a capella, double quartet performing seasonal music and music for the New Year!)



CHORAL ART SOCIETY CAROLERS
PARTIALLY SPONSORED BY GORHAM HOUSE

Comedy with Character!
GHS 8:30-9:45
(Randy Judkins had us laughing our heads off last year! Which guise will entertain us this year?)



RANDY JUDKINS
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Jazz Combo
First Parish Church Fellowship Hall 5:00-6:00
Gorham High School Foyer 6:30-7:00
(This trio plays the kind of jazz music that will make you feel good. Three USM students - local talent at its best!)



Dana Perkins - Ventriloquist
Baxter Memorial Library 6:00-7:00
(Dana always has someone new in his travel case. Which friend will we see this year?)



Don Roy Trio at the Centre of Movement
6:00-7:30
(Back for their sixth year, Don Roy presents Franco American Tap-Tapping Music)



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First Parish Church Choir
FP Church 7:00-7:45
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Gorham Community Chorus
FP Church 6:00-6:45 (Choral music ranging from the great masters to contemporary artists as well as popular and show music from the best of Broadway.)

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Mad Science - Up Up & Away!
Shaw Gym, Municipal Center 6:00-7:30 (Back by popular demand. This show is both fun and educational, and you will be flying high if you take a ride on the amazing Mad Science Hovercraft!)



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Marimba Percussionists
GHS 7:00-8:30
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Wildlife Encounters
Shaw Gym 6:00-7:45 (Will it be a wallaby, an alligator, an armadillo? Come and see what exotic wildlife Granite State Zoo will bring this year!)



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BY PAMELA TURNER, DIRECTOR
Baxter Memorial Library

Creativity abounds in Gorham and Baxter Memorial Library is proud to be part of the creative fabric of the town.

The library regularly hosts author programs and book discussion groups. We also host art exhibits including the Gorham Adult Education annual art show and young artists sponsored by the Gorham Arts Alliance. We have a sewing group for youngsters run by volunteers and a Zentangle® drawing group for adults and teens. Our story hour programs often involve music and crafts. This is just a sample of the many creative things happening at the Baxter Memorial Library.

Through the end of December, our incredibly creative Youth Services Department is hosting a MakerSpace for all ages. The Phinney meeting room, located on the lower level of the library, has been transformed into a wonderful craft room for the month. The MakerSpace room is open whenever the library is open except for the last half hour of each library day. Children under the age of eight are welcome accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

What makes our MakerSpace particularly special is that it is a fantastic recycling project! The vast majority of the supplies were donated or obtained from Ruth's Reusable Resources. We also

raided our craft supply closet (much of which is donated supplies) and made use of leftover materials from over a decade of craft programs at the library. A total of approximately \$10 has been spent on supplies for this MakerSpace room.

Photos of craft projects created in the MakerSpace room may be found on our Facebook page. We will add to the album throughout the rest of the year.

A special thank you is extended to the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library for sponsoring the library's membership in Ruth's Reusable Resources and to the many patrons who have donated craft supplies.

For more information on our MakerSpace or other library events, please checkout our website at www.baxterlibrary.org, "like" our Facebook page, or contact the library at 222-1190.



Lexsey displays her Christmas creation.



Photo credit Pamela Turner



Photo credit Pamela Turner



Pam Turner holds an MLS from Simmons College and is active in statewide library activities including the Maine Library Association and the Minerva Library Consortium. She may be reached at the library at 222-1190 or pturner@msln.net.

DECEMBER 2, 2013

Planning Board Results

BY KAREN DiDONATO
Editor

The most recent Planning Board meeting included a discussion and two private way reviews.

The Land Use and Development Code discussion was regarding adding the definition for dog kennel, adding dog kennels as a permitted use, and adding a new section about dog kennel standards. This item was referred to the Planning Board Ordinance Subcommittee.

The first private way review was concerning Ken and Lisa Spiller's request for approval of a 400-foot private way (Travis Way) to serve up to six lots off Buck Street. This item was approved 7-0.

The second private way review was about an amendment to a 325-foot private way (Angeltun Lane) previously approved for one lot at 101 Spiller Road. The change would change the standards to a two to six lot private way. This item was discussed and tabled 7-0.

FAMILY OPTIONS

Families with Very Young Children

Ice Skating
2:30-4:00 PM USM Ice Arena

Snow Sculpting
Noon - 4 PM USM College Ave. at the foot of the sledding hill.

Spaghetti Dinner
5:00-6:00 PM First Parish Church (separate meal charge \$8/\$4)

Mad Science
6:00-7:30 PM Shaw Gym

Dana Perkins and his Puppet Friends
6:00-7:00 Baxter Memorial Library

Wild Animal Zoo
6:00-7:45 - Shaw Gym

Face Painting
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10:00 PM Gorham High School Athletic Complex

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Holocaust Survivors: Keeping History Alive and in Our Minds

BY KIARA DAY AND MOLLY CREEDEN
GHS Students

Seniors enrolled in the Holocaust class at Gorham High School were fortunate to have two Holocaust survivors speak to students. The class examines the origins of anti-Semitism; individual and communal responsibility; the emergence of the Nazi Party; the victims of Nazi persecution; treatment in ghettos and camps; perpetrators and bystanders; resistance movements; justice; and genocide today. The two survivors shared their individual accounts of living through this tragic era in human history. They generated new ideas, questions, and discussion that are unique to first hand experience. This way of learning and understanding is becoming less and less accessible to the present and future generations. These stories are vital for keeping history alive and our conscience questioning.

With her husband, Tama Fineberg shared her experience as a child living in Poland during the Holocaust, where she and her mother evaded capture by hiding in ditches in the woods for two years. She was one of the few survivors who made it to liberation in 1945. The striking part of Mrs. Fineberg's story was her mother's unwavering morality. When given the chance to kill a Nazi soldier who was captured by Russian officers, she refused. She couldn't take life from someone, even someone who

represented the evil organization that made her own life miserable. This alone proves that even in humanity's most horrific corners, rectitude prevails. Mrs. Fineberg and her mother came to the United States after the war. She later started a family of her own, passing on her mother's wise mind and kind heart.

In November, Ed Benedikt and his wife Marion visited the Holocaust class after students learned about the Kindertransport, the transportation of 10,000 Jewish children from Germany to Great Britain beginning on December 1, 1938. This transportation took place over the course of two years, ending when war broke out in September 1939. Mr. Benedikt was among the first group of children to make the journey. His father was aware of issues that were brewing towards Jews and sent his son and daughter on the first transport out of the country. On the train, children were told to sing patriotic German songs in order to easily cross Germany's border into the Netherlands. Once they passed, they were free. At the age of seven, Mr. Benedikt settled into life with his foster parents in a small English town. He was integrated into the new culture, learning the language and attending a Christian Methodist Church instead of a Jewish synagogue.

Mr. Benedikt lost contact with his parents until 1941 when he learned through distant relatives that they made



Photo credit Courtesy of GHS

Ed Benedikt, a survivor of the Holocaust, and his wife, Marion, spoke with students in the Holocaust class at Gorham High School.

it to America. He joined them in New York City in 1943, but their relationship struggled. The Holocaust had torn their family apart. The ship ride over started Mr. Benedikt's passion for shipbuilding. He pursued a career as a Naval Architect, which brought him to the coast of Maine.

So many positive things could have come from these lives, but they were taken without a second thought. We can't let this happen again. On an individual and communal level, we

must not be idle. A quote by Edmund Burke, sums up this idea, "the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." The theme of our Holocaust class and the National Holocaust Museum is "what you do matters." Mrs. Fineberg and Mr. Benedikt's stories are living examples of why this is true. The morality of Mrs. Fineberg's mother and the British allowing the Kindertransport, are just two examples of taking action and being triumphant in the face of evil.



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Students Participate in Youth in Government Program



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GHS students beneath the State House portrait of Frederick Robie, the only Maine governor from Gorham (so far!) Left to right: Avery Arena, Kiara Day, Molly Creeden, Rachel Blattstein, and Sophia Hendrix.

BY DAVID FARRINGTON
GHS Student

Should Maine's taxation system be reformed? Should drivers be prohibited from using all hand-held electronic devices? Should Maine high schools implement mandatory drug testing for all student athletes? These were a few of the wide-ranging issues considered by participants in the Maine Youth in Government program during their Augusta session held from November 15 to 17. This annual program offers students a unique opportunity to learn and practice the skills of deliberative democracy by conducting their own legislative session in the actual House and Senate Chambers at the Maine State House. At this year's session, approximately 170 students from all across Maine drafted bills, conducted committee hearings, participated in floor debates, and held votes that led to the

ultimate passage or rejection of each proposed bill.

Five Gorham High School students participated this year as Representatives or Senators: seniors Rachel Blattstein, Molly Creeden, and Kiara Day, and freshmen Avery Arena and Sophia Hendrix. Of over 90 bills proposed, only 12 succeeded in passing both the House and Senate and receiving the Student Governor's signature. One of the successful bills was written, sponsored, and presented by Gorham's Avery Arena. Her bill mandated that all Maine schools requiring students to conduct a laboratory dissection must allow students to opt for an alternative learning activity such as an interactive computer simulation.

Maine is one of 38 states to participate in the Youth in Government program, which is overseen by the YMCA under the motto, "Democracy must be learned by each generation."

King Arthur Educates Great Falls



Photo credit Melissa Mullin

Fourth and fifth grade students from Great Falls donated 171 loaves of freshly baked bread to the Gorham Food Pantry as part of the Life Skills Bread Baking Program from King Arthur Flour.

BY JULIA YAGER
Great Falls Student

On December 3, fourth and fifth grade students from Great Falls School attended an assembly with Amy Driscoll from King Arthur Flour where she taught students how to make bread. Ms. Driscoll made the bread with the help of two students, Logan Butler and Shannon Lawrence. The assembly was set up like a cooking show. The students got to watch how the bread was made as Shannon and Logan worked. They learned how yeast works and how gluten helps glue the bread together. They also learned to correctly measure, mix, and knead the bread. The dough could

also be used to make pizza crust or cinnamon rolls.

At the end of the assembly all students received a bag of materials donated by King Arthur Flour. This is part of their Life Skills Bread Baking Program that they provide as a free service to schools. The bag contained materials to make bread. Their task was to bake two loaves of bread, one to enjoy with their family and the other to donate to the Gorham Food Pantry.

On the following Monday morning, students arrived at school ready to donate their loaves of bread. We collected 171 loaves of bread to donate. This was a great way for students to continue to work on Great Falls' year-long goal of kindness.

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GMS Teacher “Flips” Classroom

BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Sheila McAtee’s classroom at Gorham Middle School (GMS) may look a little different than most other classrooms within the school. Starting in September, McAtee began using the flipped classroom approach to teach math to her seventh grade students.

The flipped classroom method is a newer strategy where teachers record short instructional videos when new concepts are introduced. In McAtee’s case, videos are posted online in her school blog. Students are then required to watch the video as homework and must be prepared to complete follow-up work during class time. The flipped method allows students to work at their own pace, frees up class time for hands-on work within small groups, and allows the teacher to see where a student is struggling.

McAtee, who has been dubbed Mrs. Mathatee by her students, said she has received positive feedback from parents and students. The online videos have been beneficial for those students who have been absent or need additional instruction.

Thanks to the Maine Learning Technology Initiative program, sev-

enth and eighth grade students in middle schools in Maine have had access to laptops for the past eleven years. It has given students access to more academic resources outside of the traditional classroom.

When GMS Principal Bob Riley asked if any teachers wanted to use the flipped classroom approach, McAtee jumped at the opportunity. “What we are trying to accomplish is bridging the span between the traditional learning-learning that we all hold very near and dear—with the requirements of the 21st Century,” said Riley. “A century that will expect our labor force to be able to be creative beyond all that we currently know and to work collaboratively with people who may not be in the next room.”

Many of the faculty members at GMS experiment with Twitter accounts for their classes to communicate homework and team activities. Some of the teachers have developed their Personal Learning Networks through Twitter, Pinterest, Youtube and Instagram to share ideas with educators from around the globe.

“At GMS, we are always looking to improve our practice,” said Riley.

Gorham Represented at Maine Mall



Photo credit Stacy Sallinen

For the past four years, volunteers from the Maine Garden Railway Society (MGRS) have shared their love of model trains with shoppers at the Maine Mall during November and December. Part of their expansive display includes a replica of the Gorham train depot, now home to Sebago Brewing Company. The MGRS, a non-profit organization that strives to educate people about trains, their history, and operation depicted in G-scale, was started in 2001 by Gorham resident Doug Johnson.

Mad Science Presents Holiday Spectacular Show



Photo credit Melissa Mullin

Lightning Lucy, as she’s known to her students, of Mad Science of Maine treated Great Falls students to a Holiday Spectacular Science show, complete with a festival of lights and top-secret “special ice” shipped from the North Pole. Students also created a human Christmas tree and learned how the Tesla coil could provide power to illuminate a light bulb. Demonstrating how it works is Lucy, Luke Goodwin and Sam Minchev.



Photo credit Melissa Mullin

Samantha Kovacs and Alaina Christy also participate in the Holiday Spectacular Science show as human Christmas trees.

school notes

Gorham High School’s Class of 2014 will be collecting and disposing of Christmas trees, Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. Cost is a \$10 donation to benefit the senior class. To schedule a pick-up, send an e-mail to gorhamclassof2014@gmail.com.

The winners of the First Annual Madison Prize for Written Excellence will be announced at a school assembly on Friday, December 20, at 12:30 p.m. in the Gorham Middle School gymnasium. The essay contest, which was open to middle school students, celebrates the history of our nation by encouraging thought and reflection on selected topics. The public is welcome to attend.

Help Narragansett School raise money for a new magazine rack for the library and get rid of your used junk! The school is collecting old electronic devices, and will recycle them through the Cartridges for Kids program for money. The following items are accepted: ink jet and laser cartridges, cell phones, e-readers, tablets, notebooks, laptops with power cords, and MP3’s. FMI contact Denise Asselin at denisea@gorhamschools.org or 222-1250

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All-State Soccer Selection

By EMILY DeLUCA
High School Intern

The Maine Sunday Telegram has named GHS senior Meghan Cushing to the girls' All-State Soccer Team. Cushing played on the GHS varsity squad for all four years of high school, starting every game her sophomore, junior and senior seasons and totaling 16 goals and 10 assists. Head coach Jeanne Zarrilli commented, "Meghan was the player on our team who played so well on both sides of the ball. She is an incredibly tenacious player who never gets tired and wins most of the 50/50 contests." Cushing was often matched up to stop the opposing team's best player and won the girls' soccer Rams Leadership Award this season for the examples she set on and off the field. In addition to being named to the SMAA All-Conference first team this season, Cushing was also selected



Photo credit Tim Plumer

to the SMAA All-Academic Team and the Class A Western Maine Soccer Coaches Regional All-Star Team. Equally skilled at lacrosse, Cushing will attend Assumption College in Massachusetts next fall on a lacrosse scholarship.

National Soccer Champion

GHS junior Kate Hopkins started and played a key role as an outside back for the girls' U16 Seacoast Mariners club soccer team that won the United Soccer League Super Y League North American Championship December 5th-9th in Florida. The Mariners finished 2-1 in pool play with wins over teams from Michigan and Virginia before going on to defeat a team from Massachusetts in the semifinals and a team from Florida in the final, 2-0. Tournament officials believe the Maine team is the only soccer team in Maine history to win a national championship. The photo on the right shows Hopkins playing in last year's tournament.



Courtesy Photo

GHS Winter Sports Early Season Highlights

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Gorham Times Sports Editor

Girls' Swimming: Four swimmers qualified for the end-of-season state meet during the team's 126-42 win over Windham on December 7th including **Ashley Clark, Blanca Monsen, Meagan Thompson and Molly Sposato. Delaney Burns** (50 and 100 freestyle), Clark (200 and 500 freestyle), Thompson (100 butterfly and 100 backstroke) and Sposato (100 breaststroke and 200 individual medley) all won two individual events during the meet.

Boys' Swimming: During the December 7th meet versus Windham, five swimmers qualified for the end-of-season state meet: **Tim Smith, Caleb Goodall, Timmer Sposato, Gunder Sandeno and Riley Jensen.**

Boys' Hockey: Moving down to Class B this season, the team opened with a 5-3 win over Yarmouth.

Girls' Hockey: The Rams won two of their first three games including a 3-2 in over Mt. Ararat keyed by two goals from **Charlotte Smith.**

Boys' Basketball: The team started the season 2-0 with close wins over Marshwood (48-45 on December 6th) and Biddeford (61-58 on December 10th). Nick Thibeault led the team in scoring vs. Marshwood with 16 points followed by Billy Ruby with 12. Against Biddeford, Thibeault led the way again along with Sam Kilborn as they both scored 18 points. Corey Nadeau hit two clutch free throws to clinch the win vs. Biddeford while Cody Elliot racked up seven assists in the two games.

Girls' Basketball: The team started fast with two big wins—69-33 over Marshwood on December 6th and 63-25 over Biddeford on December 10th. Making her varsity debut, freshman Emily Esposito scored a combined 33 points in the two games. Abby Hamilton scored in double figures (10) in the win over Marshwood, and the team sank ten three-point shots in the first two games, led by Ashley Woodbury (4) and Emily Deluca (3). Freshman Kristen Curley led the way defensively, averaging 4.5 Blocks.



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Women's Soccer All-American: Bowdoin sophomore **Kiersten Turner** (GHS '12) has been named as a Division III Women's Soccer Third-Team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. She is one of seven sophomores across the nation to be honored. Turner was also named to the New England Small College Athletic Conference first team and all-academic team as well as the All-New England first team for Division III. She led the conference in goals (11) and points (26) during the regular season and tacked on one more goal in the post season. Turner netted six game-winning goals and has recorded 18 goals and six assists over her first two seasons at Bowdoin.



Photo is courtesy of Bowdoin College

Kiersten Turner

All-State Field Hockey Selection: The Maine Field Hockey Association selected GHS junior **Charlotte Smith** as one of 15 juniors for the 68-player All-State Field Hockey Team. A two-year varsity starter and captain as a junior, Smith scored six goals and handed out six assist for the Rams this past fall season.

Soccer on the National Stage: GHS soccer players **Jackson Fotter** and **Tyler Richman** play for the boys' U14 Seacoast Mariners soccer club that qualified for United Soccer League Super Y League North American Championship that took place December 5-9 in Florida. The team finished with a record of 1-2-1.



Courtesy photo

Charlotte Smith, right, with GHS head field hockey coach Rebecca Manson-Rioux.

Frenzied Success for Gorham Softball Players



Courtesy photo

Three softball players from Gorham played major roles in the success of the Southern Maine Frenzy U14 softball team consisting of players from across Maine that traveled throughout New England this past year to play against top teams of the region. Noelle Dibiase (left), a freshman at GHS, started as catcher and batted .344 with a .438 slugging percentage. Grace McGouldrick (middle), an eighth-grader at GMS, was a starting pitcher, compiling a record of 13-5 while batting .392 with a .621 slugging percentage. Carli Labrecque (right), a freshman at GHS, went 4-4 on the mound while also playing first base and batting .226 with a .298 slugging percentage. The three players combined to win tournament MVP honors 10 times as the team compiled an overall tournament record of 34-16. They are shown above holding the runner-up team trophy at the Maine State ASA Tournament.

sports Etc.

Major League Baseball Player to Appear at USM Baseball Clinic: Ryan Flaherty of the Baltimore Orioles will appear at the USM Holiday Baseball Clinic December 27th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Costello Sports Complex Fieldhouse on the Gorham campus. USM baseball head coach Ed Flaherty, who is also Ryan's father, will conduct the clinic on baseball skills covering hitting, pitching, infield and outfield. Ryan will give autographs and insight into what helped him reach the major leagues while also working with the players. Players in grades three through 12 can participate and will be divided into groups according to grade. Clinic cost is \$50 with proceeds going towards the Husky baseball's team annual spring trip. For information and to register, call Coach Flaherty at 780-5474.

Gorham Boosters Meeting: The Gorham Boosters meet the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the GHS Library. The next meeting takes place January 13th. Anyone wishing to help can contact Lenny Holmes at gorhamboosters@gmail.com.

Running Amongst the Nation's Best



Courtesy photo

GMS cross country runner Anna Slager finished 25th out of a field of 377 in the girls' 13-14 age group of the USA Track & Field National Championships on December 14th in San Antonio with a time of 15:09 over the 4K course. Shown above just prior to the race, Slager qualified for the event by finishing second in the Region 1 Championships on November 23rd in New York.

Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Events

Friday, December 20

- 4:00 p.m. Girls' Swimming vs. Sanford @ Daven Pool, Westbrook
- 4:00 p.m. Boys' Swimming vs. Sanford @ Daven Pool, Westbrook
- 6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball at Windham
- 7:30 p.m. Boys' Basketball at Windham

Saturday, December 21

- 3:30 p.m. Boys' Track Multi-Team Meet @ USM
- 3:30 p.m. Girls' Track Multi-Team Meet @ USM
- 4:10 p.m. Girls' Hockey vs. Cheverus @ USM
- 7:40 p.m. Boys' Hockey vs. Scarborough @ TBD

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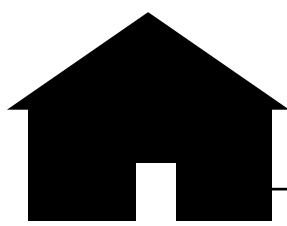


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Rev. David Christensen, 839-6985
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.

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74 Deering Road, Gorham
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Dec. 22 – “Star of Wonder” Christmas Musical, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 3:30 p.m. & 5 p.m.

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The Orchard Community Church

1 North Street (off Rt. 114), Gorham
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Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 4 p.m.

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

410 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. Timothy Sandeno, 839-7100
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Dec. 25 – Divine Service, 10:15 a.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.
Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day Mass, 10 a.m.

South Gorham Baptist Church

53 County Road, Gorham
Rev. Peter Beckwith, 839-3457
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service of Carols & Candles, 5:30 p.m.

United Church of Christ at North Gorham

4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham
Rev. Larry Kalp, 892-5363
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service of Carols & Candles, 5 p.m.

West Gorham Union Church

190 Ossipee Trail, Rts. 25/112, Gorham
Rev. Matt McDonald, Minister, 839-5946
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Family Service, 4 p.m.

Westbrook Baptist Church

310 Conant St./Off Rt. 25, Westbrook
Pastors Jason Stoeber and Tony Funk, 776-0797
Dec. 22 – Christmas Service, 10:30 a.m.; Christmas Cantata, 6 p.m.

White Rock Free Baptist Church

300 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham
Pastor Jonathan Marshall, 893-1919
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6 p.m.
Dec. 31 – New Years Eve Gathering, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Holiday Dangers for Four Legged Friends

The holidays are a time of great joy, but they can also be a time of great danger for cats and dogs. Here are some tips for keeping animals safe this season:

Keep tinsel, ribbons, and ornament hooks away from prying paws.

Cats have been known to eat decorations. If you see string hanging from your animal's mouth, never pull it out-doing so can cut her intestines. Call your vet immediately.

Make sure guests and children know not to share Christmas treats with Fluffy or Fido. Chocolate can cause cardiac irregularities, seizures, and even death in dogs.

Keep plants like holly, mistletoe, poinsettias, and lilies out of animals' reach; if eaten, they can cause nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, and even death.

Cover your tree stand with a decorative skirt to prevent animals from drinking pine needle- and preservative-filled water.

Guests coming and going provide more opportunities for animals to slip out. Make sure they are wearing collars and I.D. tags, just in case.

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Gregory and Mary Douglass are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter **Megan Douglass** (GHS '07) to **James DuEst Jr.** (GHS '07), son of James DuEst Sr. and Theresa Jarrett. Ms. Douglass recently received her Master of Social Work from the University of New England and is employed by Spurwink Services. Mr. DuEst is a supervisor for Aramark. An October 2014 wedding is planned.



DEAN'S LIST

Timothy Daigler of Gorham, a senior at Westminster School in Simsbury, Conn., earned honors for the fall 2013 academic term.

OF INTEREST

George Grant of Gorham has been awarded an institutional research grant from Castleton State College for a research project in Molecular Cloning.

Sara Martin (right), a student at Wellesley College, has been chosen as a 2013-2014 Jerome A. Schiff Fellow. For this recognition, she will receive \$2,000 in funding for her senior thesis research. Schiff Fellowships are granted on the basis of merit to students pursuing advanced study through Wellesley's senior honors program. She is among only 17 seniors chosen for the award this year.



Olivia Marshburn Ersek (GHS '12) will serve as a Bonner Scholar this semester at Friends Fellowship Community volunteering 10 hours of service a week as well as two summers of service. A freshman at Earlham College, Ersek is the daughter of Carol Marshburn and John Ersek of Gorham.

A competition of the **National Association of Teachers of Singing Musical Theater** students was recently held at Bates College. Gorham residents **Jeanine Cannizzo** won first place in the Avocational division, and **Megan Reidy** won third place in the junior division. Both study with Gorham teacher Paul Stickney.

Little Falls Baptist Church and **Russian Baptist Church** are teaming up to host "An Old Fashioned Christmas Neighborhood Gathering" on Friday, Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m. at Little Falls Baptist Church, 746 Gray Rd, Gorham. Traditional Christmas songs and readings as well as a concert by the Russian Baptist Church choir will be held for all to enjoy. FMI, 892-4240.

The **GHS Prom Committee** will hold a gift-wrapping fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Gorham High School cafeteria. \$2 a package or \$10 a bundle.

On Christmas day at noon and 8 p.m., GOCAT will broadcast a three hour documentary on the history of the Town of Buxton. The film was produced by Saco River Community Television in Hollis with a grant from the Narragansett #1 Foundation. Channel 2 (Time Warner Cable only).

The **Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group** will meet at 6 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

Twelve-year old **Abby Enck**, shown below, a student at Gorham Middle School, raised over \$400 selling bracelets she designed and created. All proceeds were donated to Helping Paws Rescue (formerly Canine Commitment of Gorham) helping with veterinarian bills and transport fees to help Rescue dogs. She is the daughter of Bill and Kim Enck and proud owner of adopted dog Hailey.



On December 10, **Jøtul North America** made a donation of \$14,500 to the American Lung Association on behalf of North American Jøtul dealers as the result of the national wood-stove changeout that took place over the summer. Over 14,000 stoves were exchanged, and homes that are now using newer models have reduced emissions by 87%

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.

CLOSE TO HOME

The **Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church**, 810 Main St., Westbrook, will host a **FREE Christmas Day Dinner** (Dec. 25) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. FMI, 854-9157.

Bean Supper at the **Westbrook Eagles**, 89 Saco St., Westbrook. Saturday, Jan. 4 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. \$7.50 adults, \$3.50 kids under 12

Portland History Docents offers a 12-week program on local history, architecture, and art while receiving training on effective guiding techniques in order to volunteer at one of several historic properties. \$30. Classes begin at the Maine Historical Society on Feb. 14, 2014. FMI, 774-5561 ext. 120.

Having trouble controlling your eating? Come to a **FREE Information Session of Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous** Saturday, Jan 11, from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Larrabee Village Conference Room, 30 Liza Harmon Dr., Westbrook. FMI, 839-7302 or www.foodaddicts.org.

Westbrook Eagles will hold a **Bean Super** and **Pocketbook Auction** on Sat., January 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. at 89 Saco St., Westbrook. \$7.50 adults and \$3.50 kids 12 and under.



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USM Joins the New Year Gorham Celebration

By JOSHUA WOLFE

Executive Director, New Year Gorham

Still looking for something to do on New Year's Eve? Well look no further! This year's New Year Gorham celebration will begin with a snow-sculpting contest that will take place at the University of Southern Maine on College Avenue, at the base of the sledding hill (where the tennis courts were). The sculpting will begin at noon until 4 p.m., and will be judged by a panel of four judges including David and Maureen Butler, USM President Dr. Theodora Kalikow, and one surprise judge. "The snow sculpting is open to individuals, families, and groups that reserve a "plop" of snow for sculpting," said Cindy Hazelton, director of the Gorham Rec. Department. If you would like to reserve a snow plop for yourself

WHAT: New Year Gorham

WHO: Everyone

WHEN: Tuesday, December 31st
Fun begins at noon

WHERE: USM (on College Avenue at the foot of the sledding hill)

or for your family, contact Joshua Wolfe at joshua.wolfe@maine.edu or (207) 409-7361.

In addition to snow sculpting, USM will also host a family ice skating session in the USM ice arena from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Admission into the ice arena is free for individuals with New Year Gorham buttons.

Town Manager David Cole said, "The town of Gorham and USM continue to work together to build a solid partnership. The town thanks USM for

opening its ice arena for family skating and hosting on campus the snow sculpture competition as part of New Year Gorham 2013."

Following the snow sculpting and the free skate are the evening events, which begin at 5 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner at the First Parish Church and conclude with a fireworks display at 10 p.m. at Gorham High School. A variety of performers will fill the time from 6 to 10 p.m. with performances at several venues located throughout town. Some of the performers include Mad Science, Randy Judkins (whose crazy comedy has entertained us for the past two years), The Don Roy Trio, the amazing Maine Marimba Ensemble, and many more.

"Countless individuals volunteer on the New Year Gorham Committee and work at the fundraisers we hold each year, but we can always use more

help!" said Virginia Wilder Cross, former chair and present treasurer of New Year Gorham. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Joshua Wolfe.

Individual buttons cost \$5 and can be purchased at Hannaford in Gorham, Casco Federal Credit Union, and the Gorham Rec. Dept. Family packages for \$20 are only available at the Gorham Rec. Department. There is a nominal additional charge for the spaghetti dinner - those proceeds 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. Department. You can also access information regarding New Year Gorham at www.newyeargorham.org.



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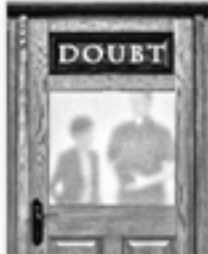


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May I Have a Word? or Two?

By CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Words and language are really interesting. New words are created all the time while others fall out of use. Such a word is brabble. Ever heard of it? Me neither and I play WWF all the time. Apparently it will no longer be found in paper editions of dictionaries, but fortunately you can still look it up online, which I had to do because I can't stand not knowing the meaning. Lo and behold, I discovered that this is something my husband and I do occasionally. Now you are going to have to look it up, too.

Technology continues to spawn new words faster than a bitcoin can travel from one user to another. Have you ever posted a selfie to your favorite social media website? Has an old high school friend shared a supercut of a srsly mortifying twerking session? #mileycyrus? You might want to unlike them or, at the very least, send a text with a well-chosen emoji capable of expressing your desire to vom. Apols but I think I'm srsly in need of a digital detox. These terms have become such a part of popular culture that they have been included in the latest Oxford Dictionary update.

Here some other things you might never need to know about words and language, but may find intriguing, IMHO.

The language with the largest vocabulary is English, with about 800,000 words and technical terms. The language with the smallest vocabulary is Taki Taki, spoken in a srsly small area of French Guinea, South America. It has no technical terms and only 340 words, making texting a breeze.

The Cambodian alphabet has the most letters, with 72. The alphabet with the least letters is the Rotokas language from the South Pacific. It has 11 letters. Spell check is a snap.

Pawnee, spoken by Native Americans indigenous to Nebraska, has a simple alphabet with only nine consonants and eight vowels. But they make up for it by being a sesquipedalian language: they have many words that contain more than 30 syllables. In fact, it's rare for a sentence to not have at least one word with over 10 syllables. It is unfortunate and sad, but perhaps not surprising, that the Pawnee language is declining and will become extinct within the next few years. Texting and spell check are impossible.

There are about 500 million people who speak English, but Mandarin is the most commonly spoken language with over a billion users.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, in various tiny corners of the world, there are about 2,000

languages that are spoken by less than a thousand people each. Some of these languages are truly amazing and beautifully bizarre. There is even a language that has no words. In the Silbo language, "spoken" in a particularly mountainous region on the coast of Spain, only whistling is used to convey meaning. The dips and rises in the whistled melody create words and sentences. Since whistling carries over greater distances than shouted words, it is the perfect way to communicate across great valleys. But what if you can't whistle or whistle off key? Can you hear me now?

The Sentinelese language is unique for a different reason: no one, other than the actual speakers, has ever heard it spoken. It is hard to imagine in this day and age, but there is actually a tiny island in the Indian Ocean that no outsider has ever set foot on. It seem that the residents of North Sentinel Island don't welcome strangers. In fact they shoot arrows at anybody who might try to pay them a visit. 4COL, have they ever just tried unfriending?



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Finn Parker Road caller reported that some of their items were taken by their nanny.

New Portland Road caller needed to speak to an officer about harassing phone calls from an employee's ex-girlfriend.

Brookwood Drive caller reported the neighbors pigs were on their lawn again, tearing it up.

Main Street caller reported that three customers were in the store throwing things around and making a mess.

Main Street caller reported they were detaining a 15 year old for shoplifting.

Fort Hill Road caller reported they arrived home and found the door kicked in and their firearms missing.

Mitchell Hill Road caller reported their door was kicked in and a jewelry box and other items were taken.

Huston Road caller reported a burglary to their residence and items were missing.

Brackett Road caller stated that their neighbors were outside screaming and shooting off fireworks.

George Street caller wanted to report a theft of money from their desk, but only if we "do not send a moron over. If it's one of the morons, forget about it."

Hannah Drive caller reported that a female subject was out of control and had assaulted staff.

Spiller Road caller reported the theft of firewood.

Line Road caller reported that a vehicle had been parked nearby since yesterday morning. Caller was worried that it was a hunter who may have been in trouble or injured.

Standish Neck Road caller reported that they had a skunk on their property that was acting strange.

Longfellow Road caller advised that a male subject was out of control and requested transport for an evaluation.

Gray Road caller reported a female subject was out of control and banging on walls.

Caretaker at a Sebago Lake Road residence reported the house had been broken into.

Aspen Lane caller requested to speak to an Officer about curfews in effect for people under age 18.

Tink Drive caller reported there was an injured porcupine in the housing division and wanted to shoot it, but was advised to wait for the Animal Control Officer and point it out to the Officer.

South Street caller reported a lethargic raccoon trapped in a dumpster.

Caller reported subjects "messing" with the Century 21 sign. It was actually the real estate agent changing the sign.

Gray Road caller reported that there was a female at the store who was attacked by a group of other females.

Herrick Road man was arrested for domestic violence assault and criminal restraint.

Scarborough man was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Standish man was arrested for OUI.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 23

- Christmas School vacation begins for grades K-12. No school Dec. 23-Jan.1.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

- Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser sponsored by GHS prom committee, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., GHS cafeteria. \$2/package or \$10/bundle.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

- Merry Christmas

TUESDAY, DEC. 31

- New Year Gorham, 5 to 10 p.m. See ad on page 5.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1

- Happy New Year!

SUNDAY, JAN. 5

- Cressey Road United Methodist Church "Praise and Bagels Service," refreshment of the body and soul, music and sharing. 9-10 a.m. FMI, 839-3111.
- Gorham Arts Alliance meeting, Windham Public Library, 4 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 7

- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15

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

Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd.

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